

MINUTES FROM THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE WARREN COUNTY ARMORY CIVIC CENTER, MEETING ROOM ON MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2018 AT 6:10 PM.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Victor Hunt. Other Commissioners present: Bertadean Baker, Tare Davis, Jennifer Jordan Pierce and Walter Powell. Others in attendance: County Manager Robert Davie, Interim Finance Director Jamie Holtzman and County Attorney Hassan Kingsberry.

A moment of silence was observed.

On motion of Commissioner Davis, which was seconded by Commissioner Powell and duly carried by unanimous vote, April 2, 2018 agenda was adopted.

Citizen Comments:

Carolyn Ross Homes – March 6th Town Hall meeting regarding children’s safety has great attendance, respected panel and good participation. A group was established interested in a follow-up meeting and the Sandy Hook Promise Program. Ross–Holmes recommended County advisory group form with interested citizens, the process is neutral, no political influence. Buck Springs - Ella Baker Education council activity has 30 participants.

Dr. Cosmos George spoke on Gun violence - There was an armed robbery across from Hardies at the car wash. Five (5) people dies every few days from Gun violence in our area. Read his composition: Gun Violence Symptom or Disease. Discussions are emotionally charged and very unproductive. Mental imbalance produces volatile conditions. Amendment to “right to carry arms” has not changed since adopted. Guns have changed, becoming more violent.

Mike Hairston Lake Gaston Association – the LGA meeting was very successful, the 1st county to get hotel on lake wins economic development lottery, lack of sewer service holds us back. While traveling, motorist will not stop at an intersection with only one service station or restaurant. Hotel at lake would generate funds in the area whereas downtown development only benefits a few. Businesses are lined up as soon as we get sewer, looking at grant possibilities.

Bill Heflin – Thanked two commissioners for attending local forum. The County is not getting the taxes from Food Lion and the businesses in the 27850 zip code because the postal center is Littleton. If there’s anything the Board can do to get it going please look into it.

On motion of Commissioner Baker, which was seconded by Commissioner Davis and duly carried by unanimous vote, Consent Agenda Item 3A minutes of March 19, 2018 Board meeting rescheduled from March 12, 2018 was approved.

On motion of Commissioner Baker, which was seconded by Commissioner Davis and duly carried by unanimous vote, Consent Agenda Item 3B Interest Income Report for Board’s information was accepted.

INTEREST INCOME REPORT MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2018 INTEREST RATE OF 1.23%		
FUND	FEBRUARY INCOME	FISCAL YEAR TO - DATE
General	14,032.78	63,431.10
Revaluation	45.21	350.42
E 911 Telephone System	232.75	1,534.68
Buck Spring Project	58.31	765.79
Simulcast System Upgrade	190.70	1,652.64
Regional Water Enterprise Fund	778.05	5,274.16
District I Enterprise Fund	1,452.19	9,471.19
Solid Waste	414.43	877.21
District II Enterprise Fund	1,274.13	8,330.36
District III Enterprise Fund	643.38	3,673.16
District III Phase III	5.39	37.64
Emergency Services Headquarters	41.74	264.09
Recreation Complex Phase III	0.95	6.65
	19,170.01	95,669.09

On motion of Commissioner Baker, which was seconded by Commissioner Davis and duly carried by unanimous vote, Consent Agenda Item 3C Tax Collector’s Report presented for Board’s information in accordance with NCGS 105-350, was accepted.

