

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held in and for the County of Mecklenburg on March 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors meeting room of the Goode Bank Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Glenn Barbour, Chairman; Jim Jennings; Brenda Blackwell; David Brankley; Andy Hargrove; Charles Jones; Claudia Lundy; Tom Tanner; Sterling Wilkinson

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2023, meeting. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

Chairman Barbour advised that Item D -1 and two will be tabled until the next meeting.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jennings, the Board voted unanimously to table Items D,1 and D,2 until the next meeting. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

Upon a motion of Mrs. Lundy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as amended. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

Upon a motion of Mr. Barbour, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution and Chairman Barbour presented it to Mrs. Spain. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors does hereby wish to honor the legacy of Mr. Glanzy Moore Spain, Jr. for his many years of public service to the citizens of Mecklenburg County and more specifically to the residents of District 2, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Spain attended the historic Thyne Institute and graduated from West End High School in 1962, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Spain then went on to serve his country by joining the Air Force and spent four years serving as a jet engine mechanic who rose to the rank of staff sergeant, and;

WHEREAS, once Mr. Spain returned home in 1971, he worked at Burlington Industries in Clarksville and retired as a shift supervisor in the finishing plant, and;

WHEREAS, it was during those years that he developed a true passion in helping his community, first through the Clarksville Jaycees, where he worked tirelessly and became its President in 1979 and then went on to advance to become the Regional Director of the Jaycees, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Spain was first elected to the Board of Supervisors in January of 1996 where he served for 27 years, most recently as the Vice-Chairman of the Board and during that tenure he served on numerous committees, including the Joint Education Committee and was Chairman of the Personnel Committee and Budget & Finance Committee, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Spain, in an effort to promote his community, he volunteered on the West End High School Alumni Association, was Chairman of the Tri-County Community Action Agency Board, the Southside Planning District Commission, and the Mecklenburg County Social Services Board as well as a life member of the NAACP, the Democratic Party, a Teacher and Deacon of Bluestone Baptist Church, and in many other capacities within the Bluestone-Harmony Baptist Association and Ministries.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors does hereby wish to honor Mr. Glanzy Moore Spain, Jr., for a lifetime of service to his country, and the citizens of Mecklenburg County through volunteering to improve his community, his friends and most importantly his family.

A public hearing was held on the application by Paul Jackson for a special exemption permit to construct a recreational vehicle park consisting of one -hundred and seventeen (117) sites. This property, identified as County Tax Number 033A08-A-004, zoned Agricultural, is located on the north side of Hwy 600 (Bailey Drive), approximately 1/10th of a mile east of its intersection with Huss Road, Election District 8, County of Mecklenburg. Reference Deed Book B& P 605-514.

Mr. Paul Jackson was present to answer any questions.

There was no public comment.

The public hearing was closed.

Upon a motion of Mr. Brankley, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application by Paul Jackson for a special exemption permit to construct a recreational vehicle park consisting of one -hundred and seventeen (117) sites with the 42 conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

A public hearing was held on the application by Thomas & Dominique Pinion & David Vestal for a special exemption permit to allow for children's outdoor adventures and weddings. This property, identified as County Tax Number 108000-((A))-013, zoned Agricultural, is located on the north side of Hwy 688 (Skipwith Road) and approximately one (1) of a mile west of its intersection with Route 798 (Moores Drive), Election District 2, County of Mecklenburg. Reference Deed Book LR- 15-2006 and Will Book WF-19-373.

Ms. Pinion was present to answer any questions.

There was no public comment.

The public hearing was closed.

Upon a motion of Ms. Blackwell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application by Thomas & Dominique Pinion & David Vestal for a special exemption permit to allow for children's outdoor adventures and weddings with the 6 stipulations as recommended by the Planning Commission. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

There was no one present to speak during the public comment session.

