



Moore County Board of Commissioners

September 9, 2024 | 9:00 AM
Rick Rhyne Public Safety Center
Community Room, 2nd Floor
302 S. McNeill St.
Carthage, NC 28327

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Chairman Nick Picerno, Vice Chairman Kurt Cook, Frank Quis, John Ritter, Jim Von Canon

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Nick Picerno called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

County Manager Wayne Vest offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Quis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Picerno offered apologies regarding comments he made during the Board's most recent regular meeting.

County Manager Wayne Vest reviewed that items on this meeting's agenda were from the Board's August 22, 2024, work session so that more information could be shared.

1. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

A. Public Safety -

1. Radios
2. Right-Sizing
3. Capital Funding

Public Safety Director Bryan Phillips further discussed Option 4 for purchase of radios as previously discussed by the Board in an August 22, 2024, work session. Option 4 included Kenwood radios and a municipal split. Mr. Phillips reviewed potential plans and costs for all departments, breaking them out in three groups of five: those five that are 100% County-funded, five that are over 50% County-funded, and five that are under 50% County-funded. Discussion followed and Chairman Picerno directed Mr. Phillips to go ahead and get the 100% County-funded departments' radios on the commissioners' next agenda. Mr.

Phillips asked Chief Mike St. Onge, Fire Commission Chairman, present at the meeting, if he had any comments. Chief St. Onge expressed his agreement with the plans discussed. Chairman Picerno said he would like to see each department listed out and what the actual solution ended up being, and for the radios already paid for, he wanted to see documentation of what was paid for those, up to the Kenwood price. Mr. Phillips noted that the radios were 500 degrees rated so were a little different than the Sheriff's office. Chairman Picerno said his reasoning was so that the County could have an exact invoice to send to the federal government. Commissioner Von Canon said that for the big three departments, he would like to see if they would have had cost savings by buying in bulk versus individually.

County Manager Vest noted that Mr. Phillips had mentioned in the previous work session an apparatus analysis. Mr. Phillips shared that he had reached out to some potential providers of that service and NC Fire Chiefs Consulting could do it for about \$20,000. They would look at the ISO rating, GIS model, and a mechanical review. He said excluding the larger municipalities would reduce the cost. Extensive discussion followed regarding whether study by a neutral third party was necessary or if the departments could assess and report this information themselves. Chairman Picerno asked Chief St. Onge to request this information and let the departments know that if it was not done, a study would be done. He said also to let them know that if the self-policing could not be done, the next year's budget's operational costs would be split to pay for the study. Chairman Picerno asked that the reports be provided to the Board by the end of the year. Chief St. Onge provided a brief update regarding a capital project for Eagle Springs.

Mr. Phillips distributed to the Board a draft option for capital funding and Chairman Picerno said he would not change a thing. Mr. Phillips noted that the Fire Commission would meet later in the week, and he would get their feedback.

Chairman Picerno called for a brief recess at 10:08am and the Board reconvened a few minutes later.

B. Planning -

1. UDO Text Amendment
2. Delegated Authority
3. Floodplain / Flood Elevation

Planning Director Debra Ensminger shared that since the last meeting she had reached out to Jim Joyce with the UNC School of Government regarding whether the Unified Development Ordinance could be amended to require sedimentation/erosion control approval between certain inspections. She said Mr. Joyce provided to her G.S. 160D-1110(e) which was effective July 1, 2024, so a text amendment would not be necessary. Discussion followed with input from local builders Seth Mabus and Joseph Druther. Mr. Mabus expressed his support for the County seeking delegated authority from NCDEQ. Chairman Picerno suggested Mr. Mabus, consult with the Homebuilders Association

members regarding some common-sense solutions that would also keep the costs down. Additional discussion followed regarding disclosures for areas in and near the floodplain and effects of potential regulations in those areas. Chairman Picerno recommended that once needed information was provided to Ms. Ensminger and Permitting Director Chuck Hill, the Board could hold another work session. County Manager Wayne Vest offered additional comments regarding the statute that was effective July 1.

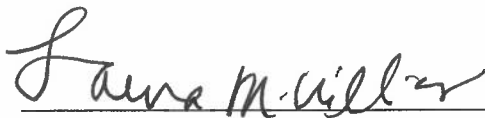
Chairman Picerno opened the floor for closing comments. Commissioner Ritter noted there had been good discussion. Commissioner Von Canon discussed that if everyone would work together and police themselves, it would be better for everyone. Commissioner Quis agreed that it had been good discussion and noted the potential for unintended consequences with complicated issues. Commissioner Cook said there was brain power in the community to figure it out together. Chairman Picerno thanked the Homebuilders Association, realtors, Fire Commission, and staff, and said another work session needed to be planned shortly. He said the Board also needed to meet with the Board of Education. He asked the commissioners to submit some dates.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, upon motion made by Commissioner Von Canon, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn the September 9, 2024, Special Meeting of the Moore County Board of Commissioners at 11:39am.



Nick Picerno, Chairman



Laura M. Williams, Clerk

