

The Hoke County Board of Commissioners convened for a regular meeting at 7:00 pm on February 3, 2020 in the Commissioners Room in the Pratt Building.

**PRESENT:**  
Chairman Leach  
Vice Chairman Southerland  
Commissioner Hunt  
Commissioner Wright  
Commissioner Thomas

**ALSO PRESENT:**  
County Manager Letitia Edens  
County Attorney Grady Hunt  
Clerk to the Board Gwen McGougan

(via conference call)

**ABSENT:**  
None

**Chairman Leach called the meeting to order with a quorum present. Vice Chairman Southerland led the Pledge of Allegiance and Ms. Lena Green gave the Invocation.**

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

Hoke County  
Board of Commissioners



February 3, 2020  
7:00 P.M.

227 N. Main Street  
Raeford, North Carolina  
28376

Commissioner's Room  
Pratt Building

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**A G E N D A**

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**INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Vice Chairman Harry Southerland**

**ITEM**

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Public Comment
3. Public Hearings: Planning Matters
  - a. Application for Conditional Use Permit CU-10-01 submitted by Ronnet Bell and Stephanie Puido for the use of "Tattoo Parlor" at the 2.36 acre property located at 1688 N. Horace Walters Road also known as Parcel Identification Number (PIN) 584950001130. The property is currently zoned Neighborhood Business (NB) which allows the use as a Conditional Use. The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval.
  - b. Text amendment TA-19-7 proposal is to consider changing Chapter 2 Zoning District Regulations Section 2.5 Table of Permitted and Supplemental Requirements to make the use Electronic Gaming Operations a conditional use in the Highway Commercial Zoning District. Adding Chapter 2, Section 2.13 Rockfish Area Overlay District Chapter 3 Supplemental Requirements, Section 3.8 Electronic Gaming Operations to add additional regulations and require bi-annual operation permits, inspections, and fees. As well as Chapter 9 Nonconformities, Section 9.5 Nonconforming Electronic Gaming Operations to require existing electronic gaming operations to come into compliance with any newly adopted regulations. The amendment also proposes changes to the Hoke County Planning Department Fee Schedule. The Planning Board recommended approval with proposed changes.
4. Consent Agenda
  - a. Minutes from January 21, 2020 regular meeting
  - b. NC Vehicle Tax Pending Refunds totaling \$1,682.59
  - c. Resolution to partner with U.S. Census Bureau and State of NC for 2020 Census
  - d. ABC Board Reappointment for three-year term: Mr. Cleo Bratcher, Jr.
  - e. Parks & Recreation Board Reappointments for three-year term:
    1. Mr. Jamie Dover
    2. Mrs. Jacqueline Chevis
    3. Mr. Kennedy Fikerson
  - f. Finance: Budget Amendments
5. Downtown Raeford Business Association – Ms. Shelly Wilburn

6. **Manager's Report**
7. **Closed Session**
8. **Adjourn**

Chairman Leach added Ms. Regena McLaughlin, Head Coach of the Track & Field team at Hoke County High School, as Item #6, adjusting subsequent item numbers. Ms. McLaughlin is seeking funds for a timing system for the High School Track program.

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Wright and second by Commissioner Hunt the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as amended.**

## **2. Public Comment**

- a. Patrick McCarthy  
580 Edinburgh Road  
Red Springs, NC 28377

Mr. McCarthy expressed his concern about litter at the intersection of Edinburgh Road and Two Sparrows Lane.

- b. Brandy McPherson  
161 Brandy Lane  
Raeford, NC 28376

Ms. McPherson introduced herself to the Board as the new Teen Court Coordinator and invited them to attend one of their sessions on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.

- c. Sev Palacios  
114 Newton Court  
Raeford, NC 28376

Mr. Palacios requested that the Board adopt a Resolution to make Hoke County a 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Protected County.

- d. Ellen Bradford  
300 Reservation Road  
Aberdeen, NC 28315

Ms. Bradford shared her concerns about the lack of participation on the Animal Ordinance Review Committee. She would like to change the structure of the committee, reducing the membership from 18 members to fewer members. Ms. Bradford is also concerned about dogs belonging to deer hunters roaming unattended.

