

**Windsor, North Carolina**  
**February 19, 2015**  
**Regular Meeting**

The Bertie County Board of Commissioners postponed their regularly scheduled meeting for Monday, February 16, 2015 until Thursday, February 19, 2015 due to impending winter weather. The meeting took place at 7:00pm inside Powellsville Town Hall located at 106 E. Main Street, Powellsville, NC. The following members were present or absent:

Present: Ronald "Ron" Wesson, District I  
Stewart White, District II  
Tammy A. Lee, District III  
John Trent, District IV  
Ernestine (Byrd) Bazemore, District V

Absent: None

Staff Present: County Manager Scott Sauer  
Clerk to the Board Sarah S. Tinkham  
Assistant County Attorney Jonathan Huddleston  
Network Administrator Joe Wilkes  
Economic Development Director Steve Biggs  
Planning Director Traci White  
Nuisance Abatement Officer Barry Anderson  
Emergency Services Director Mitch Cooper  
Civil Processing Officer Vernon Lee

Gene Motley of the Roanoke-Chowan News Herald was present from the media.

Chairman Wesson welcomed all of those present, and thanked them for their attendance.

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Reverend J.C. Watford gave the Invocation. Chairman Wesson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Wesson thanked the Town of Powellsville for hosting the meeting, as well as a dinner before the start of the meeting. He asked that Powellsville Mayor, Thomas Asbell, say a few words.

Mayor Asbell thanked all of those present for their attendance despite the frigid weather, and stated that he was excited to be hosting the Board in Powellsville again. Mayor Asbell

recognized the three members of the Town of Powellsville Board including: James L. Peel, Joseph T. Watford, and Carlyle Hoggard.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Willie Outlaw of Powellsville asked for the latest status of the convenience sites contract with Waste Industries, as well as for more information regarding an article he read in the newspaper about the new Bertie High School's gym floor.

Chairman Wesson responded by stating that the Board was due to discuss the two bids received for the convenience sites at this meeting, and that a decision would be made as soon as possible.

In regards to the gym flooring at the new Bertie High School, Chairman Wesson responded that the County was working with Commissioner Trent as well as various engineers to remedy the problem at little to no cost for the County.

Mr. Outlaw also reported that the Men's Room was visible from the gym, and a screening wall should be installed.

Lastly, Mr. Outlaw inquired about the latest Economic Development efforts in the County. Chairman Wesson and Commissioner Trent both detailed two new permits received for two additional solar farms, as well as recent job fairs that have taken place within the County featuring employers such as Perdue, Bojangles, Valley Protein, etc.

Latoya Freeman brought a concern to the Board regarding the state of the road on which she currently resides. She stated that the road is constantly being washed out due to snow and rain, and that for years she has had no luck in securing someone to fix the road. She requested assistance from the County, and stated that she was worried about emergency personnel being able to access her home in the event of an emergency.

Chairman Wesson responded by saying that the County, unfortunately, has no control over privately owned roads, and that the condition of such roads is the responsibility of the road owner(s) from whom she purchased her lot.

He advised Ms. Freeman to make efforts to contact the owner of the road in order to work out an arrangement for the road to be repaired. He also stated that if Ms. Freeman did not know the owner than she could visit the Bertie County Register of Deed's office, and that they would be able to give her the owner's name and information.

## APPOINTMENTS

### **Town of Colerain Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance Interlocal Agreement update by Planning Director, Traci White**

Planning Director, Traci White, presented the Board with executed copies from the Town of Colerain for a Flood Damage Prevention Interlocal Agreement with the County.

The Interlocal agreement is needed with the County so that the Town of Colerain can be eligible for federal National Flood Insurance.

The regulations within the agreement mirror the County's ordinance, and the County will not be enforcing any additional regulations.

Commissioner Trent made a **MOTION** to accept the agreement. Vice Chairman Lee **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

The agreement reads as follows:

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN BERTIE COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF COLERAIN

This Interlocal Agreement, made and entered into this the 19 day of Feb., 2015, by and between the Town of Colerain, a municipal corporation organized and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of North Carolina, Party of the First Part, hereinafter referred to as the TOWN and Bertie County, a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina established and operating pursuant to the laws of the State of North Carolina, Party of the Second Part, hereinafter referred to as the COUNTY;

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the TOWN and the COUNTY, pursuant to the authority granted by the North Carolina General Statute 160A-461, hereby covenant, contract, and agree as follows:

