

Board of Commissioners

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M Brent Shoaf
Benita Finney, Vice Chair

**County Manager**

Brian Barnett
Commissioners Room
123 S. Main Street
Mocksville, NC 27028
April 3, 2023 6:00 PM

MINUTES

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

1. Meeting Called to Order - Chair Jones

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Commissioner Poindexter was absent from this meeting.

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

2. Invocation - Reverend Wesley Sink - Hardison Methodist Church

3. Pledge of Allegiance - led by Captain Sandra L Smith, Civil Air Patrol, US Air Force Auxillary

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

Benita Finney made a motion to Motion made to adopt the agenda.. M Brent Shoaf seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion 4 - 0 (Mark Jones, Benita Finney, Terry Renegar, M Brent Shoaf)

6. Public Comment Period - County Attorney Ed Vogler

Julie Whittaker - Davie County resident - spoke in appreciation of the new link on the County website about Mental Health resources. Ms. Whittaker offered her appreciation of the Davie County Health and Human Services Department as well as the assistance of Tiffany Marlow in the Technology Solutions Department for creating this link.

1. Public Comment Period Rules

7. Presentations

Two Presentations this evening:

1) GEMS Awards presented by Brian Barnett, 6 award winners, 5 are present. The winners are: Mike Linville, Public Utilities employee - Mr. Linville has been a dedicated member of the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) staff for over 16 years. Starting out at the Sparks Rd WTP before volunteering to be relocated to the Cooleemee WTP when they were short staffed and in need of assistance. Mr. Linville has dedicated his career to his fellow operators, our department, the county and all its public utilities customers. He has gone above and beyond his expected duties, sacrificing his personal time to ensure demand of the system is met. Mr. Linville has gone as far as to stay at a facility overnight and sometimes 48 hours in a row when severe weather was impacting the county. Monitoring the system and operating the plant to ensure the safety of the customers, citizens and his fellow employees are met. Mike also holds the highest state level certification for water treatment plant operators. Mr. Linville is a candidate for all of the I PLEDGE but the duty and service he has performed over his career with Davie County makes him stand out and empowers us to all go the extra mile.

Daniel Moxley, Sheriff's Office - On 1/21/2023 Lt D Moxley went and spoke with a family (man, woman, and two children) in front of Dollar Tree that were begging for money. They stated that they needed gas money and other items before heading back home and they had already been given \$20 from people walking into the store. Lt D Moxley told them to keep their money and followed them to the gas station where he paid for their gas so they could finish their errands and get back home.

Crista Ramroop, Deputy Director, Adult Protective Services - Deputy Director Ramroop stayed overnight with an IDD Special Needs Adult at a local motel in Mocksville. There is no shelter for adults so Deputy Director Ramroop got permission for a motel room for client and another for staff member, Charlene Pea to stay with client who could not stay alone. Deputy Director Ramroop always goes the extra mile to help all her staff and is very supportive of staff and clients.

Deputies Benjamin Simpson and Christopher Gaddy, Sheriff's Office - In December 2022 Deputy Gaddy and Deputy Simpson were interacting with a female known to have mental health issues and she had been trespassed from several locations where she had been staying. Due to the cold weather and being unable to obtain temporary housing for the female for the night the two Deputy's took it upon themselves to pay for her to get a hotel room for the night so she could find housing the next day.

On 1/12/2023 Deputy Simpson and Deputy Gaddy learned of a medical call which they were close to involving a subject that passed out and had lacerations to the subject head from the fall. Both Deputies responded and located a male subject that was bleeding, not breathing, and had no detectable pulse. The deputies immediately began life saving efforts via a bag valve mask and chest compressions. They continued providing aid until enough medical personnel arrived on scene. By the time the male was loaded into the ambulance he had regained a pulse and was attempting to breath on his own. The Deputies would not have been dispatched to the call per protocol for EMS but went to assist due to their proximity.

Lisa Thomas, EMS-Community Paramedic Coordinator - Community Paramedics spend every day in the field administering to homebound residents and assisting with the opioid crisis in our county. But there are some occasions where Community Paramedic Lisa Thomas has “gone the extra mile” to help fellow employees. One incident involved an employee that had emergency surgery on his arm due to a workers’ comp injury. He came home with instructions to change his dressing and administer special medication into the incision, one handed, which proved to be an impossible task. Living alone, he called me, the Workers’ Comp Administrator, for guidance. I called multiple resources around the County but because it was a Workers’ Comp case and no Home Health orders were given, no one was able to assist. Knowing my limitations with open wounds and bandages, I reached out to the Community Paramedic. With professionalism, caring heart, and a smile, Lisa was able to administer the medication and dress the wound. Recently, another employee expecting a baby, started feeling bad at work and had reached out to her OB/GYN. While waiting, she asked if we could locate a blood pressure cuff but she did not feel she needed to call 911. I made several phone calls to paramedic friends, but later learned that all units and staff were tied up on other calls. So I reached out to Lisa, who was just arriving back at Station 1, but immediately turned around and came by our office. Lisa hooked her up and continuously kept checking her vitals until the physician’s office called back. Lisa was very professional, asking all the right questions of the patient, noting observations, and sharing those observations and vitals with the physician. Lisa continued to reassure the little mother but strongly encouraged that she proceed to the hospital to be checked out. Lisa is also an employee that goes above and beyond on the administrative side, as she builds the Community Paramedic program. Lisa became aware of a grant for the Community Paramedic program on July 21 with a due date of August 2. She went right to work weeding through the very extensive grant application, gathering letters of support from the community, with less than two weeks to complete a winning application. Then Lisa and I both fell ill to Covid. She was amazing! As bad as she felt, Lisa kept pressing on, writing section after section of the proposal, and sending my way for review. Because of her persistence, she pulled every section together, the grant was submitted with 3 hours to spare, and the EMS Community Paramedic program has been awarded \$350,000.

