

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
REGULAR SESSION  
July 6, 2009**

**Be It Remembered that the Board of Commissioners of Northampton County met on July 6, 2009 with the following present: Robert Carter, Fannie Greene, Chester Deloatch, Virginia Spruill, and James Hester.**

A 10-minute work session was held to discuss today's agenda item. There were no changes to the agenda.

Chairman Carter called the meeting to order. Commissioner Hester delivered the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chairman Carter welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the citizen comment process.

A motion was made by Chester Deloatch and seconded by James Hester to approve the Regular Minutes of June 15, 2009. **All present voted yes.**

A motion was made by James Hester and seconded by Fannie Greene to approve the Reconvened Minutes of June 30, 2009. **All present voted yes.**

A motion was made by Virginia Spruill and seconded by Chester Deloatch to approve the agenda for July 6, 2009. **All present voted yes.**

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, appeared before the Board to request the reappointments of Opal K. Brown and Juanita Harrison to the Northampton County Joint Nursing and Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee.

A motion was made by Fannie Greene and seconded by James Hester to reappoint Ms. Opal Brown and Ms. Juanita Harrison to the Northampton County Joint Nursing and Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee. **All present voted yes.**

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, appeared before the Board to request the reappointment of Teresa Gilliam to the BMB Shelter Home Board.

A motion was made by Virginia Spruill and seconded by James Hester to reappoint Ms. Teresa Gilliam to a second term on the BMB Shelter Home Board. **All present voted yes.**

Mr. Carl Hawkins, representing the property owners of Moore Rook Lane, appeared before the Board to request assistance to pay Dominion Power to relocate their utility pole to allow the Department of Transportation to pave the road.

Chairman Carter thanked Mr. Hawkins for coming today and stated unfortunately the Board of Commissioners could not use public monies for private property.

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, explained the process in which the Board of Commissioners followed for the Department of Transportation's consideration to add that private road to the state system and the Department of Transportation's regulations for

private roads requesting to be added to the state system. Mr. Jenkins further explained that the Board of Commissioners had to be careful in using public funds.

Mr. Anthony Clark, UHURU CDC, appeared before the Board to request assistance to acquire the Rich Square Creecy School as a multi-purpose community facility by way of submitting letters of support and grant applications to the NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, NC Department of Commerce Division of Community Assistance Capacity Building CDBG, NC Rural Center Building Reuse, and Innovation Grant program. Mr. Clark stated for the short-term he is interested in using the gymnasium, athletic fields, and parking lot and for the long term to acquire the whole facility.

A motion was made by Virginia Spruill and seconded by Chester Deloatch to accept the request coming from Mr. Clark representing UHURU in an effort to access stimulus funding for the project in Rich Square to acquire the gymnasium, athletic fields, and parking lot. **All present voted yes.**

Mrs. Cathy Allen, Tax Administrator, appeared before the Board to obtain approval to release or refund ad valorem taxes assessed in the amount of \$1,257.97 on nine appeals.

A motion was made by James Hester and seconded by Fannie Greene to approve the request for release or refund of the ad valorem tax appeals submitted herewith in the amounts and for the reasons stated on the listings effective June 30, 2009. **All present voted yes.**

***Chairman Carter called for citizen comments: none were heard.***

***Chairman Carter called for Board comments:***

Commissioner Spruill stated that there was discussion at the last meeting when Mrs. Debby Warren appeared before the Board regarding transportation and asked the County Manager to research public transportation for Northampton County looking at the costs and comparing them, as well as exploring sources of funding. Mr. Jenkins asked Commissioner Spruill if this was in regards to transportation for Aging or general transportation. Commissioner Spruill stated general transportation.

Mr. Jenkins gave an update on the meeting he and Mrs. Warren had with CPTA. Mr. Jenkins stated that CPTA was unable to reduce their rate and the funds received from Upper Coastal Plains Council of Government Aging Division could not be used to buy a transportation van, but could be used to pay volunteers.

Commissioner Spruill asked Mr. Jenkins if CPTA could expand their services. Mr. Jenkins stated yes, but he would look into it.

Chairman Carter mentioned that the Golden Leaf Foundation will hold a meeting on July 21, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Cultural and Wellness Center.

Mr. Reuben Clayton with Eva Clayton and Associates made comments in reference to assisting UHURU with Rich Square Creecy project stating that he has been retained by the Rural Center to assist small towns to make improvements via recovery funds.

A motion was made by James Hester and seconded by Chester Deloatch to adjourn. **All present voted yes.**

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Kimberly L. Turner, Clerk to the Board

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