

NORTH CAROLINA

WAYNE COUNTY

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners met in recessed session on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. at the Western Sizzlin' Steakhouse, Berkeley Boulevard and Ash Street, and afterwards at the Wayne County Public Schools Central Services Building, 2001 E. Royall Avenue, Goldsboro, North Carolina, after due notice thereof had been given.

Members present: E. Ray Mayo, Chairman; Joe Daughtery, Vice-Chairman; George Wayne Aycock, Jr.; John M. Bell; Edward E. Cromartie; A. Joe Gurley, III.

Members absent: William H. Pate

Call to Order

Chairman E. Ray Mayo called the meeting of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners to order.

Invocation

Chairman E. Ray Mayo gave the invocation.

Joint Resolution by Wayne County Board of Commissioners and Wayne County Board of Education for a One-Quarter Cent Local Option Sales and Use Tax Referendum

Following an explanation by Wayne County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Michael Dunsmore and PIO Ken Derksen of the joint resolution and process of the One-Quarter Cent Local Option Sales and Use Tax Referendum on the March 3, 2020 Primary Ballot, Wayne County Board of Education Chairman Chris West called for a motion, from his board members, to approve the joint resolution.

Upon motion of Board of Education member Ven Faulk, with a second by Board of Education member Joe DeMocko, the Wayne County Board of Education approved the joint resolution for a One-Quarter Cent Local Option Sales and Use Tax Referendum by a vote of 5 to 1, with Board of Education member Len Henderson voting against.

Wayne County Board of Commissioners Chairman E. Ray Mayo called for a motion, from his board members, to approve the joint resolution.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Joe Daughtery, the Wayne County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the joint resolution for a One-Quarter Cent Local Option Sales and Use Tax Referendum.

Commissioner George Wayne Aycock, Jr. stated he hoped the citizens of Wayne County realized how important this referendum is and how it will effect generations to come.

Commissioner John M. Bell stated these were very important projects and needed to be done.

Commissioner A. Joe Gurley, III thanked everyone for their participation and stated it was the responsibility of the two boards to promote the referendum.

Commissioner Edward E. Cromartie thanked the Board of Education for creating the list of priority projects and asked everyone to get out and support the referendum.

Vice-Chairman Joe Daughtery stated the responsibility of funding facility needs of schools has routinely fallen on the backs of property owners, but with this sales tax, everyone helps and the tax is very manageable. He thanked the Board of Education for supporting the joint resolution.

County Manager Craig Honeycutt thanked the staff of the public schools and the County for getting the information together so quickly. He stated everyone needed to help educate the public as much as possible.

The Board of Education members thanked the Board of Commissioners and staff. Superintendent Dr. Dunsmore stated the resolution was good for the future of the students and public schools and said this is an exciting time for Wayne County.

Board of Education Chair Chris West thanked both boards and stated this was an important day in Wayne County. He said, "What will be insignificant at the cash register will be very significant to the Wayne County Public Schools and Board of Education."

Chairman E. Ray Mayo said, "Today represents an important day for the children and the future of Wayne County. These two boards came together to discuss and take action on critical issues and needs for our Wayne County Public Schools facilities, and we hope this message will resonate with all citizens of our community."

We have identified projects we hope to begin the day after the March 3rd Primary Elections with a positive outcome from the Local Option Sales and Use Tax Referendum. This sales tax will help us improve and protect the safety and security of our children and staff at all Wayne County Public Schools. It will help us begin the facility upgrades and repairs needed throughout our school district. It will improve the quality of life for our children's education.

Improving the quality of life for our children's education will resonate throughout the County, allowing us to continue to grow and prosper.

These two boards are committed to these projects and we invite all of the citizens of Wayne County to be informed and educated when they head to the voting sites. Visit the website prepared by the Public Schools; call your Commissioner or Board of Education representative; ask our County Manager or Superintendent Dunsmore to come speak to your group.

It's been said before, but, our children are our future and today, the Wayne County Board of Commissioners and Wayne County Board of Education approved these projects to preserve that future."

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman E. Ray Mayo adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.



Carol Bowden, Clerk to the Board
Wayne County Board of Commissioners