

**ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 21, 2025 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Rockingham County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on January 21, 2025, 6:30 pm Governmental Center, Commissioners Chambers, North Carolina. Present were, Chairman Kevin Berger, Vice Chairman Houston Barrow, and Commissioners Mark Richardson, Charlie G. Hall, III and Jeff Kallam; Lance L. Metzler, County Manager; Clyde Albright, County Attorney; Susan O. Washburn, Clerk to the Board and citizens and members of the news media.

**ITEM #1 – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Chairman Berger called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**ITEM #2 – INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by County Manager Lance Metzler.

**ITEM #3 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Annabeth Gross who attends Dillard Academy.

**ITEM #4(A) – RECOGNITION – THE DUKE ENERGY FOUNDATION AWARD TO ROCKINGHAM COUNTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TDA) WITH \$10,000.00 FOR THE PROJECT – ENHANCING SAFETY AND ACCESSIBILITY ALONG THE SMITH RIVER. THIS FUNDING WILL GO TOWARD THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRST PUBLIC RIVER ACCESS AND TAKE-OUT IN NORTH CAROLINA BEFORE THE SPRAY DAM IN EDEN.**

Lindsay Pegg, Tourism Manager, thanked Hank Henning, Local Government and Community Relations Manager with Duke Energy, and Janet Silvers who helped move Rockingham County TDA through this process. She also thanked the Duke Energy Foundation for their continued support of not only the TDA's efforts in safety and outdoor recreation, but the entire County because she said ours was just one of many that the Duke Energy Foundation supports here in the County. Ms. Pegg said she couldn't wait to come back with updates on this project on the Smith River Access. She ended by thanking NCDOT for working with them on this project as well.

Mr. Henning said he appreciated the opportunity and the partnership working with Rockingham County, all our other municipal partners and the Dan River Basin Association. He said they look for opportunities to work with the County because we know how important recreation is and growing this great community. He explained to the Commissioners that their constituents were their customers so it is all the same group of people they are trying to serve and provide a more livable community.

The Commissioners took pictures with everyone and the check was presented.

Chairman Berger stated Duke Energy has been a tremendous corporate sponsor and participant in everything we do and we certainly appreciate everything they do for the County and in the County.

**ITEM #4(B) – RECOGNITION – RESOLUTION HONORING THE MCMICHAEL HIGH SCHOOL PHOENIX GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM FOR THEIR 2024 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.**

Continued until the February 3, 2025 meeting

**ITEM #5 - APPROVAL OF JANUARY 21, 2025 AGENDA**

Commissioner Richardson moved, Commissioner Hall seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the January 21, 2025 agenda.

**ITEM #6 – CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Berger explained the items on the Consent Agenda were non-controversial items; however, if anyone had any questions about the items please contact Lance Metzler, the County Manager.

Vice Chair Barrow moved, Commissioner Kallam seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the items under the Consent agenda with the amendment to move Item 4(B) the resolution honoring the McMichael High School Phoenix Girls Volleyball Team for their 2024 2A State Championship to the February 3, 2024.

**ITEM # 6(A) – CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR A ROAD ADDITION – TILBURN TERRACE (0.15 MILES) WEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF SR 5259 AND SR 5261 IN THE WELLINGTON SUBDIVISION AKA BEVILL LAKES FARM II SUBDIVISION; AND CREEDSON COURT (0.03 MILES) NORTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF SR 5221 AND SR 5261 IN THE WELLINGTON SUBDIVISION AKA BEVILL LAKES FARM II SUBDIVISION.**

Vice Chair Barrow moved, Commissioner Kallam seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the request for a road addition – Tilburn Terrace (0.15 miles) west of the intersection of SR 5259 and SR 5261 in the Wellington Subdivision aka Bevill Lakes Farm II Subdivision; and Creedson Court (0.03 miles) North of the intersection of SR 5221 and SR 5261 in the Wellington Subdivision aka Bevill Lakes Farm II Subdivision.

**ITEM #6(B) – REQUEST APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY CHILD PROTECTION TEAM ANNUAL REPORT.**

Vice Chair Barrow moved, Commissioner Kallam seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the Community Child Protection Team Annual Report.