Vice Chairman Southerland addressed Mr. McCarthy's concern about litter. The Vice Chairman Southerland said that the Department of Transportation is responsible for maintaining the roads and the road rights-of-way.

### 3. Public Hearings: Planning Matters

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Planner Robert Farrell reminded the Board that in December they rezoned this property from Residential Agricultural (RA-20) to Neighborhood Business (NB). The applicants are returning to ask the Board for a Conditional Use Permit to allow them to proceed with their Permanent Makeup salon.

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Hunt and second by Vice Chairman Southerland the Board voted unanimously to close the public hearing.**

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Hunt and second by Vice Chairman Southerland the Board voted unanimously to approve Conditional Use Permit CU-10-01**

- b. Text amendment TA-19-7 proposal is to consider changing Chapter 2 Zoning District Regulations Section 2.5 Table of Permitted and Supplemental Requirements to make the use Electronic Gaming Operations a conditional use in the Highway Commercial Zoning District. Adding Chapter 2, Section 2.13 Rockfish Area Overlay District. Chapter 3 Supplemental Requirements, Section 3.8 Electronic Gaming Operations to add additional regulations and require bi-annual operation permits, inspections, and fees. As well as Chapter 9 Nonconformities, Section 9.5 Nonconforming Electronic Gaming Operations to require existing electronic gaming operations to come into compliance with any newly adopted regulations. The amendment also proposes changes to the Hoke County Planning Department Fee Schedule. The Planning Board recommended approval with proposed changes.

Planner Robert Farrell presented a draft with the Board's proposed text changes to the Chapter 2 Zoning Regulations and the Planning Board's response:

- Amend Section 2.5 Table of Permitted and Supplemental Requirements to reflect Electronic Gaming as a Conditional Use instead of a Permitted Use in the Highway Commercial Zoning District. The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval of this change.
- Creation of a zoning overlay district over Rockfish encompassing a one-mile radius from the center of Rockfish. Electronic Gaming businesses would be prohibited within the overlay. The Planning Board disagrees, stating that the distance is insufficient to cover Rockfish, and, in their opinion, they do not believe the Rockfish community should be held to separate standards than the rest of the county.
- The Planning Board unanimously recommends amending Section 3.8A to return the 200 foot separation from religious institutions, schools, etc back to 500 feet, measured from outer wall to outer wall.
- Add Section E, prohibiting Gaming businesses to simultaneously hold an ABC license allowing the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages. The Planning Board voted 4-

3 to remove this language, citing possible infringement on a business owner's Second Amendment rights.

- Section G restates the overlay addition; the Planning Board recommends removal.
- Addition of Section H, giving the Board of Commissioners the right to revoke any and all approvals or permits due to (1) complaints from the public, (2) failure to comply with Zoning Ordinance requirements, (3) negative inspection reports from county staff, (4) failure to pay inspection fees, (5) instance of criminal activity or law enforcement action at a gaming business, and (6) any other activity the Board rules as incompatible with the public health, safety or welfare. The Planning Board unanimously recommended the removal of items 1 and 5 from Part H stating that the items are too broad and would be redundant due to the inclusion of items 2 and 6.
- Addition of Section I, limiting the number of Electronic Gaming facilities to ten. The Planning Board recommends removal, questioning whether the County has the legal ability to limit the number of a type of business that may be started in Hoke County.
- Increase the Gaming Operation Zoning Permit Fee to \$200.00.

Commissioner Hunt asked County Attorney Grady Hunt to update the Board on the status of the gaming litigation. Mr. Hunt said that the Court of Appeals ruled against the gaming companies. The Supreme Court has since issued a Temporary Stay of the Court of Appeals decision. If the game is a true game of skill, it is allowed.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Abdullah Aziz (Isaac): Mr. Aziz supports allowing the gaming facilities and levy a tax on them, which would benefit the County financially.

