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Post Meeting Brief

At the October 18th, 2021 Board of Commissioners' meeting, a significant acknowledgement was passed unanimously and general business items were advanced by the Board. The Commissioners discussed important County business as well as long-term policy positions. 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 18th, 2021 Commissioners' Meeting:

- ◆ The Commissioners enthusiastically and unanimously adopted a Resolution Honoring Indigenous Peoples' Day. The Board recognized and thanked representatives from the Meherrin Nation and Choanoke Indian Nation, which are known as first inhabitants and native peoples of Hertford County.
- ◆ A policy update was made to the Hertford County Personnel Policy addressing Voluntary Shared Leave. Specifically, the change clearly defines a qualifying event.
- ◆ The Commissioners appointed a citizen volunteer to the Jury Commission, which provides an important and necessary service to our community.
- ◆ During the Public Comment Period, the Board heard from several citizens who expressed their concerns about adjoining property owners. The Commissioners unanimously directed staff to investigate and report back at the next meeting. The Board instructed staff to provide solutions and a plan of action addressing the citizens' concerns. In addition, the Commissioners asked staff to provide specific policies, which would allow the County to act in the event that similar issues occurred in the future.
- ◆ The Board is constantly challenging staff to be innovative, improve transparency and demonstrate value to the taxpayers and citizens of Hertford County. In response, Emergency Medical Services staff presented a billing contract for services, which would improve accuracy and increase revenue collections. This in turn will reduce the burden to the taxpayer. The Commissioners unanimously approved engaging a new billing service provider.



- ◆ The Economic Development Director provide the Board with the bi-monthly report. The Economic outlook and activity in Hertford County have been strong in 2021. The County's unemployment percentage has been trending down consistently over the previous quarter. However, based on the latest census projections, Hertford County has lost approximately thirteen (13%) percent of its population since 2010. Overall, the investment in existing businesses, interest of new industries in locating in our community and expanding workforce development are all positives in the realm of Economic Development.

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