

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 3, 2019**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Board of Commissioners of Northampton County met on June 3, 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, Cathy Allen 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 Mrs. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Boone, to approve the agenda with the addition of a report from the county manager to be added at Tab 11 and subsequent tab numbers renumbered accordingly. **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.

2020 Census Report (Tab 5):

Pricilla Dingle, a North Carolina Partnership Specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau, made a presentation to the Board on the upcoming 2020 Census.

ABC Board Legislative Issue (Tab 6):

Kathy Gephart did not appear before the Board as scheduled to report on the requested resolution opposing House Bill 971, which would privatize the retail sale and wholesale distribution of liquor in North Carolina. After a summary by Mr. Murphy on the matter, the Board took no action on the matter.

Proposed 2019-2020 Northampton County Budget Public Hearing (Tab 7):

Mr. Tyner recessed the Board into a public hearing for the purposes of presenting the FY 2019-2020 Northampton County Budget Ordinance.

Mr. Tyner called for any comments in reference to the Budget. Dr. Michael Elam, President of Halifax Community College, appeared and provided a report on the budgetary needs of the Northampton County Early College located on the HCC campus.

Mr. Murphy followed by presenting the proposed FY 2019-2020 Northampton County Budget. The budget was prepared with the assistance of the Finance Officer Angela Cahoon, Linda Taylor and County Department Heads.

Mr. Tyner thereafter closed the public hearing and reconvened the Board's open session. A motion was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve the FY 2019-2020 Northampton County Budget Ordinance. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

Tax Department Matters (Tab 8):

After a presentation by Cathy Allen, Tax Administrator, a motion was made by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to allow the release or refund of the May 2019 real property ad valorem tax appeals in the amounts and for the reasons stated in Ms. Allen's decision paper. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

After a further presentation by Ms. Allen, a motion was made by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Boone, to approve the release or refund of the May 2019 motor vehicle ad valorem tax appeals in the amounts and for the reasons stated in Ms. Allen's decision paper. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

Water Asset Grant (Tab 9):

After a presentation by Kirk Rogers, Public Works Director, a motion was made by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to (a) adopt a proposed resolution accepting an asset Inventory and Assessment Grant in the amount of \$150,000 and offering assurances to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality that the County will adhere to the grant requirements; and (b) to approve a budget amendment appropriating the grant funds. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

Vidant Health Foundation Grants (Tab 10):

After a presentation by Craig Ellison, Northampton County Cooperative Extension Director, a motion was made by Ms. Boone, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve the acceptance of two grants from the Roanoke-Chowan Vidant Health Foundation in the amounts of \$3,000 and \$2,000 respectively. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

Report From County Manager Grants (Tab 11):

After a presentation by Mr. Murphy, a motion was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Boone, to adopt a proposed resolution in support of Vidant Medical Center in Greenville, NC and to authorize Mr. Murphy and the County Attorney to draft and present a resolution that speaks to the decision. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

Citizen Comments (Tab 12):

Wanda Flythe remarked on the Little Free Library opened at the Baptist Church in Jackson.

Tim Hollowell requested information on bids on the new Commissioners' Room, compensation for Commissioners, legal fees and if monies or insurance funds had been paid to settle any harassment claims.

Board Comments (Tab 12):

Ms. Boone:

- Little Free Library in Jackson. Contact Ms. Flythe to donate books.
- Commented on recent Northampton County graduation and interest in establishing a Junior County Commissioners Council and hosting possible summit for youth for awareness.

Ms. Faulkner:

- For the summer, if you have programs in churches, library programs or able to provide transportation, please reach out and provide that information. Pass the information on to others.
- Emphasis on missing children in the community.
- Emphasis on the impact of the Little Free Library in the community.
- Noted a new car dealership coming to Rich Square.

Mr. Edwards:

- Made note of the May 27 Memorial Day Celebration; Mr. Tyner was the guest speaker.
- June 1 Arts in the Community, Jackson.
- Juneteenth Celebration, Gaston/Garysburg area.
- Recognized June 16 as being Father's Day.
- Attended Kapstone project with Senator Bob Steinburg at Halifax Community College.
- Recognized Deseree Pope, Golden Leaf Scholar.

Ms. Buffalo:

- Visited Nursing homes to visit with veterans.
- Health Department prostate screening in June.
- CADA Head Start accepting applications.

Mr. Tyner:

- Thank you to the citizens. Thank you to the staff for working on the budget.

- Encouraged citizens to fill out applications for the County boards.
- Mentioned work on housing grant to bring housing to the County.

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.**


Roanoke-Wildwood Volunteer Fire Department:

Upon return from closed session, a motion was made by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to approve a First Amendment to Use Agreement between the County and Roanoke-Wildwood Fire Department, Incorporated. **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 3rd day of June, 2019.



Clerk to the Board
County Attorney