

Board of Commissioners

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Benita Finney, Vice Chair
Mark Jones, Chair
Terry Renegar
Richard Poindexter

**County Manager**

Brian Barnett
Commissioners Room
123 S. Main Street
Mocksville, NC 27028
August 7, 2023 6:00 PM

MINUTES

**Davie County - Board of
Commissioners - Regular
Session**

1. Meeting Called to Order - Chair Jones

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Richard Poindexter		Present
Terry Renegar		Present
Mark Jones	Chair	Present
Benita Finney	Vice Chair	Present
M Brent Shoaf		Present

2. Invocation - Pastor, Donnie Chapman, Jerusalem Baptist Church

The Invocation was offered by Pastor Donnie Chapman, Jerusalem Baptist Church.

3. Pledge of Allegiance - US Army Veteran Tom Glasscock

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Glasscock, US Army Veteran.

4. Ethics & Conflicts Disclosure - County Attorney, Ed Vogler

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."

5. Adopt Agenda - Chair Jones

Chair Jones stated that a motion needed to be made to remove item 13 the closed session from this agenda.

Commissioner Shoaf made a motion to remove closed session from the agenda. Vice Chair Finney seconded the motion to All were in favor, and the motion passed 5-0 (Jones, Finney, Poindexter,

Renegar, Shoaf).

Vice Chair Finney made a motion to adopt the amended agenda. Commissioner Renegar seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed 5-0 (Jones, Finney, Poindexter, Renegar, Shoaf).

6. Presentations - County Manager, Brian Barnett

County Manager, Brian Barnett mentioned attending the farmer appreciation dinner that was held by the Davie Soil and Water group and explained that part of their presentation included 2 very important winners.

1. Davie County Soil and Water Conservation District Poster Contest Winner - Dulce Violante - Water...The Cycle of Life

County Manager, Brian Barnett announced that Dulce Violante won the Davie County Soil and Water Conservation poster contest for 2023. She is a 3rd grader at Mocksville Elementary School. The poster topic the contestant were to follow was – Water... The Cycle of Life. Dulce first competed in the County level then went on to win at the District level against 12 counties. Her final victory was at the State competition where she competed against 7 other poster entries and she won at the State Level. Mr. Barnett recognized Dulce for her and her hard work. He also wanted to make it known that he was notified that Dulce was the 2nd statewide winner for this contest.

2. Davie County 2023 Conservation Farm Family of the Year - Grubb Farms LLC

County Manager, Brian Barnett recognized the Davie County 2023 Conservation Farm Family of the Year - Grubb Farms LLC.

Mr. Barnett stated that Grubb Farms is a family ran farm that Bradly, Olivia, Ivy, Wyatt and Ila are all proud to be a part of. They began crop farming in 2011 and now produce over 250 acres of corn and 250 soybeans and over 100 acres of small grain. They began chicken farming in 2016 and now have 6 pullet houses. Their conservation practices include crop cover, filed borders, grassed waterways, poultry litter storage facility and composter, comprehensive nutrient management plan and wildlife / pollinator plantings. Davie County is lucky to have this family farming around the fork community. Mr. Barnett stated it was appropriate to recognize this family of such a young age to have completed this accomplishment.

Vice Chair Finney expressed how proud she was of Bradly and Olivia and their family and how blessed Davie County is to have young farm families and that we need to be sure we support them.

Bradly Grubb expressed his gratitude to be at the meeting and that it was an honor to receive this title.

7. Public Comment Period - County Attorney, Ed Vogler

1. Public Comment Period Rules

There was only 1 individual who signed up to speak during public comments:

1. Deborah Strube would like to comment on the public library - She is here on behalf of herself and Davie County Senior book club regarding an editorial in the Davie County Enterprise by Mr. Barnhardt on library woes. She stated these are not just woes but they are strong concerns of people in her group about books being taken out and hidden and their concern is that politics do not come into the public library. She stated that banning books is a big concern and that she is disturbed that a high ranking county official removed a book from the shelves of the Davie County Public Library. She feels this is out of term for standing procedures with the library board and the individual be reminded of all the procedures regarding this matter. She stated that the library has a staff turnover and wants this addressed and she would hate to see it infected by politics. Deborah would like the entire editorial on record to be reviewed by the Board of Commissioners to see what corrective action should be taken.

A copy of this editorial was given to the commissioners by the Clerk to the Board Karen Logan.

Chair Jones asked Mr. Barnett what the protocol is for appointments made to the library board. County Manager Barnett stated that the commissioners have ability to appoint anyone to any board assuming that board does not have any restricted positions for example a engineer or nurse or specific title needed for that board.

County Attorney, Ed Vogler expressed the Library Board along with several other boards are only advisory boards and the commissioners are the only ones who can appoint individuals to these boards.

Chair Jones called Library Director Derrick Wold to come forward and questioned Derrick if any commissioner has asked him to remove a book from the library.

Derrick answered stating that he has not been requested by any County Commissioner to remove a book.

Chair Jones asked if the specific book that was in question was still accessible at the Davie County Public Library.

