

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
REGULAR SESSION
September 21, 2009**

Be It Remembered that the Board of Commissioners of Northampton County met on September 21, 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:

- Add Tab 8-closed session under G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) and G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6)

Chairman Carter called the meeting to order and delivered the invocation. 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 Fannie Greene to approve the regular minutes for September 9, 2009. **All present voted yes.**

A motion was made by Fannie Greene and seconded by Chester Deloatch to approve the closed session minutes for September 9, 2009. **All present voted yes.**

A motion was made by Virginia Spruill and seconded by Fannie Greene to approve the amended agenda as presented for September 21, 2009. **All present voted yes.**

Mr. Tim Byers, Emergency Management Coordinator, appeared before the Board to request permission to amend the contract with CODE RED notification system.

A motion was made by Virginia Spruill and seconded by Fannie Greene to approve the amendment with CODE RED to incorporate immediate weather warnings from the National Weather Service. **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 \$4,382.39 on 21 appeals.

A motion was made by Chester Deloatch and seconded by Fannie Greene to grant Mrs. Cathy Allen the authority to release or refund the ad valorem tax appeals submitted herewith in the amounts and for the reasons stated on the listings. **All present voted yes.**

Mrs. Cathy Allen, Tax Administrator, appeared before the Board to obtain a decision on a late application of Mr. Vernon Boone for the Disabled Veteran Exclusion on Tax Bill 09A0903128.

A motion was made by Fannie Greene and seconded by Virginia Spruill to approve the late application of Mr. Vernon Boone for the Disabled Veterans Exclusion. **All present voted yes.**

Mrs. Cathy Allen, Tax Administrator, appeared before the Board to obtain a decision on a late application of Mrs. Cora Ward for the Elderly/Disability Exemption on Tax Bill 09A0610270.

A motion was made by Virginia Spruill and seconded by Chester Deloatch to approve the late application of Mrs. Cora Ward. **All present voted yes.**

Mrs. Cathy Allen, Tax Administrator, appeared before the Board to obtain a decision on a late application of Mr. Joseph Odom for the Elderly/Disability Exemption on Tax Bill 09A0600752.

A motion was made by Fannie Greene and seconded by Chester Deloatch to approve this late application for Mr. Joseph Odom. **All present voted yes.**

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, appeared before the Board to request an appointment to the Northampton County Cultural Arts Committee.

There was a Board consensus for Mr. Jenkins to bring this matter back at the next meeting.

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, appeared before the Board to obtain approval of acceptance of the North Carolina Arts Council Grant for FY 09-10 in the amount of \$10,294.

A motion was made by Virginia Spruill and seconded by Chester Deloatch to accept the North Carolina Arts Council Grant in the amount of \$10,294 and the expenditure of these funds be authorized by the County Manager or the Finance Officer for the furtherance of cultural and arts projects in the county. **All present voted yes.**

Chairman Carter called for citizen comments: none were heard.

Chairman Carter called for Board comments:

Commissioner Spruill made a comment regarding the Intern Program stating that she is pleased with Chairman Carter initiating the program.

Vice Chairwoman Greene recognized Mrs. Judy Collier to update the Board on Chamber activities.

Mrs. Collier gave an update on the circus that was held on September 14th stating that she has received positive comments and there were 1,045 people in attendance. Mrs. Collier also informed the Board of an upcoming Chamber event on October 13th at Northampton County High School-West at 7:00 p.m. wherein there will be a basketball game between the Harlem Rockets, a basketball team from New York similar to the Harlem Globetrotters, and the Northampton County All-stars. Mrs. Collier stated that they were

looking for basketball players as well as cheerleaders. Mrs. Collier also stated advanced tickets for students are \$5 and \$6 at the door and advance tickets for adults are \$7 and \$8 at the door.

A motion was made by Chester Deloatch and seconded by Fannie Greene to recess regular session. **All present voted yes.**

A motion was made by Chester Deloatch and seconded by Virginia Spruill to convene a closed session for the purpose of G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) and G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6). **All present voted yes.**

A motion was made by Chester Deloatch and seconded by Fannie Greene to adjourn closed session. **All present voted yes.**

A motion was made by Chester Deloatch and seconded by Fannie Greene to reconvene regular session. **All present voted yes.**

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

Kimberly L. Turner, Clerk to the Board

“r.m. 09-21-09”