

**MINUTES
WILKES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
January 7, 2020**

The Wilkes County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. with the following members present: Chairman Eddie Settle, Vice Chairman David Gambill, Commissioner Keith Elmore, Commissioner Gary D. Blevins, and Commissioner Brian S. Minton.

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 and called the meeting to order. He thanked everyone for coming and taking interest in the County, State, and Country. Chairman Settle stated this shows Wilkes County still stands for what is right.

During the upcoming Invocation Chairman Settle asked everyone to please remember Council Member Bert Hall from North Wilkesboro who recently had a stroke.

INVOCATION – Vice Chairman David Gambill led the Invocation.

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

Chairman Settle asked the Board for approval to add Resolution Authorizing Protection of Second Amendment Rights in Wilkes County to the Agenda for tonight's meeting.

Vice Chairman David Gambill made a motion to add Resolution Authorizing Protection of Second Amendment Rights in Wilkes County to the Agenda for tonight's meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gary D. Blevins and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion was made by Commissioner Gary D. Blevins, seconded by Vice Chairman David Gambill and unanimously adopted to approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on December 17, 2019.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROTECTION OF SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS IN WILKES COUNTY – Chairman Settle said he would like to provide a brief history of Wilkes County and why everyone is here and what this Board has previously done.

Chairman Settle stated on October 7, 1780 they got together on the Big Elkin Creek and followed the creek up through Wilkes to Kings Mountain. Major Patrick Ferguson was going to lay fire to the Mountain Folks and our ancestors. They took offence to this and gathered their best weapons, it was not a hoe or shovel they used. They took the very best they had, went to Kings Mountain, whipped them and rode his horse back. Chairman Settle stated they took the best weapons they had at that time, went to King Mountain and won the battle. This closely

resembles what they are talking about today with preserving the Second Amendment. He added folks died then and have ever since for their rights and to protect the Second Amendment. Chairman Settle said on March 1, 2013 this Board passed a Resolution Expressing Support for Preservation of The Right To Bear Arms. January 20, 2016 there was a ban on Concealed Carry at County Buildings, this same Board repealed that. If anyone has their gun with them tonight they are perfectly legal in Wilke County. In some of the neighboring counties they can't do that, they can in this one. Chairman Settle stated they wanted everyone to know they have acted twice to protect the second amendment. He added they have a sovereign God and his promise, a Constitution and a Republic for which that Flag stands and that is all they have. Chairman Settle stated this Board of Commissioners is united in protecting all they have. He read the Resolution at this time.

Commissioner Blevins stated he asked Sheriff Shew for his permission to tell this story and added they do not have anything to worry about as long as Chris Shew is Sheriff. He added they were at an event and someone asked the Sheriff what he was going to do if the government tells him they have to confiscate all the guns in Wilkes County. Commissioner Blevins asked Sheriff Shew to repeat what he said. Sheriff Shew replied he does not know anyone that has any guns. Commissioner Blevins added he didn't say another word, that says it all. They are in good hands and this is a good Resolution. He added he hunts, carries a gun, is proud of it, supports this and it is a good idea. Commissioner Blevins stated they will do everything they can as Commissioners to protect the rights to Bear Arms.

Vice Chairman Gambill said he appreciates Chairman Settle mentioning the 2013 Resolution and that the Board was proactive along with removing the stickers for concealed carry in the buildings. He added this did come about quickly and was not originally on the Agenda. Vice Chairman Gambill stated as he mentioned to folks as he was coming in, these meetings are set in advance on the first and third Tuesday each month. He added they put a rush on this to get it included and they appreciate the Chairman and everyone's work on getting this done for tonight. He said as stated earlier they all support this.

Commissioner Elmore stated he has had the honor of serving the citizens for 16 years and this is the largest crowd he has seen. He added they would love to see this room packed every meeting. It is important for the folks to express to the Board how they feel about issues. Commissioner Elmore thanked everyone for attending.

Commissioner Minton said he would like to thank everyone for coming out tonight. He added he fully supports the Second Amendment Rights and stands with them. This Board will always defend their Second Amendment Rights, he said.

Commissioner Brian S. Minton made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Protection of Second Amendment Rights in Wilkes County as presented at tonight's meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keith Elmore and unanimously approved.

*RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
PROTECTION OF SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS
IN WILKES COUNTY*

WHEREAS, it is acknowledged that the right of individuals to keep and bear arms is under attack in the United States of America by elected officials from many levels of Government; and

WHEREAS, it is further recognized that the Constitution of the United States of America is the supreme law of the land, and the Second Amendment to the Constitution guarantees to individuals the right to keep and bear arms in a manner that shall not be infringed; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States has, through multiple rulings, upheld an individual's right to keep and bear arms when federal, state, and local laws have sought to restrict this right; and

WHEREAS, the right to keep and bear arms is necessary for self-defense; for the defense of others, including family members; and for the protection of individual liberty and the preservation of our United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, many Americans believe that Second Amendment rights are "God-given" rights and that it is a law of nature that every creature can defend its life from threats; and

WHEREAS, the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners wishes to express its deep commitment to protecting Wilkes County citizens' Second Amendment rights; and

WHEREAS, the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners wishes to express its opposition to any law, regulation, or other act that would infringe on the Second Amendment rights of Wilkes County citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners previously expressed its support for the Second Amendment rights of Wilkes County citizens through that Resolution Expressing Support for Preservation of the Right to Bear Arms which was unanimously adopted on the 1st day of March, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners desires to reiterate its strong support for said rights as expressed in the Resolution of March 1, 2013, and now desires to state its intent that Wilkes County stand as a Constitutional Rights Protection County for Second Amendment rights by opposing any efforts by any entity to restrict these rights. Opposition will include any means available under the U.S. Constitution and the laws of North Carolina, including the withholding of funds, direction of County employees, legal action, and other means as deemed necessary and legal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners declares Wilkes County a Second Amendment Constitutional Rights Protection County and declares that Wilkes County Government will respect and defend the Second Amendment rights of County citizens.

The Wilkes County Board of Commissioners implores the North Carolina Legislature and the United States Congress to preserve, uphold, and protect the rights of all citizens to keep and bear arms under the United States Constitution, and further implores the North Carolina Legislature and the United States Congress to reject any provision, law, or regulation that may infringe, have the tendency to infringe, or place any additional burdens on the right of law-abiding citizens to bear arms.

The Wilkes County Board of Commissioners, in support of the foregoing, hereby declares its intent that Wilkes County Government shall not authorize or appropriate government funds, resources, employees, agencies, contractors, buildings, or offices for the purpose of enforcing or assisting in the enforcement of any element of such acts, laws, orders, mandates, rules, or regulations that infringe on the right of the people to keep and bear arms as described in the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution.

The Wilkes County Board of Commissioners further declares its intent that Wilkes County Government shall utilize all legal means necessary to protect the Second Amendment rights of Wilkes County citizens, including but not limited to legal action.

This the 7th day of January, 2020.

WILKES COUNTY

By: _____
Eddie D. Settle, Chairman
Wilkes County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Sarah D. Call, Clerk

RECESS – Chairman Settle declared the meeting of the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners recessed at 6:15 P.M. He stated the meeting will reconvene in a few minutes.

RECONVENE – Chairman Settle reconvened the meeting of the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners at 6:29 P.M. on Tuesday, January 7, 2020.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE – Chairman Settle welcomed and recognized John Blevins, DSS Director. Mr. Blevins said first he would like to go through the Agency Brochure for 2018-2019. He went over the 2018-2019 achievements, 2019-2020 goals, and the 2018-2019 budget for the Department of Social Services.

Mr. Blevins stated they received a child support shout out for November they were 11th in the state and collected \$ 12,109.53 for a payback from a levy of a savings account that went to a child. He added the next item was from a question last month from Commissioner Elmore on CPS reports by month and a breakdown of abuse, neglect and dependency. He added they looked at the last three months they had full data on, September, October, and November 2019. He added this is typical of how it runs and there is much more neglect than anything else. Mr. Blevins said the next came from a question by Chairman Settle for Adults Protective Services report and a comparison with other counties. He included, Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yadkin it includes population, avg. reports per month and social workers. He added Wilkes has the highest population 68,557, the highest reports (31) with only 4 Social workers. He said Ashe has a population of 27,109, with 17 reports, and 8 Social Workers.

