

**MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 14, 2022**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Board of Commissioners of Northampton County met on June 14, 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: Charles Tyner, Geneva Faulkner, Nicole Boone, Joyce Buffaloe and Kelvin Edwards.

Others Present: Julian Phillips, Itia Robertson (via Zoom), Jaime Mason, Franklin Williams 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 Mr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to approve the agenda for June 14, 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.

Ad Valorem Tax Appeals (Tab 5):

Jaime Mason, Tax Administrator appeared and presented the Board with Ad Valorem tax appeals in the total amount of \$880.77 on 5 appeals. A motion thereafter was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Boone, to approve the appeals as presented. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion Carried.**

Ad Valorem Tax Appeals (Motor Vehicles) (Tab 6):

Ms. Mason next presented the Board with Ad Valorem tax appeals on motor vehicles in the total amount of \$845.03 on 12 appeals. A motion thereafter was made by Ms. Boone, seconded by Ms. Faulkner, to approve the appeals as presented. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion Carried.**

Rich Square Creecy Paving Proposal (Tab 7):

Franklin Williams, Economic Development Director, appeared and presented the Board with a decision paper and proposal from KPH Paving and Landscaping, Inc. to pave the walking track at the Rich Square Creecy site for \$28,000.00. A motion thereafter was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Boone, to approve the proposal as presented. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion Carried.**

Budget Amendments (Tab 8):

Judith Modeste, Finance Officer, appeared and presented the Board with the following Budget Amendments:

- Budget Amendment #37: Appropriation of \$66,000.00 from contingency to the Sheriff's Department for the purchase of two new vehicles; and
- Budget Amendment #38: Appropriation of \$58,000.00 from contingency to the EMS Department for the repairs to vehicles and the purchase medical supplies.

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

Citizen Comments (Tab 9):

Ruby Vincent Garner spoke on the need for expansion of broadband internet services on the western end of the County.

Mac Sykes requested reports and information from the Economic Development Director.

County Manager Comments (Tab 9):

Mr. Phillips remarked that he and the finance staff are working diligently to close out FY 2022.

Board Comments (Tab 9):

Ms. Boone congratulated the 2022 graduates and thanked the local law enforcement agencies for their presence during the graduation ceremonies.

Ms. Buffaloe highlighted an upcoming event at the Museum of the Albemarle scheduled for June 25. In addition, the USDA Rural Development is offering a workshop meeting on June 28 concerning grants and loans for home repairs.

Mr. Edwards congratulated the 2022 graduates.

Ms. Faulkner congratulated the recent graduates as well. She noted that local youth should look into summer programs offered by the County library and 4-H Program.

Mr. Tyner reported that moving dirt at the new courthouse site was to commence any day and that the County is in line to receive an additional \$5 million for a courthouse annex building. The County is need of additional employees and is currently recruiting for open positions. The County and Board have been practicing fiscal responsibility. Lastly, the Board is hoping to have an announcement on broadband expansion in the next 30 days.

Closed Session (Tab 10):

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. (a)(3) Attorney-Client Privilege and (a)(6) EDC Report. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

Adjourn (Tab 11):

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

Respectfully submitted this 14th day of June, 2022.

Scott McKellar
County Attorney / Acting Secretary