

**HERTFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
COMMISSIONER'S CHAMBERS/MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM – JUDICIAL CENTER**

**Minutes November 4, 2024 – 9:00 AM**

**Present:** Com. Andre` M. Lassiter, Sr., Chairman, Com. John D. Horton, Vice-Chair, Com. Leroy Douglas, Com. Ronald J. Gatling and Com. William F. Mitchell, Jr.

**Also present with the Board:** Mr. Oryan Lowry, County Manager, Dr. Renee Tyler, Clerk to the Board, Attorney Charles L. Revelle, III, County Attorney and Attorney Maria Jones, Revelle & Lee Attorneys

The following employees attended the meeting:

Patrick Dilday, Sara Turner, Robert Mizelle, Diedre Evans, Leslie Edwards, Chad Stephens, La'Tia Lewter, Melanie Storey, Felicia Gaston, Komita Hendricks, Edwin Quinten, Tiffany Walton, Ka'wania Parker, Sheriff Dexter Hayes, and Angela Fitzhugh.

Chairman Andre` M. Lassiter, Sr. called the meeting to order and Pastor Shirley Johnson, Senior Pastor, New Beginnings Missionary Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, NC provided the Invocation.

**REQUEST APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 21, 2024 MINUTES**

On a motion by Com. Ronald J. Gatling, seconded by Com. William F. Mitchell, Jr., the Board approved the October 21, 2024 Regular Board Meeting minutes.

**FYBE PRESENTATION: IMPROVING ACCESS IN HERTFORD COUNTY**

Ms. Sarah Tinkham, of FYBE (A Subsidiary of Roanoke Cooperative) Grants and Compliance Coordinator, presented reporting that FYBE is improving access in Hertford County serving over 21,000 homes and businesses across seven counties, Hertford, Gates, Northampton, Halifax, Chowan, Bertie & Pasquotank and plans to extend service territory to Martin County and beyond, and that the goal is to deliver reliable, fiber service to over 100,000 homes and businesses statewide. She also shared that Hertford County fiber has been placed 193 miles and that the total member/owner passings are 1,813.

## **VETERAN RECOGNITIONS**

The Board recognized the following veterans in honor of their military service to the United States of America:

<b>Veteran</b>	<b>Military Branch</b>	<b>Years of Service</b>
<b>Moses Armstrong</b>	US Army	4 yrs.
<b>Eric Anthony</b>	US Marine Core	4 yrs.
<b>Axem Bracy</b>	US Army	3 yrs.
<b>Wayne Brooks</b>	US Army	22 yrs.
<b>James Cooke</b>	US Army/National Guard	2 yrs.
<b>Richard Dixon</b>	US Army	7 yrs.
<b>Larry Gaines</b>	US Army	2 yrs.
<b>Stephen Hall</b>	US Army	3 yrs.
<b>Donald Kirkland</b>	US Army	3 yrs.
<b>Herbert Lassiter</b>	US Army /National Guard	2 yrs/6 yrs.
<b>Timothy Lassiter</b>	US Army/National Guard	3 yrs/7 yrs.
<b>Rodney Moore</b>	US Army	3 yrs.
<b>Steve Skala</b>	US Navy	24 yrs.
<b>Dennis Slade</b>	US Army	2 yrs.

On a motion by Com. Gatling, seconded by Com. Mitchell, the Board recessed Regular Session to convene for the 9:15 AM Public Hearing of the Planning Board.

### **HERTFORD COUNTY PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING: MRS. JAN DEBOER FOR PHASE II CYPRESS COVE RETREAT CAMPGROUND**

Mrs. Sara Turner, GIS/Planning Director, shared that Jan Nygaard had requested the hearing to approve the plat for additional campgrounds to start Phase 2 of the Campground for Cypress Cove Retreat, LLC located at 825 Swains Mill Road in Harrellsville, North Carolina identified as Parcel #6973-17-7096.

The Public Comment was provided by Mr. Clifford Kumpf of 813 Swains Mill Road who shared he has no problem with the project, but he has concerns about the disturbance his family experiences from the lighting projecting from the campground over onto his property.

After a discussion between Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Jan DeBoer, and the Commissioners, on motion by Com. Gatling, seconded by Com. Mitchell the Board returned to the Regular Session.

On a motion by Com. Douglas, seconded by Com. Mitchell, the Board approved the recommendation of the Hertford County Planning Board to approve Phase II of the Campground for Cypress Cove Retreat, LLC located at 825 Swains Mill Road in Harrellsville as presented by Mrs. Turner.

### **REQUEST CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF USDA BUILDING FLOOR REPAIR CONTRACT**

After a discussion between Mr. Robert Mizelle, Chief Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator/Facilities Manager, the Board, Manager Lowry and Attorney Revelle, on a motion by Com. Mitchell, seconded by Com. Douglas, the Board approved the \$21,960.56 quote provided by Sherwin Williams of Ahoskie, NC for the USDA Building Floor Repairs.

### **COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Manager Lowry provided updates on the Department Head Meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, shared the Fall Festival was a great success, the Hertford, Bertie, Chowan and Gates County's Local Reentry Council (LRC) with \$250,000.00 to be shared between counties; reestablishing the advisory committee for the LRC, next meeting November 11<sup>th</sup>, and concluded with dates to remember.

### **BOARD CHAIR'S/CLERK'S REPORT BOARD CHAIR'S/CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk Tyler shared the Board Chair's/Clerk's report to included November and December events and the County Mission Statement.

### **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Chairman Lassiter and the Commissioners thanked everyone for attending the Board meeting and announced the December 2, 2024, Regular Board Meeting with the reelected Commissioners being administered their Oaths of Office and the Board briefly recessing for a reception in the Courthouse second floor lobby with the reelected officials.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

On a motion by Com. Gatling, seconded by Vice-Chair Horton, the Board approved to go into Closed Session.

Minutes of Closed Session are on file in the Office of the Clerk to the Board.

On a motion by Com. Gatling, seconded by Vice-Chair Horton, the Board returned to the Regular Session.

## **ADJOURN MEETING**

On a motion by Com. Mitchell seconded by Com. Gatling, the Board adjourned the meeting.

Approved: November 18, 2024

*Andre` M. Lassiter, Sr.*

The Honorable Andre` M. Lassiter, Sr., Chairman

*Renee Tyler*

Dr. Renee Tyler, Clerk to the Board