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


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:

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Net Change in Expenditures $103,525

Explanation:

To carry forward budget for replacement ambulance ordered in FY17 but not scheduled for delivery until FY18.
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**Explanation:**

Budget for Pesticide Container Recycling Program Grant funds.

**Amendment**

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**SURPLUS PROPERTY**

Juan Vaughan, II, Assistant County Manager, discussed that there would be no online auction for the surplus items housed in the old DSS Building in Ahoskie. Instead, he explained that we would offer the items to County Agencies, Public Purpose entities (schools) and then move forward to disposing the remaining items.

On a motion by Com. Mitchell and a second by Com. Farmer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the managing of the following Surplus Property items.

**Hertford County Surplus Property – Old DSS Building – 220 N. Mitchell Street, Ahoskie, NC**

- File Cabinets
  - 29 5-Drawer File Cabinets
  - 21 4-Drawer File Cabinets
  - 1 2-Drawer File Cabinet
- Desks
  - 27 Medium/Large Desks
  - 8 Small Desks
- 1 Conference Table
- 1 Credenza
- 30 Chairs
- 20 Rolling Chairs
- 11 Bookcases
- 1 Wooden Cabinet
- 1 TV With DVD/VCR
- 1 Projector Screen

**BOARD APPOINTMENT**

On a motion by Com. Mitchell and a second by Com. Farmer, the Board voted unanimously to appoint William A. Jordan to the Murfreesboro Planning Board / Board of Adjustment ETJ for a three year term to expire on 6/30/2020.

**NC WATERMELON FESTIVAL**

On a motion by Com. Farmer and a second by Com. Mitchell, the Board voted unanimously to approve a public fireworks show at the Watermelon Fest in Murfreesboro,
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 17th day of July 2017

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Ronald J. Gatling, Chairman
Hertford County Board of Commissioners

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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 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.
Com. Freeman had no comments.

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.