

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
REGULAR SESSION
August 17, 2009**

Be It Remembered that the Board of Commissioners of Northampton County met on August 17, 2009 with the following present: Robert Carter, Fannie Greene, Virginia Spruill, and Chester Deloatch.

Absent: James Hester

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

- Under Tab 6, added item 5 (Request from Roanoke Electric Cooperative)

Chairman Carter called the meeting to order. Chairman Carter 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 Virginia Spruill to approve the regular minutes for August 3, 2009. **All present voted yes.**

A motion was made by Fannie Greene and seconded by Chester Deloatch to approve the amended agenda. **All present voted yes.**

Mr. Charles Vaughan, County Attorney, appeared before the Board to obtain approval of an offer to purchase for a foreclosed lot in Gaston at the purchase price of \$6,500.

A motion was made by Chester Deloatch and seconded by Fannie Greene to grant the Attorney permission to close the sale on the property in Gaston, NC for the aforementioned price. **All present voted yes.**

Mr. Chuck Joyner, EMS Director, appeared before the Board to obtain a decision regarding a franchise request from Atlas Transportation, DBA Atlas Medical Transport.

Mr. Terry Campbell, owner and operator of Atlas Transportation, appeared before the Board giving a brief summary of his experience, his plans for operation in Northampton County, and asked that he is given the opportunity to compete with the non-emergency transportation existing in the county.

The Board questioned Mr. Campbell regarding his experience and questioned Mr. Joyner regarding the insurance requirement, previous franchise requests, the Rescue Association's recommendation, and the definition of non-emergency calls.

A motion was made by Chester Deloatch and seconded by Fannie Greene to grant the franchise to Mr. Terry Campbell, operating as Atlas Medical Transport, to do business in Northampton County contingent upon Mr. Campbell getting with the County Attorney to rework the Franchise Agreement. **All present voted yes.**

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, appeared before the Board to request approval of Chairman Carter serving as the voting delegate at the NCACC Annual Conference.

A motion was made by Fannie Greene and seconded by Chester Deloatch that Chairman Carter serves as the voting delegate at the NCACC Annual Conference. **All present voted yes.**

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, appeared before the Board to request the appointment of David Burke to the Northampton County Planning Board.

A motion was made by Virginia Spruill and seconded by Fannie Greene to approve the appointment of Mr. David Burke to the District 4 seat of the Northampton County Planning Board. **All present voted yes.**

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, asked the Board if he could withdraw his decision paper regarding the First Responder Training Facility and bring it back at the next meeting.

There was a Board consensus to allow Mr. Jenkins to withdraw his decision paper regarding the First Responder Training Facility and bring it back on September 9, 2009.

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, appeared before the Board on behalf of Roanoke Electric asking for the Board to approve a letter of support for IBEC, an Internet Service Provider based near Huntsville, AL, to use Roanoke Electric's existing power lines to make high speed internet accessible to rural consumers.

Commissioner Deloatch asked to be recused due to the fact that he serves on the Roanoke Electric Cooperative Board.

A motion was made by Virginia Spruill and seconded by Fannie Greene to allow Commissioner Deloatch to be recused from this deliberation. **All present voted yes.**

A motion was made by Fannie Greene and seconded by Virginia Spruill to approve the recommendation from Roanoke Electric for a letter of support for IBEC for broadband capability for the areas they serve. **All present voted yes.**

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, gave an update on the NCCAR Project.

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Chairman Carter called for citizen comments: none were heard.

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Commissioner Deloatch thanked the Board for approving the franchise request.

Vice Chairwoman Greene informed the Board that she participated in a Breast Cancer Benefit ride on Saturday and they raised approximately \$2,500.

Chairman Carter thanked the Commissioners for coming out to the Golden Leaf meetings and stated the next meeting is on September 15.

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

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