

HERTFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
HERTFORD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TRAINING ROOM # 115

Monday, October 17, 2022 – 7:00 PM

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

Absent: Com. Leroy Douglas

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

Chairman Ronald J. Gatling called the meeting to order and Apostle Keith Urquhart, Founder and Pastor of Faith Hope and Deliverance Ministries, Winton provided the invocation.

Chairman Gatling thanked Director Brown for the use of Department of Social Services for the Board meeting and acknowledged Senator Bob Steinburg being in attendance.

On a motion by Com. William F. Mitchell, Jr. and a second by Com. Andre` Lassiter, the Board approved to amend the Agenda to add Memo # 9989A Presentation by Senator Bob Steinburg.

Manager Cotton made presentations to the Board as a show of appreciation acknowledging Boss's Day.


The Board thanked Manager Cotton and the employees for their recognitions.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

* Approval of October 3, 2022 Minutes

*** Approval of NCVTS Refunds: Eugene Gatling, Robert L. Stephenson, and June Warren**



North Carolina Vehicle Tax System

NCVTS Pending Refund report

Report Date 10/5/2022 6:54:18 AM

Payee Name	Primary Owner	Secondary Owner	Address 1	Address 2	Address 3	Refund Type	Bill #	Status	Transaction #	Refund Description	Refund Reason	Create Date	Tax Jurisdiction	Levy Type	Change	Interest Change	Total Change
GATLING, EUGENE JR	GATLING, EUGENE JR	BARNES, ALICE FAYE	PO BOX 1756	1606 DR MARTIN LUTHER KING DR N	AHOSKIE, NC 27910	Proration	006413 1792	PENDING	2.6E+08	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0064131792-2021-2021-0000-00	Tag Surrender	*****	G01	Tax	(\$74.23)	\$0.00	(\$74.23)
													C01	Tax	(\$71.58)	\$0.00	(\$71.58)
													C01	Vehicle Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
																	Refund \$145.81
STEPHENSON, ROBERT LEE	STEPHENSON, ROBERT LEE		129 SPRING BRANCH RD		MURFREESBORO, NC 27855	Proration	005095 2616	PENDING	8.6E+07	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0050952616-2021-2021-0000-00	Tag Surrender	*****	G01	Tax	(\$127.01)	\$0.00	(\$127.01)
																	Refund \$127.01
WARREN, JUNE BRIDGERS	WARREN, JUNE BRIDGERS		305 HOLLY HILL RD		MURFREESBORO, NC 27855	Proration	005365 9193	PENDING	8.6E+07	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0053659193-2021-2021-0000-00	Tag Surrender	*****	G01	Tax	(\$150.32)	(\$7.51)	(\$157.83)
																	Refund \$157.83

*** Approval of September 2022 Tax Payer Releases**

RELEASES FOR MONTH ENDING

September 2022

	NAME	LEVY YEAR	VALUE RELEASED	TAX RELEASED
AHOSKIE TOWNSHIP				
Bill#0000011399-2022-2022 The exemption was mistakenly not applied to this piece of property by the interim assessor before he left. To correct previous released amount.	Higher Ground Church Inc	2022		G01-\$611.25
Bill#0000036727-2022-2022 Duplicate bill, second abstract was keyed in error.	Pierce, Richard	2022	2,081	G01-\$17.48 HCLLP-\$1.75
Bill#0000000934-2022-2022 Property is not habitable or is unoccupied with no electrical service during the period of July through June 30 th of taxable year	Simmons, Thomas E. Simmons, Lorrie C.	2022		W01-\$95.00 W02-\$95.00
Bill#0000000054-2022-2022 Property is not habitable or is unoccupied with no electrical service during the period of July through June 30 th of taxable year	Liverman, Martha E.	2022		W01-\$95.00 W02-\$95.00
Bill#0000015838-2022-2022 Property is not habitable or is unoccupied with no electrical service during the period of July through June 30 th of taxable year	Cherry, Hattie			W01-\$95.00 W02-\$95.00
MURFREESBORO TOWNSHIP				
Bill#0000003892-2022-2022 Dogs carried over from last year's listing in error.	Harrell, John W.	2022		D01-\$20.00
WINTON TOWNSHIP				
Bill#0000015885-2022-2022 Property is coded exempt, but the system billed in error.	Meherrin Choanoke Services	2022	50,304	G01-\$422.55 W01-\$95.00 W02-\$95.00
Bill#0000002340-2022-2022 Property is not habitable or is unoccupied with no electrical service during the period of July through June 30 th of taxable year.	Taylor, Carol C	2022		W01-\$95.00 W02-\$95.00
Bill#0000019712-2022-2022	Taylor, Alice C.	2022		W01-\$95.00 W02-\$95.00

