



Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting

September 9, 2024

MINUTES

1. PUBLIC HEARING

Petition for the following Zoning Map Amendment. Warren County Parcel Map #K3C 154 from (LB) Lakeside Business to (NB) Neighborhood Business

A. Comments From Staff

Planning and Zoning Director Mark Bloomer and Jake Petrosky of Stewart provided information regarding the request for re-zoning of K3C 154 from Lakeside Business (LB) to Neighborhood Business (NB).

B. Citizen Comments on Zoning Map Amendment

- Steven Morris stated that the current use of the property is for boat repairs so adding vehicle service will not cause any changes to the area. He stated that lake residents would have access to vehicle service without having to drive out of town.
- Marcus Nunn stated that approval of the re-zoning request would keep money in our local community and allow lake residents access to vehicle service.
- Donald Webster stated that having a local vehicle service center would be helpful to lake residents.

C. Close Public Hearing

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Public Hearing was closed.

2. ADOPT SUGGESTED AGENDA

On motion of Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Suggested Agenda was adopted.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS - REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Rules for Citizen Comments: Please sign up to speak. The maximum time allotted to each speaker will be FIVE (5) minutes; Clerk to the Board will keep time. Any group of people who support or oppose the same position should designate a spokesperson. Please address only those items which might not have been addressed by a previous speaker. If a response from the County Manager and/or Board is desired, leave a copy of your comment(s) with the Clerk to the Board. Order and decorum will be maintained. This is not a question and answer session.

- Reinaldo Espinosa stated he was not aware of a meeting to discuss the future Community Center until the last minute and he feels that was unacceptable.
- Ken Ferruccio stated that building an Environmental Justice Center would be detrimental and it would be controlled by the State who located the PCB dump here in the first place.
- Deborah Ferruccio stated that allowing the State to be involved in the placement of an Environmental Justice Center would only tell the State's side of the story and if a place is built, it needs to tell the honest story of the PCB dump in Warren County. She further stated that Bill Kearney has a conflict with the project because of his ties with the State.
- Mike Hairston stated he would like for a Broadband map to be given to the Warren Record for publication so that everyone will be aware of what has been done to increase Broadband access

throughout the county.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consider Approval of Minutes of August 5, 2024 Regular Meeting, August 20, 2024 Special Meeting, August 21, 2024 Special Meeting, August 21, 2024 Work Session, August 27, 2024 Special Meeting and August 30, 2024 Recessed Meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Baker, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the minutes of the August 5, 2024 Regular Meeting, August 20, 2024 Special Meeting, August 21, 2024 Special Meeting, August 21, 2024 Work Session, August 27, 2024 Special Meeting, and August 30, 2024 Recessed Meeting were approved.

B. Tax Collector's Report for July 2024 Presented for Board's Information in Accordance with NCGS 105-350 - Tax Administrator John Preston

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Baker, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Tax Collector's Report for July 2024 was accepted.

C. Tax Release Requests (over/under \$100) in Accordance with NCGS 105-381 "Taxpayer's Remedies" as Information Only - Tax Administrator John Preston

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Baker, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Tax Release Requests (over/under \$100) were accepted.

D. Approval of Proclamation Declaring September 2024 as Warren County Preparedness Month

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Baker, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Proclamation Declaring September 2024 as Warren County Preparedness Month was approved.

E. Approval of National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month Proclamation

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Baker, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month Proclamation was approved.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Trillium Annual Report

Bobby Lowe of Trillium Health Services provided the Annual Report for Warren County. A copy of the full report is included in the September 9, 2024 Meeting Agenda Packet.

B. Broadband Updates from Service Providers

Justin Delancy of Spectrum stated that service has been activated to 100 locations so far, and they are moving through the county. Spectrum is currently running through the Manson and Drewry areas and will continue to move clockwise. A full coverage map will be provided at the next meeting. To check coverage for a specific area, the public can go to nc1map.gov.

6. COUNTY MANAGER'S UPDATE – Crystal Smith

A. Memorandum of Understanding with the Warren County Historical Museum

Community & Economic Development Director Charla Duncan and Interim County Manager Crystal Smith discussed the current Memorandum of Understanding with Warren County Historical Museum regarding the "old jail" property. After discussions with members of the WCHM, the recommendation at this time is to dissolve the current MOU and develop a new MOU in which the county will retain ownership of the building and would work to repair the structural stability of the building and allowing the WCHM to unfit the interior to meet their needs as a museum. More information will be provided to the Board of Commissioners.

B. Citizens Advisory Committee Discussions

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. Review Statement of Interest Forms for the Warren County Tourism Development Authority (TDA) and Appoint Members to Serve - Charla Duncan, Community & Economic Development Director

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Baker, and duly carried by unanimous vote, Victoria Lehman and Michael Hawkins were appointed to two-year terms on the Tourism Development Authority as short-term rental owners.

B. Consider Approval of Request for Zoning Map Amendment for Parcel Map #K3C 154 from Lakeside Business (LB) to Neighborhood Business (NB) - Mark Bloomer, Planning and Zoning Director

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the petition for Zoning Map Amendment for Parcel K3C 154 from Lakeside Business to Neighborhood Business was found to be consistent with the Comprehensive Development Plan and is approved.

C. Vance Granville Community College Transportation Training Hub Update and Additional Requests - Charla Duncan, Community & Economic Development Director

On motion of Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Board reaffirmed their commitment to convey up to 30 acres in Triangle North Warren for the Vance Granville Community College Transportation Training Hub.

D. Completing Access to Broadband (CAB) Grant Round 2 - Charla Duncan, Community & Economic Development Director

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Baker, and duly carried by unanimous vote, participation in Round 2 of Completing Access to Broadband (CAB) Grant using the approved Stop-Gap funding as the county match was approved.

8. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS AND RE-APPOINTMENTS

A. Consider Re-appointment of Angelena Kearney Dunlap, Brady Martin, and Jim Whitley to the Research Triangle Regional Partnership (RTRP) Board for FY25 with Angelena Kearney Dunlap serving on the Executive RTRP Board - Charla Duncan, Community & Economic Development Director

On motion of Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and duly carried by unanimous vote, Angelena Kearney Dunlap, Brady Martin, and Jim Whitley were re-appointed to the Research Triangle Regional Partnership (RTRP) Board for FY25 with Angelena Kearney Dunlap serving on the Executive RTRP Board.

9. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' UPDATES

- Commissioner Hunt reminded citizens that COVID numbers are going back up so please be mindful and wear a mask if needed and practice good hygiene.
- Commissioner Davis asked if John Graham Gym is available to rent by the public. Interim County Manager Crystal Smith stated there is a rental policy and fee for that space.
- Commissioner Pierce reminded citizens that Warren County High School's homecoming is coming up on September 14th and there are festivities planned for the whole weekend. The Community & Economic Development Staff will have information on the future Community Center at the Warren County Schools Alumni Meet & Greet on Courthouse Square on Friday, September 13th.

10. CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) FOR PROPERTY ACQUISITION AND PERSONNEL MATTERS

On motion of Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Board entered Closed Session in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) for Property Acquisition and Personnel Matters.

On motion of Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Board returned to Open Session.

11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LAND PURCHASE FOR EMS SATELLITE STATION #4

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the purchase of 2 acres of land for EMS Station 4 in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 was

approved.

12. ADJOURN September 9, 2024 BOARD MEETING

With no further business to discuss, the September 9, 2024 meeting was adjourned.

Paula Pulley, Clerk to the Board