

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Hertford County Board of Commissioners
Multi-Purpose Room – Judicial Center
Monday, August 17, 2015
7:00 P.M.

Present: William F. Mitchell, Jr., Ronald J. Gatling, Johnnie R. Farmer, Curtis A. Freeman, Sr., and F. Garry Lewter

Absent: None

Also Present with the Board: Loria D. Williams, County Manager; M. Ray Wiggins, Assistant County Manager; Charles L. Revelle, III, County Attorney; and Shelia W. Matthews, Clerk to the Board

Chairman William F. Mitchell, Jr., called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Johnnie R. Farmer provided the invocation for the meeting.

MINUTES

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Lewter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following sets of minutes as presented:

- (1) June 15, 2015 – Regular Meeting
- (2) June 25, 2015 – Reconvened Meeting
- (3) July 06, 2015 – Regular Meeting
- (4) July 20, 2015 – Regular Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Ms. Libby Jones spoke during Public Comment Period inviting the Commissioners to a meeting on September 16th to discuss the possibility of creating a National Registered Historic District for Winton. Chairman Mitchell volunteered to attend the meeting.

At this time, Commissioner Farmer introduced Emily Owens, 4-H Delegate, and her mother, Jill, who were present observing the Commissioners' Meeting. Emily will be attending the Youth Summit at the NCACC Annual Conference later this week in Pitt County.

RESOLUTIONS

At the request of the Board from the last meeting, the County Manager presented a Resolution Honoring Rev. James A. Felton. On a motion by Freeman and a second by Lewter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

**HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF
REVEREND JAMES ANDREW FELTON, SR.**

- WHEREAS,** *In 1942, President Franklin Roosevelt established a presidential directive giving African Americans an opportunity to be recruited into the Marine Corps; and*
- WHEREAS,** *These African Americans, from all states were not sent to the traditional boot camps of Parris Island, South Carolina and San Diego, California – instead African Americans were segregated – experiencing basic training at Montford Point – a facility at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Approximately 20,000 African Americans, eager to serve their Country, received training at Montford Point between 1942 and 1949; and*
- WHEREAS,** *James Andrew Felton Sr., one of the bold souls eager to serve and defend his Country in the face of its maltreatment, enlisted in the Marine Corps, arrived at Montford Point in 1943 where he underwent training; and then served in World War II with pride and valor; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Reverend James Andrew Felton, Sr., continued a life of service as an educator who taught in the Hertford County School System for over 20 years; was instrumental in the restoration and establishment of the C.S. Brown Regional Cultural Arts Museum; and was the co-founder of the People’s Program on Poverty, an African American organization created to study and fight poverty on the grass-roots level in northeastern North Carolina; and*
- WHEREAS,** *In 2012, Congress authorized the Congressional Gold Medal to be awarded to each of the 20,000 Montford Point Marines, or to their families, in recognition of the accomplishments and sacrifices made by those Marines during a time of segregation; and*
- WHEREAS,** *On August 1st, 2015 posthumously, the Reverend James Andrew Felton, Sr., was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal and a Certificate of Status as one of the original Montford Point Marines for his service to this Country.*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED *that the Hertford County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor the life and legacy of Reverend James Andrew Felton, Sr., in his service to humanity and the world throughout.*

Adopted this the 17th day of August 2015.

Commissioner Farmer informed the Board that August marks the 70th Anniversary of the end of World War II.

Chairman Mitchell also wanted to acknowledge the recently deceased, Mr. Freddie Speight, who was a very well-known veteran in Hertford County.

Commissioner Freeman wishes to hold Rev. Felton’s resolution until a family member can be present to receive. At this time, he read the resolution.

On a motion by Lewter and a second by Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following Mitchell-Newsome Family Reunion Proclamation:

**MITCHELL-NEWSOME FAMILY REUNION
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the Mitchell-Newsome families will be holding their 9th biennial family reunion on September 5, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, these families have been stellar examples of family unity and accomplishments in Hertford County for over a century. Each generation continues to contribute to the overall success of Hertford County, as a whole, and in the individual townships where family members reside; and,

WHEREAS, the Mitchell-Newsome families' hallmark has traditionally been achievements in higher education, both here and nationally, as members have moved to other locations. Each generation continues the proud legacy established in the Winton Triangle by Frazier Mitchell, born in Hertford County in 1839, and his wife, Flora Newsome, born in 1843; and,

