

Clay County Commissioners

Regular Meeting

Thursday, September 7, 2017

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

Commissioner Ed Roach led the group in Prayer to open the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Item 1 - Public Comment

- a. Chairman Logan announced fee increases being proposed by the U.S. Forest Service in the Nantahala National Forest within Clay County. The fee increases will become effective mid 2018, if approved: Campgrounds – Jackrabbit from \$15.00 per site/night to \$20.00 per site/night; Bristol Fields Horse Camp from \$5.00 to \$8.00/per site/night; Day use area – Jackrabbit Beach new fee \$5/vehicle per day fee, new \$30 annual pass.
- b. Tommy Davis made a few comments regarding the use of emergency management generators for Chamber of Commerce functions.

Item 2 - Approval of Minutes

Minutes of August 3, 2017 meeting stand approved.

Item 3 – Sarah Thompson – Executive Director – Southwestern Commission

Ms. Thompson presented the Annual Report of the Southwestern Commission – “2016, A Year In Review”

Item 4 – Clay County Board of Education

The Chairman of the Clay County Board of Education and staff presented a report regarding the Career and Technical Education program in Clay County Schools. Some discussion followed.

The Chairman of the Clay County Board of Education discussed North Carolina’s Education Lottery as it relates to facility needs for school buildings. No action was taken.

Item 5 – Travel and Tourism

Mitch Brewer presented the annual report for the Travel and Tourism Board. Mr. Brewer indicated that statistics show an increase in the number of individuals staying in Clay County's motels and cottages.

Item 6 – Travel and Tourism – Board Appointment

Commissioner Nichols made a motion that Linda Gonzales be appointed to the Travel and Tourism board, seconded by Commissioner Robert Penland, motion carried unanimously.

Item 7 – Agreement with Shooting Creek Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department

Motion made by Commissioner Robert Penland, seconded by Commissioner Dr. Robert Peck, that the Chairman be authorized to sign an agreement with the Shooting Creek Volunteer Fire and Rescue for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, motion carried unanimously.

Item 8 – Appointment of Pat Payne to the Jury Commission

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Nichols to appoint Pat Payne to the Clay County Jury Commission, seconded by Commissioner Robert Penland. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Robert Penland, seconded by Commissioner Dr. Rob Peck to pay all three members of the Jury Commission \$200.00 each for services rendered upon completion of the duties. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 9 – Approval of Refunding Tax Payments

Commissioner Randy Nichols made a motion to approve refunding tax payments as presented, seconded by Commissioner Robert Penland, motion carried unanimously.

Item 10 – Approval of Budget Amendments

Motion by Commissioner Dr. Rob Peck to approve budget amendments as presented , seconded by commissioner Randy Nichols, motion carried unanimously.

Item 11 - Resolution(s) Advanced Digital Cable

County Manager, Mark Pullium read two resolutions into the record to support expansion of job opportunities in Clay County – See Attached – Upon a motion made by Commissioner Randy Nichols to approve the resolutions as presented, seconded by Commissioner Robert Penland, motion carried unanimously.

Item 12 – Closed Session

Commissioner Robert Penland made motion to enter into a closed session, seconded by Randy Nichols, motion carried unanimously. The commissioners entered into closed session at 8:35 p.m. After a discussion of personnel matters, Commissioner Robert Penland made a motion to exit closed session, seconded by Commissioner Dr. Rob Peck and the Board enter back into Regular session. Regular Session resumed at 9:00 p.m.

Item 13 – Hire of County Employee Transfer Station

Commissioner Ed Roach made a motion to hire Timothy Cable as a transfer station technician seconded by Commissioner Dr. Rob Peck, motion carried unanimously.

Item 14 – Hire of County Employee Transportation

Commissioner Ed Roach made a motion to hire James Davis as a driver at Transportation, seconded by Commissioner Robert Penland, motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, Commissioner Ed Roach moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board. Commissioner Robert Penland seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Chairman, Clay Logan

Commissioner, Ed Roach

Commissioner, Robert Cline Penland

Commissioner, Randy Nichols

Commissioner, Dr. Rob Peck

Attested: Clerk to Board