

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

Minutes September 18, 2023 – 7:00 PM

Present: Com. Andre` M. Lassiter, Sr., Chairman, Com. Ronald J. Gatling and Com. John D. Horton

Absent: Com. William F. Mitchell, Jr., Vice-Chair, and Com. Leroy Douglas

Also Present with the Board: Mr. Kevin Patterson, Interim County Manager, Dr. Renee Tyler, Clerk to the Board, Attorney Charles L Revelle, III, County Attorney
Attorney Maria Jones, Revelle & Lee

The following employees attended the meeting: Director Felicia Gaskins, Director Kimberly Turner, Director Stanley Lassiter, Director Leslie Edwards, Director Kelly Bowers, Sheriff Dexter Hayes, Director Brad Vann, and Public Information Officer KaWania Parker.

Chairman Andre` M. Lassiter, Sr. called the meeting to order and Pastor Daryl Partlow, Mill Neck Missionary Baptist Church, of Como provided the Invocation.

On a motion by Com. Ronald J. Gatling and a second by Com. John D. Horton, the Board amended the Agenda to add Public Comment at Memo # 10219 and updated Memo #10220 Request Consideration of Recommendation for Hertford County Library Advisory Board & Roanoke Chowan Community Health Center to include Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Com. Gatling and a second by Com. Horton, the Board approved the Consent Agenda as follows:

- Approved the September 5, 2023 Minutes
- Approved the August 2023 Taxpayer Releases

RELEASES FOR MONTH ENDING

August 2023

		LEVY	VALUE	TAX
AHOSKIE TOWNSHIP	NAME	YEAR	RELEASED	RELEASED

Bill#0000037626-2023-2023 The taxpayer listed his dog in error.	Burden, Tyler S.	2023		D01-\$5.00
Bill#0000003956-2023-2023 Property is not habitable or is unoccupied with no electrical service during the period of July 1 through June 30 th of the taxable year.	James Reginald D	2023		W01-\$130.00 W02-\$130.00
Bill#0000000215-2023-2023 Property is not habitable or is unoccupied with no electrical service during the period of July 1 through June 30 th of the taxable year.	Pierce, Josephine E.	2023		W01-\$130.00 W02-\$130.00
Bill#0000016762-2023-2023 Property is not habitable or is unoccupied with no electrical service during the period of July 1 through June 30 th of the taxable year.	Vann, Michael J	2023		W01-\$130.00 W02-\$130.00
Bill#0000011011-2023-2023 Property is not habitable or is unoccupied with no electrical service during the period of July 1 through June 30 th of the taxable year.	White, Meshuelle	2023		W01-\$130.00 W02-\$130.00
Bill#0000000934-2023-2023 Property is not habitable or is unoccupied with no electrical service during the period of July 1 through June 30 th of the taxable year.	Simmons, Thomas	2023		W01-\$130.00 W02-\$130.00
MURFREESBORO TOWNSHIP				
Bill#0000003102-2023-2023 Dog came over in error on Bill #6615	Long, Joe	2023		D01-\$5.00
Bill#0000006538-2023-202 Dog came over in error on Bill#6615	Long, Jacqueline	2023		D01-\$5.00
Bill#0000001040-2023-2023 Abstract was keyed in error. Taxpayer reported business closed & equipment was disposed of.	Klassy Kuts	2023	499	G01-\$4.19 C04-\$3.29
Bill#0000007000-20232023 Taxpayer only has one dog but two was added to the listing.	Lassiter, Calvin L	2023		D01-\$5.00
Bill#0000010534-2023-2023 Property is not habitable or is unoccupied with no electrical service during the period of July 1 through June 30 th of the taxable year.	Honeywood, Lawrence	2023		W01-130.00 W02-130.00
WINTON TOWNSHIP				
Bill#0000002810-2023-2023	Hoggard, Larry	2023		W01-\$130.00 W02-\$130.00


