

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Hertford County Board of Commissioners
County Commissioners' Meeting Room
Monday, August 20, 2012
7:00 P.M.

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

Absent: None

Also Present with the Board: Charles L. Revelle, III, County Attorney; 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 Vice-Chairman William F. Mitchell, Jr.

Chairman Freeman announced to the audience that the County Manager could not be present at the meeting due to a family medical emergency.

MINUTES

On a motion by Mitchell and a second by Hunter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2012, Regular Meeting as presented.

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Mitchell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2012, Regular Meeting as presented.

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Farmer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2012, Regular Meeting as presented.

On a motion by Mitchell and a second by Hunter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2012, Reconvened Meeting as presented.

On a motion by Mitchell and a second by Farmer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2012, Regular Meeting as presented.

TEEN COURT

Mr. Walter Smith, Teen Court Project Director, was present requesting approval of matching funds for the Teen Court Project in Hertford and Northampton Counties in the amount of \$10,272.44 from each county.

Commissioner Gatling entered the meeting at this time.

Mr. Smith shared that he met with Northampton County earlier in the day with the same request, and they tabled the matter until their mid-year financial review.

He further explained that this is a one-year program, and there would be monthly progress reports.

Commissioner Hunter made a motion to table the matter until the Board talks with the County Manager. The motion died due to lack of a second.

After some discussion, Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the request contingent upon funding. Commissioner Hunter seconded the motion. This motion would not hold up the project until the next meeting.

Some discussion was held regarding the required matching. If one county approves and the other does not approve, then the Northeastern Economic Empowerment Corporation will be held responsible for the match – not the other county.

Chairman Freeman volunteered to meet with the County Manager to look into funding and to check with Northampton County as to their intentions and then get back in touch with Mr. Smith and the other Commissioners.

Commissioner Farmer withdrew his motion, and Commissioner Hunter withdrew his second.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Ms. Adonica Hampton, Social Services Director, and Ms. Maudie Chambers, Food and Nutrition Services Supervisor, were present to update the Board on the implementation of NCFAST (North Carolina Families Accessing Services through Technology). NCFAST will streamline the application process and allow more time to be spent with the client. The first day of training was held today in Bertie County. Staff will have to complete 40 hours of training. NCFAST will go live September 17, 2012. Outreach is being done to get the community and clients prepared for the new process.

AGREEMENTS/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

On a motion by Gatling and a second by Mitchell, the Board voted unanimously to approve a Mutual Aid Agreement with Eastern North Carolina Emergency Management Agencies (13 counties involved) as presented by Mr. Chris Smith, Emergency Management Director.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No one was present to speak during Public Comment Period.

COUNTY MANAGER'S UPDATE

There was no update due to the County Manager being absent from the meeting.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- Commissioners and County Attorney congratulated Commissioner Howard J. Hunter, III, for being sworn in as the President of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC). He is the third Commissioner from Hertford County to serve as President (Fred Jones, DuPont L. Davis, and Howard J. Hunter, III).
- Commissioner Hunter publicly apologized to the Town of Ahoskie for missing the groundbreaking of the new fire department since they were at the NCACC Conference. He thanked everyone for their support of him as President and for attending the ceremony.

On a motion by Mitchell 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

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