MINUTES REGULAR MEETING HERTFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM - JUDICIAL CENTER

Monday, March 16, 2020 7:00 PM

PRESENT:

Com. Ronald J. Gatling, Chairman Com. John D. Horton, Vice-Chair

Com. Leroy Douglas Com. Andre' Lassiter

Com. William F. Mitchell, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT WITH THE BOARD:

Mr. David Cotton, Interim County Manager Dr. Renee Fleetwood, Clerk to the Board Mr. Charles L Revelle, III, County Attorney

Ms. Maria R. Jones, Attorney ~ Revelle & Lee, LLP

Chairman Ronald J. Gatling called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Invocation was provided by Vice-Chair John Horton.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Com. Andre` Lassiter and second by Com. William F. Mitchell, Jr., the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda as follows:

- Approval of February 17, 2020 Minutes
- Approval of Refund to Food Lion:

Refund to Food Lion for taxes that was paid on Wendy Kimble account # 45397 for a garnishment, but her mortgage company paid the taxes in full. Payee: Vendor #106 Amount: \$114.34

• Request Approval of Tax Levy Releases for February 2020

RELEASES FOR MONTH ENDING February 2020

	rel entrates	LEVY	VALUE	TAX
AHOSKIE TOWNSHIP	NAME	YEAR	RELEASED	RELEASED
Acct:15051 Bill#19A15051.10 Release garnishment fee done in error	Roehl, James J. Jr	2019		Gar-\$30.00
Acct: 46293 Bill#19A46293.10.1 Release garnishment fee due to tax payer being in bankruptcy	Bishop, Tio Bishop, Lashawnda	2019		Gar-\$30.00
MURFREESBORO TOWNSHIP	-			
Acct:51270 Bill#19A51270.40.1 Release garnishment fee tax payer paid same day garnishment was put on account.	Richardson, Robert D.	2019		Gar-\$30.00
Acct:51094 Bill# 19A51094.40.1 Vehicle was double listed also on acct#45798 for 2016- 2018	Cobb, John W	2019	15,102	G03-\$126.86 C04-\$99.67
WINTON TOWNSHIP				
Acct:32973 Bill#19A6915325774 Release garnishment fee done in error	Branch, Rodderk	2019		Gar-\$30.00
MANEY'S NECK TOWNSHIP				
Acct:36088 Bill#19A5092626067 Release garnishment was done in error Person with same name.	Eure, Calvin	2019		Gar-#30.00
ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP				
HARRELLSVILLE TOWNSHIP				

TOTAL VALUE APPROVED THIS REPORT (2019 LEVY)	5 15,102.00
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (2019 LEVY)	\$ 346.53
TOTAL VALUE APPROVED THIS REPORT (PRIOR LEVY)	Ŝ
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (PRIOR LEVY)	Ś
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W01 COLL/RECYCLE SITE 2019)	\$
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W02 LANDFILL OPERATON 2019)	\$
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TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W02 LANDFILL OPERATION 2018)	\$

Respectfully submitted, Tammy H. Eason, Tax Collector • Approval of NCVTS Refunds to Anelle Joyner, Nathan White, James A. Ellis & Gayle C. Cross:

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Payee Name JOYNER, ANELLE	Primary Owner	Seconda ry		Address 3 AULANDER, NC 27805	Туре	Bill#	Number	Status	Carlo Act	Refund Description Refund Generated due to proration on Bill # 002 5780 M L-20 M -20 M-20 M-0000 -	Reason Vehicle			Туре	Change	Change (\$154.89
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CAMPBELL,	ELLIS,	117 BOW LN	I WOOD STORES	Pror *0035075186	EFR2885	PENDING	120517796	Refund Generated due to	Vehicl	02/11/2020	G01	Tax	(\$165.87)	\$0.00	(\$165.87
AUBREY	JAMES		27910	ation				proration on Bill	e Sold		F01	Tax	(\$7.90)	\$0.00	(\$7.90
WAYNE	ANTHON							#0046854552-2018-2018- 0000-00						Refund	\$173.7
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GAYLE	GAYLE	APT F202	NC 27886	ation				proration on Bill	Surren		001	Tax	(\$86.09)	\$0.00	(\$86.09
CHERRY	CHERRY							#0037494986-2018-2018- 0000-00	der		001	Vehicle Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
														Refund	\$175.3

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following Public Comments were given:

Mr. Thomas Mizelle shared his concerns with being an eight-year Senior Citizen participating with the Office of Aging and his displeasure with the termination of an employee and the newly hired director of the Office of Aging. Chairman Gatling and members of the Board advised Mr. Mizelle that his concerns were of confidential personnel matters that could not be discussed with anyone other than the previous employee. Mr. Mizelle closed by stating he felt the Board did not care about the seniors residing in the county.

Mrs. Becky Turner stated she needed to share new information she received today regarding rural water. Chairman Gatling advised Mrs. Turner that any information pertaining to the rural water in the County should be shared with Interim Manager Cotton before any presentation or information is provided to the Board in its meeting.

Ms. Nellie Lee shared her concern with the condition of Caroline Street with the county buses being the cause of damage to the road within their subdivision, and the fact that residence continue to ask the County to add the Road to the Hertford County Secondary Road System. Chairman Gatling asked Ms. Lee to schedule a discussion with Interim Manager Cotton in order that the required information can be obtained.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO HERTFORD COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 AMENDMENTS #14, #15, #16

On a motion by Com. Mitchell and second by Com. Douglas, the Board unanimously approved the Amendment to Hertford County Budget Ordinance Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Amendments #14 to refund of FY 19 JCPC Grant Funds not expended by CADA for Second Chance Counts and Academy Community Child Development, Inc. for New Direction.

AMENDMENT TO HERTFORD COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the County of Hertford, North Carolina, that the following amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020:

REVENUE:

Department	Account Number	Account Description	Amount Increase	Amount Decrease
Restricted Ingov -JCPC	100060- 413992	Prior Yr JCPC Grant Reimbursement	\$159.00	
	Т	otal Changes in Revenue	\$159.00	s
		Net Change in Revenu	ie \$159.00	
EXPENDITURE:				
Department	Account Number	Account Description	Amount Increase	Amount Decrease
Restricted Ingov-JCPC	100060- 413991	Refund JCPC Grant	\$ 159.00	
	Tota	al Changes in Expenditures	\$ 159,00	1
		Net Change in Expenditure	es \$159.00	
Explanation:				
To revise budge due to refu Academy Community Chil		C Grant Funds not expended by CA c for New Direction	ADA for Second Cha	nce Counts and
			Amendment # Approved: Posted:	14
Interim Finance Director	rg.7-t	<u>z.0</u>	Posted.	

