

PERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEMBERS PRESENT

APRIL 20, 2020
OTHERS PRESENT

B. Ray Jeffers
Jimmy B. Clayton
Kyle W. Puryear
Gordon Powell
C. Derrick Sims

Heidi York, County Manager
Brenda B. Reaves, Clerk to the Board
C. Ronald Aycock, County Attorney

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Person, North Carolina, met in regular session on Monday, April 20, 2020 at 9:00am remotely, as allowed by the Board's Rules of Procedure during this COVID-19 state of emergency. There would be no place of the meeting for members of the public to be physically present due to the Governor's Executive Order limiting gatherings to ten people. A public notice, released seven days ahead of the meeting, informed the public and news media how to view/hear the meeting through the County's website Live Meeting link and/or by accessing the appropriate Zoom link.

Chairman Jeffers, Commissioner Sims, County Manager, Heidi York and Clerk to the Board, Brenda Reaves were present in-person in the commissioner's boardroom in the Person County Office Building. Commissioners Puryear, Powell and Clayton attended the board meeting remotely as did County Attorney, Ron Aycock. Chairman Jeffers called the meeting to order. Commissioner Sims offered an invocation and Chairman Jeffers led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear and **carried 5-0** to remove an item from the Consent Agenda for an Agreement to Provide Food Services for the Person County Jail and to add it to the Agenda for discussion as well as to approve the Agenda as adjusted.

INFORMAL COMMENTS:

Those interested in addressing the Board of Commissioners were directed to join the Zoom link for the meeting at 8:45am to sign up; callers were unmuted to speak during public comments in the order that the call was received. The callers interested in addressing the Board indicated their topic related to the Agreement to Provide Food Services for the Person County Jail. Chairman Jeffers asked them if they could hold their comments for the item to be discussed on the board's agenda. They agreed and there were no others interested in making informal comments.

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DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT/APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- A. Approval of Minutes of March 23, 2020,
- B. Budget Amendment #17, and
- C. Tax Adjustments for April 2020
 - a. Tax Releases
 - b. NC Vehicle Tax System pending refunds

NEW BUSINESS:

FIBER PROJECT UPDATE AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENT:

IT Director, Chris Puryear provided a Fiber Project update noting that in November of 2017, Person County entered into a contract with UtiliPlex of NC, LLC to install a fiber system comprised of approximately 52 miles of 288-strand fiber. Mr. Puryear stated that currently the County has fiber connectivity to the Bushy Fork and Critcher-Wilkerson towers with the three remaining towers expected to be online within the next few months. Conduit for the Mt. Tirzah route is complete with fiber continuity from the tower to the Quality Inn on 501. Sections of the Bethel Hill route have been repaired after the installation of a new water line and crews are working to complete it as well as the Woodland route. Once the underground portion of the install is complete, the aerial installation inside the city limits is expected to be completed within a month. Mr. Puryear noted all routes and laterals are expected to be completed by June 30, 2020.

Mr. Puryear said that Dr. Rocco DiSanto, UtiliPlex CEO was present and available for questions. There were no questions. Mr. Puryear told the group that the contractor has agreed to extend the current per-foot installation price to add connections to both the 911 Telecommunications Center and the Recycling Center. The 911 Center is currently at full-capacity for their existing fiber, and the Recycling Center has increasing connectivity needs as they expand their operations. This contract amendment will add approximately 5,000 feet to the fiber system for a total cost not to exceed \$60,000. Mr. Puryear requested the Board to authorize the County Manager to approve a contract amendment totaling up to \$60,000 to extend the fiber network to the 911 Telecommunications Center and the Recycling Center.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Clayton and **carried 5-0** to authorize the County Manager to approve a contract amendment totaling up to \$60,000 to extend the fiber network to the 911 Telecommunications Center and the Recycling Center.

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BROADBAND PROJECT UPDATE:

IT Director, Chris Puryear provided a Broadband project update noting that in March of 2017, Person County entered into an agreement with NC Wireless to provide broadband to unserved areas of the county. Since then, they have installed equipment on towers located at Mt. Tirzah and Woodland. On March 12, 2020, Person County received a request for a “no-cost increase” 12-month extension to the Broadband Project. The fiber IRU which the County recently granted RiverStreet Networks will greatly improve the backhaul capability at each of the tower sites.

