

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
REGULAR SESSION
January 7, 2019**

Be It Remembered that the Board of Commissioners of Northampton County met on January 7, 2019, with the following present: Charles Tyner, Geneva Faulkner, Nicole Boone, Kelvin Edwards and Joyce Buffaloe.

Others Present: Kimberly Turner, Scott McKellar, and Komita Hendricks.

The meeting was Facebook live.

Chairman Tyner called the meeting to order.

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance:

Chairman Tyner called for a moment of silence and invited everyone to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda for January 7, 2019:

A motion was made by Geneva Faulkner and seconded by Kelvin Edwards to approve the agenda for January 7, 2019 with the addition of a Closed Session for G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (6) under tab 10. **Question Called:** *All present voting yes.* **Motion carried.**

Conflict of Interest:

Chairman Tyner read the conflict of interest statement and asked if any board member had a conflict. None was heard.

Consent Agenda:

Chairman Tyner read the items that were on the consent agenda:

- a. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for December 3, 2018
- b. Approval of Closed Session Minutes for December 3, 2018
- c. Approval of Special Called Minutes for December 17, 2018
- d. Approval of Closed Session Minutes for December 17, 2018
- e. Approval of Special Called Minutes for December 18, 2018
- f. Approval of Closed Session Minutes for December 18, 2018
- g. Approval of Special Called Minutes for December 19, 2018
- h. Approval of Closed Session Minutes for December 19, 2018
- i. Approval of Amendment to Northampton County Commissioners Procedure Manual
- j. Ad Valorem Tax Appeals
- k. Motor Vehicles Refunds.

A motion was made by Nicole Boone and seconded by Joyce Buffaloe to accept the consent agenda. **Question Called:** *All present voting yes.* **Motion carried.**

Public Hearing for Re-Zoning:

Chairman Tyner recessed the regular meeting to enter into a Public Hearing.

Mr. William Flynn, Code Enforcement Director, appeared before the Board to receive and consider public input regarding the proposed rezoning of parcel number 03-02763 from Light Industrial (LI) to Agricultural Residential (AR).

Chairman Tyner called for board questions/comments.

None was heard.

Chairman Tyner called for public questions/comments.

None was heard.

Chairman Tyner closed the Public Hearing to enter into regular session

Commissioner Edwards asked Mr. Flynn for his recommendation. Mr. Flynn stated the staff's recommendation was favorable for the rezoning due to supporting factors.

A motion was made by Geneva Faulkner and Kelvin Edwards to approve the rezoning from Light Industrial (LI) to Agricultural Residential (AR) for parcel number 03-02763 for the following reasons how it fits with the land use plan and the relative size of the property.

Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.

FY 2016-2017 Audit:

Mr. Alan Thompson, Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams, & Co., appeared before the Board to provide an update on the FY 2016-2017 audit.

Employment Contract for Legal Service:

Mr. Scott McKellar, County Attorney, appeared before the Board to obtain approval of his annual contract for legal services.

A motion was made by Geneva Faulkner and seconded by Kelvin Edwards with a greatest degree of confidence to retain the services of Mr. Scott McKellar as the Board of Commissioners' Attorney. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

Waste Industries Contract:

Ms. Kimberly Turner, County Manager, appeared before the Board to obtain approval of amendment to the contract between Northampton County and Waste Industries, LLC for an additional four (4) years.

A motion was made by Kelvin Edwards and seconded by Nicole Boone to approve the amendment to the contract for Waste Industries, LLC for a term of four (4) years. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

Finance Officer & Economic Development Coordinator/Grant Writer:

Mrs. Kimberly Turner, County Manager, also appeared before the Board to inform the citizens of two (2) key vacant positions in the county which are Finance Officer and Economic Development Coordinator/Grant Writer.

Appointment of Clerk to the Board:

Mrs. Kimberly Turner, County Manager, also appeared before the Board to obtain the appointment of Clerk to the Board.

A motion was made by Kelvin Edwards and seconded Nicole Boone to appoint the Clerk to the Board for a three (3) month contract. **Question Called: All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

Citizens/Board Comments:

Chairman Tyner called for Citizens Comments.

None were heard.

Chairman Tyner called for Board Comments.

Chairman Tyner made comments about meetings for the last thirty (30) days and new commissioner orientation.

Commissioner Buffaloe wished everyone a Happy New Year and for attending tonight. She also thanked them for their confidence in her to make Northampton County better and for their support.

Commissioner Edwards stated a heart-felt thank you and it's an honor and privilege to serve the county where he was reared. He also made comments about moving the county forward, isolation, working together, transparency, accountability, and citizens' best interest.

Commissioner Boone stated good evening and thanked everyone for attending. She also made comments about serving the citizens, moving the county forward, Commissioners working together, and having the citizens at heart.

Vice-Chairwoman Faulkner thanked everyone for coming. She also made comments about a new Northampton, community meetings, resources, safety, town improvements, economic development, advice/ideas, listening, and improving Northampton County.

Chairman Tyner made comments to department heads that were in attendance of the meeting about expectations, everyone doing their share of work, Board listening to citizens, taxpayers paying the bills, and treatment of citizens. He also stated about the departments that will be moving to back of the old DSS building, the grocery store opening mid to late February, looking of other opportunities, economic development office, two vacant positions (Finance Officer and Economic Development Coordinator/Grant Writer), improving Northampton County, rooftops, and businesses. He thanked everyone for listening.

A motion was made by Geneva Faulkner and seconded by Nicole Boone to enter in a Closed Session G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6) and Closed Session G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) . **Question Called:** **All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Kelvin Edwards and seconded by Joyce Buffaloe to adjourn closed sessions and reconvene regular session. **Question Called:** **All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

Interim Finance Officer:

Ms. Kimberly Turner, County Manager, appeared before the Board to obtain appointment of an Interim Finance Officer.

A motion was made by Geneva Faulkner and seconded by Nicole Boone to appoint Tameka Green as the Interim Finance Officer. **Question Called:** **All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Geneva Faulkner and seconded by Kelvin Edwards to adjourn. **Question Called:** **All present voting yes. Motion carried.**

Komita Hendricks, Clerk to the Board
"r.m. 01-07-19"