

**RECORD OF A WORK SESSION HELD BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE ARMORY CIVIC CENTER MEETING ROOM ON WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 17, 2018 AT 7:15 PM.**

The October 17, 2018 Work Session/Meeting was opened by Vice-Chairman Tare Davis. Other Commissioners present: Bertadean Baker, Jennifer Pierce and Walter Powell. Commissioner absent: Chairman Victor Hunt. Others in attendance: County Manager Vincent Jones, Finance Officer Jamie Holtzman and County Attorney Hassan Kingsberry.

A moment of silence was followed by acknowledgement of written Department Head Reports from: Larry West, Director - Soil & Water Conservation and Charles Burwell, Director - Information Technology.

**ITEM # 2** Resolution from Cathy A. Scott, Director of Halifax County EDC, in support of location of passenger rail station and service in Weldon, NC was presented for Board's consideration.

On motion of Commissioner Pierce, which was seconded by Commissioner Baker and duly carried by unanimous vote, Resolution Supporting Location of Passenger Rail Station & Service in Weldon, NC was adopted. Vice Chairman Davis was authorized to sign same.

State of North Carolina

County of Warren

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE LOCATON  
OF A PASSENGER RAIL STATION & SERVICE IN WELDON, NC**

WHEREAS, many towns and economic centers in northeastern North Carolina were formed along railroads and continue to rely on this critical infrastructure to support economic progress; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Weldon has a rich rail history as the home of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, the longest railroad in the world at the time of completion in 1840; and

WHEREAS, railroads continue to be vital to the growth of North Carolina's economy and to the development, strength and diversity of its businesses and education, cultural, and civic institutions; and

WHEREAS, the ability for Weldon, Halifax County and the surrounding area to compete in a global economy requires an efficient and diverse transportation network to provide stable transportation costs and increase travel between metropolitan and rural communities and regions; and

WHEREAS, the location of a passenger rail station in Weldon will provide access to passenger rail for approximately 122,000 residents that live more than 30 minutes from a passenger rail station which includes Warren County residents; and

WHEREAS, passenger trains offer an economical mode of transportation that is usually less expensive than driving or flying and CLOSER to communities than commercial airports; and

WHEREAS, passenger rail access in Weldon, NC will connect the Northeast region to education and employment opportunities in urban areas and improve the quality of life and income levels of its residents; and

WHEREAS, passenger rail service in Weldon, NC will stimulate economic activity and spur private investment in the area around the rail station; and

WHEREAS, a passenger rail station in Weldon, NC will support commercial activity by bringing visitors into proximity of shopping, retail, tourism, and other destinations, thereby increasing business activity and tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the location of a passenger rail station and service in Weldon, NC is the highest priority rail project in Halifax County; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Weldon, by resolution, has authorized the Weldon Library as the location of the passenger rail station.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, THAT:

The Warren County Board of Commissioners supports the NC Department of Transportation's (NCDOT's) plans to construct a second Roanoke River crossing which will include approximately 10.5 miles of double track across the National Gateway Corridor.

The Warren County Board of Commissioners support the location of an Amtrak Passenger Train Station in Weldon, North Carolina.

Additionally, the Warren County Board of Commissioners requests the support of Halifax County in any potential efforts to be sure Warren County is not negatively impacted by plans for High Speed Rail in Warren County. Warren County has a rich rail history as home of the earliest portion of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad.

Adopted this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018.

Warren County Board of Commissioners

Tare Davis, Vice Chairman

**ITEM # 3 Pink Ribbon Resolution Recognizing Breast Cancer Awareness from Margaret Clayton.**

**On motion of Commissioner Pierce, which was seconded by Commissioner Powell and duly carried by unanimous vote, Pink Ribbon Resolution Recognizing Breast Cancer Awareness from Margaret Clayton, with Vice-Chairman Davis authorized to sign was adopted.**

