MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 7, 2019

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Board of Commissioners of Northampton County met on October 7, 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: Charles Jackson, Angela Cahoon, Bill Blanchard, Cathy Allen, Josyln Reagor, Shelia Manley-Evans, Kirk Rogers, Kristen Shotwell 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 7, 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.

Roanoke Electric Cooperative, Property Easement (Tab 5):

Following a presentation by Curtis Wynn, President and CEO of Roanoke Electric Cooperative, a motion was made by Ms. Boone, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve the broadband easement agreement for the Lasker water tower as presented. Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion Carried.

Rural Ambulance Service (Tab 6):

Thomas Joyner appeared before the Board to present a proposal for a new EMS franchise to serve the County. A motion thereafter was made by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Boone, to approve Mr. Joyner’s application for the new franchise conditioned upon his compliance with the County’s EMS franchise ordinance. Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion Carried.
Staff / Administration Updates (Tab 7):

Kristin Shotwell, Human Resources Director, and Shelia Manley-Evans, DSS Director, presented two new DSS employees to the Board, i.e., Monica Taylor (office assistant) and Denise Young (social worker). Ms. Taylor and Ms. Young were recognized and acknowledged by the Board.

Northampton County Phase VI Water System Improvements (Tab 8):

Kirk Rogers, Public Works Director, provided the Board with an update on the Phase VI Water System being implemented in the County.

Home and Community Care Block Grant Financial Advisory Committee (Tab 9):

Following a presentation by Joslyn Reagor, Office on Aging Director, a motion was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Boone, to approve the disbursements totaling $87,795 as presented. Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion Carried.

After a further presentation by Ms. Reagor, a motion was made by Ms. Boone, seconded by Ms. Buffleoe, to approve the appointments of Stanley Edwards and Karen Lee to the Home and Community Care Block Grant Financial Advisory Committee. Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion Carried.

Ad Valorem Tax Appeals (Tab 10):

After a presentation by Cathy Allen, Tax Administrator, a motion was made by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Boone, to allow the release or refund of the real property ad valorem tax appeals for September 2019 in the total amount of $587.90 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. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Boone, to allow the release or refund of the motor vehicle ad valorem tax appeals for September 2019 in the total amount of $2,287.31 and for the reasons stated in Ms. Allen’s decision paper. Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.

RAMP East Update (Tab 11):

Franklin Williams, EDC Coordinator, provided an update to the Board on the Regional Advanced Manufacturing Pipeline.

Budget Amendments (Tab 12):

After a presentation by Angela Cahoon, Finance Officer, a motion was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Buffleoe, to approve Budget Amendment Nos. 14, 15, 16 and 17 as presented. Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion Carried.
**County Manager Comments (Tab 13):**

Mr. Jackson thanked County employees for their hard work. He is working to establish a pattern for developing agendas for Board meetings.

**Citizen Comments (Tab 14):**

Darlene Brooks thanked the Board for approving the Lasker easement to expand internet access to her area.

David Brown expressed concerns arising from the public hearing held last month in Woodland and the proposed purchase of property on Lake Gaston.

**Board Comments (Tab 14):**

Ms. Buffaloe:
- Noted the upcoming Veterans Day Luncheon on November 11 and asked for everyone to spread the word.

Mr. Edwards:
- Participated in the Conway 5k run.
- October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
- Atlantic Coast Pipeline update meeting on October 11.

Ms. Boone:
- Thanked citizens for their attendance.

Ms. Faulkner:
- Expressed concern of lack of recreation offerings for Rich Square citizens.
- Working to revitalize the Rich Square Creecy property.

Mr. Tyner:
- Highlighted meetings to date with municipalities. New partnerships are working.
- Next town meeting will be in Garsburg, to be followed by Conway.
- Remarked on closing of Odom Prison.
- Plans are to establish a committee to work on the development of the Lake Gaston property.

**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.**
Resolution to Board of Education

Upon return from closed session, a motion was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to adopt a resolution urging the Northampton County Board of Education to convey certain real property known as the Rich Square W.S. Creecy Elementary School to the county for no monetary consideration. **Question Called:** All present voting yes. **Motion carried.**

Adjourn (Tab 16):

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

Respectfully submitted this 7th day of October, 2019.

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Clerk to the Board
County Attorney