On a motion by Com. Mitchell and second by Com. Douglas, the Board unanimously approved the Amendment to Hertford County Budget Ordinance Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Amendments #15 to refund FY19 JCPC Grant Funds not expended by CADA for Second Chance Counts and Academy Community Child Development Inc. for New Direction.

AMENDMENT TO HERTFORD COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the County of Hertford, North Carolina, that the following amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020:

REVENUE:

Department	Account Number	Account Description	Amount Increase	Amount Decrease
Sheriff	100080- 527000	Earmarked Funds / Sheriff	\$5,000.	
	Tot	al Changes in Revenue	\$5,000.00	s

Net Change in Revenue \$5,000.00

EXPENDITURE:

Department	Account Number	Account Description	Amount Increase	Amount Decrease
Sheriff	104180- 527000	Earmarked Funds / Sheriff	\$ 5,000.00	
	Tota	al Changes in Expenditures	\$ 5,000.00	

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	Net Change in Expenditures	\$5,000.00	

Explanation:

To revise budge due to refund of FY 19 JCPC Grant Funds not expended by CADA for Second Chance Counts and Academy Community Child Development

	Amendment #	15
	Approved:	
RATO.	Posted:	

On a motion by Com. Mitchell and second by Com. Douglas, the Board unanimously approved the Amendment to Hertford County Budget Ordinance Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Amendments #16 to refund

AMENDMENT TO HERTFORD COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

Per section 8 of the Hertford County Budget Ordinance Fiscal Year 2019-2020, the following budget transfers have been approved by the Budget Officer:

EXPENDITURE:

	Account Number	Account Description		amount ncrease	Amount Decrease
Department			-		
	104440-	Low Income Energy			-
DSS	563001	Assistance	\$	49,638	
REVENUES					
	100063-	Low Income Energy			
DSS	418701	Assistance	\$	49,638	
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Budget Officer		Date	Amendment #		16

On a motion by Com. Mitchell and second by Com. Douglas, the Board unanimously approved to convene as the Board of the Northern/Southern Rural Water system.

(Convening as the Board of the Northern/Southern Rural Water System)
REQUEST APPROVAL OF GROUND WATER PROTECTION
RESOLUTION

On a motion by Com. Lassiter and second by Com. Mitchell, the Board unanimously tabled the request for Approval of Ground Water Protection Resolution as presented by Mrs. Becky Turner, Director of Public Works for Ground Water Protection Resolution.



GROUNDWATER PROTECTION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the County of Hertford derives their public water supply from ground wells; and

WHEREAS, the groundwater needs to be protected from contamination caused by development and encroachment activities; and

WHEREAS, the County of Hertford desires to assume and maintain a leadership role in the protection of its drinking water resources through its own efforts and in cooperation with other local governments and state and federal agencies; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Hertford County Board of Commissioners that the County of Hertford, North Carolina does hereby adopt the following resolution:

Groundwater Protection Resolution

It is the purpose of this resolution to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare, and to minimize public and private losses due to contamination of the public water supply, to maximize groundwater protection/pollution abatement control procedures, and protect our groundwater resources:

- Protect human life and health;
- 2. Minimize expenditure of public money for costly pollution projects;
- 3. Minimize business interruption;
- 4. Insure that the public is provided with a safe potable water supply now and future generations;
- 5. Protect the natural groundwater resources of the state.

In order to accomplish its purpose, this resolution shall employ the following methods:

- 1) Establish a groundwater protection area.
- 2) Inventory and plot on a map all potential sources of contamination within the designated groundwater protection area.
- Frequent monitoring of existing and future activities with the groundwater protection area that have been identified as potential sources of contamination.
- 4) Develop contingency plans for alternative drinking water supplies to help mitigate contamination of the current public water supply.
- 5) Educate the public on groundwater, where it comes from, how it becomes contaminated, and the ways to protect it.
- 6) Use all local, state, and federal resources and regulations to protect groundwater.
- 7) Submit a copy of this program to the NC Department of Environmental Quality, Public Water Supply Section for consent and approval.
- 8) This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted this the ___ day of March, 2019.

The Honorable Ronald J. Gatling, Chairman

On a motion by Com. Mitchell and second by Com. Douglas, the Board unanimously approved to adjourn as the Board of the Northern/Southern Rural Water System and return to Regular Session.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Chairman Gatling tabled the appointment requests from Deirdre Foote for appointment to the Hertford County Library Advisory Board and Mid-East Board.

PRESENTATION: TRILLIUM 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Bland Baker, Northern Regional Director of Trillium Health Services discussed Medicaid Transformation, consumer impact, organizational changes, funding changes, and project updates for the Trillium 2019 Annual Report.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A HERTFORD COUNTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

On a motion by Com. Mitchell and second by Com. Lassiter, the Board unanimously approved the Resolution Establishing a Hertford County Tourism Development Authority.





RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A HERTFORD COUNTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

WHEARAS, the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of the County of Hertford, North Carolina (the "County") desires to pursue the support of the North Carolina General Assembly to establish a Tourism Development Authority in Hertford County; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, the General Assembly enacted uniform municipal and county administrative provisions for occupancy tax legislation – NCGS §153A-155 and NCGS §160A-215; and

WHEREAS, these provisions provide uniformity in the areas of levy, administration, collection, repeal, and penalties; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes the establishment of a Hertford County Tourism Development Authority will have a significant positive economic impact on Hertford County; and

WHEREAS, the Board requests the N.C. General Assembly to introduce a bill that will create a tax district for all of Hertford County that would allow the Board of Commissioners to levy an occupancy tax of up to six percent for hotels, motels, inns, tourist camps and other similar lodgings; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be used to establish a Hertford County Tourism Development Authority, which would use at least two thirds of these funds to promote travel and tourism with the rest going toward tourism-related expenditures in the county; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Hertford County:

- 1. That a bill is introduced and passed by the N. C. General Assembly to establish a Hertford County Tourism Development Authority
- 2. Hertford County be authorized to levy a six percent room occupancy tax of the gross receipts derived from the rental of any room, lodging or accommodation furnished by a local hotel, motel, inn, tourist camp, or similar place with the County.
- This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted this the 16th day of March, 2019.

HERTFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

	The Honorable Ronald J. Gatling, Chairman
ATTEST:	
Dr. Renee Fleetwood Clerk to the Board	

REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STATE FUNDING FOR A HERTFORD COUNTY MUSEUM

On a motion by Com. Mitchell and second by Com. Lassiter, the Board unanimously approved the Resolution in Support of State Funding for a Hertford County Museum with the dollar amounts of grant funds requested to be inserted by Interim County Manager, Mr. David Cotton.



Dr. Renee Fleetwood Clerk to the Board



RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO REQUEST FUNDING FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HERTFORD COUNTY MUSEUM

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of the County of Hertford, North Carolina (the "County") desires to pursue the support f the North Carolina General Assembly to establish a Hertford County Museum in Hertford County; and
VHEREAS, the State of North Carolina has grant funds available to assist with site work and public infrastructure needs related to the proposed lertford County Museum; and
VHEREAS, the Hertford County Board of Commissioners are requesting funding in the amount of \$ to assist in the development f the site, and
VHEREAS, the County of Hertford will own, maintain, and operate the Museum; and
VHEREAS, the estimated cost for the site preparation, infrastructure, and administrative costs needed for the Museum is expected to be pproximately \$; and
VHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners are supportive of this project and wants to guarantee the economic development future of the region by equesting assistance from the North Carolina; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Manager is hereby authorized to apply for funding for a Hertford County Museum or up to \$of grant funds to support the development of the Hertford County Museum; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Manager is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary for the successful award of the grant, subject to its approval by the North Carolina General Assembly and/or awarding entity.
Adopted this the 16 th day of March, 2020.
HERTFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
The Honorable Ronald J. Gatling, Chairman

REQUEST APPROVAL OF SENIOR PREVENTION INFORMATION COMMUNITY EDUCATION (S.P.I.C.E.) GRANT APPLICATION FOR VIDANT ROANOKE CHOWAN HOSPITAL 2020-2021 GRANTS PROGRAM

On a motion by Com. Douglas and second by Com. Lassiter, the Board unanimously approved the Senior Prevention Information Community Education (S.P.I.C.E.) Grant Application for Vidant Roanoke Chowan Hospital 2020-2021 Grants Program in the amount of \$22,000.00 as presented by Mrs. Deidra Evans, Hertford County Office of Aging Director.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION APPROVING INSURANCE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

On a motion by Com. Mitchell and second by Com. Lassiter, the Board unanimously approved the Resolution Approving Insurance District Boundaries as presented by Mr. Chris Smith, Emergency Management Director.

Hertford County Board of Commissioners RESOLUTION

APPROVING INSURANCE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

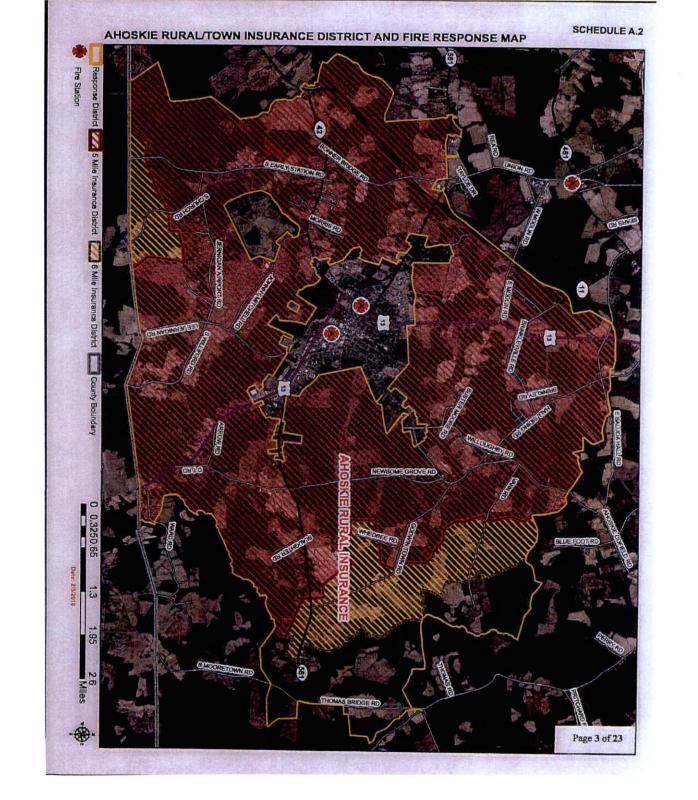
WHEREAS, fire districts boundaries for fire departments are established by boards of county commissioners pursuant to N.C.G.S 153A-233, which districts are also used for insurance grading purposes; and

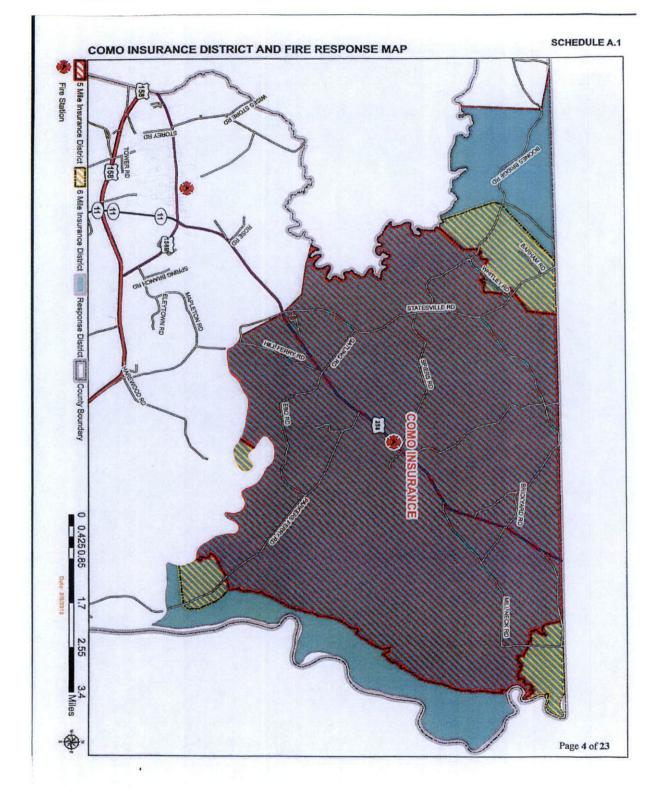
WHEREAS, the fire district boundaries in the incorporated portion of Hertford County need to be revised to change the way they have historically been described by a point to point description to by reference of maps created using the GIS system, and to reflect annexations by municipalities in the County;