**ITEM #6(C) – REQUEST APPROVAL FOR FEE SCHEDULE VACCINE PRICE INCREASE(S).**

SERVICE DESCRIPTION:	OLD RATE	NEW RATE	CPT CODE
MENINGOCOCCAL (2 DOSES) MENQUADFI VACCINE	\$199	\$212	90619
MENINGOCOCCAL (2 DOSES) BEXSERO VACCINE	\$252	\$255	90620
GARDASIL/HPV VACCINE (9 VALENT)	\$328	\$333	90651
MMR VACCINE	\$111	\$120	90710
POLIOVIRUS VACCINE (IPOL)	\$ 50	\$ 55	90713
VARICELLA VACCINE	\$195	\$198	90716
HEPATITIS B VACCINE PEDS	\$ 45	\$ 46	90744
HEPATITIS B VACCINE (3 SHOT SERIES)	\$ 82	\$ 84 *	90746

\*AS SHOWN ON ATTACHMENT



Vice Chair Barrow moved, Commissioner Kalam seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the fee schedule vaccine price increase(s).

Service Description:	Old Rate	New Rate	CPT Code
Meningococcal (2 doses) Menquadfi Vaccine	\$199	\$212	90619
Meningococcal (2 doses) Bexsero Vaccine	\$252	\$255	90620
Gardasil/HPV Vaccine (9 Valent)	\$328	\$333	90651
MMR Vaccine	\$111	\$120	90710
Poliovirus Vaccine (IPOL)	\$ 50	\$ 55	90713
Varicella Vaccine	\$195	\$198	90716
Hepatitis B Vaccine Peds	\$ 45	\$ 46	90744
Hepatitis B Vaccine (3 Shot Series)	\$ 82	\$ 84*	90746

\*As shown on attachment

**ITEM #6(D) – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF ALL REFUNDS FOR DECEMBER 19, 2024 THRU JANUARY 7, 2025.**

Vice Chair Barrow moved, Commissioner Kallam seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve all refunds for December 19, 2024 thru January 7, 2025.

**ITEM #6(E)(1) – CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL FOR THE DECEMBER 2, 2024 COMMISSIONERS BOARD MINUTES.**

Vice Chair Barrow moved, Commissioner Kallam seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the December 2, 2024 Commissioners Board minutes.

**ITEM #6(E)(2) – CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL FOR THE COMMISSIONERS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES FOR 2025.**

Vice Chair Barrow moved, Commissioner Kallam seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the Commissioners Boards and Committees for 2025.

**ITEM #7 – PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no one signed up for Public Comment.

**ITEM #8(A)(1) – PUBLIC HEARING: CASE 2024-25: ZONING MAP AMENDMENT (REZONING) – REQUEST FOR REZONING A (+/-) 2.79 ACRE PARCEL FROM RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURAL (RA) AND NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL (NC) TO RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURE (RA) – STANDARD REZONING – APPLICANT: CHRISTOPHER POWELL ANGEL – TAX PIN: 7901-00-94-2175 – 3066 GIDEON GROVE CHURCH RD., HUNTSVILLE TOWNSHIP.**

Lynn Cochran presented detail of the request to the Board. Mr. Cochran explained to the Commissioners that the Planning Board reviewed Case 2024-25, rezoning to Residential Agricultural (RA). As required by NCGS 160D, the Board made the following findings.

- A. The Board found finds that the proposed map amendment is consistent with the goals and guiding principles of the *Rockingham County Land Use Plan*; and

- B. The Board believes the map amendment to be reasonable and in the public interest in that it confirms to the existing uses and characteristics of the surrounding area and community.

Chairman Berger opened the Public Hearing.

\*Christopher Angel, 3066 Gideon Grove Church Rd., applicant, spoke to the Commissioners concerning the reasoning behind his application.

Chairman Berger closed the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Richardson motioned, Vice Chair Barrow seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve Ordinance for Case 2024-25.