Mr. Puryear introduced Wilkes Communications/RiverStreet Networks Business Development Manager, Mr. William (Bill) Shillito, was present via Zoom to provide a more detailed update. Mr. Shillito provided the following presentation.

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BILL SHILLITO
PERSON COUNTY BOCC UPDATE - PERSON COUNTY BROADBAND
PROJECT (PCAN) AND CORPORATE OVERVIEW
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Person County Advanced Network(PCAN) Update and Overview

- Goals and Aims:
 - *Purpose: Develop The Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure to meet the technological needs of current and future business, public institutions, educational institutions, and local residents.*
 - *PCAN Goals: Create a scalable network solution, Foster Economic Growth, Foster Development in new areas of the County, provide reliable service for 15+ years*
 - *Grant: \$254,000 by Person County (Person County Advanced Network) PCAN*
 - *Match: \$254,000 by NC Wireless*



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Person County Advanced Network(PCAN) Update and Overview

- Funds Expended To Date:
 - PCAN Funds expended to date: \$209,985.24 (disbursed thru six cost reviews, and check releases)
 - NC Wireless Funds expended to date: \$197,423.46
 - Remaining PCAN Funds: \$44,014.76
 - Remaining NC Wireless Match: \$56,576.54+



Person County Advanced Network(PCAN) Current Standard Pricing

A Better Internet Experience

ENTERING EDGE TECHNOLOGY AND ROCK-SOLID RELIABILITY

LightLeap's d.sh technology is the most advanced in the industry, offering the fastest and most reliable internet connection available. It's the only technology that can deliver speeds up to 100 Mbps, even in the most remote areas. And it's the only technology that can deliver speeds up to 100 Mbps, even in the most remote areas.

THIS IS WHAT MAKES LIGHTLEAP SO GOOD:

- No contracts, no long-term commitments
- No equipment required
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- No service interruptions
- No downtime
- No customer support fees
- No hidden fees
- No service interruptions
- No downtime
- No customer support fees

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED*

STANDARD DELIVERY	EQUIPMENT REQUIRED*	WEEKLY UPGRADE
\$0	\$50	\$250

MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION FEES*

LITE	ULTRA	MEGA	PRO
3 Mbps \$39.99	5 Mbps \$69.99	10 Mbps \$89.99	25 Mbps \$109.99

*Standard delivery fee: \$50. Equipment required: \$50. Weekly upgrade: \$250. Monthly subscription fees: \$39.99, \$69.99, \$89.99, \$109.99. Service interruptions: No. Downtime: No. Customer support fees: No. Hidden fees: No. Service interruptions: No. Downtime: No. Customer support fees: No. Hidden fees: No.

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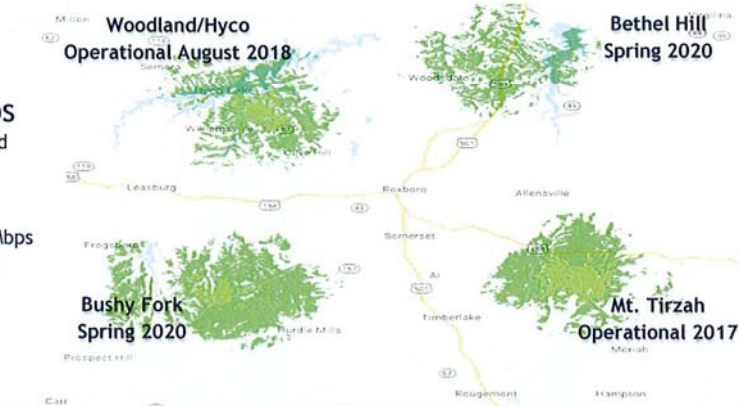
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Person County Advanced Network(PCAN) Current Access Point Status/Plan

