

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Hertford County Board of Commissioners
County Commissioners' Meeting Room
Tuesday, September 4, 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; 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.

PERSONNEL

At this time, the County Manager introduced two recently employed Department Heads: Mike Bradley, Rural Public Works Director, and Chad Stephens, Veterans Service Officer.

MINUTES

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

On a motion by Gatling and a second by Hunter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
FOR
RONNIE G. JERNIGAN***

The Hertford County Board of Commissioners adopted the following resolution with regard to the retirement of Ronnie G. Jernigan from the Hertford County Public Works Department.

WHEREAS, *Ronnie G. Jernigan has served in the Hertford County Public Works Department with ten (10) years of service, retiring in the position of Water Maintenance Worker; 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 G. Jernigan 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 G. Jernigan.***
- 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 G. Jernigan.***

This the 4th day of September, 2012.

ABC BOARD

Mr. John Edwards, CPA and new ABC Board Finance Officer, was present to discuss ABC sales distributions. The ABC Board is requesting a reduction in distributions payable to Hertford County and associate towns for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012. The change in distribution is needed in order to build the new ABC Store. Due to a substantial increase in gross sales, the multiplier in the working capital computation changed causing the distribution amount to increase as well. The ABC Board wishes to keep the additional distribution for this year only. The Board will need to review the General Statute in Closed Session before voting on the request.

PUBLIC HEARING/REZONING REQUESTS

Mr. Bill Early, Planning and Zoning Administrator, was present to request a Public Hearing for a rezoning request. Mr. Walter T. Perry, II, is requesting to rezone property owned by IB Enterprises from Residential and Agriculture (RA) to Heavy Industrial (IH). The property is located on the south side of SR 1445, known as Bazemore Road, approximately 1,500' west of SR 1469, known as River Road. The property includes a portion of PIN #6934-99-1496 and contains approximately 12 acres. At the regular meeting of the Hertford County Planning Board on August 14, 2012, the Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend this rezoning request.

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to schedule a Public Hearing for September 17, 2012, at 7:30 P.M. for the purpose of the rezoning request by Mr. Walter T. Perry, II.

RESOLUTIONS/EDC

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Farmer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution in support of submitting an application to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for grant assistance in extending an Industrial Access Rail Spur to Structural Coatings Hertford, LLC, as presented by Bill Early, EDC Director. There are no matching funds required.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
STRUCTURAL COATINGS HERTFORD, LLC
TO LOCATE A MANUFACTURING FACILITY
IN HERTFORD COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, Structural Coatings Hertford, LLC is considering locating a manufacturing facility at 930 River Road, Cofield, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Structural Coatings Hertford, LLC proposes to invest \$10 million and to employ at least 40 persons when the company is fully operational; and

WHEREAS, Structural Coatings Hertford, LLCs plans are consistent with local land use and state and local transportation plans; and

WHEREAS, Structural Coatings Hertford, LLC plans conform with all applicable state and local ordinances and policies; and

WHEREAS, Hertford County is committed to work with the NCDOT in a leadership role to make transportation improvements that address the safety needs of the public, and contractors and employees of Structural Coatings Hertford, LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HERTFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, THAT:

Hertford County supports the location of Structural Coatings Hertford, LLC in Hertford County, North Carolina, and confirms that its plans are consistent with and conform with state and local laws, plans and policies.

Hertford County endorses the application of Structural Coatings Hertford, LLC to request financial support from the North Carolina Department of Transportation to assist in the funding of a rail industrial access tract to serve Structural Coatings Hertford, LLC.

Hertford County commits to work with the NCDOT to make needed transportation improvements necessary to protect the safety of the public, and contractors and employees of Structural Coatings Hertford, LLC.

Adopted this 4th day of September, 2012.

PHONE SYSTEM

Loria D. Williams, County Manager, and Eric Koss, IT Director, discussed the Telephone System Replacement Request for Proposals. This is budgeted for this year and should be completed by end of the calendar year

On a motion by Gatling and a second by Hunter, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request in the amount of \$83,630.45 for infrastructure expansion/improvements. This will give Hertford County an updated unified centralized back-boned infrastructure.

COMMISSIONERS/TECHNOLOGY

At this time, the Board discussed receiving the agenda packets electronically. This would involve purchasing a device such as the iPad for each Commissioner. Eric Koss, IT Director, explained that the iPads do not integrate with our network but could easily install what was needed on each iPad. Slates (HP's version of an iPad) cost a little more, but they integrate with our network. Some Board Members will preview the Slate and compare it to the iPad.

COURTHOUSE/ADMINISTRATION

Loria D. Williams, County Manager, presented an update on the Hertford County Judicial Center Project. A timeline of the project was presented, as well as a floor plan for the Administration building.

On a motion by Farmer and a second by Hunter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the change order redesigning the Multi-Purpose Room in the Courthouse for the County Commissioners' Meeting Room.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Public Health Authority Board

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Farmer, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Susan Mitchell to the Hertford County Public Health Authority Board for a three-year term. This term will expire on June 30, 2015.

On a motion by Gatling and a second by Hunter, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Jamie Udwadia to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Joselito Almario. This unexpired term will expire on June 30, 2013.

Mid-East Commission

A recommendation to appoint Mr. Dennis Wilder to the Mid-East Commission Board was tabled.

SOLID WASTE

A request had been made by Marjorie Hill Vaughan on behalf of her mother, Erma Beale Hill, for a Solid Waste Fee Exemption. The property has been uninhabitable for several years and has recently been torn down. The property has

been approved for exemption for the current year, but she is requesting exemption for previous years which is against policy and would need Board approval.

The County Manager's recommendation is to not approve this request. On a motion by Hunter and a second by Mitchell, the Board voted unanimously to accept the County Manager's recommendation to not approve the exemption request.

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to recess Regular Session to enter into a meeting of the Tunis Sewer District Governing Board.

TUNIS SEWER DISTRICT

The County Manager presented the Rates, Rules and Regulations Ordinance for the Tunis Sewer District. This is the required 1st Reading before adoption. Discussion was held regarding mandatory connections. The User Rates were discussed. The rates are higher than the rates presented during the forum due to the fact that there are 65 users (not 85 users like once thought). Therefore, the rates are \$10 more than originally discussed. The rates were increased in lieu of additional property taxes or special assessments at this point in time, based on projected budgets.

On a motion by Mitchell and a second by Farmer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 1st Reading of the Rates, Rules and Regulations Ordinance for the Tunis Sewer District.

On a motion by Mitchell and a second by Farmer, the Board voted unanimously to leave the meeting of the Tunis Sewer District Governing Board and return to Regular Session.

REGULAR SESSION

COUNTY MANAGER'S UPDATE

Discussion was held regarding a traffic study for the new Courthouse property. Bryant Buck with the Mid-East Commission says there is some money available for a study but not necessarily 50% of what may be needed. The County Manager was given direction to not spend money on a traffic study.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- Commissioner Hunter commended Med-Ex. He had recently witnessed them at an accident scene.

On a motion by Hunter 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, (5) to discuss acquisition of property, 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

ABC BOARD

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Farmer, the Board voted unanimously to approve setting aside \$280,000 for capital improvements to the Ahoskie ABC Store, for FY 7/30/12, pursuant to G. S. 18B-805 (d).

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