

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
REGULAR SESSION
October 16, 2017**

Be It Remembered that the Board of Commissioners of Northampton County met on October 16, 2017, with the following present: Fannie Greene, Chester Deloatch, Charles Tyner, Geneva Faulkner, and Robert Carter.

Others Present: Kimberly Turner, Scott McKellar, Nathan Pearce, and Komita Hendricks

Chairman Carter called the meeting to order.

Agenda Work Session:

A work session was held to discuss today's agenda items. Chairman Carter called upon County Manager Kimberly Turner for input. Ms. Turner had no changes. Chairman Carter called upon Commissioners for input. Commissioners had no changes.

Regular Session:

Chairman Carter called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, and announced when citizens could make comments. Chairman Carter called for a moment of silence and invited everyone to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Regular Session Minutes for October 2, 2017:

A motion was made by Chester Deloatch and seconded by Charles Tyner to approve the Regular Session Minutes for October 2, 2017. **Question Called:** *All present voting yes.* **Motion carried.**

Approval of Closed Session Minutes for October 2, 2017:

A motion was made by Fannie Greene and seconded by Chester Deloatch to approve the Closed Session Minutes for October 2, 2017. **Question Called:** *All present voting yes.* **Motion carried.**

Approval of Agenda for October 16, 2017:

A motion was made by Charles Tyner and seconded by Chester Deloatch to approve the agenda for October 16, 2017. **Question Called:** *All present voting yes.* **Motion carried.**

AgCarolina Farm Credit:

Mrs. Beth Burchell, Northampton County Cooperative Extension Service, appeared before the Board to obtain approval to receive funds for support from AgCarolina Farm Credit to make improvements on the area's local 4-H livestock facility.

A motion was made by Fannie Greene and seconded by Chester Deloatch to allow grant funds, should they be awarded, be disbursed to the county so improvements as detailed may be performed. *Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.*

***PLEASE SEE SCANNED DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE
HEREBY MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES:***

Decision Paper

To: The Northampton County Board of Commissioners
From: Beth Burchell, Northampton County Cooperative Extension Service
Date: October 5, 2017
Subject: AgCarolina Farm Credit

PURPOSE:

To obtain the Northampton County Board of Commissioners' approval to received funds for support from AgCarolina Farm Credit should they be granted.

FACTS:

1. AgCarolina Farm Credit offers annual grant opportunities that are available to units of government to support programs.
2. Application for this grant by the Northampton County Cooperative Extension Service was submitted October 5, 2017 to meet the application deadline, pending the Board's approval.
3. Should they be granted, funds received from this grant will go directly to improvements on the area's local 4-H Livestock Facility as described in this application.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve to allow grant funds, should they be awarded, be disbursed to the county so improvements as detailed may be performed.

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ROUTED FOR CONCURRENCE/COMMENT TO:

Ms. Kimberly Turner, Northampton County Manager

Concur: Kimberly Turner Non-Concur: _____
10/11/17

Comment: _____

ACTION BY THE DECISION MAKER:

APPROVED: _____ DISAPPROVED: _____

OTHER (SPECIFY): _____

SIGNATURE/DATE: _____



Ag Carolina
FARM CREDIT

**Ag Carolina Farm Credit
Fund for Rural North
Carolina Application**

ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

(* Indicates a required field)

Name of Group*	Northampton County 4-H Youth Livestock Program		Date *	10/5/17	
Contact Person*	Beth Burchell		Title	Extension Agent, Livestock	
Web Address	northampton.ces.ncsu.edu		Email Address	beth_burchell@ncsu.edu	
Phone Number*	(252) 534-2711		Fax Number		
Street Address*	Northampton County Cooperative Extension, P.O. Box 636				
City*	Jackson	State*	NC	Zip*	27845
County*	Northampton		Tax ID Number*	56-6000325	

Organization Structure (Check all that apply)*

- 501 C(3) Not-for-Profit
- Unit of Government
- Public Agency
- Community Organization
- Other (Please describe below)

Other

Please Provide an Overview of your Organization*

Northampton County Cooperative Extension is a part of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service and the Northampton County Government. More specifically, 4-H Youth Livestock programs within Cooperative Extension address needs of youth by providing resources and education through programs focused on agricultural livestock production. These programs develop youth by increasing leadership skills, responsibility awareness, financial management and quality care of their livestock.

What is the History of your Organization?*

4-H programs were developed to provide educational opportunities for farm families in the early twentieth century. The idea was adopted by North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service in 1914. County Extension offices facilitate club development within their counties and have provided over a million youth with valuable learning experiences to become leaders in our communities.

What are the Mission and goals of the Organization?*

As stated by the North Carolina Extension Service, Northampton County Cooperative Extension strives to strengthen families and communities - "our work is dedicated to improving the quality of people's lives." Community needs are continually assessed. Through research-based information, educational programs are developed to make a positive impact on the economic, social, and environmental welfare for the youth in our community as well as in the agricultural industry.

