

At a special called meeting of the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors held in the Administration Building of said County on September 29, 2020 following the joint meeting with the School Board.

Present: Garland H Hamlett, Jr., Chairman  
Gary D. Walker, Vice Chairman  
Robert L. Shook, Jr.  
Kay M. Pierantoni  
Tony Reeves  
Donna Fore  
Will Garnett

Absent:

Chairman Hamlett called the meeting to order.

Gary D. Walker gave the invocation.

Motion by Donna Fore, seconded by Tony Reeves and carried with all other members present voting yes to approve the agenda as presented.

Daniel Witt, County Administrator provided comments regarding proposed tower lease agreements. Mr. Witt stated the lease agreements are for the Verizon tower in Drakes Branch, the U. S. Cellular tower on Law Lane in Charlotte Court House and the Southside Electric tower located in Sugar Hill. Mr. Witt stated each lease except for the Southside Electric tower is a free lease at no cost to the County. Mr. Witt stated the County had originally budgeted \$54,000 annually for tower leases.

Mr. Witt stated the Verizon lease has been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney Russell Slayton.

Mr. Witt stated he was contact by Terry Ramsey concerning the original lease with U. S. Cellular for the tower located on Law Lane. Mr. Ramsey stated the lease with U. S. Cellular is good thru 2023 and at the end of the lease, in his opinion, the tower belongs to the County. Mr. Witt stated he disagreed with Mr. Ramsey's opinion and recommends tabling the U. S. Cellular lease until the October Board meeting to allow the County Attorney to review the previous lease and approve the current lease proposal. The current proposal lease would replace the existing lease.

Mr. Ramsey stated he believes the County should receive part of the revenue from the tower located on Law Lane and owned by U. S. Cellular. Mr. Witt stated the space the tower sits on belongs to the County, the County receives free space for equipment on the tower, free usage of the generator and free space inside the building for County owned equipment.

Motion by Kay M. Pierantoni, seconded by Tony Reeves and carried with all other members present and voting yes to authorize staff to sign the lease agreements with the exception of the U. S. Cellular tower located at Law Lane until the County Attorney can review the agreements.

Supervisor Pierantoni addressed the Board. Supervisor Pierantoni stated the Sales Tax Committee has met and were able to purchase 4X8 signs to be installed. Supervisor Pierantoni stated she had spoken with Mr. Witt about having Glen Johnson and his maintenance crew install the signs within the County and if it would be possible to have them on County property.

Mr. Witt stated he had consulted with the County Attorney and he had advised the Board should not take a position for or against the referendum. Mr. Witt suggested if the signs are installed on County property it could open up the possibility for other signs to be posted on County property.

After much discussion motion was made by Kay M. Pierantoni, seconded by Donna Fore and carried with all other members present and voting yes to allow the Sales Tax Referendum signs to be installed on County property.

Being no further discussion or comments, the meeting was adjourned.