

**LEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
BOARD MEETING
September 20th, 2016**

The Board of Social Services for the Lee County Department of Social Services convened at 12:00 PM, in the Board of Commissioner's Room at the Lee County Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Drive, Sanford, North Carolina. Board members present were; David Riddle, Ophelia Livingston, Paul Utley, Commissioner Amy Dalrymple (came in after the voting) and Gail Dickens. Also, present was Ex-Officio member Brenda Potts.

Chairperson Livingston called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with the serenity prayer. She then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Potts for the nominations of the Chair and Vice Chair which had been delayed due to members of the board being absent for the previous meeting. Two members were not present therefore it was decided to table the nominations until the September meeting. The meeting was turned over to Mrs. Potts. Nominations were opened for Chairperson, and Mr. Utley nominated David Riddle, Mrs. Dickens seconded the nomination. Nominations were closed, a vote was taken and Mr. Riddle won 4-0. Nominations were opened for Vice Chair. Mr. Riddle nominated Mr. Utley for Vice Chair, Mrs. Livingston seconded the nomination. Nominations were closed. A vote was taken and Mr. Utley won 4-0. The meeting was turned over to Mr. Riddle as Chairperson.

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The Board considered changes to the September agenda. No changes being made a motion was made by member Riddle to accept.

Aye: David Riddle, Ophelia Livingston, Paul Utley, Commissioner Amy Dalrymple, and Gail Dickens.

Nay: None

The Board considered changes to the August minutes. No changes being made a motion was made by Member Livingston to accept.

Aye: David Riddle, Ophelia Livingston, Paul Utley, Commissioner Amy Dalrymple and Gail Dickens.

Nay: None

PUBLIC COMMENT - No one signed up to speak during the Public Comments section of the meeting.

The meeting was turned over to DSS Director Brenda Potts.

POLICY CHANGES-Mrs. Potts updated the board on the changes in Child Support Policy. This new change will cause a setback in Child Support collections. Mrs. Potts also made the board aware that there were also changes in the Children's Services Policy, and she would have one of the Children's Services supervisor's to come in and discuss with the board, however they were unable to attend this meeting due to court. There is a statewide training at this time and the supervisors are trying to get signed up for this training.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT-Mrs. Potts gave the board a report on the recent contract with Empowering Lives, which went before the Board of Commissioners on September 19th meeting. This contract is to assist with the guardianship cases, which have cost the county cost to double since the 2013-2014.

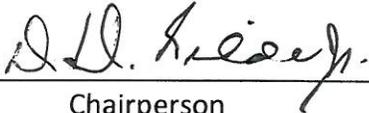
At this time Maggie Johnson, Foster Care Supervisor is working with the school concerning the homeless population (school children). The school district track outcome for our Foster Children and when a child comes into Foster Care previously children had to sometimes change school districts at this time the schools are not going to make the children change school districts to offer stability to give the child some stability.

With no further business to come before the Board Member Dalrymple moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Utley. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: David Riddle, Ophelia Livingston, Paul Utley absent from the meeting was Commissioner Amy Dalrymple and Gail Dickens.

Nay: None

Chair-person Riddle ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the meeting adjourned.



Chairperson



Secretary