

**Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Hertford County Board of Commissioners**  
**Multi-Purpose Room – Judicial Center**  
**Tuesday, September 18, 2017**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Ronald J. Gatling and John D. Horton Curtis A. Freeman, Sr., and William F. Mitchell, Jr.

**Absent:** Johnnie R. Farmer

**Also Present with the Board:** Loria D. Williams, County Manager; Attorney Charles Revelle; Juan Vaughan, II, Assistant County Manager; and Teresa Cowan, Clerk to the Board

Chairman Ronald J. Gatling called the meeting to order and Rev. James Shearn of Jordan Grove Baptist Church in Winton, NC, provided the invocation.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Tax Releases for Month Ending August 31, 2017 Resubmitted

On a motion by Com. Freeman and a second by Com. Mitchell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

RELEASES FOR MONTH ENDING

August 31, 2017

**RESUBMISSION**

		LEVY	VALUE	TAX
BILL#	NAME	YEAR	RELEASED	RELEASED
<b>AHOSKIE TOWNSHIP</b>				
Acct. #10098  Parcel #17A5993-51-9217  The Homestead exclusion was applied, however when ownership status changed, the account number changed as well. The system didn't apply the exclusion to the new account number which the taxpayer is still qualified for.	Lassiter, Carrington W.	2017	29,511	G01 - \$247.89  C01 - \$239.03
<b>MURFREESBORO TOWNSHIP</b>				
<b>WINTON TOWNSHIP</b>				
Acct. #22637	Pate, Kenneth H. & Elizabeth H.	2017	101,015	G01 - \$848.52

Parcel #17A5985564573				
Error in transferring of property by Land Records, which caused the OAE to drop off. Taxpayers are still quailed for the OAE, which caused the release in value.				
<b>MANEY'S NECK TOWNSHIP</b>				
Acct. #42006  Parcel #17A5070834495	Beale, Beatrice	2017	41,749	G01 - \$350.69
The error occurred due to the merging of the leasehold and the parent parcel number which created a new parcel number causing the homestead exclusion to drop off. Taxpayer is still qualified for the exclusion; therefore a release in value occurred after bills were sent out.				
<b>ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP</b>				
<b>HARRELLSVILLE TOWNSHIP</b>				
<b>MANEYS NECK TOWNSHIP</b>				

TOTAL VALUE APPROVED THIS REPORT (2017 LEVY)	<u>\$172,275.00</u>
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (2017 LEVY)	<u>\$ 1,686.13</u>
TOTAL VALUE APPROVED THIS REPORT (PRIOR LEVY)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (PRIOR LEVY)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W01 COLL/RECYCLE SITE 2017)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W02 LANDFILL OPERATON 2017)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W01 COLL/RECYCLE SITE 2016)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W02 LANDFILL OPERATION 2016)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W01 COLL/RECYCLE SITE 2015)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W02 LANDFILL OPERATION 2015)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W01 COLL/RECYCLE SITE 2014)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W02 LANDFILL OPERATION 2014)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W01 COLL/RECYCLE SITE 2013)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W02 LANDFILL OPERATION 2013)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W01 COLL/RECYCLE SITE 2012)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W02 LANDFILL OPERATION 2012)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W01 COLL/RECYCLE SITE 2011)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W02 LANDFILL OPERATION 2011)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W01 COLL/RECYCLE SITE 2010)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W02 LANDFILL OPERATION 2010)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W01 COLL/RECYCLE SITE 2009)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W02 LANDFILL OPERATION 2009)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W01 COLL/RECYCEL SITE 2008)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
TOTAL TAX RELEASED THIS REPORT (W02 LANDFILL OPERATION 2008)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

Respectfully submitted, Sheena R. Suggs, Tax Collector

## **ARCHITECT INFORMATION FOR THE NEW AHOSKIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Dr. William T. Wright, Hertford County Public Schools Superintendent, addressed the Board of Commissioners on the process leading up to the recommendation of an Architect for the New Ahoskie Elementary School.

Mr. Andre' Lassiter, Vice Chairman discussed the fact that there were 6 finalist interviewed before choosing SFL+A Architect Firm.