2) Aging Services Planning Committee, Allison Brown offered an update on the Davie County Aging Services Planning Committee as well as NC Senior Tar Heel Legislature. Allison mentioned North Carolina is ranked in the top 10 for age 65+. Unfortunately, while the population is aging in North Carolina the funding for the aging population has decreased. Allison advised the NC Senior Tar Heel advocates visited senators and house representatives in Raleigh and have gained support for an allocation of an additional \$1.5M in recurring funds for 11 Additional Long-Term Care Ombudsmen. Ombudsmen serve as advocates for residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities as well as providing protection for vulnerable elders. Allison requested an additional Senior Tar Heel Legislature alternate delegate as well as volunteers to become a part of the Davie County Aging Services Planning Committee.

8. Public Hearings - Planning & Development Services Director Johnny Easter

Zoning Map Amendment 2023-02, Richard Robertson requests to re-zone approximately 1.04 acres from General Industrial (GI) to Residential Agricultural (R-A). The property is located at 2146 Cornatzer Road. The property is further described as Davie County Tax Parcel G700000057, 2146 Cornatzer Road. The land is currently vacant and they are looking to use as residential (potentially to place a mobile home on the site). The Planning Board adopted the request unanimously.

The Public Hearing was opened by Chair Jones at 6:40 p.m. No citizens spoke during the Public Comments section of the Public Hearing. A motion was made to close the Public Hearing by Vice Chair Finney and was seconded by Commissioner Renegar. All were in favor, and the motion passed 4-0 (Jones, Finney, Renegar, Shoaf). A motion was made by Commissioner Renegar, seconded by Commissioner Shoaf to approve the rezoning request and move that the following statement be adopted in support of a motion to approve;

The proposed zoning amendment is consistent with the Davie County Comprehensive Plan because:

1. The Comprehensive Plan policy goals to encourage mixed use industrial or business development to allow residential development on portions of new development or redevelopment.

Therefore, we find this zoning amendment is reasonable and in the public interest because it supports the Comprehensive Plan policies and maps above and because:

1. The property's proximity to a variety of land uses.
 2. The property's designation as industrial on the comprehensive plan.
 3. The property's designation as a primary growth area.
- All were in favor, and the motion passed 4-0 (Jones, Finney, Renegar, Shoaf).

9. Consent Agenda - Chair Jones

Benita Finney made a motion to Approve. M Brent Shoaf seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion 4 - 0 (Mark Jones, Benita Finney, Terry Renegar, M Brent Shoaf)

1. Contract to Audit Accounts for FY 2022-2023
2. Resolution - Accept American Rescue Plan Funding Award for Southpoint Business Park Pump Station & Force Main
3. Tax Report, Releases, Refunds
4. Proclamation - Child Abuse Prevention Month
5. Water Shortage Response Plan
6. National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week
7. Approval of Minutes - Board of Commissioners Meetings 3/6/2023 (Regular) & 3/21/2023 (Special Called)
8. April 3, 2023 Budget Amendments
10. County Manager's Report - Brian Barnett

Recre8 magazine has a feature story on Davie County Recreation and Parks Department. Paul Moore, Recreation and Parks Director announced Davie County was officially notified of grant funds approval for Canoplay at the park.

Davie County Public Utilities passed all pre treatment requirements for 2022;

Davie County Health Department received preliminary notification of re-accreditation and received 160 points out of a possible 160 points!

Public Health week will take place April 3rd

Davie County Center for Violence Prevention passed the cite monitoring process with flying colors by the grantor who grants the center 4 grants each year.

In March, Senior games kicked off with 165 participants; these games occur March through May; Senior Services this past Friday held rock-a-thon fundraiser at Rescue House and raised over \$15000 for Senior Services;

Davie County has been names 21st in the list of healthiest counties in the State of North Carolina thanks to the Register of Deeds office and Adult Protective Services who hosted the County Manager who experienced first hand the services these areas offer.

11. Old Business - Chair Jones

There was no Old Business discussed this evening.

12. New Business - Chair Jones

There was no New Business discussed this evening.

13. Commissioners' Comments

The Commissioners offered thanks for those who attended this evening's meeting; extended their appreciation to all the departments, congratulated the GEMs award winners and wished all a Happy Easter.

14. Closed Session - Chair Jones

A motion was made by Vice Chair Finney and seconded by Commissioner Shoaf to enter closed session pursuant to NCGS 143.318.11 (a) (3) To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body AND 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 AND (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. All were in favor, and the motion passed 4-0 (Jones, Finney, Renegar, Shoaf).

A motion was made by Vice Chair Finney and seconded by Commissioner Renegar to enter back into regular session. All were in favor, and the motion passed 4-0 (Jones, Finney, Renegar, Shoaf).

15. Adjourn - Chair Jones

A motion was made at 7:26 p.m. by Commissioner Renegar and seconded by Vice Chair Finney to adjourn this evening's meeting. All were in favor, and the motion passed 4-0 (Jones, Finney, Renegar, Shoaf).