

**MINUTES
WILKES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 4, 2018**

PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING OF ACKLE ACRES SUBDIVISION (FROM R-15R RESIDENTIAL-RESORT TO R-20 RESIDENTIAL) – Chairman Blevins declared the Public Hearing open regarding the Rezoning of Ackle Acres at 6:58 P.M. on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 with the following members present: Chairman Gary D. Blevins, Vice Chairman Eddie Settle, Commissioner Keith Elmore, Commissioner David Gambill, and Commissioner Greg Minton.

Also present were Tony Triplett, County Attorney; John Yates, County Manager; Eddie Barnes, Planning Director; W.C. Scroggs, Planner; and Sarah Call, Clerk to the Board.

Chairman Blevins asked if anyone would like to speak regarding the proposed rezoning of Ackle Acres from R-15R to R-20. Hearing no further comments on the proposed Rezoning, Chairman Blevins declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:59 P.M.

The Wilkes County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. with the following members present: Chairman Gary D. Blevins, Vice Chairman Eddie Settle, Commissioner Keith Elmore, Commissioner David Gambill, and Commissioner Greg Minton.

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

Chairman Gary D. Blevins welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION – Commissioner David Gambill led the Invocation.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Vice Chairman Eddie Settle, seconded by Commissioner Keith Elmore and unanimously adopted to approve the Minutes of the Board meeting held on August 21, 2018.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS/TRANSFERS – Motion was made by Commissioner David Gambill to approve Budget Amendment No. 4 (Health – Programs – WCHC –AIM’s Grant & IMR – Wilkes Community Health Center – AIM’s Grant was awarded in September 2017, with the grant cycle ending August 2018. Unobligated funds in the amount of \$93,755 need to be carried forward for county budget FY19. These funds will be expended as designated in the original grant and listed above. No County money is involved. Wilkes County Health Department Infant Mortality Program received \$38,500 in additional funds from the state to fund the Doula Pilot program providing emotional, physical, and informational support to 50 mothers before, during and after child birth across a 5-county region. No County money is involved.

Wilkes Community Health Center received additional funds from the Federal FQHC grant in the amount of \$4,000 for Quality Improvement measures. These funds will be used for Primary Care. No County money involved). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keith Elmore and unanimously approved.

HIGH COUNTRY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS – INTRODUCTION – UPDATE –
Chairman Blevins welcomed and recognized Julie Wiggins Executive Director and Phil Trew Planning Director. Ms. Wiggins thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak, and said she is the new Executive Director for the High Country Council of Governments. She added she is very pleased to be in this role. Ms. Wiggins said she would like to provide a brief history of why the COG's exist and the general services and programs they offer. She stated COG's date back to 1968 as part of the Federal Intergovernmental Operation Act that formed COG's at the State and Federal level. The HCOG was established in 1974 and are one of 16 in N.C. They serve 7 counties and 19 municipalities in the Northwestern corner of the state. Ms. Wiggins said in general the HCOG acts as a liaison between local governments and federal and state partners. They also help identify and address community development needs in the region. She stated they have three departments which are Planning & Development which Phil Trew Directs, Workforce Development which Keith Deveraux Directs, and High Country Agency on Aging which locally funds BROCC, Wilkes Senior Resources, and Ruby Pardue Blackburn Adult Daycare Center. She briefly explained each department, what they provide, and projects they can do or have done recently in Wilkes.

Chairman Blevins stated Ms. Wiggins was formally the Director of the Aging Department at HCOG. He added Keith Deveraux is a Wilkes County native and resident and is the Workforce Development Director. Chairman Blevins said the Planning Department at HCOG is fantastic and have provided a lot of help and grants for infrastructure projects for many years. He said most recently they provided GIS mapping and parcels list for all the Fire Departments in Wilkes. He added he and Ms. Wiggins are also working at the state level to engage the legislature and work with other COG's to develop mutual aid agreements between them to provide more services.