Original
Anticipated
Coverage Maps
With two towers turned
up we have

- 32 active clients
- 12 clients are 25 Mbps download package

Two clients are
commercial



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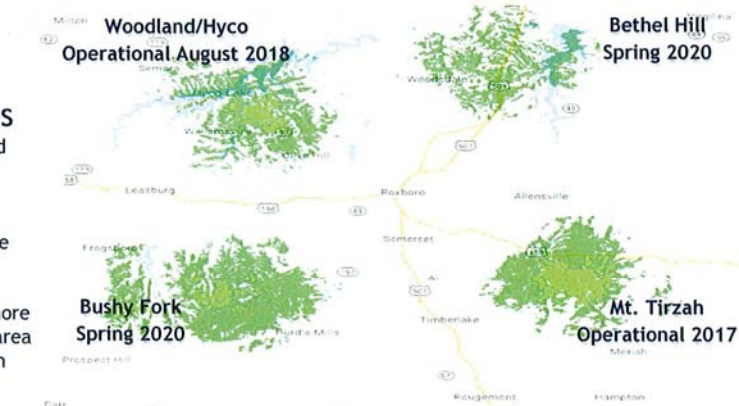
RiverStreet
NETWORKS

Person County Advanced Network(PCAN) Current Access Point Status/Plan

Original
Anticipated
Coverage Maps
With two towers turned
up we have

- 87.61 sq/ miles estimated coverage
- 1,970 Homes.

Next two towers will more
than double coverage area
to almost 45% of Person
County's 404 Sq miles.



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Person County Advanced Network(PCAN) Update and Overview

Looking Forward.....The Good News

- RiverStreet Networks (RSN) Acquired NC Wireless
- RSN Acquired Fiber IRU (Indefeasible Right of Use, not able to be lost, annulled, or overturned), from Person County.
- RSN proposes new standard pricing
- RSN has strong Marketing Process and Budget. Will Rebrand the Service in the future.
- RSN authorized hire of full time field technician in Person County
- Better Potential Customer Consolidation Planning Tool (Crowd Source)
- GREAT Grant Effect



Person County Advanced Network(PCAN) Update and Overview

NC Wireless (RiverStreet Networks) Recently Made Two Requests in letter form to Person County Management:

- Request to extend the current PCAN Grant timeline by 12 months. This will allow us to continue to grow our network via Mini-Pops. The next request for reimbursement from Person County will be in the form of New Customer additions.
- Request for the County to waive Permitting and Building Cost Fees associated with building infrastructure to expand Broadband services to citizens of Person County



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Chairman Jeffers asked Mr. Shillito since going online in 2017 have the subscription fees changed to which Mr. Shillito was pleased to say the rates have not been raised.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Clayton and **carried 5-0** to grant the request to extend the current PCAN Grant timeline by 12 months.

The Board discussed Mr. Shillito's request to waive the County Permitting and Building Cost Fees associated with building infrastructure to expand Broadband services to citizens of Person County. County Manager, Heidi York asked Mr. Shillito the amount of associated fees had he and the County Planner previously discussed to which Mr. Shillito stated approximately \$1,500 to \$2,000 per tower site. Ms. York stated this request was before the Board as she did not have the authority to grant such request. She added that the County had not waived fees such as this in the past.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Powell and **carried 5-0** to waive the County Permitting and Building Cost Fees associated with building infrastructure to expand Broadband services to citizens of Person County.

Mr. Shillito thanked the Board noting the waived fees would be used to further expand broadband in the county.

Commissioner Clayton asked Mr. Shillito if additional poles were placed in the county that additional customers could be served to which Mr. Shillito replied affirmatively. Mr. Shillito explained that using a 45' pole with electricity with the infrastructure of the fiber he could increase capacity. Ms. York reminded the Board as part of their negotiations with Republic Services that they would contribute financially for up to three monopoles could be placed within the landfill for access points for the Mt. Tirzah community. Mr. Shillito stated he would follow up with Ms. York on this development.

Commissioner Powell thanked Mr. Shillito for the Broadband update noting the importance given the current COVID-19 situation where connectivity across the county is paramount to students and teachers for online virtual education. He acknowledged the forethought of the commissioners and economic commission to push out fiber across the county as well as the Mega site with hopes that other areas within the county that do not have accessible broadband will in the near future.

