MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 18, 2019

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Board of Commissioners of Northampton County met on
November 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Conway Volunteer Fire Department located at 113 White
Street, Conway, North Carolina, with the following present: Charles Tyner, Geneva Faulkner,
Nicole Boone, Joyce Buffaloe and Kelvin Edwards.

Others Present: Charles Jackson, Scott McKellar, Tanya Smallwood and Bill Blanchard.

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 add a consent agenda to Tab
5 for the approval of the regular meeting minutes for June 3, June 17, July 1, July 15, August 5
and August 19 to the agenda for November 18, 2019. 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.

Consent Agenda (Tab 5):

A motion was made by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Buffaloe, to approve the regular meeting
minutes for June 3, June 17, July 1, July 15, August 5 and August 19, 2019. Question Called:
All present voting yes. Motion Carried.

Trackside Café (Tab 6):

Corey and Tracy Laws presented their restaurant Trackside Café to the Board and provided an
overview of their menu.
Tax Resolution, Adopting 2020 Listing Extension Dates (Tab 7):

Cathy Allen, Tax Administrator, requested Board approval to extend the 2020 property listing period through February 14, 2020. A motion was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Boone, to approve the extension and to direct Ms. Allen as the administrator to conduct the listing. **Question Called:** All present voting yes. **Motion Carried.**

Tax Foreclosure Services, Zacchaeus Legal Services (Tab 8):

Scott McKellar presented to the Board information on tax foreclosures within the County and requested the Board table consideration of the presented contract until further negotiations are complete. A motion was made by Mr. Edwards, seconded Ms. Boone, to table tax foreclosure services for Zacchaeus Legal Services until December 2, 2019 or a later date to be set. **Question Called:** All present voting yes. **Motion carried.**

County Manager Comments (Tab 9):

Mr. Jackson recognized the County employees and thanked them for their hard work and dedication. Acknowledged the loss of Deputy Makeem Brooks and provided information on how to make a donation. He also thanked the owners of Trackside Café for coming out, commended Ms. Buffalo for hard work on the Veterans Day program, Gaston Fire Department dedication for Fire Engine 12 and other events that took place in the community.

Citizen Comments (Tab 14):

Donna Burgees addressed concerns with the back taxes in the County.

Wayne Jenkins presented documents to the Board in reference tax dollars spent on Enviva, Lowes Distribution and NCCAR.

Tim Hollowell read quotes to the Board in reference to corruption and power.

Johnny Martin advised his questions had been answered.

Board Comments (Tab 14):

Ms. Buffalo thanked citizens for coming out to support the Veterans Day program.

Mr. Edwards spoke of the dedication of Fire Engine 12 in honor of Ed Porter. Expressed condolences for Deputy Makeem Brooks and to thanked citizens in emergency services for their hard work and dedication.

Ms. Boone announced the Speedway to Healthy event that was by presented by NC A&T State University and Northampton County 4-H and Cooperative Extension.

Ms. Faulkner address statements made by the media and requested a public apology.
Mr. Tyner emphasized the importance of moving Northampton County forward and his desire to make the County better. He encouraged the citizens to speak up and ensured the citizens there is no conflict of interest. He stressed the importance of working together to increase the resources in the area.

Closed Session (Tab 15):

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

Gary Brown Resignation:

Upon return from closed session, a motion was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to approve the resignation and retirement agreement between the County and former EDC Director Gary Brown and to further authorize any necessary budget amendments to effectuate the same. Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.

Adjourn (Tab 16):

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Boone, to adjourn the Board. Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of November, 2019.

Tanya T. Smallwood
Clerk to the Board