

MINUTES
WILKES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 6, 2016

The Wilkes County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 10:03 A.M. with the following members present: Chairman Eddie Settle, Vice Chairman Greg Minton, Commissioner Keith Elmore, Commissioner Gary D. Blevins, and Commissioner David Gambill.

Also present for the meeting were Tony Triplett, County Attorney; John Yates, County Manager; and Sarah Call, Clerk to the Board.

Chairman Eddie Settle welcomed everyone to the meeting.

INVOCATION – Commissioner David Gambill led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Chairman Eddie Settle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Vice Chairman Greg Minton, seconded by Commissioner Gary D. Blevins and unanimously adopted to approve the Minutes of the Board meeting held on August 16, 2016.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS/TRANSFERS – Motion was made by Commissioner Keith Elmore to approve Budget Amendment No. 3 (General Fund – Emergency Management – Budgeting additional grant revenues awarded by the NC Dept. of Public Safety. These funds will be used to enhance the Emergency Management program. Some of these funds will purchase generators to be used in case of an emergency or power outage.) The motion was seconded by Commissioner David Gambill and unanimously approved.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION – 2016 EXCELLENCE IN INNOVATION AWARD – Chairman Settle welcomed Matt Gunnet, Membership Services Coordinator with N.C. Association of County Commissioners (NCACC). Mr. Gunnet thanked the Board and recognized Jazmine Kilpatrick with the Local Government Federal Credit Union (LGFCU) that provides a check that goes along with this award. He said the NCACC supports and promotes the well-being of all Counties through education and research along with membership services, in which all 100 counties work together for the betterment of the State. Mr. Gunnet went over a few things that the NCACC is working on currently. He recognized and thanked Commissioner Gary D. Blevins for heading up the Legislative Goals Committee last year and also Chairman Eddie Settle for his service as Chairman of committees at NCACC for the past couple of years and again this year.

Mr. Gunnet said this award began in 1991 and the NCACC is honored to have the LGFCU take over the funding of these awards. Ms. Kilpatrick said the LGFCU is grateful to have the opportunity to take over the sponsorship of this award. She said in addition to the monetary

portion of this award they also hosted an awards luncheon and reception at the NCACC's Annual Conference in which the Commissioners' attended. Ms. Kilpatrick said the LGFCU also offers scholarships at the UNC School of Government throughout the year.

Mr. Gunnet stated 10 awards were given in 4 categories from 42 submissions. He said the judges considered innovation, measurable results for improved service delivery, cost savings, and whether or not this product can be replicated in other counties. The judges also considered if this was likely to be implemented in these counties, he added. Mr. Gunnet said they are pleased to present this award to the Wilkes EMS for their iPad Project. He added this project decreases 50% of the document scanning process which saves almost 4-weeks of labor for the EMS System and increased productivity. Mr. Gunnet stated the team members for this project were Tim Pennington from EMS and Greg Adams for the IT Department. He asked Eric Morrison, Tim Pennington, and Greg Adams to come forward. Mr. Morrison, EMS Director said he appreciated Mr. Pennington and Mr. Adams for their work on this project, this has helped the office staff and paramedics to be more efficient and do a better job.

The Board thanked the NCACC, LGFCU, Wilkes EMS and the IT Department.

WILKES C3 COMPREHENSIVE CARE CENTER – UPDATE – Chairman Eddie Settle welcomed and recognized Genny Pugh. She thanked the Board and recognized Catherine Ervin an Interim with Daymark, Kristin Grant with Daymark, and Robin Winkler with Smoky Mountain. Ms. Pugh provided a power point presentation to the Board on behalf of Smoky Mountain MCO. She said they are the Managed Care Organization that oversees the delivery of mental health, substance abuse, intellectual, and developmental disability services for this area. Ms. Pugh added they also oversee the expenditures of all the Medicaid and state dollars for these services. Daymark is the local comprehensive provider, she noted.

