

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Hertford County Board of Commissioners
Multi-Purpose Room – Judicial Center
Monday, July 6, 2015
9:00 A.M.

Present: William F. Mitchell, Jr., Ronald J. Gatling, Johnnie R. Farmer, and F. Garry Lewter

Absent: Curtis A. Freeman, Sr.

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.

TAX

On a motion by Farmer and a second by Lewter, the Board voted unanimously to accept the following Tax Releases for June, 2015, as well as the Vehicle Tax Releases for May, 2015, and the Tax Collection Percentage Report:

TOTAL VALUE APPROVED THIS REPORT (2014 LEVY)	18,376.00
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (2014 LEVY)	323.41
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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PERSONNEL

Leah Craddock, Human Resources/Risk Manager, introduced the following new County employees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>
Victoria Farless	EMS
Marquitta Morris	Social Services
Edith Wiggins	Social Services
Shirley Smith	Aging
Theresa Cloe	Social Services

The Board skipped Memo #8273 "Discussion Regarding Water Concerns" because the concerned citizen had not arrived.

TAX

On a motion by Gatling and a second by Lewter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the order for the Tax Collector to collect 2015 taxes per G. S. 105-321(b) as follows:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF HERTFORD

To the Tax Collector of the County of Hertford

You are hereby authorized, empowered, and commanded to collect the 2015 taxes set forth in the tax records filed in the office of the Tax Assessor and in the tax receipts delivered to you, in the amounts and from the taxpayers likewise therein set forth. Such taxes are hereby declared to be a first lien upon all real property of the respective taxpayers in the County of Hertford, and this order shall be a full and sufficient authority to direct, require, and enable you to levy on and sell any real or personal property of such taxpayers, for and on account thereof, in accordance with law.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 6th day of July, 2015.

On a motion by Gatling and a second by Farmer, the Board voted unanimously to approve a tax refund in the amount of \$130 to the following:

Celink Reverse Mortgage
c/o Industry Consulting Group, Inc.
Post Office Box 8265
Wichita Falls, TX 76307

This refund is due to an overpayment from the mortgage company on account #30772. The taxpayer paid a portion of the bill.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

On a motion by Gatling and a second by Lewter, the Board voted unanimously to schedule a Public Hearing regarding the adoption of the Albemarle Regional Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for July 20, 2015, at 7:15 P.M. as requested by Chris Smith, Emergency Management Director.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Thomas Mizzell, concerned citizen, was now present to discuss water concerns; so, the Board returned to Memo #8273. Mr. Mizzell explained that he was almost 70 years old and sometimes forgets to pay his water bill. He feels that older people should be notified before their water is cut off, and he also feels they should not have to pay the extra \$25 penalty.

Mr. Mizzell then shared with the Board his concern of them making themselves more visual in the public. He says there are many older and younger people in our county that does not even know who the County Commissioners are.

The Board thanked Mr. Mizzell for his comments and will discuss the water bill issue and inform him of their decision later.

PERSONNEL

On a motion by Farmer and a second by Lewter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the FY 2015-2016 Job Classification List – Grade Order as presented by Loria D. Williams, County Manager.

COUNTY PROPERTY/TAX FORECLOSURES

On a motion by Gatling and a second by Farmer, the Board voted unanimously to accept the bid offer of \$2,500 from Edward Carroll White on the Clara Veronica Holloman & Others Tax Foreclosure Property (PIN #5992-58-1467) and to authorize the County Attorney to advertise for upset bids.

COUNTY PROPERTY/TOWN OF AHOSKIE

The County Manager shared a letter from the Town of Ahoskie informing the County of complaints on 106 Holloman Avenue (PIN #5993-70-4927), belonging to Hertford County. The building is in a condition that appears to constitute a fire and safety hazard and to be dangerous to life, health and other property; as well as, there is evidence of vagrants on this property.

On a motion by Farmer and a second by Gatling, the Board voted unanimously to begin the demolition process, with the County Manager soliciting for bids and bringing them back to the Board.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Public Health Authority Board

Shelia W. Matthews, Clerk to the Board, explained to the Board that at the June 15th meeting, Corelette H. Smith was appointed to replace Susan Mitchell on the Public Health Authority Board in error. This position needs to be filled by a hospital staff member, per G.S. 130A-45.1; therefore, this position will remain vacant until the hospital makes a recommendation.

The Board expressed their desire for Mrs. Ramona Bowser, the newly appointed Health Director, to come to a Board Meeting to introduce herself publicly in her new position.

Voluntary Agricultural District Advisory Board

The Clerk explained to the Board that the nine members that were appointed to the Voluntary Agricultural District Advisory Board on June 15th need to be appointed to certain terms – three members for one year; three members for two years; and three members for three years. The Board Members were appointed as follows:

One-Year Terms

Jack Clint Brinkley (St. John's)
Wendy Drake Burgess (At-Large)
Tim Newsome (At-Large)

Two-Year Terms

Robert Earl Brinkley (At-Large)
Dustin W. Sumner (Maney's Neck)
S. Stuart Pierce, Jr., (Ahoskie)

Three-Year Terms

Michael W. Bunch (Murfreesboro)
James W. Mason (Harrellsville)
Jamison D. Eley (Winton)

COUNTY MANAGER'S UPDATE

Discussion was held regarding tractor trailers parking on County-owned property located on Virginia Boulevard in Murfreesboro, as well as on Attorney Vernice Howard's property, located beside the County's property. It was decided to post "No Parking" signs.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

All of the Commissioners commented about the Courthouse Dedication that was held on July 1, 2015. It was a great event and a monumental day for our County. Everyone involved in the planning did an excellent job.

There was no business for Closed Session.

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