Vice Chairman Settle asked about the Ronda Clingman School waterline research they did for Senator Shirley Randleman from the list of projects in the packets. Mr. Phil Trew replied she contacted them directly and said the school is having trouble with their water and septic and would like to have public utilities from Ronda. He said they looked at it to see if they could ultimately provide water and sewer out to Hwy 421 for Economic Development attraction as well. Mr. Trew stated he checked with all the funding agencies and there was not enough customers they could pick up to find a grant. It would be very expensive because they would have to cross the river to get to the school and no grant funds are available to cover this. He added the conclusion was they own 42 acres at the school so they need to dig a new well and separate it further from the onsite septic. This is the most affordable and reasonable route to go to fix both issues. Mr. Trew said he let Senator Randleman know the outcome as well.

Mr. Trew said they are working with Rob Baldwin at Soil and Water to help leverage funds in impaired areas to help with a watershed plan for Mulberry Creek and will be applying for a grant

soon. Chairman Blevins said the HCOG has been a great benefit to Wilkes County and all of the high country, Wilkes is lucky to be a part of this COG.

The Board thanked Ms. Wiggins and Mr. Trew.

WILKES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP. – INTRODUCTION – UPDATE –
Chairman Blevins welcomed and recognized LeeAnn Nixon, President. Ms. Nixon thanked the Board for allowing her to attend and publically introduce herself. She said she would like to remind everyone of the EDC's Mission Statement "To facilitate the creation of new jobs and capital investment in Wilkes County". This is done through supporting their existing industry, recruitment of new, working with many resource partners, and local government entities in the community. Ms. Nixon stated she is honored to have been chosen to serve and is enjoying familiarizing herself with the county and each town. The people are wonderful. She said since arriving on August 13th she has focused on the operations of EDC and looking for areas to strengthen. They have created a monthly activity report that will be sent to their Board and then sent in an email next month to the Commissioners. Ms. Nixon said it will focus on existing business visitations and support, new project activity, and product development and provided a few examples of each.

Ms. Nixon said they are performing a website update and it will provide data about the community along with building and sites available. It will be complete in a few months and is much needed. She said they are also refreshing their marketing materials with updates and to make them more uniform as well. Ms. Nixon stated she and Vice President Robin Hamby have already met with the Economic Development Partnership of N.C. and this will help them to build the partnerships needed across the state. It will also help to look for opportunities to with site selectors and consultants to get them to look at coming to Wilkes. She said she is very familiar with these folks from her former role and it was great to tell them she is now in Wilkes and all about what Wilkes County has to offer.

Ms. Nixon said she is also focusing on getting to know the local government and their priorities. She hopes to meet with Chairman Blevins and Mr. Yates in the near future as well. This is to make sure EDC is providing what they would like in economic development and assist with community needs and challenges as well. She added the next step is to get to know the businesses and industries and take tours to identify ways they can assist them. They will also look at available Real Estate and meet with Realtors and Developers. In closing she said she hopes to provide quarterly updates and more often if they have a project to deliver.

Commissioner Elmore stated with unemployment below 4% it is hard for businesses to recruit workers and asked what they can do about the lack of workforce. Ms. Nixon replied the July Wilkes unemployment rate was 3.9%, the state is 4.1% Wilkes is comparable to other communities. She added they are doing all the right things, but there is always more. Ms. Nixon stated the employers will need to be more creative in how they find employees and she has some preliminary ideas, but she is not quite ready to speak on this, but will very soon. She added she is meeting with workforce development, the community college, and local high schools as well. Ms. Nixon said she plans to speak with the leadership about flexibility on policies and

understanding lifestyle and parenting needs of workers. There are some new projects she plans to work on that she has seen around the state as well. Chairman Blevins stated most business folks he has spoken with say that business is as strong as it has been since the recession. Now is a good time to take a shot on Economic Development and bring new industry here and also add to what they have. He said Wilkes needs jobs that pay more, not just entry level positions, and also need Ms. Nixon out looking for these to help increase the average income in Wilkes, which is hard to do in a rural county. Ms. Nixon agreed.

