

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 17, 2019**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Board of Commissioners of Northampton County met on June 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room located in the JW Faison Building, 9495 NC Highway 305, Jackson, North Carolina, with the following present: Charles Tyner, Geneva Faulkner, Nicole Boone, Joyce Buffaloe and Kelvin Edwards.

Others Present: Robert Murphy, Angela Cahoon, Scott McKellar and Bill Blanchard.

Call to Order (Tab 1):

Mr. Tyner called the meeting to order.

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance (Tab 2):

Mr. Tyner called for a moment of silence and followed with an invitation for all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda (Tab 3):

A motion was made by Ms. Boone, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to approve the agenda for June 17, 2019 with an addition to include an appointment to the Lake Gaston Weed Control Council.

Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion Carried.

Conflict of Interest (Tab 4):

Mr. Tyner read the conflict of interest statement and asked if any Board member had a conflict with any matter on the approved agenda. No conflict was reported.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Boone, to approve the consent agenda as presented, thereby approving the Regular Meeting Minutes for April 1, 2019, April 15, 2019 (2 sets), May 6, 2019 and May 20, 2019. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion Carried.**

Rural Economic Development Grant Acceptance, West Fraser Project (Tab 5):

After a brief presentation by Mr. Murphy, a motion was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to accept the grant from the NC Department of Commerce in the amount of \$568,769 pertaining to the West Fraser project and to authorize the Chairman, County Manager and Clerk

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to the Board to sign any necessary documents related to the same. **Question Called:** All present voting yes. **Motion Carried.**

Rivers and Associates Engineering Agreement (Tab 6):

Mr. Murphy, along with representatives from Rivers and Associates (Mark Garner and Fred Stowe), provided a brief presentation on the Phase VI Water System Project and associated preliminary work. A motion thereafter was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve the presented professional services engineering contract between County and Rivers and Associates in the amount of \$49,000 to complete the preliminary engineering work on the project. **Question Called:** All present voting yes. **Motion Carried.**

Rivers and Associates Engineering Agreement, Asset Inventory Project (Tab 7):

Mr. Murphy followed by presenting a second engineering agreement with Rivers and Associates to complete work covered under a grant from the NC Department of Environmental Quality. The grant in the amount of \$155,520 is to complete an asset inventory of the county water system.

A motion thereafter was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve the presented professional services engineering contract between County and Rivers and Associates along with the required county matching funds in the amount of \$5,250. **Question Called:** All present voting yes. **Motion Carried.**

ABC Legislative Issue (Tab 8):

Kathy Gephart, General Manager of the ABC Stores of Northampton County, provided a brief discussion on the state legislative issue to privatize the alcohol sales in the state. A motion thereafter was made by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to adopt the presented resolution opposing the ABC privatization in North Carolina. **Question Called:** All present voting yes. **Motion Carried.**

ABC Board Appointment (Tab 9):

Ted Sumner, Chairman of the Northampton ABC Board, came before the Board seeking a replacement for expired ABC Board member Thomas Vincent and requested the appointment of Daryl Williams. A motion thereafter was made by Tommie Barrett, Mayor of Conway, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to appoint Daryl Williams to the Northampton ABC Board. **Question Called:** All present voting yes. **Motion Carried.**

No Wake Zone Resolution (Tab 10):

Mr. Murphy provided information on the establishment of a no wake zone in Jimmie's Creek at no cost to the County. A motion thereafter was made by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Boone, to adopt the presented resolution approving the subject no wake zone. **Question Called:** All present voting yes. **Motion Carried.**

Budget Amendments (Tab 11):

Angela Cahoon, Finance Officer, presented the following budget amendments to the Board: (a) 4950 – Coop Extension for the Halifax EFNEP Grant Expense in the amount of \$1,000; (b) 4950 – Coop Extension for 4-H Learning Lab Kits in the amount of \$2,636.00; and (c) 9910 – Contingency for County Chamber of Commerce Contribution in the amount of \$1,950. A motion thereafter was made by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to approve the identified budget amendments. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion Carried.**

Citizen Comments (Tab 12):

Rev. George Jerman remarked on a proposed a barber and cosmetics program he wished to open in Jackson.

Appointment to Lake Gaston Weed Control Council:

Mr. Edwards requested that the Board reappoint Larry Lyles and Jack Saunders to the Lake Gaston Weed Control Council. A motion thereafter was made by Ms. Boone, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to reappoint Larry Lyles and Jack Saunders to the Lake Gaston Weed Control Council. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion Carried.**

Board Comments (Tab 12):

Ms. Buffaloe:

Rev. Dr. Barber will be at the Cook Spring Community Center Saturday, June 29 at noon.

Mr. Edwards:

Made reference to Father's Day. Kids Fire Camp started June 17 and will run through Friday in Gaston.

Ms. Boone:

Provided information on Medicaid expansion for citizens who fall in the gap without coverage. Encouraged citizens to reach out to our state representatives and voice concern.

Ms. Faulkner:

Made reference to the John 3:16 Care Center and its different programs, such as Christmas outreach, school supplies, hygiene, food, hot meals and clothes. Noted the opening of a new business, Backwoods Bait and Tackle, by Bryan Farrow on Jefferson Street in Jackson.

Mr. Tyner:

Thanked employees, Commissioners and the attorney for all that they do. Looking forward to making an announcement for a new county manager in the near future.

County Manager Comments:

Recognized County employees for stepping up in the absence of vacant positions.

Closed Session (Tab 13):

A motion was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Boone, that the Board go into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. §§143-318.11 (a)(6) [Personnel], (a)(3) [Attorney-Client Privilege] and (a)(4) [EDC Report]. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

Adjourn (Tab 14):

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Boone, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to adjourn the Board. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of June, 2019.



Clerk to the Board
County Attorney