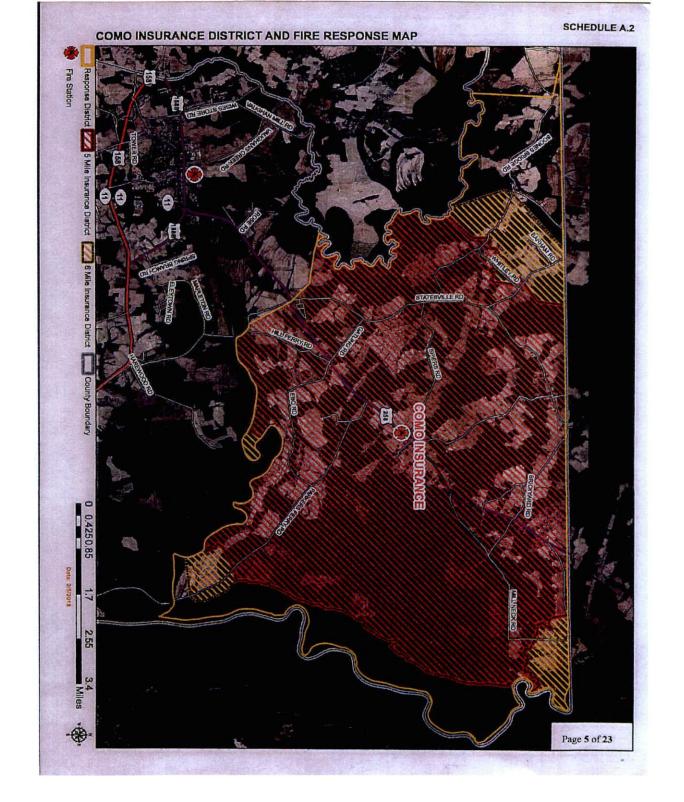
WHEREAS, the Hertford County Fire Marshal has caused to be created new fire insurance district maps depicting 5 mile and 6 mile extended districts using the GIS system for all fire districts which are incorporated by reference as Schedule A.1 & A.2 for each district to this resolution; now, therefore, be it

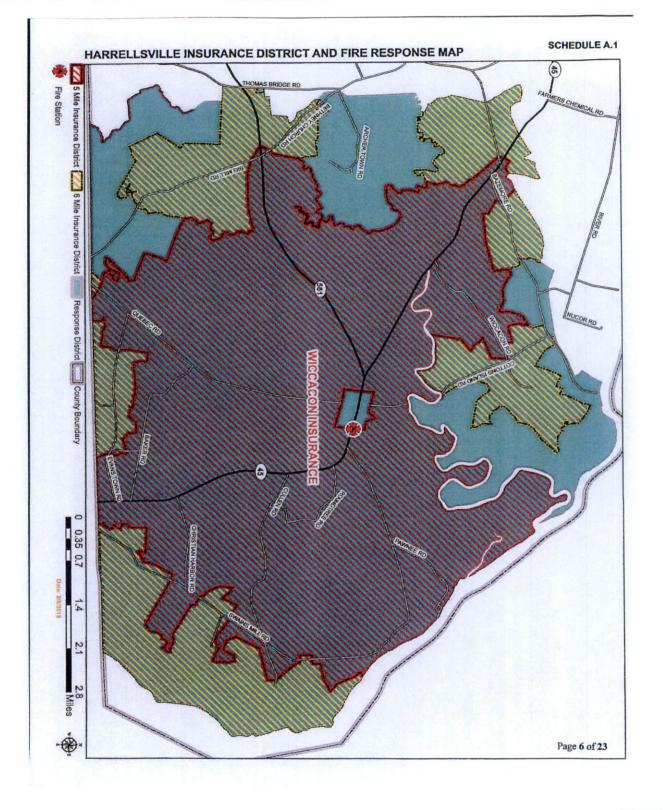
RESOLVED that the Hertford County Board of Commissioners approves the boundary lines of the Ahoskie Rural, Como, Wiccacon, Millennium, Murfree, St. John, Union Community, Oak Villa, Severn, Woodland and Powellsville Insurance Districts, exclusive of current or future municipal town limits, and as represented in the GIS produced map certified by the County Fire Marshal referenced in Schedule A.1 and A.2 for each district.

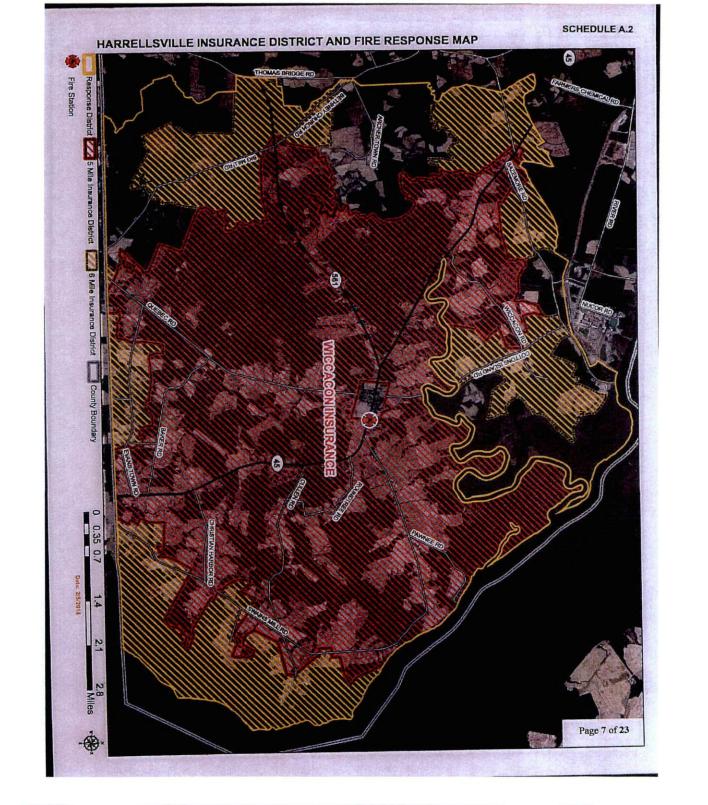
Adopted this 16th day of March, 2020.	
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	Chairman, Board of Commissioners
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Clerk to the Board	





