

**RECORD OF A WORK SESSION HELD BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE ARMORY CIVIC CENTER MEETING ROOM ON WEDNESDAY – MARCH 18, 2015 AT 6:00 PM.**

The March 18, 2015 Work Session was opened by Chairman Barry Richardson. Other Commissioners present: Victor Hunt, Jennifer Jordan, Bertadean Baker, and Tare Davis. Others in attendance: County Manager Linda T. Worth and County Attorney Karlene Turrentine.

Chairman Richardson asked the Board to allow two citizens to speak during the work session and the Board agreed. Stacey Woodhouse of So Edible Farm addressed the Board with information about his farm and classes for children during the summer. Robert Espinosa of the NC Coyotes thanked the Board for their support. Mr. Espinosa asked what the policy is for usage of John Graham Gym and he was told to contact County Manager Linda Worth for more information.

Department Head Reports were given as follows:

Marshall Brothers, Public Works

Johnny Williams, Sheriff/Detention/Telecommunications

The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Update Video was shown.

Warrenton Mayor Walter Gardner and Warrenton Commissioner Mary Hunter addressed the board asking that the Town of Warrenton and the Town of Norlina receive 15% of ABC profits. Chairman Richardson called for a vote from the Board if they wished to put this on the April 6, 2015 Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda – the results of the vote were two in favor of placing the item on the agenda and three against. Commissioner Hunt and Commissioner Davis cast the votes in favor, with Commissioner Jordan, Commissioner Baker, and Commissioner Richardson voting no.

The Board heard a request from Health Director Andy Smith for approval of the Health Department's Tobacco Free Grounds Policy. This policy will be placed on the April 6, 2015 Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda for approval.

William Kearney of Environmental Action Team addressed the Board asking for support. A Resolution in support of Environmental Action Team will be presented for approval at the April 6, 2015 Board of Commissioners Meeting.

As follow-up to a discussion at the Budget Goals Setting Work Session, County Manager Linda Worth presented information regarding Aycokk Recreation Center's Aquatic Center. The Board asked that Mrs. Worth also get information from Roanoke Rapids regarding their aquatic center. It was suggested that Mrs. Worth work with the Recreation Commissioner to survey citizens' interest for an aquatic center in Warren County.

Discussion was held regarding the revised Warren County Salary Administration Policy, Proposed Salary Progression Policy, and Proposed Longevity Policy presented by Human Resource Director Lisa Alston. After some discussion the Board asked that a committee including Commissioner

Hunt, Commissioner Davis, County Manager Linda Worth, and Human Resources Director Lisa Alston meet to discuss these policies and then bring recommendations back to the Board at a future meeting.

Discussion of need for Policies and Procedures for Recreation Department Facility Usage:  
Commissioner Davis made motion to enter closed session under 143-318.11 A 6 to hear charge or complaint against an employee or public official concerning the Recreation Department. Commissioner Hunt seconded the motion with all votes in favor.

Following the closed session, the Board resumed open session.

The County Manager was directed to work with the Recreation Commission to develop policies and procedures for Recreation Department Facility Usage.

Commissioner Davis requested that American Legion Memorial Post 547 be allowed to use the Armory for their monthly meetings free of charge. After some discussion concerning time and frequency of meetings, Chairman Richardson asked that more information regarding the meetings be obtained and information brought back to the Board at another time.

County Manager Linda Worth presented proposed revisions to "Rule 32 - Appointments". The Board agreed that the proposed revisions should be on the April 6, 2015 Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda.

County Manager Linda Worth asked that the Board schedule a Special Work Session to discuss Potential Refunding Opportunities for Public Utilities Debt. The Special Meeting will be scheduled for April 6, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Following the discussion of all business coming before the Board, the work session was adjourned by Chairman Barry Richardson.

  
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