

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

Thursday, December 17, 2020 - 9:00 AM

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

Absent: Com. Andre` Lassiter and Com. William F. Mitchell, Jr.

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

Absent: Attorney Charles L Revelle, III, County Attorney

Chairman Ronald J. Gatling called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and provided the Invocation.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE HERTFORD COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS COVID-19 RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM AWARDS

Manager Cotton presented the Hertford County Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program Awards sharing that after two follow-up attempts, 67 total applications were received, 54 applicants qualified to receive grant proceeds, 17 applicants owed outstanding taxes, as of December 17, 2020, only one applicant has an outstanding tax bill, the County collected \$26,000.00 in delinquent County tax dated back to 2010, five applications require additional information; one applicant requested to have the application withdrawn from consideration, and seven applicants disqualified based on one or more criteria.

On a motion by Com. Leroy Douglas and a second by Vice-Chair John D. Horton, the Board unanimously approved the Hertford County Small Business Covid-19 Relief Grant Program Awards to be distributed according to the terms of the grant to 54 applicants in the amount of \$311,715.00 as recommended by Manager Cotton.

During further discussion, Vice-Chair Horton thanked Manager Cotton and the finance staff for their time and commitment with making sure the Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant funds were disbursed.

Chairman Gatling and the Commissioners commented wishing everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday, thanked everyone for attending the Special Called Meeting, and instructed Clerk Fleetwood to send a Christmas holiday letter to employees on behalf of the Board.

ADJOURN MEETING

On a motion by Vice-Chair Horton and a second by Com. Douglas, the Board unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.