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The Catawba County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, November 3, 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 Lynn M. Lail, and Barbara G. Beatty. Commissioner Dan Hunsucker was absent.

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

1. Chair Katherine W. Barnes called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. She noted that Commissioner Dan Hunsucker was absent but a quorum was present.
2. Chair Barnes led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Vice-Chair Randy Isenhower offered the invocation.
4. Vice-Chair Isenhower made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board's Regular Meeting of October 20, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Recognition of Special Guests: Chair Barnes welcomed everyone present.
6. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda: None.
7. Presentations:
 - A. Commissioner Barbara Beatty presented a proclamation to the Director of Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministries Reverend Bob Silber, the Director of Catawba County United Way Jennie Connor and Housing Coordinator with Partners Behavioral Health Management Teena Willis declaring November 15-23 as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week to recognize that

hunger and homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many individuals and families in Catawba County and encourage support for homeless assistance service providers as well as community service opportunities for students and school service organizations.

B. Human Resources Director Cynthia Eades asked the Board to join her in recognizing nineteen graduates of the County's Mini Course. Employees voluntarily attend sessions during lunch hours to learn more about the services each County department provides. This year's graduates include: Shannon Bowers, Teresa Buff, Jack Chandler, Thomas Derrig, Tyler Garrison, April Green, Karen Harrington, Karen Herron, Dana Hicks, Amelia Kennedy, Kate Littlefield, Abigail Marquez-Padua, Cindy Meadows, Margaret Monday, Shelly Pritchard, Nathalia Queen, Bruce Roseman, Donna Smith and Tabitha Wheeler. The graduates will be honored at a luncheon on Thursday, November 13, 2014, at the Catawba County Country Club.

8. Public Hearings:

Social Services Director John Eller came forward and requested the Board hold a public hearing to receive citizens' comments and consider approval of the submission of a grant application for the enhanced mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities (Federal Section 5310) to the North Carolina Department of Transportation. The goal of the Section 5310 program is to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services. Catawba County received a 5310 transportation grant in the amount of \$500,000 (Federal, State and local funds) for a two year period ending June 30, 2015. The grant included transportation in both urban and rural areas.

The Section 5310 program now requires two grant applications, one for trips originating in urban areas, and one for trips originating in rural areas. The request for urban funds was submitted to the Greater Hickory Metropolitan Planning Organization in August 2014. The grant application for trips originating in rural areas must be submitted to the North Carolina Department of Transportation no later than November 21, 2014.

Catawba County will continue to contract with the Western Piedmont Regional Transit Authority to provide transportation funded by Section 5310. The funds will allow seniors and individuals with disabilities to attend the congregate nutrition program, and have access to essential shopping, medical appointments, pharmacy, banking, and other essential services. Additionally, transportation will be provided for individuals to access education and employment opportunities, volunteer activities, senior centers, and Adult Day Care/Day Health programs when no other transportation is available.

A total of \$125,000 is being requested for trips originating in rural areas in FY 2015/16. While there is a possibility of a 10% State match, the State match is not guaranteed at this time. If the State match is not available, the requirement for local match would be 20%, or \$25,000. If the State match is available the local match requirement will be 10%, or \$12,500. Social Services will provide the match using current local funding allocated for senior transportation. There will be no increased cost to the County.

Approximately 70-120 individuals will receive transportation for the period of the grant (July 2015-June 30, 2016). Many of the seniors will utilize transportation for multiple purposes and a large percentage of the target population will utilize transportation daily. Providing transportation will allow older adults the opportunity and choice to remain active and involved in the community.

Chair Barnes opened the public hearing, noting it had been duly advertised. No one came forward to speak and Chair Barnes closed the public hearing. Vice-Chair Isenhower asked if there was any news regarding the urban fund grant and Mr. Eller indicated they had not yet received a response but had found out that Catawba County was the only agency that had applied for those funds.

Vice-Chair Isenhower made a motion to approve this grant application. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Appointments:
Chair Barnes recommended the reappointment of Jerry McCombs, Karen McDougal, Phil Piaski and Wilton Scronce to the Parks Advisory Board. These terms will expire October 6, 2017. These recommendations came in the form of a motion which carried unanimously.

10. Other Items of Business:
Chair Barnes presented a proposed 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting schedule. The following outlines the schedule: historically, only one Board of Commissioners meeting is held in the month of January due to the holidays affecting subcommittee schedules. This meeting will be an evening meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2015. The meeting will be held on Tuesday due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday which falls on Monday, January 19, 2015.

The February 23, 2015, Subcommittee meetings which precede the March 2, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting are cancelled due to a conflict with the National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference in Washington, DC which is attended by Board members and staff.

Budget Hearings with departments are scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2015, with the public hearing and wrap-up on Thursday, May 28, 2015, and budget adoption on Monday, June 1, 2015.

July is a month which historically has only one meeting due to the 4th of July holiday. The July meeting will be an evening meeting on Monday, July 20, 2015. There will be no Subcommittee meetings preceding the July 20, 2015 meeting as they would fall during the NACo Annual Conference scheduled for July 10-13, 2015.

The August 17, 2015 meeting falls during the Soldiers Reunion, making an alternate meeting location necessary. The Board of Commissioners Meeting on August 17, 2015, will take place in the Second floor Meeting Room of the Government Center in Newton.

The Board's annual breakfast meeting with the staff of the Cooperative Extension Service will take place at the Agricultural Resource Center on Monday, December 7, 2015, from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.

Vice-Chair Isenhower made a motion to adopt the following resolution setting the 2015 meeting schedule. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-21
ADOPTING 2015 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-47 of the Catawba County Code, the regular meetings of the Catawba County Board of Commissioners shall be held as provided in a resolution adopted by the Board in a regularly scheduled meeting held not less than ten days prior to the first meeting to which the resolution is to apply. The Board will observe the holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by meeting on the Tuesday following such holiday.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Catawba County Board of Commissioners adopts the following Meeting Schedule for 2015:

- January 20 – Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
- February 2 – Monday, 9:30 a.m.
- February 16 – Monday, 7:00 p.m.
- March 2 – Monday, 9:30 a.m.
- March 16 – Monday, 7:00 p.m.
- April 6 – Monday, 9:30 a.m.
- April 20 – Monday, 7:00 p.m.
- May 4 – Monday, 9:30 a.m.
- May 18 – Monday, 7:00 p.m.
- May 26 – Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Budget Hearings with Departments
- May 28 – Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Budget Public Hearing and Wrap-Up

June 1 – Monday, 9:30 a.m. – Budget Adoption
June 15 – Monday, 7:00 p.m.
July 20 – Monday, 7:00 p.m.
August 3 – Monday, 9:30 a.m.
August 17 – Monday, 7:00 p.m. (in 2nd Floor Meeting Room of the Government Ctr (Soldiers Reunion)
September 8, Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. (Monday, September 7, 2015 is the Labor Day Holiday)
September 21 – Monday, 7:00 p.m.
October 5 – Monday, 9:30 a.m.
October 19 – Monday, 7:00 p.m.
November 2 – Monday, 9:30 a.m.
November 16 – Monday, 7:00 p.m.
December 7 – Monday, 8:00-9:00 annual breakfast w/CES – Regular meeting 9:30 a.m.
December 21 – Monday, 7:00 p.m.

This the _____ day of November, 2014.

11. Attorney's Report: None.
12. Manager's Report: None.
13. Adjournment. Commissioner Beatty made a motion to adjourn at 9:50 a.m. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned.

Katherine W. Barnes, Chair
Catawba County Board of Commissioners

Barbara E. Morris
County Clerk