MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 21, 2019

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Board of Commissioners of Northampton County met on October 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Garsburg Town Hall located in the 504 Old Highway Road, Garsburg, North Carolina, with the following present: Charles Tyner, Geneva Faulkner, Nicole Boone, Joyce Buffaloe and Kelvin Edwards.

Others Present: Charles Jackson, Tanya Smallwood 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. Faulkner, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve the agenda for October 21, 2019 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.

John 3:16 Presentation (Tab 5):

Shannon McAllister, Executive Director for John 3:16, spoke briefly to the Board regarding the center opened in Northampton County and her interest in partnering and working with one another to serve the community.

Northampton County Library Board Appointments (Tab 6):

Following a presentation by Pam Brett, Branch Manager for the Northampton Memorial Library, a motion was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to approve the Library Board appointments as presented and consisting of Dennis Babb, Theresa Scott, Deborah Ann Balmer Drew, Patricia Maddrey, Donna Jenkins and Christel Simmons. Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion Carried.
Upper Coastal Plain Council of Government Board Appointment (Tab 7):

Following a presentation by Charles Jackson, a motion was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to appoint Joshua Pair as the official at-large member of the Upper Coastal Plain Council of Government Board of Directors with Robert Wilkins serving as the alternate. Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion Carried.

County Manager Comments (Tab 8):

Mr. Jackson thanked the citizens for their attendance and thanked the Town of Woodland for hosting the meeting. Mr. Jackson further referenced the Rich Square W.S. Creecy School resolution passed by the Northampton County Board of Education.

Citizen Comments (Tab 9):

None.

Board Comments (Tab 9):

Ms. Boone:
- Referenced building a foundation in education and establishing sense of accountability for the students.
- She is looking forward to working together in the community and would like work with the town of Garysburg in the library or the recreation department.

Ms. Faulkner:
- Emphasized that recreation is near and dear to her heart.
- Encouraged community involvement and for Garysburg citizens to work with the office of aging.

Ms. Buffaloe:
- Thanked Mayor Bell and Town Commissioners.
- Echoed comments from Ms. Boone and Ms. Faulkner in support of the recreation center and work with seniors.
- Invited citizens to the 1st Annual Veterans Day Luncheon at the Cultural and Wellness Center on November 11, 2019.

Mr. Edwards:
- Proud graduate of 1984 Northampton County High School East.
- Noted that closed buildings that can be valuable resources for the County.
- Highlighted that it is Breast Cancer Awareness month.
- Free Application Week for students to apply to college. All fees are waived.
Mr. Tyner:
• Emphasized the importance of small business in the County.
• Ace Hardware will be coming to Jackson.
• Northampton County/Halifax County Joint Meeting to be held on November 7, 2019.
• Thanked the Board for all their efforts and all they do.
• Thanked the Town of Garysburg for hosting the meeting.
• Would like to see more housing and better roads for citizens.

Closed Session (Tab 10):

A motion was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Mr. Edwards, 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)(4) [EDC Report]. Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.

Adjourn (Tab 11):

There being no further business upon return from closed session, a motion was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Boone, to adjourn the Board. Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of October, 2019.

Tanya Smallwood
Clerk to the Board