Please describe the population and geographic area served*

Northampton County is a rural county in northeastern North Carolina. It has a population of 20,426 people (2015 Census) with an estimate of 8,630 households. The county is challenged with many living in poverty (26.8%) and many citizens lack skills to be effective in the technology and information driven economy. The county has a strong agriculture base. Participants in the 4-H Youth Livestock projects from adjoining Hertford and Bertie Counties are also involved in this program.

REQUEST (*Indicates a required field)

Please choose a category for your grant application (check only one)*

- Education
- Environment
- Technology
- Quality of Rural Life

Starting Date of Project	January 2018	Ending Date of Project	June 2018
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Please provide a detailed description of your request*

Every spring, youth from Northampton, Hertford, and Bertie counties begin their livestock projects which culminate with participation in the Hertford-Northampton 4-H Livestock Show and Sale each June. The facility used for this event is in need of repairs and updates in order to safely host hands-on workshops and seminars and the annual Livestock Show and Sale. Work needed includes but not limited to:

- Repair of water lines to provide adequate access for people and animals
- Creating a safe enclosure area for cattle and other animals to be contained and for the youth to work with them safely
- Construction of a restroom facility and adequate sanitary area for food preparation

Purpose of your request (describe project goals and objectives)*

Improvements to the youth livestock facility will create a safer and healthier working environment for 4-H youth livestock programs and events. By creating this environment, Cooperative Extension will be able to encourage greater participation in the program and in turn generate a positive interest in agriculture for our community long-term. It will also teach many youth valuable life skills as well as practical agricultural skills that they can use long-term to improve their futures.

The specific need(s) this request will meet and who will benefit from your request*

This grant will aid our organization in providing much-needed safe enclosures for the animals to increase youth confidence when working with the livestock and will provide clean, reliable water supply in a quality controlled environment. Also, furnishing necessary restroom facilities and a hygienic food preparation and service are important. These improvements will benefit not only the 4-H livestock youth program participants but their families and the supporters and general public who attend events at the facility.

Describe the measured outcomes or results anticipated*

Grant monies received to improve our facility for the 4-H youth livestock program will result in a safe and secure facility to promote agriculture in our rural area. This will allow us to provide education and teach life skills to youth in an economically challenged area, and will generate a positive interest in agriculture in our area.

Describe the responsibilities and staff needed specific to this request*

Northampton County Extension staff will coordinate updates and repairs as detailed. Volunteers and parents of youth involved in the 4-H Livestock program will work with Extension staff to facilitate the project and contractors will be hired to fulfill the jobs as determined necessary.

Amount Requested from the AgCarolina Farm Credit Fund for Rural North Carolina*	\$5,000
Total Project Budget*	\$15-18,000+
Total Annual Organizational Budget*	\$n/a

Funds are being requested for (check all that apply)*

- General Operating Support
- Project / Program Support
- Start-up Cost
- Technical Assistance
- Capital
- Staff or Consultants
- Other (Please describe below)

Other

Please List other Funders supporting this request

Funder	Amount		
Roanoke Electric Grant	\$2,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Committed	X Pending
Ongoing grant applications as available	\$undetermined	<input type="checkbox"/> Committed	X Pending
Ongoing fundraising	\$undetermined	<input type="checkbox"/> Committed	X Pending
	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Committed	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending
	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Committed	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending
	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Committed	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending

Additional comments or information to support your request

The Northampton County Extension Service and its agents are passionate about educating our local youth about agriculture and its value to our community. The needed improvements as detailed herein are much needed and will be an important step in providing that education.

If you have questions regarding your application contact (800) 951-FARM (3276)

Mail completed application to:
Fund for Rural North Carolina – Grant Application
AgCarolina Farm Credit
P.O. Box 14789 Raleigh, NC 27620

Commissioner Faulkner entered the meeting.

Easement Agreement:

County Manager Kimberly Turner appeared before the Board to obtain approval for an Easement Agreement between Northampton County and CenturyLink.

A motion was made by Charles Tyner and seconded by Chester Deloatch to approve the Easement Agreement between Northampton County and CenturyLink to allow the upgrade of internet services to the Farm Service Agency office. **Question Called: All present voting yes.**

Motion carried.

Management Matters:

Ms. Kimberly Turner, County Manager, appeared before the Board to obtain approval of sponsoring a grant application for the Department of Highway Patrol for hardware to be placed on Viper Towers.

A motion was made by Geneva Faulkner and seconded by Fannie Greene to be the fiscal agent for the grant for the Department of Highway Patrol. **Question Called: All present voting yes.**

Motion carried.

County Manager Turner updated the Board on junk yards with the County.