Ms. Pugh briefly went over the presentation and highlighted the benefits of having a C3 (Comprehensive Care Center) program in Wilkes and specifically the folks this center will serve and help. She said this location will have a Behavioral Health Urgent Care available 24/7, 365 days a year. This would help about 70% of the folks that currently go to the Emergency Department (ED) at the hospital for behavioral health issues, she added. Ms. Pugh stated the other service that would be provided is an in-patient crisis stabilization service for the patient that cannot be stabilized in 23 hours or less. They can stay from 1 to 7 days, she stated. Ms. Pugh said this service is for detox, voluntary, and involuntary commitment. She added there are a lot of resources used for involuntary commitments and this would become the preferred alternative to the ED for these folks and is more effective for the treatment they need. She said 30% of the people that currently go to the ED end up waiting anywhere from 5 days to a few weeks for inpatient care and many of them could go directly to the facility based crisis instead. Ms. Pugh stated the proposed location will be at Daymark Recovery with an addition that will be built on to the existing building for a 16 bed facility, with the potential to go to 24 in the future. She said there will be a private entrance for law enforcement to secure drop offs for the involuntary commitments, in addition to entrances for the public and family.

Ms. Pugh said she is here today to continue the process of educating the community and looking for partnerships and collaboration opportunities. She stated this is needed in Wilkes County, but this is not a Wilkes County only service, it will be open to the Smoky Northern Counties to include Ashe, Alleghany, Avery, and Watauga. Ms. Pugh said they are currently working on capital fundraising which starts with the Community Reinvestment Plan from Smoky Mountain. She noted they have committed \$1.3 million toward the construction. They also have a commitment for continued development of the operations budget and a sustainable operation budget, she added.

Vice Chairman Minton asked the total project cost. Ms. Pugh replied total construction cost is estimated at \$2.3 million for 10,000 additional sq. ft. Chairman Settle said it will be built for 16 but can expand to 24 beds. Ms. Pugh agreed and said in the past there was a size limit for these programs, but there has been a recent ruling allowing expanding without jeopardizing federal funding. She said this is why this facility has the opportunity to expand. She added the Urgent Care can serve up to 8 individuals at a time. Commissioner Elmore asked what type of fundraising is underway and will it be in all five of the counties. Ms. Pugh said they are exploring local partnership and foundations like Golden LEAF and they will write proposals and applications for funding from any source that will fund capital. She added once Wilkes is on board they will roll this out to the other counties for funding partnerships.

Commissioner Gambill asked what the incentive is for the folks in treatment to finish the program, because that seems to be a problem. Ms. Pugh replied they give them hope and the possibility for things to get better and build the relationships they need in a positive setting. Commissioner Gambill asked if the Law Enforcement Offices can skip the ED or will they still have to go through that process. Ms. Pugh said as soon as this facility becomes an involuntary commitment facility this would be the drop off site for Law Enforcement and they would only stay until the person is secure. Commissioner Blevins said they have been dealing with and working on the involuntary commitment issues for many years. The ED is acting as a defector crisis center at a very high cost with a lot of time and personnel from the Sheriff Office, he noted. He stated the hospital added several rooms in the last few years specifically for these folks, due to excessive number of cases. Commissioner Blevins said he has spoken with Billy West and the crisis based program is working well, it is very important that the process continues and the funding is found. He added he appreciated Smoky stepping up with the commitment of funds. Commissioner Blevins stated this will also help the Sheriff Department and their personnel. Vice Chairman Minton added at least 16% to 20% of their folks are working on this issue or with commitments at any given time.

Chairman Settle asked about the percentage of cycling back particularly with drug addictions. Ms. Pugh stated without this model it may be as high as 30% but in a facility they have opened in Asheville within the past 7 months they are seeing only a 3% to 5% rate. This is because in this program there is an option for these folks to come back before they get to a crisis, she added. Chairman Settle said at the ER there seems to be a pretty high recycle rate. Ms. Pugh stated she will send the Board some data on this issue as there is information available she can share with them. She added that she has worked closely with Gene Faile and others at Wilkes Regional and

they are very helpful and do a great job on gathering anonymous data to find out who is going to the ED and who is being discharged at what point or went to inpatient care.

Chairman Settle asked the timeline. Ms. Pugh replied the capital funds have to be raised, then they have to plan for sustainability to run for decades and keep a watch on state funding. They think this facility could be ready to open in 2018, she added. Chairman Settle said the NCACC has also worked on an initiative for behavioral health in the past few years. Commissioner Blevins agreed and added this is one of the most important roles of the association, which is to recognize issues and bring them to the attention of the legislatures.

The Board thanked Ms. Pugh for her presentation and update on the C3 project.

