

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
REGULAR SESSION
October 19, 2009**

Be It Remembered that the Board of Commissioners of Northampton County met on October 19, 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 added to the agenda:

- Under Tab 13, add item #5-set a date and time for a public hearing for proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance
- Under Tab 13, add item #6-contract with LBS Biological, Inc.

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 of October 5, 2009 as written. **All present voted yes.**

A motion was made by Fannie Greene and seconded by Virginia Spruill to approve the closed session minutes of October 5, 2009. **All present voted yes.**

A motion was made by Virginia Spruill and seconded by Chester Deloatch to approve the amended agenda for October 19, 2009 as presented. **All present voted yes.**

A motion was made by Fannie Greene and seconded by Chester Deloatch to approve Journal Entries numbers 8-13. **All present voted yes.**

SEE SIGNED, SCANNED JOURNAL ENTRIES BELOW:

JOURNAL ENTRY

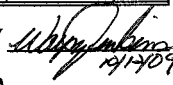
DATE 08/10/09

JE NO. 10

GENERAL LEDGER ACCOUNTS		DEBITS		ACCOUNT TITLES	CREDITS	
				Budget - ToAmend		
				BT Preparedness & Response		
113330	451780			State funding - BT Preparedness & Response	31,664	00
115178	512100	6,953	00	Salary		
115178	512700	97	00	Longevity		
115178	518100	440	00	FICA		
115178	518200	353	00	Retirement		
115178	518300	1,000	00	Co. Share Hosp.		
115178	518600	132	00	Medicare		
115178	518800	103	00	Medicare		
115178	518900	24	00	Life Insurance		
115178	523000	5,500	00	Other Supplies		
115178	523100	5,850	00	Teaching Aids & Supplies		
115178	523800	5,000	00	Medical Supplies		
115178	526100	260	00	Office Supplies		
115178	529000	300	00	Meeting Expenses		
115178	525100	100	00	Gas/Oil		
115178	525200	250	00	Tires/Tubes		
115178	532100	533	00	Telephone		
115178	532500	100	00	Postage		
115178	534100	500	00	Printing		
115178	536000	150	00	Freight		
115178	555000	4,019	00	Equipment less than \$5,000		
				9 month State funding for the Bioterrorism Preparedness & Response budget.		
		31,664	00		31,664	00

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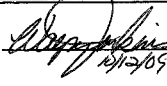
GENERAL LEDGER ACCOUNTS		DEBITS		ACCOUNT TITLES	CREDITS	
				BUDGET - TO SET UP		
				H1N1 SURVEILLANCE		
113330	451310			State Funding - H1N1 Surveillance	5,800	00
115131	523000	1,200	00	Other Supplies		
	523800	1,650	00	Medical Supplies		
	526100	600	00	Office Supplies		
	531100	300	00	Travel		
	532100	200	00	Telephone		
	532500	350	00	Postage		
	555000	1,500	00	Printer		
				State funding to support planning and preparation		
				for a second outbreak of H1N1 expected to occur		
				in the fall of 2009 in an effort to reduce the		
				number of reported H1N1 cases in North Carolina.		
		5,800	00		5,800	00

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JOURNAL ENTRY

DATE 08/17/09 JE NO. 13

GENERAL LEDGER ACCOUNTS		DEBITS	ACCOUNT TITLES		CREDITS
BUDGET - TO SET UP					
H1N1 PLANNING					
113330	??			State Funding - H1N1 Planning	54,200 00
??	512100	30,770	00	Salaries	
	512700	702	00	Longevity	
	512800	237	00	Disc. Step Increase	
	518100	1,982	00	FICA	
	518200	1,586	00	Retirement	
	518300	4,444	00	Co. Share Hospitalization	
	518600	597	00	Worker's Comp.	
	518800	460	00	Medicare	
	518900	114	00	Life Insurance	
	523000	4,600	00	Other Supplies	
	523100	6,000	00	Teaching Aids and Supplies	
	523800	2,400	00	Medical Supplies	
	536000	308	00	Freight	
				State funding to support planning and preparation for a second outbreak of H1N1 expected to occur in the fall of 2009 in an effort to reduce the number of reported H1N1 cases in North Carolina.	
		54,200	00		54,200 00

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Mrs. Dot Vick, Finance Officer, appeared before the Board to present the Northampton County Operating Budget Reports for the periods ending June 2009 and September 30, 2009.

Mr. Michael Pulley, Treasurer for the Gaston Volunteer Fire Department, appeared before the Board to obtain approval of a Lease Purchase Agreement between United Financial of North Carolina, Inc. and Gaston Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

A motion was made by Chester Deloatch and seconded by Virginia Spruill to approve Gaston Fire Department modifying the loan with United Financial of North Carolina, Inc. **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 \$345.76 on seven appeals.

A motion was made by Fannie Greene and seconded by Virginia Spruill 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. **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 \$1,095.85 on three appeals for the disabled veteran exclusion.

