

Board of Commissioners
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James Blakley, Vice Chairman
Benita Finney
Mark Jones
Richard Poindexter



Interim County Manager
Michael M. Ruffin
Energy United Building
182 South Salisbury Street
Mocksville, NC 27028
February 17, 2021 7:45 AM

MINUTES Special Called Meeting

I. Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Terry N. Renegar	Chair	Present	
James Blakley	Vice-Chairman	Present	
Benita Finney	Commissioner	Present	
Mark S. Jones	Commissioner	Present	
Richard B. Poindexter	Commissioner	Present	

II. Invocation

The Invocation for today's meeting was offered by Commissioner Jones.

III. Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Renegar.

IV. Ethics & Conflicts Disclosure

County Attorney, Ed Vogler, stated: "Pursuant to NCGS 160A-86 and the Davie County Board of Commissioners Code of Ethics adopted December 2, 2019, I would ask each of you before you adopt the agenda if there is any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest with respect to any matter on the proposed agenda which will come before the Board for a vote at this meeting today. If so, please speak up and let the Board know at this time before the agenda is adopted." No Commissioner spoke. Vogler then stated, "It is therefore concluded that there are no actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest by any Board member."

V. Adopt Agenda

Commissioner Jones made a motion to the adopt the agenda for today's meeting. Vice Chair Blakley seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed 5-0 (Renegar, Blakley, Finney, Jones, Poindexter).

VI. Budget & Planning Workshop

Davie County Schools Superintendent, Jeff Wallace, and Davie County Schools Board Chair, Clint Junker, spoke to the Commissioners about future education and facility needs. There was also discussion about teacher supplements and the state's "hold harmless" provision, due to COVID.

Davidson and Davie Community College's President, Dr. Darrin Hartness spoke about the needs for the Community College. He spoke about COVID funding, IGNITE Davie's "Davie County Promise" program, the planned Health Sciences building and new academic programs.

A discussion on Board expectations was led by County Manager, David Bone, Development and Facilities Services, Andrew Meadwell, and Strategy and Budget Director, Cindy Chapman. The following priorities were discussed:

- Continued COVID response
- Fire Ordinance
- Development of funding strategy for Fire Departments to address equipment needs
- Review of current solar application/solar farm restrictions
- Completion of Government Center project
- Completion of East Davie Sewer Project
- Repairs to Waste Water Treatment Plant
- New Water Treatment Plant
- Update of Capital Improvement Plan
- Development of 2021-22 Budget
- Integration of new property values into 2021-22 budget (suggestion that revenue neutral tax rate is important)
- Continued refinement of strategic goals/performance measures
- Economic Development

Suggested additional items included:

- Schools (particularly teacher supplements, capital needs)
- Parks
- Transportation (Baltimore Road Ext.)

The Board discussed a desire to hold a 1/2 day work session about growth and development in the next few months.

Tax Administrator, Brian Myers, led a discussion on the Reappraisal of Property values. Mr. Myers discussed the breakdown of real property into residential, commercial and industrial categories. He also spoke about property in the Present Use Value (PUV) programs. Commissioners asked for additional information about the five (5) and ten (10) year trends in regards to the breakdown of property types and PUV. Mr. Myers said he would send the requested information to the Board as a follow-up.

The Financial Summary presented by Assistant County Manager/Chief Financial Officer, Robin West. Ms. West discussed the budget implications of tax revaluation. She led a discussion about the County's fund balance and planned capitol projects.

A Coronavirus update was given by Suzanne Wright.

Sheriff JD Hartman offered an update on Programs and Project for the Sheriff's Office, including the transition to the new Government Center.

The Fire, Rescue and Protection Ordinance and Funding information was presented by Emergency Services Director, Brian Byrd, Fire Marshal, Cameron Webb and County Manager

David Bone. It was agreed the new draft ordinance would be shared with the Fire Chief's in order to get feedback from them.

An Emergency Management Specialty Services Division presentation was offered by Brian Byrd, Emergency Services Director, and Jeff Sneed, Specialty Services Division Operations Manager. The focus was a report on EMS Convalescent Services as an opportunity to expand services with additional investment in vehicles and personnel.

A Human Resources update was given by Assistant County Manager/Chief Financial Officer, Robin West, and Stacy Moyer, Human Resources Director/Clerk to the Board and Health and Human Services Director, Suzanne Wright. A main point of discussion involved the expected increase in health insurance rates.

A Utilities sustainability update was given by Public Utilities Director, Johnny Lambert. He updated the Board on the November, 2020 flooding incident at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, the East Davie Sewer Expansion project and the new Water Treatment Plant project.

The budget pressure points were led by County Manager, David Bone. These include: Gas prices, health insurance, retirement costs, and possible \$15 minimum wage.

VII. Adjourn

A motion was made by Vice Chair Blakley to adjourn today's meeting at 12:15 p.m. Commissioner Finney seconded the motion. All were in favor, and motion passed 5-0 (Renegar, Blakley, Finney, Jones, Poindexter).