Property is not habitable or is unoccupied with no electrical service during the period of July 1 through June 30 th of the taxable year.				
Bill#0000002810-2023-2023 Property is not habitable or is unoccupied with no electrical service during the period of July 1 through June 30 th of the taxable year.	Hoggard, Larry	2023		W01-\$130.00 W02-\$130.00
Bill#0000002809-2023-2023 Property is not habitable or is unoccupied with no electrical service during the period of July 1 through June 30 th of the taxable year.	Hoggard, Roy	2023		W01-\$130.00 W02-\$130.00
MANEY'S NECK TOWNSHIP				
Bill#0000035802-2023-2023 Vehicle was listed in January but has a current license plate & is billed through the DMV.	Turner, William R	2023	9,332	G01-\$78.39
Bill#0000012478-2023-2023 Dogs came over in error, on bill# 12477	Burgess, Theresa S.	2023		D01-\$10.00
Bill#0000001802-2023-2023 Property is not habitable or is unoccupied with no electrical service during the period of July 1 through June 30 th of the taxable year.	Eastern Homes NCN LLP	2023		W01-\$1170.00 W02-\$1170.00
ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP				
Bill#0000009849-2023-2023 Dog came over in error on Bill#9850	Harrell, Mervin	2023		D01-\$5.00
Bill#0000000717-2023-2023 Property is not habitable or is unoccupied with no electrical service during the period of July 1 through June 30 th of the taxable year.	Smallwood, George	2023		W01-\$130.00 W02-\$130.00
Bill#0000011762-2023-2023 Property is not habitable or is unoccupied with no electrical service during the period of July 1 through June 30 th of the taxable year.	Morris, Cindy Morris, Thomas	2023		W01-\$130.00 W02-\$130.00
HARRELLSVILLE TOWNSHIP				
Bill#0000021205-2023-2023 House was destroyed by fire, but solid waste was not removed	Askew, Neal	2023		W01-\$130.00 W02-\$130.00

TOTAL VALUE APPROVED THIS REPORT (2022LEVY)	<u>\$9831.00</u>
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (2022LEVY)	<u>\$120.87</u>
TOTAL VALUE APPROVED THIS REPORT (PRIOR LEVY)	<u>\$0</u>
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (PRIOR LEVY)	<u>\$0</u>
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W01 COLL/RECYCLE SITE 2023)	<u>\$2730.00</u>
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W02 LANDFILL OPERATION 2023)	<u>\$2730.00</u>
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W01 COLL/RECYCLE SITE 2022)	<u>\$0</u>
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W02 LANDFILL OPERATION 2022)	<u>\$0</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy H. Eason

- Approval of NCVTS Refunds: Charlie Cheng, Ashley Cote, Patrick Proctor



North Carolina Vehicle Tax System

NCVTS Pending Refund report

Report Date 08/09/2023

Payee Name	Primary Owner	Address 1	Address 3	Refund Type	Bill #	Status	Transaction #	Refund Description	Refund Reason	Create Date	Authorization Date	Tax Jurisdiction	Levy Type	Change	Interest Change	Total Change										
CHENG, CHARLIE LUNG-CHENG	CHENG, CHARLIE LUNG-CHENG	915 LIBERTY ST	AHOSKIE, NC 27910	Proration	005574 8235	PENDING	286618491	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0055748235-2022-0000-00	Vehicle Sold	08/09/2023		G01	Tax	(\$78.19)	\$0.00	(\$78.19)										
												C01	Tax	(\$75.40)	\$0.00	(\$75.40)										
												C01	Vehicle Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00										
														Refund	\$153.59											
COTE, ASHLEY RUTH	COTE, ASHLEY RUTH	103 FLEETWOOD RD	CHESAPEAKE VA 23325	Proration	006002 7520	PENDING	191572106	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0060027520-2022-0000-00	Tag Surrender	08/18/2023		G01	Tax	(\$96.01)	\$0.00	(\$96.01)										
												F01	Tax	(\$4.57)	\$0.00	(\$4.57)										
														Refund	\$100.58											
PROCTOR, PATRICK ALAN	PROCTOR, PATRICK ALAN	311 S WILLIFORD RD	AHOSKIE, NC 27910	Proration	003790 1577	PENDING	95986326	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0037901577-2022-0000-00	Vehicle Sold	08/25/2023		G01	Tax	(\$190.03)	\$0.00	(\$190.03)										
																										Refund
														Refund Total		\$641.56										

