

**HERTFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
COMMISSIONER'S CHAMBERS/MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM – JUDICIAL CENTER**

Monday, July 18, 2022 – 7:00 PM

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

Absent: Com. Andre` Lassiter

Also Present with the Board: Mr. David B. Cotton, County Manager, Dr. Renee Tyler, Clerk to the Board, Attorney Charles L. Revelle, III, County Attorney
Attorney Maria Jones, Revelle & Lee

The following employees were present: Ms. Kimberly Turner, Human Resources/Risk Management Director, Mrs. Leslie Edwards, Finance Director, Ms. Kelly Bowers, Economic Development Director.

Chairman Ronald J. Gatling called the meeting to order and Pastor Raymond Faircloth, Jr., Assistant Pastor Higher Ground Pentecostal Holiness Church, Ahoskie, NC provided the Invocation.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner William F. Mitchell, Jr. and a second by Vice-Chair John D. Horton, the Board approved the Consent Agenda as follows:

* Approval of May 16, 2022 and June 6, 2022 Minutes

* Approval of NCVTS Refunds: Shovonda Holloman, Deborah Robertson, Selwane Medical Group JTW



NCVTS Pending Refund report

Report Date 6/14/2022
11:57:46 AM

Payee Name	Primary Owner	Secondary	Address 1	Address 3	Refund Type	Bill #	Status	Transaction #	Refund Description	Refund	Create Date	Tax Jurisdic	Levy Type	Change	Interest Change	Total Change
HOLLOWAN, SHOYONDA RENEE	HOLLOWAN, SHOYONDA RENEE		329 AHOSKIE COFIELD RD	AHOSKIE, NC 27910	Proration	0064876856	PENDING	1.65E+08	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0064876856-2021-2021-0000-00	Vehicle Sold	05/11/2022	G01	Tax	(\$109.20)	\$0.00	(\$109.20)
												F01	Tax	(\$5.20)	\$0.00	(\$5.20)
															Refund	\$114.40
ROBERTSON, DEBORAH NEWSOME	ROBERTSON, DEBORAH NEWSOME		1120 BOONES BRIDGE RD	COMO, NC 27818	Proration	0052475144	PENDING	82710266	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0052475144-2021-2021-0000-00	Tag Surrender	05/19/2022	G01	Tax	(\$185.15)	\$0.00	(\$185.15)
															Refund	\$185.15
SELWANE MEDICAL GROUP JTW	SELWANE MEDICAL GROUP JTW	TANNOURY, NADA	133 BERKLEY RD	AHOSKIE, NC 27910	Proration	0052595053	PENDING	2.48E+08	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0052595053-2020-2020-0000-00	Tag Surrender	05/19/2022	G01	Tax	(\$51.35)	\$0.00	(\$51.35)
												C01	Tax	(\$49.52)	\$0.00	(\$49.52)
												C01	Vehicle Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
			Refund	\$100.87												

REQUEST APPROVAL OF BOARD AND COMMISSIONS RECOMMENDATIONS: CHOANOKE AREA DEVELOPMENT ASSOC., INC., CHOANOKE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, HERTFORD COUNTY ABC BOARD, HERTFORD COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES & POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY, RIVER'S EAST WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, ROANOKE CHOWAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL, AND VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD

On a motion by Com. Douglas and a second by Com. Mitchell, the Board appointed Jami Loraine Woods to the **Choanoke Area Development Assoc., Inc.** for a **two-year term** commencing July 18, 2022 and expiring June 30, 2024.

On a motion by Com. Douglas and a second by Com. Mitchell, the Board reappointed Axem Bracy to the **Choanoke Public Transportation Authority** for a two-year term commencing July 18, 2022 and expiring June 30, 2024.

On a motion by Vice-Chair Horton and a second by Com. Mitchell, the Board reappointed Com. Leroy Douglas to the **Hertford County ABC Board** for a three-year term commencing July 18, 2022 and expiring June 30, 2025.

After a brief discussion regarding Mr. Lonnie Simmons 10-years' service on the ABC Board, on a motion by Com. Leroy Douglas and a second by Com. Mitchell, the Board waived the Resolution for the Establishment of Policy and Procedures for appointments to County Boards, Commissions, Committees or Authorities, and reappointed Lonnie Simmons for a three-year term to the **Hertford County ABC Board** determining that his service is so instrumental that it would be detrimental to the continued successful functioning of the Board to discontinue his service." This appointment commences on July 18, 2022 and expires June 30, 2025.

On a motion by Com. Mitchell and a second by Com. Douglas, the Board reappointed George W. Holley to **Hertford County Social Services Board** for a three-year term commencing July 18, 2022 and expiring June 30, 2025.