Ken Gregory: Mr. Gregory, Chairman of the Rockfish Chamber of Commerce, is concerned about the proximity of bars to a Christian school and a church in Rockfish. He disagrees with the building to building measurement; he believes the separation should be measured property line to property line. Mr. Gregory also says that the gaming facilities invite criminal activity. Commissioner Hunt asked Mr. Gregory for a list of Rockfish Chamber Board members and minutes from their most recent meeting. Mr. Gregory agreed to forward that information to the Clerk to the Board.

Eddie Brock: Mr. Brock disagrees with the overlay proposal. He supports waiting until the matter is settled in the courts.

Rene Guerrero: Mr. Guerrero operates a gaming facility and he says there is no criminal activity at his facility. Neither drugs nor alcohol are allowed. Loitering is prohibited. He has guards posted to enforce this policy. No one from the Rockfish Chamber of Commerce has ever visited his establishment. He has agreed not to open until the matter is settled.

Thomas Wright: He is not in favor of gaming at all. He does not agree with the overlay. All decisions should apply to the County as a whole.

Larry Chason: Gaming is not needed in Hoke County. If an overlay is done, it should apply to the entire county.

Earline Harper: Ms. Harper, President of the Rockfish Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Board. She has supplied petitions to the Board showing that gaming is not wanted. Upon

inquiry from Chairman Leach, Ms. Harper said that the dilapidated building in Rockfish is scheduled to be demolished soon. The entire cost will be borne by the State.

Harold Brock: Mr. Brock is against the overlay suggestion. This places restrictions on property that are not applied elsewhere in the County. Mr. Brock stated that the voters passed gambling years ago, which allowed the lottery. He supports tabling the topic until the higher courts make their decision. Mr. Brock also expressed his belief that the County doesn't have authority to restrict firearms in a private business.

Zakaria Nagi: Mr. Nagi wants to know how other businesses obtain their gaming permits. Mr. Nagi was referred to Planner Robert Farrell who advised him that they had already spoken about one of his locations and it was too close to a religious institution.

Zack Ali: Mr. Ali inquired about obtaining a gaming permit for his business. Mr. Farrell explained that there are businesses with permits; however, the County has placed a temporary moratorium on the issuance of new gaming permits.

Commissioner Hunt asked Mr. Farrell who created the overlay and how was a center point determined with no official town limits. Mr. Farrell replied that the overlay was created by staff.

Commissioner Wright asked who created the distances separating gaming facilities from schools and churches. Mr. Farrell replied that, prior to June 2019, the distance was 500' measured from outer wall to property line. In June 2019 the distance was reduced by text amendment to 200' measured wall to wall. Commissioner Wright said that he would prefer that the measurement be property line to property line.

Commissioner Wright said that he disagrees with the Rockfish overlay. All areas of the County should be treated the same. He recommends tabling the matter until the February 17, 2020 meeting and the Text Amendment is crafted the way the Board wants it.

Vice Chairman Southerland agreed with Mr. Wright, adding that keeping the overlay could possibly be considered as a bias toward a particular area of the County. Vice Chairman Southerland also said that he wants to see the separation distance measured property line to property line. He recommended that the Board exercise caution in their decision-making.

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Hunt and second by Vice Chairman Southerland the Board voted unanimously to close the public hearing.**

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Wright and second by Vice Chairman Southerland the Board voted unanimously to table any decision on the Electronic Gaming Text Amendment until the February 17, 2020 Board meeting.**

Commissioner Hunt, referencing the request made by Mr. Palacios to declare Hoke County a 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Protected County, asked Mr. Palacios if he could find out if other counties in North Carolina have adopted similar resolutions.

#### 4. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes from January 21, 2020 regular meeting
- b. NC Vehicle Tax Pending Refunds totaling \$1,682.59

North Carolina Vehicle Tax System																			
NCVTS Pending Refund report																			
Report Date 12/24/2019 10:54:57 AM																			
Owner Name	Primary Owner	Secondary Owner	Address 1	Address 2	Address 3	Refund Type	Est. B.	Est. Number	Status	Transaction	Refund Description	Refund Reason	Create Date	Tax Jurisdiction	Entry Type	Change	Interest Charge	Total Change	
ARMALL DYLAN JAMES	ARMALL DYLAN JAMES		542 DRYWOOD LN			RAEFORD, NC 28376	Adjustment + \$100	009121701	H012019	PENDING	118180992	Refund Generated due to adjustment on Bill #009121701-2019-0000-00	Vehicle Sold	01/15/2020	COU	Tax	(\$224.92)	\$0.00	(\$224.92)
BATEN TRACY KEESHA	BATEN TRACY KEESHA		191 TRENTON CT			RAEFORD, NC 28376	Adjustment + \$100	004583063	EOJ0845	AUTHORIZED	118058729	Refund Generated due to adjustment on Bill #004583063-2019-0000-00	Military	01/14/2020	COU	Tax	(\$75.83)	\$0.00	(\$75.83)
CHUBSON OTIS JR	CHUBSON OTIS JR	CHUBSON JIMMIE	109 PINE			FAVETTVILLE NC 28336	Proration	001528960	Z047293	AUTHORIZED	118180992	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #001528960-2019-0000-00	Vehicle Sold	01/15/2020	COU	Tax	(\$22.85)	\$0.00	(\$22.85)
COLSON BARBARA WARD	COLSON BARBARA WARD	COLSON RUSSETT	176 CAMERON ST			RAEFORD, NC 28376	Proration	001036926	X0A2509	AUTHORIZED	118362644	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #001036926-2019-0000-00	Tag	01/01/2020	COU	Tax	(\$22.47)	\$0.00	(\$22.47)
CHUBSON MARY LEE	CHUBSON MARY LEE		700 SHEETS DR			RAEFORD, NC 28376	Proration	003207418	D043489	AUTHORIZED	118248342	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #003207418-2019-0000-00	Vehicle Sold	01/15/2020	COU	Tax	(\$67.50)	\$0.00	(\$67.50)
DAVIS MAGATHA LATCHA	DAVIS MAGATHA LATCHA		2056 N MILLER RD			REG SPRINGS, NC 28377	Proration	004728000	H0V0400	AUTHORIZED	118124156	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #004728000-2019-0000-00	Tag	01/15/2020	COU	Tax	(\$20.31)	\$0.00	(\$20.31)
FORNICA DANIEL DARYL	FORNICA DANIEL DARYL		181 TADCASTER CT			RAEFORD, NC 28376	Proration	004900816	T0M0563	AUTHORIZED	118193470	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #004900816-2019-0000-00	Tag	01/13/2020	COU	Tax	(\$66.22)	\$0.00	(\$66.22)
GARCIA VERONICA ALEXSA	GARCIA VERONICA ALEXSA		901 CATHARINE ST			RAEFORD, NC 28376	Adjustment + \$100	005148492	F0C0890	AUTHORIZED	118552048	Refund Generated due to adjustment on Bill #005148492-2019-0000-00	Military	01/14/2020	COU	Tax	(\$59.85)	\$0.00	(\$59.85)
HART ROGER LEE	HART ROGER LEE		347 TENNISGLEN DR			RAEFORD, NC 28376	Adjustment + \$100	003405018	V120A	PENDING	118058729	Refund Generated due to adjustment on Bill #003405018-2019-0000-00	Assessm In Error	01/14/2020	COU	Tax	(\$143.10)	\$0.00	(\$143.10)
HILL EVELYN TERESA	HILL EVELYN TERESA		601 CDE PARKWAY PARK RD			RAEFORD, NC 28376	Proration	001940243	B0V0458	AUTHORIZED	118193470	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #001940243-2019-0000-00	Vehicle Sold	01/02/2020	COU	Tax	(\$40.20)	\$0.00	(\$40.20)
HOUSE RICHARD JAMES	HOUSE RICHARD JAMES		382 POSEY PARK RD			RAEFORD, NC 28376	Proration	004811124	V0M0005	PENDING	118444196	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #004811124-2019-0000-00	Vehicle Sold	01/15/2020	COU	Tax	(\$187.55)	\$0.00	(\$187.55)
HUTSELL JAMES FRANKLIN JR	HUTSELL JAMES FRANKLIN JR		221 CHADEL CT			RAEFORD, NC 28376	Proration	004583947	F0H1134	AUTHORIZED	118193470	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #004583947-2019-0000-00	Vehicle Sold	01/15/2020	COU	Tax	(\$41.25)	\$0.00	(\$41.25)
JONES JONAS MONTEAL	JONES JONAS MONTEAL		152 WALKER ST			WEST END, NC 27376	Proration	001643021	V0R1510	AUTHORIZED	118019394	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #001643021-2019-0000-00	Vehicle Sold	01/15/2020	COU	Tax	(\$22.57)	\$0.00	(\$22.57)
KENDRICK NICOLE UTE	KENDRICK NICOLE UTE		218 BRIDGEMOUNTAIN DR			RAEFORD, NC 28376	Proration	003682287	E0J1139	AUTHORIZED	118444196	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #003682287-2019-0000-00	Vehicle Sold	01/15/2020	COU	Tax	(\$22.50)	\$0.00	(\$22.50)
LOCKLEAR JOHN GLENN JOHN GLENN	LOCKLEAR JOHN GLENN JOHN GLENN		237 EVELYNS DR			WAGNER, NC 28388	Proration	004922918	H0R0874	AUTHORIZED	118444196	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #004922918-2019-0000-00	Vehicle Sold	01/15/2020	COU	Tax	(\$51.60)	\$0.00	(\$51.60)
MARCELOA FRANKIE MONA JR	MARCELOA FRANKIE MONA JR		137 RANKIN DR			RAEFORD, NC 28376	Adjustment + \$100	000912286	F0M0818	AUTHORIZED	118351054	Refund Generated due to adjustment on Bill #000912286-2019-0000-00	Military	01/15/2020	COU	Tax	(\$35.83)	\$0.00	(\$35.83)

