

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners
March 5, 2009

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regularly scheduled meeting on March 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of Municipal Hall, 83 Allen Street, Sylva, N.C.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Maurice Moody and Commissioners Sarah Graham, Harold Hensley, Ray Lewis and Stacy Knotts

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Brenda Oliver

STAFF PRESENT: Chris Carter (Interim Manager), Brandi Henson King (Town Clerk) and Eric Ridenour (Town Attorney)

VISITORS PRESENT: Stephanie Salmons, Wiley Morris, Mike Beck and Mike Bryson

CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem Moody called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to add an Amendment to the Contract with Lofquist & Associates for Site Design for the Renovation of the Fire Department. The motion carries with a unanimous vote. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: *Commissioner Knotts made a motion to approve the consent agenda and the motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Knotts stated she attended the UNC School of Government Planning Board Training in Morganton with two members of the Planning Board.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Chris Carter reported that he attended a meeting regarding stimulus packages. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has several community programs through the Rural Development Agency available that could help fund the renovation of the Police Department up to 25% if the Town borrows at least 65% of the project costs from them. Carter suggests going ahead and filing a pre-application in the Spring to show the Town's interest. The consensus of the Board is to discuss the topic further at their March 15th Meeting.

Carter also suggests the Board review their Public Nuisance Ordinance. Carter suggests strengthening the ordinance and providing more structure. By consensus the Board will discuss the topic further at their March 15th Meeting.

GOLDEN AGE SENIOR CENTER LEASE AGREEMENT: *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to approve the Lease Agreement which would extend the lease for the Golden Age Center for an additional year. Upon completion of their new facility the lease will be null and void. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A FINANCING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF SYLVA AND BB&T FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND EXPANSION OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT: Carter reported the Town bid out the financing of the project and BB&T's bid came in the lowest at 3.89%. Town Attorney Ridenour stated the contract does state there is a 1% prepayment penalty. Carter also stated the County's first payment will be \$250,000 instead of the \$211,000 previously stated. *Commissioner Knotts made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH LOFQUIST AND ASSOCIATES FOR SITE DESIGN FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPANSION PROJECT: Carter stated the County wants the project bid out into two separate contracts for site work and building. Lofquist & Associates' contract calls for an additional \$21,000 to separate into two contracts. *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to approve the contract amendment. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

ADJOURNMENT: *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.*

Maurice Moody
Mayor Pro Tem

Brandi H. King
Town Clerk