

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Hertford County Board of Commissioners
County Commissioners' Meeting Room
Tuesday, September 3, 2013
9:00 A.M.

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

Absent: William F. Mitchell, Jr.

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 Commissioner Johnnie R. Farmer.

Memo #7844 (Discussion on Murfreesboro Water Rates) will be presented at the next meeting.

CADA

Ms. Sallie Surface, CADA Executive Director, presented a report on the impact of programs administered by CADA and a summary of families served by CADA in Hertford County in FY 2012-2013.

CADA is requesting financial assistance from the County as follows:

- (1) Now that the original five-year IDA Program has ended, CADA is seeking reimbursement of \$18,000 for the match assistance provided for 18 new homeowners;
- (2) CADA is requesting to use the remaining funding \$7,000 from the County's original \$25,000 allocation to continue the program through June, 2014; and
- (3) CADA is requesting that the County review the economic impact that the programs CADA operates are making in the county and revisit the 2013-2014 allocation for CADA and increase that allocation to the \$20,000 original request.

Loria D. Williams, County Manager, shared that historically the County's annual appropriation to CADA had been \$5,000. It has been reduced to \$2,000 the past couple of years.

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Hunter, the Board voted unanimously to table this request until the Board can review a copy of the IDA Program Grant, as well as the amount of allocation from the other counties served by CADA.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Ms. Rachel Askew, Family & Children's Medicaid Supervisor, along with DSS Director Adonica Hampton and DSS Employees Debbie Myers and Connie Wilson, made a presentation to the Board on the Affordable Care Act.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) includes provisions that will impact Medical Assistance eligibility and county business processes. It is also anticipated that it will affect the number of customers coming into the local Departments of Social Services.

Open enrollment begins October 1, 2013, during which time applicants will be screened for traditional Medicaid as well as coverage under the Affordable Care Act. The streamlined application, which will be used to determine eligibility in the Federally Facilitated Marketplace (FFM), gathers some different information than our traditional application.

The ACA will affect the Department of Social Services in the following ways:

- New Streamline Application
- Additional questions required for medical assistance
- Additional electronic verifications from federal sources will be used
- Ineligible applications will be transferred to the FFM for potential Advance Payment Tax Credit or Cost-Sharing Reduction eligibility
- Medical Assistance applications completed on ePASS may now be submitted electronically
- One-Stop shop for customers; whether they are looking for Medical Assistance or insurance

Insurance benefits will not begin until January 1, 2014.

ORDINANCES/AMBULANCE SERVICE

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed amendment to the "Ordinance Regulating the Provision of Ambulance Services and Granting of Franchises to Ambulance Service Providers" as follows. This is the second required reading of the amendment.

"AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE PROVISION
OF AMBULANCE SERVICES AND GRANTING OF FRANCHISES
TO AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDERS"

as enacted effective February 15, 2010, be amended as follows:

A. That the current Section 14.2(a)(6), which reads as follows,

"(6). A representative of a rescue squad providing services in Hertford County, chosen by the Hertford County Board of Commissioners, with the expectation, but not a requirement, that this representative be rotated every year."

be deleted and replaced in its entirety by the following new Section 14.2(a)(6), to read as follows,

"(6) A Hertford County citizen, representative of the public, chosen by the Hertford County Board of Commissioners".

B. That the current Section 16.2(a), which reads as follows,

"(a) This Ordinance is amended and hereby restated as of February 15, 2010, replacing the Ordinance enacted on August 19, 2002, which was effective November 1, 2002, as previously amended on October 3, 2005."

be deleted and replaced in its entirety by the following new Section 16.2(a), to read as follows,

"(a) This Ordinance is amended and hereby restated as of September 3, 2013, replacing the Ordinance enacted on August 19, 2002, which was effective November 1, 2002, as previously amended on October 3, 2005, and February 15, 2010."

C. That these amendments be effective upon enactment, following the passage of same at a first reading to be held at a regular meeting of the Hertford County Board of Commissioners on August 19, 2013, and a second reading at the regular meeting to be held on September 3, 2013, and that a revised ordinance be filed thereafter.

ORDINANCES

Loria D. Williams, County Manager, presented a draft Condemnation Ordinance for review and discussion. The County Attorney shared his changes to the ordinance which would also address other matters in addition to condemnation. Once these changes are incorporated, the ordinance will be presented for adoption.

AGING

Linda Blackburn, Director of Aging, was present requesting approval to set a Public Hearing. On a motion by Gatling and a second by Hunter, the Board voted unanimously to schedule a Public Hearing for the Rural Operation Assistance Program (ROAP) for 7:30 P.M. on September 16, 2013.

COUNTY MANAGER'S UPDATE

- Tunis Sewer Project is making progress

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- Commissioner Farmer commented on the NCACC Conference held in Greensboro
- Commissioner Hunter echoed that Greensboro was a great host city. Former NBA Star Will Allan was a speaker at the conference.
- Commissioner Gatling questioned about getting a sign for the recently named DuPont L. Davis Park
- Chairman Freeman informed Board of the Heritage Day Parade being held September 14 if anyone wants to participate. He added there are steel beams erected at the Courthouse site.
- County Attorney Revelle discussed drainage easement at the Courthouse site.

COURTHOUSE

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the execution of either a temporary or permanent easement with ASP Riversedge for improvements to a drainage ditch on ASP Property that drains the Courthouse site, upon approval by the County Manager, County Attorney, and Chairman of the Board.

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