

**MINUTES OF A CALLED MEETING
OF THE GASTON COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**April 8, 2014
Myers Center Board Room**

Members Present: Mr. Steve Campbell
Sheriff Alan Cloninger
Mr. Ron Hovis
Mr. Brett Keeter
Ms. Rhonda McLean
Mr. Ray Ratchford
Ms. Patricia Rudisill
Mr. James Smith, Chair
Mr. Bill Sudyk
Mr. Randy Vinson
Ms. Aubrey Gardner, SGA President

Members Absent: Mr. Tom Keigher
Mr. Jim Ragan
Ms. May Gray Robinson
Dr. Jim Watson

Dr. Patricia Skinner

Others Present: Ms. Julia Allen, Dr. Don Ammons, Mr. Todd Baney, Ms. Mary Ellen Dillon, Dr. Silvia Patricia Rios Husain, Ms. Cynthia McCrory, and Ms. Jennifer Phillips; Mr. Carl Stewart, College Attorney.

- **Board Chair James Smith called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. and declared a quorum present.**
- **Invocation - Mr. Hovis**
- **Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Reminder**

Mr. Smith reminded Trustees of the ethical requirements for those who serve as public servants and requested they identify any conflicts of interest present. None were identified.

- **Approval of the Agenda**

Mr. Smith made some modifications to the agenda. He asked for an Invocation, and added the following: Recognition of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners; and an Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Mr. Hovis, second by Mr. Campbell, the Agenda was approved as modified.

- **Approval of Contractor for Phase 1 Renovations of the Pharr Trade and Industrial Building**

Bids were opened for the general contractor for the Pharr Renovation Phase 1 project; the budget was estimated at \$1 Million. Eight bidders responded, and Pinnix, Inc. was the low bidder at \$918,150 with the five alternates to the project included. Pinnix was also low bidder on the base bid, without add alternates.

Pinnix is a Gastonia based company. They have completed three projects for the College in the past year, to the College's satisfaction.

Since, the Pharr Renovation Phase 1 project is partially funded by a Golden Leaf Foundation grant, construction must be completed by Dec. 31, 2014, in order to meet established goals related to expanding the machining and welding programs. The architect has provided 210 days for the contractor to complete the project in his scope of work. This will require the College to move ahead with approvals from State Construction and sign the contract before May 1, in order to complete the project by the Dec. 31 deadline established in the Golden Leaf Grant.

The Board of Trustees was reassured that this time limit was made clear in the prebid. The College will keep Golden Leaf apprised of all construction phases through periodic reports, and if, by late summer 2014, a concern regarding completion arises, which may impact students; a Plan B will be established.

Upon a motion by Mr. Campbell, second by Sheriff Cloninger, the Gaston College Board of Trustees approved awarding Pinnix, Inc., 315 South Street, Gastonia, NC 28052, the bid for the Pharr Trade and Industrial Building Renovations, Phase I project. The motion carried.

- **Recognition by Gaston County Board of Commissioners**

The Gaston County Board of Commissioners presented the Gaston College Board of Trustees with a resolution at a recent Volunteer Appreciation Dinner to recognize them for the many ways they volunteer and serve the citizens and community of Gaston County. A copy of the original resolution will be kept with the minutes. Mr. Smith thanked the Board of Trustees for their many contributions.

The text of the resolution follows:

WHEREAS, the entire community can effect positive change with any volunteer action no matter how big or small; and,

WHEREAS, volunteers can connect with local community service opportunities through hundreds of community service organizations; and,

WHEREAS, millions of volunteers working in their communities utilize their time and talent daily to make a real difference in the lives of children, adults and the senior population; and,

WHEREAS, during this week, all over the nation, service projects will be performed and volunteers recognized for their commitment to service; and,

WHEREAS, the giving of oneself in service to another empowers the giver and the recipient; and,

WHEREAS, experience teaches us that government by itself cannot solve all of our nations' social problems; and,

WHEREAS, our county's volunteer force of over 700 people is a great treasure; and,

WHEREAS, volunteers are vital to our future as a caring and productive county and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims **April 6 – 12, 2014, as Volunteer Week** and recognizes this year's theme "Celebrate Service" as an opportunity to encourage all citizens to volunteer on appointed boards and in their respective communities. By volunteering and recognizing those who serve, we can replace disconnection with understanding and compassion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners joins the Nation and State of North Carolina in Celebrating Service by recognizing all volunteers in the community and especially the members of the

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for the many services they provide to the County Commission and the citizens of Gaston County.

The resolution was signed by: Tracy L. Philbeck, Chairman; Chad Brown; Joe D. Carpenter, Vice-Chairman; Allen R. Fraley; Tom Keigher; Mickey Price; and Jason Williams.

To be Adopted the 22nd Day of April 2014.

- **Executive Session**

Mr. Ratchford made a motion, second by Mr. Campbell, that the Board go into Executive Session.

Mr. Campbell made a motion, second by Ratchford, that the Board come out of Executive Session.

- **Announcements**

Mr. Smith reminded the Board members that their Statement of Economic Interest was due to the Ethics Commission by April 15, 2014. Any concerns they have regarding this could be addressed to Ms. Sylvia Dixon.

Ms. Allen was recognized by Chair Smith, and she reminded the Board of Trustees that Run for the Money was Saturday, April 12, and they were welcome to participate or consider a contribution for Gaston College. The Community Foundation matches these contributions and the funds are used for the Student Emergency Assistance Fund.

- **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 12:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Hovis, Secretary

James Smith, Chairman

Mary Ellen Dillon, Assistant Recording Secretary

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