MINUTES OF JOINT INTERLOCAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, January 11, 2016- 11:30 A.M.
West End Conference Room- City Hall
225 East Weatherspoon Street, Sanford, NC

The Joint Interlocal Advisory Committee met in the West End Conference Room of the Sanford City Hall, located at 225 East Weatherspoon Street, Sanford, North Carolina, on Monday, January 11, 2016, at 11:30 a.m.

City:
Mayor T. Chet Mann
Mayor Pro Tem Sam Gaskins
Council Member Rebecca Wyhof
City Manager Hal Hegwer
City Attorney Susan Patterson
City Finance Director Beth Kelly
Administrative Support Assistant Vicki Cannady

County:
County Commissioner Amy Dalrymple
County Commissioner Ricky Frazier
County Commissioner Tim Sloan
Lee County Manager John Crumpton
County Clerk Gaynell Lee
County Finance Director Lisa Minter
Deputy County Clerk Danielle Mahoney

Broadway:
Broadway Town Manager Dustin Kornegay

SAGA Executive Director Bob Joyce

Mayor Chet Mann called the meeting to order and noted that Council Members and Commissioners have been invited to the Duke/Life Health opening today at 12:00 noon, to meet the new CEO. He suggested that the meeting begin for a short while before leaving before noon to attend that event, then return to complete this interlocal meeting.

Mayor Mann summarized the City Council's recent discussions on future utility extensions and efforts to encourage development and growth in areas which can be served most efficiently. These discussions will tie into the Wastewater Master Plan first and the City and County's pending updates to the Land Use Plan.

The following items were discussed:

COLON ROAD WATER TESTING AND WATER EXTENSION

County Manager John Crumpton explained that 59 letters have been received requesting 51 samples be taken and twelve property owners have received letters from DEQ advising them not to use their water due to vanadium and hexavalent chromium, and the number continues to grow. Officials are communicating with DEQ and the Department of Health and Human Services on what may be causing this and what will happen in the future. There is discussion on the County's end on how to extend water to that area. Conversations with city staff have addressed problems with dead end streets and private roads and how these obstacles may be overcome. Some public roads still lack water lines and this may be addressed with Council at some point, including Old Colon Road, which is a loop road (0.25 mile). Many residents did not anticipate the pending arrival of coal ash.

Regarding coal ash, Mr. Crumpton explained that there has been a delay from DEQ on their announcement about removing ash from other basins at the other plants. This announcement was made right before January 1, 2016, that about 28 of 32 basins had coal ash that would have to be moved. There may have been a proposal from Duke to put liners over the top, but DEQ said that wouldn't be adequate; a liner would also be required underneath also. Duke's preference is to put those facilities on property owned by Duke but there are several plants that don't have enough property so they will have to move it; so it will most likely come here. It could be as late as summer of 2017. Ricky Frazier asked if the City has put together any numbers of the cost to connect the residents in the Colon Road area to water. Mr. Crumpton replied that staff has contacted Public Works Director Vic Czar and received a number on the old Colon Road and Amos Bridges Road and the number was about $250,000, just for those two extensions. The County met with an engineer on Friday to get an estimate on what it would cost if the waterline was installed on old Colon Road to get the cost of the connections. Mr. Crumpton added that there are several hundred millions of dollars (Clean Water money) in the Governor's Bond package, for water and sewer infrastructure in the state. A design will have to be done to request the grant and that depends on the scope of the project and who wants to connect. Mr. Crumpton advised that Engineer Jeremy Thomas is working with the County on the project and staff is talking with McGill and Associates about the grant application for the County.

Chairperson Amy Dalrymple expressed frustration because the DEQ is reluctant to come and meet with the commissioners and environmental board members. The DEQ is saying the water is safe; and the State Department of Health and Human Services is saying don't drink or cook with the water.

April Montgomery advised that back in November, they were going to have a public meeting out in the Colon area, to try and increase responses to the well-testing requests. Once we received the well-test results, we felt the need to have a workshop to understand what the level of contamination is, what it means to public health and how it might interact with coal ash. DEQ was requested on several occasions to participate, but the response they received last week, was April or May before the DEQ could meet. A workshop is still being planned with the Board of Commissioners, Environmental Affairs Board, staff, and the City on January 28, 2016 to hash out the concerns.

The meeting was recessed at 12 noon. The meeting reconvened at 1:20 P.M.

SANFORD AREA GROWTH ALLIANCE ACTIVITIES/INDUSTRIAL PARK

Mayor Mann said that Commissioner Oldham and Council Member Gaskins have been instrumental with the managers to push what SAGA is doing and especially in regards to what is now called the Central Carolina Enterprise Park. There is a lot that is being done behind the scenes to get this industrial park to where it needs to be.