With Derrick's answer being that it is still accessible through the NC Cardinal Website but it is not physically on the shelves of the Davie County Public Library anymore. He explained that the book can be shipped to the Davie County Library should someone request the book through the NC Cardinal website.

Chair Jones stated the Board of Commissioners need to be made aware of anyone coming to take books or any security risks that the library may have.

County Manager, Barnett added that this was more of a concern back in the spring, but since then Derrick Wold, Sherriff Hartman and John Gallimore have met to create a security plan. He stated a few security measures were adding cameras to the facility and having patrol units

more often.

Derrick Wold stated that there are still individuals who are taking books from the library and he has been notifying his superiors on this issues.

8. Consent Agenda - Chair Jones

Vice Chair Finney made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Commissioner Renegar seconded this motion. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0 (Jones, Finney, Poindexter, Renegar, Shoaf).

1. Approval of Minutes - July 10, 2023
2. NCDOT Resolution: "Welcome To" signage request for NCDOT
3. Budget Admendment / Transfers
4. Fixed Assets - Sheriff Equipment Deletion
5. Board Reappointment - Board of Equalization and Review - J. Mark Hancock, Joan Fleming
6. Tax Report, Releases, Refunds
7. Annual Tax Settlement

9. County Manager's Report - County Manager, Brian Barnett

County Manager, Brian Barnett recognized Jessica Houser a social worker in Davie County's Health and Human Services department. Jessica works with our foster children and Mr. Barnett would like to recognize Jessica for going above and beyond by helping on of these children obtain their drivers license which was a big deal to this child.

He thanked the AIG teachers of Davie County for inviting him to come speak at the AIG 6th grade summer camp and stated how he was appreciative of the teachers and the questions of the student.

Mr. Barnett thanked all of the public safety officials and specifically wanted to thank environmental health. He stated that he had the pleasure of going out with Ariel Waldroop and Brittany Mitchell to do some septic work and he was appreciative of all they do.

He wanted to remind everyone of the Parks Master Plan Survey that he would like completed from now until September.

He ended his comments by thanking everyone who came out to the ribbon cutting for EMS 4 and all those who made it possible and stated that we will be planning the process for EMS Station 5.

Commissioner Renegar asked to verify that the special called development workshop August 29th from 1-5 was still happening.

County Manager, Brian Barnett confirmed this is meeting is still going to occur and that it is open to the public in the Commissioners room.

10. Old Business

There was no Old Business discussed this evening.

11. New Business

There was no New Business discussed this evening.

12. Commissioners' Comments - Chair Jones

Commissioner Poindexter thanked everyone who came out and expressing themselves and thanked all the employees for working in the heat. He stated that we have some of the best employees from top to bottom and he appreciates each one.

Commissioner Renegar thanked everyone for coming and congratulated all the work for the EMS ribbon cutting. He would like to remember Dr. Hartness and how he will be missed greatly.

Commissioner Shoaf apologized for missing ribbon cutting but expressed his gratitude to them all and the building location.

He stated he has a few comments and his own opinions that he would like to add to precede the development workshop. He asked to lift up some issues to determine what we want and do not want to preserve what we have but still grow and develop as a County. He stated that some areas of focus that need to be discussed are the areas north of 801 and Hwy 40 as well as the intersection of HWY 801 and HWY 158. He wanted it to be known that as Commissioners, they have little input because it falls in Bermuda Run and its ETJ. He stated we need to address and plan for the development of Farmington Road exit with DOT for traffic. He believes there should be a line demarcation where any major development would end. He stated we need to look on HWY 601 N for a line of demarcation near Cana Rd near Blackwelder property which is also being developed. He stated we need to review the entire 10 mile stretch for the 158 quarter that stretches from the intersection of 801 all the way to N Main Street in Mocksville. he believes that the overwhelming majority of the Davie County Citizens do not want to see this quarter morph into its very one S Stratford Rd. A specific concern that he has brought to him numerous times is that we do not allow developers to skirt policies that creates unattractive and unsafe situations for the communities. He states we need to maintain as much of the rural character we have as possible but added that some areas need to be developed and some other areas need to be left alone. He suggested the farmers and large land owners look into land trust and farm land conservation easements for a farmer to have control over their land. He ended by saying that growth is inevitable but we need to do our best to meet the needs while still preserving our rural heritage and character for future generations.

Vice Chair Finney thanked everyone who had a part in the EMS 4 ribbon cutting as well as the Magnolia Construction for the timely construction of the building. She stated that she has a very eye opening tour of the Sparks Road Water Plant with Johnny Lambert and Matt Seats and she thanked them for all the hard work. She thanked all the public safety crews who had a part in the Cooleemee appreciation day. She ended by thanking everyone for coming.

Chair Jones thanked everyone for coming and voicing their concerns and working together to make this a great Community.

13. Closed Session - Chair Jones

There was no Closed Session this evening - this was amended from the agenda at this time.

1. Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee.

14. Adjourn - Chair Jones

Commissioner Poindexter made a motion to adjourn this evenings meeting at 6:34 p.m. Commissioner Finney seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed 5-0 (Jones, Finney, Poindexter, Renegar, Shoaf).