

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
REGULAR SESSION
July 20, 2009**

Be It Remembered that the Board of Commissioners of Northampton County met on July 20, 2009 with the following present: Robert Carter, Fannie Greene, Virginia Spruill, James Hester, and Chester Deloatch.

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

- Tab 3 removed (Journal Entries)
- Tab 4 removed (Employee of the Quarter Presentation)
- Under Tab 5, added another item

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 for July 6, 2009. *All present voted yes.*

A motion was made by Virginia Spruill and seconded by Fannie Greene to approve the agenda with the aforementioned changes. *All present voted yes.*

Ms. Sue Gay, Health Director, appeared before the Board to obtain approval to increase the rabies vaccination fee in the amount of \$8-\$10 for in-county residents and \$8-\$13 for out-of-county residents.

A motion was made by Fannie Greene and seconded by Virginia Spruill to approve the fee increase in rabies vaccinations effective August 1, 2009. *All present voted yes.*

Ms. Sue Gay, Health Director, appeared before the Board to obtain approval to allow the Health Department to advertise a Public Health Nurse III position for the Home Health Program.

A motion was made by James Hester and seconded by Fannie Greene to approve the proposed PHN III position for the purpose of securing a qualified PHN III necessary for the agency to implement a case management position in the Home Health Agency and give the authority to hire up to Step 6. *All present voted yes.*

Ms. Sue Gay, Health Director, provided the Board with a Child Fatality Prevention Team Report.

Ms. Sue Gay, Health Director, also briefed the Board on the People's Clinic held in Garysburg in which the Health Department attended on Saturday, July 18, 2009.

Mrs. Marcenda Rogers, Human Resources Director, appeared before the Board to obtain approval to accept the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners' Safety and

Wellness Grant and to move forward with the Safety and Wellness Program for employees.

A motion was made by James Hester and seconded by Virginia Spruill to accept funding and approve the implementation of a Safety and Wellness Program for Northampton County employees. **All present voted yes.**

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, appeared before the Board to request a date and time for a public hearing regarding the Rural Operating Assistance Program.

A motion was made by Virginia Spruill and seconded by Chester Deloatch to set a public hearing on August 3, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. for the Rural Operating Assistance Program. **All present voted yes.**

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, appeared before the Board to request the reappointments of Nancy Flythe, Shirley Fields, and Patricia Maddrey to the Northampton Memorial Library Board of Trustees.

A motion was made by Chester Deloatch and seconded by Fannie Greene to reappoint Nancy Flythe, Shirley Fields, and Patricia Maddrey to the Northampton Memorial Library Board of Trustees. **All present voted yes.**

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, appeared before the Board to obtain approval of a three-year contract with two-year renewal periods with Martin Starnes and Associates, CPAs, P.A.

The Board had some questions and concerns regarding the terms of the contract; therefore, action on this matter was delayed until later in the meeting.

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, appeared before the Board to obtain approval for an increase in commission fees for tax foreclosures from \$750 to \$800.

A motion was made by Virginia Spruill and seconded by James Hester to approve a \$50 increase in the initial attorney's fee assessment upon the filing of a tax foreclosure action to \$800. **All present voted yes.**

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, appeared before the Board to bring forth a request from the Halifax County Board of Commissioners asking Northampton County to continue financial support of the Lake Gaston Weed Control Council.

There was a Board consensus to authorize Mr. Jenkins to respond to Halifax County recognizing the need for the Lake Gaston Weed Control Council and explaining that until Northampton County can find additional funding that need cannot be met, as well as, informing them that Northampton County has created a Lake Gaston Special Tax District.

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, appeared before the Board to obtain approval of a proclamation honoring Ms. Virgie Clements Wilkins' 100th birthday.

A motion was made by James Hester and seconded by Virginia Spruill to proclaim congratulations on the event of Virgie Clements Wilkins' 100th birthday and deem it a pleasure to pay this special tribute and best wishes. **All present voted yes.**

The Board revisited the issue regarding the auditor's service extension agreement.

A motion was made by Virginia Spruill and seconded by James Hester to approve the service agreement extension with Martin Starnes and Associates for the years 2010-2014 in accordance with the terms and cost associated therewith conditioned upon the provision that the County may cancel the agreement with or without cause at the end of each June 30th. **All present voted yes.**

Chairman Carter called for citizen comments:

Mr. Clarence Drumgoole invited the Commissioners to Community Day at the Lake Gaston Community Center on August 29th from 10:00 a.m.-until. Mr. Drumgoole asked the Board if there could be two public libraries located within Northampton County because he was told that there could not. Mr. Jenkins explained that the Northampton Memorial Library was operated under the Albemarle Regional Library.

Mr. Jack Saunders gave a report on the Lake Gaston Weed Control Council Meeting in which they addressed the funding from each county and the treatments for areas within each county in 2009. Mr. Saunders stated that there will be no treatments in Northampton County for 2010 and expressed his concerns regarding Northampton County's voting members not being able to vote due to the lack of funding from Northampton County.

Chairman Carter called for Board comments:

Chairman Carter reminded the Board of the Golden Leaf Meeting Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Kimberly L. Turner, Clerk to the Board

"r.m. 07-20-09"