The Board thanked Ms. Nixon.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS – PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATION – PURCHASE OF VOTING EQUIPMENT – Chairman Blevins recognized and welcomed Kim Caudill, Director and Tim Joines, Chairman. Mr. Joines thanked the Board for allowing them to come. He added they also have Mr. Garland Hill a Board Member in attendance as well. The other two members are Lynn Day and Margaret Cooper, who could not attend tonight. Mr. Joines said as they know the Board of Elections is tasked by state law with providing the citizens fair and accurate elections, in order to do this they need fair, accurate, and the best voting equipment available. He added their local board has voted and adopted a plan to update the voting equipment. Mr. Joines said he would like to thank the Board and County Manager for making the appropriation in the budget to assist with this. He said part of the process is after the local board adopts the plan is to present this to the Commissioners and they have planned an open house on September 10th that will have a demonstration. Ms. Caudill added the demonstration will be with their current equipment due to the delay of ballots for November.

Mr. Joines said they recently attended a conference and security of voting equipment was a main topic and is a concern. He added this is a reality, it is out there and the state board is taking steps to secure it. They are confident that the state board and the local board is, has been, and will continue to do everything they can to ensure the sanctity of their electoral process. Chairman Blevins asked if there has ever been a question about the physical vote itself, or just outside and Russian influences. He added he feels certain there has been no foreign influence on the number of votes in Wilkes County in prior elections. Ms. Caudill agreed and said they are working on a lot of cyber security. She added in the May election they did no modem as they do not want anything connected to the tabulation software, not even a phone line. They work very hard along with Homeland Security to make sure things are taken care of. Ms. Caudill said they plan to visit every election office in the state before November to make sure things are correct and safe. Mr. Joines added Homeland Security is taking this very serious, they heard at their meeting that it is not the manipulation of the numbers, it is the mechanics of the process and placing doubt in the people's minds. He added this is all it takes for someone to question the process, government, and foundation and place doubt. Chairman Blevins agreed and said they want to make sure the citizens that have a right to vote are allowed to go in and vote for candidates and know the numbers are accurate and correct. He feels 100% confident this is the case, Wilkes has one of the best Elections offices in the State.

Mr. Joines said he has been involved with the Board of election for many years, but he can honestly state the Staff and Board work diligently to ensure the numbers are accurate and he is

confident it is. He added one of the things they do need to do is update their equipment. If it does not work at the polls that is just something else for folks to question. Ms. Caudill said the state requires a demonstration, which they did last year. This is an updated version of what they currently have, Optical Scan. They are now working on their plan and the recommendation is to purchase DS200's from Election Systems and Software. Ms. Caudill added they will be trading in their old equipment, and this will only be the tabulators. They will continue to use their ADA machines that mark the box for the voters with disabilities. She said they will test one machine at a prescient on Election Day, which will be Wilkesboro 3 at the Wilkesboro Fire Department. Ms. Caudill said those workers will be trained on the new equipment. The next step will be to purchase and should be around the first of the year.

Commissioner Elmore asked if money was put in the budget to cover the purchase. Mr. Yates replied yes, there is \$225,000. Commissioner Elmore asked if this covers the machines and training. Ms. Caudill replied yes. Vice Chairman Settle asked how much better these machines are. Ms. Caudill replied it will be a lot better, it is newer technology, with basically the same principal. The current machines are 12 years old, their life expediency is 10 years, so they are two years past that. Ms. Caudill said the voters still color in the ovals and will not notice a big difference. The machines will be more user friendly with bigger screens that shows a picture of how to insert the ballot and the counter will show it counted their ballot. Vice Chairman Settle asked if it will be faster on the final tabulation. Ms. Caudill replied that will remain similar to the current process.

