

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

Present: Johnnie R. Farmer, Curtis A. Freeman, Sr., Ronald J. Gatling, Howard J. Hunter, III, (entered late) 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 Vice-Chairman Curtis A. Freeman, Sr.

COMMISSIONERS

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda to include a Public Comment Period after the Approval of Minutes and Reports. This agenda item had inadvertently been left off the agenda by the Clerk.

MINUTES

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2011, Regular Meeting as presented.

On a motion by Mitchell and a second by Freeman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2011, Regular Meeting as presented.

On a motion by Gatling and a second by Mitchell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2011, Regular Meeting as presented.

On a motion by Gatling and a second by Freeman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2011, Regular Meeting as presented.

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Mitchell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2011, Reconvened Meeting/Work Session as presented.

TAX

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Tax Releases for October, 2011, as follows:

TOTAL VALUE APPROVED THIS REPORT (2011 LEVY)	1,120.00
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (2011 LEVY)	11.77
TOTAL VALUE APPROVED THIS REPORT (PRIOR LEVY)	00.00
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (PRIOR LEVY)	00.00
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W01 COLL/RECYCLE 2011)	690.00
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W02 LANDFILL OPERATION 2011)	690.00
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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no one present to speak during the public comment period.

RESOLUTIONS

On a motion by Gatling and a second by Mitchell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following Resolution of Appreciation presented to Ronnie D. Stallings:

***RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
FOR
RONNIE D. STALLINGS***

The Hertford County Board of Commissioners adopted the following resolution with regard to the retirement of Ronnie D. Stallings from the Hertford County Sheriff's Office.

WHEREAS, Ronnie D. Stallings has served in the Hertford County Sheriff's Office with thirty (30) years of service, retiring in the position of Chief Deputy; and

WHEREAS, during his term of service, the citizens of Hertford County have benefited from his experience, ability and devotion to his work; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie D. Stallings continuously updated his department to better serve the public and all the citizens of Hertford County.

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

- 1. That Hertford County has been fortunate to have had the efficient and devoted services of Ronnie D. Stallings.***
- 2. That this Board of Commissioners hereby expresses its gratitude for his many years of diligent service.***
- 3. That this resolution be entered upon the minutes of this Board and a copy thereof presented to Ronnie D. Stallings.***

This the 21st day of November, 2011.

The County Commissioners, as well as Sheriff Juan Vaughan, expressed their appreciation to Mr. Stallings for a job well done and wished him well in his retirement.

AGING

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

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to approve Amendment #5 to the FY 2011-2012 Hertford County Budget Ordinance as follows:

**AMENDMENT TO THE HERTFORD COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE
2011/2012
(Amendment No. 5)**

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:

General Government

Register of Deeds	\$ (6,861)
Public Buildings	25,000

Public Safety

Earmarked Funds	200
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Human Services

Department of Social Services-TANF Job Boast II, CIP, Daycare	298,621
Veteran Service Office	(548)
Office of Aging – H&CCBG	23,864

Contingency

(25,000)

Total

\$315,276

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 – Veteran Service Office	\$ (548)
Restricted Intergovernmental – Floodplain, Recording of Deeds	(6,861)
Restricted Intergovernmental – DSS	298,621
Restricted Intergovernmental – Office of Aging	23,864
Sales and Services	200

Total

\$315,276

This amendment:

- A reduction in funds based on GS 161-5 and the change in fee collections from the Register of Deeds Office
- Appropriate funds to DSS – Private Grant from Open Society Institute; and Federal and State Re-allocations
- Appropriate funds to make repairs for EMS Substation in Ahoskie; Source of funding is Contingency
- Donation from Nucor Toys for Tots
- A reduction in funds from the State for County Veterans Service Program
- Appropriate funds to Office of Aging final allocations of H&CCBG

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Board reviewed an Expiration Report detailing Board vacancies forthcoming in the near future. The Clerk explained that these vacancies are being advertised on our website. These vacancies will be on the next meeting’s agenda for appointments/reappointments.

Tri-County Airport Authority

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint O. S. Suiter, Jr., and Johnnie R. Farmer to the Tri-County Airport Authority.

COUNTY MANAGER’S UPDATE

Loria D. Williams, County Manager, shared Section VI.9 Disasters from our Personnel Policy explaining that employees working overtime in disaster conditions be compensated for overtime. We have not been practicing this; we have only been compensating overtime after receiving reimbursement during State/Federal disaster declarations. It was the general consensus of the Board to follow the policy of compensating overtime regardless of State/Federal reimbursement.

On a motion by Gatling and a second by Mitchell, the Board voted unanimously to cancel the second meeting in December.

The County Employee Christmas Party will be held December 15 from 12 Noon to 2:00 P.M. Employees will be given longevity/bonus checks at this time.

Hertford County Offices will be closed December 22, 23, and 26 for the Christmas holiday. The Board advised Administration staff that the office buildings could close early on the 21st leaving a skeletal crew behind.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

No County Commissioners had any comments at this time.

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. 143-318.11 (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

Commissioner Hunter entered during Closed Session.

COURTHOUSE

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Freeman, the Board voted unanimously to add the Stuart Pierce property back to the list of potential sites for relocating the Courthouse and to remove the Freeman and Pierce-Beasley properties from the list. Commissioner Hunter explained that the infrastructure cost on the Freeman property is too costly, and the Pierce-Beasley property is landlocked. With the three remaining properties on the list of potential sites, there is a property located near each major township – Stuart Pierce (Ahoskie), Percy Bunch (Murfreesboro), and Riversedge (Winton).

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

Shelia W. Matthews
Clerk to the Board

Johnnie R. Farmer, Chairman
Hertford County Commissioners