REQUEST APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO HERTFORD COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE FISCAL FY 2023-2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT # BA 4

On a motion by Commissioner Gatling and a second by Com. Horton, the Board approved the Amendment to Hertford County Budget Ordinance Fiscal FY 2023-2024 Budget Amendment # 4 in the amount of \$60,301.00 as presented by Mrs. Leslie Edwards, Finance Director, as follows:

AMENDMENT TO HERTFORD COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the County of Hertford, North Carolina, that the following amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024:

REVENUE:

Department	Account Number	Account Description	Amount Increase	Amount Decrease
DSS	100063-419105	LIEAP CAA LIHWAP	\$ 60,301	
Total Changes in Revenue			\$ 60,301	\$ -

Net Change in Revenue	\$60,301
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EXPENDITURE:

Department	Account Number	Account Description	Amount Increase	Amount Decrease
DSS	104440-569113	LIEAP CAA LIHWAP	\$ 60,301	
Total Changes in Expenditures			\$ 60,301	\$ -

Net Change in Expenditures	\$60,301
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Explanation:

DSS - Recevied additional LIHWAP Funds totaling \$60,301.00

Julie A. Edwards 9.12.23
Finance Director Date

Amendment # 4
Approved: _____
Posted: _____

**REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION FOR HERTFORD COUNTY
LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD & RIVERS EAST WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
BOARD and JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL.**

The Board approved the recommendations as follows:

On a motion by Com. Gatling and a second by Com. Horton, the Board approved the reappointment of Tammy Mizelle to the **Hertford County Library Advisory Board** for a six-year term effective September 18, 2023 scheduled to conclude June 30, 2029.

On a motion by Com. Gatling and a second by Com. Horton, the Board approved the appointment of Stephanie Wroten to the Rivers East Workforce Development Board for a one-year term effective on September 18, 2023 scheduled to expire June 30, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

COMMUNITY RECOGNITIONS

On a motion by Com. Gatling and a second by Com. Horton, the Board approved the Resolutions for Mill Neck Missionary Baptist Church, Como, NC (Pastor Daryl Partlow) as presented by Interim County Manager Mr. Kevin Patterson as follows:



RESOLUTION HONORING

MILL NECK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, COMO, NORTH CAROLINA

- WHEREAS,** Mill Neck Missionary Baptist Church (MCMBC) was established in 1866 and celebrated 157 years of service August 2023; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1927 the Mill Neck School was built and operated with students and teachers until 1959 and is one of the only remaining Rosenwald Schools in Hertford County, is a 501(c)3 organization incorporated in the State of North Carolina and registered with the North Carolina Historic Preservation, the school is currently under renovation through the Mill Neck Rosenwald School Restoration Project; and
- WHEREAS,** Mill Neck Missionary Baptist Church has provided servant leadership and support to Hertford County Citizens since 1866; and
- WHEREAS,** under the leadership of its 10th Pastor, Reverend Darrell T. Partlow, the Mill Neck membership remains committed to bridge cultural gaps in Hertford County and abroad, providing financial support to County missions, assisting local nursing homes and assisted living facilities with toiletries and clothing items through its Senior Outreach initiatives, feed a family program, Christmas Drive, Shaw University, Lott Carey, local associations; and
- WHEREAS,** Mill Neck Missionary Baptist Church has made beneficial contributions to citizens of Hertford County and surrounding communities through the years providing educational opportunities and security for families and citizens of Hertford County; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hertford County Board of County Commissioners hereby congratulate and honor Mill Neck Missionary Baptist Church for its tireless contributions to community service in Hertford County.

