

Regular Meeting April 1, 2019

A regular meeting of the Nash County Board of Commissioners was held at 9:00 AM, April 1, 2019 in the Frederick B. Cooper, Jr. Commissioners' Room at the Claude Mayo, Jr. Administration Building in Nashville, NC.

Present were Chairman Robbie B. Davis and Commissioners Fred Belfield, Jr., Dan Cone, Sue Leggett, J. Wayne Outlaw, Lou M. Richardson, and Mary P. Wells.

Others present were Donna Wood, Stacie Shatzer, Amanda Clark, Mark Cone, Lindell Kay, Ken Ripley, Susan Phelps, Adam Tyson, Janice Evans, Zee B. Lamb, Vince Durham and other staff members and members of the public.

Chairman Davis called the meeting to order and provided a brief explanation regarding prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance in Nash County. He stated it is customary that Nash County starts each meeting with a prayer and Pledge of Allegiance and that anyone wishing to participate in the prayer, moment of silence, or a prayer of their own choice was welcomed.

Chairman Davis called on Ms. Sue Leggett for the invocation and Mr. J. Wayne Outlaw to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Davis asked the Board to consider approval of the minutes.

On motion of J. Wayne Outlaw seconded by Sue Leggett and duly passed that the minutes of the March 7, 2019 regular meeting and March 21, 2019 Recessed Meeting/Legislative Dinner be approved.

Chairman Davis provided a brief explanation of Nash County's Public Comment Policy and asked for any public comments.

Mr. David Farris of Rocky Mount, NC spoke on the topic of the Carolinas Gateway Partnership.

Mr. Don Williams of Rocky Mount, NC spoke on the Carolinas Gateway Partnership.

Mr. Vince Andracchio of Rocky Mount, NC spoke regarding the Carolinas Gateway Partnership.

Mr. Norris Tolson of Pine Tops, NC spoke on the topic of the Carolinas Gateway Partnership.

Ms. Deborah Jordan of Tarboro, NC spoke on the topic of Trillium and changes to the State Benefit Plan.

Mr. Lige Daughtridge of Rocky Mount, NC spoke on Carolinas Gateway Partnership.

Ms. Violet Hardy of Rocky Mount, NC spoke on the topic of Trillium and the ability to choose an agency of choice.

Ms. Deborah Jordan spoke on behalf of Ms. Rose Whitaker on the topic of Trillium and the choice of providers.

Ms. Michele McKnight, Senior Services Director and Ms. Morgan Doughtie, Senior Center Coordinator and Down East Senior Games Coordinator presented for the Board's consideration a resolution to designate May as Older Adult Awareness and Senior Games Participation Month.

On motion of Lou M. Richardson seconded by J. Wayne Outlaw and duly passed that the Nash County Board of Commissioners adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE MAY AS OLDER ADULT AWARENESS AND
SENIOR GAMES PARTICIPATION MONTH**

WHEREAS, Nash County recognizes Older Adult Awareness Month and Senior Games Participation Month in May 2019; and

WHEREAS, Nash County is committed to supporting older adults as they take charge of their health, explore new opportunities and activities, and focus on independence; and

WHEREAS, Nash County can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals by encouraging mature adults and the entire community by providing opportunities and experiences during the Down East Senior Games, an Olympic style event designed to create year-round health promotion and competition for participants that are 50 years of age and better; and

WHEREAS, the Down East Senior Games held April 27-May 22 of this year, is sanctioned by North Carolina Senior Games, Inc.; and

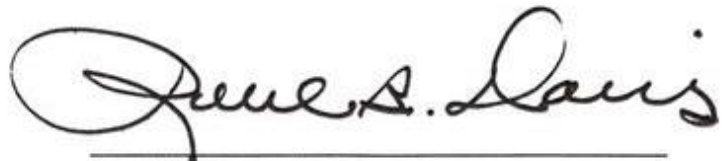
WHEREAS, the regional event, engaging the counties of Nash, Edgecombe, Halifax, Northampton, and Wilson with the goal to enhance growth, development, and connection to opportunity for all participants and volunteers, was founded 35 years ago, in 1984; and

WHEREAS, participants will compete in a total of 48 athletic events and 34 artistic categories; and

WHEREAS, our well wishes are extended to all of the competitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Nash County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims that May be recognized as Older Adult Awareness and Senior Games Participation Month in the County of Nash, and promotes participation as well as volunteerism within the Down East Senior Games program.

