

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
REGULAR SESSION
May 2, 2011**

Be It Remembered that the Board of Commissioners of Northampton County met on May 2, 2011 with the following present: Fannie Greene, James Hester, Chester Deloatch, Virginia Spruill, and Robert Carter.

Agenda Work Session:

A 10-minute work session was held to discuss today's agenda items. The following changes were made to the agenda:

- Under Tab 5, add-Signage Approval

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, informed the Board that authorization was given late Friday afternoon for the filing of a grant application for the Sheriff's Department for video arraignment.

There was a Board consensus to hold a budget work session on Thursday, May 12, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

Regular Session:

Chairwoman Greene called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Vice-Chairman Hester delivered the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chairwoman Greene explained the citizen comment process.

Approval of Regular Session Minutes for April 18, 2011:

A motion was made by Chester Deloatch and seconded by James Hester to approve the regular minutes of April 18, 2011. **Question Called For: All present voted yes. Motion carried.**

Approval of Agenda for May 2, 2011:

A motion was made by Robert Carter and seconded by Virginia Spruill that the agenda be adopted for May 2, 2011 with the changes so noted. **Question Called For: All present voted yes. Motion carried.**

Approval of Journal Entries:

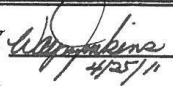
A motion was made by James Hester and seconded by Chester Deloatch to approve Journal Entries # 44, 45, and 46. **Question Called For: All present voted yes. Motion carried.**

PLEASE SEE SIGNED, SCANNED JOURNAL ENTRIES BELOW:

JOURNAL ENTRY

DATE 10/01/10 JE NO. #45

GENERAL LEDGER ACCOUNTS		DEBITS		ACCOUNT TITLES	CREDITS	
				BUDGET - TO AMEND		
				115138 - Jail Site Testing		
113330	451380	13,945	00	State/Federal Revenue - Jail Site Testing		
115138	512100			Salaries	5,424	00
115138	518100			FICA	340	00
115138	518200			Retirement	345	00
115138	518300			Co.'s Share Hospitalization	847	00
115138	518800			Medicare	79	00
115138	518,900			Life Insurance	20	00
115138	523100			Teaching Aids & Supplies	166	26
115138	523101			Books & Journals	50	00
115138	523800			Medical Supplies	833	98
115138	523801			Non-Medical Supplies	2	10
115138	523805			Lab Services	2,410	00
115138	526100			Office Supplies	177	00
115138	529000			Other Supplies	318	20
115138	531100			Travel	334	00
115138	532100			Postage	20	00
115138	532500			Postage	25	00
115138	534100			Printing	0	00
115138	536000			Freight	52	81
115138	539500			Training		50
115138	555000			Equipment	2,500	15
				<i>Budget is federally funded. Original state budget guidance erroneously included July 2011 through September 2011 funding. Requesting to reduce FY10-11 budget to reflect funding through June 30, 2011.</i>		
		13,945	00		13,945	00

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Northeastern Carolina Physical Therapy Contract:

Ms. Sue Gay, Health Director, appeared before the Board to obtain approval of a contract between Northeastern Carolina Physical Therapy and Northampton County Health Department Home Health Agency for the provision of physical therapy services.

A motion was made by James Hester and seconded by Virginia Spruill to approve the proposed contract between Northampton County Health Department Home Health and Northeastern Carolina Physical Therapy for physical therapy services as presented above with an effective date of May 3, 2011. **Question Called For: All present voted yes. Motion carried.**

Signage Approval:

Ms. Sue Gay, Health Director, appeared before the Board to obtain approval to purchase and install an electronic sign.

A motion was made by Virginia Spruill and seconded by James Hester to approve the request coming from our Health Director for the purchase of an electronic sign. **Question Called For: All present voted yes. Motion carried.**

Late Elderly Application-Mary Smith:

Mrs. Cathy Allen, Tax Administrator, appeared before the Board to obtain a decision to grant or deny a late application of Mary Smith on tax bills 10A0103977 and 10A0103978.

A motion was made by Chester Deloatch and seconded by Fannie Greene that Ms. Mary Smith be granted the elderly exemption for the 2010 tax year. **Question Called For: 2 yes (Deloatch and Greene) 3 no (Carter, Hester, and Spruill). Motion failed.**

Town of Gaston-Request for Co. to Collect 2011 Tax Forward:

Ms. Cathy Allen, Tax Administrator, appeared before the Board to obtain approval of a request from the Town of Gaston requesting the County to collect their regular ad valorem taxes beginning with the 2011 levy at a cost of three percent of the amount collected.

A motion was made by Robert Carter and seconded by Virginia Spruill to enter into a contractual agreement between the Town of Gaston and Northampton County for services to be rendered effective July 1, 2011 at a cost of four percent. **Question Called For: All present voted yes. Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Robert Carter and seconded by Virginia Spruill that the municipalities that we already serve for collecting their taxes that their fees be increased from three percent to four percent effective July 1, 2011. **Question Called For: All present voted yes. Motion carried.**

Board of Equalization and Review:

Chairwoman Greene recessed regular session and convened a Board of Equalization and Review.