On a motion by Com. Douglas and a second by Com. Mitchell, the Board appointed LaToya M. Wiley to the **Industrial Facilities & Pollution Control Financing Authority** for a six-year term commencing July 18, 2022 and expiring December 30, 2028.

On a motion by Com. Mitchell and a second by Com. Douglas, the Board reappointed Amy Braswell and J. Wendell Hall to the **River's East Workforce Development** for a six-year term commencing July 18, 2022 and expiring June 30, 2024.

On a motion by Com. Mitchell and a second by Com. Douglas, the Board reappointed Chairman Ronald J. Gatling to the Roanoke Chowan Community College Board of Trustees for a four-year term commencing June 30, 2022 and expiring June 30, 2026.

On a motion by Com. Mitchell and a second by Vice-Chair Horton, the Board reappointed Com. Leroy Douglas to the **Veterans Advisory Council for a three-year term commencing** July 18, 2022 and expiring June 30, 2025.

On a motion by Com. Mitchell and a second by Com. Douglas, the Board reappointed Howard Godwin to the **Voluntary Agricultural District Advisory Board for a three-year term commencing** July 18, 2022 and expiring June 30, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was provided.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION FOR THE SEALED FORECLOSURE BID PROPOSAL ON 413 JIM HARDY ROAD PIN #5944-40-6085

On a motion by Commissioner Douglas. and a second by Vice-Chair Horton, the Board approved the Request Consideration for the Sealed Foreclosure Bid Proposal On 413 Jim Hardy Road Pin #5944-40-6085 in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Blue Chip Construction, Inc.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF 2022-2023 NACO VOTING DELEGATE

On a motion by Vice-Chair Horton and a second by Com. Douglas, the Board approved for Com. Lassiter to be the 2022-2023 NACO Voting Delegate.

Chairman Gatling commented thanking the 4th of July committee for their hard work and great participation of the employees and citizens and other participants.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF HERTFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Com. Douglas and a second by Com. Mitchell, the Board approved the Hertford County Commissioners' Scholarship for \$1,000.00 each awarded to the following applicants: Dannielle Ashe, Arianna Brawner, Amiyah Eason, Gracelyn King, Andreyah Lassiter, Ashari Williams, Nandi Hedgepeth, Jaliyah Perry, Kyra Mabine, Arja Askew, Sarah Howard, Nishawntae' Jones, and Tonyiah Desare Smith.

PRESENTATION OF THE JULY 2022 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Ms. Kelly Bowers, Economic Development Director, presented the July 2022 Economic Development Report sharing the Economy Overview, tax implications, partnership with the ELK's Shrine, shell buildings, Rural Transformation Grant and other proposed projects.

During the presentation Chairman Gatling questioned Ms. Bowers' knowledge of history with shell buildings in Hertford County, status of the PARTF Grant, and the million dollars given to the Elks National Shrine in previous years. He concluded by requesting that Manager Cotton and Ms. Bowers complete an extensive investigation and thorough background study on the nine proposed projects because none of the projects are new to the County.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF: COUNTY SPONSORSHIP FOR THE MURFREESBORO NC WATERMELON FESTIVAL; OUTDOOR FIREWORKS PERMIT

On a motion by Com. Douglas and a second by Com. Mitchell the Board approved the request for County Sponsorship in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the Murfreesboro NC Watermelon Festival as presented by Mr. Hall Thomas, Vice-President of the NC Watermelon Festival at Murfreesboro.

On a motion by Com. Mitchell and a second by Com. Douglas, the Board approved the request for an outdoor firework permit as presented by Mr. Thomas.

In closing, Mr. Thomas commended Mr. Chris Smith for his assistance and knowledge with the fireworks request for the Watermelon Festival in Murfreesboro and thanked the Board for the County partnership.

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

County Manager David B. Cotton commented providing a brief update on two construction projects informing the Board that interior samples will be available at the next meeting and that he will be also focusing on what is needed for the exterior quotes on phase two

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

The Commissioners commented as follows:

Com. Douglas and Com. Mitchell thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Vice-Chair Horton made no comment.

Ronald thanked everyone for the new laptop, commend the committee for the July 4th event that was well attended by employees and County citizens.

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Com. Mitchell and a second by Com. Douglas, the Board approved to move to Closed Session.

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

On a motion by Vice-Chair Horton and a second by Com. Douglas, the Board unanimously approved to return to the Regular session.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Com. Mitchell and a second by Vice-Chair Horton the Board adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED: August 15, 2022

Honorable Ronald J. Gatling, Chairman

Dr. Renee Tyler, NCCCC, Clerk