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**MINUTES OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, met in Informal Session in the Meeting Chamber Conference Room of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center located at 600 East Fourth Street, Charlotte, North Carolina at 5:00 p.m. and in Formal Session in the Meeting Chamber of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 21, 2015.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Trevor M. Fuller and Commissioners
Dumont Clarke, Patricia "Pat" Cotham, Bill James
Vilma D. Leake, Jim Puckett, Matthew Ridenhour
and Ella B. Scarborough
County Manager Dena R. Diorio
County Attorney Marvin A. Bethune
Clerk to the Board Janice S. Paige

Absent: Commissioner George Dunlap

-INFORMAL SESSION-

Commissioners Puckett and Scarborough were absent when the meeting was called to order and until noted in the minutes.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fuller, after which the matters below were addressed.

REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT

The Board identified item(s) 15-2274, 15-2277, and 15-2290 to be removed from consent and voted upon separately.

STAFF BRIEFINGS - NONE

(15-2284, 15-2295, 15-2297) CLOSED SESSION – CONSULT WITH ATTORNEY, LAND ACQUISITION AND BUSINESS LOCATION AND EXPANSION

Prior to going into Closed Session, Attorney Bethune announced the following Land Acquisition matter to be discussed in Closed Session: 303 Delburg Street, Davidson, NC.

Motion was made by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Leake and carried 6-0 with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Fuller, James, Leake, and Ridenhour voting yes, to go into Closed Session for the following purposes: Consult with Attorney, Land Acquisition and Business Location and Expansion.

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The Board went into Closed Session at 5:12 p.m. and came back into Open Session at 6:10 p.m.

Commissioner Scarborough was present when the Board came back into Open Session. She entered the meeting during Closed Session.

The Board then proceeded to the Meeting Chamber for the remainder of the meeting.

-FORMAL SESSION-

Chairman Fuller called this portion of the meeting to order which was followed by introductions, invocation by Commissioner Clarke, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; after which, the matters below were addressed.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION - NONE

(15-2282) PUBLIC APPEARANCE

No one appeared to speak during the Public Appearance portion of the meeting.

(15-2285) NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

BUILDING DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Motion was made by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Leake and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Fuller, James, Leake, Ridenhour and Scarborough voting yes, to nominate and appoint Rodney Kiser to the Building Development Commission as the Master Electrical Contractors Association of NC or Charlotte representative for a three-year term expiring January 30, 2018.

He replaces Charles Horne, who is no longer eligible to serve having served multiple terms.

CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG COALITION FOR HOUSING

Motion was made by Commissioner Clarke, seconded by Commissioner Cotham and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Fuller, James, Leake, Ridenhour and Scarborough voting yes, to nominate and appoint Vanessa Eichman to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Coalition for Housing as an Education representative for a three-year term expiring June 30, 2018.

Note: This is a new slot.

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HUMAN RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Commissioner Clarke, seconded by Commissioner James and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Fuller, James, Leake, Ridenhour and Scarborough voting yes, to reappoint Deanna Arnold to the Human Resources Advisory Committee for a three-year term expiring January 31, 2018 and to nominate and appoint LisaMarie Delaney to fill an unexpired term expiring January 31, 2017.

She replaces Paula Harvey, who resigned because of relocating outside of Mecklenburg County.

JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

Motion was made by Commissioner Clarke, seconded by Commissioner James and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Fuller, James, Leake, Ridenhour and Scarborough voting yes, to nominate and appoint Kourtney Welborn to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council as the Youth representative for a two-year term expiring June 30, 2017.

She replaces Taylor Manchester, who was the last youth to serve.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The following persons were nominated for appointment consideration to the Planning Commission: Jonathan Dausman (nominated by Commissioner Clarke), Lowell Faison (nominated by Commissioner Scarborough), Nasif Majeed (nominated by Commissioner James). The remaining applicants were nominated by Commissioner Ridenhour: Alice Fabre, Amanda Pasquarello, Jeffery Reynolds, William Sigmon, Christopher Brown, Jason Cook, Adam Grabiec, Karla Knotts, and Carl Riedl.