**Tax Collector’s Report
to the Warren County Board of Commissioners
For the Month February 2018**

Current Year Collections

Tax Year	Charge	Collected in February	Collected to Date	Balance Outstanding	Percentage Collected
February 2018 FY18	\$17,231,171	\$425,928	\$16,262,948	\$968,224	94.38
February 2017 FY17	\$17,820,353	\$408,337	\$16,687,240	\$1,133,113	93.64

Delinquent Collections

Year	Charge	Collected	Balance	Percentage
2016	\$474,890	\$17,063	\$312,808	65.87
2015	214,961	7,565	91,063	42.36
2014	139,824	2,744	27,673	19.79
2013	150,376	1,437	18,200	12.10
2012	112,456	1,145	14,233	12.66
2011	84,706	1,255	7,038	8.31
2010	75,563	972	11,023	14.59
2009	62,322	960	9,372	15.04
2008	69,251	428	8,249	11.91
2007	62,651	420	6,888	10.99
Total Delinquent Years	\$1,447,000	\$33,989	\$506,547	\$940,459

Other February Receipts

County Penalties	\$ 24,803	\$ 90,221
Landfill User Fees	\$ 78,791	\$ 1,393,675
Municipalities	\$ 18,364	\$ 637,860
Fire District Taxes	\$ 31,052	\$ 806,479
Advance Taxes	\$ 3,703	\$ 92,647
FEBRUARY GRAND TOTAL	\$616,630	\$19,790,377

Starlin L. Beatty, Tax Administrator 3/3/2018
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On motion of Commissioner Baker, which was seconded by Commissioner Davis and duly carried by unanimous vote, Consent Agenda Item 3D Tax Release Requests over \$100 in accordance with NCGS 105-381 “Taxpayer’s Remedies” presented for information was accepted

Over \$100 4/2/2018 CO MGR INITIALS: _____ Date: _____

ERROR CORRECTION RELEASES:

ABEL CHRISTOPHER	2017 32093 200	29227	\$113.49	BOAT SOLD IN 2016
GREENE ROBERT C	2017 39162 200	26248	\$207.77	BOAT REPO OCT 2014
KASSAB EDWARD V	2017 39164 200	26252	\$232.08	SOLD BOAT OCT 2016
TOTAL ERROR CORRECTIONS:			\$553.32	

Releases under \$100, approved by County Manager Davie were presented as information only.

Under \$100 4/2/2018 CO MGR INITIALS: _____ Date: _____

ERROR CORRECTION RELEASES:

NAME	Year	ACCT#	MAP #	RECORD	AMOUNT	REASON
HARDISON STEVE	2017	39710 200		28766	\$ 32.08	SOLD BOAT JUNE 2015
OVERTON ALLEN	2017	38595 200		29548	\$ 72.87	SOLD CAMPER JULY 2016
SUB-TOTAL ERROR CORRECTIONS:					\$104.95	

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On motion of Commissioner Baker, which was seconded by Commissioner Davis and duly carried by unanimous vote, Consent Agenda Item 3E “Resolution to Establish an Ongoing Public Arts Day” in the Town of Warrenton was adopted with Chairman Hunt authorized to sign same:

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AN
ONGOING PUBLIC ARTS DAY**

Whereas, arts comprise a rich array of disciplines including dance, music, theatre, media arts, literature, design, and visual arts; and

Whereas, the arts affect every aspect of life in America today including the economy, social problem solving, job creation, education, creativity, and community livability; and

Whereas, public art helps to create memorable experiences that are vital to community development; and

Whereas, public art plays a vital role in creating a sense of identity and understanding of the places we live, work, and play; and
Whereas, in an ongoing effort to revitalize Warrenton’s business district, Quilters Lane has been established along East and West Market Street; and
Whereas, along Quilters Lane art work in the way of quilts, quilt patterns and related displays will be on temporary and permanent display; and
Whereas, it seems appropriate that an annual opportunity be given to artists to utilize this Lane and areas around Warrenton to share their work and talents with the public.
Now Therefore be it Resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Warrenton that the first Saturday in June of each year will be Warrenton’s Public Arts Day and artists are encouraged to observe this day with appropriate activities.
Adopted this 2nd day of April 2018.