Property is not habitable or is unoccupied with no electrical service during the period of July through June 30 th of taxable year				
Bill#0000037672-2022-2022 Clerical error on value of the 2019 PJTR TL. Value should have been \$10,260 instead of \$10,800	DeLoatch, Donne R.	2022	540	G01-\$4.54
MANEY'S NECK TOWNSHIP				
Bill#0000037223-2022-2022 Trailer is double listed, also listed on abstract#2633	Parker, Melanie	2022	693	G01-\$5.82 HCLLP-\$.58
ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP				
Bill#0000037245-2022-2022 Listing was coded late in error.	Daughtrey, Donnie	2022		HCLLP-\$6.30
Bill#0000037246-2022-2022 Trailers were listed twice, also listed on abstract#3394	Daughtrey, Liliana	2022	591	G01-\$4.96 HCLLP-\$.50
Bill#0000001186-2022-2022 Trailers were listed twice, also listed on abstract#37245	Daughtrey Backhoe Cemetery Services	2022	7,170	G01-\$60.23
HARRELLSVILLE TOWNSHIP				

TOTAL VALUE APPROVED THIS REPORT (2022LEVY)	<u>\$61,379.00</u>
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (2022LEVY)	<u>\$1,155.96</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 2022)	<u>\$570.00</u>
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W02 LANDFILL OPERATON 2022)	<u>\$570.00</u>
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W01 COLL/RECYCLE SITE 2021)	<u>\$0</u>
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W02 LANDFILL OPERATION 2021)	<u>\$0</u>

Respectfully submitted, Tammy H. Eason, Tax Collector

REQUEST APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO HERTFORD COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 AMENDMENT #S ARP-3

On a motion by Com. Lassiter and a second by Com. Mitchell, the Board approved Budget Amendment #ARP-3 in the amount of \$2,299,490.00 for the second tranche of ARPA Funds received on September 29, 2022 as presented by Mrs. Leslie Edwards, Finance Director, as follows:

AMENDMENT TO AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT BUDGET ORDINANCE

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, 2022:

EXPENDITURE:

Department	Account Number	Account Description	Amount Increase	Amount Decrease
ARPA	980060-413209	ARPA REVENUE	\$ 2,299,490	
Total Changes in Expenditure			\$ 2,299,490	\$ -

Net Change in Expenditure	\$ 2,299,490
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EXPENDITURE:

Department	Account Number	Account Description	Amount Increase	Amount Decrease
ARPA	984800-512100	SALARIES SUPPLANTING	\$ 2,299,490	
Total Changes in Expenditures			\$ 2,299,490	\$ -

Net Change in Expenditures	\$ 2,299,490
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Explanation:

2,299,490.00 Second tranche of ARPA funds received on 9/29/2022.

William A. Edwards 10.10.22
Finance Director Date

Amendment # ARP-3
Approved: _____
Posted: _____

PRESENTATION OF THE OCTOBER 2022 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Ms. Kelly Bowers, Economic Development Director, presented the Economy Overview sharing as follows: even with the inflation, Hertford County is maintaining stability in the majority of our industry and commercial businesses and more of the impact on specific sectors will be known in December 2022 through 2023; Industry Video will be a marketing resource to highlight and increase the manufacturing base for Hertford County; as it relates to Agriculture Complex (Food Hub), Hertford County has industry opportunities due to land, location and agriculture community; and Hertford County will be applying for two parts of the Rural Transformation Grant (Rural implementation funds of \$49,999 for planning dollars for "Access Chowan" and community enhancements to spur economic growth with the Capital Investment amount to be determined.