Mrs. Cathy Allen, Clerk to the Board of Equalization and Review, administered the oaths of office.

Mrs. Cathy Allen, Clerk to the Board of Equalization and Review, called for appeals. Mrs. Allen stated to the audience that they have an opportunity to make appeals of value and to submit those appeals in writing to Mrs. Cathy Allen, Clerk to the Board of Equalization and Review.

Chairwoman Greene recessed the Board of Equalization and Review until 1:15 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2011 and reconvened regular session.

PLEASE SEE TAX DEPT. FOR MINUTES OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION & REVIEW

NC DOT Petition for Road Addition-Hillcrest Lane:

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, appeared before the Board to obtain approval of a resolution to forward to NC Department of Transportation a Petition for Road Addition for Hillcrest Lane.

Commissioner Deloatch left the room at this time.

A motion was made by Robert Carter and seconded by James Hester to adopt this resolution and pass it on to the State Department of Transportation to add this to their secondary roads.

Question Called For: All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Appointment to Board of Social Services:

Commissioner Deloatch returned to the room at this time.

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, appeared before the Board to obtain approval of the appointment of Ms. Arnetha Garner to the Northampton County Department of Social Services Board effective July 1, 2011 for a three-year term.

A motion was made by Robert Carter and seconded by Virginia Spruill to accept the recommendation coming from the Department of Social Services Board to appoint Ms. Arnetha Garner of Garysburg to a three-year term on the County Board of Social Services effective July 1, 2011. **Question Called For: All present voted yes. Motion carried.**

Management Matters:

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, appeared before the Board to obtain approval of a Resolution in Opposition of House Bill 635.

A motion was made by Virginia Spruill and seconded by James Hester to adopt the Resolution in Opposition of House Bill 635. **Question Called For: All present voted yes. Motion carried.**

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, appeared before the Board to present a letter from Mr. Philip Moncure requesting the Board to revisit the amendment to the subdivision regulations that was voted on at the last meeting.

There was a lengthy discussion on whether or not to revisit the matter and whether or not to create a policy wherein the Board would not revisit matters that were defeated for six months unless new information is provided.

The Board allowed Mr. Charles Vaughan, County Attorney, time to research the statute to see whether or not they could revisit the matter within/without a timeframe.

Public Hearing-Proposed Amendment to 2008 CDBG-SS Project:

Chairwoman Greene recessed regular session and convened a public hearing.

Mr. Mike Scott, Progressive Resources and Opportunities, conducted a public hearing to hear and receive public comments on a proposed amendment to the 2008 CDBG-Scattered Site Housing Project. Mr. Scott stated the amendment would include the modification of the Clearance, Relocation, and Rehabilitation budgets; a change in total beneficiaries; and the addition of two new beneficiaries with the total cost of the project still at \$400,000.

Chairwoman Greene called for Board and citizen comments: none were heard.

Chairwoman Greene closed the public hearing and reconvened regular session.

A motion was made by Virginia Spruill and seconded by James Hester to accept the request and recommendation coming from Mr. Scott in reference to the CDBG-Scattered Site Housing Project amendment proposal. **Question Called For: All present voted yes. Motion carried.**

Management Matters (continued):

Mr. Charles Vaughan, County Attorney, stated with Mr. Brown's help, he found in the Article X of the Zoning Ordinance, which reads: "When a petition for amendment (*Mr. Vaughan interjects that is what we had a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding subdivisions*) is denied by the Board of Commissioners, a period of twelve (12) months must elapse before another petition for the same change previously involved may be submitted."

Citizens/Board Comments:

Chairwoman Greene called for citizen comments: none were heard.

Chairwoman Greene called for Board comments:

Commissioner Deloatch stated he doesn't think the Board ought to keep this county poor when other counties are getting what we are losing.

Commissioner Carter stated the following: I have lived in Northampton County all my life other than my time away to obtain my education. Prior to 1990, there was no industry whatsoever in Northampton County; all you had was farms-maybe one or two, but this Board of County Commissioners, since 1990 up to 2011, has allowed this county to grow by allowing Lowe's to come in etc. It kind of disturbs me when our own members say we are stifling growth because we are not stifling growth; we have allowed safe and orderly growth and as long as I am able to serve on this Board, I will continue to support safe and orderly growth.

Commissioner Spruill stated Commissioner Carter had eloquently expressed her opinion as well.

Chairwoman Greene informed the Board that she received a letter from Ms. Elsie Hilliard regarding her resignation from the ABC Board and asked Mr. Jenkins to explain the situation further. Mr. Jenkins did so.

Commissioner Deloatch stated since 1990, we have lost more industry before '90 than we have acquired in this county.

Chairwoman Greene stated she does think that we need to be open-minded when it comes to growth. Chairwoman Greene further stated she still feels that we are stifling growth when we don't allow growth in the county and she is concerned about that.

A motion was made by James Hester and seconded by Virginia Spruill to adjourn.

A motion was made by James Hester and seconded by Virginia Spruill to withdraw the previous motion.

Chairwoman Greene recessed the meeting until May 12, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. for the first budget work session.

Kimberly L. Turner, Clerk to the Board

“r.m. 05-02-11”