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MCLEIGHAN REBEKAH MORRISSEY	MCLEIGHAN REBEKAH MORRISSEY		101 VILLAGE LN			RAEFORD, NC 28376	Proration	001602672	P0B0999	AUTHORIZED	118124156	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #001602672-2019-0000-00	Tag	01/15/2020	COU	Tax	(\$25.54)	\$0.00	(\$25.54)
MOSEY MICHAEL FRANKLIN	MOSEY MICHAEL FRANKLIN		243 PONDWOOD WAY			RAEFORD, NC 28376	Proration	0049897235	T04142	AUTHORIZED	118058729	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0049897235-2019-0000-00	Tag	01/15/2020	COU	Tax	(\$7.56)	\$0.00	(\$7.56)
MORRISSEY CHASE	MORRISSEY CHASE		182 PONDWOOD WAY			RAEFORD, NC 28376	Adjustment + \$100	004117336	F129414	PENDING	118351312	Refund Generated due to adjustment on Bill #004117336-2019-0000-00	Military	01/15/2020	COU	Tax	(\$153.73)	\$0.00	(\$153.73)
MORRISSEY CHASE	MORRISSEY CHASE		182 PONDWOOD WAY			RAEFORD, NC 28376	Adjustment + \$100	005152061	H0R0138	AUTHORIZED	118351312	Refund Generated due to adjustment on Bill #005152061-2019-0000-00	Military	01/15/2020	COU	Tax	(\$54.00)	\$0.00	(\$54.00)
PENA ROSA BARBARA	PENA ROSA BARBARA		2703 LOVELLWOOD DR			RAEFORD, NC 28376	Proration	001603404	A0F0629	AUTHORIZED	118444196	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #001603404-2019-0000-00	Vehicle Sold	01/15/2020	COU	Tax	(\$43.27)	\$0.00	(\$43.27)
RODGERS RICHARD THOMAS	RODGERS RICHARD THOMAS		486 ISABEL LN			RAEFORD, NC 28376	Adjustment + \$100	005128166	T0M0800	AUTHORIZED	118058729	Refund Generated due to adjustment on Bill #005128166-2019-0000-00	Military	01/15/2020	COU	Tax	(\$28.48)	\$0.00	(\$28.48)
DAVID MICHAEL	DAVID MICHAEL		170 BOY 44182			CONOVER, NC 28031	Proration	004433042	P0M1654	AUTHORIZED	118058729	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #004433042-2019-0000-00	Vehicle Sold	01/14/2020	COU	Tax	(\$54.41)	\$0.00	(\$54.41)
THOMPSON CHRIS BRANCKON	THOMPSON CHRIS BRANCKON		226 STEWARTS CHECK RD			RAEFORD, NC 28376	Proration	004280005	90R11	PENDING	118444196	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #004280005-2019-0000-00	Vehicle Sold	01/15/2020	COU	Tax	(\$162.51)	\$0.00	(\$162.51)