A motion was made by Virginia Spruill and seconded by Fannie Greene to accept the recommendation and request coming from the Tax Administrator to release or refund ad valorem taxes assessed in the amount of \$1,095.85 on three appeals. **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 \$804.31 on four appeals for the elderly/disability exemption.

A motion was made by Chester Deloatch and seconded by Fannie Greene to grant the release or refund of ad valorem taxes for the elderly/disability exemption. **All present voted yes.**

Mr. Billy Martin, Public Works Director, appeared before the Board to obtain approval of an outside employment request for Melody Johnson as a Telecommunicator with Halifax County during the weekends.

A motion was made by Chester Deloatch and seconded by Virginia Spruill to grant Ms. Melody Johnson the right to work for Halifax County as a Telecommunicator on weekends only. **All present voted yes.**

Chairman Carter recessed regular session.

A motion was made by Virginia Spruill and seconded by Fannie Greene to convene the Board of Equalization and Review. **All present voted yes.**

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Chairman Carter recessed the Board of Equalization and Review and reconvened regular session.

Ms. Sue Gay, Health Director, appeared before the Board to introduce a new employee-Anneke Revelle.

Dr. Al Wentzy, DSS Director, appeared before the Board to obtain approval to convert an existing contract social work position to a full-time position that administers the In-Home Special Assistance Program (SA), with no additional funding sought for the DSS budget.

A motion was made by Chester Deloatch and seconded by Fannie Greene to grant Dr. Wentzy the authority to convert the existing contract to a Social Worker II position to administer the In-Home SA Program at no increase to the DSS budget. **All present voted yes.**

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, appeared before the Board to request the reappointments of Commissioner Hester, William Lucas, and Doc Boone to the Tourism Development Authority for two-year terms.

A motion was made by Chester Deloatch and seconded by Fannie Greene to reappoint Commissioner Hester, William Lucas, and Doc Boone to the Tourism Development Authority for two-year terms. **All present voted yes.**

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, appeared before the Board on behalf of UNC School of Government to request a donation to the David Lawrence Distinguished Professorship Award.

There was a Board consensus to authorize the County Manager to draft a letter to the School of Government of appreciation of David Lawrence.

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, appeared before the Board to present the second reading of the EMS Non-Emergency Franchise Request from Atlas Medical Transport, Inc.

A motion was made by Fannie Greene and seconded by Virginia Spruill that Atlas Medical Transport Inc., be granted a franchise to do business in Northampton County. **All present voted yes.**

Mr. Terry Campbell, owner of Atlas Medical Transport, Inc., thanked the County for giving them the opportunity to work in Northampton County and he introduced Mr. George Branch the Chief Operator for Northampton County.

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, appeared before the Board to request a date and time for a public hearing to receive public comment on proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

A motion was made by Virginia Spruill and seconded by Chester Deloatch to set the date of November 16, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. for a public hearing for proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. **All present voted yes.**

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, appeared before the Board to obtain approval of a contract with LBS Biological, Inc. and Northampton County to purchase euthanized adult feline carcasses from the Northampton County Animal Shelter for \$4 per useable specimen.

A motion was made by Fannie Greene and seconded by Chester Deloatch to approve the contract with LBS Biological, Inc. **All present voted yes.**

Judge Alfred Kwasikpui appeared before the Board on behalf of the Northampton County Courthouse Facility and Security Committee to present the Northampton County Courthouse Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study. Judge Kwasikpui recommend that the Board consider adopting Option 3A from the Study to construct a new courthouse into the County's Capital Improvement Plan for January 2010. Judge Kwasikpui also recommended that county staff begin identifying various funding sources for the construction of a new courthouse.

Mr. Dan Mace, Vice-President with Moseley Architects, explained the Study and the options included in the Study.

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, explained the Capital Improvement Plan process.

A motion was made by Virginia Spruill and seconded by Chester Deloatch to adopt Option 3A from the Northampton County Courthouse Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study to construct a new courthouse at a site different from the current courthouse building using acquired land that would include enough space to eventually build a new Jail and Law Enforcement Center into the Capital Improvement Plan. **All present voted yes.**

Chairman Carter called for citizen comments: none were heard.

Chairman Carter called for Board comments:

Vice Chairwoman Greene congratulated Atlas Medical Transport and asked that the County look at a franchise assessment fee for the three EMS non-emergency franchises within the county.

Commissioner Spruill suggested having the Board Retreat during this calendar year.

Commissioner Deloatch stated that he would like to see a fair system on competition for the EMS non-emergency transport.

Chairman Carter suggested that we schedule a Board Retreat anytime between November 17th and November 24th.

There was a Board consensus to schedule the Board retreat on November 20, 2009 at Mr. Vaughan's home in Littleton from 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

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

Kimberly L. Turner, Clerk to the Board

"r.m. 10-19-09"