MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY 1, 2019

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Board of Commissioners of Northampton County met on July 1, 2019 at 6:00 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, Geneva Faulkner, Nicole Boone, Joyce Buffaloe and Kelvin Edwards.

Others Present: Robert Murphy, Tanya Smallwood, Angela Cahoon, Bill Blanchard, Cathy Allen, Kathy Butler, Ronnie Storey, Kirk Rogers, Kristen Shotwell, Karen Lee, Josyln Reagor, Charles Jackson 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 Ms. Boone, to approve the agenda for July 1, 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.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve the consent agenda as presented, thereby approving the Regular Meeting Minutes for March 4, 2019 and March 18, 2019 and the Special Called Meeting Minutes for June 12, 2019. Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion Carried.

Tax Department Matters (Tab 5):

After a presentation by Cathy Allen, Tax Administrator, a motion was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Boone, to allow the release or refund of the June 2019 real property ad valorem
tax appeals in the amounts and for the reasons stated in Ms. Allen’s decision paper. **Question Called:** All present voting yes. **Motion carried.**

After a further presentation by Ms. Allen, a motion was made by Ms. Boone, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to approve the release or refund of the June 2019 motor vehicle ad valorem tax appeals in the amounts and for the reasons stated in Ms. Allen’s decision paper. **Question Called:** All present voting yes. **Motion carried.**

**Taking Time to Care Services Request for Funding (Tab 6):**

Deborah James appeared before the Board on behalf of Taking Time to Care Services seeking County funding in the amount of $7,000 to support its 2019 summer youth camp in Gaston. Mr. Tyner advised Ms. James to come back before the Board once the policy for non-profit contributions had been established. Ms. Faulkner asked for a letter of support and Ms. Boone asked Ms. Edwards to keep track of the number of students being served. The Board took no action on this matter.

**Contract with Choanoke Public Transportation Authority (Tab 7):**

After a presentation from Karen Lee, Recidivism Reduction Services Director, a motion was made by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to approve the transportation contract as presented between Choanoke Public Transportation Authority and the Recidivism Reduction Services Program. **Question Called:** All present voting yes. **Motion carried.**

**FY 2019-2020 Home and Community Care Block Grant for Older Adults (Tab 8):**

After a presentation from Joslyn Reagor, Office on Aging Director, a motion was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Boone, to approve an agreement as presented between the Upper Coastal Plain Council of Governments Area on Aging and the County for the provision of County-based aging services FY 2019-2020. **Question Called:** All present voting yes. **Motion carried.**

**NCACC Annual Conference Voting Delegate (Tab 9):**

A motion was made by Ms. Boone, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to designate Mr. Tyner as the voting delegate at the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners annual conference to be held in Guilford County in August, with Ms. Faulkner designated as the alternate. **Question Called:** All present voting yes. **Motion carried.**

**County Manager Comments (Tab 10):**

Mr. Murphy talked briefly about his meeting with the incoming County Manager, Mr. Charles M. Jackson. Mr. Murphy updated the Board on the bat infestation issue at the courthouse and actions being taken to resolve the matter.
Citizen Comments (Tab 11):

Tim Hollowell asked in reference to the County Manager's compensation. Mr. Tyner advised that it was in the newspaper but the County Attorney would follow up with him.

Tony Burnette talked briefly about the JW Faison Senior Center closing and the need for the program to exist for food activities. He would like to know what the County can do to help resolve the matter.

Board Comments (Tab 11):

Ms. Faulkner:
Spoke on the New Dixie Mart grand opening and how nice it was nice that the families came out to support it. She encouraged the citizens to help support the new businesses in the area.

Ms. Boone:
Spoke on the New Dixie Mart grand opening, the grassroots meeting on expanding Medicaid and the need to support the movement. She attended the monthly NAACP meeting and a program to help the young men in the area. Addressed the Senior Center Closing and welcomed the new County Manager.

Ms. Buffaloe:
Spoke on the New Dixie Mart Grand Opening and Medicaid expansion, Poor People's Campaign with Rev. Barber III. Cooperative Extension hosted a healthy food event at the grocery store in Jackson and provided door prizes. Noted the new Little Free Library at Jackson Baptist Church and the summer reading program at the public library. Attended her regular board meeting of CADA and JCPC.

Mr. Edwards:
Addressed the Environmental Justice Campaign and spoke on the New Dixie Mart grand opening. Added the Lake Gaston Weed Control meeting. Touched base with Chief Lorenzo Wilkins, Roanoke-Wildwood Fire Department, who is doing an outstanding job. Noted the Kids Fire Camp put on by Chief Porter and his staff. Attended the County employee appreciation day event. Advised citizens to be cautious and stay safe. Response times with County EMS are great. Encouraged citizens to update information for faster response times.

Mr. Tyner:
Welcomed the new County Manager and thanked the Commissioners who attend all of the meetings. Mr. Tyner spoke about the new businesses in County and the associated increased tax base. The department of recreation and the Board of Education are working together to provide programs for the youth in the community. Introduced the new County Manager, Charles Jackson, to the citizens of Northampton County.
Closed Session (Tab 12):

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

Southern Bank Subordination Agreement:

Upon return from closed session, a motion was made by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Faulkner, to approve a Subordination Agreement between the County and Southern Bank and Trust Company, which would subordinate the County’s first-priority lien on the business personal property of South Dominion LLC (the entity owning the grocery store in Jackson) to Southern Bank who is making a new loan to South Dominion to open a new hardware store on the site. The County will retain is first-priority lien on the business real property. **Question Called:** All present voting yes. **Motion carried.**

South Dominion LLC Revolving Loan Fund Payment Deferment:

A motion was made by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Boone, to approve the deferment of monthly payments required by South Dominion LLC under its existing loan agreement with the County for six (6) months until November 2019 to allow the business to focus its efforts on upfitting expenses associated with the grocery store and new hardware store. **Question Called:** All present voting yes. **Motion carried.**

Adjourn (Tab 13):

There being no further business, 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 1st day of July, 2019.

Clerk to the Board
County Attorney