

Minutes
 Regular Meeting
 Hertford County Board of Commissioners
 County Commissioners' Meeting Room
 Monday, June 20, 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 Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Tax Releases for May, 2011, as follows:

TOTAL VALUE APPROVED THIS REPORT (2010 LEVY)	21,440.00
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (2010 LEVY)	236.24
TOTAL VALUE APPROVED THIS REPORT (PRIOR LEVY)	102,610.00
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (PRIOR LEVY)	1,022.43
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W01 COLL/RECYCLE 2010)	115.00
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W02 LANDFILL OPERATION 2010)	115.00
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W01 COLL/RECYCLE 2009)	57.93
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W02 LANDFILL OPERATION 2009)	57.94
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W01 COLL/RECYCLE 2008)	00.00
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MINUTES

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2011, Regular Meeting as presented by the Clerk.

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Freeman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2011, Board of Equalization and Review as presented by the Clerk.

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Hunter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2011, Reconvened Meeting as presented by the Clerk.

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2011, Regular Meeting as presented by the Clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No one was present to speak during the Public Comment Period.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Mrs. Valerie Asbell, District Attorney for Bertie, Hertford, and Northampton Counties, presented a proposal to fund a Victim Witness Legal Assistant position that is being cut by the State of North Carolina. The request is for one year at a total of \$18,240.33, which is one-third of what is needed. The same request is being made to Bertie and Northampton Counties.

County Manager Loria Williams added that additional costs could be incurred through unemployment and workers compensation claims.

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to table this request until after Closed Session.

TAX

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Hunter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following tax refund in the amount of \$160.31 as presented by Gay Sumner, Tax Collector:

Jenefer Burden
125 Garfield Mitchell Road
Ahoskie, NC 27910

This refund was on account #40150 for the 2009 tax year because a mobile home was double listed due to the owners not properly taking care of the listing.

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the order for the Tax Collector to collect 2011 taxes per G. S. 105-321(b) as follows:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HERTFORD

To the Tax Collector of the County of Hertford

You are hereby authorized, empowered, and commanded to collect the 2011 taxes set forth in the tax records filed in the office of the Tax Assessor and in the tax receipts delivered to you, in the amounts and from the taxpayers likewise therein set forth. Such taxes are hereby declared to be a first lien upon all real property of the respective taxpayers in the County of Hertford, and this order shall be a full and sufficient authority to direct, require, and enable you to levy on and sell any real or personal property of such taxpayers, for and on account thereof, in accordance with law.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 20th day of June, 2011.

AGING

On a motion by Gatling and a second by Mitchell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the H&CCBG Funding Plan for FY 2011-2012 as presented by Linda Blackburn, Aging Director.

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Hunter, the Board voted unanimously to recess Regular Session to go into a scheduled Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING/BUDGET

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Monday, June 20, 2011
7:30 P.M.

Present: Johnnie R. Farmer, Curtis A. Freeman, Sr., Howard J. Hunter, III, Ronald J. Gatling, 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

The Public Hearing was called to order by Board Chairman Johnnie R. Farmer for the following purpose and as advertised:

**LEGAL NOTICE
HERTFORD COUNTY BUDGET HEARING
JUNE 20, 2011**

Pursuant to N. C. General Statute 159-11, notice is hereby given that the proposed 2011-2012 Hertford County Budget has been filed and is open for public inspection in the Office of the County Manager - Clerk to the Board - Hertford County Office Building Number One - King Street - Winton, NC, from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. A public hearing will be held by the Hertford County Commissioners on Monday, June 20, 2011, at 7:30 P.M. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room - Hertford County Office Building Number One - King Street - Winton, NC, to receive public comments on the proposed budget. By order of the Hertford County Board of Commissioners.

The following disclosures were made:

- Vice-Chairman Freeman is Security Coordinator for Hertford County Public Schools
- Commissioner Gatling is Community Relations Officer for Hertford County Public Schools
- Commissioner Mitchell's wife is Director of the Learning Resources Center, Associate Dean of Curriculum and Dean of the IT Department at Roanoke-Chowan Community College
- Commissioner Hunter's wife is a Guidance Counselor for Hertford County Public Schools
- Chairman Farmer is retired from Hertford County Public Schools

The County Manager distributed a handout reviewing the summary of changes made to the budget since the May 31st budget work session. The proposed tax rate is 84 cents. There is a \$1.4 million Fund Balance Appropriation with \$150,00 of that appropriation being non-recurring expenses.

There were no citizens requesting to address the Board during the Public Hearing.

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Hunter, the Board voted unanimously to return to Regular Session.

REGULAR SESSION**BUDGET**

Commissioner Hunter made a motion to rescind the \$125,000 in additional funding to the Schools and R-CCC approved at the June 6th Regular Meeting. Chairman Farmer seconded the motion.

Commissioner Hunter informed everyone that he supports education 100%. He then read a prepared statement and shared information he had gathered. Vice-Chairman Freeman and Chairman Farmer voiced their opinions.

In a show of hands, Commissioners Hunter and Farmer voted for the motion to rescind the additional funds to the Schools and R-CCC. Commissioners Freeman, Gatling, and Mitchell voted in opposition defeating the motion 3 to 2.

N.C.D.O.T.