Commissioner Minton asked how many tabulators went down during the last election. Ms. Caudill replied they had a few issues, in the Town election they did have one, they believe humidity affected it. She added every election they will have a little something, user error is part of the issue and was the case in the primary. Ms. Caudill said they got all issues rectified. The machines are set up so if something is not working right, they can still vote. There is an emergency slot that they did have to use in a few places. Voting is still going on uninterrupted, the ballots are placed in the holding area until the machine is fixed and then they are run through. She added they did have to switch two out during the primary.

Commissioner Elmore asked about voter ID that was an issue, a name was not on the list. Ms. Caudill says they have procedures when someone's name is not on the list and that is provisional voting. They do get to vote, it is sealed in an envelope, taken back to the Board of Elections office and researched. She said Voter ID may be on ballot in November as a Constitutional Amendment, this is currently in the Courts. Commissioner Elmore asked about any new ID requirements coming in 2020. Ms. Caudill said she has not heard of this. The Constitutional amendment, if on the ballot and passes, will go to the General Assemble to set the guidelines, she added. Vice Chairman Settle asked about the redistricting. Ms. Caudill replied that is still in the Courts as well and why their ballots are on hold. Chairman Blevins said there is a lot of focus on voting, these are good questions and information, the voting system they have is a good one and works very well. He added the cost of elections in Wilkes County is completely and wholly bore by the tax payers in Wilkes County. There was grant money available at one time, but they did not received it. Ms. Caudill replied that is correct. The state board of elections received some

money and used it on cyber security. She added the current equipment was purchase with federal funds, but the new will be all county funds.

The Board thanked Mr. Joines and Ms. Caudill for their strong leadership and integrity of the entire election process, the good staff and Board Members. Mr. Joines thanked the Commissioners.

WILKES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – REQUEST TO SET PUBLIC HEARING – 2018 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (JAG) GRANT – Chairman Blevins recognized Logan Kerr with the Wilkes County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Kerr thanked the Board and stated this is a request to set a Public Hearing so citizens can respond to the proposed use of the JAG funds. The Sheriff's Office has been awarded the 2018 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) grant in the amount of \$10,410 and does not require a match, he said. Mr. Kerr added they are proposing to use this money to purchase tactical ballistic shields. He stated they intend to place these shields within the schools throughout Wilkes County in better preparation for active shooters.

Commissioner Gambill asked how many shields this will this purchase. Mr. Kerr replied it will purchase five and they will keep working to purchase more as funds are allowed.

Commissioner Keith Elmore made a motion to set a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 6:55 P.M. regarding the 2018 Edward Bryne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant Award, with the regularly scheduled meeting to immediately follow, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner David Gambill and unanimously approved.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE – Chairman Blevins welcomed John Blevins, DSS Director. He said since he was here last month they attended the state conference and there was much discussion around the MOU, regionalization, Medicaid transformation, mental health, managed care, and more. Mr. Blevins added there are lots of changes. He said the state told them that today they would send out their matrix of what they would be evaluated on, with the numbers all in one place together but as of late this evening he has not received anything. Chairman Blevins said he sat on a focus group with some of the panel members at the conference, there are a lot of changes taking place. Mr. Blevins agreed and added it wasn't like they weren't already closely evaluated, it will be tenfold more, but they will get through it. Chairman Blevins said this is supposed to get all the folks out of Raleigh and into the field so they can help them more quickly. Mr. Blevins said they are to also have closer supervision, and this is not necessarily a bad thing as long as they are helpful, and if they can make their jobs easier and allows them to serve the public better.

Mr. Blevins said he had a few updates before they go over the reports. Last month he mentioned project 12 in NC Fast which was the scanning software document manager. They were to being August 28th and had been trained and ready to go and the state paused it. Mr. Blevins said they said their naming conventions between that system and NC Fast were not working well. He added they say it will be fixed soon, it was not working as they expected. Mr. Blevins said actually it seemed to work well and was very easy, but basically after it was scanned into the

system what it wanted to call it and what NC Fast wanted to call it were not working together. Once this is fixed they will move forward according to the state. He said he would provide an update next month.

