

MITCHELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION

MARCH 3, 2014

NORTH CAROLINA

MITCHELL COUNTY

The Mitchell County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on March 3, 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; Keith Holtsclaw, Member; Ken Hollifield, Member; Rickey McKinney, Member; Charles Vines, County Manager and Kathy Young, Clerk to the Board. Also present were: Mavis Parsley and Andy Mendhenk, Reporter with 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** – Commissioner Holtsclaw 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** – Chairman Slagle stated that the NCVTS Pending Refund Report and the corrected valuation report needed to be added to the Consent Agenda under Vehicle Refunds/Releases.
6. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Commissioner Street moved to adopt the Agenda. Commissioner Hollifield seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Commissioner Hollifield moved to approve the Minutes for February 3, 2013. Commissioner Street seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
8. **PRESENTATIONS**
 - A. **Presentation of the NC Order of the Long Leaf Pine to County Manager Vines** – Phillip Frye said this was a special presentation to a special person doing work

for the citizens of Mitchell County. He stated he started working on getting the Order of the Long Leaf Pine for Charles Vines before he retired. Mr. Frye explained that he had contacted Representative Josh Dobson and Senator Hise and they agreed to present this to the Governor. He stated that Charles had been very involved in High Country Council of Government, and he could be serving on 15 to 20 different committees at any given time. Mr. Frye said that he didn't know of anyone who deserved this honor more than Charles Vines. He stated that Mr. Vines was currently serving on several state committees.

Representative Dobson said when Mr. Frye asked him to sign on he agreed just because of Charles Vines love for Mitchell County.

Senator Hise stated that the NC Order of the Long Leaf Pine is the highest honor that can be bestowed on individual. He read the Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

County Manager Vines stated that fifty percent belonged to Beverly for supporting him in his public service for the last forty-five years. He said that he loved Mitchell County, the Town of Bakersville and Spruce Pine.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/BOARD COMMENTS** – None.

10. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

A. **Budget Amendment #1 for FY 2013-2014** – Commissioner Street moved adopt Budget Amendment #1 for FY 2013-2014 (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes). Commissioner Hollifield seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

B. **FY 2014 Community Transportation Program Budget Amendment** – MCTA Director, Sheila Blalock stated she had requested a decrease in their Capital Agreement with NCDOT/PTD in the amount of \$500. She stated the reason for the change is she decided to purchase a 22' LTV not a 25' LTV due to the mountainous roads and the cost of driver's obtaining their CDL License.

Commissioner Hollifield moved to approve the FY 2014 Community Transportation Program Budget Amendment (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes). Commissioner McKinney seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

C. **Phillip Franklin Tax Appeal** – Commissioner Hollifield moved to compromise the penalty amount of \$664.58 on the Discovery Notice for Phillip Franklin. Commissioner Street seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

D. **Parcel 0870-03-00-9890** – County Manager Vines stated that Dale England with Green Cove Properties had a client interested in purchasing parcel 0870-03-00-9890 from Mitchell County. He stated he had discussed this with Interim County Attorney Hise and he recommended that the Board set a minimum bid of \$4,000 on this property.

Commissioner McKinney moved to set \$4,000 as the minimum bid for parcel 0870-03-00-9890. Commissioner Street seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

11. **APPOINTMENTS**

A. **County Attorney** – Commissioner Hollifield moved to appoint Lloyd Hise as the

County Attorney. Commissioner McKinney seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Releases/Refunds/Discoveries for February 2014

B. Vehicle Releases/Refunds

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.

13. COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT – County Manager Vines stated that one of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners top five goals were to reinstate ADM and lottery funds for School Construction.

14. BOARD COMMENTS – Senator Hise stated he appreciated the opportunity to be able to attend the meeting.

Chairman Slagle told County Manager Vines he appreciated what he did each day. He said that it was a joy and a pleasure to work with him.

Commissioner Holtsclaw told County Manager Vines that he did an excellent job representing Mitchell County.

Commissioner McKinney said the County Manager Vines was doing a good job.

Commissioner Holtsclaw stated that County Manager Vines was doing an outstanding job.

Commissioner Street echoed what had already been said about County Manager Vines. He said that he appreciated the sacrifices he made to do a great job for Mitchell County.

15. ADJOURNMENT – Commissioner Hollifield moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner McKinney seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Kathy Young, NCCCC Clerk to the Board