**ITEM #8(A)(2) – PUBLIC HEARING: CASE 2024-26: ZONING MAP AMENDMENT (REZONING) – A REQUEST TO REZONE A (+/-) 2.17 ACRE PARCEL FROM RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURAL (RA) AND HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL (HC) TO HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL (HC) – STANDARD REZONING – APPLICANT: TIMOTHY Q. HALEY AND KIM C. HALEY – TAX PIN: 7927-03-30-3026 – 247 DAN VALLEY RD., MAYO TOWNSHIP.**

Lynn Cochran presented details of the request to the Board. Mr. Cochran explained to the Commissioners that the Planning Board reviewed Case 2024-26, rezoning to Highway Commercial (HC). As required by NCGS 160D the Board makes the following findings:

- A. The Board finds that the proposed map amendment is consistent with the goals and land use classification of the future land use map of the *Rockingham County Land Use Plan*; and
- B. The Board believes the map amendment to be reasonable and in the public interest in that confirms to the existing uses of the parcel and characteristics of the surrounding area.

Chairman Berger opened the Public Hearing and with no one signed up to speak closed the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Hall motioned, Vice Chair Barrow seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the Ordinance for Case 2024-26.

#### **ITEM # 9 – NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business at this time.

#### **ITEM #10– COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**Commissioner Hall** – It is very cold tonight. Be careful. It's going to be deadly cold. Additionally, I would like to say next week at the School Board meeting they are planning on presenting a study that was done regarding attendance and growth and such in the County. That may be interesting and I would encourage folks to tune into that and watch that or attend. Have a wonderful evening and stay warm.

**Commissioner Kallam** – I would also like to add to Commissioner Hall about the weather if you have pets outside take care of them and bring them in. Also, check on the elderly.



**Commissioner Richardson** – I have a couple of things. I want to thank Bethany Fire Department. Bethany Fire Department has put out a flyer recognizing the same concerns that have just been expressed about keeping an eye out particularly on the elderly. If you have an issue, do let someone at the fire department and several local churches that are providing refuge from the cold if necessary. Also, a plea from the fire department, if you find a vehicle that has yellow tape around it, don't call 911. It causes multiple responses from the fire department and other agencies that are unnecessary. Someone has already taken a look at it if it has the yellow tape around it. Tonight, I would like to recognize Will Strader who has been our County Extension Agent since June of 2010. What I think that Will does of significance is his availability to all the citizens of this County and how well he represents us at the State level. I've saw him there several times and I think we can justifiably be very pleased with our Cooperative Extension Agent.

**Vice Chair Barrow** - I would like to take the opportunity to thank our elected officials that we have in attendance tonight. We have Philip Butler from the School Board and Paula Rakestraw from the School Board. Thank you guys for coming out tonight. I would like to thank Lynn for joining us here in Rockingham County again. It's always good to see him.

**Commissioner Richardson** – I wanted to make a very meaningful announcement for all the citizens in the County. I have been in a discussion with Rockingham Community College who has also been in a discussion with Rockingham County School System and we are looking forward to a recently approved arrival of a career and technical education high school here in the County that would initially would be working, starting at the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, and would be working out of Rockingham County High. Subsequently they will have a campus at RCC as well. I think it's a great thing. It will be focused on Health Sciences, Advanced Manufacturing and Construction activities. I think this is a great opportunity. Yet another chance for our young people to get career training that will lead them on to an extensive career and hopefully keep them within the County as they so desire. My congratulations to those folks in the County School System and RCC. We also need to thank the State Legislature on this because their passage of this pilot program for technical training and will not only be useful for us here in the County but will provide an example. Only two counties in the entire State received approval for this special school. This will join our Early College over at RCC providing special and extremely good training for our people.

**Chairman Berger** – Make no mistake that there's a reason that we get a lot of the trial runs or are the last county to have to implement things and that is because of our State Legislature and what is going on there. I would like to thank everyone for tuning in.

#### **ITEM #11 – RECESS**

Vice Chair Barrow moved, Commissioner Hall seconded and the vote was unanimous to recess the meeting at 6:54 pm until the Budget Retreat meeting on February 3, 2025 at 4:30 pm.

**MINUTES READ AND APPROVED,**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

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**KEVIN BERGER, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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**SUSAN O. WASHBURN, CLERK  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**