Mr. Blevins briefly went over the monthly caseload report for July. He next went through the Foster Care financial report, Adoption Services financial report, Child Development and Subsidized Child Care financial reports for July. Mr. Blevins said he wanted to give an update on P4, which is the CPS part. The roll out plan has been paused for this program as well. He added it was paused in May, they want to increase training, staffing, and interface, basically improve the entire program. Mr. Blevins said the pilot counties were screaming that it did not work, it didn't work and there are still concerns about it. The new roll out will have some counties going in very quick. Mr. Blevins said paper based counties, which Wilkes is, will begin using intake and assessment in either November or January. He added the Western counties which we are considered for this part of the program goes in January 21st and in October they should get more information from the state for training if not paused again. Mr. Blevins said the next page is the roll out and if you look at the full roll out Wilkes moves to the Central and not the West for this. May 20th is when they should go live for the intake assessment, new ongoing cases, and licensures. June 24th will be the conversion of adoption, links, and ICPC, if these hold and do not change again, he said.

Mr. Blevins stated by next month they should get more information from the state on how they want them to operate and on the training they will need for the intake and assessment process. He said this will be a learning process, they had been practicing on it already, but it has to be redone because the program is going to change so much they will have to go through the training again. Commissioner Elmore asked when NC Fast first came out. Mr. Blevins replied about 5-years ago with foods and nutrition. Commissioner Elmore said this is the states chosen system and they can't get it to work after 5-years. Mr. Blevins replied yes, it half-way works for income maintenance and food and nutrition, but those are much more simplistic programs. He added Social Work is completely different and the pilot counties say this takes them twice the amount of time. Commissioner Elmore asked the millions of dollars that have been spent on this. Mr. Blevins said he heard about \$254 million.

Commissioner Minton said each quarter they meet with the DSS Board Association and the reports coming in are getting worse and worse, but they are still pushing regionalization and that will be a factor. He added they are throwing money at the software allocation that was supposed to be state of the art 5-years ago and implemented over 2-years ago. Commissioner Minton asked what the Directors are saying about this and are they making these concerns known. Mr. Blevins said yes they are. Commissioner Minton said he knows the Association is making it known as well. Mr. Blevins said some are even saying they are going to refuse it. There is much opposition to it, because of the fear of mistakes, workers already overworked being ask to do double the amount of work, causing a mistake or injury to a child, it is worrisome. Mr. Blevins said their job is extremely difficult now and if you are put in a program that doesn't work well and takes far longer that is a problem. Commissioner Minton said they are not listening to their folks in the field and feeding the problems back into the solutions. Mr. Blevins agreed, this last pause is the first time that IBM actually went to a county and looked to see what was going on in

the pilot county. They finally sat down with the Social Worker and saw just how difficult it was to get done what they needed to do. Commissioner Elmore said they have a private company, North Woods that could have done this 5-years ago and had a good program that worked well. Mr. Blevins agreed and said it is very frustrating for the workers and everyone across that state. They go through the training then they say they are changing the program, they go through training again and hope it works. He added they do this while they have a MOU saying if you don't get it done they will come and take you over. Mr. Blevins said he will continue to provide updates to the Board.

The Board thanked Mr. Blevins for his update.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

Chairman Blevins said there was a Public Hearing set for 6:50 for the CDBG Community Revitalization earlier and he failed to mention at the beginning of the meeting, it is on hold until later in the meeting. Mr. Barnes stated they will be asking to re-set that later this evening.

1. a. REZONING REQUEST – ACKLE ACRES SUBDIVISION, LEWIS FORK TOWNSHIP – Chairman Blevins welcomed Eddie Barnes, Planning Director and WC Scroggs, Planner. Mr. Barnes stated during regular session on June 25, 2018 the Wilkes Joint Planning Board reviewed a request and petition signed by 16 of the 18 property owners in Ackle Acres Subdivision at W. Kerr Scott Dam & Reservoir in Lewis Fork Township. The foregoing subdivision and request was to rezone from the current R-15R (Residential-Resort to R-20 (Residential). He added this will allow uses that are consistent with the neighborhood which is single family site built homes or modular homes. The R-15R is a district that does allow for manufactured homes which is not consistent with this neighborhood. The property owners requested this zoning change to keep the consistency of the neighborhood. He added the Wilkes Joint Planning Board approved and recommends this request to the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Barnes said they recommend the Board to set a Public Hearing and recommend a text amendment to the official Wilkes County Zoning Map.

