

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 16, 2021**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Board of Commissioners of Northampton County met on August 16, 2021 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, Joyce Buffaloe, Nicole Boone and Geneva Riddick-Faulkner. In accordance with N.C.G.S. §166A-19.24, the meeting constituted a remote meeting implementing the use of simultaneous communication.

Kelvin Edwards, Sr. and Nicole Boone appeared via teleconference.

Others Present: Holly Taylor, Robert Murphy, Tameka Green, Jonathan Parker, Scott McKellar Franklin Williams, Rhonda Taylor and Kathy Butler.

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):

To provide an update on serving alcohol beverages at the wellness center, the matter was added as tab 8 to the meeting agenda. A motion was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to approve the amended agenda for August 16, 2021. **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.

AIA Project Resolution (Tab 5):

Franklin Williams, Economic Development Director presented a resolution to conduct an asset inventory assessment for the existing wastewater system. A motion was made by Ms. Boone by seconded by Ms. Buffaloe to approve the resolution. **All present voting yes. Motion Carried.**

Committees, Boards, Commissions and Authority Matters (Tab 6):

A motion thereafter was made by Dr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Faulkner, to reappoint Joyce Buffaloe and Webb to the Halifax-Northampton Airport Authority. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion Carried.**

Ad Valorem Tax Appeals Motor Vehicles (Tab 7):

Kathy Butler, Interim Tax Administrator presented Ad Valorem Tax Appeals Motor Vehicles in the amount of \$1,066.50 on 11 appeals. A motion thereafter was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to approve the request as presented. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion Carried.**

Alcoholic Beverages at the Wellness Center (Tab 8):

Ms. Faulkner requested to amend Northampton County's policies and procedures to allow citizens to serve alcoholic beverages at the Northampton County Cultural Wellness Center. An ABC permit will be required as well as Northampton County Sheriff's Department staff for the event. A motion thereafter was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Dr. Edwards, to approve the request as presented. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion Carried.**

Citizen Comments/Interim County Manager/Board Comments (Tab 9):

No Citizen Comments

Mr. Tyner

Mr. Tyner thanked board members for support. He also provided updates on the staff, finance department, mandatory mask mandate, internet services and flooding issues in the County.

Dr. Edwards

Dr. Edwards spoke on his experience at the (NCACC) North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Annual Conference. Encouraged citizens to stay safe.

Ms. Boone

Ms. Boone congratulated Ronda Taylor on her appointment as the new Director of Social Services. She encouraged citizens to stay safe and provided vaccination information.

Ms. Buffaloe

Ms. Buffaloe spoke on her experience at the (NCACC) North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Annual Conference. The sessions were very informative and will benefit the County.

Ms. Faulkner

Ms. Faulkner experience at the (NCACC) North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Annual Conference. She provided stats on how Northampton County compared with other Counties in North Carolina.

Closed Session (Tab 10):

A motion was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, that the Board enter 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 11):

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

Respectfully submitted this 16th day of August, 2021.

Tanya T. Smallwood
Clerk to the Board