FIFTH AMENDMENT TO AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT FOR CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT, USE AND OPERATION OF UPPER PIEDMONT REGIONAL LANDFILL:

County Manager, Heidi York presented a Fifth Amendment to Amended and Restated Agreement for Continued Development, Use and Operation of Upper Piedmont Regional Landfill noting Republic Services of North Carolina, LLC has requested and received approval from the NC Department of Environmental Quality Division of Waste Management, to temporarily waive the average maximum annual disposal rate specified for the Upper Piedmont Regional Landfill. Ms. York stated the current Agreement caps the tonnage acceptance rate at 600 tons of waste per day, although the pending new agreement will allow up to 2,000 tons per day. This Fifth Amendment to the Agreement reflects the temporary ability to accept up to 2,000 tons per day during the COVID-19 pandemic or until June 30, 2020 as granted by the State.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Sims and **carried 5-0** to adopt the Fifth Amendment to the Amended and Restated Agreement for Continued Development, Use and Operation of Upper Piedmont Regional Landfill, which will temporarily allow for an increased tonnage rate of up to 2,000 tons per day, as granted through a temporary waiver by NC DEQ, during the COVID-19 pandemic or until June 30, 2020.

**FIFTH AMENDMENT TO
AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT
FOR CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT, USE AND
OPERATION OF UPPER PIEDMONT
REGIONAL LANDFILL**

THIS FIFTH AMENDMENT ("Fifth Amendment") to that certain Amended and Restated Agreement for Continued Development, Use and Operation of Upper Piedmont Regional Landfill ("New Landfill" as defined in the Agreement), by and between Person County, North Carolina, a political subdivision, organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina (hereinafter referred to as the "County"), and Republic Services of North Carolina, LLC, a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of North Carolina, d.b.a. Upper Piedmont Regional Landfill, formerly Upper Piedmont Environmental, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Republic"). The August, 1995 Amended and Restated Agreement for Continued Development, Use and Operation of Upper Piedmont Regional Landfill is hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement".

RECITALS

WHEREAS, in August of 1994, the parties entered into an Agreement for Development, Use and Operation of New Landfill; and

WHEREAS, in August of 1995, the parties entered into the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the New Landfill first began operation on July 1, 1997; and

WHEREAS, in June of 2017, the parties entered into the First Amendment to Amended and Restated Agreement for Continued Development, Use and Operation of Upper Piedmont Regional Landfill ("First Amendment"); and

WHEREAS, in May of 2018, the parties entered into the Second Amendment to Amended and Restated Agreement for Continued Development, Use and Operation of Upper Piedmont Regional Landfill ("Second Amendment"); and

WHEREAS, in June of 2019, the parties entered into the Third Amendment to Amended and Restated Agreement for Continued Development, Use and Operation of Upper Piedmont Regional Landfill ("Third Amendment"); and

WHEREAS, in September of 2019, the parties entered into the Fourth Amendment to Amended and Restated Agreement for Continued Development, Use and Operation of Upper Piedmont Regional Landfill ("Fourth Amendment"); and

WHEREAS, under Section 7.4(e)(ii)(A)-(C) of the Agreement, Republic may not accept for disposal in any calendar year more than an Average Daily Equivalent of 600 Tons of Waste per day, subject to an allowable variance of ten (10%) percent per day on an annualized basis; and

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WHEREAS, by Executive Order 116 dated March 10, 2020, North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper declared a State of Emergency, as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 166A-19.3(6) and 166A-19.3(19) for the State of North Carolina based on the public health emergency posed by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Republic has asked that the County agree to waive temporarily Section 7.4(e)(ii)(A)-(C) of the Agreement;