Note: An appointment will occur following an interview of the above nominees by an ad hoc committee of the Board appointed by the Chairman. Per Board policy, persons seeking appointment to the Planning Commission must undergo an interview process.

REGION F AGING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner James and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Fuller, James, Leake, Ridenhour and Scarborough voting yes, to nominate and appoint Natalie Tunney to the Region F Aging Advisory Committee as a Delegate representative to fill an unexpired term expiring June 30, 2015.

She replaces Marilyn O'Connor, who resigned.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS - NONE

MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager Diorio addressed the topics below as part of her Manager's Report.

Executive Recruitments

- The Board was given an update on the search for a new Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Director as a result of former director Debra Campbell being promoted to an Assistant City Manager for the City of Charlotte.

It was noted that because of the joint undertaking agreement between the County and the City of Charlotte regarding the Planning Department, the County would be a participant in the selection process.

- The Board was given an update on the search for a new Charlotte Area Transit Services (CATS) Director as a result of former director Carolyn Flowers acceptance of a position out of state.

It was noted that because of the joint undertaking agreement between the County and the City of Charlotte regarding CATS, the County would be a participant in the selection process.

ADA Complaint Romare Bearden Park

County Manager Diorio called on Asset and Facility Management Director Mark Hahn to provide an update in response to an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complaint with respect to Romare Bearden Park.

Director Hahn noted the following:

- On September 10, 2014, the County received a complaint about stairs and accessibility to the water feature area accessed from West Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
- While Romare Bearden Park meets ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) and code requirements, the complaint focused on the civil rights portion of ADA law, rather than the technical requirements of the design. The complaint asserted that the set of two stairways at this location prevents visitors with disabilities from accessing this particular program area in the same manner as the general public.
- November 2014, County Staff (including Park & Recreation, Asset & Facility Management and County Manager's Office) met several times to discuss the issue and identify possible solutions both internally and with local disability rights advocates.
- Several short-term solutions to close access to the stairs, including planters and/or benches, were considered while a long term solution was being explored. The plans for these short-term solutions were shared with disability rights advocates in the community who agreed with the approach.
- On December 17, 2015, two benches were installed at Romare Bearden Park temporarily closing access to the stairs.
- Because there are numerous ways to access the park, Romare Bearden Park has remained open and accessible.

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Conclusion:

To provide a prompt response to the complaint, benches have been placed across the stairs as a temporary measure to direct all visitors along an alternate accessible route (i.e., providing same access for everyone).

Closing down both entrances temporarily at this particular location satisfied the civil rights complaint. While the water feature is accessible to everyone by taking other accessible routes, staff is working on a long-term solution to ensure access to the water feature from this area is the same for all visitors.

The proposed solution involves replacing one stair with a ramp to provide direct access. All phases of the project will take approximately 8-10 weeks to complete depending on availability of materials and weather. Staff is also developing a process to train project managers and consultants on how to now consider the civil rights portion of the law as access to government programs and facilities are designed.

Comments

Commissioner James asked about the receipt of the ADA complaint, which was addressed. It was noted that the complaint was channeled through the advocacy group, Disability Rights and Resources.

Commissioner James expressed disappointment with the short term solution. Commissioner James said his preference would have been to only block off one side and indicate that a ramp was going to be installed.

Director Hahn addressed the difference between ADA code compliance and civil rights compliance.

Commissioner Puckett entered the meeting.

Commissioner Cotham expressed concern that the park designer wasn't aware of all of the ADA requirements.

Commissioner Ridenhour echoed Commissioner James' sentiments.

Commissioner Clarke said the placement of benches across the stairs as a temporary measure to direct all visitors along an alternate accessible route was just a "minor inconvenience, if that."

Chairman Fuller expressed support of staff's decision to block off access to everyone, until the permanent solution of a ramp was completed.

County Manager Diorio said the County would re-engage the disability rights community going forward with respect to future capital projects.

County Manager Diorio said as a County, with respect to civil rights, when it's known that the County has violated someone's civil rights, you "cannot compromise." County Manager Diorio said the County had to move forward and take "swift" action, in order to make sure everyone understood that the County was committed to correcting the problem. Thus, as the County Manager, the decision was made to temporarily block off access to everyone.

