

**MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 31, 2022**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Board of Commissioners of Northampton County met on January 31, 2022 at 5:30 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, Geneva Faulkner (via Zoom), Nicole Boone, Joyce Buffaloe and Kelvin Edwards (via Zoom).

Others Present: Itia Robertson, Robert Murphy and Scott McKellar.

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. Boone, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to approve the agenda for January 31, 2022 as presented. **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.

Solar Farm Moratorium Extension (Tab 5):

Scott McKellar, County Attorney, appeared and presented the Board with a proposed Resolution extending the moratorium on the issuance of building, zoning, conditional use and/or special use permit(s) for solar farm facility development from January 31, 2022 through and including April 30, 2022. A motion thereafter was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to approve the Resolution as presented. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion Carried.**

Authorization to Partially Implement Recommended Pay Plan Adjustments (Tab 6):

Robert Murphy, Consultant, and Rebecca Veazey with The MAPS Group appeared and presented the Board seeking authorization to partially implement pay plan adjustments for County personnel recommended by The MAPS Group based upon its pay study performed by the County. A motion thereafter was made by Ms. Boone, seconded by Mr. Buffaloe, to approve the pay plan adjustments

as presented. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion Carried.**

NCHS East Road Bid Award (Tab 7):

Fred Stowe with Rivers & Associates, Inc. appeared and presented the Board with a recommendation to approve the low bid Hendrix-Barnhill Co., Inc. in the amount of \$243,000 for the NCHS East Road water and sewer relocation project. A motion thereafter was made by Ms. Boone, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to award the bid to Hendrix-Barnhill Co., Inc. as presented and subject to approval of the same by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) with additional necessary funding for the project in the amount of \$64,580 from the NCDOT.

Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion Carried.

Closed Session (Tab 8):

A motion was made by Ms. Buffaloe, seconded by Ms. Boone, that the Board enter into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. §§143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel and (a)(3) Attorney-Client Privilege.

Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.

Adjourn (Tab 9):

Upon return from closed session, a motion was made by Ms. Boone, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to adjourn. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted this 31st day of January, 2022.

Scott McKellar
County Attorney / Acting Secretary