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Post Meeting Brief

At the March 18th, 2024 Board of Commissioners' meeting, routine agenda items and essential operational needs were addressed by the Board and in celebration of National Women's History Month, a group of individuals were recognized for their contributions to the County. The Board Meetings are held in-person, in the Multipurpose Room/Commissioners Chambers, located on the 2nd 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 March 18th, 2024 Commissioners' Meeting:

- As part of the Consent Agenda, the Board approved the Meeting Minutes from March 4, 2024, and Taxpayer Refunds were also approved.
- National Women's History is celebrated during the month of March, and it is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture, and society. So, in celebration of this month, the Board approved a resolution honoring Mrs. Gay Eason, Ms. Shirley Freeman, Mrs. Brenda Velazquez, Mrs. Sylvia Anderson, Ms. Chalcey Wiggins, and Mrs. Marion Winborne.
- Eddie Harrell's Auto & Sports Store has been in business for 74 years, and Mrs. Gay Eason and her sisters have helped run the business throughout their entire adult lives. During that time, they have made a major impact on the community and the Hertford County Board of Commissioners honor their contributions.
- Ms. Shirley Freeman acquired Added Touch Florist in 1984 and she stayed in business for 32 years at the original location, before she moved to her current location on East Memorial Drive, Ahoskie, where she still successfully runs her business. She was also honored for her many contributions to the community. Unfortunately, she could not attend the Meeting.
- Brenda Velazquez and her family first opened Mug Shotz Café in 2002, and since then they have acquired their Liquor License and opened a Craft Brewery called "Quick Trigger Brewery". During the time that they have been in business, they have always strived for good customer service and good food. Although she was unable to attend the Meeting, the Board thanks her and the Velazquez Family for their service to the community.

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- Mrs. Sylvia Anderson retired from Hertford County as the first African American Tax Assessor in Hertford County. She now owns and operates a successful Florist “Lamont”, located in Murfreesboro, North Carolina. The Board honors her for outstanding leadership and many contributions to Hertford County and its history.
- Mrs. Chalcey Wiggins established “Hair by Chalcey” in 2010, and at that time, she solely provided hair braiding services. Since then, she has acquired her Natural Hair Care License, she has also expanded her services to include extensions and weaves, and she now also makes custom wigs, has created an edge control, and she has obtained a personalized flat iron line. She also gives back to the community and supports other entrepreneurs. The Board honors Mrs. Wiggins for her contributions to Hertford County’s social progress and culture.
- Mrs. Marion Winborne owned and operated Precious Land Christian Daycare Home in Murfreesboro, NC for over 20 years. During that time, she served over 100 children in the community. She was the first in-home daycare in Hertford County to be nationally accredited, and she was also the first daycare owner to earn 5-star accreditation from the Hertford County partnership on behalf of the state of North Carolina. Mrs. Winborne credits her success to her close relationship with God. The Board thanked and honored Mrs. Winborne for her excellent service to Hertford County and its youth.
- A Resolution was also approved in Honor of Social Worker Month, which is also celebrated in March. The Department of Social Services Director, Brenda Brown and members of her Social Work staff were presented with the Resolution and gratitude was extended to each of them for their assiduous efforts and unwavering dedication.
- Interim County Manager Patterson gave his report and the Board Clerk shared upcoming events and County Meetings.



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