

MITCHELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION

AUGUST 11, 2014

NORTH CAROLINA

MITCHELL COUNTY

The Mitchell County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on August 11, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Conference Room, Administration Building, Bakersville, NC. Those present for the meeting were: Bill Slagle, Chairman; Joe Street, Vice-Chairman; Ken Hollifield, Member; Keith Holtsclaw, Member; Charles Vines, County Manager and Kathy Young, Clerk to the Board. Commissioner McKinney was absent from the meeting. Also present were: Lloyd Hise, County Attorney, Mavis Parsley and Andy Ashurst, Editor of the Mitchell-News Journal.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Commissioner Slagle called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **INVOCATION** – Commissioner Street gave the invocation.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – County Manager Vines led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **ETHICS AWARENESS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST REMINDER:**
In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every Board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearance of conflict. Does any board member have any known conflicts of interest or appearances of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the Board? If so, please identify the conflict or appearance of conflict and refrain from any undue participation in the particular matter involved.
5. **ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA** – None
6. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Commissioner Hollifield moved to adopt the agenda Commissioner Street seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Commissioner Street moved to approve the Minutes for July 7, 2014 and July 22, 2014. Commissioner Hollifield seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/BOARD COMMENTS** – None
9. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**
 - A. **Buladean School Property** – Commissioner Hollifield moved to allow County Attorney Hise to proceed with the sale of the Buladean School Property to the

Buladean Community Foundation Inc. Commissioner Street seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

B. Change of Meeting Dates for September and November – Commissioner Street moved to change the September meeting to September 2nd and the November meeting to November 6th. Commissioner Holtsclaw seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

C. Vehicle Tax Appeal – Tax Assessor Hyder presented the information on Mr. Martin Plamondon's tax appeal on his 2011 Nissan Sentra. By consensus the Board agreed with Assessor Hyder not to change the valuation.

10. APPOINTEMENTS

A. Mitchell County Library and AMY Regional Library Boards – Commissioner Hollifield moved to appoint Arvene Byrd to the Mitchell County Library and the AMY Regional Library Boards. Commissioner Street seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

A. 2014-2015 N. C. Forest Service Contract

B. Surplus Property

C. Smoky Mountain's 4th Quarter Finance Report for FY 2013-2014

D. NC DOT and Mitchell County Transportation Authority Agreement

E. Releases/Refunds/Discoveries for July 2014

F. Vehicle Releases/Refunds for July 2014

Commissioner Street moved to approve the Consent Agenda (a copy of the Consent Agenda Items are hereby attached and become a part of the minutes). Commissioner Hollifield seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

12. COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT – County Manger Vines reminded the Board of NCACC Annual Conference this weekend in Buncombe County, the Open House at BRP on August 21st and the 30th Anniversary of the Mitchell County Animal Rescue on Saturday, August 16th.

13. BOARD COMMENTS – Commissioner Holtsclaw stated spoken with some District Court Judges and they had made him aware they were doing some video conferencing to be able to do some pre-trial stuff. He stated that while he was listening to them, he thought that was something we ought to pursue to see if it was something that could impact us. He informed the Board that County Manager Vines had agreed to look into to see if it is something feasible and worth doing. Commissioner Holtsclaw said that he was on the Home Health Board and for the last couple of years the Home Health has helped support the Health Department and has kept Mitchell County from having to kick additional funding. The electronic medical records has changed their ability to have their share of the market for providing home health services. Now there are people from McDowell, Madison, Watauga, etc. providing services in Mitchell County. Several home health agencies have done evaluations on their home health to determine wither or not they should keep it or should sell it and which would be the most advantageous. Because no decision is a decision because of us being in a declining market and the revenue stream is less and less. So the Home Health Board has agreed to look at developing an RFP for an evaluation on Home Health Services.

Chairman Slagle stated the Dental School is complete. He said the opening of this facility would bring fifteen jobs.

14. **ADJOURNMENT** – Commissioner Hollifield moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Street seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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Bill Slagle, Chairman

Joe Street, Vice-Chairman

Ken Hollifield, Member

Keith Holtsclaw, Member

Rickey McKinney, Member

ATTEST:

Kathy Young, NCCCC Clerk to the Board