

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
APRIL 1, 2019**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Board of Commissioners of Northampton County met on April 1, 2019 with the following present: Charles Tyner, Geneva Faulkner, Nicole Boone, Joyce Buffaloe and Kelvin Edwards.

Others Present: Robert Murphy, Tameka Green, Scott McKellar, Cathy Allen, William Flynn and Bill Blanchard.

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**Call to Order (Tab 1):**

Mr. Tyner called the meeting to order.

**Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance (Tab 2):**

Mr. Tyner called for a moment of silence and followed with an invitation for all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda (Tab 3):**

A motion was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to approve the agenda for April 1, 2019. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

**Conflict of Interest (Tab 4):**

Mr. Tyner read the conflict of interest statement and asked if any Board member had a conflict with any matter on the approved agenda. No conflict was reported.

**Trillium Health Resources (Tab 5):**

Bland Baker, Northern Regional Director of Trillium Health Resources, presented Trillium's Annual Report to the Board.

**Southern Northern Advance Project Center (SNAP) (Tab 6):**

Sondra Dickens appeared before the Board and presented a proposed grant submission to the Golden Leaf Foundation that, if approved, would fund SNAP. The consensus of the Board was concerns about the administration and sustainability of the program. No action was taken on the matter.

**Tabled Rezoning Request (Tab 7):**

After a presentation by William Flynn, Code Enforcement Director, the following motion was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Boone:

“I move that the Board adopt the recommendation of the Northampton County Planning Board to rezone 8.17 acres, having a Northampton County parcel identification number of 06-021315, from Agricultural-Residential to Highway Business be APPROVED because it is consistent with the County’s Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map, which serve as comprehensive land use plans for Northampton County, and approval of the proposed rezoning is reasonable and in the public interest for the following reasons:

- (1) the relative size of the property is 8.17 acres is larger than most Agricultural-Residential zoned properties in this area but is comparable to most Highway Business zoned properties in the area;
- (2) the relative benefits of rezoning the property to Highway Business outweigh any potential detriments;
- (3) the buffer protections afforded under the Zoning Ordinance will provide adequate separation from nearby residential areas;
- (4) there is minimal disparity of uses between Agricultural-Residential zoning districts and Highway Business zoning districts; and
- (5) the proposed rezoning is consistent with the County’s comprehensive land use plan.”

**Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

**Strategic Plan Adoption (Tab 8):**

Ms. Faulkner presented the proposed 2019-2023 Strategic Plan formulated over multiple retreats and work sessions by the Board and County staff. Thereafter a motion was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to adopt the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

**Tax Department Matters (Tab 9):**

After a presentation by Cathy Allen, Tax Administrator, a motion was made by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to allow the release or refund of the March 2019 motor vehicle tax appeals in the amounts and for the reasons in Ms. Allen’s decision paper. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

**Interim County Manager Matters (Tab 10):**

After a presentation by Robert Murphy, Interim County Manager, a motion was made by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to approve a resolution requesting relief from the US Army Corps of Engineers in the management of the John H. Kerr Dam. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

After a second presentation by Mr. Murphy and Bill Blanchard, Management Information Systems Officer, the Board decided to take no action on a proposed telecommunications contract with MCNC.

**Citizen Comments (Tab 11):**

Mr. Marcenda Rogers of Conway read a written statement posing multiple complaints and requests for County records, to which the County Attorney will respond in due course.

**Board Comments (Tab 11):**

Ms. Boone reported that was looking forward to serving on new County boards.

Ms. Faulkner thanked those present for attending and noted her interest in expanding recreation options in the County. She also noted the County's forthcoming water expansion project.

Mr. Edwards likewise thanked everyone for attending and for their interest in Northampton County government.

Ms. Buffaloe reported her recent appointment and attendance on local boards and expressed her continued concern regarding the County's unsolved murders and missing persons.

Mr. Tyner thanked the Commissioners for their hard work to date. In the area of economic development, he highlighted the early success of the new grocery store in Jackson and also his passion for the new water expansion project. He reminded those present that the Commissioners are accessible and to contact them if concerns arise.

**Closed Session (Tab 12):**

A motion was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Boone, that the Board go into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. §§143-318.11(a)(6) [Personnel], (a)(3) [Attorney-Client Privilege] and (a)(4) [EDC Report]. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**


**Clerk to the Board**

Upon return from closed session, a motion was made by Ms. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to immediately terminate Komita Hendricks as Clerk to the Board of Commissioners. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

**Adjourn (Tab 13):**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Buffaloe, to adjourn the Board. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted the 1st day of April, 2019.

  
A. Scott McKellar  
County Attorney