

Windsor, North Carolina
January 22, 2013
Special Meeting

The Bertie County Board of Commissioners met for a special meeting at 8:30 AM in the Commissioners Room with the following members present or absent:

Present:	J. Wallace Perry, Chairman Charles L. Smith, Vice-Chairman Rick Harrell John Trent Ronald "Ron" Wesson
Absent:	None
Staff Present:	Interim County Manager Morris Rascoe Assistant County Manager Misty Deanes Assistant County Attorney Jonathan Huddleston

Chairman Perry opened the meeting.

Chairman Perry led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Interim County Manager Rascoe discussed the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) grant for which Ms. Saunders would like to apply. Mr. Rascoe stated that, as presented at the last meeting, Ms. Saunders would like the County to act as the fiscal agent for this grant, as she is not yet a 501(c)(3) and can no longer be under the umbrella of One Economy. Mr. Rascoe stated that he had spoken with DHHS and there were three options for making application for this grant: (1) The County can apply for the grant and use a County department to administer the grant, (2) the County can apply for the grant and contract with the Bertie County Family Resource Center Hive House (BCFRCHH) to administer the grant if awarded the funds, or (3) the County can apply for the grant and take on the BCFRCHH as a County department if awarded the funds. Mr. Rascoe stated that the County is ultimately responsible for the funds and the expenditure of the funds if the grant is awarded no matter which way it is administered.

Finance Director William Roberson and Mr. Rascoe discussed information they had gathered from the auditors and other counties regarding such situations.

Mr. Rascoe stated that a letter of intent to apply for the funding must be received by DHHS today, and a grant application must be completed, signed and sent to DHHS by February 11, 2013.

Assistant County Attorney Huddleston discussed the legal aspects of this matter.

Ms. Saunders urged the Commissioners not to leave this money on the table and to make sure it gets into Bertie County.

Commissioner Harrell questioned why One Economy could no longer serve as the fiscal agent for the BCFRCHH. Ms. Saunders stated that One Economy was going out of business in the family support area.

The Board and staff discussed the details of this request at length.

Commissioner Trent introduced a **MOTION** to submit a letter of intent to apply for this grant, and if funds are awarded, to contract with the BCFRCHH to provide these services. Commissioner Wesson **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

Assistant County Manager Deanes asked that Ms. Saunders have the completed grant application to the County Manager's Office by January 30, 2013 so it could be included in the agenda packet for approval at the Board's February 4, 2013 meeting. Ms. Saunders agreed.

Chairman Perry adjourned the meeting.

J. Wallace Perry, Chairman

Misty J. Deanes, Clerk to the Board