WHEREAS, the County has determined that a temporary waiver of Section 7.4(e)(ii)(A)-(C) of the Agreement, under the terms hereinafter set forth, would be in the best interest of the citizens of Person County and would protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Person County; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to amend the certain provisions of the Agreement as described herein on a temporary basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein by reference. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings given them in the Agreement, the First Amendment, Second Amendment, Third Amendment and Fourth Amendment.
2. On a temporary basis, but no later than June 30, 2020 (unless otherwise extended by the parties) and subject to the terms set forth herein, Section 7.4(e)(ii) of the Agreement, including Subsections (A)-(C), is hereby waived in its entirety.
3. The provisions of this Fifth Amendment shall terminate no later than 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2020, unless otherwise extended by the parties.
4. The effective date of this Fifth Amendment ("Fifth Amendment Effective Date") shall be the date that the Fifth Amendment is fully executed by both parties.
5. Except as set forth herein, the Agreement, First Amendment, Second Amendment, Third Amendment and Fourth Amendment shall remain in full force and effect. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this Fifth Amendment and those contained in the Agreement, First Amendment, Second Amendment, Third Amendment and Fourth Amendment, the terms of this Fifth Amendment shall prevail and control.
6. This Fifth Amendment may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County and Republic have caused their respective duly authorized officers to execute this Fifth Amendment as of the day and year first above written.

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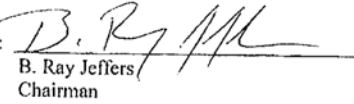
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PERSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

By:


Brenda B. Reay
Clerk to the Board

By:

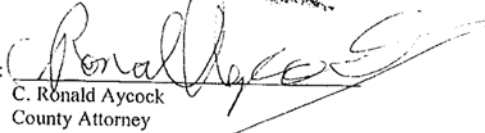

B. Ray Jeffers
Chairman

Date:

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By:


C. Ronald Aycock
County Attorney

This instrument has been pre-audited in the
manner required by the Local Government
Budget and Fiscal Control Act

By:


Amy Wehrenberg
County Finance Officer

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ATTEST:

REPUBLIC SERVICES OF NORTH
CAROLINA, LLC D.B.A. UPPER
PIEDMONT REGIONAL LANDFILL

By: J. C. de

By: Shane Walker

Vice President

Date: 4/27/20



APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

Clerk to the Board, Brenda Reaves presented interested citizen applications for current vacancies received in response to postings on the County website, social media and an ad published in the local newspaper with a deadline to submit by April 7th. Ms. Reaves requested Board nomination for appointment as deemed appropriate of the following:

- **Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee**
1-Year Initial Term; 3-Year Reappointment: 1 position available
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1) Gerald Jermaine Wallace requested appointment
2) Rhonda Haynes requested appointment

A **motion** was made by Chairman Jeffers and **carried 5-0** to appoint Gerald Jermaine Wallace to the Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee for an initial one-year term and to hold Rhonda Haynes' application for consideration during the next round of appointments with June 30th term expirations.

- **Board of Adjustment**
3-Year Term: 1 position for an alternate
1) Gerald Jermaine Wallace requested appointment
2) Cynthia Lynch requested appointment

A **motion** was made by Chairman Jeffers and **carried 5-0** to appoint Cynthia Lynch to the Board of Adjustment as the Alternate for a 3-year term.

- **Economic Development Commission**
Term: Immediate to 6/30/22; 1 position for a citizen
1) Terry Nealy requested appointment

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Powell and **carried 5-0** to appoint Terry Nealy to the Economic Development Commission for an unexpired term to June 30, 2022.

- **Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority**
6-Year Term: 6 positions available out of 7 needed
1) Tammie Kirkland requested appointment

A **motion** was made by Chairman Jeffers to appoint Tammie Kirkland to the Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority.

A **substitute motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear and **carried 3-2** to re-advertise for interested citizens. Commissioners Puryear, Powell and Sims voted in favor

of the motion. Chairman Jeffers and Commissioner Clayton voted in opposition to the motion.

- **Juvenile Crime Prevention Council**

1-Year Initial Term: 2-Year Reappointment

1 position designated for the Chief District Court Judge or designee,

1) Judge John Hoyte Stultz requested reappointment

1 position for the Local Health Director or designee for an unexpired term to 6/30/21,

1) Chiletta Collins requested appointment

Up to 5 positions for citizens at-large and 1 for an unexpired term to 6/30/21,

1) Louise Wright-Oliver requested reappointment

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Clayton and **carried 5-0** to reappoint Judge John Hoyte Stultz (Chief District Court Judge representative) for a 2-year term, Chiletta Collins (Health Director designee) to fulfill the unexpired term to June 30, 2021, and Louise Wright-Oliver (citizen-at-large) for a 2-year term.

