

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY 19, 2021**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Board of Commissioners of Northampton County met on July 19, 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, Dr. Kelvin Edwards, 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.

Others Present: Holly Taylor, Anna Jones, Craig Ellison, Carl Schumpert, Robert Murphy, Jonathan Parker, Tameka Green, Scott McKellar, Jaime Mason, Kathy Butler, Peggy Cary, Malana Williams, Becky Turner, Rev. Tony Flood and Ruby Vincent Garner.

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 Dr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Boone, to approve the agenda for July 19, 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.

NC Civil Rights Trail Marker (Tab 5):

Anna Jones, Producer, Chairman of Jones Documentary, Ten Eight Productions requested a letter of support for a NC Civil Rights Trail Marker on behalf of her father James H. Jones. A motion was made by Ms. Faulkner by seconded by Ms. Boone to approve the request. **All present voting yes. Motion Carried.**

Vidant Grant (Tab 6):

Craig Ellison, County Extension Director requested approval to receive funds allotted by the Roanoke-Chowan Vidant Health Foundation for Vidant Health Foundation Grants to benefit the

Adult EFNEP, Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program and Cooperative Extension Diabetes Chronic Disease Prevention Program. A motion thereafter was made by Dr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Boone, to approve the request as presented. **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 Appeal Motor Vehicles in the amount of \$934.76 for 11 appeals. A motion thereafter was made by Dr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Faulkner, to approve the refunds as presented. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion Carried.**

Resolutions/Bond Counsel Agreement (Tab 8):

Scott McKellar, County Attorney, presented a resolution to accept the American Rescue Plan Act funds and the Bond Counsel Agreement on behalf of McGuire Woods to serve as Bond Counsel to Northampton County to finance a portion of the cost of constructing a new courthouse in the County. A motion thereafter was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Boone to accept the resolution for the American Rescue Plan Funds. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion Carried.**

A motion thereafter was made by Dr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Boone to accept approve the Bond Counsel as presented. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion Carried.**

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

Ruby Vincent Garner expressed concerns in reference to the internet services in the Lake Gaston, NC area.

Rev. Tony Flood of Gaston Missionary Baptist Church expressed his concerns in reference to the internet services in the Lake Gaston, NC area.

Mr. Tyner

Mr. Tyner presented Ms. Williams and Ms. Cary, new employees of the aging department. He also introduced Ms. Mason, new Tax Administrator and Becky Tuner, New Public Works Director. He also provided updates on County projects.

Ms. Buffaloe

Ms. Buffaloe welcomed the new staff and advised citizens to stay safe.

Dr. Edwards

Dr. Edwards welcomed the new employees and encouraged citizens to stay safe.

Ms. Boone

Ms. Boone thanked citizens for coming out and welcomed new employees to the County.

Ms. Faulkner

Ms. Faulkner encouraged nonprofits to apply for funds.

Closed Session (Tab 12):

A motion was made by Ms. Boone, 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 14):

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

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of July, 2021.

Tanya T. Smallwood
Clerk to the Board