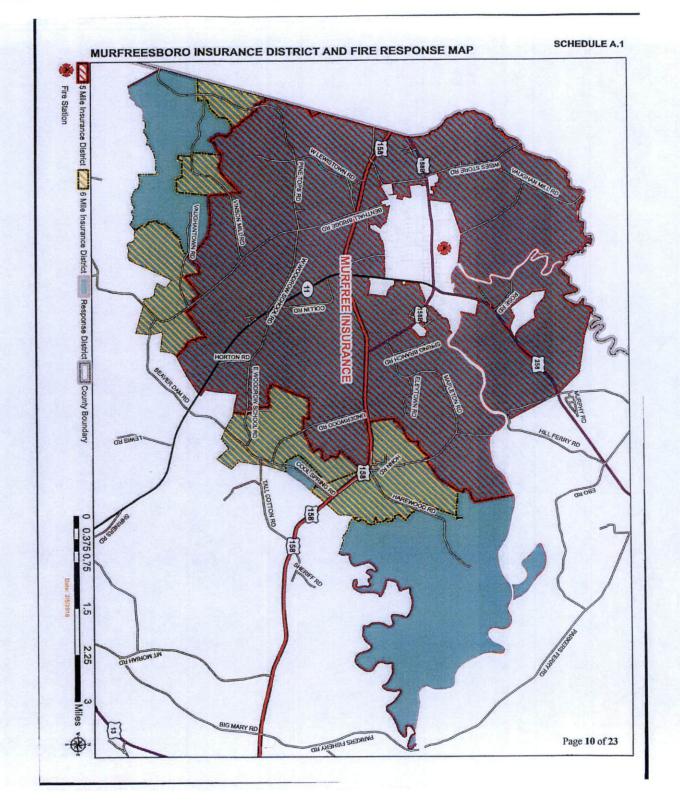


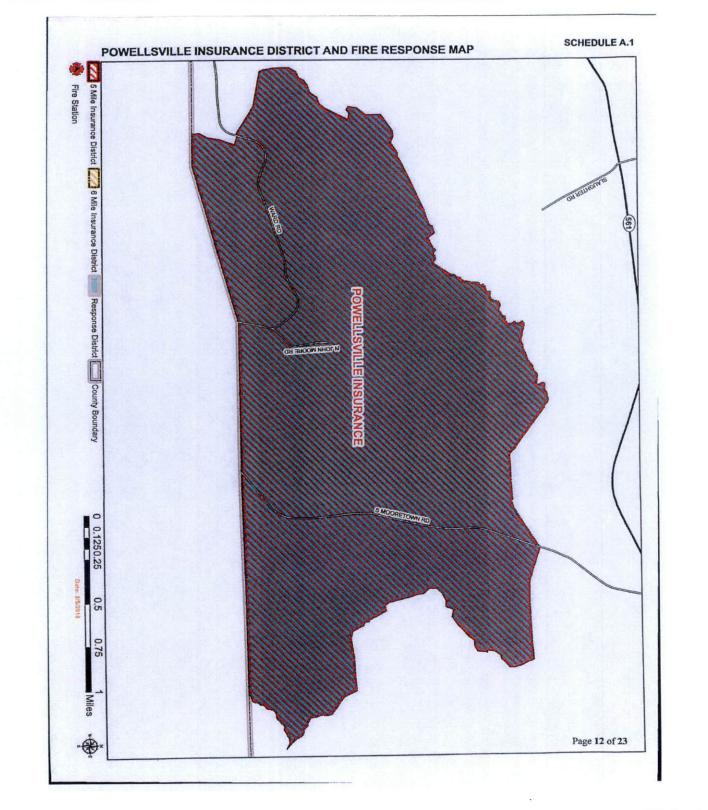


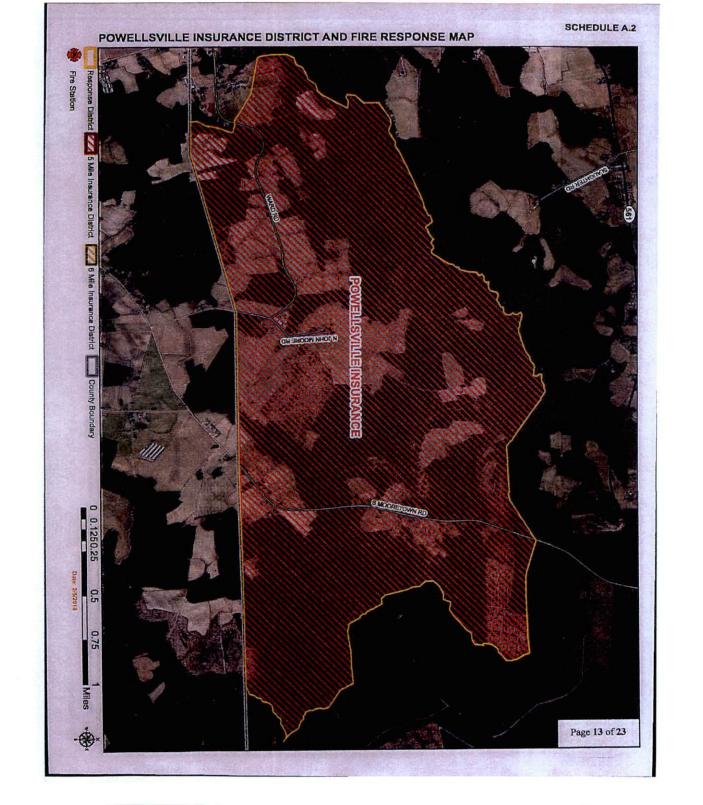


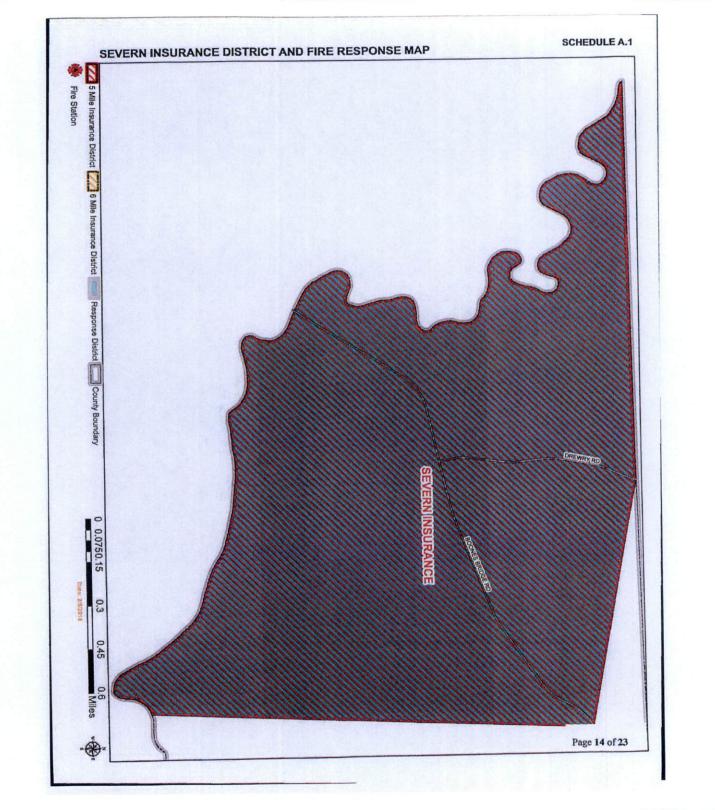
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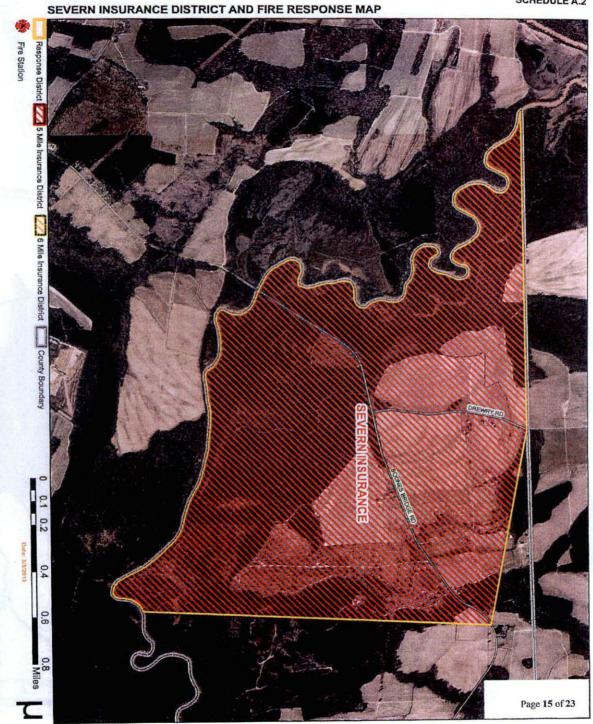