Mr. Kevin Smith, VDOT Assistant Resident Engineer, addressed the Board with a monthly update. He stated that VDOT is working on pipe and shoulder repairs, installing gravel and stone as needed, litter pickup has begun, Hwy 92 bridge is still scheduled to be completed at the end of June, and bridge construction is scheduled for Paschall Road April 4th – July 5th.

Ms. Tina Morgan addressed the Board with a Tourism update. She advised that according to VTC's Travel Research Team, Mecklenburg County has once again seen a significant increase in tourism visitation. The most recent data reflects 2021 visitation, and showing an increase in visitor spending, up 38.6% from 72.6 million to 100.7 million, an increase in tourism related jobs from 682 to 746 and an increase in local tax revenue, from 2.7 million to 3.7 million. Ms. Morgan highlighted some events that she has attended, a few of her other marketing efforts and some big events coming up later this summer.

Ms. Morgan informed the Board that Mecklenburg County was awarded \$180,000 in funding through the American Rescue Plan to use on tourism recovery. She stated that the funds will be distributed between a mural trail, facility improvements, gateway signs, new events and marketing for all of these new products and events. Ms. Morgan was pleased to announce that Buggs Island will host the 2023 St. Criox Bassmaster Open on May 3rd – May 5th at Occoneechee State Park, consisting of 240 teams.

Next Ms. Morgan advised that The Virginia American Revolution 250 Commission (VA250) was created by the General Assembly for the purpose of planning for a commemorating the 250th anniversary of Virginia's participation in American Independence, the duration of which will be 2022-2026. Ms. Morgan requested the Board take action on a resolution she presented.

Upon a motion of Mr. Tanner, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Mecklenburg County is dedicated to the furtherance of economic development and tourism in Mecklenburg County; and,

WHEREAS, the Virginia America 250 Commission (VA250) was created in 2020 by the General Assembly for the purpose of preparing for and commemorating the 250th Anniversary of Virginia's participation in American Independence; and,

WHEREAS, VA250 has requested that each locality for a committee to aid in planning for the commemoration period; and,

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County Tourism Coordinator Tina Morgan will form a local VA250 committee; and,

WHEREAS, the committee will plan and coordinate programs occurring within the locality and communicate regularly with VA250; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors wishes to undertake this endeavor with VA250 to promote and commemorate this important historic milestone;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Mecklenburg County does hereby desire to support the Virginia America 250 Commission and their efforts to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of Virginia's participation in American independence.

Mr. Jason Corwin addressed the Board to relocate two polling places. Precinct 103 is currently located at Clarksville Elementary, which will soon be under construction. Mr. Corwin advised that he spoken with the Lake Country Airport Manager and their facility is suitable. Next is Precinct 901, currently located at Averett Family Food, the Board has recently learned that it is not up to code for a polling place. Therefore, the Electoral Board wants to relocate this precinct to Wharton Memorial Baptist Church, which is located nearby.

Upon a motion of Mr. Hargrove, the Board adopted the following ordinances approving the polling place relocations. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ORDINANCE

RE: RELOCATION OF POLLING PLACE

PRECINCT 103, ELECTION DISTRICT 1

The polling place which currently serves Precinct 103 of Election District 1 is hereby relocated from Clarksville Elementary School, located at 1696 Noblin Farm Road, Clarksville, Virginia 23927, to Lake Country Regional Airport, located at 11632 Highway Fifteen, Clarksville, Virginia 23927.

The County Attorney is hereby authorized and directed to make a formal submission to the U. S. Justice Department for pre-clearance of the new polling place, and to advise the Virginia State Board of Elections of this action.

ADOPTED this 13th day of March, 2023, effective immediately.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ORDINANCE

**RE: RELOCATION OF POLLING PLACE
PRECINCT 901, ELECTION DISTRICT 9**

The polling place which currently serves Precinct 901 of Election District 9 is hereby relocated from Averett Family Food, located at 1846 Highway Forty-Nine, Nelson, Virginia 24580, to Wharton Memorial Baptist Church, located at 57 White House Road, Nelson, Virginia 24580.

