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Post Meeting Brief

The July 19th, 2021 Board of Commissioners' meeting marked the first official Board meeting of the new Fiscal Year. The business of the County summarizes the theme of the meeting. The Commissioners discussed important routine agenda items crucial to the ongoing operation of the County. 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 July 19th, 2021 Commissioners' Meeting:

- ◆ The Commissioners approved a contract for the purchase of tasers for the Sheriff's Office. This less than lethal tool offers our law enforcement officers an option to de-escalate potentially dangerous encounters peacefully. The Sheriff's Office is pursuing grant funding to offset the cost of the equipment. The Board is committed to building a safer and inclusive community.
- ◆ The Commissioners received the Monthly Financial Report detailing the County's financial position as of May 2021. The County remains financially viable and stable with sufficient liquidity to maintain ongoing operations. Based on the sage advice and guidance from the Commissioners, the County continues to further strengthen its financial resilience through maintaining the lowest responsible tax rate necessary to deliver exceptional services to our community.
- ◆ The Bi-monthly Economic Development Report was presented to the Commissioners detailing the business indicators influencing the local economy. The unemployment rate continues to be a concern. The Board's vision and prioritization of economic development in our community has positioned Hertford County to be able to leverage our assets for the benefit of our citizens. There are several examples illustrating the positive outcomes from the Commissioners' actions. First, Hertford County has been selected for the "Made in Hertford County" project initiated by River East Workforce Development. The project highlights companies that make products in the County, the careers in high-demand within these same companies as well as the training/education required to secure a career with one of the companies. Second, Hertford County is partnering with Roanoke Chowan Community College to establish a monthly industry roundtable to create skilled labor strategies for our community-based businesses. Lastly, SBTDC, a small business advisory resource, has assigned a Business Resiliency Counselor to our community. The Counselor will provide small business and non-profit expertise including training, education and grant resources.

- ♦ The important routine business addressed by the Commissioners included: settlement for Fiscal Year 20-21 current taxes, lease and option agreement for Union Rural Fire Department, services grant and a Fiscal Year 21-22 budget amendment.

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