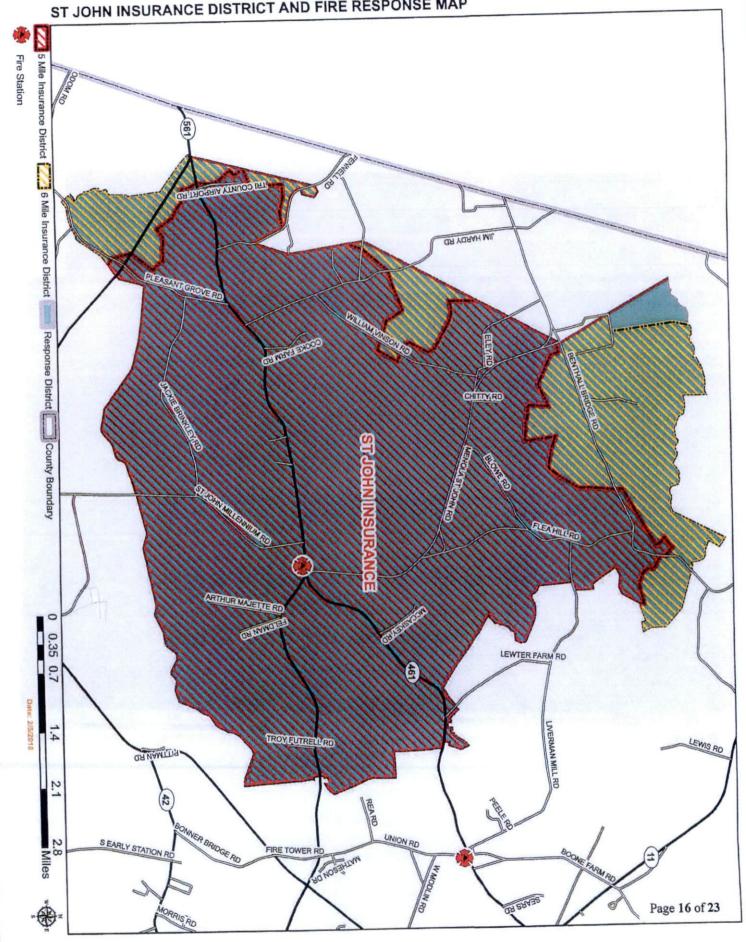




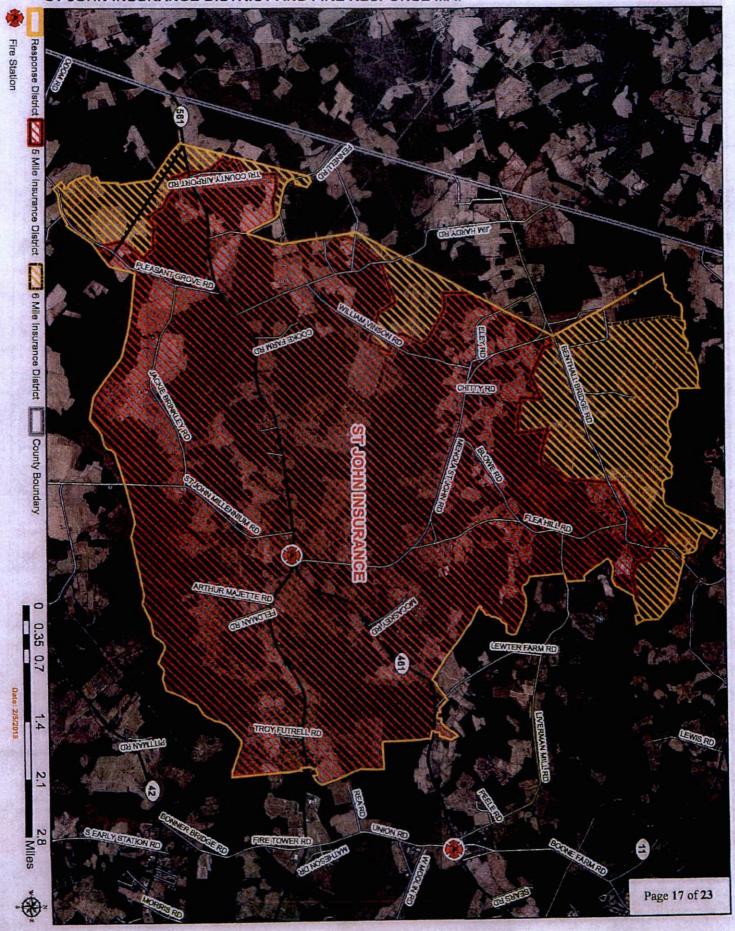


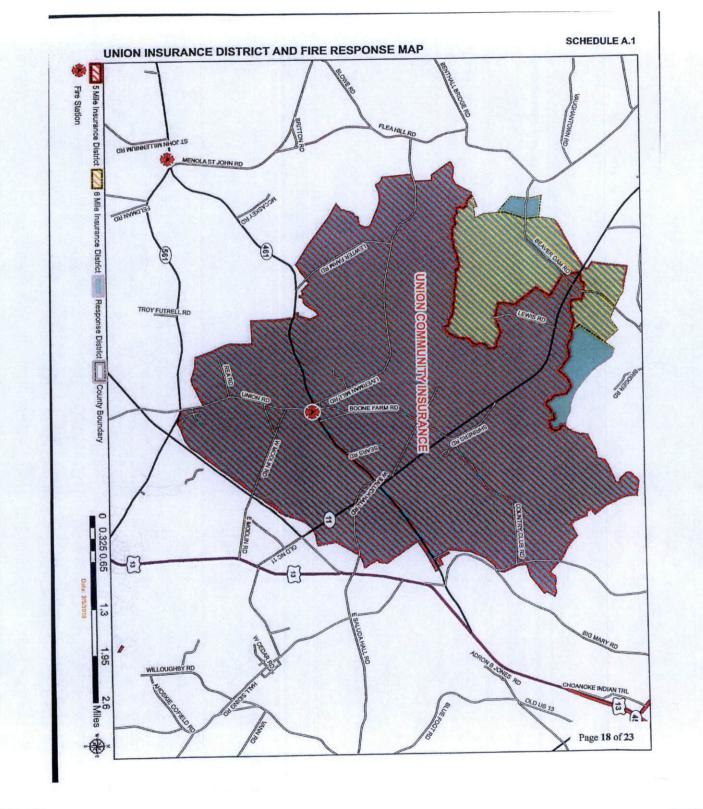


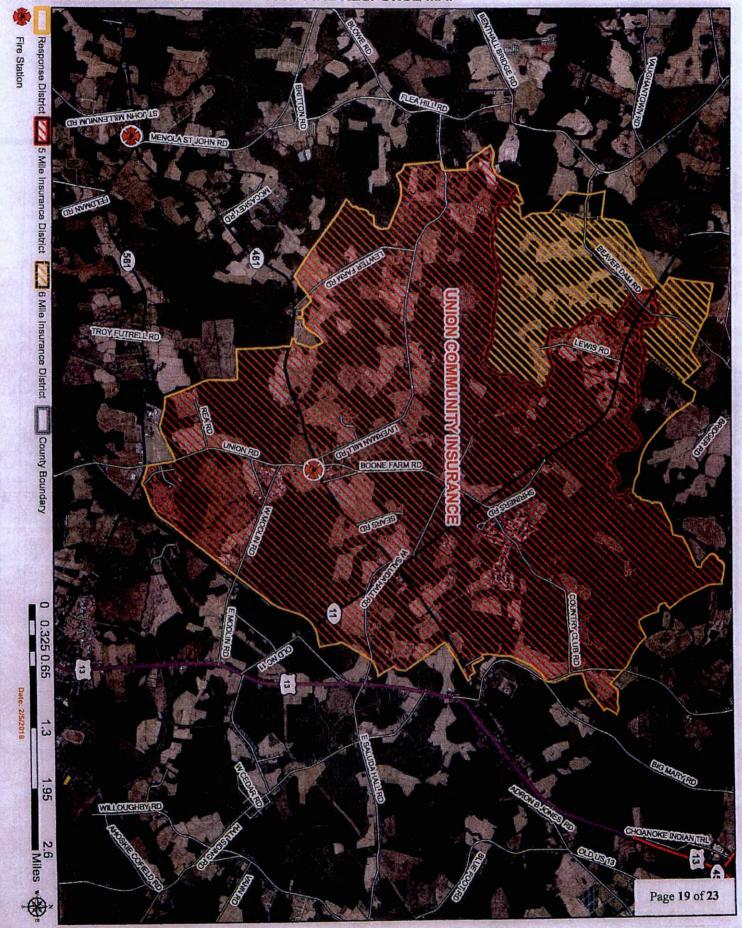


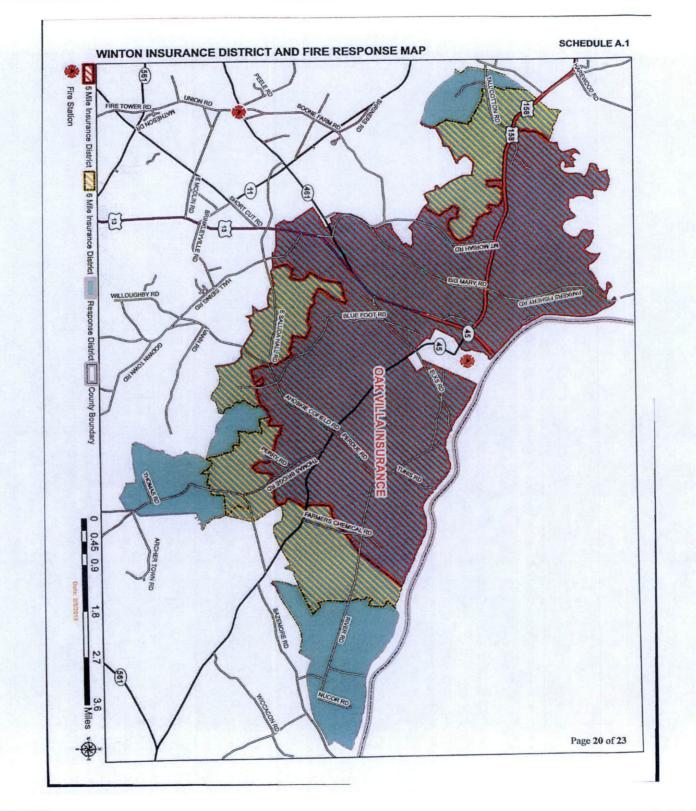


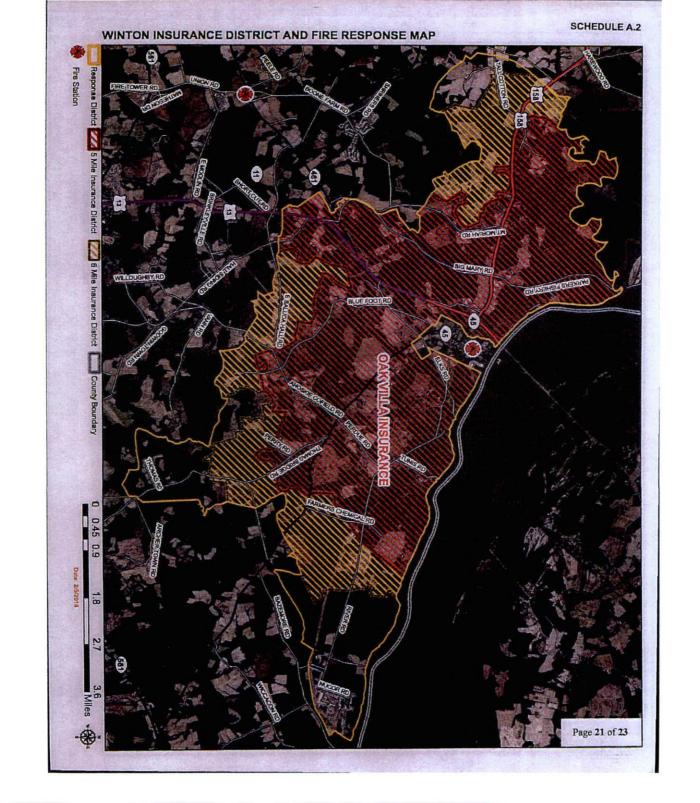
ST JOHN INSURANCE DISTRICT AND FIRE RESPONSE MAP













NCDOT REPORT ON HUNTER LANE AND DEER CIRCLE REQUEST

Interim Manager Cotton shared the results of the NCDOT Report on the petition requesting the addition of Hunter Lane and Deer Circle to be added to the secondary road system. NCDOT's documented in the notification they had notified Ms. Eukita Sessoms and Rev. William Reid of the items to be satisfactorily addressed prior to the Department conveyance of the right of way for Hunter Lane and Deer Circle.

INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Interim Manager Cotton introduced Ms. Ashley Stoop, Director of Planning and Preparedness at Albemarle Regional Health Services, who provided an update on fluent events of the COVID-19 Pandemic, it's origination, spread, impact in Hertford County and the State, test availability, misinformation regarding the pandemic, lack of toiletry and other necessities, key supporting agencies, requiring good information for citizens and the public, proactive steps,

