

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
REGULAR SESSION  
May 16, 2016**

Be It Remembered that the Board of Commissioners of Northampton County met on May 16, 2016 with the following present: Fannie Greene, Joseph Barrett, Chester Deloatch, Virginia Spruill, and Robert Carter.

**Others Present: Kimberly Turner, Scott McKellar, and Michelle Nelson**

**Agenda Work Session:**

A 10-minute work session was held to discuss today's agenda items. Chairwoman Greene called upon County Manager Kimberly Turner for input. Ms. Turner had no changes.

**Regular Session:**

Chairwoman Greene called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, and announced when citizens could make comments. She also gave the Invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Regular Session Minutes for May 2, 2016:**

A motion was made by Chester Deloatch and seconded by Joseph Barrett to approve the regular session minutes for May 2, 2016. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

**Approval of Closed Session Minutes for May 2, 2016:**

A motion was made by Joseph Barrett and seconded by Robert Carter to approve the Closed Session Minutes. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

**Approval of Agenda for May 16, 2016:**

A motion was made by Robert Carter and seconded by Joseph Barrett that the agenda for May 16, 2016 be adopted as printed. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

**Herring Fishing Concerns:**

Mr. Roger Cofield, a citizen from Conway, appeared before the Board to ask if they would support himself and a group of fishermen who are trying to reestablish Herring fishing in local waters. He talked to Representative Michael Wray about the Herring, and he gave Mr. Cofield a few steps to go by. He went to a Conway Town Meeting as well as the Woodland Town meeting to get help. Both Town Mayors signed a letter on the fishermen's behalf. Mr. Cofield noted that Representative Wray told him to go to the County Board as well.

Mr. Freddie Outland from Woodland also addressed the Board to speak on his experience about the large population of herring that he's seen in the water.

Mr. Terry Pratt from Bertie County addressed the Board as well. He also spoke about the large number of herring he's seen this spring. He passed around Senate Bill 871 which includes a section that will address kicking the herring issue back to the Division of Marine Fisheries and the Marine Fisheries Commission for reconsideration.

*Commissioner Spruill entered the meeting at this time.*

Mr. Pratt also passed out an example of a letter in support of Senate Bill 871, (specifically Section 7) that he is proposing the Board send to the Governor, Secretary of NCDENR, the Marine Fisheries and other County Commissioners (as opposed to doing a resolution).

Vice-Chairman Barrett asked how they will proceed with this issue. Ms. Turner noted that she would like to review the letter that Mr. Pratt passed out. Then she and the County Attorney will determine the best method to take. She will report back to the Board at the next meeting.

**PLEASE SEE SCANNED DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE  
HEREBY MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES:**

Northampton County Board of Commissioners  
Jackson, NC

4/20/2016

Dear Board Members

We, The Concerned Citizens of Northampton County North Carolina for the Restoration of Historical Herring Fishing seek the help of the Northampton County Board of Commissioners in the re-establishment of our right to resume herring fishing on our inland waterways. We understand that it was necessary at the time to prohibit over fishing but the population of herring has increased substantially. Our forefathers have passed down for generations the art of herring fishing. If regulated, we can continue that historical tradition. Stricter law enforcement of the commercial fisheries will help maintain or increase the herring population while at the same time restoring the rich family history of herring fishing. We have an entire generation of young people that have no idea what it is like to put on a pair of hip boots, stand in a creek with a bow net and waiting to feel the rush of 5 to 10 herring hitting that net all at once. They also don't know the joy in cleaning, notching and deep frying those herring for a wonderful meal. We received this message from a local fisherman that was fishing in the Meherrin River this past Saturday.

*"My father-in-law and I went up the Meherrin River from the Murfreesboro landing about 5 miles. We were on a small Jon boat and witnessed herring thrashing in the shallow water like they used to do 20 years ago. It was a thrill to see. We were attempting to catch white perch with bottom rigs and beetle spin for bait. We caught a few white perch but it was late in the day. We talked to several fishermen on their way out that said they had caught herring on bottom rigs using worms but had to throw them back. One gentleman caught herring on beetle spin. That is almost unheard of. I say this because it shows that the herring population has returned."*

We wanted to share this with you and hope you will start asking questions of our local fishermen as well. We also hope you will contact our Representative Michael Wray and any others that will help get this historic institution

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Northampton County and North Carolina family history for many generations. We may expect that restoration of herring fishing may come with some guidelines. Having daily limits per person or per boat is an option. Instituting a stamp for a \$10.00 fee to permit herring fishing or even prohibiting the sale of herring to local markets without a license, there are all sorts of ways to restore the privileges and protect the species. All we ask is that you will do whatever you can to bring this privilege back to our citizens. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely

Concerned Citizens of Northampton County

## Town of Woodland

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May 5, 2016

Northampton Board of County Commissioners  
PO Box 808  
Jackson, NC 27845

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Town of Woodland Board of Commissioners, I am writing you to seek your help in the re-establishment of the right to resume herring fishing in our inland waterways.

