



Caldwell County
North Carolina
Board of Commissioners Meeting

November 13, 2023 at 6:00 PM
City-County Chambers
905 West Avenue NW, Lenoir

MINUTES

Attendance:

Randy Church, Chairman
Mike LaBrose, Vice Chairman
Jeff Branch, Commissioner
Donnie Potter, Commissioner
David Lackey, County Attorney
Donald Duncan, County Manager
Abby Rich, County Clerk

Absent:

Robbie Wilkie, Commissioner

Call to Order

Chairman Church called the November 13, 2023 Board of Commissioners Meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Public Comment Period

There were no individuals signed up for public comment.

Invocation

Pastor Same Craven with Union Grove Baptist Church provided the invocation for those in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chairman LaBrose led the Pledge of Allegiance for those in attendance.

Agenda Amendments from the Board, Manager & Public

The County Manager informed the Board of two amendments to the agenda. Those amendments were the addition of Item 20 and removal of Item 15.

The Board briefly discussed the length of time the Central Street property located in Hudson has been under contract.

Commissioner Branch requested the addition of Item 4 to the regular agenda to discuss the property located on Central Street in Hudson.

Vice Chairman LaBrose made the motion to accept the agenda with the changes as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Items

1. Approval to Publish Notice to Accept Bid for Purchase of County Owned Property- Parcel ID 03 43 3 7

The County Manager informed the Board that Jim Engelman is requesting to purchase a parcel that adjoins his property. The offer amount is \$1,500 and the Board would need to advertise for upset bids in the amount of 10%.

Commissioner Branch made the motion to post the upset bid for the purchase of this property.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. WPCOG Agreement for Code Enforcement Services

Commissioner Potter made the motion to approve the agreement that has been presented by the WPCOG for an Agreement for Code Enforcement Services.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. Welcome Home Vietnam Veteran's Day

Chairman Church read the proclamation for those in attendance and those listening from home.

Vice Chairman LaBrose made the motion to adopt the proclamation.

Chairman Church continued by saying that the Board appreciates all of our veterans.

Chairman Church thanked the veterans and recognized their courage for what they did and continue to do for our country.

The motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion of Property on Central Street in Hudson

Commissioner Branch made the motion that the buyer has until November 30th to close on the property, or it will go back on the market. Chairman Church said that he agrees that this has been a long wait. Commissioner Potter asked when the original offer was made. The County Manager said that the first offer was made in March.

The motion carried unanimously.

Consent

Chairman Church turned the meeting over to the County Manager to present the consent agenda.

4. Sale of Property for Project Einstein

The proceeds from the sale of the property will be moved back into the Economic Development Fund. The amount of proceeds is \$386,000.

5. Acceptance Of Emergency Management Equipment Grant

Emergency Management received a grant for cooling fans in the amount of \$16,029.30.

6. Acceptance of Homeland Security Grant for Emergency Management Equipment

Emergency Management received a Homeland Security grant in the amount of \$55,500 for a trailer equipped with showers and facilities.

7. Reimburse NC 911 Board

The County requested \$478,000 in reimbursements from the NC 911 Board. Not all the reimbursement requests were approved, and the County must return \$165,726.59.

Chairman Church asked Mr. Duncan what was not approved by the NC 911 Board. Mr. Duncan provided that there was a server that had to be replaced off-cycle because it became inoperable. Due to the server being replaced off-cycle, the NC 911 Board would not cover the expense.

8. Return Remaining JCPC Funds

JCPC has unspent funds in the amount of \$1,055.39 that must be returned to the State.

9. Acknowledgment of Blue Ridge Community Action Block Grant

Blue Ridge Community Action has submitted their Community Action Block Grant. The Board must acknowledge that the report has been received.

10. Reappointment of Faye Higgins to the Jury Commission

Faye Higgins has requested reappointment to the Jury Commission.

11. Economic Development Position Overlap

There will be position overlap in Economic Development. The amount for this overlap is \$24,360.00.

12. Water Department Capital Equipment Purchase

The Water Department is requesting a fund balance appropriation from the Water Fund in the amount of \$275,000 to replace a dump truck that is in need of extensive repairs.

13. Lottery Release of Funds for Collettsville School Waste Water Improvement

Approval is requested for the NC Lottery release of funds for the Collettsville School waste water improvement.

