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Press Release

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Hertford County Board of Commissioners host Mr. Reginald Speight



Pictured (left to right – counter-clockwise): Commissioner Lassiter, Economic Development Director Bowers, Commissioner Douglas, Chairman Gatling, Vice-Chairman Horton, Mr. Askew & Mr. Speight with the USDA

The Hertford County Board of Commissioners hosted Mr. Reginald Speight, North Carolina State Director and Mr. Calvin D. Askew, Area Specialist with the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA-RD). Our community partner, Roanoke Chowan Community College graciously allowed us to meet in their conference room.

Mr. Speight shared the guidance he received from Governor Cooper and his vision for meeting those goals. Mr. Speight stated that the USDA-RD is open for business and that he wants rural North Carolina



Vice-Chairman Horton & Mr. Askew listen intently to State Director Speight share his vision

counties to leverage the funding available through his office. He shared that eligible projects include: broadband, water, solid waste and public-private partnerships as well as a myriad of others.

Chairman Gatling and the Commissioners being connected with the community cited specific needs within Hertford County for each of the categories. As well, the Board shared a broader vision for our community moving into the future, which will position Hertford County as an economic development contender. The Commissioners stated that broadband and access to the County’s water system are top priorities for the residents, students and businesses in our community. The Board also stated that leveraging the County’s proximity to the Hampton Roads area for economic development opportunities is a goal in 2022. The Board of Commissioners continue to work tirelessly on our behalf to advocate for economic development and quality of life opportunities.

Chairman Gatling, Vice-Chairman Horton, Commissioner Douglas, Commissioner Lassiter & Commissioner Mitchell wish each of you safe travels, happy holidays and a prosperous new year.

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