This 1st day of April 2019.



Robbie B. Davis, Chairman
Nash County Board of Commissioners

Attest:



Janice Evans, Clerk
Nash County Board of Commissioners

Chairman Davis called for a brief recess.

Upon reconvening, Chairman Davis called on Mr. Zee B. Lamb, County Manager.

Mr. Lamb presented for the Board's consideration regarding Nash County's Economic Development.

Nash County Project Announcements (2014 – 2019)						
Year	Company	County	City	Jobs	Investment	Industry
2014	* Nutkooa	Nash	Rocky Mount	30 ¹	\$18,000,000.00	Food Processing
2014	* Carolina Innovative Food Ingredients	Nash	Nashville	41 ²	\$19,000,000.00	Food Processing
2015	Pfizer (Hospira Expansion – Full line)	Nash	Rocky Mount	0	\$159,000,000.00	Pharmaceutical
2016	Steel Technologies	Nash	Rocky Mount	26	\$1,300,000.00	Advanced Mfg.
2016	Draka Elevator Products	Nash	Rocky Mount	34	\$12,150,000.00	Advanced Mfg.
2017	* Grammary Industry	Nash	Rocky Mount	5	\$300,000.00	Transportation
2017	Poppies International	Nash	Whitakers	0	\$2,100,000.00	Food Processing
2017	Atlantic Natural Foods	Nash	Nashville	45	\$6,000,000.00	Food Processing
2017	LS Tractor	Nash	Whitakers	55	\$11,500,000.00	Distribution/Assembly
2018	Pencell Plastics	Nash	Rocky Mount	10	\$12,500,000.00	Advanced Mfg.
2018	Berry Plastics	Nash	Rocky Mount	23	\$6,000,000.00	Advanced Mfg.
			Total	269	\$247,850,000.00	

*New Announcements (Total Investment \$37,300,000.00 and 76 new jobs)

¹ Nutkooa reported December 2018

² Carolina Innovative Food Ingredients reported March 2018

Source: Carolinas Gateway Partnership

Economic Development

(2014 – 2019) the Partnership reports large investment of \$210,550,000 were in county industry. Therefore, 85% of Nash County's economic expansion is due to expansion of existing industry, not newly created industry.

(2014 – 2019) the Partnership reports a growth of 15% in jobs attributable to existing industry growth. This is a very strong record for Nash County in the past 5-year period; the Partnership reports that the Carolinas Gateway Partnership is very successful in the past attracting:

North Carolina Counties has a County Economic Development Department working with other entities for economic development. Source: County Economic Development Websites

A champion for Nash County eliminates the need for competing for the same companies.

An Economic Developer and adding a focus on large scale economic development is the next step.

- A dedicated department within Nash County would provide a more concentrated emphasis on the whole county both rural and urban.
- The Nash Economic Developer would report directly to the County Manager and the Nash County Commissioners improving communications and business negotiations.
- A Nash County Economic Development Department would give the County an individual presence and identity when it comes to economic development.
- Establishing a County Department would provide independence, operational control and flexibility to recruit economic development.

Commissioner Dan Cone made a motion to approve Nash County discontinuing their partnership with the Carolinas Gateway Partnership and moving forward with Economic Development as a county department, effective October 1, 2019. Vice Chairman J. Wayne Outlaw seconded the motion.

Commissioner Fred Belfield, Jr. offered a substitute motion to table the vote on discontinuing Nash County's partnership with the Carolinas Gateway Partnership for sixty (60) days to see if the County can meet with the Partnership and work out an agreement that would be satisfactory with Nash County. Commissioner Mary P. Wells seconded the substitute motion.