Adopted this the 18th day of September 2023.

Hertford County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST

The Honorable Andre` M. Lassiter, Sr. Chairman

Dr. Renee Tyler, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board

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On a motion by Com. Gatling and second by Com. Horton, the Board approved the Resolutions honoring Hertford County Fire Departments: Station 1: Town of Ahoskie, Station 2: Ahoskie Rural, Station 3: Como, Station 4: Harrellsville, Station 5: Millennium, Station 6:

Murfreesboro, Station 7: St. John, Station 8: Union, Station 9: Winton, Station 19, Hertford County EMS, & Hertford County Fire Marshall) as presented by Interim County Manager Patterson as follows:



RESOLUTION HONORING

STATION 1 – TOWN OF AHOSKIE FIRE DEPARTMENT

- WHEREAS**, in emergency situations in Hertford County, the County's Public Safety employees (commonly called "first responders"), carry out the critical role of protecting and ensuring public safety; and
- WHEREAS**, the Town of Ahoskie Fire Department, the Hertford County Sheriff Department the Rural Fire Departments, act as a combined team, in conjunction with partners from other agencies, to rescue people from dangerous circumstances, secure dangers, treat the injured, protect the lives and safety of people, their properties regardless of peril or hazard to themselves; and
- WHEREAS**, Station 1 - Town of Ahoskie Fire Department first responders often risk their lives when responding to emergencies, brave high temperatures, fire, smoke, and little or no visibility as they search for occupants and fight fires; and
- WHEREAS**, rural fire fighters provide fire suppression, emergency medical services, search and rescue hazardous materials response, critical fire prevention and safety education; and
- WHEREAS**, the Government of Hertford County is charged first and foremost with assuring public safety by protecting the lives, peace and property of its residents; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Hertford County that this governing body declares, for itself and the residents of the County, that the County gratefully and completely supports our first responders and encourages all residents of Hertford County to express their gratitude to our first responders with their own acts and expressions of kindness and appreciation for their efforts and sacrificial community service.

Adopted this the 18th day of September, 2023.

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RESOLUTION HONORING

STATION 2 – AHOSKIE RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

- WHEREAS,** in emergency situations in Hertford County, the County's Public Safety employees (commonly called "first responders"), carry out the critical role of protecting and ensuring public safety; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ahoskie Rural Fire Department, the Hertford County Sheriff Department the Rural Fire Departments, act as a combined team, in conjunction with partners from other agencies, to rescue people from dangerous circumstances, secure dangers, treat the injured, protect the lives and safety of people, their properties regardless of peril or hazard to themselves; and
- WHEREAS,** Station 2 – Ahoskie Rural Fire Department first responders often risk their lives when responding to emergencies, brave high temperatures, fire, smoke, and little or no visibility as they search for occupants and fight fires; and
- WHEREAS,** rural fire fighters provide fire suppression, emergency medical services, search and rescue hazardous materials response, critical fire prevention and safety education; and
- WHEREAS,** the Government of Hertford County is charged first and foremost with assuring public safety by protecting the lives, peace and property of its residents; and

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**RESOLUTION HONORING
STATION 3 - COMO FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- WHEREAS,** in emergency situations in Hertford County, the County's Public Safety employees (commonly called "first responders"), carry out the critical role of protecting and ensuring public safety; and
- WHEREAS,** the Como Fire Department, the Hertford County Sheriff Department the Rural Fire Departments, act as a combined team, in conjunction with partners from other agencies, to rescue people from dangerous circumstances, secure dangers, treat the injured, protect the lives and safety of people, their properties regardless of peril or hazard to themselves; and
- WHEREAS,** Station 3 – Como Fire Department first responders often risk their lives when responding to emergencies, brave high temperatures, fire, smoke, and little or no visibility as they search for occupants and fight fires; and
- WHEREAS,** rural fire fighters provide fire suppression, emergency medical services, search and rescue hazardous materials response, critical fire prevention and safety education; and
- WHEREAS,** the Government of Hertford County is charged first and foremost with assuring public safety by protecting the lives, peace and property of its residents; and

