MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 19, 2019

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Board of Commissioners of Northampton County met on August 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at 109 N. Main Street, Rich Square, North Carolina, with the following present: Charles Tyner, Geneva Faulkner, Nicole Boone, Joyce Buffaloe and Kelvin Edwards.

Others Present: Charles Jackson, Tanya Smallwood, Angela Cahoon, Bill Blanchard, Cathy Allen and Scott McKellar.

Call to Order (Tab 1):

Mr. Tyner called the meeting to order.

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance:

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 2):

A motion was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Boone, to approve the agenda for August 19, 2019. Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion Carried.

Conflict of Interest (Tab 3):

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.

Board of Equalization and Review (Tab 4):

Mr. Tyner recessed the open session and reconvened the Northampton Board of Equalization and Review. After a presentation by Cathy Allen, Tax Administrator and Clerk to the Board of Equalization and Review, a motion was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Boone, to approve the 2019 Tax Scroll as presented. Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Tyner thereafter recessed the Board of Equalization and Review reconvened the Board of Commissioners into open session.
Ad Valorem Tax Appeals (Tab 5):

After a presentation by Ms. Allen, a motion was made by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to allow the release or refund of the real property ad valorem tax appeals in the total amount of $646.00 and for the reasons stated in Ms. Allen’s decision paper. **Question Called:** All present voting yes. **Motion carried.**

2018-2019 End of Year Collection Report and Collection Order (Tabs 6-7):

Ms. Allen followed with a presentation of the 2018-2019 end of year collection report to the Board. A motion thereafter was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Boone, to accept the report as presented and to further approve the Collection Order directed to the County Tax Collector as presented. **Question Called:** All present voting yes. **Motion carried.**

NC Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services & NC Forest Service Contracts (Tab 8):

After a presentation by Mr. Jackson, a motion was made by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to approve the three (3) contracts as presented between the County, the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the NC Forest Service. **Question Called:** All present voting yes. **Motion carried.**

County Manager Comments (Tab 9):

Mr. Jackson briefly recognized and thanked his County staff for their hard work.

Citizen Comments (Tab 10):

David Brown inquired about a potential grass cutting contract with the County and asked about costs to demolish the former Eastside Elementary School in Jackson.

Tim Hollowell inquired as to which local newspapers the County posted its public notices and asked about the benefits of a potential sale of County property to Burnette Trucking.

Alfred Kwasikpui notified citizens of a free water testing event taking place in September.

Board Comments (Tab 10):

Ms. Buffaloe:
- Thanked the citizens for coming out.
- Encouraged citizens to speak out about their concerns.

Mr. Edwards:
- Continues his tour across the County to learn and listen to the citizens and enjoyed coming to Rich Square this evening.
- Recently visited the County animal shelter.
Ms. Boone:

- Shared memories of growing up in Rich Square.
- Thanked the citizens for coming out and sharing their concerns.
- Noted new Rich Square educational opportunities.

Ms. Faulkner:

- Grew up in Rich Square and can remember the multiple buildings that were in the area and how we must work to revitalize.
- Discussed vision for improving W.S. Creecy property to improve recreational opportunities for our youth.

Mr. Tyner:

- Thanked the Board and County Manager for all they do.
- Talked about the responsibilities of being the Chairman and leader of the County.
- Would like to see the County move forward and encouraged forward movement.
- Noted past audit issues and hoping by December all of the audits will be current and up to date.
- Economic development is the way to move the County forward. The County is open for business.

**Closed Session (Tab 11):**

A motion was made by Ms. Boone, seconded by Ms. Faulkner, 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.**

**End Time Empowerment & Deliverance Ministry:**

Upon return from closed session, a motion was made by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Faulkner, to approve a Non-Profit Contribution Agreement between the County and End Time Empowerment & Deliverance Ministry, a North Carolina non-profit corporation. **Question Called:** All present voting yes. **Motion carried.**

**Adjourn (Tab 12):**

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

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of August, 2019.

[Signature]

Clerk to the Board
County Attorney