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### Post Meeting Brief

At the February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Board of Commissioners' meeting, the Commissioners approved several resolutions as a continued celebration of Black History Month. Also addressed by the Board were routine agenda items, essential operational needs, and an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget was approved. The Board Meetings are held in-person, in the Multipurpose Room/Commissioners Chambers, located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Judicial Center (119 Justice Drive, Winton). The Post Meeting Brief will be published on the County's website, Facebook page and it will be shared with our Sunshine List, media and County staff.

### Highlights from the February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Commissioners' Meeting:

- As part of the Consent Agenda, the Board approved the Meeting Minutes from February 5, 2024, and Taxpayer Releases and Refunds were also approved.
- Resolutions were approved honoring Former Sheriff Juan Vaughan, Mrs. Berna Stephens, Dr. Ricky Brooks, Clerk of Court Mrs. Shirley Johnson, and New Ahoskie Baptist Church (Pastor Dorian T. Daniels, Sr.).
  - After a 35-year career in law enforcement and 18 plus years as Sheriff, Former Sheriff Mr. Juan Vaughan was congratulated and thanked by the Board, recognizing his outstanding contributions to Hertford County and his tireless record of community service to citizens.
  - Mrs. Berna Stephens retired as an Insurance Claims Examiner and began serving the citizens of Hertford County in 2017 on the Murfreesboro Town Council, serving as Mayor Pro Tem. She also has a multitude of other community affiliations. The Board congratulated and thanked Mrs. Stephens for her outstanding contributions to Hertford County and her record of community service to citizens.
  - Dr. Ricky Brooks was the first OBGYN physician to service Bertie and Hertford County, and his service to both counties spans over 37 years. During this time, he has delivered approximately 6,000 babies. The Board congratulated, thanked, and recognized Dr. Brooks for his outstanding contributions to Hertford County and beyond, and for his tireless record of community service to citizens.
  - Clerk of Court Shirley Johnson began her distinguished career with Hertford County in July 1976, as the first black to work as a Deputy and Assistant Clerk in the Hertford County Clerk of Court Office. She was elected November 1990 as Clerk of Court and sworn in December 3, 1990, as one of the three first black Clerk of Courts sworn in in North Carolina. Mrs. Johnson was honored for her extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion to Hertford County.
  - The Hertford County Board of Commissioners took great pleasure in paying tribute to New Ahoskie Baptist Church for its commitment to making a sustainable avenue for the citizens of Hertford County. Pastor Dorian T. Daniels, Sr. was honored and recognized as the Servant Leader of New Ahoskie Baptist Church.
- As a matter of routine business, The Board approved budget amendment #12 to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget Ordinance.
- The Board appoints citizen volunteers to various boards and committees. At the February 19<sup>th</sup>

meeting, two individuals were unanimously appointed to the Firefighters Relief Fund Board (Ahoskie and Union).

- Interim County Manger, Kevin Patterson provided updates on the Old Ahoskie Elementary School site, and a purchase offer that the County received for 718 Evans Street, Ahoskie.





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