

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
REGULAR SESSION
March 1, 2010**

Be It Remembered that the Board of Commissioners of Northampton County met on March 1, 2010 with the following present: Fannie Greene, Virginia Spruill, James Hester, Chester Deloatch, and Robert Carter.

Work Session:

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

- Reverse Tab 3 and Tab 7
- Add under Tab 7-Public Sewer for Barrow's Mill Road
- Add under Tab 7-Update of J.W. Faison Administration Building Roof Replacement
- Add under Tab 7-Request Date and Time for a Public Hearing for Rezoning
- Add under Tab 7-DSS Building

Regular Session:

Chairwoman Greene called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Chairwoman Greene explained the citizen comment process. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Carter introduced the Intern of the Month-Malcolm Wilkins, a senior at Northampton County High School-East.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2010:

A motion was made by Robert Carter and seconded by James Hester that the minutes for February 15, 2010 be adopted. **Question Called For: All present voted yes. Motion carried.**

Approval of Agenda for March 1, 2010:

A motion was made by Virginia Spruill and seconded by James Hester to amend the agenda for today, March 1, 2010. **Question Called For: All present voted yes. Motion carried.**

Mid-Year Review:

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, appeared before the Board to present the FY 09-10 Departmental Mid-Year Review.

Modification of Secondary Roads Improvement Program Project Limits:

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, appeared before the Board on behalf of North Carolina Department of Transportation to obtain approval of a modification of the Secondary Roads Improvement Program Project Limits.

A motion was made by James Hester and seconded by Virginia Spruill to approve the changes the Department of Transportation has put forth. **Question Called For: All present voted yes.**
Motion carried.

New High School Discussion:

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, gave an update on the new high school proposal answering some questions the Board had at the last meeting.

The Board delayed action on this item until after they have heard from the auditor.

Reschedule of Public Forum on the West End of the County:

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, appeared before the Board to ask for another date for the public forum scheduled for March 24, 2010 on the west end of the county.

The Board rescheduled the public forum to March 31, 2010.

Public Sewer for Barrow's Mill Road:

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, appeared before the Board to obtain approval to seek funds through the CDBG Infrastructure Project to provide Barrow's Mill Road with a public sewer system.

A motion was made by Virginia Spruill and seconded by Robert Carter to authorize the County Manager to move forward with this matter. **Question Called For: All present voted yes.**
Motion carried.

J.W. Faison Administration Building Roof Replacement:

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, appeared before the Board to give an update on the roof replacement of the J.W. Faison Administration Building. Mr. Jenkins explained that he did not know how extensive the damage was to the roof until the work began. Mr. Jenkins informed the Board that it is going to cost an extra \$26,000 to replace the roof and he will bring that back to the Board at the next meeting by way of a change order.

Request Date and Time for a Public Hearing for Rezoning:

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, appeared before the Board to request a date and time for a public hearing for a rezoning request.

A motion was made by Robert Carter and seconded by James Hester to set April 5, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. for a public hearing for a rezoning request. **Question Called For: All present voted yes.**
Motion carried.

DSS Building:

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, gave an update on the funding for the DSS Building and informed the Board that Congressman Butterfield has obtained \$800,000 in grant funds for this project.

Mr. Jenkins stated that the DSS Board had decided to move forward with this project, but to downsize it to fit the funds.

A motion was made by Robert Carter to approve and authorize the County Manager, County Finance Officer, and the DSS Director to move forward with the available funding and downsize the project to fit the available funds. **Question Called For: 2 yes (Carter and Greene) 3 no (Spruill, Deloatch, and Hester). Motion failed.**

Mr. Wayne Jenkins, County Manager, left at this time for the remainder of the meeting.

Chairwoman Greene recessed regular session and convened a public hearing.

Amendments to the Northampton County Zoning Ordinance:

Mr. William Flynn, Planning and Zoning Administrator, conducted a public hearing to receive public comment on the following three proposed amendments to the Northampton County Zoning Ordinance:

- 22010-1Z-Include Government Office Buildings as a Special Use Permit in Agricultural-Residential, Agricultural-Residential Watershed, Highway Business, and Highway Business Watershed Zoning Districts.
- 22010-2Z-Add a Definition for Government Office to the Northampton County Zoning Ordinance.
- 22010-3Z-Amend the Quorum Requirements for the Northampton County Board of Adjustment.

Chairwoman Greene called for public comments: none were heard.

Chairwoman Greene called for Board comments: none were heard.

Chairwoman Greene closed the public hearing and reconvened regular session.

A motion was made by James Hester and seconded by Robert Carter to approve Zoning Amendment 22010-1Z as printed. **Question Called For: All present voted yes. Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Robert Carter and seconded by Virginia Spruill that Zoning Amendment 22010-2Z be approved. **Question Called For: All present voted yes. Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Virginia Spruill and seconded by James Hester to approve proposed Zoning Amendment 22010-3Z. **Question Called For: All present voted yes. Motion carried.**

Northampton County FY 09-10 Mid-Year Review:

Mr. Chris Costner, Auditor, appeared before the Board to present Northampton County's Mid-Year Analysis.

New High School Discussion:

There was a Board consensus to delay discussion on the new high school until the March 15th meeting when the County Manager can be present.

There was a five-minute recess. Commissioner Hester left at this time for the remainder of the meeting.

Animal Control Vehicle Purchase:

Ms. Sue Gay, Health Director, appeared before the Board to obtain approval to purchase a Ford F-150 V-8 vehicle for the Animal Control Department in the amount of \$14,213 utilizing Aid to County Funds.

A motion was made by Robert Carter and seconded by Virginia Spruill to approve the purchase of a Ford F-150, V-8 vehicle for Animal Control in the amount of \$14,213 with the funds coming from Aid to County funds. **Question Called For: All present voted yes. Motion carried.**

Ad Valorem Tax Appeals:

Mrs. Cathy Allen, Tax Administrator, appeared before the Board to obtain approval to release or refund ad valorem taxes assessed in the amount of \$1,288.38 on six appeals.

A motion was made by Robert Carter and seconded by Chester Deloatch 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. **Question Called For: All present voted yes. Motion carried.**

Citizen Comments:

Mr. Jack Saunders made comments regarding funding projects and asked the Board to consider the cost of constructing buildings for less.

Board Comments:

Commissioner Carter made comments and asked for the Board's support in reference to the youth council and the commissioners teaching students about local government operations during Local Government Month in April.

Commissioner Spruill made comments in reference to the projects the Board is interested in funding.

Chairwoman Greene expressed her acceptance of participating in teaching the students in April. Commissioner Greene also announced that the Chamber is planning the mock commissioners' meeting and it will be held between now and the end of the school year.

Ms. Kimberly Turner, Clerk to the Board, updated the Board on the Ethics Webinar.

Mr. Malcolm Wilkins, Intern of the Month, made comments in reference to his visit today. Mr. Wilkins thanked the Board for this opportunity.

A motion was made by Chester Deloatch and seconded by Robert Carter to recess regular session. **Question Called For: All present voted yes. Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Virginia Spruill and seconded by Robert Carter to convene a closed session for the purpose of G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4). **Question Called For: All present voted yes. Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Chester Deloatch and seconded by Virginia Spruill to adjourn closed session. **Question Called For: All present voted yes. Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Robert Carter and seconded by Virginia Spruill to reconvene regular session. **Question Called For: All present voted yes. Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Chester Deloatch and seconded by Robert Carter to adjourn. **Question Called For: All present voted yes. Motion carried.**

Kimberly L. Turner, Clerk to the Board

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