WILKES COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY: Chairman Settle welcomed Julia Turpin, County Librarian. Ms. Turpin stated she is joined by Ms. Jane Blackburn the Regional Director of Appalachian Regional Library.

1. BOARD APPOINTMENT – Ms. Turpin stated there is a vacancy on the Appalachian Regional Library Board created by the resignation of Janice Hayes. She added the Library Board of Trustees is recommending Ms. Beth Tharrington for this 4-year term effective September 15, 2016.

Commissioner Keith Elmore made a motion to approve the appointment of Ms. Beth Tharrington to serve on the Appalachian Regional Library Board for a 4-year term, as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Greg Minton and unanimously approved.

2. REGIONAL LIBRARY AND WILKES COUNTY LIBRARY UPDATE – Ms. Blackburn said this is a surprise presentation because she wanted to come and provide an update for the Region which includes Wilkes, Ashe, and Watauga Counties. She provided a power point presentation to the Board. Ms. Blackburn highlighted their 5-year plan, statistics for the region, the Story Walk program, and Little Free Libraries, which is bring a book, take a book initiative. She gave an update on grants and funding received and programs or training that was provided from these funds. Ms. Turpin provided a brief update on some successful programs at the Wilkes Library, which is the imagination café, read with Rudy, and check out Wilkes. She said imagination café is the summer lunch and learn program for kids that has been very successful. The read with Rudy is reading time with a beautiful black lab that is a real treat for both children and adults, she added. Ms. Turpin said last is a new program in which they have added items to check out at the library that are not books, which is becoming very successful. They have fishing poles, tackle boxes, horse shoes, pickle ball sets, basketballs and many items to use at the local parks and this was a joint effort with both the Town of North Wilkesboro and the Town of Wilkesboro, she added.

Ms. Blackburn gave an update on the successful programs in Ashe and Watauga Counties. She said all three of the libraries have a new logo, unique to them. Ms. Blackburn provided slides on their budgets and said they have 4 budgets, one from the state, and one for each County. She briefly went over where the funds are spent and mentioned they keep a fund balance in each one

and are very thrifty. In closing Ms. Blackburn mentioned a joint effort with Work Force Development and some grant opportunities available that they are currently applying for.

Chairman Settle asked if they require a specific percent of fund balance in each fund. Ms. Blackburn replied they are not statutorily required to do so, but they use the standard rule of thumb to keep at least 17% in fund balance for emergencies. Commissioners Blevins said there have been some good improvements at the Library. He added more interactive programs and access to things people don't have at home is a great concept. The Board thanked Mr. Turpin and Ms. Blackburn for the updates.

RECESS – Chairman Eddie Settle declared the meeting of the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners recessed at 11:13 A.M. He stated the meeting will reconvene in approximately five minutes.

RECONVENE – Chairman Eddie Settle reconvened the meeting of the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners at 11:20 A.M. on Tuesday, September 6, 2016.

BLUE RIDGE OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION – BROCC – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF FINAL BUDGET REVISIONS – FY 2015-2016 – Chairman Eddie Settle recognized Jennifer Cooper, BROCC Elderly Nutrition Program Director. Ms. Cooper stated she is here to request approval of the BROCC Elderly Nutrition program budget changes to move money from Congregate Meals to Home Delivery Meals, and from Housing and Home Improvement to Home Delivery Meals.

Commissioner Elmore asked if a meal route has been set up or planned in the Boomer area. Ms. Cooper replied it is on the list of things they would love to do, but they would need a grant or additional funds to do this. Commissioner Elmore asked if money was the issue and not the route location. Ms. Cooper said yes and added they need money to pay for the food and the drivers' reimbursement. She stated there is no shortage of people in need. Ms. Cooper said the way the waiting list and forms to sign up work, it not first come, first serve, it is a points system. They ask many questions about mobility, health, what they can do for themselves, is family close by, and so on, she said. Ms. Cooper added this way the points let them know the folks that are in serious need based on these questions and they will be first on the list once there is an opening. Commissioner Blevins ask if once someone is on the list they could be taken off if a more serious need comes up. Ms. Cooper replied yes. Commissioner Blevins asked how often this is reviewed. Ms. Cooper replied it is constantly changing. She added, they ask the folks to let them know if something changes with their needs so the form can be updated so they can move up higher on the list. Ms. Cooper said this is more than a meal for most of these folks, they help identify safety and security needs and also can recognize if the folks are having a bad day or seem to need additional help. When this happens the drivers call the office and report this and then they call the emergency contact for them and let someone know they need to be checked on, she noted.

