



ONslow COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Monday, May 18, 2020

Video Conference via Zoom

Hosted by Onslow County Government Center

234 NW Corridor Boulevard, Jacksonville

6:00 PM

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER - Chairman Jack Bright

INVOCATION – Sharon Russell, County Manager will provide the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Benjamin Warren, Assistant County Manager will lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Thank you for joining us today. Commissioners, please hold your comments and questions until individually called upon. When voting on an agenda item, Commissioners shall announce their vote and raise their hand.

Comments during the public comment period should be limited to three minutes each and may be on any issue upon which the Board of Commissioners has control.

Public comment is not intended to require the Board to answer any impromptu questions. Speakers are expected to be civil in their language and presentation. Any comments where the primary purpose is to promote a business or candidacy shall not be allowed.

ITEM 1 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman: With no other items being considered separately, a motion to adopt the Meeting Agenda is in order.

Specific Action Requested: Adopt the Meeting Agenda.

ITEM 2 APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

The Chairman will ask any Board Members with questions or concerns about any agenda item to identify the item, which will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately toward the end of the meeting. If an item is identified, no vote is necessary to move the item for separate consideration. The Chairman will call for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda includes routine items that may be acted upon in a single vote. Any Commissioner may remove items from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion and consideration later in the agenda.

- A. Budget Amendments** – The following budget amendments for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 are requested for your approval on May 18, 2020: B38, B39, B40, B41, B42, B43, B45, B46, and B47.

Specific Action Requested: Respectfully request the approval of the Budget Amendments B38 through B47.

B. Cancellation of BOC Regular Meeting

Specific Action Requested: Respectfully request cancellation of the July 6, 2020 BOC Regular Meeting.

C. Approval of Proclamations

Nurses Month 2020
National EMS Week
National Foster Care Month 2020

Specific Action Requested: Respectfully request approval of the listed proclamations.

D. Approval of BOC Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2020 BOC Regular Meeting Minutes

Specific Action Requested: Respectfully request approval of listed minutes.

- ITEM 3 PUBLIC COMMENT** - Citizens have an opportunity to address the Board for no more than three minutes per comment on any issue upon which the Board of Commissioners has control.

ITEM 4 PRESENTATIONS

- A. Proclamations** – Three proclamations have been prepared.

i. Nurses Month Proclamation

Benjamin Warren, Assistant County Manager, will read the proclamation into the record.

ii. National EMS Week

Sharon Russell, County Manager, will read the proclamation into the record.

iii. Foster Care Awareness Month 2020

Sheri Slater, Assistant County Manager, will read the proclamation into the record.

B. Onslow County Proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget Presentation

Sharon Russell, County Manager, will provide the proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget presentation to the Board.

ITEM 5 **PUBLIC HEARING** – One public hearing is scheduled during this meeting. The Chairman has directed Sharon Russell, County Manager to conduct the public hearing.

A. Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance Update: ZTA-2020-00001

As a participating community with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), Onslow County must adopt a revised Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance in accord with FEMA and the NC Department of Public Safety requirements.

In 2016, Onslow County received the preliminary flood maps that had been updated by the State of North Carolina and FEMA. In addition to meetings held with insurance professionals and real estate agents, the County held multiple public information meetings where citizens could have their questions answered about the impacts the maps may have on their property.

The new Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) were updated in response to the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) conducted by FEMA and the State. FEMA issued their Final Letter of Determination on December 19, 2019 giving the County six months to proceed with these adoptions before the effective date of June 19, 2020.

The current Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance was adopted in 2005 when the current FIRM (flood maps) became effective on November 3, 2005 and will be repealed upon the new effective date of June 19, 2020.

All required hearing notices have been provided in accordance with state standards.

Following the Public Hearing, the Board of Commissioners may ask questions of those involved with this issue.

i. Staff Introduction

Jessica F. Rhue, Director of Planning and Development, will give a brief introduction.

ii. Public Hearing – The Chairman directs the County Manager to open the public hearing.

a. Public – The Commissioners will take comments from the public.

b. Close Public Hearing.

iii. Commissioner Discussion – Discussion and questions to the staff and/or public.

