

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
REGULAR SESSION
August 3, 2009**

Be It Remembered that the Board of Commissioners of Northampton County met on August 3, 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)
- Under Tab 6, added item 3 (Phase V Engineering Services Agreement)

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 James Hester and seconded by Fannie Greene to approve the regular minutes for July 20, 2009. *All present voted yes.*

A motion was made by Virginia Spruill and seconded by James Hester to adopt the agenda for August 3, 2009. *All present voted yes.*

The Board presented the Employee of the Quarter Award to Ann Lawrence.

The Board recognized the Northampton County 4-H Youth Award Winners: Sarah Taylor Best, Jarren Taylor, Trey Taylor, Allison Pair, Shannon Harris, Taylor Edwards, Gabrielle Harris, Vatrice Taylor, Jasmine Harris, and Brittany Bolton.

Mr. Billy Martin, Public Works Director, appeared before the Board to obtain approval for a maintenance agreement with SE&M Electrical and Mechanical Constructors to maintain all heating and cooling systems in buildings owned by Northampton County.

A motion was made by Fannie Greene and seconded by James Hester to enter into this maintenance agreement with SE&M Constructors. *All present voted yes.*

Mr. Billy Martin, Public Works Director, appeared before the Board to report the findings of the Solid Waste Cart Audit that was conducted during the week of June 29, 2009 and the week of July 6, 2009.

There was a Board consensus for the Public Works Director to move forward with the recommendations.

Mr. Billy Martin, Public Works Director, appeared before the Board to obtain approval to proceed with the final design of the Phase V Water System.

A motion was made by Virginia Spruill and seconded by James Hester to allow Public Works to proceed with the Engineering Service Agreement and authorize the County Manager to execute said Agreement. **All present voted yes.**

Chairman Carter recessed regular session and convened a public hearing.

Mrs. Debby Warren, Office on Aging Director, conducted a public hearing to receive public comment on the County's consideration of the Rural Operating Assistance Program Grant Application for fiscal year 09-10.

Chairman Carter called for comments: none were heard.

Chairman Carter closed the public hearing and reconvened regular session.

A motion was made by James Hester and seconded by Virginia Spruill to approve the Rural Operating Assistance Program application and recommended allocations as identified in Attachment I. **All present voted yes.**

Mrs. Cathy Allen, Tax Administrator, appeared before the Board to obtain approval of the Tax Collections 2008 Unaudited Settlement.

A motion was made by Fannie Greene and seconded by James Hester to approve the 2008 Unaudited Settlement Report. **All present voted yes.**

Mrs. Cathy Allen, Tax Administrator, appeared before the Board to obtain approval of a Resolution designating and appointing Joy H. Edwards, Christy L. Newsome, and Sandy M. King as Northampton County Review Officers pursuant to the ratified Senate Bill 875.

A motion was made by Virginia Spruill and seconded by Chester Deloatch to accept the recommendation coming from the Tax Administrator that the attached resolution be adopted and that the named persons be designated as Review Officers. **All present voted yes.**

Mrs. Cathy Allen, Tax Administrator, appeared before the Board to obtain action for a contractual agreement between Pearson Appraisal Service, Inc. and Northampton County.

After much discussion regarding the amount of monies stated within the agreement, there was a Board consensus to instruct the Tax Administrator, County Attorney, and Mr. Pearson to discuss and reword the agreement and bring it back to the Board for action.

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, appeared before the Board to request that the Board set a work session on August 17, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Wellness Center to kick off the Wellness Project coordinated by the Human Resources Department.

A motion was made by Virginia Spruill and seconded by Fannie Greene to set the time, date, and place as recommended by the County Manager. **All present voted yes.**

Chairman Carter called for citizen comments: none were heard.

Chairman Carter called for Board comments:

Vice Chairwoman Greene gave a report on the information she obtained at the 2009 NACO Conference regarding stimulus grant monies and records being able to survive a disaster. Vice Chairwoman Greene also informed the Board that she attended Mrs. Virgie Clements Wilkins' 100th Birthday Celebration and presented the proclamation on behalf of the Board.

Chairman Carter encouraged everyone to attend the Golden Leaf Meeting on August 11, 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