

NORTH CAROLINA

WAYNE COUNTY

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on Tuesday, August 29, 2022, at 8:32 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room in the Wayne County Courthouse Annex, Goldsboro, North Carolina, after due notice thereof had been given.

Members present: Joe C. Daughtery, Chairman; George Wayne Aycock, Jr., Vice-Chairman; Barbara Aycock; Chris Gurley; Freeman Hardison, Jr.; and Antonio Williams.

Members absent: Bevan Foster

Call to Order

Chairman Joe C. Daughtery called the meeting of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners to order.

Invocation

Commissioner Freeman Hardison, Jr. gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Joe C. Daughtery led the Board of Commissioners in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Motion to Approve the County Paying for the NCDOT Improvements at ParkEast until Grant Funding is Received

County Manager Chip Crumpler explained the grant funding and project to install a new road at ParkEast for Atlantic Casualty Insurance, attached hereto as Attachment A, and answered questions from the Board. Finance Director Allison Speight requested the Board add “and appropriate budget amendment” to any motion.

Upon motion of Commissioner Chris Gurley, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the County Paying for the NCDOT Improvements at ParkEast until Grant Funding is received, and the appropriate budget amendment.

Discuss and Possibly Add to the Board’s Legislative Goals

Chairman Joe C. Daughtery discussed adding three goals to their Legislative Goals list, attached hereto as Attachment B, to send to the NCACC for presentation to the NC Legislators. Number 9 seeks legislation to allow county governments, that are required to pay for school facilities with local property tax funds, to have more control over the location, design, and the cost of public school facilities. Number 10 on the list is a request to consider offering income tax incentives for farming families with farms up to 200 acres, to preserve family farms, and Number 11 is a request to increase incentives for contractors to create more affordable housing.

Upon motion of Commissioner Antonio Williams, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the addition of numbers 9, 10 and 11 to the Wayne County Legislative Goals list.

Motion to Approve the Purchase of the Highway 117 N. Property

Staff Attorney Andrew Neal discussed the property and conditions of sale, and answered questions from the Board.

Upon motion of Commissioner Freeman Hardison, Jr., the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the purchase of the Highway 117 N. Property, formerly known as Kendall Auto Auction, for the price of \$625,000.00, and the appropriate budget amendment.

Closed Session

At 8:54 a.m., upon motion of Commissioner Antonio Williams, the Board of Commissioners unanimously declared itself in closed session to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee, and to consult with attorneys employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorneys and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged.

At 1:56 p.m., upon motion of Commissioner Freeman Hardison, Jr., the Board of Commissioners unanimously declared itself in regular session.

Motion to Hire Ginger Moore as the Assistant County Manager

Upon motion of Commissioner Chris Gurley, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved hiring Mrs. Ginger Moore as the Assistant County Manager, with a starting salary of \$135,000.00.

Recess

At 2:00 p.m., Chairman Joe C. Daughtery recessed the meeting of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners until 3:30 p.m.

Adjournment

At 3:30 p.m., Chairman Joe C. Daughtery adjourned the meeting of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.



Carol Bowden, Clerk to the Board
Wayne County Board of Commissioners

MEMORANDUM

To: Wayne County Board of Commissioners

From: Chip Crumpler, Wayne County Manager

Date: August 23, 2022

Re: New Street at Park East Industrial Park – Project Insure/Atlantic Casualty

Proposed by Mark Pope, NC Global TransPark Economic Development Region

A commitment was made to Atlantic Casualty/Auto-Owners, for expansion to take place in Wayne County, for a new access to the Park to be created providing egress for their employees and others to exit the Park. After a fire at Eastern Aluminum, first responders had access blocked to contain the fire. As the access was blocked, employees could not leave, and some drove across the fields to exit. This was a huge concern for Atlantic Casualty and a safety hazard. We pursued grants to assist in building the new road. At that time in 2019, the road costs were estimated to be \$1.1 million. Grants from the NC Department of Commerce, Duke Energy, Golden Leaf, and NCDOT were sufficient in covering the cost. Then COVID-19 hit, the project was delayed, and NCDOT funding was stopped.

We have now been able to re-start the project but due to cost escalation and the City of Goldsboro not willing to take the new road into their system, we had to work with NCDOT to adopt it in their network. In addition to the delay, this also drove costs estimates higher than first noted. At the present, we have cost estimates of \$1.7 million from NCDOT, but would still need to go to bid for final costs. NCDOT needed a commitment from the County in order to approve their funding. NCDOT did increase their amount from \$250,000 to \$400,000.

Partners and grants amounts are:

NCDOT	\$400,000
Golden Leaf	\$300,000
NC Dept. of Commerce	\$500,000
Duke Energy	\$50,000

Project uncovered cost	\$450,000
Project supervision,	\$25,000 estimated
Bidding and construction	-----
New total;	\$475,000

We are requesting the Board of Commissioners approve a resolution to cover the remaining balance until we know the final bid cost and are able to seek other funding or increased funding, such as Golden Leaf.

We are also seeking approval to pursue additional grant funds, and to proceed with securing an engineering company from the County’s on call list to oversee bidding and construction once final approval from the Board of County Commissioners is given.

LEGISLATIVE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES – WAYNE COUNTY:

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – August 16, 2022

- 1) Allow local County Board of Commissioners the authority, without a voter referendum, to levy a new additional ¼-cent sales tax specifically designated for school/community college capital projects.
- 2) Seek changing the definition of High Speed Broadband access to a speed greater than 25/3 upload/download. And continue funding, and other efforts to expand digital infrastructure/broadband capability to the unserved and under-served areas and residents of the state based on a newer higher speed definition.
- 3) Seek additional revenue sources, including a statewide bond referendum, to address statewide public school and community college capital challenges.
- 4) Support state funding and staffing for agricultural research, Cooperative Extension services and other agriculture-related efforts to support the largest economic driver in North Carolina.
 - a. Support legislation allowing counties to collaborate with neighboring counties to establish multijurisdictional regional Agricultural Business Districts that allow for favorable taxation and incentives to attract agricultural businesses to the region.
 - b. Support legislation to protect farming operations from nuisance lawsuits including those as defined by the state and small farms in rural counties.
- 5) Expand state resources to ensure ability of counties to provide essential medical, mental health, and social services, to persons incarcerated in local detention facilities.
- 6) Support legislation to provide exceptions to the K-3 class size mandate including but not limited to lack of school facility space and availability of qualified teachers.
- 7) Seek legislation allowing counties to levy a local 911 usage fee to supplement existing state funds to ensure adequate funding for next-gen technology.
- 8) Support and funding to establish commuter rail service to and from Goldsboro.
- 9) Seek legislation to allow County Governments paying for school facilities with local property taxes more control over the location, design and the cost of public school facilities.

CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR HURRICANE MATTHEW AND FLORENCE HURRICANE RECOVERY

SUPPORT GOALS OF THE NC MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION:

- Protect North Carolina's existing military installations and missions
- Expand defense related economic development in North Carolina
- Improve quality of life for military members and families
- Provide legislative and state agency coordination for military related issues
- Lead the state's efforts to prepare for the next base realignment and closure (BRAC) process.
- Work with the state to enact professional licensure reciprocity to allow families of service members to immediately gain employment in communities where they are stationed.