

Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Hertford County Board of Commissioners  
County Commissioners' Meeting Room  
Monday, October 3, 2011  
9:00 A.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; John P. Rankins, Assistant County Manager; 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.

### **COURTHOUSE/AHOSKIE**

Tony Hammond, Ahoskie Town Manager, presented a proposal to construct the new courthouse in Ahoskie.

After the presentation, the County Manager shared that she will have the requested information back from the landowners (offering land for the courthouse) by October 10 and would present it to the Board at the next meeting.

Vice-Chairman Freeman made it clear that we are looking at relocating the courthouse for future growth and not just because of the variance denial from the Town of Winton.

County Attorney Chuck Revelle added that anyone can present other properties. It is not just tied down to those already presented.

### **EDC**

Bill Early distributed copies of the ***North Carolina's Northeast Region Economic Development Guide*** to the Board. He pointed out the EDC's ad and an article highlighting Hertford County's renewable energy industries.

Mr. Early also shared with the Board that he had been contacted by UNC-TV. They want to feature Hertford County's progress on the NC Now program. A camera crew will be in town October 7 to spend the day with him and visiting industries in the county.

Mr. Early requested the County Commissioners to remove an amendment from the EDC's By-Laws. On December 4, 1989, the By-Laws were amended to limit a board member from being allowed to serve more than two consecutive three-year terms. The EDC Board made this recommendation at their regular meeting held on August 31, 2011, by a unanimous vote.

This request prompted a discussion regarding filling board vacancies and alerting the public by advertising to find other citizens who may be interested in serving (all County-appointed boards; not just EDC). This will be discussed at the upcoming work session.

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to table this request until the next meeting.

**RESOLUTIONS/COUNTY PROPERTY**

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following Resolution Approving the Conveyance of Surplus Property to Bertie County GIS:

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONVEYANCE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY TO BERTIE COUNTY GIS**

**WHEREAS**, under G.S. 160A-280 a county may donate to another governmental unit within the United States, a sister county, or a nonprofit organization incorporated by the United States any personal property, including supplies, materials, and equipment, that the governing board deems to be surplus, obsolete or unused; and

**WHEREAS**, this same statute requires the county to pose a public notice at least five days prior to the adoption of a resolution approving said donation; and

**WHEREAS**, on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011, a notice of intent to donate surplus property was posted at the Courthouse and County Administration Office Building 1.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Hertford County Board of Commissioners that:

1. The OMNITRAC EFP Map Printer, SN# 188481 manufactured by DIAZIT was declared surplus property on August 1, 2011; and
2. Said equipment is hereby donated to the Bertie County GIS Department in accordance with G.S. 160A-280.

Adopted this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2011.

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

On a motion by Gatling and a second by Mitchell, the Board voted unanimously to approve Amendment #4 to the FY 2011-2012 Hertford County Budget Ordinance as follows:

**AMENDMENT TO THE HERTFORD COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE  
2011/2012  
(Amendment No. 4)**

**Section 1** of the Hertford County Budget Ordinance, pertaining to the General Fund operations of the County, shall be amended as follows:

Increase (Decrease) Appropriations:

**Public Safety**

Sheriff – Earmarked Funds	\$ 1,500
Sheriff – Maintenance and Repair Roof	287,900

**Human Services**

Office of Aging – RCH Foundation Grant	24,000
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**Total** **\$313,400**

**Section 2** of the Hertford County Budget Ordinance, pertaining to the General Fund operations of the County, shall be amended as follows:

Increase (Decrease) Revenues:

Restricted Intergovernmental – Aging	\$ 24,000
Sales and Services	1,500
Fund Balance Appropriated	287,900

**Total** **\$313,400**

This amendment:

- Appropriate funds from Fund Balance for Roof Replacement at Detention Bldg.
- Appropriate grant funds for the Office of Aging Department: Source of Funding - State
- Donation from Nucor Plate Mill

## **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

### **Choanoke Public Transportation Authority Board (CPTA)**

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Connie Perry to the Choanoke Public Transportation Authority Board for another two-year term to expire on September 30, 2013.

## **COUNTY PROPERTY/TAX FORECLOSURES**

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Hunter, the Board voted unanimously to reject a \$500 bid offer made by Sandra Stephenson on the Kay Frances Scott tax foreclosure property (PIN #5968-45-5728) due to the fact that the bid was too low.

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Mitchell, the Board voted unanimously to accept a \$1,000 bid offer made by Sandra Stephenson on the Dorothy Smith tax foreclosure property (PIN #5968-29-9619). The County Attorney was authorized to advertise for upset bid.

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to reject a \$2,000 bid offer made by Dennis Stephenson on the John and JoAnne Bell tax foreclosure property (PIN #5061-72-4902) due to the fact that the bid was too low.

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to accept a \$1,000 bid offer made by Marcus Johnson on the Gloria Hall and Shirley Blythe tax foreclosure property (PIN #5968-36-6490). The County Attorney was authorized to advertise for upset bid.

On a motion by Gatling and a second by Hunter, the Board voted unanimously to reject a \$2,000 bid offer made by Marcus Johnson on the Al Revelle Wiggins tax foreclosure property (PIN #5953-85-6234) due to the fact that the bid was too low.

## **COUNTY MANAGER'S UPDATE**

- Buxton "Community ID Program" will be held on October 20 at 7:00 P.M.
- Board Work Session will be held Tuesday, October 25, from 9:00 until

## **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

- Discussion was held about receiving agenda packets electronically. It will be further discussed at the work session.

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Mitchell, 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**

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