County Manager Turner also provided the Board with dates to possibly have a joint meeting with Board of Education. The Board consensus is to schedule the meeting for November 20, 2017 before the regular scheduled Commissioners' meeting.

**PLEASE SEE SCANNED DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE
HEREBY MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES:**

Decision Paper

To: The Northampton County Board of Commissioners
From: Kimberly Turner, County Manager
Date: October 16, 2017
Subject: Easement Agreement

PURPOSE:

To obtain the Northampton County Board of Commissioners' approval for an Easement Agreement between Northampton County and CenturyLink.

FACTS:

1. The Easement tract is located in the Township of Jackson, North Carolina and is identified by the Parcel Number 4957-82-2299.
2. The Farm Service Agency leases office space from Northampton County located in the J.W. Faison building.
3. CenturyLink is requesting an Easement Agreement to upgrade internet services in the Farm Service Agency office by replacing copper wiring with fiber optic cable.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve the Easement Agreement between Northampton County and CenturyLink to allow the upgrade of internet services to the Farm Service Agency office.

Action by the Commissioners:

Approved: _____
Disapproved: _____
Other: _____


County Manager



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Wake Forest, NC 27587

After recording please return to:
Zach Palmer
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EASEMENT AGREEMENT

County of Northampton, a body politic and corporate of the State of North Carolina, whose address is P.O. Box 808, Jackson, NC 27845, ("Grantor"), for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are acknowledged, hereby grants and conveys to *Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company LLC* d/b/a CenturyLink, its successors, assigns, lessees, licensees, agents and affiliates ("Grantee"), having an address of 100 CenturyLink Drive, Monroe, Louisiana 71203, Attn: Construction Services, a perpetual, non-exclusive easement ("Easement") to construct, operate, maintain, repair, expand, replace and remove a communication system that Grantee from time to time may require, consisting of but not limited to, cables, wires, conduits, manholes, drains, splicing boxes, vaults, surface location markers, equipment cabinets and associated wooden or concrete pads, aerial lines, poles and cables, and other facilities and structures, including utility service if required to operate such system, facilities and structures (collectively, the "Facilities") over, under and across the following real property located in the County of Northampton, State of North Carolina, which Grantor owns ("Easement Tract"):

SEE THE DESCRIPTION SET FORTH ON **EXHIBIT A** ATTACHED TO, AND BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A PART OF, THIS AGREEMENT

Grantor further grants and conveys to Grantee the following incidental rights:

- (1) A temporary right of way adjacent to the Easement Tract to be used during all periods of construction, reconstruction, upgrade, reinforcement, repair and removal of the Facilities upon a strip of land 10 feet wide measured from the exterior boundaries of the Easement Tract;
- (2) The right of ingress and egress over and across Grantor's lands to and from the Easement Tract;
and

ARN 318399

SRN 314831

PRN 793093

EXHIBIT A TO EASEMENT AGREEMENT

Legal Description of Easement Tract

The Easement Tract is located in the Township of Jackson, Northampton County, North Carolina within and across a tract of land known as Parcel Number 4957-82-2299 and described in the Northampton County, NC Office of the Register of Deeds in Plat Book 1, Page 149

The Easement Tract is a strip of land ten feet wide being five feet on each side of the centerline of the cable facilities as installed ("Centerline"). Notwithstanding the approximate description of the easement Tract herein, the actual location of the cable facilities as installed will control to determine the length and Centerline of the Easement Tract. Should the Centerline of the Easement Tract intersect the perimeter boundary of the Property, the sidelines of the Easement Tract shall extend to the said perimeter boundary.

Citizens/Board Comments:

Chairman Carter called for Citizens Comments.

Mr. Jerry McDaniel, citizen, made comments in reference coal ash.

Mrs. Dot Vick, citizen, made comments in reference to an article in the newspaper about the County Audit.

Mr. Tony Burnette, citizen, made comments in reference to the information he requested. He also asked for information regarding money spent in reference to the County Audit. He also asked the Board for help with repairs to Jasper Jones Road.

Chairman Carter called for Board Comments.

Commissioner Faulkner thanked everyone for attending tonight. She made comments in reference to priorities of the county.

Commissioner Greene made comments in reference to Jasper Jones Rd.

Vice-Chairman Deloatch had no comment.

Commissioner Tyner also thanked the citizens for attending tonight. He also made comments in reference to County priorities, finance, audit, and lowering taxes. He reminded everyone a change is coming and it may hurt.

Chairman Carter asked the Board would they like to have the newsletter done by the County Manager published. The Board made the consensus to publish the newsletter. He also encouraged everyone to participate in the 2020 Census.

A motion was made by Chester Deloatch and seconded by Fannie Greene to adjourn. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

Komita Hendricks, Clerk to the Board
"r.m. 10-16-17"