(15-2286) MECKLENBURG LIVABLE COMMUNITIES PLAN

The Board received an update on the Mecklenburg Livable Communities Plan, which included a list of potential partners.

Heidi Pruess, Community Plan and Sustainability Officer gave the update.

Note: Mecklenburg County (along with the City of Charlotte and six Towns) has developed numerous localized plans and vision documents, but there does not exist a County-wide/Community unified vision or document that brings the existing plans and programs together, establishes performance measures toward our future community, and entails a robust community engagement approach to communicate between siloed efforts.

Mecklenburg Livable Communities is a joint initiative of the County, City, Towns, and Foundation For The Carolinas, to develop a collaborative plan that:

- 1) Identifies commonalities, overlaps, and gaps with existing plans throughout the various jurisdictions within Mecklenburg County*
- 2) Provides policymakers a strategy to organize and communicate common goals and values that produce a better quality of life*
- 3) Identifies opportunities to highlight unique municipal identity and character*
- 4) Identifies opportunities for partnerships that increase outcomes and eliminate duplicative efforts and tear down silos*
- 5) Increases community awareness of programs and policies that align to achieving the community's unified vision*

Comments

Chairman Fuller asked had Sustain Charlotte been involved. *The response was yes.*

Commissioner Leake noted that similar studies/plans had been done in the past and questioned the difference between those and what was being embarked upon. *Ms. Pruess addressed the difference.*

Commissioner Leake requested a copy of the prior plan that was developed around land use. *Ms. Pruess said she would locate some of the prior plans and get them to Commissioner Leake.*

Commissioner Cotham asked about the cost of this endeavor. *Ms. Pruess said a contract was entered into with the International City/County Management Association for \$300,000. The cost was being shared by the County and the City of Charlotte in the amount of \$125,000 each, with the remainder being covered via grants from the Foundation for the Carolinas and the Knight Foundation.*

Commissioner James asked was the Board being asked to approve the Plan.

County Manager Diorio said the Board was being asked to endorse the concepts of the Plan, with the understanding that there were many parts of the Plan that were not within the County's purview.

County Manager Diorio said the Plan would be used as a mechanism for the County to do its strategic planning.

County Manager Diorio said the County would take the things that it could impact and place that into the County's strategic planning effort. It's anticipated that the City of Charlotte and the Towns would do the same.

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County Manager Diorio said this would be a communitywide plan that many entities would have the responsibility in helping to implement.

Commissioner James asked had the Plan been shared with Town officials. *Ms. Pruess said the initial draft was shared with the Towns and that what was being presented to the Board at tonight's meeting would also be shared with the Towns.*

Commissioner James asked about and expressed concern for the wording of the affordable housing options and job training addressed in the Plan.

Commissioner James said he was not comfortable endorsing the Plan until after receiving feedback from the Towns.

Commissioner Scarborough asked was this not a "living, breathing" document that would continue to be worked on with the various partners; thus there's opportunity for changes. *The response was yes.*

Commissioner Ridenhour expressed concern as it related to an unelected body having such a responsibility as outlined in the Plan with respect to making certain decisions.

Commissioner Ridenhour said in the long run, it would be the elected officials who would be held accountable for the Plan.

Commissioner Puckett suggested rather than the Board endorsing the "Plan," that it should be the endorsement of the "process."

Commissioner Puckett said it was his understanding that what was being shared was the first step in developing what eventually would be done by the partners involved.

Commissioner Puckett said he was okay with endorsing what was presented as a "process" towards a plan.

Ms. Pruess said Commissioner Puckett was correct in his assessment of what was being asked of the Board.

Motion was made by Commissioner Puckett, seconded by Commissioner Clarke and carried 7-1 with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Fuller, Leake, Puckett, Ridenhour and Scarborough voting yes and Commissioner James voting no, to adopt Resolution of Endorsement for the Mecklenburg Livable Communities Plan Process.