Victor Hunt, Chairman
Warren County Board of Commissioners

On motion of Commissioner Baker, which was seconded by Commissioner Davis and duly carried by unanimous vote, Consent Agenda Item 3F Proclamation – May 3, 2018 National Day of Prayer was adopted with Chairman Hunt authorized to sign same:

Proclamation
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 2018

Whereas: Civic prayers and national days of prayer have a long and venerable history in our constitutional republic, dating back to the First Continental Congress in 1775; and,
Whereas: The Declaration of Independence, our first statement as Americans of national purpose and identity, made “the Laws of Nature and Nature’s God” the foundation of our United States of America and asserted that people have inalienable rights that are God-given; and,
Whereas: The Supreme Court has affirmed the right of state legislatures to open their sessions with prayer and the Supreme Court and the US Congress themselves begin each day with prayer; and,
Whereas: In 1988, legislation setting aside the first Thursday in May in each year as a National Day of Prayer was passed unanimously by both Houses of Congress and signed by President Ronald Reagan; and,
Whereas: The National Day of Prayer is an opportunity for Americans of all faiths to join in united prayer to acknowledge our dependence on God, to give thanks for blessings received, to request healing for wounds endured, and to ask God to guide our leaders and bring wholeness to the United States and her citizens; and,
Whereas: It is fitting and proper to give thanks to God by observing a day of prayer in Warren County when all may acknowledge our blessings and express gratitude for them, while recognizing the need for strengthening religious and moral values in our State and nation.
Therefore: I, Victor Hunt, Chairman of the Warren County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim:

Thursday, May 3, 2018 to be designated as
“A DAY OF PRAYER IN WARREN COUNTY, NC”

and encourage ALL citizens to observe the day in ways appropriate to its importance and significance.

Proclaimed this the 2nd day of April 2018.

Victor Hunt, Chairman
Warren County Board of Commissioners

On motion of Commissioner Baker, which was seconded by Commissioner Davis and duly carried by unanimous vote, **Amendment #6 to the FY 2017-18 Warren County Budget Ordinance was adopted:**

AMENDMENT TO THE WARREN COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE
2017/2018
Amendment No. 6

Section 1 of the Warren County Budget Ordinance, pertaining to the General Fund operations of the County, shall be amended as follows:

Increase/(Decrease) Appropriations:

DSS Administration	20,000
Court Facilities	4,308
Register of Deeds	880
Veteran's Service Office	147
Buildings, Grounds & Maintenance - Contingency	(5,335)
Total	\$ 20,000

Section 2 of the Warren County Budget Ordinance, pertaining to the General Fund operations of the County, shall be amended as follows:	
<u>Increase/(Decrease) Revenues:</u>	
Restricted Intergovernmental- DSS 1571	\$ 20,000
Total	\$ 20,000

County Manager Davie presented a request for authorization to apply for USDA Community Connect Grant, which requires a 15% Local Match:

USDA Community Connect Grant Program

Summary

County Manager is requesting authority to submit a grant application on behalf of the county to the USDA for up to \$3,000,000 to be used to help fund broadband expansion. This application will be directly linked to the adopted broadband development plan submitted to the BOC in the April Work Session.

The grant application requires a 15% match. The maximum commitment and match amount by the county would be \$450,000 if successfully awarded \$3,000,000 by USDA.

The match would be taken from unrestricted fund balance upon successful award.

Justification

This grant deadline is May 14, 2018 and funding may or may not be available again at this time next year. The required match of 15% is very small compared to other grant situations. \$3,000,000 in successful grant funding would allow the county to proceed quickly with the initial rollout phase of broadband.

On motion of Commissioner Davis, which was seconded by Commissioner Powell and duly carried by unanimous vote, County Manager Davie was authorized to apply for USDA Community Connect Grant with a 15% Local Match (maximum \$450,000).

Commissioner Davis requested rules suspension to allow discussion of appointment to the Recreation Commission, 2nd by Commissioner Pierce.

Inquiry was made, 1) why had the member terms been allowed to lapse and 2) why was there no recommendation from the Department or Recreation Commission?

