

Clay County Commissioners

Regular Meeting

Thursday, March 2, 2017

Chairman Logan called to order the regular scheduled meeting at 7:00PM. Those present were: Clay Logan, Chairman, Robert Cline Penland, Commissioner, Randy Nichols, Commissioner, Dr. Rob Peck, Commissioner, Paul Leek, County Manager, Merinda Woody, County Attorney and the press and general public.

Chairman Logan opened up the meeting for public Comment. Mr. Jack Rodgers stated that he read an article in the paper where the Judge is requesting a change to the county courtroom. Mr. Rodgers stated that he thinks that there is nothing wrong with the courtroom and the county should not spend any money changing it. Chairman Logan stated that the Commissioners are looking into this to see if it can be fixed at a minimal cost.

Chairman Logan then requested a motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve, Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Next, Chairman Logan requested a motion to approve the budget amendments, Commissioner Penland made a motion, Commissioner Nichols seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Next, Mr. Ricky Lancaster, EMS Director informed the Commissioners that Medicare sets rates nationwide and that the only change was increasing the BLS Emergency Transport Fee from \$425.00 to \$450.00. Chairman Logan requested a motion to approve, Commissioner Peck made a motion and Commissioner Penland seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Next, Chairman Logan informed all that he had a meeting with Senator Davis, North Carolina DOT and Advance Digital Cable about addressing some of the road concerns accessing Advance Digital Cable and the NCDOT felt like they could use some Economic funding to make the necessary improvements. Chairman Logan then requested Manager Leek to read the Resolution aloud. (See Attached)

Chairman Logan then requested a motion to adopt, Commissioner Nichols made a motion, Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Next, Chairman Logan requested a motion to approve the tax refunds, Commissioner Nichols made a motion, Commissioner Penland seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Next, Chairman Logan opened the meeting up for old business. Chairman Logan stated that we did not have any more upset bids on the Sweetwater Community Building and requested a motion to accept the bid of \$16,640.00 for the Sweetwater Community Building. Commissioner Penland made a motion, Commissioner Nichols seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Next, Chairman Logan asked what the pleasure of the Board was on the Finance Office building. Chairman Logan stated that we had it appraised and that came in at \$307,000.00 and stated that if the Board wanted to sell this building the next step would be to declare it surplus property. Commissioner Peck stated that he felt like there needs to be a plan in place on where our staff would go before we sell the building and also how can we declare it surplus when we still occupy the building. Commissioner Peck stated that we should continue working on the plan that we agreed to do in the January meeting before we decide on the current building. Merinda Woody agreed that a plan needs to be in place before action is taken.

Next, Ms. Woody requested the Commissioner to go into Closed Session for personnel, Commissioner Nichols made a motion, Commissioner Penland seconded and the Board exited the regular session and entered Closed Session at 7:25pm.

Chairman, Clay Logan

Commissioner, Robert Cline Penland

Commissioner, Randy Nichols

Commissioner, Dr. Rob Peck

Attested: Clerk to Board