Mr. Thomas Hughes, Principal Architect for SFL+A discussed his experience as a builder has been designing educational facilities for 30 years.

The Commissioners had the following questions:

- The price of the entire project
- The site location and what grades would be going into the school
- Capacity of students
- ADM – going up or down
- Would there be an auditorium vs. gymnasium
- What does the acronym SFL+A stand for

Lastly, the County Manager asked of the School system moving forward to provide more information and presentations and to include the population in our way of thinking and to let us know what we are able to put on the ground; to think about funding, LGC application, etc.

## **HERTFORD COUNTY BOARD STIPENDS**

Mr. Johnny Sessoms of the Elections Board and Deborah Morrison of the DSS Board presented request for approval of meeting stipend schedules that were above the statutory minimums. They indicated these amounts had been reflected in their budgets.

The County Manager stressed that the Board of Commissioners must act on the stipend increases and develops consistency that is right for all Boards. The Commissioners agreed that they must have a work session and review other stipend schedules to assure that things are being done appropriately.

Having heard this decision, Deborah Morrison of the DSS Board was happy to hear that the Board would table this and make a decision that is good for everyone. She stressed that DSS was dedicated to their work ethics.

## **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

On a motion by Com. Freeman and a second by Com. Mitchell, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Stephen Lassiter of Cofield to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission for a three year term to expire on 6/30/2020.

## **RESOLUTION REQUESTING CLEARING AND SNAGGING OF CREEKS AND WATERWAYS**

On a motion by Com. Freeman and a second by Com. Mitchell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Resolution of Clearing and Snagging Creeks and Waterways in Hertford County.

### **RESOLUTION REQUESTING CLEARING AND SNAGGING OF CREEKS AND WATERWAYS**

**WHEREAS**, Hertford County contains the Chowan River, which is 50 miles long and the North Carolina portion of the basin is composed of two major drainages; Chowan River and Meherrin River. Major tributaries to the Chowan River include the Potecasi Creek, Wiccacon River, Bennetts Creek, Indian Creek and Rockyhock Creek.

**WHEREAS**, these waterways collect and carry storm water from all areas and properties within Hertford County and other upstream areas to the rivers and streams as part of a normal drainage cycle: and

**WHEREAS**, Hertford County is subject to seasonally heavy rainstorms as well as catastrophic and destructive events like hurricanes and tropical storms that push downed trees,

vegetation and other storm debris into the streams and ditches, collecting in masses at certain points and obstructing the natural free flow of water; and

**WHEREAS**, the activities of beavers and other wildlife contribute to unpredictable dams resulting in ponding and flooding of large areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the lack of post-storm clearing and maintenance of these obstructions increases localized flooding and damages to residential and commercial properties because water cannot flow freely through the obstructed channels; and

**WHEREAS**, this critical situation has extreme financial implications on individual homeowners' peace of mind and personal safety, on small businesses in terms of property values and lost business revenue from forced closures; increase costs to local and state governments for flooded roadways and other infrastructure as well as rescue operations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hertford County Board of Commissioners hereby requests that the State of North Carolina and the appropriate federal agencies collaborate to develop and fund immediate efforts to implement clearing and snagging of major streams in areas affected by Hurricane Matthew, and to provide for programs to continue those maintenance efforts following future declared disaster events that involve generalized flooding in Hertford County and other North Carolina counties.

This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2017.

**HERTFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ronald J. Gatling, Chairman

ATTEST:

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 Clerk to the Board

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There was no public comment

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

On a motion by Com. Mitchell and a second by Com. Freeman, the Board voted unanimously to approve Budget Amendment #13 (Replacement of the Detention Center Generator).

**AMENDMENT TO HERTFORD COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the County of Hertford, North Carolina, that the following amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018:

**REVENUE:**

Department	Account Number	Account Description	Amount Increase	Amount Decrease
Revenues	100112 448500	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ 65,000	



**REGULAR SESSION**

On a motion by Freeman and a second by Com Horton the Board voted unanimously to go back to Regular session.

**ADJOURN MEETING**