1. The TOWN hereby contracts with the COUNTY to use the services of the Planning & Inspections Department of the COUNTY to administer the TOWN'S Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance within the corporate limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction of the TOWN.
2. The TOWN'S Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, which includes the same regulations as the COUNTY'S Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, has been adopted by the TOWN, and through execution of this Interlocal Agreement, as well as by Resolution of the TOWN'S Governing Board, and the same shall apply within the corporate limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction of the TOWN. After the date of this agreement, any amendments made to the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance of either the TOWN or COUNTY will require a review by both the TOWN and the COUNTY at that time to determine if a new agreement is necessary.
3. The services of the Bertie County Planning and Inspections Department shall be performed at no cost to the TOWN. However, should any claims of any type arise out of the services provided by the COUNTY under this agreement, the TOWN agrees to indemnify and hold the COUNTY, its employees, agents and contractors harmless from any and all claims for liability, loss, injury, damages to persons or property, costs, and attorney's fees resulting from any action brought against County, its employees, agents, contractors and Commissioners arising as a result of the services performed on behalf of the TOWN that are the subject of this Agreement.
4. All fees and charges associated with administering the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance as adopted by the Board of County Commissioners,

shall be collected by the COUNTY, shall be the sole property of the COUNTY, and no part thereof shall be payable to the TOWN.

5. On behalf of the TOWN, the Bertie County Planning and Inspections Department will use the same degree of effort to enforce the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance as it does for the County, except that if any civil or criminal action becomes necessary to enforce the same, the TOWN shall bring any legal action as may be required to enforce said Ordinance, upon written notice from the Bertie County Planning and inspections Department of such violations.
6. This Agreement shall continue until such time as either the TOWN or COUNTY resolves to terminate the Agreement and gives six (6) months written notice to the other party of said termination or upon mutual agreement of both parties.
7. This Agreement may only be modified in writing and executed by both parties.
8. The effective date of this Interlocal Agreement shall be 2/19/, 2015.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Town of Colerain has caused this Agreement to be signed in its name by its Mayor, attested by its Clerk, and its Official Seal to be hereunto affixed, and Bertie County has caused this agreement to be signed in its name by the Chair of the Board of Commissioners and attested by the Clerk of its Board and its Official Seal to be hereunto affixed, the day and year first above written.

TOWN OF COLERAIN

By [Signature] Mayor

ATTEST [Signature] Clerk

BERTIE COUNTY

By [Signature] Chairman

ATTEST [Signature] Clerk

**Announcement of the Local Government Federal Credit Union sponsored “Community Shred-a-Thon” event by Traci White, and Nuisance Abatement Officer, Barry Anderson**

Planning Director, Traci White, and Nuisance Abatement Officer, Barry Anderson, were present to announce a shredding event to be held from 10:00am-2:00pm on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

The event will take place in the parking lot of the Bertie County Department of Social Services.

The goal of the event is to provide a safe, secure way for the community to shred their sensitive documents including pay stubs, financial statements, and other information sensitive documents.

Citizens and visitors can bring documents by the box load, if necessary, to be shredded on site in a large shredding truck.

The event is sponsored by the Local Government Credit Union in Windsor.

**Economic Development Update from Steve Biggs regarding recent project meetings**

Mr. Biggs reported the status of job openings for Corrections Officers at the prison in Windsor, noting the difficulty of the administration’s effort to fill vacant positions.

Mr. Biggs provided details of the State’s online personnel system, NEOGOV, which is not considered to be “user friendly” for applicants.

Mr. Biggs then reported that statewide, 4,500 individuals had applied for jobs within the prison system and the NEOGOV system has only approved 30 applications.

On another note, Mr. Biggs reminded the Board and the audience of the Perdue Job Fair held on February 24, 2015 at the Windsor NCWorks Center.

In addition, Mr. Biggs report on his efforts to attract a financial institution or credit union branch to occupy the former bank facility in Aulander.

Lastly, after reporting on various other matters, Mr. Biggs reminded the Board and all of those present of the upcoming Pound the Sound triathlon event on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

This section was informational, but a recommendation was made for Mr. James Pugh to be appointed to the Nursing Home/Adult Care Home Advisory Committee upon submission of his application. An official appointment will be made at a later date.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Approve minutes for Regular Session 2-2-15**

County Manager Sauer recommended this item for approval.

Commissioner Bazemore made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes for Regular Session 2-2-15. Vice Chairman Lee **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

### **Accept Register of Deeds Fees Report – January 2015**

Vice Chairman Lee made a **MOTION** to accept the Register of Deeds Fees Report for January 2015. Commissioner Bazemore **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

### **Resolutions of Appreciation in Memory of Roy L. Bond, Jr., and Jethro Pugh**

Chairman Wesson announced that Roy L. Bond and Jethro Pugh, Bertie County natives, were to be honored at the upcoming Annual Black History Dinner on Tuesday, March 3, 2015.

