

Regular Session, April 7, 2014 9:30 a.m.  
Catawba County Board of Commissioners

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The Catawba County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 7, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in the Robert E. Hibbitts Meeting Room of the 1924 Courthouse, 30 North College Avenue, Newton, North Carolina.

Present were Chair Katherine W. Barnes, Vice-Chair Randy Isenhower, and Commissioners Dan Hunsucker, Lynn M. Lail and Barbara G. Beatty.

Also present were County Manager J. Thomas Lundy, Assistant County Managers Dewey Harris and Mary Furtado, County Attorney Debra Bechtel, Assistant County Attorney Jodi Stewart and County Clerk Barbara Morris.

1. Chair Katherine W. Barnes called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
2. Chair Barnes led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Commissioner Barbara G. Beatty offered the invocation.
4. Commissioner Dan Hunsucker made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board's Regular Meeting of March 17, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Recognition of Special Guests: Chair Barnes recognized commissioner candidates Franklin Lawson and Sherry Butler and indicated that both she and Randy Isenhower were incumbents. She also recognized new Hickory Daily Record Reporter Evan Matsumoto and Cody Dalton from the News Observer Enterprise.
6. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda: None.
7. Presentations:

- a. Commissioner Randy Isenhower presented a proclamation to Social Services Director John Eller and Child Advocacy and Protection Center Executive Director Deborah Johnson declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Catawba County, urging citizens to increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the community in which we live.
- b. Commissioner Hunsucker presented a proclamation to Public Health Director Doug Urland declaring April 7-13, 2014, as National Public Health Week. The theme of this proclamation was "Public Health: Start Here" and called upon the people of the County to observe the week by helping our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers and leaders better understand the value of public health and encouraged adopting preventative lifestyle habits.
- c. Commissioner Beatty presented a proclamation to Telecommunications Administrator Jerry Boggs declaring April 13-19, 2014, as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week, recognizing the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe.
- d. All the Commissioners came forward to present a proclamation to all county employees present at the meeting declaring April as County Government Month in Catawba County. The theme of this proclamation was "Ready and Resilient Counties: Prepare. Respond. Thrive." and it recognized that Catawba County's professional employees provide essential services to create a healthy, safe, vibrant and economically resilient community.

8. Appointments:

Commissioner Lynn Lail recommended the appointment of Mary Ann Knox for a first term on the Nursing and Rest Home Advisory Board to fill a vacant position. Ms. Knox's initial term will expire April 7, 2015. Commissioner Hunsucker recommended the appointment of Dr. Matthew Davis to fill an unexpired term and a first term on the Public Health Board. Dr. Davis will fill the vacancy resulting from Dr. Kulesia's resignation from the Optometrist Category on this Board and his term will expire June 30, 2017. Chair Barnes recommended the reappointment of David Isenhower for a first full term on the Alcohol Beverage Control Board. Mr. Isenhower's term will expire April 6, 2017.

These recommendations came in the form of a motion which carried unanimously.

9. Departmental Reports:

a. Purchasing:

1. Purchasing Manager Debbie Anderson presented a request for the Board to adopt a resolution authorizing the donation of a 2007 Chevrolet Impala, which was requested by the Catawba Rescue Squad. This vehicle will be used primarily to run medical first response calls and may at times be utilized to transport Rescue Squad members to squad meetings and training classes. This vehicle will replace a current vehicle the Squad is using and will not be an expansion to its fleet. The vehicle to be donated is a 2007 Chevrolet with 104,375 miles.

North Carolina General Statute 160A-279 authorizes the County to convey personal property to a nonprofit organization without monetary consideration as long as the property will be used for a public purpose. The process begins with the governing board adopting a resolution authorizing the conveyance of the property and a ten-day public notice. Commissioner Hunsucker made a motion to adopt the necessary resolution and donate the vehicle to the Catawba Rescue Squad. The motion carried unanimously. The following resolution applies:

**RESOLUTION No.  
DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY AND DONATION TO THE  
CATAWBA RESCUE SQUAD**

WHEREAS, Catawba County owns a 2007 Chevrolet Impala that is no longer needed for any governmental use;

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 160A-279 authorizes a county to convey personal property by private sale to a nonprofit organization;

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 160A-279 authorizes the conveyance without monetary consideration if the recipient ensures the property will be used for a public purpose;

WHEREAS, the Catawba Rescue Squad is a nonprofit organization that provides a public service;

THEREFORE, the Catawba County Board of Commissioners resolves that:

1. A 2007 Chevrolet Impala is declared surplus property.
2. The property will be donated to the Catawba Rescue Squad without monetary consideration.
3. The Purchasing Manager shall be authorized to conduct the transfer of property and shall publish a notice summarizing the contents of this resolution and the property shall be conveyed anytime after ten days after the notice publication.

This the 7th day of April 2014.

2. Purchasing Manager Debbie Anderson presented a request for the Board to adopt a resolution authorizing the donation of a 2008 Ford F350 Type III Ambulance and a Stryker stretcher, which were requested by the Hickory Rescue Squad. The ambulance will replace a front line unit the Squad currently has and will be used for patient transports as backup service for Catawba County EMS, as well as provide a standby unit for the community. The ambulance to be donated is a 2008 Ford F350 Type III Ambulance with 116,103 miles.

North Carolina General Statute 160A-279 authorizes the County to convey personal property to a nonprofit organization without monetary consideration as long as the property will be used for a public purpose. The process begins with the governing board adopting a resolution authorizing the conveyance of the property and a ten-day public notice. Commissioner Beatty made a motion to adopt the necessary resolution and donate the ambulance and stretcher to Hickory Rescue Squad. The motion carried unanimously. The following resolution applies:

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b. Facilities:

Finance Director Rodney Miller, Emergency Services Director Bryan Blanton and Library Director Suzanne White presented an update to the Board on several construction projects currently underway, including the new Animal Shelter and Sherrills Ford branch of the County Library, and the expansion of the Justice Center.

10. Other Items of Business: None.

11. Attorney's Report: None.

12. Manager's Report:

County Manager J. Thomas Lundy requested the Board consider moving into Closed Session pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations. He did not anticipate any action upon returning to Open Session. Commissioner Hunsucker made a motion to move into close session pursuant to the stated Statute at 10:43 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

13. Adjournment. The Board returned to open session at 10:55 a.m. No action was taken. Commissioner Hunsucker made a motion to adjourn at 10:55 a.m. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned.

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Katherine W. Barnes, Chair  
Catawba County Board of Commissioners

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Barbara E. Morris  
County Clerk