- **Nursing Home Advisory Committee**

1-Year Initial Term: 3-Year Reappointment; 3 positions available

1) Rhonda Haynes requested appointment

A **motion** was made by Chairman Jeffers and **carried 5-0** to appoint Rhonda Haynes to the Nursing Home Advisory Committee for an initial one-year term.

- **Recreation Advisory Board**

Term: Unexpired term to 6/30/2021 for a citizen

1) Joey Thomas Whitt requested appointment,

2) Brittani Lea requested appointment,

3) Kirk Redman requested appointment

A **motion** was made by Chairman Jeffers to appoint Brittani Lea to the Recreation Advisory Board to fulfill the unexpired term to June 30, 2021.

A **substitute motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear and **carried 3-2** to conduct informal interviews with the applicants at the Board's next meeting. Commissioners Puryear, Powell and Sims voted in favor of the motion. Chairman Jeffers and Commissioner Clayton voted in opposition to the motion.

- **Transportation Advisory Board**
3-Year Term; Unexpired term to 6/30/21 representing economic development
1) Sherry Wilborn requested appointment

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Powell and **carried 5-0** to appoint Sherry Wilborn to the Transportation Advisory Board to represent economic development fulfilling the unexpired term to June 30, 2021.

**ANNOUNCE VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR DURATION OF STATE/COUNTY
DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY:**

County Manager, Heidi York requested the Board to consider announcing its intent to hold virtual meetings for the duration of the current COVID-19 State and County's Declaration of Emergency.

The Board discussed its May regular-scheduled meetings and consented to only hold one meeting for the month of May on May 18, 2020.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear and **carried 5-0** to cancel the Board of Commissioners' May 4, 2020 regular scheduled meeting.

AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FOOD SERVICE FOR THE PERSON COUNTY JAIL:

County Manager, Heidi York stated the Sheriff's Office, during its budget meeting, noted they have been working many months to obtain a competitive food services agreement for the Person County Jail. Ms. York said this agreement requires Board approval. She noted Sheriff Dewey Jones and Capt. Kevin Chandler were both available to answer questions.

Mr. Frankie Day of 5, Banbury Drive, Roxboro addressed the Board related to the agreement he has had with the Sheriff's Office noting he had had this contract for approximately 28 years and desired to submit a new proposal matching Kimble's proposal for services. He highlighted some of the services as follows:

- Term of new proposal for 4 years to June 30, 2024,
- Hot meals at a discount price to officers on duty,
- Medical and religion based meals per nutritionist,
- Snack bags available,
- Extra sandwiches 24/7 for late bookings,
- On call 24/7,
- Special meals at same prices,
- Canteen services,
- Meals reports,
- Provide equipment, utensils and needed kitchen machines,
- All repairs to kitchen equipment and machines, and
- Cleaning and supplies inventory, dispensing, and lock box,

Mr. Day noted the new pricing reflects a different meal; he currently provides a 3200+ calorie meal per inmate at a cost of \$2.90 per meal, which was based on the state/federal mandate. Mr. Day said the current state requirement was for a new proposal for a 2,100-calorie meal.

Mr. Day further noted he would keep the kitchen equipment maintained and replaced noting in November when he thought he had a deal with the County; he replaced the washer and meal slicer. Other equipment he listed in his new proposal that needs to be replaced include the dryer, garbage disposals, a 3-pan steam table, convention oven, deep fryer, cooler, food mixer and dishwasher over the next four years. He estimated \$37,331 of equipment needs to be replaced soon and other equipment replaced over the next four years, all becoming property of the county.

Mr. Day said he was proposing to charge the same pricing in the canteen as Kimble and would increase the commission submitted to the County from 13% to 28% noting business may be hurt in the canteen by increasing the pricing. He added he would take care of all costs for paper supplies as well as have someone available to work the canteen as well.