Vice Chairman Greg Minton made a motion to approve the Blue Ridge Opportunity Commission Final Budget Revisions for FY 2015-2016 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keith Elmore and unanimously approved.

WILKES COUNTY EMS - FRANCHISE APPLICATION – WILKES COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD – SECOND VOTE TO APPROVE – Chairman Settle welcomed and recognized Eric Morrison, EMS Director and Shawn Staley with Wilkes Rescue Squad. Mr. Morrison said he is here for the second vote and final approval for the Wilkes County Rescue Squad’s Franchise Application per the Franchise Ordinance.

Commissioner David Gambill made a motion to approve the Wilkes County Rescue Squad Franchise Application Agreement for the second and final approval, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keith Elmore and unanimously approved.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

1. ROAD NAME REQUEST – MARY ANN LANE – SET PUBLIC HEARING – Planning Director Eddie Barnes asked the Board of Commissioners to set a Public Hearing on a Road Name Request received by petition to the Planning Department. He stated the Road Name Request is for Mary Ann Lane, Edwards Township; the request meets the requirements of the Wilkes County Road Naming Ordinance and as required by the Wilkes County Road Naming Ordinance a Public Hearing and a ten day (10) notification period is required.

Commissioner David Gambill made a motion to set a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 9:55 A.M. regarding the Road Name Request as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gary D. Blevins and unanimously approved.

2. ROAD NAME REQUEST – OLD HIGH ROCK LANE – SET PUBLIC HEARING – Planning Director Eddie Barnes asked the Board of Commissioners to set a Public Hearing on a Road Name Request received by petition to the Planning Department. He stated the Road Name Request is for Old High Rock Lane, Boomer Township; the request meets the requirements of the Wilkes County Road Naming Ordinance and as required by the Wilkes County Road Naming Ordinance a Public Hearing and a ten day (10) notification period is required.

Commissioner David Gambill made a motion to set a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 9:55 A.M. regarding the Road Name Request as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gary D. Blevins and unanimously approved.

TAX DEPARTMENT – TAX RELEASES – Tax Administrator Alex Hamilton asked the Board to approve tax releases in the amount of \$14,737.06. He stated most of these were a result of the bills going out and mistakes that were made. Commissioner Blevins asked how many bills were sent out. Mr. Hamilton replied 50,000 to 55,000.

Commissioner Keith Elmore made a motion to approve tax releases in the amount of \$14,737.06 as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Greg Minton and unanimously approved.

A detailed listing of tax releases are maintained in the Wilkes County Tax Administrator's office.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – UPDATE – Chairman Settle recognized John Blevins, DSS Director. Mr. Blevins said first he would like to go over the 2015-2016 Agency Brochure. He stated the pie chart shows the breakdown of the budget, it includes the money that comes in from all sources and where the funds are spent. It also includes a breakdown of their services with some statistically data for Wilkes County DSS, he added.

Ms. Blevins stated the Wilkes County Adult Care article in the paper recently stated it is closed and the information in the article is about all the information they have at this time. He added they do not know if it will remain closed or re-open, that is yet to be determined. The facility is empty at this time, he said.

Mr. Blevins provided the Commissioners with handouts for July. He briefly went over the monthly caseload report. The ABAWD (Able Bodies Adults without Dependents) began this month and September is the last month of the three month window they had, he noted. Mr. Blevins said there is about 645 folks that would fall under this, unless they have an exemption and if not, they will have to go to work 20 hours per week. He noted several have turned in doctor notes or are caring for a relative and they don't know how many may be removed yet. Mr. Blevins said he can provide a better update next month, but some have become employed, which is great. Vice Chairman Minton asked if they are generating data on this. Mr. Blevins replied yes they are trying to. He said the state is gathering some data but he is having his workers collect this in addition for local data so they know the impact for Wilkes. Commissioner Elmore asked if this was a state initiative. Mr. Blevins replied it was a result of pressure from the federal government and the state. He added there is a similar optional program in FNS, and it will be the next to do this. Commissioner Blevins stated the FNS funding comes from the feds. Mr. Blevins said that is correct, except the county provides 50% of the cost of the workers that administer the programs. Chairman Settle stated the federal government applied the pressure for this program. Mr. Blevins replied yes and added they are applying pressure currently and want counties to also become ENT, which is Employment in Training counties.