Commissioner Puckett noted that the word "process" was being added to the title with the understanding it's an endorsement of the process and not an endorsement of everything in the Plan as presented by Ms. Pruess.

Prior to the above vote, Commissioner Clarke spoke favorably of what was presented. He said this was not "a government plan," but one that involved a lot of engaged citizens.

Commissioner Puckett noted that what he liked most about the plan, as presented, was the measurements piece. He said the measurements were clearly defined and data driven measurements of success.

Commissioner Puckett said as the process is rolled out, the County should make sure each entity that adopts this, understands this is a "process."

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Commissioner Puckett said he was hopeful that the other entities would be invited to and that they would, define and redefine what those measurements were and how they would define and measure success.

Commissioner Puckett said the County should be receptive to hear from the other entities regarding their definition of success and the measurements they would use to determine that success.

Commissioner Puckett said he liked the fact that it's stated in the proposed plan that it's a "livable" document and that it's "flexible."

Chairman Fuller said this process gives the community the opportunity to "set its destiny," with respect to where it wants to go as a community. He said this process allows it to be done in an explicit manner.

Chairman Fuller said he didn't agree with everything that was presented, but he endorses the concept that there needs to be a "unified" plan, a consensus of the community as to how to move forward together.

Chairman Fuller thanked Ms. Pruess for her work on this effort, as well as, others.

Resolution recorded in full in Minute/Ordinance Book _____ Document# _____.

(15-2287) DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS' MONTHLY REPORTS

The Board received as information monthly departmental reports for January 2015.

Note: The County Manager has requested department directors provide monthly reports to the Board of County Commissioners. The brief reports highlight key activities and initiatives within the departments, and reports show relevant performance indicators of departmental activity.

A copy of the reports is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

(15-2288) FEATURE DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION: PUBLIC INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

The Board received as information a verbal report from Director of Public Information Danny Diehl regarding the Department's current initiatives.

STAFF REPORTS & REQUESTS

(15-2292) CONSTRUCTION MANAGER @ RISK CONTRACTING METHODOLOGY FOR COUNTY PROJECTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Scarborough, seconded by Commissioner James and unanimously carried with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Fuller, James, Leake, Puckett, Ridenhour and Scarborough voting yes, to authorize the use of Construction Manager @ Risk Contract Methodology for the following Capital Improvement Projects as being in the best interest of each project:

- Integrated Security Upgrades to Mecklenburg County Jail Facilities (\$6.4 M)
- Renovations to the Mecklenburg County Aquatic Center (\$8.6M).

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Note: With the Construction Manager at Risk (CM@Risk) project delivery method, the construction manager assists the County with scheduling, constructability, and budget control prior to construction and the CM is accountable for delivering the project on-schedule and within budget during construction.

Note: Bryan Turner with Asset and Facility Management addressed this request, prior to the vote.

Commissioner James asked for clarity on the difference between this process and the competitive bid process, especially as it related to selecting the lowest responsible bidder. He also asked about the selection of subcontractors. *Project Manager Turner addressed both issues.*

Commissioner Puckett also asked for clarity on the Construction Manager at Risk process, particularly as it related to entering into contracts. He also asked about the use of process for jail projects. *Project Manager Turner addressed both issues.*

Chairman Fuller asked about the Aquatic Center and whether the County would be able to incorporate the renovations, per the requested action, with what has been discussed by some regarding the future of the Aquatic Center if those ideas come to fruition.

County Manager Diorio said a team had been assembled to look at development in the area of the Aquatic Center and building a second tank in the same area. She said discussions were on-going and that Park and Recreation Director Jim Garges participates in those discussions.

County Manager Diorio said it was made clear that the County would entertain any proposals brought forward regarding the future of the Aquatic Center, but that the County would continue with its renovation plans.

County Manager Diorio said the Aquatic Center would be closed in June so that the needed renovations, which have been pending since 2008, could be done.

(15-2296) RESEARCH POSITIONS TO EVALUATE PROGRESS ON ENDING HOMELESSNESS

Motion was made by Commissioner Cotham, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and unanimously carried with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Fuller, James, Leake, Puckett, Ridenhour and Scarborough voting yes, to authorize two management analyst positions in Community Support Services Department, Homeless Services Division; and recognize and appropriate \$27,000 from Foundation of the Carolinas to support this program.

