

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DECEMBER 2, 2021**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Board of Commissioners of Northampton County met on December 2, 2021 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, Nicole Boone, Joyce Buffaloe and Kelvin Edwards.

Geneva Faulkner was absent.

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

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**Call to Order:**

Mr. Tyner called the meeting to order.

**Proposed Board Meeting Dates for 2022:**

Mr. Tyner led a discussion of the tentative 2022 meeting dates for the Board of Commissioners. No Board action was taken.

**Strategic Plan for 2022:**

Mr. Tyner led a strategic planning discussion for 2022. Items discussed included additions to the Wellness Center in Jackson, the Town of Seaboard request for the former Southern Bank property, updates on the Aging Building and Rich Square Creecy property, I-95 corridor development, anticipated NCCAR expansion, sewer line expansion project between Gaston and Lake Gaston and the pay classification plan study. No Board action was taken.

**Director of Public Works:**

Mr. Tyner reported on efforts to hire a new Public Works Director and that the position should be filed soon. No Board action was taken.

**Budget Considerations:**

Mr. Tyner led a discussion on proposed budget considerations, which included nonprofit contributions, Rich Square Creecy School renovations and LifePak monitor and defibrillator service. No Board action was taken.

**Other / General Discussion:**

Mr. Tyner opened the floor for the Board to discuss any additional County matters. The following items were discussed and no Board action was taken:

- The County is waiting to hear about insurance reimbursement for the DSS mold remediation costs.
- The anticipated groundbreaking for the new courthouse is December 17, 2022.
- Mr. Tyner anticipates receiving federal funds to be applied toward the workforce housing project.
- Representative Wray continues to work on development of a new train stop in Weldon.
- The County continues to need a 24-hour medical facility.
- There are funds available to citizens through initiatives of the new USDA state director, Reginal Speight.
- The County has experienced septic tank issues for properties at Lake Gaston and CADA has been helpful in assisting citizens in need.
- The tax collections and foreclosure program is active and producing results.
- The MAPS Group produced a proposed new personnel policy for the County and it will be vetted and reviewed by staff in the coming months.

**Adjourn:**

Mr. Tyner adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of December, 2021.

Scott McKellar  
County Attorney / Acting Secretary