

Emergency Meeting
Monday, August 28, 2014
Chowan County Public Safety Center
305 West Freemason Street
9:30am

Minutes

Present Vice Chairman Jeff Smith, Commissioners John Mitchener, Alex Kehayes, Ellis Lawrence (came in late), Emmett Winborne and Greg Bonner.

Chairman Keith Nixon was present via telephone.

Edenton Fire Chief Craig Forlines was present via telephone.

Staff present County Manager Kevin Howard and Board Clerk Susanne Stallings.

Vice Chairman Smith called the emergency meeting to order. He stated the purpose of the emergency meeting was to consider a request to display fireworks at John A. Holmes High School.

Sheriff Dwayne Goodwin stated that he was asking the Board to consider his application to shoot fireworks. He stated that the primary shooter will be Robert Hoggard and he will serve as secondary shooter. He stated this is a requirement of his certification. He stated non-authorized personnel will be kept at least 75 feet from the display. He provided the Board with a certificate of liability insurance from Edenton-Chowan Schools. He stated that he is requesting to shoot the fireworks prior to each home football game of the John A Holmes High School.

Commissioner Mitchener asked for clarification on the certificate of liability.

Sheriff Goodwin stated that the insurance is provided by the schools. He stated that he personally provides the fireworks and no county funds are used for the display.

Chief Forlines stated that the Board is granting permission for the Sheriff to apply to shoot fireworks within the guidelines of his permit. He stated that his role would be to inspect the fireworks display to make sure it stays within the guidelines of his permit. Chief Forlines stated that he would recommend the Board consider issuing a permit for a blanket period of time in the event that a game is postponed or rained out and rescheduled. He stated that he would be responsible for inspecting the display prior to each event. He recommended allowing the permit to expire December 31, 2014 to cover any potential play-off games.

The Board discussed the permitting process and the requirements of the law for any display that leaves the ground.

Commissioner Lawrence moved to approve the request by Sheriff Goodwin effective August 28, 2014 and to expire on December 31, 2014 to apply for a fireworks display permit from the Edenton Fire Department for the home football games of John A. Holmes High School.

Chairman Nixon asked for clarification that a certificate of liability insurance was provided to the Board.

Board members concurred that a certificate of liability insurance was provided by the Sheriff.

Vice Chairman Smith asked for all in favor, the motion passed unanimously (7-0)

Adjourn

Being no further business, Commissioner Bonner moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Chairman Nixon asked for all in favor, the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Jeff Smith, Vice Chairman

Susanne Stallings, Clerk