**Proclamation**

**National Breast Cancer Awareness Month  
and Pink Ribbon Week 2018**

**by  
Warren County Board of Commissioners**

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths among American women and one out of every eight women in America will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime. During National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we renew our commitment to fighting this disease, raising awareness, and supporting those affected by breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that several factors may increase the risk of developing breast cancer, including family history, age, genetics, and obesity. By making healthy lifestyle choices, exercising regularly, and knowing the risk factors and communicating risk factors with their providers, individuals can help reduce the risk of developing breast cancer. Knowing one's risk is important because mammograms are ordered by age and risk; based on the American Cancer Society Screening Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, county government agencies, community organizations, churches, synagogues and other places of worship, and work sites can play a special role in educating their members or employees about breast cancer by committing to raising the county health rankings and reducing mortality rates by (1) raising awareness of screening guidelines, (2) increasing access to resources, and (3) joining the state and national movements to find a cure for the disease. When breast cancer is detected early, treatment is more effective, giving hope to patients and helping save lives; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Commissioners are committed to joining the combined efforts promoting early detection and a cure for breast cancer as evidence by the signing of this official proclamation. In order to best detect and treat breast cancer and to support women in northeastern North Carolina, county government, the local health department, other health care partners and agencies as well as key civic groups, will continue to promote important breast cancer education and prevention activities; and

WHEREAS, during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we remember those living with breast cancer and their family and friends who provide them with love and support. Their courage and determination are an inspiration to us all. We also recognize the innovative, lifesaving work of doctors, researchers, and other medical professionals. Through their efforts to prevent, detect, and treat breast cancer, they are helping make a difference in the lives of our citizens. Until we find a cure for breast cancer, we will continue our fight against this disease.

Now, therefore, we, the Warren County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize October 2018 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and proclaim October 14 through 20, 2018, as Pink Ribbon Week in Warren County by wearing and or/displaying pink ribbons in recognition of breast cancer and in honor of women who are now courageously fighting the battle with breast cancer. We further encourage women to consult with their health care providers concerning regular screening and to promote early detection of breast cancer by having regular clinical breast examinations and getting regular mammograms.

**ITEM # 4 Parks & Recreation Master Plan, presented by Richard “Dickie” Williams, Director - Parks & Recreation Department. A Comprehensive Plan report was given by Consultants Rachel Carter and Laura Strand. Each County Commissioner will be scheduled to meet with consultants to give individual input on what Parks & Recreation Master Plan should look like.**

**ITEM # 5 Update on Cleaning Services Contracts for County Buildings from Terrance Williams, Director – Building & Grounds Maintenance Department.**

**A. GMS Commercial Cleaning Service at \$3,000 per month and**

**B. A+ Cleaning Service, Inc at \$6,667 per month**

**On motion of Commissioner Pierce, which was seconded by Commissioner Baker and duly carried by unanimous vote, contracts for cleaning of county buildings from GMS Commercial Cleaning Service at \$3,000 per month (to provide specialty floor cleaning services as needed) and A+ Cleaning Service, Inc at \$6,667 per month were adopted. Vice Chairman Davis was authorized to sign each.**

**ITEM # 6 Waterline Easement by Macon Robertson, Director - Public Utilities.**

**Contract for Waterline Easement between Gaston Point Subdivision (Developer) located in River Township and Warren County (Public Utilities) was presented for Board’s review and action.**

**On motion of Commissioner Pierce, which was seconded by Commissioner Baker and duly carried by unanimous vote, contract for Waterline Easement between Gaston Point Subdivision (Developer) located in River Township and Warren County (Public Utilities) was approved, with Vice Chairman Davis authorized to sign deed of easement.**

**ITEM # 7 On motion of Commissioner Baker, which was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to enter into CLOSED SESSION according to NCGS §143-318.11(a)(5)&(6) for discussion concerning negotiating for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease and personnel matters.**

**On motion of Commissioner Pierce, which was seconded by Commissioner Powell and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to return to the regular work session/meeting.**

**On motion of Commissioner Baker, which was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and duly carried by unanimous vote, Agenda Item 7-A was added to the October 17, 2018 Work Session / Meeting agenda.**

**ITEM 7-A Recommendation for Public Utilities Director position. County Manager Jones made the following recommendations for Public Utilities Director position:**

- A. Move position from Grade 30 to Grade 33 in order to increase chances of a successful recruitment.
- B. Revise Public Utilities Director position description.

On motion of Commissioner Baker, which was seconded by Commissioner Pierce and duly carried, Public Utilities Director position was moved from Grade 30 to Grade 33 and revised Public Utilities Director position description was adopted.

**ITEM # 8**    **Adjourn Work Session**

On motion of Commissioner Baker, which was seconded by Commissioner Davis and duly carried, the October 17, 2018 Work Session/Meeting was adjourned.



Angelena Kearney-Dunlap, Clerk