Commissioner Elmore asked if it was unanimous at the Planning Board meeting. Mr. Barnes replied yes it was unanimous. Chairman Settle stated 16 of 18 property owners were in favor. Mr. Barnes replied yes by petition and they have had no opposition. Vice Chairman Settle asked about the remaining two. Mr. Barnes replied they have been silent and they have not heard from them. A public hearing was heard earlier with no opposition, the notification period has been met, and now it is for the Boards consideration. He added the map that Mr. Scroggs gave to the Board is the lots that will be rezoned to R-20.

Vice Chairman Eddie Settle made a motion to approve the rezoning request for Ackle Acres Subdivision located at W. Kerr Scott Dam & Reservoir, Lewis Fork Township, Wilkes County, North Carolina, which is currently zoned R-15R (Residential-Resort) to R-20 (Residential), as presented and requested. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keith Elmore and unanimously approved.

1. b. REZONING REQUEST – STATEMENT OF REASONABLENESS – County Attorney Tony Triplett said the Statement of Reasonableness is a statutory requirement that must accompany rezoning by the County Commissioners. He said the courts have required that it has to be approved separately from the rezoning. The Statement lists the reasons behind this particular rezoning, is it consistent with the goals and purposes of the Wilkes County Zoning Ordinances and why it is in the public interest and if they had a comprehensive zoning plan why it complies with it. Mr. Triplett said Wilkes County does not have a comprehensive zoning plan, as many counties don't, but the other requirements are satisfied in the statement.

*N.C.G.S. §153A-341 STATEMENT
BY WILKES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APPROVING RE-ZONING OF ACKLE ACRES SUBDIVISION
AND ADJOINING PARCELS IN LEWIS FORK TOWNSHIP,
WILKES COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA,
FROM R-15R (RESIDENTIAL-RESORT)
TO R-20 (RESIDENTIAL)*

THE WILKES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS has on this date adopted a zoning amendment, approving the recommendation of the Wilkes Joint Planning Board that all of Ackle Acres Subdivision at W. Kerr Scott Dam & Reservoir in Lewis Fork Township, Wilkes County, North Carolina, as recorded in Map Book 5, Page 40, Wilkes County Registry, together with two parcels adjacent to but not within the subdivision that are owned, respectively, by William R. Kent and wife, Denise J. Kent (Parcel ID No. 0900778, Book 1053, Page 358, Wilkes County Registry) and Eric C. Hayes (Parcel ID No. 0900779, Book 666, Page 563, Wilkes County Registry), be re-zoned from R-15R (Residential-Resort) to R-20 (Residential). The Board of Commissioners agrees with the findings of the Wilkes Joint Planning Board that the property was initially zoned R-15R when the subdivision was created at or about the time of the construction of W. Kerr Scott Dam & Reservoir in the early 1960's; that the character and use of the property and the entire surrounding area is single family residential in nature; and that, while portions of the surrounding area at W. Kerr Scott Dam & Reservoir are zoned R-15R, much of the area is zoned R-20, reflecting the single family residential nature of the same. The Board of Commissioners further agrees with the findings of the Wilkes Joint Planning Board that residents of the property are concerned over the placement of manufactured homes on the property; that whereas R-15R districts allow the placement of manufactured homes, R-20 districts do not; that there are currently no manufactured homes located on the property or in the area in question; and that preserving the single family residential nature of the property is not only consistent with the goals and purposes of the Wilkes County Zoning Ordinance but is also reasonable and in the public interest.

