

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
NOVEMBER 1, 2021**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Board of Commissioners of Northampton County met on November 1, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at the Northampton County Cultural and Wellness Center, 9536 Highway 305, Jackson, North Carolina, with the following present: Charles Tyner, Geneva Faulkner, Joyce Buffaloe, Kelvin Edwards and Nicole Boone.

Others Present: Tommy Barrett (Mayor of Conway), Roy Bell (Mayor of Garysburg), Geraldine Langford (Mayor of Seaboard), Reginald White (Mayor of Rich Square), Itia Robertson, Robert Murphy and Scott McKellar.

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**Call to Order:**

Mr. Tyner called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order, welcomed the invited Mayors and citizens in attendance. He then led a discussion on multiple topics of interest currently affecting the County and its municipalities.

**I. Collection of Town Taxes**

Mr. Tyner summarized the increased tax collection efforts being undertaken by the County and the increased revenue resulting from the collection of back property taxes. He advised the mayors to let the Board and the County Tax Department know if there are any concerns for those towns the County provides collection services.

**II. Abandoned Property**

Mr. Tyner requested that local municipalities let the County know of abandoned properties within their respective town limits. Such properties are likely subject to foreclosure for past due taxes. They should be a collective effort to clean up these properties.

**III. Cameras**

The County has recently purchased cameras to assist law enforcement and to help fight and deter crime. These cameras will be installed throughout the County at the direction of the Sheriff. Mayors and citizens should contact Sheriff Smith for questions concerning this program.

**IV. Internet Service**

Increasing internet access is high priority for the Board of Commissioners. New wi-fi equipment is being installed now in the Lasker and Woodland areas now.

**V. Anticipated State and Federal Monies**

Mr. Tyner was pleased to announce that the anticipated passage of the State budget should include disbursements of at least \$250,000 for each of the County's municipalities.

**VI. Small Business Grants**

Mr. Tyner stated that the County has 14 new small businesses in operation with another one on the way. Small business development and support has been a priority for this Board of Commissioners.

**VII. New Businesses**

Mr. Tyner concluded by stating that Northampton County is open for business. The mayors and citizens should seek out Franklin Williams, the County's Economic Development Director, for assistance.

**VIII. Mayors' Comments**

Mayor Langford thanked the Board for the invitation and for the information provided.

Mayor Bell appreciated the meeting and thanked Mr. Tyner.

Mayor White highlighted and thanked Franklin Williams for his assistance.

Mayor Barrett thanked the County for its assistance with the EMS station purchase in Conway.

**Adjourn:**

Mr. Tyner adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted this 1st day of November, 2021.

Scott McKellar  
County Attorney / Acting Secretary