Mrs. Brenda Brown, Director of Social Services, Mr. James Broglin, Director of Emergency Services, Mr. Chris Smith, Director Emergency Management, and Sheriff Dexter Hayes shared the proactive measures being taken in their departments/office.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Comments from the Board were as follows:

Vice-Chair Horton acknowledged Orrin Gatling, graduate of Hertford County, stating that he was very active in local government affairs. He also requested updated information from Interim Manager Cotton on the Finance Director vacancy.

Com. Lassiter thanked the public for attending and reminded them the Board is taking proactive stance on the COVID-19 Pandemic and vigilant

Com. Mitchell thanked Ms. Stoop and Department Heads and citizens for attending the meeting and encouraged everyone that we would get through COVID-19 Pandemic and to pay attention to CDC and local websites for up to date information.

Com. Douglas thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for the information from the departments. He also addressed Mr. Thomas Mizelle and shared that the Board takes the Office of Aging seriously and hired a capable director for the Office of Aging, the Board's concern is that seniors receive the best care

Chairman Gatling thanked everyone for their attendance and participation, read the March 16, 2020 letter on behalf of the Board to the Hertford County Citizens, thanked everyone for being active and proactive as it relates to the COVID-19 Pandemic, advised that it is dangerous and premature to make hasty decisions that are unnecessary, Hertford County Government will remain consistent and clear and follow the mandates outlined by Governor Cooper's Office.

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Com. Lassiter and second by Com. Mitchell, the Board unanimously approved to move to Closed Session as allowed under NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with the County Attorney.

Minutes of Closed Session are on file in the Office of the Clerk to the Board.

On a motion by Com. Mitchell and a second by Com. Lassiter, the Board voted unanimously to return to Regular Session.

On a motion by Com. Mitchell and second by Com. Lassiter, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Com. Ronald J. Gatling Chairman

Dr. Renee Fleetwood Clerk to the Board