

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 4, 2022**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Board of Commissioners of Northampton County met on April 4, 2022 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: Geneva Faulkner, Nicole Boone, Joyce Buffaloe and Kelvin Edwards (via Zoom).

Absent: Charles Tyner.

Others Present: Julian Phillips, Itia Robertson, William Flynn, Robert Murphy, Jaime Mason and Scott McKellar.

Call to Order (Tab 1):

Ms. Faulkner called the meeting to order.

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance (Tab 2):

Ms. Faulkner 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. Boone, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to approve the agenda for April 4, 2022 with the following revision:

- Deleting Tab 11 (Closed Session).

Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion Carried.

Conflict of Interest (Tab 4):

Ms. Boone 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.

Consent Agenda (Tab 5):

A motion was made by Ms. Boone, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following meeting minutes of the Board of Commissioners:

- December 2, 2021 Special Called Meeting Minutes;
- December 6, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes; and

- January 5, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion Carried.

County Manager Oath of Office (Tab 6):

Scott McKellar, County Attorney, appeared and administered the oath of office to the County's newly appointed County Manager, Julian Phillips. No Board action was taken.

Proposed Changes to the Northampton County Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations (Tab 7):

Ms. Faulkner recessed the Board into a public hearing.

William Flynn, Code Enforcement Director, appeared and presented the Board with a decision paper covering proposed amendments to the Northampton County Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations, all of which were favorably recommended by the Northampton County Planning Board. The amendments address accessory uses (storage buildings, fences, handicap ramps, etc.), solar power generation facilities and a text amendment to the Subdivision Regulations to change the definition of a minor subdivision.

Ms. Faulkner called for any public comments and there were none. Ms. Faulkner then closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular session of the Board.

A motion thereafter was made by Ms. Buffaloe, seconded by Ms. Boone, to approve the proposed amendments as presented. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion Carried.**

Ad Valorem Tax Appeals (Tab 8):

Jaime Mason, Tax Administrator, appeared and presented the Board with Ad Valorem tax appeals in the total amount of \$2,418.07 on 6 appeals. A motion thereafter was made by Ms. Buffaloe, seconded by Ms. Boone, to approve the appeals as presented. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion Carried.**

Budget Amendment (Tab 9):

Doris Garner, Interim Finance Director, appeared and presented the Board with the following Budget Amendment:

- Budget Amendment #27: Insurance proceeds received in the amount of \$1,518.05 to repair damaged Sheriff's Department vehicle.

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 (Tab 10):

Terri Ireland, a County DSS employee, expressed her dissatisfaction with the County's recent pay raise and requested clarification on how it was reached and for the Board to reconsider it.

Clinton Williams expressed his disappointment in the payment Mr. Tyner received in his capacity as Interim County Manager.

Mozine Lowe appeared and sought the Board's support for The Center for Energy Education.

Board Comments (Tab 10):

Mr. Edwards asked that all citizens come and work together for the betterment of the County.

Ms. Buffaloe thanked those citizens in attendance.

Ms. Boone implored citizens to reach out to Theresa Scott about the Aging Departments current programs.

Ms. Faulkner reminded everyone to be careful during the tornado season.

Closed Session (Tab 11):

This Tab was deleted and no Board action was taken.

Adjourn (Tab 12):

A motion was made by Ms. Boone, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to adjourn. **Question Called:**
All present voting yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted this 4th day of April, 2022.

Scott McKellar
County Attorney / Acting Secretary