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RESOLUTION HONORING

STATION 4 - HARRELLSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

- WHEREAS,** in emergency situations in Hertford County, the County's Public Safety employees (commonly called "first responders"), carry out the critical role of protecting and ensuring public safety; and
- WHEREAS,** the Harrellsville Fire Department, the Hertford County Sheriff Department the Rural Fire Departments, act as a combined team, in conjunction with partners from other agencies, to rescue people from dangerous circumstances, secure dangers, treat the injured, protect the lives and safety of people, their properties regardless of peril or hazard to themselves; and
- WHEREAS,** Station 4 – Harrellsville Fire Department first responders often risk their lives when responding to emergencies, brave high temperatures, fire, smoke, and little or no visibility as they search for occupants and fight fires; and
- WHEREAS,** rural fire fighters provide fire suppression, emergency medical services, search and rescue hazardous materials response, critical fire prevention and safety education; and

WHEREAS, Station 7- St. John Fire Department first responders often risk their lives when responding to emergencies, brave high temperatures, fire, smoke, and little or no visibility as they search for occupants and fight fires; and

WHEREAS, rural fire fighters provide fire suppression, emergency medical services, search and rescue hazardous materials response, critical fire prevention and safety education; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Hertford County is charged first and foremost with assuring public safety by protecting the lives, peace and property of its residents; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Hertford County that this governing body declares, for itself and the residents of the County, that the County gratefully and completely supports our first responders and encourages all residents of Hertford County to express their gratitude to our first responders with their own acts and expressions of kindness and appreciation for their efforts and sacrificial community service.

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RESOLUTION HONORING

STATION 8 - UNION FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, in emergency situations in Hertford County, the County's Public Safety employees (commonly called "first responders"), carry out the critical role of protecting and ensuring public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Union Fire Department, the Hertford County Sheriff Department the Rural Fire Departments, act as a combined team, in conjunction with partners from other agencies, to rescue people from dangerous circumstances, secure dangers, treat the injured, protect the lives and safety of people, their properties regardless of peril or hazard to themselves; and

WHEREAS, Station 8 – Union Fire Department first responders often risk their lives when responding to emergencies, brave high temperatures, fire, smoke, and little or no visibility as they search for occupants and fight fires; and

WHEREAS, rural fire fighters provide fire suppression, emergency medical services, search and rescue hazardous materials response, critical fire prevention and safety education; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Hertford County is charged first and foremost with assuring public safety by protecting the lives, peace and property of its residents; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Hertford County that this governing body declares, for itself and the residents of the County, that the County gratefully and completely supports our first responders and encourages all residents of Hertford County to express their gratitude to our first responders with their own acts and expressions of kindness and appreciation for their efforts and sacrificial community service.

Adopted this the 18th day of September, 2023.

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RESOLUTION HONORING

STATION 9 - WINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

- WHEREAS,** in emergency situations in Hertford County, the County's Public Safety employees (commonly called "first responders"), carry out the critical role of protecting and ensuring public safety; and
- WHEREAS,** the Winton Fire Department, the Hertford County Sheriff Department the Rural Fire Departments, act as a combined team, in conjunction with partners from other agencies, to rescue people from dangerous circumstances, secure dangers, treat the injured, protect the lives and safety of people, their properties regardless of peril or hazard to themselves; and
- WHEREAS,** Station 9 - Winton Fire Department first responders often risk their lives when responding to emergencies, brave high temperatures, fire, smoke, and little or no visibility as they search for occupants and fight fires; and
- WHEREAS,** rural fire fighters provide fire suppression, emergency medical services, search and rescue hazardous materials response, critical fire prevention and safety education; and
- WHEREAS,** the Government of Hertford County is charged first and foremost with assuring public safety by protecting the lives, peace and property of its residents; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Hertford County that this governing body declares, for itself and the residents of the County, that the County gratefully and completely supports our first responders and encourages all residents of Hertford County to express their gratitude to our first responders with their own acts and expressions of kindness and appreciation for their efforts and sacrificial community service.