Mr. Sterling Baker, P.E., Division Maintenance Engineer with N.C.D.O.T., was present to discuss the FY 2011-2012 Secondary Roads Improvement Program as follows:

North Carolina Department of Transportation
Secondary Roads Construction Program

Hertford County

FY 11-12	Anticipated Allocation
Highway Fund	\$277,989.15
Trust Fund	\$217,204.88
Total	\$495,194.03

Mr. Baker shared a list of 17 roads that were unpaved due to not being able to obtain right-of-ways.

Mr. Baker was questioned about two roads that have been requested to be added to the State system multiple times – Chamblee Lane and Celeste Drive. Mr. Win Bridgers, with N.C.D.O.T., was also present at the meeting and addressed the issue. These roads do not meet State Standards. They must have existed before September 30, 1975. If it existed before this date, the citizens of these roads need to produce maps to show proof.

On a motion by Mitchell and a second by Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the NC.D.O.T. Secondary Roads Improvement Program for FY 2011-2012 as presented by Mr. Sterling Baker.

COUNTY PROPERTY/TAX FORECLOSURES

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Freeman, the Board voted unanimously to accept the bid offer of \$2,000 from Mr. Ricky Sessoms to purchase the Sarah S. Vaughan tax foreclosure property (PIN #5992-49-4065). The Notice of Offer to Purchase Real Estate and Opportunity for Upset Bid has been properly advertised. No upset bids have been received.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Albemarle Regional Library Board of Trustees

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Hunter, the Board voted unanimously to appoint James Eure to replace Elaine Coburn on the Albemarle Regional Library Board of Trustees for a six-year term. This term will expire on June 30, 2017.

Hertford County Library Board

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Mitchell, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Sharon Pruden to replace Elaine Coburn and Patrice Godwin to replace Annie Felton on the Hertford County Library Board for six-year terms. These terms will expire on June 30, 2017.

Hertford County ABC Board

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Freeman, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Winfred Hardy to the Hertford County ABC Board for a three-year term. This term will expire on June 30, 2014.

Public Health Authority Board

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint William Stephens and Howard J. Hunter, III, to the Public Health Authority Board for three-year terms to expire on June 30, 2014. These terms will take effect on July 1, 2011, due to the fact there must be a break in service to be eligible for reappointment.

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Al Goddard to the Public Health Authority Board for a three-year term. This term will expire on June 30, 2014.

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Mitchell, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Nettie Evans to the Public Health Authority Board for a one-year term. This term will expire on June 30, 2012.

Hertford County Social Services Board

On a motion by Mitchell and a second by Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Curtis A. Freeman, Sr., to the Hertford County Social Services Board for a three-year term. This term will expire on June 30, 2014.

Joint Community Advisory Committee

On a motion by Gatling and a second by Mitchell, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Sandra Stephenson and Yvonne Brown for three-year terms and to appoint Mana Burke for a one-year term to the Joint Community Advisory Committee. The three-year terms will expire on June 30, 2014, and the one-year term will expire on June 30, 2012.

Jury Commission

On a motion by Gatling and a second by Hunter, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Patricia Weaver Ramsey to the Jury Commission for a two-year term. This term will expire on June 30, 2013.

Medical Services Transportation Advisory Council

On a motion by Gatling and a second by Freeman, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Susan Brinkley, Mel Epelle, Rhonda Reeder, and William Mitchell, Jr., to the Medical Services Transportation Advisory Council for one-year terms. These terms will expire on June 30, 2012.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission

On a motion by Gatling and a second by Freeman, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Terrance Saxby, Darryl Partlow, Tony Hammond, and Anthony J. Meadows, Sr., to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission for three-year terms. These terms will expire on June 30, 2014.

Roanoke-Chowan Community College Board of Trustees

On a motion by Gatling and a second by Mitchell, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Wendy Ruffin-Barnes to the Roanoke-Chowan Community College Board of Trustees for a four-year term. This term will expire on June 30, 2015.

Region Q Workforce Development Board

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Quinton Turman, Howard J. Hunter, III, Charles Reynolds, Annie Mobley, and Wendell Hall to the Region Q Workforce Development Board for one-year terms. These terms will expire on June 30, 2012.

Vice-Chairman Freeman shared the application process for these boards with the citizens present. Applications for serving on these boards may be obtained from our website or from the Clerk to the Board.

PERSONNEL/SHERIFF

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to create an Interim Chief Deputy position in the Sheriff's Department due to the Chief Deputy being out on workman's compensation.

COUNTY MANAGER'S UPDATE

- The County Manager distributed a handout detailing additional requests from the Sheriff's Department and EMS for additional E911 Fund Balance Monies

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- Commissioner Gatling shared that there was no recreation update since the last Recreation Committee meeting had been canceled
- Discussion was held on the Recreation Update being on the agenda for every night meeting. It was decided to leave it on the agenda.

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to recess Regular Session to go into a scheduled Closed Session as allowed under G. S. 143-318(a) (3) to consult with the County Attorney and (6) to discuss personnel matters.

REGULAR SESSION

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

The request to fund a portion of a Victim Witness Legal Assistant position that was presented earlier in the meeting by Mrs. Valerie Asbell, District Attorney, remains tabled.

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Freeman, the Board voted unanimously to recess the meeting until 10:00 A.M. on June 27, 2011.