

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 2, 2021**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Board of Commissioners of Northampton County met on August 2, 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 and Joyce Buffaloe. In accordance with N.C.G.S. §166A-19.24, the meeting constituted a remote meeting implementing the use of simultaneous communication.

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

Others Present: Holly Taylor, Robert Murphy, Madhu Chakravarthula, Mark Garner, Fred Stowe, Paul Nowell, Jaime Mason, Kathy Butler, Tameka Green Tim Hollowell and Jonathan Parker.

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. Buffaloe, seconded by Ms. Boone, to approve the agenda for August 2, 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.

Water Projects (Tab 5):

Madhu Chakravarthula, Project Engineer for Rivers and Associates presented the Final Engineering Services Agreement for the Phase VI Water System Improvements. A motion was made by Ms. Buffaloe by seconded by Ms. Boone to approve the agreement as presented. **All present voting yes. Motion Carried.**

Mr. Chakravarthula also presented the NCHS Road Water and Sewer Main Relocation agreement. A motion was made by Dr. Edwards seconded by Ms. Buffaloe to approve the agreement as presented. **All present voting yes. Motion Carried.**

NC Medicaid Agreement (Tab 6):

Paul Nowell, EMS Director presented an amendment to the NC Medicaid Contract previously approved on May 20, 2021. A motion thereafter was made by Ms. Boone, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to approve the amendment as presented. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion Carried.**

Upper Coastal Plains Council of Government Board Appointments (Tab 7):

Scott McKellar, County Attorney presented the following appointments to the Upper Coastal Plains Council of Governments: Charles Tyner, Sr. reappointment as an Executive Committee member on the Board of Directors of the Upper Coastal Plain Council of Government, Geneva Riddick Faulkner reappointment as alternate for Mr. Tyner on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors and Franklin Williams reappointment as an alternate on the Board of Directors. A motion thereafter was made by Ms. Buffaloe, seconded by Ms. Boone, to approve the appointments presented. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion Carried.**

Ad Valorem Tax Appeals (Tab 8):

Kathy Butler, Interim Tax Administrator presented 6 Ad Valorem tax appeals in the amount of \$2,108.77. A motion thereafter was made by Ms. Boone, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to approve the release of funds as presented. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion Carried.**

REC RCH Broadband Project (Tab 9):

Mr. McKellar presented a letter of support along with resolution in reference to the REC RCH Broadband Project. A motion thereafter was made by Ms. Boone, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to approve the request as presented. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion Carried.**

Monthly Finance Report & Budget Amendments (Tab 10):

Tameka Green, Finance Officer presented the Monthly Finance Report and budget amendment #2 Juvenile Crime Prevention Council. A motion thereafter was made by Ms. Boone, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to approve the budget amendment as presented. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion Carried.**

Citizen Comments/Interim County Manager/Board Comments (Tab 11):

Tim Hollowell requested a quarterly report from the County.

Ms. Boone

Ms. Boone encouraged citizens to stay safe, provided COVID information and updates on how to complete the Youth Council Survey.

Dr. Edwards

Dr. Edwards encouraged citizens to stay safe during the pandemic.

Ms. Buffaloe

Ms. Buffaloe encouraged citizens to stay safe during the pandemic and thanked volunteers of the Food Distributions.

Mr. Tyner

Mr. Tyner provided updates on grants and projects.

Closed Session (Tab 12):

A motion was made by Ms. Buffaloe, seconded by Dr. Edwards, 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 14):

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

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of August, 2021.

Tanya T. Smallwood
Clerk to the Board