Mr. Hegwer advised that there has been a lot of conversations on the product development committee and the economic development committee about creating a product and amenities that would attract industries to locate here, such as, water, sewer, broadband, roadway, curb and gutter, lighting, beautification of entrance, etc. It is at the point where private individuals have acquired a lot of the property, which it shares some of the risks. Our staff is looking at what it would take

to make this happen. Mayor Mann added that Duke Energy helped us with the Site Readiness program and Central Carolina Enterprise Park has been selected. A group of private and business people purchased several hundred acres of the park. A vote will be brought before both entities to put some City and County money into the park. The investors have invested several million dollars into the park and have talked about constructing a spec building. The City has agreed in sit down meetings (not with a vote yet) to enhance the park with water, sewer, lights and various amenities. The industrial park of the 70s is no longer competitive. He referenced the Mebane Industrial Park, which has the amenities Mr. Hegwer has spoken about. They had a $140 million tax expansion; 500 jobs in Mebane have been created in that park. The owners of the Central Carolina Enterprise Park will be writing a letter requesting voluntary annexation. Having a hospital to invest millions of dollars in the future will also help.

Amy Dalrymple mentioned that it would be good to have a collaborative meeting between the two boards and SAGA because everybody needs to be on the same page moving forward with the Land Use Plan and future growth. Mayor Mann mentioned adding the Master Wastewater Plan because with the growth that is occurring in Raleigh, we want to direct growth where we want to see it.

Bob Joyce, added that with the public/private partnership with the Central Carolina Enterprise Park and with infrastructure in place, businesses are looking for shovel ready sites. Interested businesses submit a checklist to him of the items they are looking for and if you cannot check them off and send them back, they are not interested in coming to Sanford. We need shovel ready sites that have the amenities such as water, sewer, broadband, curb and gutter, street trees, etc.

Buggy Factory

Marshall Downey advised that the furniture for the Buggy Factory will be in by Wednesday and staff will move their items in our current office on Thursday and Friday. All final touches are being completed.

State Bond Referendum

John Crumpton advised that Central Carolina Community College is requesting $6.6 million in education and $2 billion in transportation and water improvement projects. He will scan the list and send it out to everyone. It list the governor's priorities and what he is communicating to all the entities to get support. He does not know how they divided up the money between the 58 community college systems; everyone is getting a portion.

Sports Park

Mayor Mann stated that we were set to roll something out publicly to the County and to the City officials in December, but they had a larger committee meeting outside the elected officials. While a great proposal was put together for an incredible park, it was going to be an issue that as soon as they opened it, it would be maxed out. It became very obvious to some of the attendees at the meeting, there would not be an opportunity for them to use the field if you were a local entity. The issue was, it was not big enough so they went back to the site consultants to design a larger expanded facility that would allow more local use. When you build it just to your needs, it becomes such a hit, that the fields stay booked. He has a conference call today at

3 P.M., to talk with the consultants and see where they are and what they are going to propose. We will set up a follow up presentation where the consultants will show us the proposal; that will help sell the product for those individuals who want to make a donation. They will come back to the public to see how to fund the balance of it.

Hale Center

County Manager Crumpton advised that bids have been awarded and construction should be starting soon. The biggest problem they had was cleaning out the bays. There were items that the County did not own. They are trying to find the owners, but most of it can go to the landfill.

Other Business

Commissioner Sloan asked the City to look at the areas in the County that do not have water now. If grant money is available, it would be good to look at it countywide. The County is looking at Colon Road but we could have the same problem with other areas. Mr. Crumpton added that we need to see where we could loop the lines or extensions so we are not creating dead-ends and make the system more efficient. We blow out a lot of water flushing the lines with dead-ends. There is a big portion in the northeastern part of the County that does not have water and they have been receiving phone calls from residents in that area wanting water.

Chairperson Dalrymple asked how the City police officers are armed – Tasers, guns, cameras. Mr. Hegwer replied we do not use Tasers and cameras; we have been investigating the cameras thoroughly. Eventually we will have them; however, we want to be sure it is done efficiently. In Greensboro where they have cameras, they say there is a misconception that it would be more transparent. Greensboro says it is tough on their citizenry because they expected to see things and the state law does not allow it. It is being captured on videos but the public does not have free access to this information.

Mr. Hegwer advised that the City's streetscape project and sidewalk is three-fourths of the way complete. There are two phases. The first phase is $2 million of sidewalk installation; $8.5 million in streetscape for Jonesboro and Downtown Sanford; and we anticipate borrowing $2 million to complete the project. The second phase in the future will be $2 million for Parks and Recreation and $4 million for greenways. The greenway concept is around the Nautilus, in front of the hospital, Fields Drive, greenway and side path along Carthage Street, all the way up toward Depot Park. Then there will be another $2 million that can be used for the multi-sports complex or if that is not a viable project, it can be used on another City-County related park project.

Mr. Hegwer stated that streetlights are being switched out to LED lighting due to an agreement between the City and Duke Energy.

Mr. Crumpton informed the committee that San-Lee Park project should be bid in one to two weeks.

The next meeting date was set for Monday, April 11, 2016, at 11:30 a.m. at The Buggy Company with the county hosting.

Adjournment

The meeting ended at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

T. Chet Mann, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonnie Davis, City Clerk