Note: Director of Community Support Services Stacy Lowry presented this matter to the Board, prior to the vote.

Comments prior to the above vote:

Commissioner Leake asked could it be guaranteed that the efforts put forth would indeed end homelessness in Mecklenburg County. Commissioner Leake said efforts to end homelessness have been on-going for years, yet, homelessness was still an issue for the community.

Director Lowry said she could not provide a "guarantee," but that in the last eight years, the community has tried different strategies to work towards ending homelessness. Director Lowry said what they've found was that there was no "silver bullet" to ending homelessness. Further, that homelessness should be approached from the perspective of focusing on needs of the individual and families. Director Lowry said as a result of those findings, the

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focus was now on more targeted initiatives, such as ending homelessness for the community's veterans by the end of 2015 and chronic homelessness by the end of 2016.

Director Lowry said this was a community issue.

Commissioner Leake suggested it would be more appropriate to say we're "working toward" ending homelessness, rather than we're "ending" homelessness within a specified timeframe.

Chairman Fuller noted that it's been said that chronic homelessness would end in Mecklenburg County by the end of 2016.

Director Lowry said December 31, 2016 was the Housing for Charlotte/Mecklenburg Initiative's date for ending chronic homelessness in the community.

Commissioner Leake said she'd like to see a "wash house," a place where the homeless could go and get cleaned up, made available for the homeless.

Commissioner Scarborough asked that it be kept in mind that homelessness starts with "economics" and that people have to have jobs in order to sustain themselves and their families.

Commissioner Scarborough said another issue as it related to the homeless was the issue of mental illness. She said there were some individuals who because of mental issues won't be able to sustain themselves or their family.

Commissioner Scarborough said consideration needs to be given on all levels of government to "going back" to mental institutions. She said there were persons who may never get to a point where they could take care of themselves.

Commissioner Cotham said homelessness was a very "complicated" issue. Commissioner Cotham echoed Commissioner Scarborough sentiment that many of those that were homeless had mental problems. Commissioner Cotham said many of them because of their mental state, had no desire to have permanent housing.

Commissioner Cotham said she believed the focus of the Housing for Charlotte/Mecklenburg Initiative was only on 450 homeless individuals. Commissioner Cotham said even if the 450 individuals were helped, there would be more to replace them. Commissioner Cotham said the issue of homelessness was on-going.

Commissioner Cotham said many that were homeless also had a criminal record, which was an obstacle in finding housing.

Commissioner Cotham said she was supportive of the efforts being put forth, but she doesn't feel that as a community, homelessness would end in 2016. Commissioner Cotham said the homeless would always "be with us" and that as a community we should continue to do whatever we could to assist those that were homeless.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS & REQUESTS

(15-2293) CHARLOTTE AREA FUND, INC. COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

Motion was made by Commissioner Scarborough, seconded by Commissioner Leake and unanimously carried with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Fuller, James, Leake, Puckett, Ridenhour and Scarborough voting yes, to acknowledge receipt of the Charlotte Area Fund, Inc. Community Services Block Grant Application.

Note: The Charlotte Area Fund (CAF) is a private, non-profit corporation and the designated community action agency serving Mecklenburg County. The agency has been providing services to the economic disadvantaged since 1963 through a variety of programs promoting self-improvement and self-sufficiency. CAF is governed by an 18-member Board of Directors representing public officials, the private sector and low-income citizens of the community. Current services funded by the Community Services Block Grant includes employment counseling, vocational skills training, computer training, GED preparation/basic skills upgrade, job development and placement, income management/budget counseling, nutrition assistance, and limited crisis intervention. CAF receives grant funding from a combination of Federal and State resources for agency activities. Each year, CAF provides the County an opportunity to comment on its proposed work program for the coming year, prior to submission of its grant application.

Karen Brackett Browning, Executive Director, Charlotte Area Fund addressed the grant application. She was accompanied at the podium by Board member Aaron McKeithan.