It is understood that it was necessary at the time to prohibit over-fishing; however, the population of herring has increased substantially. Our forefathers passed down for generations the art of herring fishing. If properly regulated, that historic tradition can be continued. Stricter law enforcement of the commercial fisheries would help maintain or increase the herring population while at the same time restoring the rich family history of herring fishing. We have an entire generation of young people that have no idea what it is like to put on a pair of hip boots, stand in a creek with a bow net, and wait to feel the rush of 5 to 10 herring hitting that net all at once. They also do not know the joy in cleaning, notching, and deep frying those herring for a wonderful meal.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kenneth Manuel', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kenneth Manuel, Mayor  
Town of Woodland, North Carolina



## TOWN OF CONWAY

301 West Main Street  
P. O. Box 365  
Conway, North Carolina 27820

Tommy Barrett  
Mayor

Nancy W. Jenkins  
Administrator

May 3, 2016

Northampton Board of County Commissioners  
P. O. Box 808  
Jackson, NC 27845

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Town of Conway Board of Commissioners, I am writing you to seek your help in the re-establishment of the right to resume herring fishing in our inland waterways. At our regular board meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup>, a representative of The Concerned Citizens of Northampton County North Carolina for the Restoration of Historical Herring Fishing presented this request to the Conway Town Board. We support this request and hope that you will do the same.

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**Board of Equalization and Review:**

*Chairwoman Greene recessed Regular Session to enter into the Board of Equalization and Review.*

Mrs. Cathy Allen, Tax Administrator, asked the Board to approve the Board of Equalization and Review minutes from May 2, 2016.

A motion was made by Virginia Spruill and seconded by Chester Deloatch to approve the May 2, 2016 minutes for the Board of Equalization and Review. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

Vice-Chairman Barrett had one observation. He noted that he was Chairing that meeting, and he was not sure he made a particular motion (stated in the Board of Equalization and Review minutes). There was a discussion about who made the motion. The Clerk noted that she had Commissioner Deloatch as making the motion, and Chairwoman Greene seconded. Mrs. Allen said she would make the correction.

Mrs. Allen also stated that any citizen that is present could appeal their values for 2016. They could do it at this time, or they can put the request in writing to the Tax Office with the parcel number and the value they believe the parcel should be. The request has to be dated for today, and the Tax Office will honor today's postmark.

*Mrs. Allen called for appeals.*

None were heard.

Mrs. Allen then asked that the Board adjourn for the appeal of value for 2016. She also stated that the Tax Department has received five appeals.

A motion was made by Joseph Barrett and seconded by Robert Carter to approve the aforesaid mentioned items included in Mrs. Allen's statement. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

*Chairwoman Greene adjourned the Board of Equalization & Review to resume Regular Session.*

**Ad Valorem Tax Appeals and Motor Vehicle Refunds:**

Mrs. Allen asked to obtain the Board's approval to release or refund Ad Valorem taxes assessed in the amount of \$664.23 on one appeal.

A motion was made by Robert Carter and seconded by Virginia Spruill that the Board approve the request for release of the Ad Valorem tax appeal submitted herewith in the amount and for the reasons stated on the listings. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

Finally, Mrs. Allen asked to obtain the Board's approval to release or refund Ad Valorem taxes assessed in the amount of \$2,506.42 on 32 appeals.

A motion was made by Virginia Spruill and seconded by Chester Deloatch that the Board of County Commissioners approve the request for release or refund of the Ad Valorem Tax appeals submitted herewith in the amounts and for the reasons stated on the listings. **Question Called:** **All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

**CPTA Appointment, Resolution to General Assembly for School Funding and Management Matters:**

Ms. Kimberly Turner, County Manager, appeared before the Board with a request from CPTA to appoint Ms. Rebecca Stapleton to the CPTA Board representing Northampton County. She is asking to be reappointed for a two-year term.

A motion was made by Chester Deloatch and seconded by Virginia Spruill to approve Ms. Rebecca Stapleton to be reappointed to the Board of Directors of the CPTA. **Question Called:** **All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

Ms. Turner also presented a resolution that was shared by the Orange County Commissioners in reference to calling for the General Assembly to fully fund North Carolina public schools.

