



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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### Post Meeting Brief

At the January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Board of Commissioners' meeting, the Commissioners honored the memory of a beloved Hertford County resident. Additionally, routine agenda items and essential operational needs were deliberated. The Board Meetings are held in-person, in the Multipurpose Room/Commissioners Chambers, located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Judicial Center (119 Justice Drive, Winton). The Post Meeting Brief will be published on the County's website, Facebook page, Twitter page, and it will be shared with our Sunshine List, media and County staff.

#### Highlights from the January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Commissioners' Meeting:

- ◆ The Commissioners unanimously passed a Proclamation honoring Ms. Prospiner Steward. Ms. Steward passed from this life on August 17, 2022, at the age of 102. She left behind a legacy of love and family unity. On behalf of the Board, Board Clerk, Dr. Renee Tyler presented Ms. Steward's family with the Proclamation.
- ◆ The Board approved the Hertford County Commissioners' Scholarship 2023 Instructions.
- ◆ During the Public Comment period, the Board heard from Mr. Marvin T. Jones of the Chowan Discovery Group. The Chowan Discovery Group is a charitable organization whose mission is to research, document, preserve and present the history of Hertford County. Mr. Jones informed the Commissioners about the organization's purpose and to make them aware of an exhibit that is currently in production. The exhibit will be displayed at the Cultural Arts Center in Winton and at Roanoke-Chowan Community College. Sylvia Howard, of the Union Senior Club, also presented the Commissioners with a card of gratitude for assisting the club with funding.
- ◆ At the meeting, Chairman Lassiter acknowledged Dr. Jesse Pratt, Hertford County Public Schools Superintendent, who was in attendance. He welcomed him to the district and wished him much success. Dr. Pratt expressed how excited he is to lead the district to the next level of growth.
- ◆ The Board approved Budget Amendments #11 and 12. These amendments included adding additional Insurance funds and adding funds that were received for LIEAP (Low Income Energy Assistance).
- ◆ The Board was updated about current and future enterprises when they received the January 2023 Economic Development Report from the Economic Development Director, Kelly Bowers. Also, the County's unemployment rate is currently at 5.5%, and that is expected to decrease.
- ◆ The Board appoints citizen volunteers to various boards and committees. At the January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Commissioners appointed citizen volunteers to The Hertford County

Economic Development and Roanoke Chowan Regional Housing Authority and Redevelopment Commission.

- ◆ The Commissioners unanimously approved the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget Development Schedule. The budget document is critical to the planning and execution of the annual budget for local government.
- ◆ The County Manager reported that the County ceremoniously received a gracious donation of two flags (national and state) from WoodmenLife – Murfreesboro Chapter 862. These flags will replace the flags that are currently displayed in front of the Judicial Center.



*Ms. Prospiner Steward's family being presented with the Proclamation Honoring her Memory*



*Dr. Jesse Pratt,  
Hertford County Public Schools Superintendent*

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