

Minutes
Emergency Meeting
Hertford County Board of Commissioners
County Commissioners' Meeting Room
Tuesday, September 23, 2014
5:00 P.M.

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

Absent: William F. Mitchell, Jr.

Also Present with the Board: Loria D. Williams, County Manager; M. Ray Wiggins, Assistant County Manager; Charles L. Revelle, III, County Attorney; and Shelia W. Matthews, Clerk to the Board

Vice-Chairman Ronald J. Gatling called the meeting to order.

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Farmer, the Board voted unanimously to go into Closed Session as allowed under G. S. 143-318.11 (a) (3) to consult with the County Attorney and (6) to discuss a personnel matter.

CLOSED SESSION

Minutes of Closed Session are on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board.

REGULAR SESSION

TAX COLLECTOR

The audience was informed there had been an inadvertent posting of social security numbers on our website by the Tax Collector's Office.

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Hunter, the Board voted unanimously to approve advertising the following statement in the newspaper:

"The posting of a list of delinquent tax liens for tax years 2005-2013 on the Hertford County Website has resulted in a breach of confidential information, i.e., social security numbers for a number of taxpayers. The County has reported this event to our insurance carrier, NCACC Risk Management Pool, of which cyber coverage is designed for instances such as this. It is an ongoing investigation that was initiated on September 22nd; therefore, at this point, little is known as an absolute certainty of fact. The Risk Management Pool has the appropriate people ready to do what is necessary by law, and they are in the process of being engaged. Hertford County has every intention of following the requirements set out in the law."

More information will be provided following the receipt of information from the experts of the Risk Management Pool.

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Hunter, the Board voted unanimously to issue a disciplinary suspension of the Hertford County Tax Collector, without pay, for a period of thirty days, as a result of her responsibility for the inadvertent release of taxpayer social security number information.

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

Shelia W. Matthews
Clerk to the Board

William F. Mitchell, Jr., Chairman
Hertford County Commissioners