On motion of Commissioner Davis, which was seconded by Commissioner Powell and duly carried by unanimous vote, Tyrone Simes was re-appointed to the Recreation Commission for a second (2nd) term expiring February 1, 2021.

On motion of Commissioner Davis, which was seconded by Commissioner Powell and duly carried by unanimous vote, Cavin T. Boyd was re-appointed to the Recreation Commission for a second (2nd) term expiring February 1, 2021.

On motion of Commissioner Davis, which was seconded by Commissioner Powell and duly carried by unanimous vote, Ihsan Abdin was appointed to the Recreation Commission for a three (3) year term representing Soul City Parks & Recreation, term expires February 1, 2021.

On motion of Commissioner Davis, which was seconded by Commissioner Powell and duly carried by unanimous vote, Charla Duncan was appointed to the Recreation Commission for a three (3) year term expiring February 1, 2021.

On motion of Commissioner Davis, which was seconded by Commissioner Powell and duly carried by unanimous vote, Reinaldo A. Espinosa was appointed to the Recreation Commission for a three (3) year term expiring February 1, 2021.

On motion of Commissioner Davis, which was seconded by Commissioner Baker and duly carried by unanimous vote, Anthony B. Moran was re-appointed to the Planning Board for a second (2nd) term expiring March 31, 2021.

On motion of Commissioner Davis, which was seconded by Commissioner Baker and duly carried by unanimous vote, William "Barney" Watson, Jr. was re-appointed to the Planning Board for a second (2nd) term expiring March 31, 2021.

On motion of Commissioner Davis, which was seconded by Commissioner Baker and duly carried by unanimous vote, John David Williams was re-appointed to the Planning Board for a fourth (4th) term expiring March 31, 2021.

On motion of Commissioner Davis, which was seconded by Commissioner Baker and duly carried by unanimous vote, Ted Echols was re-appointed to the Planning Board for a third (3rd) term expiring March 31, 2021.

On motion of Commissioner Davis, which was seconded by Commissioner Baker and duly carried by unanimous vote, Willie Seth Pearce, Jr. was re-appointed to the Planning Board for a third (3rd) term expiring March 31, 2021.

On motion of Commissioner Davis, which was seconded by Commissioner Baker and duly carried by unanimous vote, Lewis Al Thompson was re-appointed to the Planning Board for a sixth (6th) term expiring March 31, 2021.

On motion of Commissioner Davis, which was seconded by Commissioner Baker and duly carried by unanimous vote, Clarence D. Chip King was re-appointed to the Planning Board for a second (2nd) term expiring March 31, 2021.

On motion of Commissioner Davis, which was seconded by Commissioner Baker and duly carried by unanimous vote, Charla Duncan was appointed to the Planning Board as primary alternate, for a three (3) year term expiring March 31, 2021.

On motion of Commissioner Davis, which was seconded by Commissioner Baker and duly carried by unanimous vote, Cynthia Marie Moore was appointed to the Planning Board as second (2nd) alternate, for a three (3) year term expiring March 31, 2021.

On motion of Commissioner Davis, which was seconded by Commissioner Powell and duly carried by unanimous vote, Glenn Forsythe was appointed to fill the vacancy of Henry "Hank" Bobbitt on the Zoning Board of Adjustment whose term expires June 1, 2019.

On motion of Commissioner Davis, which was seconded by Commissioner Baker and duly carried by unanimous vote, a public hearing to hear citizen comments regarding proposed amendments to Warren County's Official Zoning Ordinance, Sections II & VIII was scheduled for 5:30 pm Monday - May 7, 2018.

