

**MINUTES
WILKES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 17, 2017**

PUBLIC CONCERNS – None

The Wilkes County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. with the following members present: Chairman Greg Minton, Vice Chairman Gary D. Blevins, Commissioner Keith Elmore, Commissioner David Gambill, and Commissioner Eddie Settle.

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

Chairman Greg Minton welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION – Commissioner David Gambill led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Chairman Greg Minton recognized Garrett Wagoner, Isaac Davis, Tyler Hub, Luke Wagoner, and Austin Hub from Troop 343, Mulberry and asked them to come forward and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. He stated the Scouts will be observing the meeting tonight to complete one of the requirements for their Citizenship and Community merit badge, and they all attend North Wilkes Middle School. Chairman Minton also recognized Scout Masters Brandon Winters and Rick Blevins. The Boy Scouts let the Pledge of Allegiance at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Commissioner Keith Elmore, seconded by Vice Chairman Gary D. Blevins and unanimously adopted to approve the Minutes of the Board meeting held on October 3, 2017.

TRAPHILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. – FIREMAN’S RELIEF FUND – TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT – Chairman Minton welcomed and recognized, Brian McDaniel, Chief Traphill Volunteer Fire Department. Chairman Minton asked Mr. McDaniel if he would be replacing Mr. Robert Wood. Mr. McDaniel replies yes.

Vice Chairman Gary D. Blevins made a motion to approve the appointment of Brain McDaniel to serve as a Trustee for the Fireman’s Relief Fund for the Traphill Volunteer Fire Department, as presented. The motion was seconded by a Commissioner Eddie Settle and unanimously approved.

The Board thanked Mr. McDaniel for his service.

CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT – JURY COMMISSION – APPOINTMENT – Chairman Greg Minton recognized Tony Triplett, County Attorney. Mr. Triplett stated in the packets is a letter of recommendation from the Clerk of Superior Court, Janet Handy for the appointment of Rocky Charles Lyons to the Jury Commission. He added as the Board recalls a previous appointment was made for Mr. Herb Settle and for health reasons Mr. Settle had to tender his resignation. This will be an appointment for the remainder of that term, which has just been made and is for almost the full two years that runs from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019. Mr. Triplett added the statute does require three members for the Jury Commission one is appointed by the Clerk of Superior Court, one by the resident Superior Court Judge, and one by the Board of Commissioners. He said this is for the Board of Commissioners' appointment and added he will be happy to answer any questions.

Vice Chairman Blevins stated they would like to thank Mr. Herb Settle for his service and Mr. Lyons is replacing a fine man and will do a good job.

Commissioner Eddie Settle made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Rocky Charles Lyons to serve on the Jury Commission to complete the remaining term vacated by Mr. Herb Settle, as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Gary D. Blevins and unanimously approved.

WILKES COUNTY LANDFILL – FARM LAND LEASE – APPROVAL OF BID – Mr. Triplett stated this matter is before them tonight for presentation of a bid tabulation sheet that has been given to the Board. He said four bids were received for the farmland lease of 33 acres at the Landfill. Mr. Triplett stated before the Board, if they wish to do so, is the approval of the high bid. He added if the Board would like to move forward and approve the high bid there is a motion he will need to read into the record. The next step will be to advertise the lease for 30 days for the high bid received, he said.

Commissioner David Gambill made a motion to accept the high bid of Brian Chatham in the amount of \$5,511.00 per year for the lease of approximately 33 acres of farmland owned by the County and located on Highway 268 East near the Wilkes County Landfill, subject to all conditions as stated in that Notice of Solicitation of Bids for Lease of Croplands published in the *Wilkes Journal-Patriot* on September 22, 2017 and October 6, 2017, and to publish notice, pursuant to G.S. 153A-176 and 160A-272, of the intent of the Board of Commissioners to enter into a Lease Agreement between Wilkes County (as Lessor) and Brian Chatham (as Lessee) for the same, said property to be used for agricultural purposes under the same terms and conditions as set forth in the previous Lease Agreement between the County and ASJ Mathis Farms, LLC, dated February 1, 2014, except with a rental of \$5,511.00 per year, provisions for use of the property, and a term of 5 years beginning January 1, 2018 and running through December 31, 2022, with the County Attorney to present a Resolution for final approval of the Lease Agreement at the November 21, 2017 meeting of the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keith Elmore and unanimously approved.

Below is the bid tabulation sheet provided to the Commissioners:

Landfill Cropland - Bid Tabulation	Lease Amount Per Year
Brian Chatham	\$5,511.00
ASJ Mathis Farms, LLC	\$5,300.00
Shelmer D. Blackburn Jr.	\$5,123.25
Talmadge Mathis DBA Ty-Di Farms	\$2,640.00

Bids were opened in the County Managers office at 8:56 AM on October 17, 2017 with the following individuals present: County Manager John Yates; Assistant Finance Director Chris Huffman; and County Clerk Sarah Call

CLOSED SESSION – Vice Chairman Gary D. Blevins made a motion to go into Closed Session under Section 143-318.11(a)(3) of the North Carolina General Statute to consult with the Board’s attorney to protect the attorney-client privilege. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eddie Settle and unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Gary D. Blevins, seconded by Commissioner Eddie Settle 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 Gary D. Blevins, seconded by Commissioner Eddie Settle and by unanimous vote adopted to adjourn the meeting of the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners at 7:45 P.M.

Sarah D. Call, Clerk

Gregory A. Minton, Chairman

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Approved: