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

#### Minutes September 5, 2023 – 9:00 AM

Present:

Com. Andre' M. Lassiter, Sr., Chairman, , Com. Leroy

Douglas Com. Ronald J. Gatling and Com. John D. Horton

Absent:

Com. William F. Mitchell, Jr., Vice-Chair

Also Present with the Board:

Mr. Kevin Patterson, Interim County Manager, Dr. Renee Tyler, Clerk to the Board, Attorney Charles L Revelle, III,

County Attorney

Attorney Maria Jones, Revelle & Lee

The following employees attended the meeting: Director Felicia Gaskins, Director Kimberly Turner, Director Stanley Lassiter, Facilities Manager Bradford Vann, Director Leslie Edwards, Director Kelly Bowers, Director Robert Mizelle, Sheriff Dexter Hayes, Director Brenda Brown, Public Information Officer KaWania Parker and Demarcus Thompson.

Chairman Andre` M. Lassiter, Sr. called the meeting to order and Overseer David Robertson, Overseer of Empowerment Temple Churches, Inc./Founder of the Ahoskie Community Resource Center, Ahoskie, provided the Invocation.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Com. Ronald J. Gatling and a second by Com. Leroy Douglas the Board approved the Consent Agenda as follows:

- 1. Approval of August 21, 2023 Minutes
- 2. Request for Approval of Taxpayer Refund: Affiliated Mortgage

\$2181.31- Affiliated Mortgage Vendor #9141 Refund for overpayment on account, 5962-62-1675 for Matthew E Bradley tax bill 2023.

#### SEPTEMBER 2023 NEW HIRE REPORT AND AUGUST 2023 VACANCY REPORT

Ms. Kimberly Turner presented the September 2023 New Hires to the Board and the August 2023 Vacancy Report as follows:

The Board welcomed the employees to Hertford County Local Government

## REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION FOR VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD AND TRI-COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY

The Board approved the recommendations as follows:

On a motion by Com. Gatling and a second by Com. Douglas, the Board unanimously approved the reappointment of Bradley Carroll Gillam to the VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD for a three-year term effective September 5, 2023 scheduled to conclude June 30, 2026

On a motion by Com. Gatling and a second by Com. Douglas, the Board unanimously approved the reappointment of Michael W. Bunch to the **Tri-County Airport Authority** for two-year term effective June 30, 2021 scheduled to conclude June 30, 2025.

# <u>COMMUNITY RECOGNITION: OVERSEER DAVID ROBERTSON (EMPOWERMENT TEMPLE FOOD PANTRY)</u>

On a motion by Com. Gatling and a second by Com. Horton, the Board approved the Resolution Honoring Overseer David Robertson and The Empowerment Temple Food Pantry as follows:





#### RESOLUTION HONORING

#### OVERSEER DAVID ROBERTSON

#### (THE EMPOWERMENT TEMPLE FOOD PANTRY)

WHEREAS,

The Empowerment Temple Food Pantry was established on April 17, 2018, at 500 North Academy Street in Ahoskie, North Carolina, by Overseer David Robertson, General Overseer of Empowerment Temple Churches,

Inc. and Founder of the Ahoskie Community Resource Center, Ahoskie North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the food pantry's inception consisted of serving three families and receiving food through partnership in Elizabeth

City growing at a rapid speed with delivery services expanding to neighboring counties (Gates, Northampton,

Bertie, Halifax and Suffolk); and

WHEREAS in 2019, Mr. Robertson became a member of "Operation Blessing" in Chesapeake, VA, a trailer was purchased

in 2022, and in partnership with the Hertford County Department of Social Services for the Emergency Food Program, Newsome Grove Baptist Church, Union Baptist Church, Ahoskie Christian Center, St. John Baptist Church and Brother Gordon Knox at Mercy Church, over one thousand families are provided food/provisions

monthly; and

WHEREAS the food pantry has expanded its services to include, clothing, shoes, Christmas toys, school supplies, toiletries,

and sponsors an annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive; and

WHEREAS the Empowerment Temple Food Pantry partnership under the leadership of Overseer David Robertson, has

faithfully served Hertford County citizens and beyond; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Hertford County Board of County Commissioners hereby congratulate and thank The Empowerment Temple Food Pantry and Overseer David Robertson recognizing the outstanding contributions and community service provided for the betterment of the quality of life for Hertford County citizens.

Dr. Renee Tyler, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board

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#### ASP RIVERSEDGE CLOSING

On a motion by Com. John Horton and a second by Com. Douglas the Board approved the authorization to close the contract with ASP Riversedge Closing as presented by Attorney Revelle.

On a motion by Com. Gatling and a second by Com. Douglas, the Board convened as the Southern and Northern Rural Water District.

CONVENING AS THE SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN RURAL WATER DISTRICT REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS: HERTFORD COUNTY SOUTHERN RURAL WATER DISTRICT WATER SYSTEM: 1) ASSET INVENTORY & ASSESSMENT AND 2) BLOWE ROAD WATERLINE EXTENSION; HERTFORD COUNTY NORTHERN RURAL WATER DISTRICT: 1) WATER SYSTEM ASSET & ASSESSMENT AND 2) ELEYTOWN ROAD WATERLINE INVENTORY **EXTENSIONS** 

As presented by Economic Development Director, Ms. Kelly Bowers,

On a motion by Com. Gatling and a second by Com. Douglas the Board approved the Resolution: Hertford County Southern Rural Water District Water System Asset Inventory & Assessment as follows:



WHEREAS

The <u>Hertford County Southern Rural Water District</u> has need for and intends to construct, plan for, or conduct a study in a project described as <u>Water System Asset Inventory & Assessment</u>.

WHEREAS

The <u>Hertford County Southern Rural Water District</u> intends to request State loan and/or grant assistance for the project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HERTFORD COUNTY SOUTHERN RURAL WATER DISTRICT:

That <u>Hertford County Southern Rural Water District</u>, the <u>Applicant</u>, will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a state loan and/or grant award.

That the **Applicant** will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That the **Applicant** will adopt and place into effect on or before completion of the project a schedule of fees and charges and other available funds which will provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and administration of the system and the repayment of all principal and interest on the debt.

That the governing body of the **Applicant** agrees to include in the loan agreement a provision authorizing the State Treasurer, upon failure of the **Hertford County Southern Rural Water District** to make a scheduled repayment of the loan, to withhold from the **Hertford County Southern Rural Water District** any State funds that would otherwise be distributed to the local government unit in an amount sufficient to pay all sums then due and payable to the State as a repayment of the loan.

If applying for a regional project, that the **Applicant** will partner and work with other units of local government or utilities in conducting the project, including **NA**.

That <u>Kevin Patterson</u>, <u>Interim County Manager</u>, the <u>Authorized Representative</u> and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the <u>Applicant</u> with the State of North Carolina for a loan and/or grant to aid in the study of or construction of the project described above.

That the **Authorized Representative**, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project: to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the **Applicant** has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, and funding conditions applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the September 5, 2023, at Hertford County, North Carolina.

Honorable Andre Lassiter, Chairman of Hertford County Board of Commissioners



### FORM FOR CERTIFICATION BY THE RECORDING OFFICER

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Clerk to the Board of the Hertford County Southern Rural
Water District does hereby certify: That the above/attached resolution is a true and correct copy of the
resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the State of North Carolina, as regularly adopted
at a legally convened meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Hertford County Southern Rural
Water District duly held on the 5 <sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023_; and, further, that such resolution has
been fully recorded in the journal of proceedings and records in my office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand this 5th day of September 5, 2023.
Dr. Renee Tyler

Clerk to the Hertford County Board of Commissioners

On a motion by Com. Douglas and a second by Com. Gatling the Board approved the Resolution: Hertford County Southern Rural Water District Water System Blowe Road Waterline Extension as follows:



WHEREAS, The <u>Hertford County Southern Rural Water District</u> has need for and intends to construct, plan for, or conduct a study in a project described as **Blowe Road Waterline Extension**.

WHEREAS, The <u>Hertford County Southern Rural Water District</u> intends to request State loan and/or grant assistance for the project,

# NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HERTFORD COUNTY SOUTHERN RURAL WATER DISTRICT:

That <u>Hertford County Southern Rural Water District</u>, the <u>Applicant</u>, will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a State loan and/or grant award.

That the **Applicant** will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That the **Applicant** will adopt and place into effect on or before completion of the project a schedule of fees and charges and other available funds which will provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and administration of the system and the repayment of all principal and interest on the debt.

That the governing body of the **Applicant** agrees to include in the loan agreement a provision authorizing the State Treasurer, upon failure of the <u>Hertford County Southern Rural Water District</u> to make a scheduled repayment of the loan, to withhold from the <u>Hertford County Southern Rural Water District</u> any State funds that would otherwise be distributed to the local government unit in an amount sufficient to pay all sums then due and payable to the State as a repayment of the loan.

If applying for a regional project, that the **Applicant** will partner and work with other units of local government or utilities in conducting the project, including **NA**.

That <u>Kevin Patterson</u>, <u>Interim County Manager</u>, the <u>Authorized Representative</u> and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the <u>Applicant</u> with the State of North Carolina for a loan and/or grant to aid in the study of or construction of the project described above.

That the **Authorized Representative**, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project: to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the **Applicant** has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, and funding conditions applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the September 5,2023 at Hertford County, North Carolina.

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Dr. Renee Tyler	

On a motion by Com. Horton and a second by Com. Douglas the Board approved the Resolution: Hertford County Northern Rural Water District Water System Asset Inventory & Assessment as follows:



WHEREAS.

The <u>Hertford County Northern Rural Water District</u> has need for and intends to construct, plan for, or conduct a study in a project described as **Water System Asset Inventory & Assessment**.

WHEREAS,

The <u>Hertford County Northern Rural Water District</u> intends to request State loan and/or grant assistance for the project,

# NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HERTFORD COUNTY NORTHERN RURAL WATER DISTRICT:

That <u>Hertford County Northern Rural Water District</u>, the <u>Applicant</u>, will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a state loan and/or grant award.

That the **Applicant** will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof. That the **Applicant** will adopt and place into effect on or before completion of the project a schedule of fees and charges and other available funds which will provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and administration of the system and the repayment of all principal and interest on the debt.

That the governing body of the **Applicant** agrees to include in the loan agreement a provision authorizing the State Treasurer, upon failure of the **Hertford County Northern Rural Water District** to make a scheduled repayment of the loan, to withhold from the **Hertford County Northern Rural Water District** any State funds that would otherwise be distributed to the local government unit in an amount sufficient to pay all sums then due and payable to the State as a repayment of the loan.

If applying for a regional project, that the **Applicant** will partner and work with other units of local government or utilities in conducting the project, including **NA**.

That <u>Kevin Patterson</u>, <u>Interim County Manager</u>, the <u>Authorized Representative</u> and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the <u>Applicant</u> with the State of North Carolina for a loan and/or grant to aid in the study of or construction of the project described above.

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Adopted this the September 5,2023 at Hertford County, North Carolina.

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The undersigned duly qualified and acting Clerk to the Board of the Hertford County Northern Rural Water District does hereby certify: That the above/attached resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the State of North Carolina, as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Hertford County Northern Rural Water District duly held on the 5th day of September, 2023; and, further, that such resolution has been fully recorded in the journal of proceedings and records in my office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 5th day of September 2023.

Dr. Renee Tyler	

On a motion by Com. Horton and a second by Com. Douglas the Board approved the Resolution: Hertford County Northern Rural Water District Eleytown Road Waterline Extensions as follows:



WHEREAS,

The <u>Hertford County Northern Rural Water District</u> has need for and intends to construct, plan for, or conduct a study in a project described as <u>Eleytown Road Waterline Extensions</u>.

WHEREAS,

The <u>Hertford County Northern Rural Water District</u> intends to request State loan and/or grant assistance for the project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HERTFORD COUNTY NORTHERN RURAL WATER DISTRICT:

That <u>Hertford County Northern Rural Water District</u>, the <u>Applicant</u>, will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a state loan and/or grant award.

That the **Applicant** will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That the **Applicant** will adopt and place into effect on or before completion of the project a schedule of fees and charges and other available funds which will provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and administration of the system and the repayment of all principal and interest on the debt.

That the governing body of the **Applicant** agrees to include in the loan agreement a provision authorizing the State Treasurer, upon failure of the **Hertford County Northern Rural Water District** to make a scheduled repayment of the loan, to withhold from the **Hertford County Northern Rural Water District** any State funds that would otherwise be distributed to the local government unit in an amount sufficient to pay all sums then due and payable to the State as a repayment of the loan.

If applying for a regional project, that the **Applicant** will partner and work with other units of local government or utilities in conducting the project, including **NA**.

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Adopted this September 5, 2023, at Hertford County, North Carolina.

Honorable Andre Lassiter, Chairman of Hertford County Board of Commissioners



Northern Rural Water District does hereby certify: That the above/attached resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the State of North Carolina, as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Hertford County Northern Rural Water District duly held on the 5th day of September, 2023; and, further, that such resolution has been fully recorded in the journal of proceedings and records in my office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

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On a motion by Com. Horton and a second by Com. Gatling, the Board returned to the Regular Session.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: REQUEST APPROVAL FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 FOR A PROPOSED NEW ELEVATED WATER TANK NEAR BONNER BRIDGE ROAD AND NC-42 TO ADDRESS THE LOW-PRESSURE ISSUES ALONG EARLY STATION ROAD AND JERNIGAN AIRPORT ROAD AND TO INSTALL A NEW PUMP BY THE TANK ON NC-461.

On a motion by Com. Gatling and a second by Com. Horton, the Board approved the Economic Development: Request for Public Hearing for September 18, 2023 at 7:20 PM for a Proposed New Elevated Water Tank Near Bonner Bridge Road and NC-42 to address the low-pressure issues long Early Station Road and Jernigan Airport Road and to Install a New Pump by the Tank on NC-461 as presented by Ms. Bowers.

9:30 AM PUBLIC HEARING FOR REZONING ASP RIVERSEDGE FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEARING AND CONSIDERING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON A REQUEST BY SCOTT CAMP, MANAGER OF ASP RIVERSEDGE, LLC, TO REZONE PROPERTY FROM RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURAL (RA-30) TO COMMERCIAL HIGHWAY (CH)

Chairman Lassiter called for the Public Hearing at 9:35 AM. Ms. Sara Turner, GIS & Planning Director, shared with the Board the summary of the planning Board meeting on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 to receive public input on a request by Mr. Scott Camp, Manager and Developer of ASP Riversedge, LLC to rezone his property from Residential Agriculture (RA-30) to Commercial Highway (CH) and its findings as follows:

### 1. DESCRIPTION AND SUMMARY OF PLANNING BOARD

The Hertford County Planning Board held a Public Hearing at their regular meeting on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 to receive public input on a request by Mr. Scott Camp, Manager and Developer of ASP Riversedge, LLC, to rezone his property from Residential Agriculture (RA-30) to Commercial Highway (CH). The property proposed for rezoning is approximately 42 acres identified in Hertford County Land Records as a portion of PIN# 6907-41-4662. The portion to be rezoned is located along the west side of the southbound US Hwy 13 Exit Ramp, and then westward along US HWY 158 West for approximately 0.43 miles from the intersection of US 13S and US 158W, Winton, NC.

Mr. Camp appeared before the Planning Board to make the request. We had one adjoining property owner to appear at the Public Hearing and two adjoining property owners to call in to express approval or disapproval to the request.

Following the Public Hearing, the Planning Board made the attached findings. (See # 2) Based upon the findings of the Planning Board, the Board unanimously recommends granting the rezoning request.

Planning Board members in attendance were Donald Kirland, Clyde Everett, David Hunt and Dr. Terry Hall.

### 2. Findings: Planning Board Meeting-Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Chairman Kirkland informed the Board included in their packet is a list of Permitted Uses, Conditional Uses, and Dimensional Requirements for the Commercial Highway District (CH). After reviewing the list of uses, Chairman Kirkland asked the Board if they had any questions or comments. There were no further questions or comments. It was motioned by Clyde Everett and seconded by David Hunt to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Kirkland reviewed a list of proposed Findings:

- (a) Is the land favorable for Commercial Highway District?
  Board: The land is favorable for Commercial Highway District (CH) Zoning.
- (b) Is the land favorable for all permitted uses outlined in Hertford County Zoning Ordinance Section Commercial Highway Permitted Uses 5.08, Special Uses outlined in 5.08C, and Dimensional Requirements 5.08D.

Board: The land favorable for all permitted uses outlined in Hertford County Zoning Ordinance

- (c) Does the land have a peculiar suitability for commercial purposes?

  Board: Yes, the land is suitable for commercial purposes.
- (d) Is the land an extension of an existing Commercial Highway District? Board: Yes, the land will be and extension of existing Commercial Highway district.
- (e) Is the District Zoning consistent with the CAMA Land Use Plan?

  Planning Director: The Land Use Plan Map shows the area to be a developed area and the Land Use maps indicate a High-Density Land Use, Full-Service Growth District.

  Board: Yes The area is consistent with the Land Use Plan.

Motion was passed unanimously to adopt the Findings above as stated. It was motioned by David Hunt and seconded by Clyde Everett based on the above Findings, to recommend to the County Commissioners to grant Scott Camp his request to rezone ASP Riversedge, LLC property from Residential Agricultural (RA-30) to Commercial Highway (CH). Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Donald Kirkland, Chairman of the Hertford County Planning Board shared with the Board that all requirements of the Planning Board have been met.

There were no additional public comments provided.

On a motion by Com. Gatling and a second by Com. Douglas, the Board approved the request to Rezone ASP RiversEdge, LLC from Residential Agricultural (RA-30) to Commercial Highway (CH) based on the information provided to the Board by Mrs. Turner and Mr. Kirkland.

# Request Consideration of Upset Foreclosure Bid Proposal for PIN #s 5993-52-9228 (Holloman Avenue) & 5933-70-4927 (102 Holloman Avenue)

On a motion by Com. Douglas and a second by Com. Gatling, the Board approved the Foreclosure Bid Proposal for PIN #s 5993-52-9228 (Holloman Avenue)in the amount of \$5,500.00 as presented by Attorney Charles Revelle, III.

On a motion by Com. Douglas and a second by Com. Gatling, the Board approved the Foreclosure Bid Proposal for PIN #s 5933-70-4927 (102 Holloman Avenue) in the amount of \$3,500.00 as presented by Attorney Revelle.

#### **INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Interim County Manager Mr. Kevin Patterson shared the following with the Board: the Public Safety Meeting Report, E-911 updates, ESInet support for the 911 system, calls roll over to Chowan County Center, streamlining duties in the 911 center, additional use of MDTs in patrol vehicles, additional backup centers through ESInet system with systems using the same CAD system, salary comparisons and other competitive ways to make work environments favorable, in the recent Opioid Meeting on August 30th was a success and that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is required and a standard monthly meeting the third Wednesday; delinquent taxpayer list of the largest taxpayer delinquent accounts totaling over \$5,000 aggregate not including municipal taxes.

After a brief discussion on municipalities paying to support the E-911 Center, Interim Manager Patterson advised the Board he would check on the funding agreement and report back to the Board.

Departmental presentations were as follows:

Mr. Brad Vann, Facilities Manager provided the Public Buildings updates on the USDA building and the request to add canapés, update on the former Elections Office space

Interim Manager Patterson shared with the Board that the County is waiting on the second section of the asbestos report for the Old Ahoskie Elementary School (AES) building; waiting on two additional bids, paving E-911 parking lot will be finished this week, old Southern Bank building was put on hold.

After a discussion with the Board, Interim Manager Patterson shared with the Board that the environmental study has been done; there are issues with lead paint; areas to be remediated; asbestos, the architect and engineer must review the findings and decide of the possibility of remodeling the building or demolition areas, and that the price will vary.

Mrs. Brenda Brown, Dept. of Social Services Director, shared information on Medicaid Expansion as follows: for adults ages 19-64 (\$29,400 for a family of three) coverage under the expansion, preparation steps for the County, social services staff preparation, Raleigh reported the "Go-live" date announced for October 1<sup>st</sup>; new date set for December 1<sup>st</sup> and ended with case load information.

During the brief discussion with the Board regarding paybacks and errors Director Brown shared that most of the errors were technical and that the State committed to doing its part in the Medicaid expansion process.

Mrs. Sara Turner, GIS/Planning Director shared the Overview of the County Permanent Listing System Connecting the Register of Deeds and Tax Assessor as follows: the machinery act (NCGS 105, 2), the recording process, review by GIS/Planning, review by Tax Assessor, and Listing and Taxation.

#### BOARD CHAIR'S/CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Tyler proceeded to share the Board Chair's/Clerk's Report of events for September 2023 and read the County Mission Statement.

#### **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Chairman Lassiter and the Commissioners thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and invited Pastor Faircloth, Jr. to sing Happy Birthday to Com. Douglas,

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

On a motion by Com. Gatling and a second by Com. Horton, 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. Gatling and a second by Com. Douglas, the Board approved to return to Regular meeting.

#### RECESS MEETING

On a motion by Com. Gatling and a second by Com. Horton the Board approved to adjourn the meeting.