Specific Action Requested: Respectfully request the Board of Commissioners adopt the updated Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance to replace the 2005 Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance and adopt the Flood Insurance Study and related Flood Insurance Rate Maps, and if approved authorize the Chairman to sign necessary documents on behalf of the County.

ITEM 6 GENERAL ITEMS

A. Resolution 20-006 Onslow County Resolution of Intent

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 131E-13(d), the Onslow County Board of Commissioners is providing notice of its plans to consider its intent to sell or otherwise convey its home health and hospice agency, Onslow County Home Health and Hospice, in a manner consistent with its governmental purpose.

Sheri Slater, Assistant County Manager, will be available to present this item and answer any questions the Board may have.

Specific Action Requested: It is respectfully requested that the Board of Commissioners consider and approve Resolution 20-006 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the County.

B. Final Offers – Real Property

On April 6, 2020, the Board of Commissioners accepted the following offers for the sale of surplus real property. The properties are described as follows:

Parcel #	Location	Size	Initial Offer	Final Offer
001732	Gum Branch Road	0.10 acre	\$2,923.53	\$2,923.53
066859	Andermora Road	0.15 acre	\$1,963.69	\$1,963.69

As required by statute, public notices were advertised in The Jacksonville Daily News allowing other citizens to make upset offers. However, the County did not receive any upset offers.

The final offers are being brought back before the Board of Commissioners for consideration. If the Board approves the offers, the properties will be sold "As Is" and deeds will be prepared transferring the properties. The properties will then be removed from the County asset file.

Sharon Russell, County Manager, will be available to present this item and answer any questions the Board may have.

Specific Action Requested: It is respectfully requested that the Board of Commissioners consider the final offers for the surplus real properties.

C. Amendment to & Closure of Waterway Maintenance Project

During the fiscal year 2013-2014 the County Board of Commissioners took action to begin setting aside tourism funds for Waterway Maintenance. The set aside of these funds would allow the County to partner with other agencies and participate in various waterway projects as they became available. During fiscal year 2015-2016 funds in this project allowed the County to participate in the New River Inlet Dredging Project totaling \$626,523. Each year since, during the annual budget process, County Commissioners have appropriated tourism funds to contribute to this project, as of June 30, 2019 \$1.5 million in tourism funds have been set aside for this purpose, for the current fiscal year an additional \$200,000 is pending transfer for this purpose.

This project was established and set up in the County's Capital Project Fund, due to the nature of the project (create a reserve) and changes in accounting requirements, the Waterway Maintenance Project is being transferred to the Economic Development Fund (17). To complete this transfer the project will be closed and any remaining funds (and interest earned) will be moved to the newly established division in the Economic Development Fund. Records for the New River Dredging project will be maintained in the project fund. Upon closure approximately \$1.175 million will be transferred to the Waterway Maintenance reserve as well as the current year appropriation.

David McCole, Finance Officer, will be available to present this item and answer any questions the Board may have.

Specific Action Requested: Respectfully request approval of the amended project ordinance and closure of the project for Waterway Maintenance and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the County.

D. Amendment to Discovery Gardens Project

As of April 30, 2020, \$915,213 in tourism funds have been appropriated for this project, other sources of funding include general funds totaling \$107,500, a state grant in the amount of \$17,104 and donations totaling \$40,573. Expenditures for the project total \$1,050,566 and range from professional services for design and engineering to construction of a gazebo, boardwalk and pond located at the Discovery Gardens located behind the County's

Multipurpose Building. Funds appropriated during the FY 19-20 budget are to be used to complete the pond, install a comprehensive signage system, continue work on the children's garden and treat stone paths with a product to create a solid surface.

The proposed amendment to the capital project ordinance for Discovery Gardens is for funds approved during the annual budget process. As part of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget the Board of Commissioners approved an additional \$100,000 of tourism funds for this project.

David McCole, Finance Officer, will be available to present this item and answer any questions the Board may have.

Specific Action Requested: Respectfully request approval of the amended project ordinance for the Discovery Gardens Project and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the County.

E. Additional funding for Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act

Onslow County Senior Services receives grant funding for the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) from the US Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Community Living to serve the seniors of Onslow County. An additional grant in the amount of \$4,125.00 has been awarded to the county. These are federal funds and no County dollars are required.

