MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Board of Commissioners of Northampton County met on September 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Woodland Town Hall, 123 E. Main Street, Woodland, North Carolina, with the following present: Charles Tyner, Geneva Faulkner, Nicole Boone, Joyce Buffaloe and Kelvin Edwards.


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 Mr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Boone, to approve the agenda for September 16, 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.

Public Hearing – Economic Development Appropriations (Tab 5):

Mr. Tyner recessed the Board into a public hearing, pursuant to N.C.G.S. §158-7.1, in order to consider and take action on the appropriation of funding for economic development purposes through the acquisition of the following interests in real property located in Gaston Township, Northampton County:

(a) a fee simple interest in 6.0 acres, more or less, being a portion of Northampton County Tax Parcel No. 01-09679, located at 625 Edwards Beach Road (NC State Road 1250), Henrico, North Carolina, for the purchase price of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($300,000.00) (“Tract 1”); and

(b) an option to purchase: (i) 3.0 acres, more or less, being a portion of Northampton
County Tax Parcel No. 01-09679, located at 625 Edwards Beach Road (NC State Road 1250), Henrico, North Carolina ("Tract 2"); and (ii) 0.51 acres, more or less, being Northampton County Tax Parcel No. 01-07321, which adjoins Parcel No. 01-09679 to the South, for the total price of Forty-Five Thousand Dollars ($45,000.00) paid over a 3-year option term ("Tract 3").

Following an explanation of foregoing by the County Attorney and the receipt of public comments, Mr. Tyner closed the public hearing and reconvened the Board into open session. A motion thereafter was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Boone, to approve (a) a Purchase and Sale Contract for Tract 1 and (b) an Option to Purchase Agreement for Tract 2. **Question Called:** All present voting yes. **Motion Carried.**

No action was taken by the Board with respect to Tract 3.

**Loving Light Community Outreach, Inc. (Tab 6):**

Mr. Jackson presented the Board with a proposed lease agreement for Loving Light Community Outreach, Inc. with a 5-year term and a cost of $400 a month. A motion thereafter was made by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to approve the lease agreement as presented. **Question Called:** All present voting yes. **Motion Carried.**

**Board Appointments, Recreation Advisory Board (Tab 7):**

Shirley Kwasikpui, Recreation Advisory Board Chair, presented the Board with applications for appointment on behalf of Carol Lee, Brenda Burnette and Victor Theopilus Chilaka. A motion thereafter was made by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe to approve the appointments as presented. **Question Called:** All present voting yes. **Motion Carried.**

**EMS Ambulance Remount (Tab 8):**

Charles Joyner, EMS Director, presented the Board with three estimates for remounting services for a 2010 County ambulance. A motion thereafter was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve the quote from Northwestern Emergency Vehicles in the amount of $83,345.00. **Question Called:** All present voting yes. **Motion Carried.**

**Budget Amendments (Tab 9):**

Angela Cahoon, Finance Officer, presented the Board the following budget amendments.

- BA #7. Insurance Proceeds; Repairs to vehicle; $1,067.91.
- BA #8. Transfer from Health Department to Finance to Budget Utilities; $300.00.
- BA #9. Recording of the 2017 sales tax refund received; $159,896.33.
- BA #10. 2018 sales tax refund received; $101,168.41.
- BA #12. Move unspent grant funds from 2018 to 2019; $14,237.81.
- BA #13. Lowes Waste Management 20-year agreement; $240,000.00
A motion thereafter was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve the budget amendments as presented. **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 Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to allow the release or refund of the real property ad valorem tax appeals in the total amount of $44,898.23 and for the reasons stated in Ms. Allen’s decision paper. **Question Called:** All present voting yes. **Motion carried.**

**Involuntary Commitment Transportation Plan (Tab 11):**

Sheriff Jack Smith appeared before the Board seeking the adoption of a resolution adopting a transportation plan to transport respondents in involuntary commitment proceedings. A motion thereafter was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to adopt the resolution as presented. **Question Called:** All present voting yes. **Motion Carried.**

**County Manager Comments (Tab 12):**

Mr. Jackson thanked the Town of Woodland for hosting the Board.

**Citizen Comments (Tab 13):**

**Wayne Jenkins**
- Requested information on the Edwards Beach property agreement and the source of funding for either option.
- Requested the balance for the Audit for 2018-2019.
- Requested information on the NC Capital Reserve Fund and EDC Fund.

**Tim Hollowell**
- Requested Edwards Beach property information.

**Rachel Bellis with PETA**
- Free dog houses, food and toys available.
- Two Rich Square residents were convicted for animal cruelty.
- No charge for spay and neuter with PETA.
- Urged the County to adopt a tethering ban.

**Tony Burnette**
- Requested NCCAR information and the number of jobs it has produced for the area.
- Requested NCCAR Board information for current and former employees.
- Would like an explanation to why the County borrowed $1.8 million from Southern Bank
for NCCAR and to date they have only brought one job to Northampton County.

**Board Comments (Tab 13):**

**Ms. Faulkner**
- Thanked the Mayor for having them.
- Referenced understanding the needs of the workforce and trying to keep the community safe.
- Complimented Woodland on their Facebook page and being open to the citizens.

**Ms. Buffaloe**
- Newsletter and the announcements for the free mammograms.

**Mr. Edwards**
- Referenced the possibility of a dental lab in Northampton County.
- Animal shelter visit and addressed shelter needs.
- Praised classmate Eddie Hoggard
- Thanked the school superintendent on holding town meetings for better education.

**Ms. Boone**
- Thankful to be a part of the Board and to be able to hear citizens out.
- Home and Community Care Block Grant Advisory Committee survey results.

**Mr. Tyner**
- Thanked the County Manager for the work that they do, Commissioners, Town of Woodland.
- Appointment as Chair of District 7 of the NCACC.
- Housing needs and plans.
- Rich Square Creecy School and possibilities.
- Ways to get children more involved in activities and keep them out of the streets.
- Senior Program in Rich Square.

**Closed Session (Tab 14):**

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.**

**Adjourn (Tab 12):**

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 16th day of September, 2019.

[Signature]

Clerk to the Board
County Attorney