c. Resolution to partner with U.S. Census Bureau and State of NC for 2020 Census

## RESOLUTION 2020 Census Partnership

WHEREAS the U.S. Census Bureau is required by the U.S. Constitution to conduct a complete count of the population and provides a historic opportunity to help shape the foundation of our society and play an active role in American democracy;

WHEREAS Hoke County, NC is committed to ensuring every resident is counted;

WHEREAS federal and state funding is allocated to communities, and decisions are made on matters of national and local importance based, in part, on census data and housing;

WHEREAS census data help determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and are necessary for an accurate and fair redistricting of state legislative seats, county and city councils and voting districts;

WHEREAS information from the 2020 Census and American Community Survey is vital for economic development and increased employment;

WHEREAS the information collected by the census is confidential and protected by law;

WHEREAS a united voice from business, government, community-based and faith-based organizations, educators, media and others will enable the 2020 Census message to reach more of our residents;

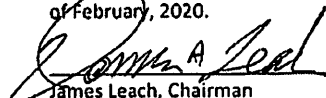
WHEREAS the Census count requires extensive work, and the Census Bureau requires partners at the state and local level to insure a complete and accurate count;

WHEREAS Hoke County, NC and its appointed Complete Count Committee will bring together a cross section of community members who will utilize their local knowledge and expertise to reach out to all persons of our community;

Now, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that Hoke County, NC is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau and the State of North Carolina and will:

1. Support the goals for the 2020 Census and will disseminate 2020 Census information;
2. Encourage all County residents to participate in events and initiatives that will raise the overall awareness of the 2020 Census and increase participation;
3. Provide CCC members and Census advocates to speak to County and Community Organizations;
4. Support census takers as they help our County complete an accurate count; and,
5. Strive to achieve a complete and accurate count of all persons within our borders.


Adopted at the regular meeting of the Hoke County, North Carolina Board of Commissioners this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2020.

  
James Leach, Chairman

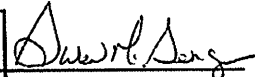
**APPROVED**

Item 4c Gwen McCougan, Clerk to the Board

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Hoke Co. Government

  
Gwen McCougan, Clerk to the Board

- d. ABC Board Reappointment for three-year term: Mr. Cleo Bratcher, Jr.
- e. Parks & Recreation Board Reappointments for three-year term:
  1. Mr. Jamie Dover
  2. Mrs. Jacqueline Chavis
  3. Mr. Kennedy Frierson

f. Finance: Budget Amendments

AMENDMENT TO THE HOKE COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE  
2019/2020  
Amendment

Section 6 of the Hoke County Budget Ordinance, pertaining to the Solid Waste Fund operations of the County, shall be amended as follows:

Increase/(Decrease) Expenditure

Solid Waste- Operations	85,000
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 85,000</u></b>

Section 7 of the Hoke County Budget Ordinance, pertaining to the Solid Waste Fund operations of the County, shall be amended as follows:

Increase/(Decrease) Revenues

Fund Balance Appropriated	85,000
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>85,000</u></b>

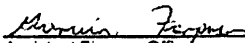
**This amendment:**

- appropriates funds for required work on solid waste pad.