Sheri Slater, Assistant County Manager, will be available to present this item and answer any questions the Board may have.

Specific Action Requested: Respectfully request the Board of Commissioners accept the additional grant award of \$4,125.00.

F. Master Service Agreement with Securus Technologies

Through a contract with Securus Technologies, inmates will have access to telephone and video visitation services. Securus will own and maintain tablets in the detention center at no cost to the County. This new service will also allow remote visitation so inmate family members can visit without coming into the facility, reducing traffic in the lobby and the manpower needed to address visitors. The inmate tablets will meet the additional requirement of providing a law library and complete and inclusive religious materials to inmates as required by law.

Staff will be able to track inmate mail, inmate complaints and medical call requests through a digital format, as a component of this system. Replacing the current mail system with a paperless system reduces the risk of contraband entering the detention center.

Sheri Slater, Assistant County Manager, will be available to present this item on behalf of the Sheriff and answer any questions the Board may have.

Specific Action Requested: We respectfully request that the Board of County Commissioners consider accepting the Master Service Agreement with Securus Technologies for new phone/video visitation services of the Onslow County Detention Center and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the County.

G. 2020 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant

The Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance has awarded the Onslow County Sheriff's Office a grant in the amount of \$38,947. This grant will be used primarily to purchase personal protective equipment utilized by the Onslow County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff is respectfully requesting approval by the Onslow County Board of Commissioners.

This grant is 100% funded by the Department of Justice with no matching fund requirements from Onslow County.

Sheri Slater, Assistant County Manager, will be available to present this item on behalf of the Sheriff and answer any questions the Board may have.

Specific Action Requested: We respectfully request that the Board of Commissioners approve this grant for the Sheriff's Office.

H. Coronavirus Relief Funding

As a result of Coronavirus COVID-19, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law on March 27, 2020. This law directed \$150 billion to states and territories via the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) to be used for expenses related to addressing the COVID-19 pandemic. North Carolina received a total of \$4.066 billion but approximately \$481 million went directly to local governments with populations greater than 500,000. Session Law 2020-4 placed \$300 million in a local government CRF reserve fund and appropriated \$150 million of those funds to be distributed to counties across North Carolina who were not eligible for direct funding. Eligible spending must be directly related to expenditures incurred to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

The funds must be spent on purposes that were not accounted for in the government's most recently approved budget as of March 27, 2020 and must be used for expenditures incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020. Any funds not used by December 30, 2020 must be returned.

Onslow County has been allocated \$3,470,516 in coronavirus relief funding, with no required county match.

Sharon Russell, County Manager, will be available to present this item and answer any questions the Board may have.

Specific Action Requested: Respectfully request that the Board of Commissioners approve and accept the Coronavirus Relief Funding in the amount of \$3,470,516 and authorize the Chairman and Sharon Russell, County Manager, to sign any related relief funding documents on behalf of the County.

I. Albert J. Ellis Airport CARES ACT Grant Acceptance

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act became law on March 27, 2020, includes \$10 billion in funds to support US airports affected by COVID-19 pandemic. As businesses temporarily shut down and stay at home orders were issued air commerce has declined by over 95%. Worldwide, over 17,000 commercial aircraft have been placed into storage and hundreds of thousands have been laid off. The CARES Act also provides some support to airlines and requires them to continue serving communities like ours.

As with most airports the unprecedented decline in activity resulting from the pandemic the revenues the County relies upon to operate the Airport have declined by 80% or more. The airport is authorized by the Act to use these grant funds for operational and capital expenses for up to four years. It is anticipated that these funds combined with limited revenues and reserves will fully fund operations during FY20 and FY21.

As a part of the CARES Act the Albert J Ellis Airport has been allocated \$3,257,082. These dollars are restricted to fund airport operating expenses, including additional COVID-19 related expenses.

Benjamin Warren, Assistant County Manager, will be available to present this item and answer any questions the Board may have.

Specific Action Requested: It is respectfully requested that the Board of Commissioners accept the CARES Act grant in the amount of \$3,257,082, approve the associated budget amendment and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the County.

ITEM 7 CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS, if necessary

ITEM 8 MANAGER'S COMMENTS

ITEM 9 COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

ITEM 10 ADJOURNMENT