Mr. Blevins went over the monthly caseload report for November. Next he went through the Adoption Services financial report, Child Development and Subsidized Child Care financial reports for November. Commissioner Elmore stated all the Commissioners appreciate the job that Mr. Blevins and his staff does. He added it can't be overstated the impact that the DSS has on Wilkes County. Commissioner Elmore stated \$120 million from Medicaid comes in to Wilkes and these funds go to the hospital, doctors, pharmacy, transportation, nursing homes, etc. and has a huge impact. This is all federal and state funds and without this Wilkes may not have all the medical that is here.

The Board thanked Mr. Blevins for the update and information.

TAX DEPARTMENT:

1. TAX RELEASES – LISTINGS – UNCOLLECTABLE – Alex Hamilton, Tax Administrator asked the Board to approve tax releases for listing that are uncollectable in the amount of \$2,859.73. He added these are foreclosures.

Vice Chairman David Gambill made a motion to approve the tax releases for listings that are uncollectable as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brian S. Minton and unanimously approved.

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

2. TAX RELEASES – LISTING – Alex Hamilton, Tax Administrator asked the Board to approve tax releases for listing in the amount of \$723.68.

Commissioner Brian S. Minton made a motion to approve the tax releases for listing as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman David Gambill and unanimously approved.

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

3. TAX RELEASES – COLLECTIONS – Alex Hamilton, Tax Administrator asked the Board to approve tax releases for collections in the amount of \$61.55. These are due to bankruptcies.

Vice Chairman David Gambill made a motion to approve the tax releases for collections as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keith Elmore and unanimously approved.

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

4. EXTENSION OF THE LISTING PERIOD - Tax Administrator Alex Hamilton stated North Carolina General Statute Section 105-307 is entitled the "Length of Listing Period; Extension; Preliminary Work". He stated this Statute gives the Board of County Commissioners the authority to extend the listing period by thirty (30) days. He is requesting that the Board extend the listing period until March 2, 2020. Mr. Hamilton stated the statute also allows the County Commissioners to grant "individual extensions of time for the listing of real and personal property upon written request and for good cause shown"; the statute allows the Commissioners to delegate this authority to the Tax Administrator. Mr. Hamilton stated the extensions granted under this paragraph shall not extend beyond April 15, 2020. He requested the Board delegate the authority to grant the individual extensions to the Tax Administrator. This is something they do annually.

Commissioner Keith Elmore made a motion to approve the request to extend the listing period until March 2, 2020 as requested and presented at tonight's meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman David Gambill and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Keith Elmore made a motion to delegate the authority under North Carolina General Statute Section 105-307 to the Tax Administrator to grant individual extensions of time for the listing of real and personal property until April 15, 2020 as requested and presented at tonight's meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brian S. Minton and unanimously approved.

WILKES COUNTY AIRPORT:

1. RESOLUTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF LEASE – WINDOW WORLD, INC. – Chairman Settle recognized County Attorney Tony Triplett. Mr. Triplett stated this is a follow up from an earlier meeting regarding the new Lease Agreement for Window World. He stated it was advertised as required by the Statute and authorized by the Board at the April meeting with exactly the same lease they had before: a five year lease and rent of \$3,000 per month or \$36,000 per year. Mr. Triplett stated the Board would need to approve the Resolution which has the effect of adopting the lease.

Commissioner Keith Elmore made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Lease Agreement at Wilkes County Airport between Window World, Inc. and the County of Wilkes as

presented at tonight's meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brian S. Minton and unanimously approved.

*RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
LEASE AGREEMENT
AT WILKES COUNTY AIRPORT*

*WHEREAS, the County of Wilkes (hereinafter the "County") is the owner and operator of the Wilkes County Airport in Rock Creek Township, Wilkes County, North Carolina, and has constructed thereon a hangar which is approximately 10,000 square feet in size, the same being located between the hangar and office building formerly owned by U*S Aviation, LLC (now owned by the County and known as the "community hangar") and the terminal building at the Wilkes County Airport; and*

WHEREAS, the County has received an offer from Window World, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of North Carolina with its principal office and place of business being located in Wilkes County, North Carolina (hereinafter "Window World"), to lease the above described hangar, together with ground space on which the same is situated and other property as described hereinbelow, upon those terms and conditions as are further described hereinbelow; and

