

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Hertford County Board of Commissioners
County Commissioners' Meeting Room
Monday, October 20, 2014
7:00 P.M.

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

Absent: None

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

Chairman William F. Mitchell, Jr., called the meeting to order and provided the invocation for the meeting.

TAX

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Farmer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following Tax Releases for the month of September, 2014:

TOTAL VALUE APPROVED THIS REPORT (2014 LEVY)	219,945.00
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (2014 LEVY)	4,390.77
TOTAL VALUE APPROVED THIS REPORT (PRIOR LEVY)	00.00
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (PRIOR LEVY)	00.00
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W01 COLL/RECYCLE 2014)	325.00
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W02 LANDFILL OPERATION 2014)	325.00
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On a motion by Hunter and a second by Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Vehicle Tax Releases for the month of September, 2014.

PERSONNEL

Leah Craddock, Human Resources Director, introduced John Rawls, Part-Time Fire Inspector, to the Board. Chairman Mitchell then administered Mr. Rawls his Oath of Office.

The Board will return to Memo #8090 for the Public Hearing at the scheduled time of 9:15 A.M.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Loria D. Williams, County Manager, presented a request from the Public Health Authority to relocate the Chronic Disease Department and the Home Health Department. The first time this was requested she informed them that the County wanted to look at all the buildings collectively with the scheduled upcoming relocations, but they have made the request again due to an approaching lease deadline. Discussions were held regarding operational costs and a review of funding history.

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Farmer, the Board voted unanimously to allow the Public Health Authority to relocate the Chronic Disease Department into the County-owned building located at 828 Academy Street and 704 Evans Street, Ahoskie, and to relocate the Home Health Department to the modular unit in Winton.

The County Manager was asked to schedule a meeting with the Public Health Authority Board.

PUBLIC HEARING/AGING

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to recess Regular Session to go into a scheduled Public Hearing per the following advertisement:

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

This is to inform the public of the opportunity to attend a public hearing on the proposed Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) application to be submitted to the North Carolina Department of Transportation no later than October 21, 2014, by the County of Hertford. The Public Hearing will be held on October 20, 2014, at 7:15 P.M. at the Hertford County Board of County Commissioners Meeting, 701 N. King Street, Winton, NC. Hertford County will provide auxiliary aids and services under the ADA for disabled persons who wish to participate in the hearing. Anyone requiring special services

should contact Ms. Loria Williams, Hertford County Manager, so that arrangements can be made.

The programs included in the Rural Operating Assistance Program application are:

1. Elderly & Disabled Transportation Assistance (EDTAP) Program provides operating assistance for the public transportation of elderly and disabled citizens.
2. Employment Transportation Assistance Program (EMPL) provides operating assistance for the public transportation of persons with employment related transportation needs.
3. Rural General Public (RGP) Program provides operating assistance for the public transportation for persons living in non-urban areas of the county.

The period of performance for Rural Operating Assistance Program funds is July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The FY 2015 ROAP individual program totals are:

PROGRAM	TOTAL
EDTAP	\$51,176
EMPL	\$11,616
RGP	\$49,167
TOTAL	\$111,959

This application may be inspected at the Hertford County Manager's Office located at 701 N. King Street, Winton, NC from 8:30 – 5 PM Monday – Friday. Written comments should be directed to Ms. Loria Williams, Hertford County Manager, 701 N. King Street, Winton, NC 27986 before October 20, 2014.

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Freeman, the Board voted unanimously to close the Public Hearing and return to Regular Session.

REGULAR SESSION

AGING

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) as presented by Linda Blackburn, Director of Office on Aging for FY 2014-2015.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to publish the ad for upcoming Board vacancies in the newspaper and on the website as presented by Shelia W. Matthews, Clerk to the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no one present who wished to speak during Public Comment Period.

COUNTY MANAGER'S UPDATE

- The County Manager distributed and discussed a punch list for the Tunis Sewer Project
- The next Courthouse OAC Meeting is scheduled on-site for October 30
- Assistant County Manager Wiggins presented the Board with two options for the DuPont L. Davis Memorial Park signs – The majority preferred the big print lettering instead of the outlined lettering

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- Commissioner Farmer yielded the floor to Amy Pittman-Braswell to remind the Board of the Ahoskie Chamber Banquet on Tuesday, October 28, at 6:00 P.M. at the Ahoskie Inn
- Commissioner Hunter shared that Executive Director David Thompson's last day with the NCACC will be November 6. Kevin Leonard will be replacing him.

He then led a discussion regarding recreation and that he had envisioned Hertford County having a recreation facility similar to Warren County's. The County Manager was asked to set up a Facilities Workshop in order to discuss County buildings/properties along with recreation needs.

- Commissioner Freeman shared his thoughts on having a fair sponsored by Hertford County. He would like for it to be talked about again in the future and put a committee together.

On a motion by Freeman 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

CONTRACTS

On a motion by Hunter and a second by Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Pay As Cut Thinning Contract for thinning trees around the landfill property with Coburn Forest Products LLC at the following rates:

All Pine Products	\$14.00/ton
Hardwood Pulpwood	\$7.00/ton

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