

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MAY 6, 2019**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Board of Commissioners of Northampton County met on May 6, 2019 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 Kirk Rogers.

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. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Boone, to approve the agenda for May 6, 2019, as amended, by removing Item 2 from Tab 8 (Roanoke Wildwood Station Lease). **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.

Interim County Manager Matters (Tab 5):

After a presentation by Robert Murphy, Interim County Manager, a motion was made by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Boone, to approve a resolution adopting the Northampton County, NC Flexible Benefit Plan and Summary Plan Description. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

After an additional presentation by Mr. Murphy, a motion was made by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Boone, to approve a resolution in support of a grant from the NC Department of Commerce through Northampton County to assist the West Fraser Wastewater Infrastructure Project. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

Following an update from Mr. Murphy on the need to update the County's check signing authorization with Southern Bank, a motion was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Mr. Edwards,

to approve a resolution authorizing Mr. Tyner, Mr. Murphy and Angela Cahoon, Finance Officer, to have appropriate signatory authority for the County's accounts held with Southern Bank. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

Tax Department Matters (Tab 6):

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 April 2019 ad valorem tax appeals in the amounts and for the reasons 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 Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Boone, to allow the release or refund of the April 2019 motor vehicle tax appeals in the amounts and for the reasons in Ms. Allen's decision paper. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

Ms. Allen followed by presenting position papers on 2018 present use assessment appeals of Daniel L. Bryant as to Parcel 06-00875 and John and Claudia Schoch as to Parcel 04-00643, after which a motion was made by Ms. Boone, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe to table the Board's consideration of these matters until the Board's meeting on May 20, 2019 unless considered sooner. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

Ms. Allen concluded by presenting a position paper concerning solid waste fee relief for properties affected by US 158 Highway expansion, after which a motion was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve the recommendation of Ms. Allen to remove the assessment of solid waste fees on parcels (1) acquired from the NC Department of Transportation due to the expansion of US 158 Highway, (2) with vacant buildings, where the electricity has been turned off and the electrical meter has been red-tagged and (3) that such solid waste fees be removed the proceeding year after the DOT acquires the property. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

Mr. Tyner recessed the Board's regular session and reconvened the Board of Equalization and Review.

Ms. Allen, as Clerk to the Board of Equalization and Review, administered the oaths of office to Ms. Boone, Ms. Buffaloe and Mr. Edwards.

Ms. Allen announced the deadline for receiving of ad valorem tax value appeals for the 2019 tax year would be 5:00 p.m. on May 20, 2019 or by mailing postmarked the same day.

Mr. Tyner then recessed the Board of Equalization and Review until May 20, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. and followed by reconvening the Board's regular session.

Public Works Matters (Tab 7):

After a presentation by Kirk Rogers, Public Works Director, a motion was made by Ms. Boone, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve the NC Department of Transportation offer to purchase the Sanfillipo lift station parcel, Parcel No. 04-04347, in the amount of \$2,400. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

After an additional presentation by Mr. Rogers, a motion was made by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Faulkner, to approve the NC Department of Transportation offer to purchase the Lift Station #1 Garysburg Progressive parcel, Parcel No. 04-01830, in the amount of \$11,625. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

After a further presentation by Mr. Rogers, a motion was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Boone, to approve a right of way encroachment agreement with the NC Department of Transportation located in the Deerfield Subdivision. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

After a final presentation by Mr. Rogers, a motion was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Boone, to approve a use and occupancy agreement with the NC Department of Transportation pertaining to the relocation of water and sewer lines along the new US 158 Highway expansion, existing NC 46 Highway and US 301 Highway. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

Health Department Matters (Tab 8):

After a presentation by Andy Smith, Health Department Director, a motion was made by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to approve a nursing services agreement with Ellen M. Glover. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

After an additional presentation by Mr. Smith, a motion was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve an agreement with Halifax Regional Medical Center, Inc. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

Mr. Smith concluded by presenting three proposed Medicaid service provider agreements to the Board, after which a motion was made by Ms. Boone, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to approve the subject agreements with Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina, UnitedHealthcare of North Carolina, Inc. and WellCare Health Plans, Inc., subject to any minor revisions sought by the County Attorney and/or Mr. Smith. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

Citizen Comments (Tab 9):

Ms. Helen Wilkins of Jackson expressed her concerns about the Meals on Wheels program in the County and medical transportation and how both are underserving the senior citizen population.

Board Comments (Tab 9):

Ms. Boone reported her attendance of the recent CADA banquet, the Halifax-Northampton Regional Airport celebration and the “Woodlandstock” event in Woodland.

Ms. Faulkner reminded citizens of the need for volunteer proctors during end-of-year testing at the local schools.

Mr. Edwards reminded everyone that May was Mental Health Awareness month and highlighted additional wellness options available with the walk in the park event in Seaboard and the track in Garysburg. He also attended the recent elected officials meeting (NC Black Alliance Summit) in Raleigh focusing on rural education.

Ms. Buffaloe also reported her attended of the NC Black Alliance Summit and her interest in on-the-job training for local highway construction projects to promote equal opportunity.

Mr. Tyner expressed his thanks for the work to date and service of Mr. Murphy and noted that the permanent county manager position remained open. He further expressed his gratitude to the County employees and their hard work and noted upcoming efforts on a new housing program. Mr. Tyner concluded by imploring those present to spread the good news of what is happening in Northampton’s local government.

Closed Session (Tab 10):

A motion was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Mr. Edwards, 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.**

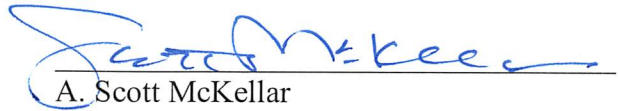
South Dominion LLC (Jackson Grocery Store):

Upon return from closed session, a motion was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to approve the modification of the County’s existing promissory note with South Dominion LLC, whereby the initial payment that came due on March 15, 2019 in the amount of \$4,030.32 would be rolled to the end of the loan and come due on March 15, 2024 and to further authorize the County Manager to execute any necessary note modification documents. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

Recess (Tab 11):

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to recess the Board until May 15, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted the 6th day of May, 2019.



A. Scott McKellar
County Attorney