Mr. Blevins next went over the rest of the July caseload report, Foster Care financial report, Adoption Services financial report, Child Development and Subsidized Child Care financial report. Commissioner Gary D. Blevins asked if the daycare funding was less than last year. Mr. Blevins replied yes. Commissioner Blevins asked how many kids are on the waiting list. Mr. Blevins replied approximately 40 and they are keeping a close eye on these funds. Next he went through the CPS Foster Care monthly reports for July. Mr. Blevins said they lost a few foster homes due to adoptions and they are working to get this number back up, and they also completed 5 TRP's. Commissioner Gambill asked if they knew the number or how long the kids were in the system before the TPR was completed for those 5. Mr. Blevins replied no he did not,

but added they had an adoption committee meeting last week and approved 16 children for adoptions. Commissioner Blevins said it takes at least a year to get to TPR. Mr. Blevins said it can be less if they relinquish, but they are thrilled with 16 adoptions because this is forever homes for these kids.

Mr. Blevins said the last item in the packet is the Child Support collections for the month of August and Wilkes was in the top 20 for the state. He added Kathi Canter collected \$10,800 in purge payments.

The Board thanked Mr. Blevins for his update.

CONVEYANCE TO TOWN OF WILKESBORO – OLD JAIL PROPERTY:

1. BOUNDARY LINE AGREEMENT – County Attorney Tony Triplett handed out surveys to the Board for this property, and said from the survey it was obvious there was an overlap with Tim Welborn. He stated there was a 6-foot overlap and in meetings with Mr. Welborn it was settled with 3 feet each and both have agreed where the line needs to be. Mr. Triplett added this needs to be approved before conveyance is considered. He said this is ready for approval which is the first of two steps needed. Commissioner Blevins asked if a Public Hearing was needed before this is conveyed. Mr. Triplett replied no, and said as the Board will recall this was done last year under this same procedure for the conveyance to the Town of North Wilkesboro.

Commissioner Gary D. Blevins made a motion to approve the Boundary Line Agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Greg Minton and unanimously approved.

2. APPROVAL OF CONVEYANCE TO TOWN OF WILKESBORO – Mr. Triplett said the next item is the conveyance of the property and so far the discussion with the Town has been at no charge to the Town. Commissioner Blevins said this needs to be tabled for more discussion about the cost. Commissioner Elmore asked who has paid for the survey and all the work up to this point. Chairman Settle said the Town of Wilkesboro should pay for that. Mr. Triplett replied the County has paid up to this point. Commissioner Elmore asked if the cost would be split. Mr. Triplett replied not at this time. Chairman Settle said the Town of Wilkesboro should pay for the survey and legal costs. Commissioner Blevins asked about the Sheriff and others that wanted items out of the building. County Manager John Yates replied the Sheriff, Heritage Museum and others that asked for items from the Old Jail have received them, which has all been taken care of. Mr. Triplett stated Kevin Bounds took care of making sure everything was removed that needed to be. Commissioner Gambill stated he agrees the legal cost needs to be addressed. Mr. Triplett said they have had no discussions with the Town on the cost up to this point, and they can do this if this is what the Board prefers. Chairman Settle stated it looks bad on the County to not do this. Commissioner Blevins added it is a valuable piece of property and this is a great accommodation to them. He added they were more suited to develop it than the County and it fits into their overall plan, but it needs to be at no cost to the County. Vice Chairman Minton asked how much the cost has been up to this point.

The Board discussed approval of the conveyance with all of the cost paid by the Town of Wilkesboro or tabling the approval until the total cost can be determined and this can be discussed further.

Commissioner Gary D. Blevins made a motion to table the approval of the Conveyance to the Town of Wilkesboro for the Old Jail Property until all the cost can be determined, the final details of the transaction discussed and an agreement reached on the cost. The motion was seconded by Commissioner David Gambill and unanimously approved.