Mr. Wesson stated that a request was received to sign resolutions in their honor. The approved and signed resolutions are below:



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### RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION IN MEMORY OF ROY L. BOND JR.

**Born in Windsor, North Carolina, Roy L. Bond, Jr.** attended schools in Bertie County including Indian Woods Elementary and Southwestern High School where he graduated in 1965. A graduate of Elizabeth City State University with a degree in Physical Education, he began his teaching career in Martin County in 1969. Bond came back to Bertie County in 1983 and retired in 2002 after 12 years as head football coach at Bertie High School. During his 12-year tenure Bond held the all-time winning record at Bertie High School as Head Football Coach including: five conference championships, multiple awards as Coach of the Year and winning two North Carolina High School Athletic Association 3-A state football championships – one in 1995, and one in 2000. In addition, Bond also served as Head Girls Basketball coach at Bertie and won one NCHSAA sectional championship during his tenure. He also won the conference as boys' tennis coach.

Roy Bond brought pride and shared community spirit to Bertie County through his intelligence, leadership, and integrity.

**WHEREAS:** Roy Bond was a valued leader of high school sports in Bertie County North Carolina,


**WHEREAS:** Roy Bond brought honor and recognition to Bertie County through his leadership abilities in school sports especially football,

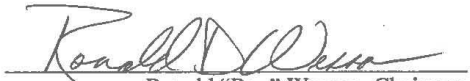
**WHEREAS:** his death ended this valued participation in the Bertie County,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the Bertie County Commissioners express their sincere appreciation for his many contributions and express their condolences to his family.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Bertie Commissioners meetings and a copy sent to his family.

Adopted this 16th day of February 2015 in the Town of Powellsville, Bertie County, North Carolina.

  
Sarah S. Tinkham, Clerk to the Board

  
Ronald "Ron" Wesson, Chairman  
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### RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION IN MEMORY OF JETHRO PUGH

Born in Bertie County North Carolina, Jethro Pugh attended W.S. Etheridge High School in Windsor. Pugh attended Elizabeth City State University in North Carolina at the age of 16 where he played offense and defense. He became a two-time All-CIAA defensive end in 1963 and 1964. Pugh is one of five persons to have his jersey retired by Elizabeth City State University.

In 1979, Pugh was inducted into the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Hall of Fame. In 1980, he was inducted into the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame. In 1981, he was inducted into the ECSU Sports Hall of Fame. In 2010, he was inducted into the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame.

Pugh was selected by the Dallas Cowboys in the 11th round of the 1965 NFL Draft and was also offered a contract to play with the Oakland Raiders of the AFL. He was only 20 years old when he started his professional career as a backup defensive end for the Cowboys. At the end of the 1966 season, he was moved to left defensive tackle. He played with the Cowboys for his entire career, from 1965 through 1978. His 14 seasons represent the fourth-longest career in Cowboys history. He retired on January 29, 1979 season, after helping the Cowboys win two Super Bowls, five NFC Championships, qualify for the NFL post-season in 12 out of 14 seasons and played in a then NFL record 23 playoff games.

Through his many outstanding accomplishments in national football with the Dallas Cowboys, Jethro Pugh brought honor and recognition to Bertie County and North Carolina.

**WHEREAS:** Jethro Pugh was a valued native of Bertie County North Carolina,

**WHEREAS:** Jethro Pugh brought with humility considerable skills to his chosen profession which brought honor to him, his family, his home county, and state,

**WHEREAS:** his death ended this valued participation in society,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the Bertie County Commissioners express their sincere appreciation for his many contributions and express their condolences to his family.

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Bertie County Board of Commissioners

**Receive December 31, 2014 Fiscal Monitoring Report – East Carolina Behavioral Health**

The report was presented in order to show the yearly contribution (\$49,390) by the County to the East Carolina Behavioral Health organization.

Commissioner Bazemore made a **MOTION** to receive and accept the report. Commissioner White **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

**Authorize County Attorney and staff to proceed with utility easement acquisition by voluntary condemnation or other means for CDBG IF 2012 Farm Lane project**

Chairman Wesson made a **MOTION** to authorize the County Attorney and staff to proceed with utility easement acquisition by voluntary condemnation or other means for CDBG IF 2012 Farm Lane project. Vice Chairman Lee **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

**DISCUSSION AGENDA**

**Review and discuss Solid Waste and Recycling and Convenience Center proposals from Waste Industries and Republic Services**

After some discussion, the Board agreed that the two bids received needed additional attention.