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RESOLUTION HONORING

STATION 19 – HERTFORD COUNTY EMS DEPARTMENT

- WHEREAS,** in emergency situations in Hertford County, the County's Public Safety employees (commonly called "first responders"), carry out the critical role of protecting and ensuring public safety; and

WHEREAS, Hertford County EMS Director Mr. James Broglin and the EMS Department, the Hertford County Sheriff Department the Rural Fire Departments, act as a combined team, in conjunction with partners from other agencies, to assist people in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, Director Broglin and the Hertford County EMS first responders faithfully and with honor, integrity and great distinction are called upon to serve and protect their fellow citizens by responding to emergency events and acting heroically to save the lives of others often risk their lives when responding to emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Hertford County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel, Emergency Management Technicians (EMT's) and Paramedics, honorably served this County by responding to emergency calls for assistance, some leaving their families and loved ones behind to serve others in need; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Hertford County is charged first and foremost with assuring safety by protecting the lives of its residents; and recognizes the sacrifices that emergency medical services personnel and their families have made; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Hertford County that this governing body declares, for itself and the residents of the County, that the County gratefully and completely supports our first responders and encourages all residents of Hertford County to express their gratitude to our first responders with their own acts and expressions of kindness and appreciation for their efforts and sacrificial community service.

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RESOLUTION HONORING

HERTFORD COUNTY FIRE MARSHALL MR. CHRIS SMITH

WHEREAS, Mr. Chris Smith has continuously been mindful of the interests of Hertford County Local Government to carry out the critical role of protecting and ensuring public safety for citizens of Hertford County as the Hertford County Fire Marshall, and

WHEREAS, Fire Marshall Smith along with the Hertford County Town and Rural Fire Departments, the Hertford County Sheriff Department act as a combined team, in conjunction with partners from other agencies, to rescue people from dangerous circumstances, secure dangers, treat the injured, protect the lives and safety of people, their properties regardless of peril or hazard to themselves; and

WHEREAS, Hertford County Fire Marshall Chris Smith make significant contributions monitoring, supervising, reviewing, advising local agencies on fire safety procedures and services, conducting fire investigations, fire inspections and fire prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Hertford County is charged first and foremost with assuring public safety by protecting the lives, peace and property of its residents; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Hertford County that this governing body declares, for itself and the residents of the County, in recognition and profound appreciation of the distinguished service provided Hertford County citizens by Fire Marshall Chris Smith encourages all residents of Hertford County to express their gratitude to him with their own acts and expressions of kindness and appreciation for his efforts and sacrificial community service.

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**CONVENING AS THE BOARD OF THE SOUTHERN RURAL WATER DISTRICT
REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE AMR METER SYSTEM, FERGUSON
ENTERPRISES, LLC CONTRACT AGREEMENT**

On a motion by Com. Horton and a second by Com. Gatling, the Board left Regular Session to convene as the Southern Rural Water District.

On a motion by Com. Gatling and a second by Com. Horton, the Board approved the updated AMR Meter System, Ferguson Enterprises, LLC Contract Agreement in the amount of \$1,493,473.00 as presented by Mr. Stanley Lassiter, Director of Rural Water.

On motion by Com. Horton and a second by Com. Gatling, the Board approved to reconvene in Regular Session.

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO APPOINT INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER TO THE
PEANUT BELT, RPO TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TCC)**

On a motion by Com. Gatling and a second by Com. Horton, the Board approved the appointment of Interim County Manager Kevin Patterson to the Peanut Belt, RPO Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC).