PRESENTATION BY SENATOR BOB STEINBURG

Senator Bob Steinburg addressed Chairman Gatling and the Board stating he was glad to be in Hertford County and shared as follows: offered his services to the Board as a lobbyist to work to influence political decisions on behalf of Hertford County, propose new legislation, or the amendment of existing laws and regulations, effective February 1, 2023 he will be lobbying NC House and NC Senate; currently will be covering 11 counties, and suggested a 24-month contract for his services. Senator Steinburg concluded by stating that he felt Hertford County's potential is great and can make a difference in Northeastern North Carolina; and should Hertford County accept his contractual offer, Hertford County would have two lobbyist, Jeffery Stancil (24 months) and his services (23 months) at a cost of \$36,000.00 each per year, to thread the needle and make the pitch on the County's behalf.

Chairman Gatling thanked Senator Steinburg for coming to speak to the Board and for all he's done in Raleigh on behalf of Hertford County.

Com. Lassiter addressed Senator Steinburg asking him to keep the wish list for Economic Development as the big push in Raleigh in order that they see Hertford County's vision and remind everyone that US 13 and US 11 can save truckers about an hour on travel time.

Vice-Chair Horton commenting thanking Senator Steinburg for being in attendance and stated that the County need strong advocates for County funding needs.

County Manager Cotton stated he had no questions for Senator Steinburg and recommended to the Board that the Board engage Senator Steinburg's contract offer for the first term.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was given.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ACCESS CHOWAN

On a motion by Com. Lassiter and a second by Com. Mitchell the Board adopted the Resolution in Support of Access Chowan presented by Ms. Bowers as attached.

COUNTY OF HERTFORD

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ACCESS CHOWAN

WHEREAS, the Hertford County Board of Commissioners has elected to establish the Access Chowan Project to provide open access to public water and close-to-home outdoor recreation activities, which are designed to meet the expressed needs of the region and community; and,

WHEREAS, the Board supports and commits to provide a venue for outdoor recreation, which provide opportunities for quality of life enhancements for Hertford County citizens through health, socialization, and new business development; and,

WHEREAS, the Board sets as a goal to ensure the protection of natural assets along the Chowan River; and,

WHEREAS, the Board supports and affirms to expand the existing Hertford County-wide Recreation Plan to include Access Chowan; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes and approves the submission of a grant application to the North Carolina Department of Commerce Rural Transformation Grant Fund Program/Community Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$725,000 for real and personal property acquisition; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes and approves the submission of a grant application to the North Carolina Department of Commerce Rural Transformation Grant Fund/Rural Community Capacity Implementation Grant (RC2) in the amount of \$49,999 for Access Chowan Project development costs such as, but not limited to; master planning, environmental site research and review, surveying, soil tests, permitting, etc.

Adopted this 17th day of October 2022.

HERTFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Honorable Ronald J. Gatling, Chairman

ATTEST:

Dr. Renee Tyler, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Manager Cotton commented regarding the Access Grant's capabilities and capacity, 30% match and community resiliency, announced October 29th Fall event 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM; thanked Felicia Gaskins and Ms. Kimberly Turner for serving on that committee; Nov. 11th Veteran's Day 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM No Man's Land in Ahoskie; provided an update of the renovations to the Commissioners' Chambers/Multi-Purpose Room, stating it should be accessible in the next two to three meetings.

A brief discussion was held referencing the hydraulic watershed

Com. Mitchell recommended to Manager Cotton to contact someone to look at the hydraulic watershed project as it is the County's highest threat.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

The Commissioners commented as follows:

Com. Mitchell commented it was good to see everyone attending the meeting.

Com. Lassiter commented it was good to see everyone present, applauded Director Bowers excellent job with economic development video, recognized Ms. Turner and Mrs. Gaskins for the great job on the County festivals and thanked all department heads for all they do.

Vice-Chair Horton commended the Board, Manager Cotton, and the employees for seeking outside sources of funds to grow the County.

Chairman Gatling thanked Ms. Bowers for the presentation and acknowledged Rev. Claude Odom's presence in the meeting.

Rev. Odom commented regarding NC Tarheel Legislature representing citizens 65 and above, sharing senior citizens are important, thanked the Board for attention given to Quebec Road conditions in Harrellsville along with NCDOT.

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Com. Mitchell and a second by Com. Lassiter, the Board approved to move to Closed Session.

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

On a motion by Com. Mitchell and a second by Com. Lassiter, the Board unanimously approved to return to the Regular session.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Com. Lassiter and a second by Com. Mitchell the Board adjourned the meeting.

Approved: November 7, 2022

Honorable Ronald J. Gatling, Chairman

Dr. Renee Tyler, Clerk to the Board