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**Post Meeting Brief**

At the June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 Board of Commissioners' meeting, several major decisions and actions were taken on behalf of the community. The Board approved the annual budget, recognized an important holiday and strengthened the zoning ordinance. 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 Commissioners' Meeting:

- ◆ A Resolution commemorating Juneteenth as an annual celebration of black economic liberation has been unanimously approved by the Hertford County Board of Commissioners. This momentous legislation memorializes the importance of June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1865 by establishing the date as a County holiday.
- ◆ The budget document is one of the most important annual 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 began in February 2021 with a goal setting retreat with the Board of County Commissioners. The Commissioners provided guidance and sage advice for the formulation of the Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 budget document.
- ◆ The Commissioners adopted a balanced General Fund budget of \$27,157,987 while maintaining a tax rate of 0.84¢ per \$100 of valuation. Under the Board's guiding wisdom, this fiscally conservative budget appropriates finite resources across a broad spectrum of services. The Commissioners' commitment and dedication to meeting the expectations of the community is evidenced in the details of the Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 Budget document. Public Safety, Social Services and Education are the funded priorities for the upcoming budget year.
- ◆ In response to the community's input and request for assistance, the Board approved stricter requirements for the siting and installation of solar facilities. The Commissioners' collective sense of public service is illustrated through their actions and specifically their revisions to the zoning ordinance. The changes may be found in the Hertford County Zoning Ordinance (available on the County's website).
- ◆ The Commissioners celebrated the career and service of Captain Jessie Fennell, Hertford County Sheriff's Office by awarding Mr. Fennell his badge and service weapon. The Board takes great pride in recognizing and supporting the County's staff.

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