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### Post Meeting Brief

At the April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Board of Commissioners' meeting, letters of support 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 April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting:

- As a part of the Consent Agenda, the Board approved the March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 Meeting Minutes and a Taxpayer Refund for an individual.
- Citizen/Customer service is a fundamental tenet of the Board's mission to deliver exceptional services to the community. One practice in support of this core tenet is 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.
- Commissioners approved Budget Amendment #17 which included a North Carolina Department of Public Safety grant in the amount of \$84,270 for the Sheriff's Office.
- The Board enthusiastically approved a letter of support for Nucor as a part of a zero emissions lithium-ion battery electric switcher locomotive grant program.
- The development and fostering of local partnerships are strategic goals of the Commissioners. An example of their commitment is the Fire Protection and Hazard Response Contract with the Como Volunteer Fire Department. This partnership will ensure that the citizens in the Como Volunteer Fire Department's District receive emergency services when they call for assistance.
- The call to a Public Hearing was approved by the Board for a rezoning request – property located at 851 United States Highway 13 Ahoskie from Residential Agricultural (RA-30) to Commercial Highway (CH).
- The commitment to local and regional partnerships was further reinforced by the Board's unanimous approval for renewing the agreement with Albemarle Regional Library for the provision of library services in Hertford County.
- The Commissioners approved the reappointment of Sandra Lassiter Chadwick to the Hertford County Advisory Board of Aging.

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- A total of six foreclosed properties are one step closer to returning to private ownership. The Board voted to accept the current bids as a means to continue with the upset bidding process.
- The County Manager provided an update for the following: Easter Event, County Government Week, Information Technology Upgrades for the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Administration Conference Room, Social Services' Conference Room, Emergency Services' Conference Room, Circle Driveway, Vending Machines, Museum.
- One of the many additional duties assigned to the Commissioners is serving as the Board of Equalization and Review ( Board of E & R). The Board of E & R serves in a quasi-judicial capacity hearing property owner's value appeals making findings of fact. The Board of E & R heard an appeal from The GEO Group.
- The Commissioners recessed the regular meeting to reconvene in the Board's Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Workshop. The Aging & Senior Services Department, Economic Development and Emergency Medical Services Department made presentations to the Board. The County Manager provided an overview of several budget requests received to date. The Board will receive an in depth presentation at the May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 Budget Workshop.

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