

**Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Hertford County Board of Commissioners  
Multi-Purpose Room – Judicial Center  
Monday, July 17, 2017  
7:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Curtis A. Freeman, Sr., Johnnie R. Farmer, and William F. Mitchell, Jr.

**Absent:** Ronald J Gatling and John D. Horton

**Also Present with the Board:** Loria D. Williams, County Manager; Attorney Maria Jones; Juan Vaughan, II, Assistant County Manager; and Teresa Cowan, Clerk to the Board

Vice-Chairman Curtis A. Freeman called the meeting to order and Commissioner William F. Mitchell, Jr. provided the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Com. Mitchell and a second by Com. Farmer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as follows:

- (1) May 1, 2017 Regular Meeting
- (2) May 15, 2017 Regular Meeting
- (3) June 5, 2017 Regular Meeting
- (4) June 19, 2017 Regular Meeting
- (5) June 27, 2017 Reconvened Meeting

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

On a motion by Com. Freeman and a second by Com. Mitchell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following FY 2017-2018 Hertford County Budget Ordinance Amendment #1 as presented by Sandy Pittman, Finance Director:

**AMENDMENT TO HERTFORD COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018**

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, 2018:

**REVENUE:**

Department	Account Number	Account Description	Amount Increase	Amount Decrease
Revenues	100112 488500	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ 103,525	
		<b>Total Changes in Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 103,525</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

<b>Net Change in Revenue</b>	<b>\$103,525</b>
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**EXPENDITURE:**

Department	Account Number	Account Description	Amount Increase	Amount Decrease





NC on August 5, 2017, pending that all application components are met set forth by the Fire Marshall's office.

### **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN AMTRAK STOP AND STATION IN WELDON NC**

On a motion by Com. Farmer and a second by Com. Mitchell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following Resolution in Support of an AMTRAK Stop and Station in Weldon, NC.



#### **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN AMTRAK STOP & STATION IN WELDON, NC**

**WHEREAS**, Hertford County is committed to regional cooperation in planning within Bertie, Halifax and Northampton Counties and welcome the opportunity to work in partnership toward the development of a sound transportation infrastructure network; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Weldon has a rich rail history and the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, which at the time of completion in 1840, was the longest railroad in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, railroads were vital to the growth of North Carolina's economy and to the development, strength and diversity of its businesses and educational, cultural and civic institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, rail continues to be critical in providing future economic opportunities for the Town of Weldon and all of Eastern North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Weldon is an ideal location for passenger rail service; and

**WHEREAS**, a preliminary feasibility study conducted by the Halifax County Convention & Visitor Bureau and Halifax County Economic Development Commission indicates that an Amtrak stop and station in Weldon is highly feasible and would serve northeastern North Carolina residents and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Transportation has been actively planning for and investing in rail improvements to support the CCX Intermodal facility to be constructed in Rocky Mount; and

**WHEREAS**, AMTRAK currently provides passenger rail service with stops to the South in Rocky Mount, NC, and to the North in Petersburg, VA; and

**WHEREAS**, a rail stop in Weldon, NC would stimulate both tourism and economic development opportunities for Halifax County and northeastern North Carolina and serve as a midway location between Florida and New York; and

**WHEREAS**, the former Weldon Depot is owned by the Town of Weldon and is available to support the location of an Amtrak Station and service; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hertford County Board of Commissioners support the development of Amtrak service in the Town of Weldon; will continue to investigate and promote an Amtrak rail stop in Weldon, NC; and work with Halifax County, NCDOT, and other partners to support freight and passenger rail improvements along the CSX rail corridor, including the establishment of an Amtrak station at the former Weldon Depot building.

**ADOPTED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 2017**

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Ronald J. Gatling, Chairman  
Hertford County Board of Commissioners

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Teresa Cowan, Clerk to the Board  
Hertford County

### **DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION (DITCH BLOCKAGES)**

Clemmon Bridgers from the NC Dept. of Transportation discussed the standing water and debris in the area ditches. Areas of discussion were Hwy 45 in Winton, the Modlin Road area in Ahoskie and Dupont Davis Road in Aulander. Mr. Bridgers made suggestions that when residents call with complaints, to give them the number to the Maintenance Division (252-209-2730) and that they can ask for B. Liverman or Brad Johnson. Also he asked that they take a dated photo of the area while the water is still standing.

Com. Mitchell asked that Mr. Bridgers take a look at 13 North and the Hall Siding area in Ahoskie.

Com. Farmer and County Manager Williams asked Mr. Bridgers for a maintenance schedule of when the ditches are cleaned. Mr. Bridgers explained about limited resources, funding being an aspect and that the goal is a 5-year life cycle for cleaning.

Com. Freeman thanked Mr. Bridgers for attending the meeting and provided him with addresses and complaints from citizens. He also invited him back with findings.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Carolyn Self of the American Red Cross-Greater Albemarle Area Chapter thanked the County for continual support.

### **COUNTY MANAGERS UPDATE**

Ms. Williams has been asked to discontinue the No Wake Zone rules by Tim Wadsworth of the Tuscarora Shores area in Winton, NC. She explained that there needs to be authorization from another area to do such. Commissioner Freeman thinks there may need to be a Public hearing so that the residents may have a voice in this discussion. Follow up on this is forthcoming.

### **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Com. Farmer explained that the work on US13NC 11 will begin on 7/21/17. The state is pushing to get projects done. There are 3 drawings (housed in the Register of Deeds Office) that show the Entrance/Exit Ramps, a Flyover and a stop light at Modlin Road.

Com. Mitchell had no comments.

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### **CLOSED SESSION**

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

### **REGULAR SESSION**

On a motion by Com. Farmer and a second by Com. Mitchell, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.