Chairman Davis called for a vote on the substitute motion. The motion failed with the following vote:

Fred Belfield, Jr.	Yes
Mary P. Wells	Yes
Dan Cone	No
Robbie B. Davis	No
Sue Leggett	No
J. Wayne Outlaw	No
Lou M. Richardson	No

Chairman Davis called for a vote on the original motion to discontinue Nash County's partnership with the Carolinas Gateway Partnership and move forward with Economic Development as a county department, effective October 1, 2019. The motion passed with the following vote:

Dan Cone	Yes
Robbie B. Davis	Yes
Sue Leggett	Yes
J. Wayne Outlaw	Yes
Lou M. Richardson	Yes
Fred Belfield, Jr.	No
Mary P. Wells	No

Mr. Adam Tyson, Planning Director introduced Mr. Adam Culpepper, new Senior Planner for Nash County.

Mr. Tyson presented for the Board's consideration a Text Amendment Request A-190301 to amend the Nash County Unified Development Ordinance Article XII, Section 12-1 and Subsection 12-1.2 (A) in order to repeal the 40,000 square foot minimum lot size requirement applicable within certain limited watershed protection areas due to the expiration of Title 15A NCAC 18C .1211 "Ground Absorption Sewage

Collection: Treatment/Disposal Systems.” He advised that the Nash County Technical Review Committee (TRC) considered Text Amendment Request A-190301 and recommended **APPROVAL**. He also advised that the Nash County Planning Board considered Text Amendment Request A-190301, and one member of the public spoke in favor of approving the request.

The Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend the following:

- (1) **APPROVAL of Consistency Statement ‘A’ below** – finding the request to be reasonable, in the public interest, and consistent with the Nash County Land Development Plan; and
- (2) **APPROVAL of the requested text amendment.**

On motion of J. Wayne Outlaw seconded by Dan Cone and duly passed that the Board go into a public hearing.

No one spoke at the public hearing.

On motion of Lou M. Richardson seconded by Mary P. Wells and duly passed that the public hearing adjourn.

On motion of J. Wayne Outlaw seconded by Sue Leggett and duly passed that the Nash County Board of Commissioners adopt **Consistency Statement ‘A’** related to Text Amendment Request A-190301.

Consistency Statement ‘A’ (For Approval):

Text Amendment Request A-190301 is reasonable, in the public interest, and consistent with the Nash County Land Development Plan because:

- (1) The subject portions of UDO Article XII, Section 12-1 and Subsection 12-1.2 (A) to be repealed were intended to accommodate the enforcement of the “40,000 Square Foot Rule” of Title 15A NCAC 18C .1211 “Ground Absorption Sewage Collection: Treatment/Disposal Systems” which was allowed to expire on December 1, 2015 after both the N.C. Public Water Supply Section and the N.C. Rules Review Commission determined that it was unnecessary due to the subsequent adoption of other regulatory requirements including a revision to the “Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems” rules to require the permitting of designated septic system repair areas as well as the enactment of the North Carolina Water Supply Watershed Protection Rules; and
- (2) The repeal of these specific “limited watershed protection area” lot size requirements will not affect the continued enforcement of the other existing minimum lot size standards required separately by the zoning and watershed protection overlay district regulations of the UDO.

On motion of J. Wayne Outlaw seconded by Lou M. Richardson and duly passed that the Nash County Board of Commissioners **APPROVE** Text Amendment Request A-190301 to repeal the portions of UDO Article XII, Section 12-1 and Subsection 12-1.2 (A) originally intended to accommodate the enforcement of the “40,000 Square Foot Rule” of the now expired Title 15A NCAC 18C .1211 “Ground Absorption Sewage Collection: Treatment/Disposal Systems.”

Ms. Donna Wood, Finance Officer asked the Board to consider approval of thirteen (13) budget amendments for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

On motion of J. Wayne Outlaw seconded by Dan Cone and duly passed that the following budget amendments be approved.

Parks and Recreation Department

This budget amendment makes funds available that have already been collected in Sponsorship revenue for our Spring Sports; t-ball, baseball, softball, soccer and flag football. No additional county dollars are requested.

Revenue:
0100400-449804 Sponsorships \$9,155 Incr

Expenditure:
0106120-569247 Sponsorships \$9,155 Incr

Health Department

This budget amendment is to budget funding that restores the previous reduction to the Healthy Mothers Healthy Children program. These funds will enable the local health department to provide additional services based on locally determined needs and circumstances. No County funds are requested.