The Board scheduled a meeting with both companies on Thursday, February 26, 2015 from 3-5pm where representatives from each would present for discussion.

Chairman Wesson made a **MOTION** for the meeting to be held in regular, Open Session. Commissioner Bazemore **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

The public is encouraged to attend.

**Discuss timeline for consideration and approval of Road Name Change Policy currently under review**

The Board has recently received a copy of the newest version of the County's Road Name Change Policy from the County Attorney.

The Board was encouraged to review it carefully, and to be prepared to consider it for approval at an upcoming meeting.

**Discuss Board training date – Incident Command System (ICS) 401 class for Public Officials – March 2015**

Emergency Services Director, Mitch Cooper, was present to receive assistance from the Board regarding a date for the Commissioners ICS 2014 class for Public Officials.

County Manager Sauer suggested that the Board consider Tuesday, March 10 from 2-6pm as Commissioners will already be present for a luncheon and presentation with Bertie County Cooperative Extension.

Mr. Cooper also asked if he could extend an invitation to all Town officials in case they would like to participate in the course.

NOTE: Upon further review, the Board is not able to participate in this course on March 10 as planned. A new date is forthcoming.

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

Commissioner Bazemore informed the Board of an available grant that is geared towards reducing the amount of incarcerations in low-to-moderate income and minority areas of the State. She stated that applications were due by Tuesday, March 31, 2015.

Chairman Wesson noted that he had been receiving various calls from business owners and citizens regarding the County's new business personal property consultant, County Tax Services, Inc.

He asked the County Manager to have Tax Administrator, Jodie Rhea, and the consultant to provide a report at the next Board meeting.

Chairman Wesson requested that County Manager Sauer work on a report to be posted on the County's website, as well as through other mediums, detailing the purpose of the consultant, and the current findings in order to provide more transparency.

**COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORTS**

County Manager Sauer gave no report, but flagged an item that was accidentally skipped from the Discussion section.

**Review and consider proposed Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for professional consulting services for Marketing Strategies and Economic Development System Evaluation**

County Manager Sauer stated that he had prepared an RFQ package seeking consulting services for Marketing Strategies and an Economic Development System Evaluation.

Chairman Wesson informed all of those present that there obviously would be a cost associated with hiring a consultant, but that due to the success of the consulting services received for the Water Department, doing the same for the Economic Development Department could be even more successful for the County.

Commissioner Trent made a **MOTION** for County Manager Sauer to proceed with the RFQ from professional consulting services for Marketing Strategies, and an Economic Development Evaluation. Vice Chairman Lee **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

The deadline for submissions is Thursday, April 9, 2015, and all submissions will be submitted for the Board's review at an upcoming meeting.

**ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS**

The Assistant County Attorney gave no remarks at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS CONTINUED**

Mr. Don Byrum, and Waste Industries employee, of Windsor approached the Board regarding their concern for the current contract ending on June 30, 2015 with Waste Industries for the convenience sites.

Mr. Byrum stated that he did not understand why the County needed to start another RFP process for the convenience sites when the current vendor is doing well, and there are no problems.

The Board agreed that it was important for the County to continue to research and explore all options in order to find any potential ways of saving County tax dollars.

Willie Outlaw of Powellsville inquired about the time remaining on the landfill contract currently with Republic Services.

Chairman Wesson stated that the landfill contract was not due to run out until 2018, and that negotiations for a new contract would not begin until 2017.

Mr. Outlaw also asked the Board about current grants and what the County planned on doing to give back to the community.

After some discussion, Chairman Wesson announced that he and Commissioner Bazemore were meeting with Congressman G.K. Butterfield in Washington, D.C. in the coming days, and that they would be discussing this matter, as well as others, with him and will rally for his support.

Matt East of Republic Services was present to remind the Board, and all of those present, that Republic Services has been present in the County for a number of years, and has also donated substantially to many organizations in the County including the Bertie County Public School System, the Bertie County YMCA, as well as others.

Vice Chairman Lee asked Mr. East if Republic Services were to receive the new convenience site contract, would Republic maintain those current convenience site workers.

Mr. East assured all of those present that the current employees at the convenience sites would have the first opportunity to maintain their positions.

Haddie Askew of Powellsville was present to announce Powellsville's Community Awareness Day on Saturday, May 2, 2015.

She also announced the annual Taste of the Town event slated for Saturday, April 18, 2015.

### **RECESS**

Chairman Wesson recessed the meeting until Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 3:00pm in order for the Board to meet with both Waste Industries and Republic Services to discuss their recently submitted RFP's.

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Ronald D. Wesson, Chairman

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Sarah S. Tinkham, Clerk to the Board