

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Hertford County Board of Commissioners
County Commissioners' Meeting Room
Monday, March 16, 2015
7:00 P.M.

Present: William F. Mitchell, Jr., Curtis A. Freeman, Sr., and F. Garry Lewter

Absent: Ronald J. Gatling and Johnnie R. Farmer

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.

Commissioner Curtis A. Freeman, Sr., provided the invocation for the meeting.

TAX

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Lewter, the Board voted unanimously to accept the following Tax Releases for February, 2015:

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| TOTAL VALUE APPROVED THIS REPORT (2014 LEVY) | 7,365.00 |
| TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (2014 LEVY) | 114.73 |
| 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) | 00.00 |
| TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W02 LANDFILL OPERATION 2014) | 00.00 |
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| TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W01 COLL/RECYCLE 2005) | 00.00 |
| TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W02 LANDFILL OPERATION 2005) | 00.00 |

VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT/COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Wendy Drake Burgess, Assistant Agriculture Agent with Cooperative Extension, was present requesting to establish a Voluntary Agricultural District in Hertford County, and to appoint an Advisory Board. Along with her were Stuart Pierce and Steve Woodson, representing Farm Bureau, to answer any questions. This was initially presented to the Board last year. This has already been adopted by over 80 counties in the state. The ordinance cannot be adopted tonight because all five Board members are not present.

A list of suggested Advisory Board Members was also presented. This Advisory Board would be approved once the ordinance is adopted. The Clerk was instructed to receive a Board Application from the list of suggested members.

The Voluntary Agricultural District would be operated through the Cooperative Extension Service with very little funding needed. Only an appropriation for signs was needed, and Farm Bureau has agreed to upfront the money for this.

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Lewter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the first reading of the Voluntary Agricultural District Ordinance and to appoint the Advisory Board at a later date.

Due to the Board running ahead of schedule, they will return to Memo #8191 at 9:15 A.M. for the Public Hearing.

TRI-COUNTY AIRPORT

Loria D. Williams, County Manager, presented a request in the absence of Commissioner Farmer for financial assistance for the fuel tank project at Tri-County Airport. The Airport Authority is requesting \$5,000 from each county.

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Lewter, the Board voted unanimously to approve financial assistance in the amount of \$5,000 for the fuel tank project at Tri-County Airport, to be taken from Contingency.

COUNTY MANAGER'S UPDATE

Assistant County Manager M. Ray Wiggins shared the following items with the Board:

- Community Service Project for Citizens – Shred & Protect to be held on March 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Wal-Mart Parking Lot
- Furniture for DuPont Davis Park has been ordered and will be delivered before the Park Dedication (April 4) – 3 Park Benches, 3 Picnic Tables, 3 Trash Receptacles, and 2 5-row Aluminum Bleachers

Mr. Wiggins was instructed to arrange for the park furniture to be made stationary; whereas, now everything is movable.

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Lewter, the Board voted unanimously to recess Regular Session to go into a scheduled Public Hearing as follows:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with NCGS 153A-239.1, that the Hertford County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 16, 2015 at 7:15 P.M. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Office Building Number One, 704 North King Street, Winton, North Carolina. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comments on the adoption of an ordinance to rename the following portions of U.S. Highway 158, in Murfreesboro Township, Hertford County, N.C., that were cut off by the opening of the four-laning of U.S Highway 158:

Road Section #1:

Intersection of Mapleton Road in the 1100 block of US 158W, West into the 1200 block of US 158W, specifically ending just beyond the property known as the Darden Cemetery, with Hertford County Parcel Number 5978-60-8279. Appx.1,681 feet or 0.32 miles.

Road Section #2:

Intersection of Mapleton Road in the 1100 block of US 158W, East into the 1000 block of US 158W, specifically ending at the cul-de-sac just beyond the property listed to Amy Parks, with Hertford County Parcel Number 5987-07-0785. Appx.3,060 feet or 0.58 miles.

Road Section #3:

Intersection of the old US Highway 158 in the 800 block, East into the 700 block of the old US 158W, specifically ending at the cul-de-sac just before the old Potecasi Creek Bridge, near Parcel Number 5987-73-8511. Appx.2,881 feet or 0.56 miles.

Road Section #4:

Intersection of New Access Road to the 800 block of the old US 158W, West specifically ending just beyond the property listed to Selma Majette, with Hertford County Parcel Number 5987-43-8821. Appx.353 feet 0.09 miles.

At any time following the public hearing, the Board of Commissioners may adopt a new name for these road sections.

This the 5th day of March, 2015.

PUBLIC HEARING/ROAD NAMING

Three citizens signed up to address the Board: Howard Godwin, Odessa Gatling, and June Harrell.

- Howard Godwin – Road Section #3 – Would like it named Mt. Tabor Baptist Church Road
- Odessa Gatling – Has complaints regarding the numbering system – Her address is 1038H and her neighbors is 1038B – It causes a lot of confusion and mail mix-ups
- June Harrell – Road Section #3 – Would like it named Mt. Tabor Church Road East

The citizens were informed that Mt. Tabor Church Road already exists. There was much discussion held regarding naming Road Section #3, Mt. Tabor Church Road (where the church is located) and the possibility of renaming the existing Mt. Tabor Church Road (where the church has never been located). While the Board was told that all “residents” on the road had already signed a petition to change the name, the County Manager reminded the Board that all “property owners” would need to be contacted, as well as researching this matter with N.C.D.O.T.

A Public Hearing could be scheduled for the mid-monthly meeting in April for the possible renaming of the existing Mt. Tabor Church Road.

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

REGULAR SESSION

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- Chairman Mitchell informed the Board of yards flooding on Hall Siding Road. He would like to have Greg Hughes with Natural Resources Conservation Service to investigate the matter and send a letter to N.C.D.O.T. to have the ditches cleaned out

On a motion by Lewter and a second by Freeman, 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

PERSONNEL

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Lewter, the Board voted unanimously to approve Mike Bradley, as Interim Public Works & Facilities Director, to oversee the Public Buildings/Maintenance Department, along with his current departments – Northern Water, Southern Water, and Solid Waste – at a salary of \$63,245.

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