Several Board members expressed thanks to the Charlotte Area Fund for its work in the community.

(15-2301) BOARD COMMITTEES (CHAIRMAN FULLER)

Motion was made by Commissioner Scarborough, seconded by Commissioner James and unanimously carried with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Fuller, James, Leake, Puckett, Ridenhour and Scarborough voting yes, to re-affirm the following Board committees for calendar year 2015:

- 1) Economic Development Committee
- 2) Health and Human Services Committee
- 3) Intergovernmental Relations Committee
- 4) Audit Review Committee
- 5) Performance Review Committee

Note: The Board's Policy and Standard Operating Procedures for Board Committees states at its first regular meeting in January each year, the Board will establish, re-affirm or dissolve standing committees as determined by a majority vote of the Board. It is being recommended that the Board re-affirm the above listed committees. The policy also states the Board Chairman will appoint members and the chairs of the standing committees for one-year terms, or until the Board re-affirms or dissolves the standing committee.

(15-2295) CLOSED SESSION - LAND ACQUISITION

Motion was made by Commissioner Scarborough, seconded by Commissioner James and unanimously carried with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Fuller, James, Leake, Puckett, Ridenhour and Scarborough voting yes, to approve the Historic Landmarks Commission purchase of the house and land parcel 00327330 located at 303 Delburg

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Street, Davidson, NC for \$120,000, and recognize and appropriate up to a total of \$300,000 for the purchase and renovation of the house.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and unanimously carried with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Fuller, James, Leake, Puckett, Ridenhour and Scarborough voting yes, to approve the following item(s):

(15-2276) SET PUBLIC HEARING -- ALEXANDERANA ROAD NAME CHANGE

Set a public hearing for February 17, 2015 at 6:30 pm. to request changing the name of existing Alexanderana Road to Alexandriana Road.

Note: The Olde Huntersville Historical Society and some property owners along Alexanderana Road are petitioning to rename this street to Alexandriana Road. According to historic records Alexandriana is the correct spelling. Correcting the spelling would restore the historic name of the road.

(15-2278) SET PUBLIC HEARING -- I-77 SERVICE ROAD NAME CHANGE

Set a public hearing on February 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. for the request to change the name of South I-77 Service Road to Chartown Drive.

Note: This road was originally part of NC Hwy 21. It was cut off by the construction of I-77 and never renamed. It currently is referred to as I-77 Service Road. The area is now being developed for commercial uses which will require a proper street name for emergency response.

(15-2279) SET PUBLIC HEARING -- POPLAR TENT CHURCH ROAD NAME CHANGE

Set a public hearing on February 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. for the request to change the name of existing Poplar Tent Church Road to Poplar Tent Road.

Note: Portions of this road are in Mecklenburg County, and portions are in Cabarrus County. The Mecklenburg County portions are named Poplar Tent Church Road, and the majority of the road in Cabarrus County is named Poplar Tent Road. Changing the name along the Mecklenburg County portion to Poplar Tent Road would keep the name consistent along the whole stretch of road and prevent possible confusion, particularly for emergency response providers.

(15-2283) MINUTES

Approve Minutes of Regular meeting held January 6, 2015 and Closed Session held October 21, 2014 and November 5, 2014.

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(15-2289) AD VALOREM TAX ADVERTISEMENT

Order the advertisement of delinquent 2014 real estate and personal property Taxes.

Note: The advertisement is a notification to taxpayers of outstanding tax balances.

(15-2291) TAX REFUNDS

Approve refunds in the amount of \$8,165.90 for registered motor vehicles as statutorily required to be paid as requested by the County Assessor resulting from clerical errors, value changes and appeals processed in the new statewide vehicle tax system.

Approve refunds in the amount of \$161,180.09 and interest as statutorily required to be paid as requested by the County Assessor resulting from clerical errors, audits and other amendments, including revaluation appeals.

A list of the refund recipients is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

(15-2304) RESOLUTION APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF THE CONSOLIDATED HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

Adopt resolution on the County Manager's recommendation for Director of the Consolidated Human Services Agency.

