

HERTFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM – JUDICIAL CENTER
Monday, June 15, 2020 - 7:00 PM

Present: Com. Ronald J. Gatling, Chairman, Com. John D. Horton, Vice-Chair, Com. Leroy Douglas, Com. Andre` Lassiter, and Com. William F. Mitchell, Jr.

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

Chairman Ronald J. Gatling called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Com. William F. Mitchell, Jr. provided the Invocation.

Vice-Chairman John D. Horton had not arrived when the meeting was called to order.

Chairman Gatling announced that Memo #9421 Request Approval of METech Recycling, Inc. Partner Proposal to Hertford County Solid Waste would be discussed in Closed Session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Douglas Deets, President of the Murfreesboro Historical Association (MHA), mailed letter dated June 8, 2020, summarizing the support of the MHA for the continued operation of Parkers Ferry operation was presented by Dr. Renee Fleetwood.

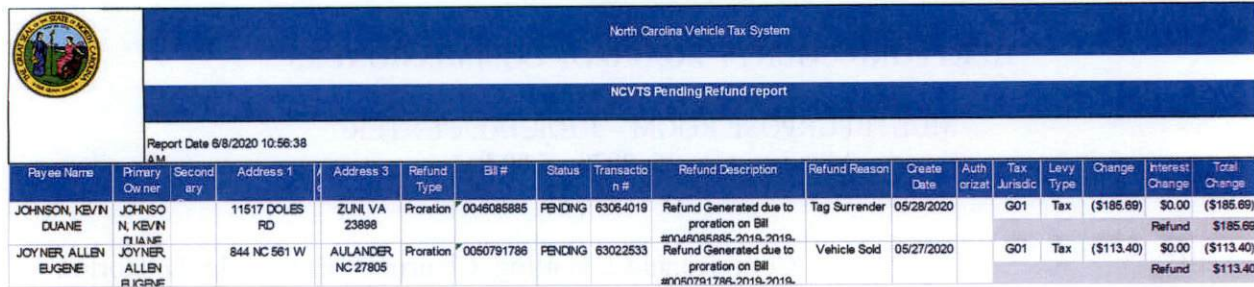
CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of June 1, 2020 Minutes
2. Request Approval of Taxpayer Refund to Rochelle Parker

**\$135.00 to Rochelle Parker -Vendor #11476 for overpayment on account.
(DSO funds that came after a garnishment was sent to her employer.)**

3. Request Approval of NCVTS Refund to Kevin Johnson & Allen Joyner



REQUEST APPROVAL OF BOARD & COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS

On a motion by Com. Lassiter and a second by Com. Douglas, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Betty Anthony Pugh to the **Choanoke Area Development Association, Inc.** for a two-year term to expire June 30, 2022.

On a motion by Com. Lassiter and a second by Vice-Chair Horton, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Clarence E. Hall, III to the **Mid-East Board** for a two-year term to expire June 30, 2022.

On a motion by Com. Mitchell and a second by Vice-Chair Horton, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Amy Braswell and appoint Deborah D. Morrison to the **Rivers East Workforce Development Board** for two-year terms to expire June 30, 2022.

On a motion by Com. Lassiter and a second by Com. Douglas, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Anthony Marra and Sharda Britt to the **Veterans Advisory Council** for three-year terms to expire April 19, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2020-2021 FY HERTFORD COUNTY BUDGET

On a motion by Com. Mitchell and second by Com. Lassiter, the Board unanimously approved to recess the Regular Session and go into the scheduled 7:15 pm Public Hearing on the Proposed 2020-2021 FY Hertford County Budget per the following advertisement:

HERTFORD COUNTY BUDGET HEARING

Pursuant to N. C. General Statute 159-12, notice is hereby given that the proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Hertford County Budget has been filed and is open for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk to the Board, Hertford County Government Center, 115 Justice Drive, Suite #1, Winton, NC, from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, via appointment Monday through Thursday, 8:30 AM – 12 noon on Friday, and on our website at www.Hertfordcountync.gov. Please call the Clerk to the Board at (252) 358-7823 for an appointment. A Public Hearing will be held by the Hertford County Commissioners on Monday, June 15, 2020, at 7:15 PM in the Multi-DESCRIPTION: Room, Judicial Center, Justice Drive, Winton, NC, to receive public comments on the proposed budget by order of the Hertford County Board of Commissioners.
Honorable Ronald J. Gatling, Chairman, Hertford County Board of Commissioners
Dr. Renee Fleetwood, Clerk to the Board

Interim County Manager, Mr. David B. Cotton, shared with the Board that all revenues identified and the County remains stable at .84¢ tax rate per \$100 of evaluation, \$1.25 Million in outstanding taxes still due and that procedures are in place for the collection of delinquent taxes.

There were no citizen comments made.

On a motion by Com. Mitchell and a second by Com. Leroy Douglas, the Board voted unanimously to close the Public Hearing and return to Regular Session.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF UPSET BID OFFER ON TAX FORECLOSURE CAROLYN ASKEW LOT PIN# 5992-58-3910

On a motion by Com. Douglas and second by Com. Lassiter the Board unanimously approved the upset bid offer in the amount of \$2,000.00 on the Carolyn Askew Lot Tax Foreclosure Property PIN# 5992-58-3910 as presented by Attorney Charles Revelle, III.

The Board discussed concerns with the length of time the foreclosed properties remain on the books and asked staff to develop a booklet and review the website.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF FOOD BANK OF THE ALBEMARLE FUNDING REQUEST

Interim County Manager David B. Cotton presented the \$15,000 funding request from the Food Bank of the Albemarle. He shared the following with the Board: 1) Ms. Liz Reasoner, Food Bank of the Albemarle Executive Director, requested an appropriation of \$15,000 to defray the cost of expanding the cooler/freezer storage and 2) he recommends the Food Bank seek funding from State resources.