**7:20 PM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: REQUEST PUBLIC HEARING FOR
SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 FOR A PROPOSED NEW ELEVATED WATER TANK NEAR
BONNER BRIDGE ROAD AND NC-42 TO ADDRESS THE LOW-PRESSURE ISSUES
ALONG EARLY STATION ROAD AND JERNIGAN AIRPORT ROAD AND TO
INSTALL A NEW PUMP BY THE TANK ON NC-461**

At 7:29 PM on a motion by Com. Gatling and second by Com. Horton the Board moved to the Public Hearing for A Proposed New Elevated Water Tank Near Bonner Bridge Road and Nc-42 to Address the Low-Pressure Issues Along Early Station Road and Jernigan Airport Road and to Install A New Pump By the Tank on NC-461.

There were no Public Comments provided for the Public Hearing.

On a motion by Com. Gatling and second by Com. Horton the Board approved to proceed with the proposed New Elevated Water Tank near Bonner Bridge Road and NC-42 to Address the Low-Pressure Issues Along Early Station Road and Jernigan Airport Road and to install a new pump by the tank on NC-461

On a motion by Com. Horton and a second by Com. Gatling the Board closed the Public Hearing and returned to Regular Session.

INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim Manager Patterson shared with the Board an update on public safety pay rate change for eight current employees effective September 15 2023, discussed the 911 Consolidation Agreement and withdrawal letters from Ahoskie and Murfreesboro, as well as the completion of access to Broadband official letter for the CAB Grant from NCDIT having a County match with Rescue Funds allocated of ARF in the amount of \$176,434.80.

Chairman Lassiter suggested for Interim Manager Patterson to discuss mitigating 15% funding with Fybe.

BOARD CHAIR'S/CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Tyler shared the upcoming events for September and October and the County Mission Statement.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL FOR PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS – SEPTEMBER 2023

On a motion by Com. Horton and second by Com. Gatling, the Board approved the Proclamation for the National Prostate Cancer Awareness month – September 2023 as presented by Interim Manager Patterson as follows:



Proclamation

NATIONAL PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2023

- WHEREAS,** Each year since September 2014 the Oliver Foundation, along with Awareness Partner ZERO, assemble in Ahoskie, North Carolina during Prostate Cancer Awareness Month; and
- WHEREAS,** this year, approximately 288,300 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in the United States alone; one man every 2 minutes, and roughly 34,700 will die this year from the disease, about 3,500 more than 2022 which is one man every 15 minutes; and
- WHEREAS,** Prostate Cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in American Men and the third leading cause of cancer death behind lung and colon; and
- WHEREAS,** Education regarding prostate cancer and early detection strategies is critical to saving lives, preserving, and protecting our families. As well as the economic and social burden of prostate cancer is huge on families, and
- WHEREAS,** all men are at risk for prostate cancer, and we encourage the citizens of Hertford County to appreciate the importance of prostate awareness and screenings; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Hertford County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim September 2023 as National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month and encourage all officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in activities supporting its awareness.

Adopted this the 18th day of September, 2023.

HERTFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest

Dr. Renee Tyler, NCCC
Clerk to the Board

Honorable Andre' M. Lassiter, Sr., Chairman

William F. Mitchell, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Leroy Douglas, Commissioner
Ronald J. Gatling, Commissioner
John D. Horton, Commissioner

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Com. Horton encouraged all present to not be afraid to discuss prostate cancer and take advantage of the preventive measures to prevent or provide medical treatment.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

The Commissioners commented wishing Chairman Lassiter a Happy Birthday and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Com. Gatling and a second by Com. Horton, the Board unanimously approved to move to Closed Session as allowed under NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with the County Attorney.

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

On a motion by Com. Gatling and a second by Com. Horton, the Board approved to return to Regular meeting.

ADJOURN MEETING

On a motion by Com. Horton and a second by Com. Gatling, the Board approved to adjourn the meeting.

Approved: October 2, 2023
The Honorable Andre' M. Lassiter, Sr., Chairman

Dr. Renee Tyler, Clerk to Board