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Post Meeting Brief

At the February 7th, 2022 Board of Commissioners' meeting, potential partnerships were discussed along with essential operational needs being addressed by the Board. The Post Meeting Brief will be published on the County's website, Facebook page and it will be shared with our Sunshine List, media and County staff.

Highlights from the February 7th, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting:

- ◆ As a part of the Consent Agenda, the Board approved taxpayer refunds and tax releases.
- ◆ The Commissioners have always prioritized the importance of investing in the County's staff. As a service organization, the Board knows that our success is intrinsically linked to hiring and maintaining a highly motivated and talented staff. One measure that the Board takes each month in demonstrating their appreciation for our staff is the introduction of new hires. This single action demonstrates the Commissioners' commitment to supporting their development and importance to the Hertford County team.
- ◆ The Board approved budget amendment #11 to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget ordinance.
- ◆ A major initiative and priority for the Commissioners is economic development and securing our community's economic security and vitality for current and future generations. In furtherance of the Board's guidance, the Commissioners reseeded the Economic Development Commission and appointed a new member.
- ◆ The Town of Ahoskie presented the concept of combining with the County for the provision of building inspection services. The Commissioners instructed County staff to work with Town of Ahoskie staff to develop a proposal for their consideration at a future meeting.
- ◆ In terms of action supporting a stated priority, the Commissioners unanimously approved a student scholarship along with guidelines. This scholarship is specifically for Hertford County seniors. If you or someone you know is interested in applying for the scholarship, please visit the Hertford County website or contact County Administration for the guidelines and application.
- ◆ The annual budget document is one of the most important planning tools in local government as the organization strives to provide services commensurate with expectations and demonstrate accountability to the taxpayers. The process of developing, implementing, monitoring and planning is essentially a year-round effort. However, formally, the County starts the process by approving the budget development schedule. As

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such, the Commissioners unanimously approved the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget development schedule.

- ◆ Based on guidance received from the Commissioners, the County Manager reported that the County has submitted its first ever Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for consideration to receive the ACFR certificate designation. The significance and importance of the ACFR is to provide accurate and meaningful information relative to the County's financial condition and performance. Further, this tool is useful for economic development and financing purposes. It is a designation setting the County apart from comparable jurisdiction and demonstrates that the County complies with the accounting requirements promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

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