***RESOLUTION OF THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPTING THE
COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION
FOR DIRECTOR OF THE CONSOLIDATED HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY***

WHEREAS, in February 2008, Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners created a consolidated county human services agency governed by a consolidated human services board, pursuant to G.S. 153A-77(b), and assumed the powers, responsibilities and duties of the consolidated human services board in accordance with G.S. 153A-76 and 153A-77(a); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners consolidated the provisions of human services in Mecklenburg County under the direct control of the County Manager, who exercises all powers, responsibilities and duties of a human services director as the same is described in G.S. 153A-77(b), and who serves, or his or her designee, in the capacity of the human services director with the consent of the consolidated human services board, which in Mecklenburg County is the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, under G.S. 153A-77(e) the human services director of a consolidated county human services agency reports directly to the County Manager and shall be appointed and dismissed by the County Manager with the advice and consent of the consolidated human services board; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager has exercised this authority and recommends to this Board, that she assume the duties of Director of the consolidated county human services agency in conjunction with her position as County Manager;

NOW, therefore, be it RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, pursuant to G.S. 153A-76, 153A-77 and this Board's resolution adopted February 5, 2008, does hereby consent to the County Manager's assuming the duties as Director of the County's consolidated human services agency unless and until such time the County Manager deems it necessary to appoint a designee.

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Resolution recorded in full in Minute/Ordinance Book _____ Document# _____.

THIS CONCLUDED ITEMS APPROVED BY CONSENT

(15-2274) GRANT APPLICATION -- GOVERNOR'S CRIME COMMISSION GRANT TO EXPAND SUPERVISED VISITATION / SAFE EXCHANGE SERVICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Ridenhour and unanimously carried with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Fuller, James, Leake, Puckett, Ridenhour and Scarborough voting yes, to:

Approve submission of a grant in the amount of up to \$200,000 to Governor's Crime Commission to expand supervised visitation/safe exchange services; and

Recognize, receive and appropriate funds for the amounts awarded for the duration of the grant period; and

Authorize up to five temporary part-time monitor positions funded through the grant award.

Commissioner Leake removed this item from Consent for more public awareness.

(15-2277) BUDGET AMENDMENT -- PROVIDED SERVICES ORGANIZATION (REVENUE INCREASE)

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and unanimously carried with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Fuller, James, Leake, Puckett, Ridenhour and Scarborough voting yes, to recognize, receive and appropriate Medicaid Revenue in Children's Developmental Services (CDS) in the amount of \$173,880; and approve creation of 2 Interpreter positions.

Note: The Medicaid Revenue increase in the amount of \$173,880 will be used to fund 2 new interpreter positions and contracted interpreter services due to an increase in the number of non-English speaking families. Funds will also be used to replace cubicles for staff to increase privacy and confidentiality of protected health information.

Commissioner Leake removed this item from Consent for more public awareness. Director of Provided Services Organization Connie Mele addressed this item.

(15-2290) GRANT APPLICATION -- GOVERNOR'S CRIME COMMISSION (CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES)

Motion was made by Commissioner Scarborough, seconded by Commissioner Leake and unanimously carried with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Fuller, James, Leake, Puckett, Ridenhour and Scarborough voting yes, to approve the submission of a formal grant application for funding in the amount of \$96,863 from the Governor's Crime Commission; and if awarded, recognize, receive and appropriate such funds.

Note: Criminal Justice Services operates a prisoner reentry services program and one existing case manager position is currently funded using a Federal grant that expires on September 30, 2015. This grant application will seek State

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funding through the Governor's Crime Commission to cover the position's cost for the remainder of FY16 (9 months) and for all of FY17.

Commissioner Leake removed this item from Consent for more public awareness. Community Support Services Director Stacy Lowry addressed this grant, along with a representative from Criminal Justice Services.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Scarborough, seconded by Commissioner Leake and unanimously carried with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Fuller, James, Leake, Puckett, Ridenhour and Scarborough voting yes, that there being no further business to come before the Board that the meeting be adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Janice S. Paige, Clerk

Trevor M. Fuller, Chairman