A motion was made by Robert Carter and seconded by Virginia Spruill to adopt the resolution to be sent to the General Assembly to fully fund North Carolina public schools. **Question Called:** **All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

Ms. Turner also presented a resolution that has been proposed by Representative Michael Wray and the Wildlife Resources Commission to enhance the shooting range at Odom prison.

A motion was made by Robert Carter and seconded by Virginia Spruill to approve the resolution supporting House Bill 360 and House Bill 755. **Question Called:** **All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

Finally, Ms. Turner asked the Board for a date for the first budget work session. It is a Board consensus that the budget work session will take place on May 25, 2016 at 10:00 am.

**PLEASE SEE SCANNED DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE  
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Connie Perry  
Board Chair

Pamela Perry  
Executive Director

*April 12, 2016*

*Ms. Kimberly Turner, County Manager  
The County of Northampton  
P. O. Box 808  
Jackson, NC 27845*

*Dear Ms. Turner:*

*I am writing to inform you the term of Ms. Rebecca Stapleton's appointment to the CPTA Board of Directors will expire on June 7, 2016.*

*Ms. Stapleton has been a very dedicated member to the CPTA Board in representing Northampton County. I would like to recommend that Ms. Stapleton be reappointed to a two year term on the CPTA Board of Directors. Ms. Stapleton has indicated that she would be willing to serve another term on the Board.*

*We certainly appreciate your support. Please contact me if you have any questions.*

*Sincerely,*  
  
*Pamela Perry*  
Executive Director

**Michelle Nelson**

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**From:** Donna Baker <[dbaker@orangecountync.gov](mailto:dbaker@orangecountync.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 06, 2016 9:08 AM  
**To:** County Clerks in North Carolina  
**Cc:** Donna Baker; Greg Wilder  
**Subject:** [countyclerks] Orange County Board of Commissioners Adopted Resolution Calling for the General Assembly To Fully Fund North Carolina Public Schools  
**Attachments:** Orange County - Resolution Calling for the General Assembly To Fully Fund North Carolina Public Schools.pdf

County Clerks,

At their May 5, 2016 meeting, the Orange County Board of Commissioners unanimously adopted the attached Resolution, titled, **Resolution Calling for the General Assembly To Fully Fund North Carolina Public Schools**, and is respectfully requesting for you to forward to your elected officials and for your Board's support of subject resolution by adopting a similar resolution. (please see attached).

Thank you.

Donna S. Baker  
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Orange County Board of Commissioners  
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RES-2016-033

**ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO FULLY FUND**  
**NORTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Whereas**, the North Carolina Constitution includes an obligation to provide a sound, basic education to all school aged children in our state, acknowledging that talent and ingenuity can be found among all our children; and

**Whereas**, public education is the cornerstone for our democracy and economic future; and

**Whereas**, state and federal elected politicians have failed to follow constitutional and statutory mandates to fully fund public education and public school teachers and disregarded poverty among our public school children; and

**Whereas**, inflation-adjusted per pupil spending is still below pre-recession levels; and

**Whereas**, the national average for school funding per student is \$11,841; and

**Whereas**, in terms of per pupil spending, a National Education Agency report ranks North Carolina 46th in the United States in 2014-15, spending \$8,632 per student, compared to \$8,620 per student in 2013-14; and

**Whereas**, in 2008, North Carolina teacher salaries ranked 25th in the nation but had fallen to 46th in 2014-15; and

**Whereas**, that despite research showing cost-effectiveness of Pre-K services, the North Carolina General Assembly has cut funding and reduced the number of state-funded pre-kindergarten seats by 5,400 since 2008 resulting in continued waiting lists; and

**Whereas**, approximately 60 percent of public education funding comes from the state, while the remainder is funded at the local level and by the federal government; and

**Whereas**, as the state has abandoned its Constitutional obligation to fund our public schools forcing many local government leaders to shoulder more of the burden by increasing property taxes or cutting important programs or positions;

**Now Therefore**, be it resolved that:

- The Orange County Board of Commissioners calls for the N.C. General Assembly to fully fund public education in Local Education Agencies to reflect growth and student needs; and
- The Orange County Board of Commissioners calls upon the General Assembly to reinstate K-12 enrollment growth (ADM funding) as part of the continuation budget; and
- The Orange County Board of Commissioners calls upon the legislators of both parties to reject the trend toward shifting education spending to counties; and
- The Orange County Board of Commissioners calls upon the General Assembly to raise additional state revenue in an equitable fashion in order to avoid regressive tax shifts to counties.

Approved this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2016.

