

Minutes  
 Regular Meeting  
 Hertford County Board of Commissioners  
 County Commissioners' Meeting Room  
 Monday, March 21, 2011  
 7:00 P.M.

Present: Johnnie R. Farmer, Curtis A. Freeman, Sr., Ronald J. Gatling, Howard J. Hunter, III, and William F. Mitchell, Jr.

Absent: None

Also Present with the Board: Loria D. Williams, County Manager; Charles L. Revelle, III, County Attorney; and Shelia W. Matthews, Clerk to the Board

Chairman Johnnie R. Farmer called the meeting to order.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Commissioner William F. Mitchell, Jr.

**TAX**

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Mitchell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Tax Releases for the month of February, 2011, as follows:

TOTAL VALUE APPROVED THIS REPORT (2010 LEVY)	96,233.00
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (2010 LEVY)	970.82
TOTAL VALUE APPROVED THIS REPORT (PRIOR LEVY)	18,940.00
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (PRIOR LEVY)	195.66
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W01 COLL/RECYCLE 2010)	230.00
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W02 LANDFILL OPERATION 2010)	230.00
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W01 COLL/RECYCLE 2009)	57.50
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W02 LANDFILL OPERATION 2009)	57.50
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TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W01 COLL/RECYCLE 2007)	55.00
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W02 LANDFILL OPERATION 2007)	55.00
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W01 COLL/RECYCLE 2006)	50.00
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W02 LANDFILL OPERATION 2006)	50.00
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W01 COLL/RECYCLE 2005)	52.00
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W02 LANDFILL OPERATION 2005)	48.00
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**SOLID WASTE**

Mr. Robert Jones, President of ECVV Recycling Center, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Melvin Nichols, Rural Public Works Director, in recognition of residential recycling efforts made in 2010, which had increased from the previous year. This certificate was accepted on behalf of the recycling efforts made by Hertford County's municipalities.

**CADA**

Mrs. Sallie Surface, Executive Director of CADA, was present to discuss the proposed CSBG Anti-Poverty Work Plan for 2010-2011. On a motion by Freeman and a second by Hunter, the Board voted unanimously to certify their review of the FY 2011-2012 CSBG Anti-Poverty Work Plan for CADA.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

James Broglin, EMS Director, was present to request the Board to surplus a 1991 Ford Type I Ambulance. It is no longer used and will not pass inspection for patient transport. On a motion by Freeman and a second by Hunter, the Board voted unanimously to surplus the 1991 Ford Type I Ambulance and to follow the upset bid process to sell it. Staff was instructed to check into [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com).

**FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

James Broglin, President of the Hertford County Firefighters Association, was present to request a budget increase for all eight rural fire departments. He is requesting a \$5,000 increase per department this year (\$40,000) and a \$1,000 increase per department per year for the next five years (\$40,000). Therefore, the request is for a \$10,000 total increase for each fire department at the end of six years.

Mr. Broglin was informed by the Board that this request will be considered in the upcoming budget process. The Board thanked the firefighters who were present for their dedication to helping the citizens of Hertford County.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS****Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)**

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Freeman, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Johnnie R. Farmer to the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) for another two-year term to expire on December 31, 2012.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES/TOWN OF AHOSKIE**

The Lease Agreement with the Town of Ahoskie for housing an EMS crew in the old Ahoskie Rescue Squad building was discussed. There were a couple of questions in reference to Section 9 which reads as follows:

“9. Use of the Premises. Tenant shall be allowed to use the premises for Hertford County Rescue Services only. In no event shall Tenant store any hazardous waste upon the premises or engage in any unlawful activities. The Tenant agrees to provide 24/7 EMS coverage to the Town of Ahoskie within 12 months of this agreement.”

Vice-Chairman Freeman wants the Town of Ahoskie to understand that this crew is not just for Ahoskie but to cover rescue calls all over the county if needed.

The Board also discussed using the building for storage of voting equipment since it states “Rescue Services only.”

On a motion by Gatling and a second by Freeman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Lease Agreement, with the modifications noted above, between Hertford County and the Town of Ahoskie and to authorize the County Manager to execute the documents.

**SCATTERED SITE CDBG**

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Mitchell, the Board voted unanimously to execute the N. C. Department of Commerce Community Investment & Assistance Funding Approval document in the amount of \$400,000 for the Hertford County Scattered Site Housing Project (Grant Number 10-C-2121).

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Hertford County Scattered Site Housing Project (Grant Number 10-C-2121) with the N. C. Department of Commerce Community Investment & Assistance Community Development Block Grant Program.

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Mitchell, the Board voted unanimously to appoint the County Manager, Assistant County Manager, and Finance Director as the authorized officials to requisition funds for the Hertford County Scattered Site Housing Project (Grant Number 10-C-2121).

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Ms. Orlando Reed shared her appreciation with the Board of the microphones and the new sound system.

### **COUNTY MANAGER'S UPDATE**

Loria D. Williams, County Manager, updated the Board on the Tunis Sewer Project, Judicial Center Project, and the County Office Building #1 roofing project.

John P. Rankins, Assistant County Manager/Human Resources Director, presented a report discussing different options for our Grounds and Housekeeping Department.

### **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

- Commissioner Freeman expressed his desire to schedule some of our Commissioners' Meetings at the schools and other places in the County.
- Commissioner Hunter shared the budget cuts that are being made by the Mid-East Commission and Workforce Development.
- Commissioner Gatling thanked Linda Blackburn and the Office on Aging for the invitation to Soup and Sandwich before the meeting. He then turned the floor over to Jerry Castelloe for a Recreation Committee Update.
- Commissioner Freeman requested to add an update from the Recreation Committee to the agenda under Commissioners' Comments at the second meeting of each month.
- Commissioner Mitchell praised the efforts of the Recreation Committee and discussed the recent Legislative Conference.
- Chairman Farmer and Commissioner Hunter had breakfast with Congressional Members at the recent Legislative Conference.

On a motion by Mitchell and a second by Hunter, the Board voted unanimously to recess Regular Session to go into a scheduled Closed Session as allowed under G. S. 143-318.11 (a) (3) to consult with the County Attorney and (6) to discuss personnel matters.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Minutes of Closed Session are on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board.

### **REGULAR SESSION**

### **COMMISSIONERS/HEALTH DEPARTMENT/SCHOOLS**

The Administration staff will phone poll the Commissioners for possible dates to schedule joint meetings with the Public Health Authority and Board of Education.

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Freeman, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

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Shelia W. Matthews  
Clerk to the Board

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Johnnie R. Farmer, Chairman  
Hertford County Commissioners