Middlesex Governing Body Special Meeting Minutes September 15, 2014

The Town Of Middlesex Governing Body met with the Town Of Bailey Governing Body at the Bailey Town Hall Board Room to hold a Closed Session as authorized by G.S.143-318(a)(5) to negotiate a contract. Present in the Closed Session were Bailey Mayor Tim Johnson, Commissioners Shelley Carroll, Jerry Bissette, Troy Connor, Harold Flora, and Phillip (Rocky) Winstead. Middlesex Governing Body members present were Mayor Luther H. Lewis, Jr. Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Danny Alford, Cherry Davis, Ann Lewis, and J.W. McClenny. Bailey Mayor Tim Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm. He requested to add a Closed Session to the agenda to discuss a contract, and the amended agenda was unanimously approved.

At 8:00 PM, Bailey Commissioner Jerry Bissette moved to go into Closed Session to discuss a personnel matter authorized by G.S.143-318.11(a)(6) and to negotiate a contract with Nash County for the Bailey-Middlesex Park as authorized by G.S.143-318.11(a)(5). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shelley Carroll. Bailey Mayor Tim Johnson excused everyone to take care of a brief personnel matter. At 8:30 PM, the Town Board members and Town Clerk of Middlesex were invited into the Closed Session.

Back in Open Session, Bailey Commissioner Jerry Bissette moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Nash County for the Bailey-Middlesex Park as presented, once approved by the town attorney. Commissioner Winstead seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Middlesex Commissioner Danny Alford moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Nash County for the Bailey-Middlesex Park as presented subject to the approval of the town attorney. Commissioner Cherry Davis seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Bailey Town Clerk, Becky Smith, advised she would forward the agreement to Town Attorney Elizabeth Fairman, as Attorney Fairman is legal counsel for both Bailey and Middlesex. Mayor Lewis noted that Nash County's next regular meeting is Monday, October 6, and hopefully the Interlocal Agreement will be finalized and be on that meeting's agenda for approval by the Nash County Board of Commissioners.

Middlesex Mayor Lewis, who also serves as Chairman of the Bailey-Middlesex Park Committee, requested to set a tentative date for the opening ceremony for the Bailey Middlesex Park. Sue Yerkes, Nash County Parks & Recreation Director, has advised they have the funds to hold the ceremony. Lewis requested the attendance of all Board members in a show of support for the park. He also noted Nash County gave their okay to open the gates, which Lewis will do this week. He gave a brief overview of the various phases of the park, adding that PARTF has already approved \$250,000 for Phase II. The matching local share of \$250,000 will be raised privately in the form of donations and fundraisers. Both town boards agree no more public funds will be spent for development at the park. After a brief

discussion, everyone agreed to hold the opening ceremony on Friday, September 26, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Lewis will call Derek Hawkes and Sue Yerkes to make sure this date is okay and confirm to everyone.

Being no further business, Bailey Commissioners adjourned their meeting. Also, Commissioner McClenny moved to adjourn. Commissioner Meacombs seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Jennifer Lambert, Clerk

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