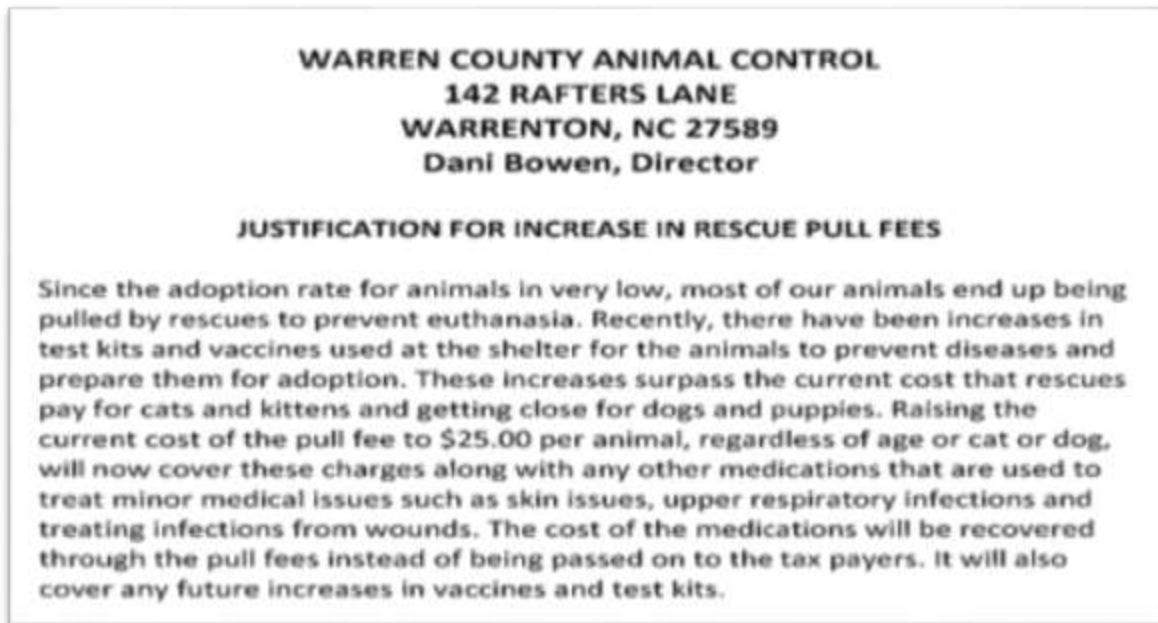
On motion of Commissioner Davis, which was seconded by Commissioner Baker and duly carried by unanimous vote, request for use of the Armory Civic Center to conduct a third (3rd) annual "Ella Baker Educational Project of NC" event on April 13, 2018 was approved. The customary \$300 cleaning/damage fee is required for rental fee exempted activities. County Manager Davie was authorized to sign appropriate documents.

Elections Director Debbie Formyduval presented legal services contract between the County and Attorney Don Wright at \$200 per hour. County Attorney Kingsberry will work closely with Wright when possible.

On motion of Commissioner Baker, which was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and duly carried by unanimous vote, legal services contract with Attorney Don Wright for Board of Election issues, at \$200 per hour was approved with appropriate signatures authorized.

Animal Control Director Danielle Bowen, requested an increase in rescue pull fees.

On motion of Commissioner Davis, which was seconded by Commissioner Baker and duly carried by unanimous vote, animal rescue pull fees were increased as requested by Animal Control Director: \$25 per animal.



On motion of Commissioner Baker, which was seconded by Commissioner Davis and duly carried by unanimous vote, Public Utilities Director Macon Robertson was designated Voting Delegate to the NC Rural Water Association's May 16, 2018 meeting.

COMMISSIONER / COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES

Attorney Kingsberry reminded Board members and the public of County Government Day Celebration scheduled for April 14th

Commissioner Pierce shared more information regarding April 14th Co Gov. Day and also informed the public that Kerr Tar Council of Government (COG) has a rehab program for elderly & handicapped housing.

Commissioner Baker announced the Health Departments Health Fair – April 3, 2018 from 10am to 1pm at the Armory Civic Center.

With no further business to discuss and on motion of Commissioner Baker which was seconded by Commissioner Powell and duly carried, the Board of Commissioners April 2, 2018 meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.


 Angelena Kearney-Dunlap, Clerk