GATES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 15, 2013

The Gates County Board of Commissioners held an Emergency Management/Disaster Preparedness Workshop at 6:00 p.m. Monday, July 15, 2013 in the Commissioners' Room, 202 Court Street, Gatesville. Commissioners Jordan, Owens, Hora, and Hofler were present. Also present was County Manager, Jon Mendenhall.

The purpose of the workshop was to update the Board on Emergency Management's role in disaster preparedness. Billy Winn, Emergency Management Director provided an overview of the county's Emergency Operations Plan.

Commissioner Hora made a motion to adjourn the workshop. Commissioner Hofler seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.

The Gates County Board of Commissioners reconvened in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m., July 15, 2013 from Wednesday, July 1, 2013 in the main courtroom, 202 Court Street, Gatesville. Commissioners Jordan, Owens, Hora, Jernigan and Hofler were present. Also present was County Manager, Jon Mendenhall.

Chairman Jordan led in prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Chairman Jordan called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda
Chairman Jordan stated the Agenda needed to be amended by the following: IV.3.c will be a presentation by the Gates County Republican Party.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Hofler seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.

Delegations – Unannounced
Carol Whit, Secretary, Ad-hoc Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, thanked the Board for forming the committee but felt there were issues with the members. There are only three (3) members on the committee who are animal rights advocates. She stated there was a conflict of interest with Sergeant Parker, wife of Animal Control Officer, Al Parker and Kevin McGinnis is the husband of a county employee. She asked the Commissioners to appoint a new Ad-hoc Animal Welfare Advisory Committee with animal rights advocates as members.

Chairman Jordan and the Mr. Mendenhall discussed the duties of the Ad-hoc Animal Welfare Advisory Committee were to review the Animal Control Ordinance, review the Tri-County Animal Shelter operations, tethering and other duties. Currently there is a vacant position on the committee with the resignation of Lulu Eure.

Delegations – Announced
Dr. Michael Elam, Roanoke Chowan Community College, as the new president he came to introduce himself and thank the Board for their support.

Thomas Hill, Chairman, Gates County Republican Party, presented the current positions the party plans to pursue. Emily Truman, secretary, presented a survey the party plans to present to the graduating seniors at the high school as an aid in determining which political party best suits the individual.

Public Hearing
Mr. Mendenhall discussed a proposed Nuisances Ordinance and provided a first reading. Pursuant to NCGS §153A-121 a county may by ordinance define, regulate, prohibit or abate acts, omissions or conditions detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of its citizens and the peace and dignity of the county; and may define and abate nuisances.

Commissioner Jernigan made a motion to authorize the County Manager to advertise for a public hearing for a proposed Nuisances Ordinance to be held at 10:00 a.m., August 7, 2013. Commissioner Hofler seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.
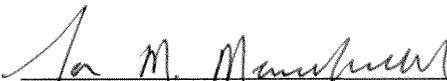
New Business

Commissioner Hora made a motion to authorize the County Manager to advertise for a public hearing on the proposed close-out of a CDBG Housing Grant to be held at 10:00 a.m., August 7, 2013. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.

Citizens' Comments

Thomas Hill, Corapeake, thanked the Board for pursuing a public hearing on a proposed Nuisances Ordinance for the betterment of the county and its citizens.

Commissioner Hora made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.

Henry L. Jordan, Chairman   Jon M. Mendenhall, Clerk

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