Revenue:
0100211-452431 Child Health \$27,565 Incr

Expenditure:
0105216-531200 Travel & Training 3,000 Incr
0105216-526000 Supplies 24,565 Incr
\$27,565

Health Department

This budget amendment is to budget one-time Maternal and Child Health Mini Grant funds to strengthen existing efforts and/or program activities by providing staff training, purchasing programmatic equipment and supporting men and women in reproductive life planning. No County funds are requested.

Revenue:
0100211-452431 Maternal Health \$20,757 Incr

Expenditure:
0105217-526000 Supplies 11,757 Incr
0105217-526000 Equipment Supplies 9,000 Incr
\$20,757

Social Services

This budget amendment is to budget additional Social Services Block Grant federal funding for administrative expenses and adjust funding to accommodate the request for Work First based salaries. No County funds are requested.

Revenue:		
0100210-454114	SSBG	\$5,229 Incr

Expenditure:		
0105510-526500	Equipment Supplies	5,229 Incr
0105510-512100	Full-Time Salary	(8,035) Decr
0105510-513400	Supplemental Retirement	(402) Decr
0105510-518100	FICA	(426) Decr
0105510-518200	Retirement	(627) Decr
0105510-518300	Group Insurance	(82) Decr
0105520-512100	Full-Time Salary	8,035 Incr
0105520-513400	Supplemental Retirement	402 Incr
0105520-518100	FICA	426 Incr
0105520-518200	Retirement	627 Incr
0105520-518300	Group Insurance	82 Incr
		\$5,229

Emergency Services

This amendment is for a supplemental grant from the State of NC Department of Public Safety. These funds are for Hosting Incident Command job specific trainings, performing EOC Enhancements to include technology improvements, developing a Local Incident Management Team Type III, conduct a full-scale exercise and other EMPG requirements.

Revenue:		
0100213-445005	Emergency Mgmt Grant Supplement	\$17,900 Incr

Expenditure:		
0104370-569655	Emergency Mgmt Grant Supplement	\$17,900 Incr

Sheriff's Office

This budget amendment appropriates donated funds to the Community as direct by the local Sheriff's Citizens Advisory Committee for needy families and other services. No County funds are requested.

Revenue:		
0100230-445017	Sheriff's Community Support	\$5,297 Incr

Expenditure:		
0104310-569672	Sheriff's Community Support	\$5,297 Incr

Planning

This amendment is to budget additional funds for cell tower applications received. Cell Tower application fees are pass through fees for cell tower reviews. No County funds are requested.

Revenue:		
0100300-423005	Cell Tower Review Fee	\$2,500 Incr

Expenditure:		
0104910-519915	Wireless Communications	\$2,500 Incr

Cooperative Extension

This budget amendment is to budget grant funds from the NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services for the 2018 Local Farmers Market Cooperative Advertising Program, being reimbursed 50%. This budget amendment is needed to cover additional expenses for advertising. No County funds are requested.

Revenue:

0100213-487932	Farmers Market Grant	\$1,837 Incr
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Expenditure:

0104950-531400	Farm Market Operations	\$1,837 Incr
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This budget amendment is to budget funds received from the Down East Partnership for Children for the collaborative activities from January through October 2019.

Revenue:

0100230-487937	F2ECE Grant	\$270 Incr
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Expenditure:

0104950-563030	Farm to Early Care Educ. Grant	\$270 Incr
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Soil and Water Conservation Department

This budget amendment is to budget grant funds and program sponsorship for the Soil Health Multi-Species Cover Crop Initiative program. No additional county funds are requested.

Revenue:

0100213-449633	Cover Crop Initiative	\$2,966 Incr
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Expenditure:

0104960-569022	Cover Crop Initiative Project	\$2,966 Incr
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County Capital

This budget amendment appropriates fund balance to cover the purchase of land at the airport.

Revenue:

0100991-499100	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$121,480 Incr
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Expenditure:

0104261-557100	Land	\$121,480 Incr
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Insurance Proceeds

This budget amendment makes funding available from insurance proceeds received from claims to cover vehicle repairs in the Sheriff's Office and Emergency Medical Services.