14. Sheriff's Office Equipment Purchase

The Sheriff's Office has had several retirees over the past several years and has not been replacing those firearms. This budget revision will replace those, any anticipated

retirements, and provide spares in the event they are needed. The amount of the revision is \$14,300.00.

15. Project Ordinance for Hudson EMS Base Renovations

Removed from agenda.

16. Declare Equipment as Surplus Property

Items from the former Animal Control Facility are being requested to be declared as surplus property.

17. Sell Equipment to a Non-Profit

A local non-profit has requested to purchase surplus equipment from the previous Animal Control Facility for the amount of \$1.00.

18. Appointment of Kim Arnett to VAYA Board

Ms. Arnett will be filling the seat for previous Social Services Director Will Wakefield.

19. Approval of Minutes from October 9, 2023 Meeting

Approval is requested for the October 9, 2023 meeting minutes.

20. Sheriff's Office Purchase of Used Vehicle

A Sheriff's Office Vehicle needs to be replaced sooner than anticipated. This revision allows for the purchase of a used vehicle in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Vice Chairman LaBrose made the motion to accept the consent agenda as the County Manager had presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session Pursuant to § 143-318.11.(a) (4) and § 143-318.11.(a) (6)

Chairman Church made the motion to enter into the closed session pursuant to GS 143-318.11 (a) (4) and 143-318.11 (a) (6) to discuss matters relating to Economic Development and personnel at 6:21 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Branch made the motion to exit closed session at 8:24 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

Commissioner Potter made the motion to adjourn at 8:25 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION

05-2023

**WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY**

WHEREAS, we are honoring and remembering our Caldwell County Veterans and their sacrifices as they served in the Vietnam Conflict and following their return to American soil; and

WHEREAS, more than 80,000 Americans were sent to South Vietnam by the end of 1965, peaking by the end of 1969 with more than 543,000 servicemen and women in country and off the coast; and

WHEREAS, over three million Americans served in the Vietnam War and 58,300 American members of our Armed Forces, with either of these women, sacrificed their lives endeavoring to bring peace, compassion, and protection; and

WHEREAS, approximately 216,348 North Carolinians served in Vietnam and the names of 1,602 are inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington D.C. to honor or commemorate those who lost their lives in Vietnam or directly from physical injuries therein; and

WHEREAS, approximately 2,020 Caldwell County men and women served in this most unpopular war with 21 names from this County inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial War in our Nation's Capital; and

WHEREAS, our Vietnam Veterans served with honor, courage, and sacrifice.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Randy T. Church, and the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners, do hereby wish to recognize the courage and sacrifice of our Caldwell County Vietnam Veterans by proclaiming November 10, 2023, as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day.

Throughout Caldwell County we encourage all residents and businesses to join in this special observance.

Adopted this the 13th day of November 2023.

Randy Church, Chairman of the Board
Caldwell County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Abby Rich, NECCC
County Clerk

RESOLUTION

29-2023



RESOLUTION APPROVING CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY TO A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION PURSUANT TO G.S. 160A-279

WHEREAS, the Caldwell County owns personal property in the form of the following:

1. Ritter M9 Ultraclave Autoclave, Asset number 08447,
2. Canine scale- no asset number,
3. Stainless Steel IV hanger no asset number,
4. Stainless Steel Surgery Table- no asset number,
5. Stainless steel surgery cart- no asset number,
6. Stainless steel table " small two tier " no asset number, and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute §160A-279 authorizes a county to convey real or personal property by private sale to a nonprofit corporation if the city or county is authorized by law to appropriate money to the corporation; and

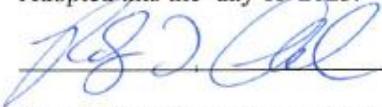
WHEREAS, Caldwell County agrees to convey these personal properties for the sum of \$1.00 each to Foothills Canine Rescue, 220 Joycetown Church Road, Lenoir, NC 28645; and

WHEREAS, if these personal property items are to be sold or otherwise disposed of, all proceeds are remitted back to Caldwell County, or the items may be returned and disposed of by the County.

NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSONERS RESOLVE THAT:

- 1) The County Manager is authorized to execute all documents necessary to convey aforementioned personal property, with the caveat that any proceeds generated from sale be returned.
- 2) The County Clerk shall publish a notice summarizing the contents of this resolution.

Adopted this the day of 2023.



Randy Church, Chairman of the Board
Caldwell County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Abby Rich, NCCCC
County Clerk