The County Attorney is hereby authorized and directed to make a formal submission to the U. S. Justice Department for pre-clearance of the new polling place, and to advise the Virginia State Board of Elections of this action.

ADOPTED this 13th day of March, 2023, effective immediately.

Mrs. Lundy advised the Board that the County has received the health insurance renewal for 2023-2024 from Anthem Local Choice. She advised that there was a 4.4 percent increase effective July 1, 2023. Mrs. Lundy stated that the only benefit change is to the High Deductible Plans, single deductible is increasing from \$2,800 to \$3,000 and family, from \$5,600 to \$6,000. Employee meetings will be scheduled in April, open enrollment begins on May 2nd and goes through May 16th.

Upon a motion of Mrs. Lundy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the health insurance renewal from Anthem Local Choice with a 4.4 percent increase, effective July 1, 2023. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

The Economic Development Committee met on Monday, March 13, 2023, at 4:45 p.m. in the Board of Supervisor's Meeting Room, Boydton, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Jones, Chairman; Tom Tanner; Jim Jennings, Sterling Wilkinson

OTHERS PRESENT: Glenn Barbour; David Brankley; Claudia Lundy; Andy Hargrove; Brenda Blackwell; Wayne Carter, County Administrator; Alex Gottschalk, Deputy County Administrator

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Mr. Carter reviewed the bid received for the Roanoke Campus Water Supply Contract C Booster Station. Three bids were received. The lowest bid was received from Waco, Inc. at a cost of \$2,188,353.00.

Upon a motion of Mr. Tanner, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend approving the bid received from Waco, Inc. for the Roanoke Campus Water Supply Contract C Booster Station at a cost of \$2,188,353.00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to approve the bid received from Waco, Inc. for the Roanoke Campus Water Supply Contract C Booster Station at a cost of \$2,188,353.00. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

Under the County Administrator's report:

Mr. Carter advised that building permits are up this month, with eleven new homes, zoning permits are down for the month, the Animal Warden's monthly report and the Sheriff's monthly report are included in the packet. Mr. Carter advised that the first annual Sheriff's Office Banquet was a success and he thanked them for their service. Next, Mr. Carter gave an update on the broadband project in the county, so far fiber has passed 4,012 customers. Mr. Carter advised the Board that the EMS Department is currently advertising for the new positions.

Upon a motion of Mr. Wilkinson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution regarding the opioid settlement. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVING OF THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF OPIOID-RELATED CLAIMS AGAINST TEVA, ALLERGAN, WALMART, WALGREENS, CVS, AND THEIR RELATED CORPORATE ENTITIES, AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND/OR THE COUNTY'S OUTSIDE COUNSEL TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SETTLEMENTS

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic that has cost thousands of human lives across the country also impacts Mecklenburg County, Virginia ("Mecklenburg") by adversely impacting the delivery of emergency medical, law enforcement, criminal justice, mental health and substance abuse services, and other services by Mecklenburg's various departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg has been required and will continue to be required to allocate substantial taxpayer dollars, resources, staff energy and time to address the damage the opioid epidemic has caused and continues to cause the citizens of Mecklenburg; and

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg has filed suit against Teva, Allergan, Walmart, Walgreens, CVS, and certain of their related corporate entities for their role in the distribution, manufacture, and sale of the pharmaceutical opioid products that have fueled the opioid epidemic that has harmed Mecklenburg; and

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg's suit seeks recovery of the public funds previously expended and to be expended in the future to abate the consequences and harms of the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, settlement proposals have been negotiated that will cause Teva, Allergan, Walmart, Walgreens, and CVS to pay billions of dollars nationwide to resolve opioid-related claims against them; and

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg has approved and adopted the Virginia Opioid Abatement Fund and Settlement Allocation Memorandum of Understanding (the “Virginia MOU”), and affirms that these pending settlements with Teva, Allergan, Walmart, CVS, and Walgreens shall be considered “Settlements” that are subject to the Virginia MOU, and shall be administered and allocated in the same manner as the opioid settlements entered into previously with the Distributors and Janssen; and

