



Minutes

Executive Committee Meeting
6:30 p.m. - Thursday, May 13, 2021
Zoom Meeting

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ECC Executive Committee in Attendance:

E.T. Mitchell, Craven County Commissioner
Steve Wiggins, Town of Mount Olive Commissioner
Bob Cavanaugh, Carteret County Commissioner
Freeman Hardison, Wayne County Commissioner
Frank Emory, Jones County Commissioner
Jay Bender, President
Jesse Dowe, Duplin County Commissioner
Arthur Robinson, Town of Hookerton Commissioner
Ed. Riggs, 2nd Vice President
Shane Turney, Treasurer
Johnny Ray Kinsey, City of New Bern Alderman
Jim Kohr, City of Havelock Commissioner
Roland Best, Lenoir County Commissioner
Bill Taylor, 1st Vice President

ECC Staff in Attendance:

Katie Bordeaux, Executive Director
Jenny Miller, Finance Director
Leighann Morgan, Deputy Finance Director/Transportation Director

Guest in Attendance:

Jill Quattlebaum, Attorney, Grady Quattlebaum

1. Welcome, Invocation, and Call to Order - President Bender called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Quorum was met. Commissioner Emory gave the invocation.

2. Adopt Agenda - President Bender asked to amend the agenda, removing the Bylaw Committee update to be presented at the next Executive Committee Board meeting. *Alderman Kinsey motioned to remove Bylaw Committee update from the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, and motion was unanimously approved by roll call.* Commissioner Kohr asked to table Officers Nominating Committee until after the bylaws have been adopted. *Commissioner Mitchell motioned to table the Officers Nominating Committee, seconded by Commissioner Emory.*



Commissioner Riggs stated the nominating committee must be appointed sixty days prior to the annual meeting. Attorney Quattlebaum confirmed Commissioner Riggs statement and added changes to the bylaws must be voted by two-thirds of the General Membership Board. *Commissioner Mitchell withdrew her motion.*

Commissioner Emory motioned to adopt amended agenda, seconded by Commissioner Freeman, and motion was unanimously approved by roll call.

3. Consent Agenda – Jay Bender, President

- a. Executive Committee Meeting – March 11, 2021
- b. Special Executive Committee Meeting - March 24, 2021
- c. Financial Statement
- d. C.E.D.S. update

Commissioner Kohr motioned to adopt consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Kinsey, and motion was unanimously approved by roll call.

4. Budget & Audit Committee Report – Shane Turney, Treasurer

Treasurer Turney stated the Budget & Audit Committee met before the Executive Committee Board meeting to go over the minutes from March 11, the check register, attorney fees, and the proposed budget. The Budget & Audit Committee recommends the proposed fiscal year budget to the Executive Committee Board.

5. Budget Presentation – Jenny Miller, Finance Director

Finance Director Miller presented fiscal year 2021-2022 budget. This balanced budget includes estimated revenues and appropriations of \$8,101,539 and includes the operations of the Council's special funds, as well as the General Fund.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to recommend the proposed budget to the General Membership Board, seconded by Commissioner Dowe, and motion was unanimously approved by roll call.

President Bender asked for an update on the Carteret Beaufort Airport Authority and Onslow County joining JUMPO. Attorney Quattlebaum stated that the Airport Authority canceled a contract with ECC based on misinformation. The Executive Director negotiated a resolution for services dues and an acknowledgement that ECC had performed duties in a timely manner according to the contract. On August 14, 2021 the Airport Authority meet and made a decision to cancel the contract with ECC based on incomplete information and the next day the chairman brought the minutes, letter acknowledging no fault of ECC and a check for \$16,000 to ECC. The amount is broken down to \$13,000 for staff services and \$3,000 for legal fees.

Executive Director Bordeaux thanked Attorney Quattlebaum for her service in resolving the matter.



Executive Director Bordeaux showed the correspondence to ND DOT Secretary Boyette about Onslow County joining JUMPO. Secretary Boyette is working with NC DOT attorneys to find a caveat that Onslow County should pay their dues before joining another group.

Executive Director Bordeaux highlighted that AAA Director O'Connor and Lead Monitor Brown have been presenting to County Commissioners on the flow of monies for aging services. Each presentation is geared towards specific to each county, showing demographics, and the services that are available in each county.

6. *myFutureNC* – Jeni Corn, Ph.D., Director of Strategic Initiatives

Ms. Corn presented an overview and update on myFutureNC. The vision of myFutureNC is to create a stronger, economically competitive, and prosperous North Carolina with opportunity for all the State adopted a new attainment goal. Ms. Corn discussed North Carolina's skill gap problem, the value of postsecondary education, and their strategic plan.

7. *Officers Nominating Committee* – Jay Bender, President

President Bender stated that under the current ECC bylaws he is to appoint a Nominating Committee. President Bender asked Commissioner Heath to head the committee. Also serving are the following: Commissioner Hardison, Commissioner Prescott, Commissioner Emory, Commissioner Edwards or Cavanaugh, Commissioner Best, and Chris Robinson or Commissioner Dowe. President Bender asked the Committee to bring a slat of recommended officers to the June General Board Membership Meeting.

8. *Member Comments* – no member comments

9. *Adjournment*

Commissioner Cavanaugh motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Emory, and motion was unanimously approved by roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Bender, President

Katie Bordeaux, Executive Director