Sheriff Dewey Jones stated appreciation for Mr. Day's services noting in the last 7-year contract, \$100,000 of equipment and a kiosk machine was to be installed that he did not make happen and another vendor added. Sheriff Jones added that 5-6 years ago, the Board asked him about his line items being high and he reached out to vendors however no others submitted a proposal. He stated with the Kimble proposal there was going to be a \$50,000 to in excess of \$100,000 savings annually.

County Manager, Heidi York asked Sheriff Jones if Kimble had contracts with other jails in the region to which he replied affirmatively.

Commissioner Powell asked Sheriff Jones about day-to-day personnel on site to which Sheriff Jones said it would be the same or maybe more personnel available on site with Kimble.

Commissioner Sims asked Mr. Day the price per tray he was proposing to which he stated \$2.90 per tray currently to \$2.55 per tray reiterating the lower price per meal reflected a lowered calorie intake from 3200 to 2100 with the new contract. When asked about the number of inmates, Mr. Day stated the daily count would change however; the average was 70-80 inmates per day currently noting it has been 95-98.

Sheriff Jones noted they had stopped doing work release 8-9 years ago and, it was at that time when they requested the calorie count to be reduced. Mr. Day said he did not remember that or have found any paperwork from the dietician requesting to change the calorie intake. Sheriff Jones said the calorie intake is mandated by the state on an annual basis.

Ms. York asked Sheriff Jones to confirm the calorie count and price per tray from Kimble to which he stated was \$2.56 per tray for a 3200-calorie count tray based on 100-109 inmates.

Commissioner Sims stated the calorie count should be listed in the proposals and he did not see it noted in the proposals.

Commissioner Clayton stated as this was a budget item with some questions that needs answered, maybe the Board should take a longer look at it before a decision is made.

Commissioner Puryear stated the preference to see both proposals. Sheriff Jones noted the County Manager had both proposals.

Commissioner Powell advocated for more information and for the process to be fair and equitable.

Chairman Jeffers thanked the Sheriff for looking at different options to reduce the budget item noting he was one questioning this line items years ago when he saw how other counties were using hospitals and other sources to provide food for the jails at a lower costs.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Clayton and **carried 5-0** to table this item to the Board's May 18, 2020 meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Jeffers reported he is participating in weekly conference calls with the NC Association County Commissioners as well as National Association of Counties noting they are providing insight to legislation to help counties. Chairman Jeffers stated his desire for the Board to receive staff reports on possible doing business differently should the Governor extend the Executive Order to further ensure the health and well-being of county employees. Additionally, Chairman Jeffers asked if hot spot devices could be purchased to allow more employees the ability to work from home, as well as having a more uniform policy for all departments. He promoted the small business loan program recently put into place through the Economic Development department.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

County Manager, Heidi York reported that the County has expanded its telecommuting policy in response to the COVID-19 Executive Order by the Governor. She noted that a uniform policy may not work as well noting some departments have as few as two employees while the larger department have 100 employees. Ms. York stated that all county departments have diverse working schedules to meet the needs of the employees, which are monitored by the department directors, with who she continues to keep in touch with related to this issue. County employees are classified as essential however; leave options are in place for those with healthcare or childcare needs.

Ms. York informed the Board that staff are not recommending a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) at this time due to unpredictable revenues, decreased sales tax and constraints on the budget. She indicated that capital projects were being deferred to the fall to be included with the Debt Service Model with the exception of a couple of critical capital projects for Piedmont Community College that will be in the recommended operating budget.

COMMISSIONER REPORT/COMMENTS:

Commissioners Clayton and Puryear had no comments.

Commissioner Powell commended the Emergency Services and Health Department's staff's efforts during this COVID-19 unprecedented time. He announced that Cardinal Innovations have launched a new phone service where citizens can dial **275 to access mental health services.

Commissioner Sims praised small businesses still working during this time, i.e. restaurants doing take-outs and he encouraged citizens to continue to practice social distancing.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Brenda B. Reaves
Clerk to the Board

B. Ray Jeffers
Chairman