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg’s outside opioid litigation counsel has recommended that Mecklenburg participate in the settlements in order to recover its share of the funds that the settlement would provide; and

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg County Attorney has reviewed the available information about the proposed settlements and concurs with the recommendation of outside counsel;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors, this 13th day of February, 2023, approves of Mecklenburg’s participation in the proposed settlement of opioid-related claims against Teva, Allergan, Walmart, Walgreens, CVS, and their related corporate entities, and directs the Mecklenburg County Attorney and/or Mecklenburg’s outside counsel to execute the documents necessary to effectuate Mecklenburg’s participation in the settlements, including the required release of claims against settling entities.

Mr. Carter advised that a monthly report from Southside Behavioral Health was included in the packet for informational purposes.

Superintendent Paul Nichols addressed the Board with a Legislative update and the bills relating to education, including items that will be included in his upcoming budget.

Mr. Alex Gottschalk addressed the Board with a Legislative update.

Under the Chairman’s report:

Chairman Barbour advised that the January 24, 2023, minutes of the Roanoke River Service Authority were included in the packet for informational purposes.

Chairman Barbour advised that the terms of Mr. Tom Tanner and Mr. Wayne Carter (alternate) on the Roanoke River Service Authority will expire on June 30, 2023. They are eligible for re-appointment.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jennings, the Board voted unanimously to re-appoint Mr. Tom Tanner and Mr. Wayne Carter (alternate) to serve another term on the Roanoke River Service Authority. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote ‘aye’.

Upon a motion of Mrs. Lundy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent calendar as it relates to the February bill’s list. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote ‘aye’.

Under Board Member Matters:

Mr. Brankley stated he was pleased to hear tourism in the County is continuing to grow. He stated that Mr. Spain never complained and was an outstanding servant to this County.

Mrs. Lundy stated that she is anxious about the Alternative School, and she wants the Board to support it. Mrs. Lundy commended Tina Morgan on doing an excellent job, she stated that she attended the auction at Park View Middle School and stated that it was Red Cross Awareness Month.

Mr. Tanner thanked the Sheriff for inviting the Board to the First Annual Awards Banquet. He commended all the fearless, dedicated deputies that received awards. He stated that he was happy to see the tourism numbers continue to grow. Next, Mr. Tanner shared a story where a teenager choked to death in a Chesterfield County School, Mr. Tanner called Superintendent Nichols up and presented him with a lifesaving device called Life Vac for each of the Mecklenburg County Schools.

Ms. Blackwell thanked the Sheriff, thanked Tina Morgan and stated that she supports Alternative Education.

Mr. Hargrove thanked the Sheriff for the banquet invitation, wished Tina Morgan a Happy 5th Anniversary with the County, and stated that he is pleased to report that the Convenience Center has opened at the Trading Post.

Mr. Wilkinson thanked Tina Morgan for her hard work and dedication to the County, reminded everyone about the Ag Development Meeting coming up and thanked the Sheriff for inviting them to the banquet.

Mr. Jones complimented Alex Gottschalk on keeping them up to date on the General Assembly Session and commended Tina Morgan for her efforts.

Mr. Jennings thanked the Sheriff and reflected on Mr. Spain's life and his contributions over the years.

Mr. Barbour stated that Mr. Spain is missed tremendously. He thanked Tina Morgan for her amazing tourism efforts and thanked the Sheriff for a wonderful banquet. Next, Mr. Barbour announced that after 23 years on the Board of Supervisors, he will be retiring at the end of the year.

Upon motion of Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to convene in Closed Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A), (3). Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

Upon motion of Mr. Tanner, the Board voted unanimously to go back into Open Session. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

Upon motion of Mr. Jones, the Board voted to adopt the following Certification Resolution. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors convened a Closed Session on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provision of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors that such Closed Session was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the Closed Session to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the Closed Session were heard, discussed or considered by the Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until April 10, 2023, unless sooner called to order by the Chairman.