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Post Meeting Brief

The Board of Commissioners continues to improve and increase transparency and access to information. In demonstration of the Board's commitment towards this endeavor, the Commissioners are establishing a Post Meeting Brief to be published following each meeting. An equally important goal of this proactive effort is to keep the community informed of the initiatives and decisions being made for the betterment of our community. 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 June 7th, 2021 Commissioners' Meeting:

- ◆ The Commissioners recognize the importance of hiring and maintaining a qualified and dedicated staff, which is evidenced by the standing agenda item of "Introduction of New Hertford County Staff".
- ◆ The Board further demonstrated its commitment to valuing and celebrating our long-term employees by awarding the badge and service weapon to a retiring Sheriff's Deputy.
- ◆ Preparing the upcoming generation for a career in public service is of paramount importance to the Commissioners. The Board unanimously approved a group of promising and talented high school and college students for the Hertford County Summer Internship Program. This standing internship program continues to provide a unique opportunity for students to learn about local government and for Hertford County to gain insight into new ideas.
- ◆ Public participation and involvement are top priorities for the Board and as such, the Commissioners unanimously approved the advertisement for current and upcoming volunteer boards and commission vacancies. Please reference the following page for a full list of available volunteer opportunities. If you are interested in volunteering to serve on a board or commission, you may contact the Clerk to the Board for an application.
- ◆ One of the most important annual planning documents undertaken by any local government is the budget. The Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 Budget. This marked the culmination of a six-month development process, which included a Goal Setting Retreat with the Board, multiple Commissioners' workshop as well as meetings with individual directors. In total, this single annual planning document represents approximately 1,200 work hours.
- ◆ Our small businesses are the economic heartbeat of our community. The Commissioners support for our small businesses was reinforced by the unanimous approval of a modification to an existing ambulance franchise agreement.
- ◆ Hertford County like the vast majority of communities in the United States, has been significantly impacted by the opioid epidemic. In recognition of this impact and the need to provide the critical resources to those suffering from addiction, the Commissioners unanimously approved a Resolution allowing Hertford County to receive a portion of any settlement against the major manufacturers as part of a class action lawsuit. The funds would be used to directly support individuals in need of substance abuse intervention and treatment.

- ◆ The Commissioners recognize and appreciate the importance of maintaining a positive relationship with our corporate citizens. As a result, Nucor donated a LUCAS Chest Compression Machine to Hertford County Emergency Medical Services. As the name implies the Chest Compression Machine will allow the Paramedic to focus on provide lifesaving aid. The Commissioners were impressed with the demonstration of the device and immediately recognized the need to equip all of the County’s ambulances. The Commissioners directed the County Manager to amend the Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 Budget to provide funding for the purchase of two additional devices.
- ◆ There were a number of other actions taken by the Commissioners at the meeting. If you are interested in reviewing the full agenda, please visit the County’s website.

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Employee Advisory Council	Firefighters Relief Fund Board
Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Board	E911 Governance Board
Commissioners’ Advisory Board on Aging	Economic Development Commission
Library Advisory Board	Joint Community Advisory Committee
Industrial Facilities & Pollution Control Financing Authority	Jury Commission
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council	Mid-East Board
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board	Veterans Advisory Council
Murfreesboro Planning Board of Adjustment (Extra Territorial Jurisdiction)	
Roanoke Chowan Community College Board of Trustees	
Voluntary Agricultural District Advisory Board	

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