WHEREAS, Frazier and Flora established the family roots for high achievements and the many successes followed. Many family members taught at all school levels; served as School Administrators; elected to Boards of Education, as well as County Commissioners; served as President of Roanoke-Chowan Community College and as Interim Superintendent of Hertford County Schools; and,

WHEREAS, Hertford County continues to benefit from the families' commitment to civic and public service in such professions as physicians, lawyers, school administrators, teachers, ministers, military officers, corporate and non-profit executives, medical professionals, businessmen/women, farm owners, law enforcement personnel, artists, musicians, authors, and others;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Hertford County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate the Mitchell-Newsome families on preserving and celebrating such a rich family history, as well as continuing your family reunion tradition. The County Commissioners are proud that you call Hertford County your home.

This the 17th day of August, 2015.

On a motion by Farmer and a second by Lewter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution as presented by Melanie Storey, Register of Deeds:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REMOVAL OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORD
BOOKS KEPT BY THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF
REPAIR, RESTORATION AND REBINDING**

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. 132-7 provides that books of public records should be copied or repaired, renovated or rebound if worn, mutilated, damaged or difficult to read; and

WHEREAS, there is identified certain books or public records maintained by the Register of Deeds in need of repair, restoration and rebinding; and

WHEREAS, Kofile Inc. RecordSave is under contract to provide repair, restoration and rebinding of those certain books of public records.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR HERTFORD COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, that:

Section 1. The Register of Deeds is authorized to remove or cause to be removed to the care and custody of Kofile Inc. RecordSave, Document Preservation Specialists for repair, restoration and rebinding the following books of public records:

Miscellaneous Deed Book 87

Section 2. The books of public records listed in Section 1. of this resolution may remain in the care and custody of Kofile Inc. RecordSave, Document Preservation Specialists for the length of time required to repair, restore or rebind it.

Section 3. This resolution is effective upon its adoption.

Adopted the 17th day of August, 2015.

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Farmer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution as presented by Leah Craddock, Human Resources/Risk Manager. Mrs. Craddock explained that this resolution was erroneously omitted as part of the Municipal Insurance Trust Interlocal Agreement that was adopted by the Board on May 4, 2015.

**Governing Body Resolution
of the**

Hertford County, North Carolina

(Name of Unit of Local Government)

WHEREAS, certain municipalities and other units of local government of the State of North Carolina, as defined in G.S. 160A-460(2), have agreed to create the MUNICIPAL INSURANCE TRUST OF NORTH CAROLINA and have agreed to pool the risks associated with the provision of benefits for their designated benefit plan participants pursuant to, and to be governed by, the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes 160A-460 *et seq.* (Part 1 of Article 20 of Chapter 160A);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above named unit of local government elects to become a member of the MUNICIPAL INSURANCE TRUST OF NORTH CAROLINA upon the terms and conditions stated in the “Interlocal Agreement for a Group Self-Insurance Pool For Benefit Risk

Sharing,” with such future policy renewals constituting a continuing ratification of this decision to be a member of the Trust and abide by the terms and conditions of the Interlocal Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the duly authorized officials of the above named unit of local government are directed to execute in the name of said unit the “Interlocal Agreement for a Group Self-Insurance Pool For Benefit Risk Sharing,” a copy of which is attached to and made a part of this Resolution.

I certify that this is a true and correct copy of this Resolution, duly adopted by the governing body on the 17th day of August, 2015, as it appears of record in its official minutes.

COUNTY PROPERTY/TAX FORECLOSURES

On a motion by Gatling and a second by Lewter, the Board voted unanimously to accept the bid of \$2,500 on the Clara Veronica Holloman & Others tax foreclosure property (PIN #5992-58-1467). The bid was made by Edward Carroll White. The County Attorney advertised for upset bids, and none were received.

COUNTY MANAGER’S UPDATE

Loria D. Williams, County Manager, updated the Board on the potential siting of a new cell tower at Frazier’s Crossroads. There are no historic properties on the National or State Registries in the area. There will also be a request coming through the County’s Zoning Board in the future regarding this potential siting.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

There were no comments from the Commissioners.

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Lewter, the Board voted unanimously to recess Regular Session to go into a scheduled Closed Session as allowed under G. S. 143-318.11 (a) (3) to consult with the County Attorney and (6) to discuss personnel matters.

CLOSED SESSION

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

REGULAR SESSION

On a motion by Gatling and a second by Lewter, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.