

MINUTES OF JOINT INTERLOCAL COMMITTEE MEETING
COLTS Administrative Office Building
112 Hillcrest Street,
at 11:30 A.M.
SANFORD, NORTH CAROLINA

The Joint Interlocal Advisory Committee met in the basement of the COLTS Administrative Office Building located at 112 Hillcrest Street, Sanford, North Carolina, on Wednesday, January 28, 2015, at 11:30 A.M.

City:

Mayor T. Chet Mann
Council Member Sam Gaskins
Council Member Rebecca Wyhof
City Manager Hal Hegwer
City Attorney Susan Patterson
City Clerk Bonnie Davis
Financial Services Director Beth Kelly

County:

County Commissioner Tim Sloan
County Commissioner Ricky Frazier
County Commissioner Amy Dalrymple
Lee County Manager John Crumpton
County Attorney Kerry Schmidt
County Clerk Gaynell Lee
Financial Services Director Lisa Minter
Parks & Recreation Director John Payne

Visitors:

Keith Clark
County Intern Mike James

Lee County Commissioner Chairperson Amy Dalrymple called the meeting to order.

The Interlocal Advisory Committee discussed the bond and sidewalk easement acquisition; Buggy Factory; future of O. T. Sloan Park; purchase of sewer system from Lee County to City of Sanford; transfer of foreclosed properties to the City of Sanford; renovation of Hales Center; small business incubator; VA Clinic; fire hydrants along Highway 42; and the City/County Comprehensive Plan for Sanford/Lee County for 2015 budget.

City Manager Hal Hegwer gave an update on the status of the sidewalk and streetscape bond projects. Sidewalk will be constructed in front of Lee Senior High School, O. T. Sloan Park, and Central Carolina Community College. Mayor Mann thanked the County for the easements. Sidewalk will be constructed along Fields Drive to gain access to the hospital. The City plans to award the bids around the first of March. The sidewalks will be completed late summer or late fall.

Lee County Chairperson Amy Dalrymple stated that she felt each entity should get a quarterly report on the update of the Buggy Factory and as the project gets closer to completion, possibly a month report. Projected date of completion is December 1.

Mayor Mann noted that the Strategic Value Asset workshop will be held on Friday, January 30, 2015, at 9 A.M., in the West End Conference Room of City Hall. Two focus groups will meet on Thursday night which consist of stakeholders and citizens to talk about what is needed in Sanford. He said that we are trying to make Sanford a destination place.

Renovation of the Hales Center was discussed. Mr. Crumpton said it could cost \$150,000 but is not sure yet. Council Member Byron Buckels is spearheading the project and the committee has to meet again. Mr. Buckels has expressed that he would like for the building to be used as a youth center to keep kids off the street and offer different activities to kids that are aging out of the Boys and Girls Club.

The committee discussed updating the 2020 Land Use Plan. Chairperson Dalrymple said that when you have growth on two sides of Lee County, we are going to get the spillover and we have to be ready. City Manager Hegwer said that in the late 1990s, the City and County partnered to create the Sanford/Lee County 2020 Land Use Plan. Since that time, a number of other initiatives have been completed including the Unified Development Ordinance, the Open Space and Recreation Master Plan, Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans, the Long Range Transportation Plan as well as small area plans (Deep River, Greenwood) and corridor plans (421 Bypass). The most recent effort is the ongoing creation of a wastewater master plan that, when complete, will provide guidance as to decisions about where growth should occur based on efficiencies related to extension of sanitary sewer. This plan will give us guidance; however, the next critical step would be to create a "new" land use plan that incorporates all of our aforementioned plans, policies, and initiatives.

The committee also discussed working on connecting water, sewer, and broadband at the Lee County Industrial Park to attract more businesses to the area, but the internet portion of the plan is conflicting with N. C. Statute. In 2011, the NC General Assembly passed House Bill 129, also known as the level playing field/local government competition bill, designed to protect jobs and investment restricting local government competition with private business. Mr. Crumpton said that if we put the line in ourselves as it stands right now, we can only use it for government entities.

County Commissioner Tim Sloan questioned as to what can be done to install a fire hydrant on Buckhorn Road near the intersection of Salem Church. Mr. Hegwer advised that when County water was installed several years ago, the County made the decision about where the lines and hydrants would be located. The City purchased the water system from Lee County. Mr. Hegwer stated that to install a fire hydrant, it would cost approximately \$4,500. He said that the Creekwood Subdivision wanted more hydrants and the property owners paid to have them installed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 1:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



T. CHET MANN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BONNIE DAVIS, CITY CLERK