*Earl McKee*

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Earl McKee, Chair  
Orange County Board of Commissioners

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**WHEREAS**, as the State has abandoned its Constitutional obligation to fund our public schools forcing many local government leaders to shoulder more of the burden by increasing property taxes or cutting important programs or positions;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that

1. The Northampton County Board of Commissioners calls for the North Carolina General Assembly to fully fund public education in Local Education Agencies to reflect growth and student needs; and
2. The Northampton County Board of Commissioners calls upon the General Assembly to reinstate K-12 enrollment growth (ADM funding) as part of the continuation budget; and
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PASSED AND APPROVED in this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Fannie P. Greene, Chairwoman  
Northampton County Board of Commissioners

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Michelle Nelson, Clerk  
Northampton County Board of Commissioners

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RESOLUTION OF  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, on March 12, 1973, the North Carolina General Assembly ratified An Act to Require Persons Hunting Deer with Rifles in Northampton County to Secure the Written Consent of the Landowners, Session Laws 1973, Chapter 78, House Bill 360 ("HB 360");

WHEREAS, Section 1 of HB 360 states that "[i]t shall be unlawful for any person to discharge (shoot) any rifle of a calibre larger than .22 for any purpose whatsoever, including but not limited to hunting or target practice, within Northampton County, without first securing the express written permission of the owner or lessee of the land on which such discharge is to occur";

WHEREAS, on May 11, 1979, the North Carolina General Assembly ratified An Act to Restrict the Discharge of Rifles in Northampton County to Stands at Least Eight Feet from the Ground, Session Laws 1979, Chapter 548, House Bill 755 ("HB 755");

WHEREAS, Section 1 of HB 755 amended Section 1 of HB 362 by adding the following sentence: "Furthermore, it shall be unlawful to discharge (shoot) any rifle as herein prescribed unless the person discharging (shooting) such rifle is positioned at least eight feet from the ground.";

WHEREAS, HB 755 was codified and retained pursuant to Section 113-133.1(e) of the North Carolina General Statutes;

WHEREAS, a shooting range to be managed by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission is to be constructed in Northampton County, which necessitates further amendments to the language of HB 360 and HB 755 quoted above to allow for the exclusion of said shooting range



from the requirements of HB 360 and HB 755; and

WHEREAS, the Northampton County Board of Commissioners believes that the construction of the shooting range will benefit the citizens of Northampton County and that the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission is qualified to oversee the management of the shooting range in a manner that will ensure the safety and enjoyment of the participants and the citizens of Northampton County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northampton County Board of Commissioners hereby endorses and supports an amendment to HB 360 and HB 755, thereby resulting in Section 1 stating, in its entirety, as follows:

It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge (shoot) any rifle of a calibre larger than .22 for any purpose whatsoever, including but not limited to hunting or target practice, within Northampton County, without first securing the express written permission of the owner or lessee of the land on which such discharge is to occur. Furthermore, it shall be unlawful to discharge (shoot) any rifle as herein prescribed unless the person discharging (shooting) such rifle is positioned at least eight feet from the ground. This section shall not apply to shooting ranges managed by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, or to individuals properly permitted on lands owned or managed by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

This the 16th day of May, 2016.

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Fannie P. Greene, Chair  
Northampton County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Michelle Nelson, Clerk to the Board

**Citizens/Board Comments:**

***Chairwoman Greene called for Citizens Comments.***

Tim Hollowell commented that the new microphones the Commissioners are using help in hearing them better. He also thanked the Board for having the evening meetings. He said it is easier for the citizens that work during the day to keep up with the business of the County. He is hoping that it will continue. He also made comments about the joint meeting with the County Commissioners and the Board of Education (citizens did not have the opportunity to speak at that meeting).

***Chairwoman Greene called for Board Comments.***

Vice-Chairman Barrett commented that he appreciates Mr. Hollowell's comments. He said that the Board doesn't get a lot of "thank yous."

Chairwoman Greene wanted to thank the Board for their support last Monday at the Mock Commissioners' meeting. She felt that the students learned a lot. Mrs. Greene also noted that the Commissioners that are participating are going to County Assembly day in Raleigh tomorrow.

A motion was made by Chester Deloatch and seconded by Robert Carter to recess regular session. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Robert Carter and seconded by Joseph Barrett to enter into closed session for G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) for personnel matters and G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5) for the County Attorney's Report. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

**Closed Session G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) and G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5):**

A motion was made by Joseph Barrett and seconded by Robert Carter to adjourn closed session. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Chester Deloatch and seconded by Robert Carter to enter into regular session. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Joseph Barrett and seconded by Virginia Spruill to offer the Health Director position to Mr. George Andrew "Andy" Smith at a Grade 81, Step 5 salary of \$74,302 which would include a cost of living increase if approved, to become effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Joseph Barrett and seconded by Chester Deloatch to adjourn. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**