

Clay County Commissioners

Regular Meeting

Thursday, February 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, Ed Roach, 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. Chuck Krauz stated that is proud of the job the Commissioners are doing. Mr. Krauz then stated that he has two vehicles that he uses to take trash to the Transfer Station and that he could only get one window sticker and that when he takes the vehicle without the window sticker he will have to pay. Mr. Krauz suggested that next year that for an additional \$5.00 you could buy a second sticker for the second vehicle. Mr. Krauz then stated that the lights in the parking lot are not working.

Next, Mr. Tommy Davis stated that it is really good to see all the activity going on in our down town area. Mr. Davis then stated that it is also good to see all the organization involved working to make our down town area a better place.

Chairman Logan then requested a motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting. Commissioner Penland made a motion to approve, Commissioner Roach seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Next, Ms. Sandy Zimmerman gave the Commissioners an update on the North Carolina Main Street Program. Ms. Zimmerman informed all that this 4th year of the program with the focus being to revitalize the downtown area and that there are 8 community partners working together with the same goal to help foster economic improvement for the Town of Hayesville. Ms. Zimmerman then

reviewed a handout. (See Attached) Chairman Logan thanked Ms. Zimmerman and all the volunteers for all the hard work they are doing for the Town.

Next, Mr. Doug Clement from the North Carolina Extension office gave the Commissioners an update of the activities his staff has been involved in. Mr. Clement stated that they have over 150 programs that are provided for the citizens of the county and one of their goals is to provide education to our citizens. Mr. Clement then thanked the Commissioners for the new space and that his staff and volunteers worked hard on making the space look good. Ms. Donna Tulley then informed the Commissioners on one of the things the 4H program is working on and that is a youth shooting team. Ms. Tulley then stated that the biggest hurdle is finding a place for an indoor shooting range. Ms. Tulley then stated that they are also working with the youth on the cyber bullying problem. Mr. Silas Brown informed everyone on the volunteer base that we have in the county. Mr. Brown stated that the 24 individuals that were recognized at the awards back had over 5,100 hours volunteered. Mr. Brown stated that they try to develop programs from feedback from the community. Mr. Brown then reviewed some of the activities that they have scheduled for this year. (See Attached)

Next, Mr. Robert Caldwell from the Clay County School Board informed all that as of 1-21-17 there were a total of 1,369 students enrolled at Hayesville and that the breakdown was 63 in pre-k, 489 students in k-4th, 438 students in 5th – 8th and 379 students in high school. Mr. Caldwell then reviewed all the work that the Clay County Community for students has done this year.

Next, Chairman Logan stated that one of the Boards goals is to make Clay County one of the friendliest counties and one way is to have employees wear badges. Chairman Logan stated that when people come to a county office it would be good to have employees wear name tags so the public knows who they are talking to. Chairman Logan requested a motion to amend our polices and to add the policy stating that any employee that meets the public or takes money from the public will be required to wear a name badge or have their name on their uniform. Commissioner Penland made a motion, Commissioner Roach seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Next, Mayor Harry Baughn requested the Commissioners to consider annexing the Senior Center and Rec. Fields into the town limits. Mayor Baughn stated that by the Senior Center being in the Town limits it would allow for a future project of building sidewalks up Ritter Road. Chairman Logan requested a motion to approve the annexation request, Commissioner Peck made a motion, Commissioner Nichols seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Next, Chairman Logan requested a motion to approve the date of March 20, 2017 as the date to advertise delinquent taxes. Commissioner Roach 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 requested a motion to appoint Mr. Bob Grove to the Fireman's Relief Fund Board, Commissioner Peck made a motion, Commissioner Penland seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Next, Chairman Logan requested a motion to about Chairman Logan as an alternate to the SWROP Board, Commissioner Penland made a motion, Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Next, Chairman Logan requested the attached names to be appointed to the Clay County Community Child Protection Team, Commissioner Nichols made a motion, Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Logan requested a motion to adopt a Resolution approving the entry and execution of the second amendment to the interlocal agreement and contract concerning the SoNCVet: Southwestern NC one-Call One Click center for Veterans Transportation project. Commissioner Penland made a motion, Commissioner Nichols seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Next, Chairman Logan opened the meeting up for old business. Chairman Logan stated that we had an upset bid of \$16,640.00 for the Sweetwater Community Building and requested a motion to advertise it in the paper, Commissioner

Nichols made a motion, Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Next, Ms. Woody requested the Commissioner to go into Closed Session for client attorney privilege and personnel, Commissioner Penland made a motion, Commissioner Nichols seconded and the Board exited the regular session and entered Closed Session at 7:50pm.

Chairman, Clay Logan

Commissioner, Ed Roach

Commissioner, Robert Cline Penland

Commissioner, Randy Nichols

Commissioner, Dr. Rob Peck

Attested: Clerk to Board