Accordingly, the Board of Commissioners finds, pursuant to G.S. §153A-341, that although Wilkes County has not officially adopted a comprehensive zoning plan, the proposed re-zoning in this case is consistent with other zoning requirements currently in place in the area affected by the re-zoning. The Board of Commissioners further finds, for the above stated reasons, that the proposed re-zoning is consistent with the goals and purposes of the Wilkes County Zoning Ordinance and is reasonable and in the public interest.

ADOPTED this the 4th day of September, 2018.

*WILKES COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS*

ATTEST:

Sarah D. Call, Clerk

*Gary D. Blevins, Chairman
Wilkes County Board of Commissioners*

Commissioner Greg Minton made a motion to adopt the N.C.G.S. §153A-341 Statement by Wilkes County Board of Commissioners Approving rezoning request for Ackle Acres Subdivision located at W. Kerr Scott Dam & Reservoir, Lewis Fork Township, Wilkes County, North Carolina, which is currently zoned R-15R (Residential-Resort) to R-20 (Residential), as requested and presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eddie Settle and unanimously approved.

2. REQUEST TO SET PUBLIC HEARING – AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION – Mr. Barnes said the Wilkes County Planning Department is applying for Community Development Block Grant funds for Neighborhood Revitalization. If awarded these funds will be used to assist low income elderly and disabled homeowners in Wilkes County. The High Country Council of Governments will assist Wilkes County with the application. The application requires two (2) public hearings to be held by the County Commissioners and this will be the second required hearing.

Commissioner Greg Minton made a motion to set a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 6:50 P.M. regarding the Community Development Block Grant for Neighborhood Revitalization as requested and presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keith Elmore and unanimously approved.

3. REQUEST TO SET PUBLIC HEARING – ROAD NAME REQUEST – SMITH JOHNSON LANE – LOVELACE TOWNSHIP – Mr. 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 Smith Johnson Lane off Statesville Road (NC Hwy 115) in Lovelace 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 Greg Minton made a motion to set a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 immediately following the Public Hearing at 6:50 P.M. regarding the Road Name Request as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner David Gambill and unanimously approved.

WILKES COUNTY AIRPORT – COMBINATION OF PARCELS – AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL PARK – Mr. Triplett said there is a memo in the packet that explains the background. He added this did originate from an idea at EDC several months ago before Ms. Nixon. Dan Little and Robin Hamby have stated that this would make the property more marketable to combine two parcels at the Airport Industrial Park into one. At the May 17, 2018 meeting the Wilkes County Airport Board heard a presentation from Robin Hamby with Wilkes EDC in which they asked the Airport Board to authorize a survey, at EDC's expense, of two parcels of real estate acquired by the County in 2009 for the Wilkes County Industrial Park. He added Scott Church preformed the Survey and he has a larger version if the Board would like to review and there is a smaller copy in their packet. Mr. Triplett said they will need to approve the preparation and execution of a Deed from the County to the County for the purpose of combing these two parcels into one and to record the Scott Church Survey Plat dated July 11, 2018 evidencing the same.

Commissioner Elmore stated both these are county property already, correcting this will just combine them on one deed. Mr. Triplett replied yes, this is county property that came in two separate deeds and two separate parcels. EDC would like to combine them to market as a single pad ready site at the Industrial Park, he added.

Commissioner Keith Elmore made a motion to approve the combining of two parcels located at the Wilkes County Airport Industrial Park and approve the preparation and execution of the Deed from the County to the County for the purpose of combining these two parcels into one Deed; and record the Scott Church Survey Plat dated July 11, 2018 evidencing the same, as requested and presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eddie Settle and unanimously approved.

ADJOURN - Motion was made by Commissioner Keith Elmore, seconded by Vice Chairman Eddie Settle and by unanimous vote adopted to adjourn the meeting of the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners at 8:19 P.M.

Sarah D. Call, Clerk

Gary D. Blevins, Chairman

WILKES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approved: