



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER’S MEETING

Monday, January 6th, 2025

224 Seminary Street

Kenansville, N.C. 28349

The Duplin County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 6th, 2025 in the Commissioners Room located at 224 Seminary Street, Kenansville, N.C.

Present: Commissioners: Dexter B. Edwards; Elwood Garner; Jesse L. Dowe, III; Wayne Branch; and Justin Edwards.

Also Present: Bryan Miller, County Manager; Carrie Shields, Deputy County Manager; Tim Wilson, County Attorney; Chelsey Lanier, Finance Officer; Jaime W. Carr, Clerk to the Board; and Jasmine Savage, Administrative Specialist.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Edwards.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation was given by Commissioner Branch. Commissioner Branch then led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

Chairman Edwards asked if the members of the Board approved the proposed meeting agenda, and if any Board Member, County Manager, or Clerk to the Board wished to make any changes or additions to the agenda. Jaime W. Carr, Clerk to the Board, requested to add Gary Rose, Tax Administrator, to the regular agenda to present a Resolution to Extend the 2025 Property Tax Listing Period. Bryan Miller, County Manager, asked to remove Item #5 (The Adoption of a Resolution to Amend Resolution 2023-23 by the County of Duplin to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds) from the Consent Agenda and to remove TD Hill with RH CPA’s from the Regular Agenda.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner J. Edwards, carried unanimously, to approve the meeting agenda with the changes as presented by the Clerk to the Board and the County Manager.

Approval of the Minutes – Governing Body

Motion was made by Commissioner J. Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Dowe, carried unanimously, to approve the minutes of the December 16th, 2024 Board of Commissioners meeting as presented.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner J. Edwards, carried unanimously to approve consent agenda items as listed: Budget Amendments Journal

Entry Proof; Budget Amendments Journal Entry Proof; Tax and Solid Waste Releases - #22527-#22565; Approve Late Applications for Property Tax Exemption as Timely Filed; Approve the FY25 NC Science Museums Grant Program Contract between the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources and the Cowan Museum of History and Science and authorize the County Manager or Deputy County Manager to DocuSign.; Adopt a Resolution to Amend Resolution 2024-12 by the County of Duplin to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds and Authorize Chairman to Sign; Approve Duplin County Community Development Block Grant – Neighborhood Revitalization (CDBG-NR) Program Professional Surveying Services Contract between Duplin County and Johnny J. Williams Land Surveying, P.C. and authorize the Chairman to Sign; Approve Duplin County Community Development Block Grant – Neighborhood Revitalization (CDBG-NR) Program Lead-Based Paint Inspection Services Contract between Duplin County and The El Group, Inc. and authorize the Chairman to Sign; Approve Duplin County Community Development Block Grant – Neighborhood Revitalization (CDBG-NR) Program Legal Services Contract between Duplin County and Mewborn & DeSelms, Attorneys at Law and authorize the Chairman to Sign and the removal of consent agenda item #5: Adopt a Resolution to Amend Resolution 2023-23 by the County of Duplin to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds and Authorize Chairman to Sign.

ITEMS TO BE MADE PART OF MINUTES

Administrative Budget Amendment Journal Entry Report

AGENDA

Public Comments

No public comments.

End Public Comments

Chairman Edwards received road concerns on behalf of the North Carolina Department of Transportation. No road concerns were reported.

Gary Rose, Tax Administrator, appeared before the Board to request a Resolution to Extend the 2025 Property Tax Listing Period until February 14th, 2025 be adopted.

Motion was made by Commissioner J. Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Dowe, carried unanimously, to adopt a Resolution to Extend the 2025 Property Tax Listing Period until February 14th, 2025.

Bryan Miller, County Manager, appeared before the Board to conduct a public hearing to receive public comments for consideration of a text amendment to the Duplin County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to add Section 629 (E) accessory structures to Article 6 Subdivision Regulations. This amendment would create building setbacks for accessory structures and be a reduction from the minimum setbacks that covers all other buildings.

Chairman Edwards opened the public hearing

Tony James appeared during public comments to express his concern regarding moving the setbacks for accessory structures to only five (5) feet.

Chairman Edwards closed the public hearing

No Action was taken.

Bryan Miller County Manager, appeared before the Board to conduct a public hearing regarding a request from Dean and Vivian Brown to name two lanes at Cipher Green RV Park off of John Williams Evans Rd; Queen Kate Lane and Cipher Lane.

Chairman Edwards opened the public hearing

Angela Mainor asked for the names to be given again for the lanes.

Mr. Miller responded with Queen Kate Lane and Cipher Lane.

Chairman Edwards closed the public hearing

Motion was made by Commissioner Dowe, seconded by Commissioner Branch, carried unanimously, to name two lanes at Cipher Green RV Park off of John Williams Evans Rd; Queen Kate Lane and Cipher Lane in accordance with the Duplin County Addressing and Road Naming Ordinance

Bryan Miller, County Manager, appeared before the Board to request that a Resolution by the County of Duplin to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds (Resolution #4) be adopted. Resolution #3 expired December 31, 2024.

Motion was made by Commissioner Branch, seconded by Commissioner Garner, carried unanimously, to Approve Resolution #4 – Resolution by the County of Duplin to Direct the Expenditure of the Opioid Settlement Funds as presented and authorize the Chairman to sign.; and approve the associated budget amendment if needed.

Bryan Miller, County Manager, appeared before the Board to request the approval of an offer to purchase real property located at 104 Limestone Road, Kenansville, currently owned by Fair Slice.

Motion was made by Commissioner J. Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Branch, carried unanimously, to approve an agreement for the purchase and sale of improved real property between Duplin County and Fair Slice, LLC for the purchase of property at 104 Limestone Road, Kenansville, NC and authorize the County Manager to sign all documents associated.

Motion was made by Commissioner J. Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Garner, carried unanimously, to go out of regular session and into closed session for personnel matters pursuant to NCGS § 143-318.11 (a)(6)

Motion was made by Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner J. Edwards, carried unanimously, to go out of closed session and back into open session.

Bryan Miller, County Manager, appeared before the Board to make announcements/comments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Branch, seconded by Commissioner Garner, carried unanimously to adjourn until Monday, February 3rd, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. for a Commissioners Meeting at the Administrative Building, located at 224 Seminary Street in Kenansville, N.C.

Jaime W. Carr
Clerk to the Board