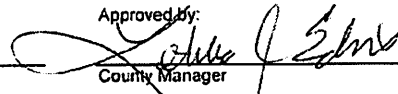
Funding Source: Solid Waste Net Position

Submitted: 02-03-2020

Respectfully Submitted by:

  
Assistant Finance Officer

Approved by:

  
County Manager



**ADMINISTRATION PROJECTS FUND HOKE COUNTY  
2019/2020  
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION BUILDING**

**Section 1** Revenue of the Hoke County Budget Ordinance pertaining to the Administrative Project Funds shall be amended as follows:

Transfer from General Fund	<u>\$ 100,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 100,000</b>

**Section 2** The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

Furniture & Fixtures	<u>\$ 100,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 100,000</b>

- To establish budget for audio visual equipment, furniture, and security equipment for the Robert A. Wright Cooperative Extension Building

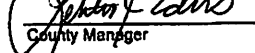
Funding Source: Transfer from General Fund

Submitted 02-3-2020

Respectfully Submitted by:

  
Assistant Finance Officer

Approved by:

  
County Manager

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Wright and second by Vice Chairman Southerland the Board voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda Items 4a – 4f.**

**5. Downtown Raeford Business Association – Ms. Shelly Wilburn**

Ms. Shelley Wilburn, Secretary for the Downtown Raeford Business Association, appeared before the Board to announce the formation of the Downtown Raeford Business Association (DRBA). Made up of volunteers, DRBA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, member-funded organization with the ability to apply for grants. Their mission is to inform, connect, advance and advocate for the businesses in downtown Raeford. The group is launching a concert series of “First Friday” special events to spotlight downtown. This year DRBA will host First Fridays in May, October and December. Activities will include food trucks, competitions and live music. In December the group plans to bring back the Mullet Roast, which used to be a popular event sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

**6. HCHS track coach Ms. Regena McLaughlin**

Hoke County High School’s Head Track & Field Coach, Ms. Regena McLaughlin, requested funding from the Board to assist in the purchase of a camera-based fully automated track (FAT) timing system. This technology is more accurate than timekeeping with a stopwatch. The

system will operate in conjunction with the new digital scoreboard being installed in Raz Autry Stadium.

Ms. McLaughlin said the system will cost between \$10,000-\$11,000. The track team has raised roughly \$5,000.

**Motion: Upon motion by Vice Chairman Southerland and second by Commissioner Hunt the Board voted unanimously to award \$6,000 directly to Hoke County High School for a timing system for the track team.**

## 7. Manager's Report

County Manager Letitia Edens advised the Board that construction on the new DMV building is substantially complete and the County received the Certificate of Occupancy today. The State of NC has to move their system and equipment and has given a move date of February 28, 2020. This date might need to be changed because of the volume of business DMV has on the last day of the month. Mrs. Edens will keep the Board informed. Commissioner Hunt added that some members of the Board will be traveling to Washington DC for the NACo Legislative Conference at the end of February/first of March and the grand opening needs to be scheduled with that in mind.

The February 17, 2020 Board meeting will be moved to the Court Annex because our room is in use for early voting. The March 2, 2020 will be canceled due to the Board being out of town at the NACo conference.

Commissioner Wright asked about the new HATS building, specifically the location of the building. Mrs. Edens replied that a couple of locations are under consideration. The decision about the location depends largely on the amount of site work that would need to be done.

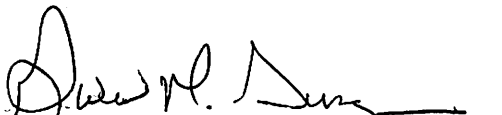
## 8. Closed Session

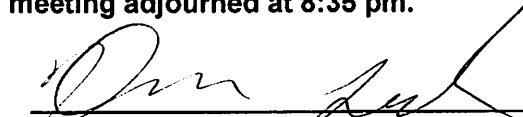
No Closed Session was held.

Commissioner Thomas thanked the Board for their leadership and allowing him to conference in to the meeting.

## 9. Adjourn

**Motion: There being no further business to come before the Hoke County Board of Commissioners and motion by Commissioner Hunt and second by Commissioner Wright the Board voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.**

  
Gwen McGougan, Clerk to the Board

  
James Leach, Chairman