Revenue:

0100600-492005	Insurance Proceeds	\$22,218 Incr
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Expenditure:

0104310-535305	Vehicle Repairs	\$19,615 Incr
0104375-535305	Vehicle Repairs	\$ 2,603 Incr
		<u>\$ 22,218</u>

Travel and Tourism

This budget amendment is to appropriate fund balance from the Travel and Tourism Special Revenue Fund to update the scoreboard and (8) kiosk panels with the new logo . No County funds are requested.

Revenue:		
1300991-499100	Fund Balance Appropriated	<u>\$5,432</u> Incr
Expenditure:		
1304921-526500	Equipment Supply	<u>\$5,432</u> Incr

Ms. Stacie Shatzer, Assistant County Manager asked the Board to consider appointments to the Tourism Development Authority (TDA).

On motion of Lou M. Richardson seconded by Dan Cone and duly passed that Retho Webster Williams, Jr., Dan Daly and George Griffin be reappointed to the Tourism Development Authority (TDA), with term expiring April 30, 2022.

Ms. Shatzer asked the Board to consider appointments to the Nash County Board of Adjustment.

On motion of Mary P. Wells seconded by Sue Leggett and duly passed that Tommy Bass be reappointed as a regular Member and Dennis Ray Cobb be reappointed as alternate member #1 to the Nash County Board of Adjustment, with terms expiring April 30, 2022.

Ms. Shatzer asked the Board to consider appointments to the Nash County Consolidated Human Services Board.

On motion of Fred Belfield, Jr. seconded by Mary P. Wells and duly passed that the following appointments be made to the Nash County Consolidated Human Services Board.

Dorothy Battle	Public Member
Dr. Doris Knight Thorne	Dentist Member
Yvonne Moore	Consumer Member
Danny Tyson	Consumer Member
Dr. Mike Johnson	Optometrist Member
Commissioner Dan Cone	Commissioner Member
Dr. Chandra Meachem Tucker, DVM	Veterinarian Member
Pat Adams	Social Worker
Mickey League	Pharmacist Member

The Monthly Tax Collector's report was accepted.

Ms. Doris Sumner, Tax Administrator asked the Board to consider approval of tax refund requests for March 2018.

On motion of Lou M. Richardson seconded by Fred Belfield, Jr. and duly passed that the following tax refund be approved.

REFUND REQUESTS
APRIL1, 2019

1. SIEVERT VINCENT S & KAREN	NCO 2017	\$ 1,846.25
6835 FINCH RD	F28 2017	192.90
NASHVILLE NC 27856	SWF 2017	<u>\$ 125.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 2,164.16

HOUSE ON PARCEL 001268 WAS TOTALLY DESTROYED BY FIRE ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2016. INCORRECTLY CHARGED A VALUE OF \$275,560 FOR THE HOUSE

Chairman Davis recognized Ms. Sumner for her new appointment as the Nash County Acting Tax Administrator.

Chairman Davis called on the Commissioners for any comments and/or reports.

Mr. Lamb provided a Manager's Report to the Board.

On motion of Lou M. Richardson seconded by Dan Cone and duly passed that the Board go into closed session as permitted by 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; NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4) for the discussion of matters relating to economic development and the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the County; and NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, fitness and conditions of appointment or conditions of initial employment of a prospective public officer or employee.

During closed session, the Board received updates on economic development projects, consulted with the attorney to discuss matters that are subject to the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the Board, and discussed a personnel matter.

On motion of Fred Belfield, Jr. seconded by Sue Leggett and duly passed that the closed session minutes of March 7, 2019 be approved.

On motion of Dan Cone seconded by Fred Belfield, Jr. and duly passed that the closed session adjourn.

Chairman Davis called the regular meeting back to order.

On motion of J. Wayne Outlaw seconded by Fred Belfield, Jr. and duly passed that the Nash County Board of Commissioners approve the purchase of 14 +/- acres of

property adjacent to the Rocky Mount-Wilson Airport from Robin Ann Batts Stickney and husband, Roderick Alan Krause at a purchase price of \$119,000.00 as negotiated by the County Manager.

On motion of Lou M. Richardson seconded by J. Wayne Outlaw and duly passed that the meeting recess until Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at Nash Community College for a joint meeting with Nash-Rocky Mount Public Schools.

Janice Evans, Clerk
Nash County Board of Commissioners