WHEREAS, the above described lease, together with all of the terms and provisions for the same, have been reduced to writing in the form of a Lease Agreement (hereinafter the "Agreement") which the County and Window World desire to execute; and

WHEREAS, the Wilkes County Airport Board at its regular meeting of May 17, 2018, approved the Agreement and recommended that the same be approved and executed by the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter the "Board of Commissioners"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners, upon review of the Agreement and upon the recommendation of the Wilkes County Airport Board, desires to accept said offer by Window World and to execute the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, a Notice of Intent describing the terms of the Agreement has been duly published at least thirty (30) days prior to said meeting, as required by G.S. §160A-272; and

AND WHEREAS, the description of the property to be leased as set forth in the Notice of Intent was as follows:

*DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY TO BE LEASED: The Agreement is for the lease of approximately 20,836 square feet (0.478 acres) of ground space, together with an aircraft hangar situated thereon which has been constructed by the County and which is approximately 10,000 square feet in size, the same being located between the hangar and office building formerly owned by U*S Aviation, LLC*

(now owned by the County and known as the “community hangar”) and the terminal building at the Wilkes County Airport.

AND WHEREAS, the amount and terms of the offer by Window World to lease said property were set forth in the Notice of Intent as follows:

AMOUNT AND TERMS OF OFFER: Window World proposes to lease the above described property from the County, and the County proposes to lease the same to Window World, for a term of five (5) years, commencing as of March 1, 2018, at a rental of \$36,000.00 per year. Said lease authorizes Window World to engage in the storage of aircraft, together with aircraft parts and accessories; to utilize the leased premises for other purposes consistent with aeronautical use as set forth in the Agreement; and to construct additional improvements on the property in the form of office space. Said lease shall in all respects be subject to the Rules and Regulations for the Wilkes County Airport.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to G.S. §§153A-176, 160A-272, and 63-53(3), that the Agreement with Window World as presented at the November 19, 2019 meeting of the Board of Commissioners, and as set forth in the Notice of Intent, is hereby approved, and the Chairman and Clerk of the Board of Commissioners are authorized to execute the same on behalf of the County.

This the 7th day of January, 2020.

WILKES COUNTY

By: _____
*Eddie D. Settle, Chairman
Wilkes County Board of Commissioners*

ATTEST:

Sarah Call, Clerk

2. APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT – AARON AEROSPACE, INC. – RESOLUTION – County Attorney Tony Triplett said this is different than some of the leases for the Airport, most have to be advertised, but this is a one lease. He added the Airport Board recommended this Board consider renewing Mr. Aaron’s lease for one year and see how things stand at that time. Mr. Aaron is current on his rental obligation at this time. Mr. Triplett said this lease was changed in the past and they will be renewing that lease. Mr. Aaron is leasing space for one airplane and office space. Mr. Triplett said he has agreed to be responsible for utilities, maintenance, and upkeep of the office space, which is a benefit to the county. Commissioner Elmore said the rent of \$250 for the plane and \$250 for the office. Mr. Triplett replied yes, and added they have multiple planes also in this hanger and the county collects \$250 rental per month from each. He added the total is about the same as the overall rental was since

they took the hangar back. It is now before the Board for approval, if they wish to do so. The Resolution in the package is for the approval of the Lease and Operations Agreement to Mr. Aarons for the Community Hangar.

Commissioner Gary D. Blevins made a motion to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Lease and Operations Agreement with Aaron Aerospace, Inc., at Wilkes County Airport as presented at tonight's meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keith Elmore and unanimously approved.

*RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
LEASE AND OPERATIONS AGREEMENT
WITH AARON AEROSPACE, INC., AT WILKES COUNTY AIRPORT*

*WHEREAS, the County of Wilkes (hereinafter the "County") is the owner and operator of the Wilkes County Airport in Rock Creek Township, Wilkes County, North Carolina, and is further the owner of a hangar and office space which is approximately 12,648 square feet in size, the same having been purchased by the County from U*S Aviation, LLC, in 2005, and being known as the "community hangar"; and*

WHEREAS, the County has received an offer from Aaron Aerospace, Inc., a North Carolina corporation with its principal office and place of business in Wilkes County, North Carolina, to lease a portion of the community hangar upon those terms and conditions as are further described hereinbelow; and

WHEREAS, the above described lease, together with all of the terms and provisions for the same, have been reduced to writing in the form of a Lease Agreement (hereinafter the "Agreement") which the County and Aaron Aerospace, Inc. desire to execute; and

WHEREAS, the Wilkes County Airport Board at its regular meeting of November 14, 2019, approved the Agreement and recommended that the same be approved and executed by the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter the "Board of Commissioners"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners, at its regular meeting of December 17, 2019, reviewed the Agreement and, upon the recommendation of the Wilkes County Airport Board, desires to accept said offer by Aaron Aerospace, Inc. and to execute the same; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides for Aaron Aerospace, Inc. to lease the office space in the community hangar and space in the aircraft storage area of the community hangar for storage of one (1) aircraft by Lessee, to be stored in such manner that Lessor retains sufficient space in the remaining aircraft storage area of the community hangar to provide shelter and/or storage for up to five (5) additional aircraft in Lessor's sole discretion and control (hereinafter the "leased premises"); and

WHEREAS, the Agreement further provides for a term of one (1) year commencing as of December 1, 2019, and expiring at midnight on November 30, 2020, at a rental of Five Hundred

Dollars (\$500.00) per month, together with other terms and provisions as set forth in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, G.S. §160A-272 authorizes the County to enter into a lease of one (1) year or less upon resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners is convened in a regular meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to G.S. §§153A-176, 160A-272, and 63-53(3), that the Agreement with Aaron Aerospace, Inc. as presented at the January 7, 2020 meeting of the Board of Commissioners, is hereby approved, and that the Chairman and Clerk of the Board of Commissioners be and are hereby authorized to execute the same on behalf of the County.

This the 7th day of January, 2020.

WILKES COUNTY

By: _____
Eddie D. Settle, Chairman
Wilkes County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Sarah D. Call, Clerk

3. AMENDMENT TO AIRPORT BOARD ORDINANCE – Mr. Triplett stated they have talked about this before. The Airport Board made a change to the Airport Board Ordinance some time ago and Commissioner Blevins was one of the key persons to speak on this. He said the Ordinance that was first adopted in 2002 requires all the Members of the Airport Board be Wilkes County residents. Now that the Airport is assuming a more regional role and has a larger and more diverse group using the Airport, that don't qualify to be Board Members. Mr. Triplett stated a good example is Samaritan's Purse and Vannoy Construction. The Airport Board feels they need to drop the requirement that members of the Airport Board be a Wilkes County resident so they can have the freedom to recommend and this Board to approve members from the surrounding counties. Mr. Triplett said the airport serves most of Northwest North Carolina. He added they are recommending to this Board to consider amending the ordinance to remove that requirement. The Board of Commissioners will retain control of who is appointed to the Airport Board.

Chairman Settle stated this will utilize the knowledge of folks from other areas, they feel they are heading in the directions of becoming a regional airport. Commissioner Blevins said he feels they are moving in that direction, in addition the now have AirCare helicopters at the Airport. Mr. Yates added they flew 66 flights last month. Commissioner Blevins said they can be to the hospital or scene of an accident in a matter of minutes, they purchase fuel, rent a hangar. They

could have someone with expertise that is from Winston that could be of great benefit to the Airport Board. He added they do need to maintain a majority of members as Wilkes County residents. However, the governance of the airport is by this Board, recommendations are made from the 9 member Airport Board, but the County Commissioners have the final approval and local control. Chairman Settle agreed the majority should be from Wilkes. Mr. Triplett said this Board does retain the final approval and can certainly make sure the majority are Wilkes County residents.

Commissioner Gary D. Blevins made a motion to approve the Airport Board Ordinance Amendment with the intent of the Board of Commissioners that the Majority of the Airport Board Members are Wilkes County Residents as presented at tonight's meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman David Gambill and unanimously approved.

HIGH COUNTRY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS – BOARD APPOINTMENT – WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT – County Manager John Yates stated they have received a request from Mr. Keith Deveraux, High Country Workforce Development requesting appointment of Mr. Jim Coleman to replace Brittany Daemer who is no longer with Infusion Points. Mr. Coleman will be filling the unexpired term that will begin January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 and has completed the required Board Application. Commissioner Blevins said he knows Mr. Coleman personally he now works for Infusion Points, but he used to be the camera guy for River Street. He added, Mr. Coleman will do a good job on this Board.

Commissioner Gary D. Blevins made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Jim Coleman to the High Country Council of Governments Workforce Development Board to fill the unexpired term of Brittany Daemer, as requested. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brian S. Minton and unanimously approved.

PURCHASE OF COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY – BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP – County Attorney Tony Triplett stated this property that was acquired through a tax foreclosure. He added they have received an offer, this is a small piece of property and the first offer received. Mr. Triplett said this was foreclosed on by him in 1996 and at that time the county's bid was \$779.45, the offer is \$1,000 and it gets this back on the tax books. If the Board wishes to move forward they need to authorize to advertise the Betty Harley offer of \$1,000 plus deed and publication cost. He added they will keep advertising until 10-days run with no upset bids and the final offer will be brought back to the Board for approval. Mr. Triplett said this will get the process started if this is what the Board would like to do.

Vice Chairman David Gambill Commissioner made a motion to publish notice in the *Wilkes Journal-Patriot*, pursuant to G.S. §160A-269, of the offer received from Betty Hartley on November 18, 2019, for the purchase of property formerly owned by Bertha Hayes Douglas, consisting of 0.20 acres located on Gene Hartley Road in Beaver Creek Township, Wilkes County, North Carolina, the same having been acquired by Wilkes County through tax foreclosure in Deed Book 761, Page 372, Wilkes County Registry, for \$1,000.00 plus advertising costs, deed preparation, and recording costs; provided, that the County first receives a 5% deposit from Ms. Hartley; provided further, that the matter continue to be advertised by the

County Attorney as required by law in the event of receipt of any upset bids, and that upon the expiration of the upset bid period the matter be brought back to the Board by the County Attorney for action as permitted under G.S. §160A-269. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brian S. Minton and unanimously approved.

PURCHASE OF COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY – ROCK CREEK TOWNSHIP – Attorney Tony Triplett stated this is also a tax foreclosure property from 2016 and the county bid it in at \$6,083.61. They have received an offer from Ms. Wendy Perry for \$6,200, which is the first offer received. Mr. Triplett said this is lot 11 in Greenview Subdivision, consisting of ½ acres, and they think this offer will be up-set once advertised. If the Board wishes to move forward they need to authorize to advertise the Wendy Perry offer of \$6,200 plus deed and publication cost. He added they will keep advertising until 10-days run with no upset bids. He added the final offer will be brought back to the Board, this will get the process started if this is what the Board would like to do. Commissioner Elmore said in the past did they implement a process where signage is placed on the property so that citizens know it is up for sale and they can make offers. Mr. Yates replied yes, they had signs made and Eddie Barnes will place a sign on this property later this week.

Commissioner Keith Elmore made a Motion to publish notice in the *Wilkes Journal-Patriot*, pursuant to G.S. §160A-269, of the offer received from Wendy Perry dated November 20, 2019, for the purchase of property formerly owned by Everette Denzler, consisting of 0.50 acres and being Lot 11 in Greenview Subdivision, Rock Creek Township, Wilkes County, North Carolina, the same having been acquired by Wilkes County through tax foreclosure in Deed Book 1246, Page 139, Wilkes County Registry, for \$6,200.00 plus advertising costs, deed preparation, and recording costs; provided, that the County first receives a 5% deposit from Ms. Perry; provided further, that the matter continue to be advertised by the County Attorney as required by law in the event of receipt of any upset bids, and that upon the expiration of the upset bid period the matter be brought back to the Board by the County Attorney for action as permitted under G.S. §160A-269. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman David Gambill and unanimously approved.

ADJOURN - Motion was made by Vice Chairman David Gambill, seconded by Commissioner Brian S. Minton and by unanimous vote adopted to adjourn the meeting of the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners at 7:15 P.M.

Sarah D. Call, Clerk

Eddie Settle, Chairman

WILKES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approved: January 21, 2020