

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
HERTFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM – JUDICIAL CENTER
MONDAY, July 1, 2019
9:00 A.M.**

PRESENT:

Mr. Ronald J. Gatling, Chairman
Mr. John D. Horton, Vice-Chair
Mr. Leroy Douglas
Mr. Andre` Lassiter

Absent: Mr. William F. Mitchell, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT WITH THE BOARD:

Ms. Loria Williams, County Manager
Dr. Renee Fleetwood, Clerk to the Board
Mr. Charles L Revelle, III, County Attorney

Ms. Maria R. Jones, Attorney ~ Revelle & Lee, LLP

Chairman, Ronald J. Gatling called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and Pastor Ray Faircloth, Jr. of Higher Ground Church, Ahoskie, NC provided the Invocation.

Chairman Gatling thanked Pastor Faircloth for the Invocation.

On a motion by Com. Lassiter and second by Vice-Chair Horton, the Board voted unanimously to amend the Agenda to include Memo # 90188a, Phase 36 of the Federal Emergency Food & Shelter Program, as called by Chairman Gatling.

PHASE 36 OF THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY FOOD & SHELTER PROGRAM

Pastor Jeff Douglas, Chair of the Hertford County Emergency Food & Shelter Board, presented Phase 36 Federal Emergency Food & Shelter Program request to schedule a Public Hearing at the next Regular Meeting. He also shared that he would be responsible for the advertisement of the public hearing and that names of the local recipients will be provided during the public hearing.

On a motion by Com. Lassiter and second by Com. Douglas, the Board voted unanimously to schedule the Federal Emergency Food & Shelter Program Public hearing on Monday, July 15, 2019 at 7:15 p.m.

HERTFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Hertford County Board of Education Chair, Mr. David Shields, shared the following with the Board:

- * wanted to clear up that Option 3 was chosen and there is no change or any other plans being withheld from the Board
- * application will be submitted for \$15 million grant that he does not believe HCPS will receive
- * if grant is awarded, Hertford County must match with \$5 million
- * HCPS has not seen the final plans
- * if HCPS is awarded the \$15 million, they will come back with the plan to design the Auditorium
- * HCBOE is spending county dollars appropriately

County Manager shared that the county is authorized for \$14.8 Million; needs based grant is being applied for and must have the Commissioner's signature as well.

The Board shared the following:

- * encouraged the school board to reach out to Senator Steinburg for support and stated that Senator Steinburg is an asset and benefit
- * reminded HCPS Board Chair, Mr. Shields and Superintendent Wright that should there be any change with the chosen initial plan, they should meet with the Board of Commissioners to have further discussion.
- * current status and next steps moving forward with the design on the project is important
- * stick to the original plan for Option C; not approving a different set of plans

Mr. Ted Cole, with Davenport, presented the School Financing Options to the Board. He advised the Board that when the grant is accepted, Hertford County has to forgo lottery dollars of \$200,000.00 for five years and the grant does not include the addition of an auditorium. Mr. Cole also recommended obtaining bids from banks in case grant dollars do not materialize for additional funding.

Dr. William T. Wright, HCPS Superintendent, shared that the HCPS Board of Education thought the Board of Commissioners would be interested in the updated information that the school system had received and the questions presented by Mr. Shields arose after a conference call discussion.

On a motion by Com. Douglas and second by Com. Lassiter that Board voted unanimously to authorize Hertford County and the Hertford County Board of Education to execute an application for a Needs Based Grant of \$15.0 million, with the application to include the estimated cost of an auditorium in the scope of the project for the Needs Based Grant.

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

County Manager Williams shared that the Summer Intern Orientation will be Wednesday, July 3, 2019, at 10 a.m., in the Government Center and will present the interns at the next Regular Board Meeting.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

The Board thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished everyone a Happy Fourth of July.

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