SALE TO TOWN OF WILKESBORO – CJPP PROPERTY:

1. APPROVAL OF PLAT – County Attorney Tony Triplett gave a plat of the property to the Board and stated this is a two-step process as well. He said as mentioned in the memo this property had to be split because it was purchased in 1996 as one track. It included the CJPP building and the parking lot across the street from the County Office Building, he added. Mr. Triplett said this is being separated into two tracks for the sale and that is what the plat shows. He stated the first step is to authorize John Yates, County Manager to sign the plat so it can be recorded. The owners have to sign the plat before it can be recorded, the County is part owner as well as Wilkesboro at this time, he added. Mr. Triplett said all the Board is considering at this time is the approval of the plat for Mr. Yates to sign.

Commissioner Keith Elmore made a motion to Authorize County Manager John Yates to sign the Plat and record it for the CJPP property as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner David Gambill and unanimously approved.

2. APPROVAL OF SALE – Commissioner Elmore asked if the plat needs to be recorded before the Board acts on the second item. Mr. Triplett replied no, but the Board may want to have the same discussion on this transaction as the Old Jail. He said step two is the conveyance on a tentatively approved purchase price, but they have had not discussed cost. Mr. Yates said the survey cost was \$650.00 each. He added the cost is \$650.00 for the survey on the Old Jail and \$650.00 for the survey on the CJPP property. The Board discussed that was a good price for each survey. Commissioner Blevins said the Board needs to have further discussion before the process is completed. He added the Board has approved both legal mechanisms so the transactions can move forward.

Commissioner David Gambill made a motion to table the Approval of the Sale of the CJPP Property to the Town of Wilkesboro for further negotiations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gary D. Blevins and unanimously approved.

PURCHASE OF COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY IN MULBERRY TOWNSHIP – Mr. Triplett said this is similar to what the Board did a few months ago. He added a foreclosure sale was conducted on the Rachel Roberts property, lot 11, Mulberry Fields subdivision earlier this year. The County owns it now, he noted. Mr. Triplett stated Mr. Thomas Perry presented an offer for \$3,750.00 plus cost, which is the standard arrangement. He said his bid is more than

what the County actually has in the property, but less than the total bid at foreclosure. Mr. Triplett said he submitted photos of the property and the cleanup he will have to do if he is successful with his bid. He noted this does have to be advertised in the newspaper with 10-days for upsets, but no public hearing is needed. Vice Chairman Minton stated the bid can be upset during the 10-days. Mr. Triplett replied yes, and this approval is to authorize the advertisement only.

Commission David Gambill made a motion to publish notice, pursuant to G.S. §160A-269, of the offer received from Thomas W. Perry on July 22, 2016 for the purchase of property formerly owned by Rachel C. Roberts, consisting of 0.95 acres in Mulberry Township, Wilkes County, North Carolina, being Lot #11 in Mulberry Fields subdivision, the same having been acquired by Wilkes County through tax foreclosure at Deed Book 1223, Page 152, Wilkes County Registry, for \$3,750.00 plus advertising costs, Deed preparation, and recording costs; provided, that the County first receives a 5% deposit from Mr. Perry. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gary D. Blevins and unanimously approved.

HIGH COUNTRY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS – WILKES COUNTY NURSING HOME COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR LONG TERM CARE – BOARD APPOINTMENT – County Manager John Yates said we received a letter from Ms. Stevie John requesting Ms. Mary Smith be appointed for a one-year term to the Wilkes County Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee for Long Term Care. He added there is currently one vacancy on the committee and she ask to please submit Ms. Smith's name to the Board for approval.

Commissioner Gary D. Blevins made a motion to approve the appointment of Ms. Mary Smith to serve on the Wilkes County Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee for Long Term Care for 1-year term, as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Greg Minton and unanimously approved.

CLOSED SESSION – Commissioner David Gambill made a motion to go into Closed Session under Section 143-318.11(a)(4) of the North Carolina General Statutes to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of business in Wilkes County; and under Section 143-318.11(a)(3) of the North Carolina General Statutes to consult with the County Attorney in order to protect the attorney-client privilege. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gary D. Blevins and unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Greg Minton, seconded by Commissioner Gary D. Blevins and by unanimous vote adopted to adjourn back into regular session. No action was taken in the closed session.

ADJOURN – Motion was made by Vice Chairman Greg Minton, seconded by Commissioner Gary D. Blevins and by unanimous vote adopted to adjourn the meeting of the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners at 12:47 P.M.

Sarah D. Call, Clerk

Eddie Settle, Chairman

WILKES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approved: