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Post Meeting Brief

At the October 17th, 2022 Board of Commissioners' meeting, potentially leveraging assets, stakeholders and partnerships for the benefit of Hertford County 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 October 17th, 2022 Commissioners' Meeting:

- The County Manager along with the Sheriff, Finance Director, Human Resources Director, Tax Collector, E911 Communications Director, Aging & Senior Services Director, Facilities & Grounds Maintenance Director, Social Services Director, Economic Development Director, Chief Building Inspector, Cooperative Extension & Clerk to the Board wished the Board of Commissioners a "Happy Bosses' Day" and presented them with individual gifts in appreciation for their wisdom and guidance.
- As a part of the Consent Agenda, the Board approved the October 3rd, 2022 Meeting Minutes and the September 2022 North Carolina Vehicle Tax System Refunds and Taxpayer Releases.
- The Board approved Amendment ARP-3 to the Hertford County Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.
- The Commissioners received a proposal from Mr. Bob Steinburg, President of WolfeStein, LLC for lobbying and advocating services.
- 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 Board viewed and approved the Hertford County Industrial Recruitment video developed by the Economic Development Director and County Manager based on the vision and guidance of the Commissioners.
- The Commissioners approved a resolution in support of Access Chowan, which is a grant program to plan and acquire property for recreational purposes.
- The County Manager provided an update for the following: Fall Festival on October 29th from 4:00 to 8:00 pm at the Hertford County Government Complex, Winton; Veterans Day Event on November 11th from 9:00 to 10:00 am at No Man's Land, Ahoskie; receiving notice of being awarded a FEMA BRIC grant for hydrologic watershed assessment.

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