

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Hertford County Board of Commissioners
County Commissioners' Meeting Room
Monday, October 21, 2013
7:00 P.M.

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

Absent: Ronald J. Gatling

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.

MINUTES

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Mitchell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2013, Regular Meeting as presented.

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Farmer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2013, Regular Meeting as presented.

PERSONNEL

Dr. Travis Burke, District Extension Director, introduced to the Board Mrs. Stephanie Parker-Helmkamp as the new Hertford County Cooperative Extension Director. She is a resident of the county and has been with the Extension Office for several years.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no one to speak during Public Comment Period.

AGING

Ms. Linda Blackburn, Director of the Office on Aging, was present to inform the Board that the County had received \$10,728 from the United Way to be distributed by the Emergency Food and Shelter Board. A notice would be advertised in the newspaper and applications taken. No Public Hearing is required. Historically, CADA and the Ahoskie Food Pantry have been the recipients.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Ms. Adonica Hampton, Director of Social Services, reviewed a handout outlining how the Social Services Department was affected by the Federal Government Shutdown. In summary, the following actions (involving personnel) were taken as a result of funding cuts:

- New hires are “on hold”
- Cut number of staff attending Social Services Conference
- Re-assign Social Workers
- Terminated Part-time and/or temporary staff (4 employees)

The good news was no County dollars were affected.

COUNTY MANAGER’S UPDATE

- Capital Projects are moving along
- We could not draw down funds for the Tunis Sewer Project from USDA during the Federal Government Shutdown – The County advanced the money.
- OAC Meeting for Courthouse will be Thursday, October 24
- Upcoming Planning/Assessment Meeting for E911 Project

TOWN OF AHOSKIE/TAX

The County Manager explained a situation that had recently occurred regarding Debt Setoff. Hertford County participates in the Debt Setoff Program; as well as collects taxes for the County and the Towns. The Town of Ahoskie was not aware of this and started their own Debt Setoff Program. Therefore, citizens have been receiving collection letters from the County and the Town. The Town of Ahoskie will be retracting their letters and will continue letting the County collect them.

Commissioner Hunter recommended having a Joint Meeting with the Towns to discuss topics such as these.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

- Commissioner Farmer is glad the shutdown is over – just have to wait and see what happens in January
- Chairman Freeman reminder that the new Wal-Mart Supercenter will open 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 23

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