Com. Lassiter asked Mr. Cotton to provide any information and assistance to the Food Bank to assist them in seeking funding from the State.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF EXCISE TAX STAMPS OVERPAYMENT REFUND TO JONES & CARTER

On a motion by Com. Lassiter and second by Com. Mitchell, the Board unanimously approved the excise tax stamps overpayment refund to Jones & Carter in the amount of \$99.00 for Deed recorded in Book 817, Page 856 and corrected by Affidavit recorded in Book 817, Page 898.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION FOR MS. MABELLE WILLIAMS ARCHER 100TH BIRTHDAY

On a motion by Com. Mitchell and second by Com. Lassiter, the Board unanimously approved the Proclamation for Ms. Mabelle Williams Archer 100th Birthday as follows:



Office of the Hertford County Commissioners

115 Justice Drive Suite 1 * Winton, NC 27986

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Ms. Mabelle Williams Archer, will be honored by relatives and friends with a parade on the occasion of her 100th birthday on Friday, June 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Archer was born in Hertford County on June 19, 1920, has been a resident of this community her entire lifetime and was united in holy matrimony to the late Mr. Elbert (Posie) Archer September 21, 1941; and

WHEREAS, this union was blessed with three daughters, Zenobia Archer Williams, Cherry A. Archer and Doris M. Archer, who have received from their parents the kind of happy home life and careful training that develops good citizens and worthy adults; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mabelle Archer was blessed with one son-in-law, three granddaughters, three grandsons-in-law, five great grandsons, one great granddaughter, and two great great granddaughters; and

WHEREAS, in addition to attending Waters Training School (later known as Calvin Scott Brown School) she is a dedicated homemaker and mother, served actively in her church responsibilities as an Usher, Deaconess and Missionary at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Winton, NC until her health begin to fail, and is a member of the Winton "Go Go Senior Citizen Club"; and

WHEREAS, throughout her long and productive life, Ms. Mabelle Archer has demonstrated in countless ways her dedication to the welfare of others and in grace and strength has earned the respect and affection of people from all walks of life and all ages; has lived during the most eventful century of this world's history; and in her quiet way has been a force for good and a stabilizing influence on those around her during turbulent years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Hertford County Board of Commissioners do hereby deem it an honor and pleasure to extend this Proclamation to Ms. Mabelle Williams Archer on the occasion of her 100th Birthday, with sincere congratulations; and

FURTHER, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that a copy of this certificate shall be delivered to Ms. Mabelle Williams Archer with our best wishes for many additional years of health and happiness.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do proclaim and make known to all persons in Hertford County, that I hereby set my hand, and cause the Seal of Hertford County to be affixed this 15th day of June 2020.

The Honorable Ronald J. Gatling, Chairman
Hertford County Board of Commissioners

RECONVENED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW

On a motion by Com. Mitchell and second by Com. Douglas, the Board unanimously approve to recess the Regular Session and convene as the Board of Equalization and Review.

On a motion by Com. Douglas and second by Com. Mitchell, based on review of information by Taxpayer, Market Memorial Realty, LLC, supplied on June 1, 2020, review of information and letter supplied by Tax Assessor, Mrs. Sandy Brock-Justice, on June 1, 2020, which included a recommendation of no change in value, review of the appraisal by Pearson Appraisal Services and conclusion that the assessment was done in compliance with the schedule of values, standards, and rules established by the Hertford County Board of Commissioners, and the opportunity for taxpayer to provide additional information and none being forthcoming, the Hertford County Board of Commissioners, sitting as the Board of Equalization and Review, finds and orders that the valuation of \$2,761,374.00 for Parcel #5992-75-1308, owned by Market Memorial Realty, LLC, as recommended by the Hertford County Tax Assessor, is the market value of said real estate, as of January 1, 2020.

On a motion by Com. Mitchell and second by Com. Douglas, the Board of Equalization and Review ended its reconvened meeting and returned to the Regular Session as the Hertford County Board of Commissioners.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF SUMMER INTERN RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Com. Lassiter and second by Com. Douglas, the Board unanimously approved the following summer interns meeting the criteria as high school seniors or college students:

Morgan Chadwick	Asiah Brooks	Demetrius Harris
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INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Interim County Manager Cotton made the following comments: 1) State sales tax revenue appear to be higher than anticipated based on the preceding month when the COVID-19 Pandemic challenges occurred; 2) Hertford County received a \$635,000 check from the State as part of the COVID-19 relief package to be shared with the County municipalities; and 3) developing a sharing formula for the COVID 19 relief package funds.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

The Board made comments as follows:

Com. Lassiter, Com. Douglas, and Com. Mitchell thanked everyone for attending the Board meeting.

Vice-Chair Horton made no comment.

Chairman Gatling thanked everyone for attending the meeting and encouraged everyone to stay safe as we continue practicing safety measures as outlined by the CDC during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

CLOSED SESSION

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

On a motion by Com. Douglas and a second by Com. Mitchell, the Board unanimously approved the METech Recycling, Inc. Partner Proposal to Hertford County Solid Waste.

On a motion by Com. Douglas and a second by Com. Mitchell, the Board unanimously approved for Hertford County Solid Waste to use the current Vender, GEEP, on an as needed basis only after securing the approval of Interim Manager Cotton.

The Board announced the cancellation of the July 6, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

On a motion by Com. Vice-Chair Horton and second by Com. Lassiter, the Board unanimously approved to recess the Regular meeting until Thursday, June 25, 2020, at 9:00 AM.

Approved: July 20, 2020

Com. Ronald J. Gatling
Chairman

Dr. Renee Fleetwood
Clerk to the Board