

**MINUTES FROM A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ORDINANCE REGULATING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND SEARCHES FOR NON-CRIMINAL PURPOSES HELD BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE WARREN COUNTY ARMORY CIVIC CENTER MEETING ROOM ON APRIL 22, 2015 AT 5:45 PM.**

The Public Hearing was called to order by Chairman Barry Richardson. Other Commissioners present: Bertadean Baker, Tare Davis, Victor Hunt and Jennifer Jordan. Others in attendance: County Manager Linda T. Worth and County Attorney Karlene Turrentine.

Notice of Public Hearing was read by the Clerk to the Board.

**Notice of Public Hearing**

Notice is hereby served that the Warren County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Wednesday April 22, 2015 at 5:45 PM in the Warren County Armory Civic Center – Meeting Room, 501 US Hwy 158 Business-East, Warrenton, NC 27589. The purpose of this hearing is to receive citizens' comments regarding adoption of a proposed Ordinance Regulating Criminal Background Searches for non-criminal purposes, i.e. applicants for employment and pawn shop license applicants.

For additional information contact Linda T. Worth, Warren County Manager at 252-257-3115, by email at [lindaworth@warrencountync.gov](mailto:lindaworth@warrencountync.gov) or 602 West Ridgeway Street Warrenton, NC 27589.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend this public hearing.

Barry Richardson, Chairman, Warren County Board of Commissioners

**Citizen Comments:**

Lloyd Tucker, presented a petition signed by 103 individuals in favor of his request to establish a Pawn Shop in the area. Mr. Tucker questioned why it was taking so long to consider his request and adopt the ordinance.

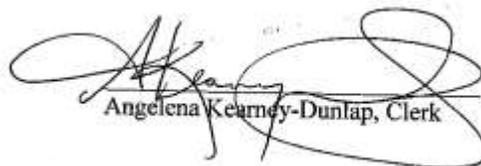
County Manager Linda T. Worth informed the Board that the ordinance was necessitated by Mr. Tucker's request to establish a pawn shop in the county. The ordinance is required to be adopted before the Sheriff's office can conduct Statewide non-criminal background checks on individuals in Warren County using the state DCI system.

County Attorney Karlene Turrentine stated that statute requires statewide criminal background checks. The Sheriff has no authority beyond background checks related to criminal intentions. Department of Justice approved proposed Ordinance with cites to NC statute removed.

County Manager was directed to place item on the May 4, 2015 Board agenda for consideration.

Extensive questions were posed by Commissioner Tare Davis regarding parts of the ordinance and its effectiveness. County Attorney Turrentine responded to Commissioner Davis' questions and concerns.

On motion of Commissioner Hunt, which was seconded by Commissioner Jordan and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:05 pm.

  
Angelena Kearney-Dunlap, Clerk