

**PERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**JANUARY 21, 2020**  
**OTHERS PRESENT**

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B. Ray Jeffers  
David B. Newell, Sr.  
Gordon Powell  
Jimmy B. Clayton  
Kyle W. Puryear  
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Heidi York, County Manager  
  
C. Ronald Aycock, County Attorney

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Person, North Carolina, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 9:00am in the Commissioners' meeting room in the Person County Office Building.

Chairman Jeffers called the meeting to order. Chairman Jeffers called upon the Reverend Dr. Langton Logan, Pastor of Lawson Chapel Church to offer an invocation. Commissioner Powell led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A **motion** was made by Vice Chairman Newell and **carried 5-0** to approve the agenda.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**FISCAL YEAR 2021 PATS FARE INCREASES/FEE SCHEDULE:**

A **motion** was made by Vice Chairman Newell and **carried 5-0** to open the duly advertised public hearing for Fiscal Year 2021 PATS Fare Increases/Fee Schedule.

Transportation Director, Glen LaBar informed the group that the PATS Soliciting Public Comment Policy states that changes to the fare structure must be completed during the annual budget process as well as a public hearing was required. Mr. LaBar stated PATS staff proposes major changes to contract billing and a general fare increase; he requested the Board of Commissioners consider approving the fee schedule early to give contract agencies and citizens' time to take these changes into consideration for their upcoming budgets.

Mr. LaBar presented the following PATS Fiscal Year 2021 Rate Schedule for Board consideration:

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***PATS Fiscal Year 2021 Rate Schedule***

**General Passenger Fares-**

RGP (General Public)

0-10 Miles \$2 each way

10.1-20 Miles \$3 each way

20.1+ Miles \$4 each way

EDTAP (Elderly & Disabled)

0-10 Miles \$1 each way

10.1-20 Miles \$2 each way

20.1+ Miles \$3 each way

Prospect Hill, Hillsborough, Durham Zip Codes (27701, 27704, 27705, 27710, 27712)

RGP (General Public)

\$5 one way/\$10 round trip

EDTAP (Elderly & Disabled)

\$3 one way/\$6 round trip

Chapel Hill & Durham (27703, 27707, 27713)

RGP (General Public)

\$10 one way/\$20 round trip

EDTAP (Elderly & Disabled)

\$5 one way/\$10 round trip

**No Show Fees-**

\$5 In Person County

\$10 Out of Town

**Contracted Agencies-**

PMH ECU/Roxboro Healthcare & Rehab

\$15 One Way \$30 Round Trip In Town

\$100 Round Trip Prospect Hill, Hillsborough, Upper Durham

\$150 Round Trip Chapel Hill, Lower Durham

Shared Mileage Rate (First P/U & Last D/O) for Contracts with limited funding/human services (COA, KTAR, PI): \$1.65/mile

Shared Mileage Rate (First P/U & Last D/O) for ROAP (including the Shuttle):

\$1.40/mile

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Shared Mileage Rate (First P/U & Last D/O) for Contracts Non-Grant Related (VR, PCC, Early Intervention): \$1.95/mile

Shared Mileage Holiday Rate (First P/U & Last D/O) for KTAR: \$1.95/mile

DSS/Medicaid (Broker rates may vary based on negotiations)-

Ambulatory:

Direct Mile Rate: \$1.70

Direct Holiday Mile Rate: \$1.95

Per Log Load Fee: \$5.00 each leg of trip

Wheelchair:

Direct Mile Rate: \$1.95

Direct Holiday Mile Rate: \$2.20

Per Log Load Fee: \$20 each leg of trip

There were no individuals appearing before the Board to speak in favor of or in opposition to the Fiscal Year 2021 PATS Fare Increases/Fee Schedule as presented.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Powell and **carried 5-0** to close the public hearing for Fiscal Year 2021 PATS Fare Increases/Fee Schedule.

#### **CONSIDERATION TO GRANT OR DENY REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 PATS FARE INCREASES/FEE SCHEDULE:**

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Powell and **carried 4-1** to approve the Fiscal Year 2021 PATS Rate Schedule as presented. Chairman Jeffers cast the lone dissenting vote noting he felt the rate increase may impact lower income individuals from having needed transportation.

**INFORMAL COMMENTS:**

There were no comments from the public.

**DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT/APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Clayton and **carried 5-0** to approve the Consent Agenda with the following items:

- A. Approval of Minutes of January 6, 2020,
- B. Budget Amendment #13,
- C. Resolution to Support the Actions to Become a Medicaid Healthy Opportunities Community and the Development of a Social Determinant's of Health Proposal to NCDHHS,
- D. Request for the Sheriff's Office to apply for Grants:
  - a. Governor's Crime Commission \$24,495 to fund equipment,
  - b. Person County United Way \$16,000 for the GREAT Summer Camp,
  - c. Wal-Mart Community Impact Grant \$2,500 for items for PR Events,
  - d. BVP Grant \$12,000 for Bulletproof Vests 50/50 match \$6,000 local match funded from the Drug Asset Forfeiture Fund,
- E. Tax Adjustments for January 2020
  - a. Tax Releases
  - b. NC Vehicle Tax System pending refunds

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANTI-LITTER PROCLAMATION TITLED EVERY LITTER BIT HURTS INITIATIVE IN PERSON COUNTY:**

Chairman Jeffers, the commissioner representative on the Person County Environmental Issues Advisory Committee, read and presented to the Board of Commissioners an anti-litter proclamation titled “Every Litter Bit Hurts Initiative in Person County” for adoption.

Chairman Jeffers recognized Mr. Bob Brauser, present in the audience, to address the Board. Mr. Brauser stated the importance to the quality of life of the community by reducing and eliminating litter on the roadways and waterways. He encouraged the Board to adopt the proclamation before them and encourage the community to help make Person County a cleaner place to live.

A **motion** was made by Chairman Jeffers and **carried 5-0** to adopt a Proclamation titled Every Litter Bit Hurts Initiative in Person County.

Proclamation

Every Litter Bit Hurts Initiative in Person County

WHEREAS, the mission of the Person County Environmental Issues Advisory Committee's *Every Litter Bit Hurts* initiative is to involve the community in responsible solutions for a clean and beautiful environment through community awareness and public education, litter reduction, waste reduction, and recycling; and

WHEREAS, residents of Person County are distressed by the amount of trash and litter on the sides of the county roadways; and

WHEREAS, littering destroys the beauty of our landscape, and can also be a traffic hazard; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Homebuilders has determined that the presence of litter tends to reduce the value of property in that neighborhood by 7-8%; and

WHEREAS, the composition of trash and litter predominately consists of plastics, and the plastics have a particularly harmful impact on wildlife; and

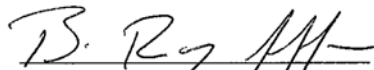
WHEREAS, the natural beauty of our county and a clean environment are sources of great pride for all Person County residents, attracting tourists and aiding in recruiting new businesses;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Person County Board of Commissioners, do proclaim our support of the *Every Litter Bit Hurts* initiative in Person County and encourages citizens of Person County to take an active role in making this a cleaner community.

Adopted this the 21st day of January, 2020.



Person County Board of Commissioners

  
B. Ray Jeffers, Chairman

Attest:

  
Brenda B. Reaves, Clerk to the Board

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**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Chairman Jeffers reported he would be meeting with representatives of the Timberlake Volunteer Fire Department later in the day. He noted he had passed along some complaints he received to the County Manager for possible violations of the Junk Yard Ordinance.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

County Manager, Heidi York had no report.

**COMMISSIONER REPORT/COMMENTS:**

There were no reports or comments from Commissioners Powell, Clayton, Puryear and Vice Chairman Newell.

**CLOSED SESSION #1**

A **motion** was made by Vice Chairman Newell and **carried 5-0** to enter Closed Session pursuant to NC General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(4) at 9:19am to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations, and 143-318.11 (a)(5), to establish or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other materials terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase option, exchange, or lease with the following individuals permitted to attend: County Manager, Heidi York, County Attorney, Ron Aycock, Economic Development Director, Sherry Wilborn and IT staff, Charles Lunsford.

The Closed Session was called to order at 9:20am.

Ron Aycock, County Attorney left the Closed Session at 10:02am.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Powell and **carried 5-0** to return to open session at 10:37am.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

A **motion** was made by Vice Chairman Newell and **carried 5-0** to adjourn the meeting at 10:37am.

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Brenda B. Reaves  
Clerk to the Board

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B. Ray Jeffers  
Chairman

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