

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Hertford County Board of Commissioners
County Commissioners' Meeting Room
Monday, May 7, 2012
9:00 A.M.

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

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 Curtis A. Freeman, Sr., called the meeting to order.

The invocation for the meeting was provided by Commissioner Johnnie R. Farmer.

MINUTES

On a motion by Gatling and a second by Hunter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2012, Regular Meeting as presented.

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2012, Reconvened Meeting as presented.

On a motion by Mitchell and a second by Hunter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2012, Regular Meeting as presented.

N.C.D.O.T.

Mr. Win Bridgers, Assistant Division Maintenance Supervisor, along with other representatives from N.C.D.O.T., Mr. Jason Morris and Mrs. Lydia McKeel, were present to discuss the FY 2012-2013 Secondary Roads Improvement Program. This Program totals \$505,193 as follows:

North Carolina Department of Transportation
Secondary Roads Construction Program

Hertford County

FY 12-13

Anticipated Allocation

Highway Fund	\$287,989.00
Trust Fund	\$217,204.00
Total	\$505,193.00

Commissioner Hunter shared his thoughts about not letting the legislature pass these expenses (over \$500,000) on to us and then on to our citizens.

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the FY 2012-2013 Secondary Roads Improvement Program and forward a resolution to N.C.D.O.T.

TAX

On a motion by Gatling and a second by Hunter, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request for a tax refund in the amount of \$175.36 on a 2008 Ford F150 Truck on bill #1107-400219 to:

Roanoke Electric Membership Corporation
 Post Office Box 1326
 Ahoskie, NC 27910

This refund was approved due to a billing error.

SCATTERED SITE CDBG

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Mitchell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following bids for Case #4 in the CDBG #10-C-2121 Scattered Site Housing Project:

- Clearance Bid awarded to Walt Allen, Inc. in the amount of \$3,840
- Reconstruction Bid awarded to T. R. Holley in the amount of \$52,992

RESOLUTIONS/ELECTIONS

On a motion by Gatling and a second by Mitchell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following Resolution regarding "Maintenance of Effort" requirement for release of HAVA Funds:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
 HERTFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 TO THE
 HONORABLE GOVERNOR BEVERLY PERDUE
 AND
 MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

WHEREAS, the members of the Hertford County Board of Commissioners met on May 7, 2012, and request that an appropriation be included in the Governor's budget and in the General

Assembly's budget to meet the "maintenance of effort" requirement for the release of HAVA funds; and

WHEREAS:

- A. the HAVA funds are vital to county budgets to administer elections; and
- B. the HAVA funds are needed to maintain voting equipment; and
- C. the HAVA funds are needed to be used as operational funds to operate absentee voting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hertford County Board of Commissioners requests that the HAVA funds be included in this year's budgets and that said funds be provided to the State Board of Elections for the counties to improve the elections process.

ADOPTED this 7th day of May, 2012.

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Mitchell, the Board voted unanimously to recess Regular Session to meet as the Governing Board of the Tunis Sewer District.

TUNIS SEWER DISTRICT

On a motion by Farmer and a second by Hunter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Amended Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Town of Winton, a copy which is on file with the District records.

Commissioner Mitchell remarked he was proud of the work that the County Manager and the County Attorney had put into this project.

On a motion by Gatling and a second by Mitchell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Operation and Maintenance Agreement.

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

REGULAR SESSION

PARKS AND RECREATION

Commissioner Gatling presented a Parks and Recreation Update.

- New park equipment has been delivered to Harrellsville and Murfreesboro. It will take approximately a week to assemble.
- Assessment of building is being made at Bryantville Park in Como.

- At R. L. Vann in Ahoskie, old play system and metal rods in concrete need to be removed; install a new play system; prepare an agreement with Ahoskie for upkeep; and name it the DuPont Davis Memorial Park.

These and future recommendations will be discussed in budget work sessions.

COUNTY MANAGER'S UPDATE

Loria D. Williams, County Manager, informed the Board that the USDA stimulus money for the Tunis Sewer Project's deadline had been shortened from 2015 to 2013. This means the County will have to request a waiver and extension.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- Chairman Freeman recognized Mr. (and Coach) Justin Frederes and the Honors Civics & Economics Class
- Vice-Chairman Mitchell commended Commissioner Gatling on his work with the Recreation Committee and thanked Coach Frederes and his class for coming to the meeting. He then presented some statistics he learned about at the District Meeting.
- Commissioner Gatling also thanked the Coach and class for attending the meeting.
- Commissioner Hunter reminded everyone it was one more day before the election and that he had promised to keep a clean campaign, but he was upset this weekend when he moved his truck to Millennium and the banners were cut off and cut up. He shared "Season of Change" handout from NCACC.
- Commissioner Farmer reminded everyone to go vote.
- Commissioner Hunter also added that County Commissioner license plates were available for any Commissioners interested.

On a motion by Gatling and a second by Hunter, the Board voted unanimously to recess Regular Session to go into the Board of Equalization and Review.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW

MINUTES

HERTFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW MEETING

May 7, 2012

The Hertford County Board of Equalization and Review met again on Monday, May 07, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. in Room #222 of the Hertford County Office Building #1, Winton, North Carolina.

Members present were:

Curtis A. Freeman, Sr., Chairman
William F. Mitchell, Jr., Vice Chairman
Johnnie R. Farmer
Howard J. Hunter, III
Ronald J. Gatling
Sylvia F. Anderson, Clerk

Also present was Charles L. Revelle, III, Attorney for Hertford County.

On a motion to open the Board of Equalization and Review by Ronald J. Gatling and a second by Howard J. Hunter, III, the meeting was called to order by Curtis A. Freeman, Sr., Chairman.

The Board took the following action on the appeal as shown below:

On a motion by Johnnie R. Farmer and a second by William F. Mitchell, Jr., Vice Chairman, the Board voted to make no change in the market value of \$202,992, the deferred value of \$93,189 and the taxable value of \$109,803 of parcel # 6942-78-7469, owned by Benjamin S. Parker, Jr. and Cora Elizabeth Parker. Property owners were not present.

There were no other requests presented to the Board for change in property values. On a motion by Johnnie R. Farmer and a second by William F. Mitchell, Jr., the Board of Equalization & Review hereby adopts an Order confirming, as respectively appropriate, the Appeal Recommendation set forth above, covering one (1) parcel, the valuation of which was appealed to the Board of E & R, as jointly recommended by the Hertford County Tax Assessor and the Commissioners reviewing and evaluating the individual appeal, following the taxpayer hearing and presentation of evidence and arguments of taxpayer.

At this time, Sylvia F. Anderson, Clerk to the Board requested for the Board of Equalization and Review to close for 2012. On a motion by Howard J. Hunter, III and a second by Ronald J. Gatling, the Board of Equalization and Review adjourned for the year 2012.

Sylvia F. Anderson
Clerk to the Board of Equalization and Review

REGULAR SESSION

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Farmer, 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

COUNTY PROPERTY/TAX FORECLOSURES

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Farmer, the Board voted unanimously to instruct the County Attorney to inform two bidders on foreclosure property to pay the remaining bid amount owed to Hertford County as follows:

- Sandra Stephenson (Dorothy Smith Lot) owes \$950.00
- Marcus D. Johnson (Shirley Blythe and Gloria Hall Property) owes \$950.00

If the County does not receive payment in full by May 21, 2012, the bidders will lose their deposits and the foreclosure properties will be added back to the available properties for purchase.

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