

Windsor, North Carolina
July 1, 2015
Special Meeting

The Bertie County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Meeting inside the Commissioners Room located at 106 Dundee Street, Windsor, 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
County Attorney Lloyd Smith
Finance Officer William Roberson

There were no media members present.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wesson called the meeting to order, and thanked those present for their attendance.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Wesson led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Wesson requested that the Board enter into Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(3) to go into closed session to consult with the County Attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege that exists between the attorney and this public body.

Chairman Wesson made a **MOTION** to go into Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(3). Commissioner Bazemore **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

The Board shifts into Closed Session.

OPEN SESSION

Commissioner Trent made a **MOTION** to return to Open Session. Vice Chairman Lee **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

REVIEW AND APPROVE USDA APPLICATION ADDENDUM

County Manager Sauer updates the Board on the recent correspondences received from USDA regarding the County's application concerning various water system repairs and upgrades. More specifically, it was recommended by Green Engineering and USDA for the County to consider adopting an additional Capital Improvement Plan that would only apply to Water District III.

County Manager Sauer submitted a proposed Capital Improvement Plan for Water District III, and also stated that a document like this shows diligent planning for the years ahead. He stated that a motion would be needed in order to submit this Capital Improvement Plan for Water District III with the County's grant application.

Commissioner Trent made a **MOTION** to have the County Manager move forward with the process to include this Capital Improvement Plan for Water District III into the USDA grant application as recommended. Vice Chairman Lee **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

REVIEW DRAFT AGENDA FOR MONDAY, JULY 20, 2015

The Board discussed the latest agenda draft for its upcoming meeting at Blue Jay Fire Department on Monday, July 20, 2015.

All items were reviewed, and there were no changes made.

The Board also discussed the possibility of hosting another planning session at 8:30AM on Thursday, July 30, 2015 at the Roanoke-Cashie River Center, 112 W. Water Street, Windsor, NC 27983.

The Board noted that the date may change but wanted to hold the date firm, if possible. The possibility of a facilitator from the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners was also discussed and County staff will be researching that avenue.

There was also a brief discussion regarding the latest draft of the Manufactured Home Park Ordinance submitted by the County's Planning Board.

Commissioner Trent inquired with the County Attorney if there was a possibility to address the state of several roads in the County regarding the health and safety of all citizens, including fire and emergency vehicles that would need to utilize these routes.

County Attorney Smith stated that the County could apply zoning type restrictions but that enforcement be greatly needed to ensure standards are being met.

The Board also discussed a resolution that was submitted by citizen Gary Terry regarding offshore drilling, and the Board concurred that they would consider supporting a study regarding this kind of project, but would need further information about whether or not to support the project as a whole.

They requested additional, more appropriate wording to support their position be placed into the proposed resolution regarding their level of support on the matter.

The Board asked for County staff to present an alternative resolution at the next Board meeting on Monday, July 20, 2015.

Lastly, Chairman Wesson wanted to clarify some confusion that has arisen from an announcement that was made regarding jobs at STRATA Solar Farms. The Board did announce at their last meeting on Monday, June 15, 2015 that STRATA was looking to hire residents of Bertie County, but that the job sites were not located in Bertie County.

Commissioner Trent reiterated as well as further clarified that the employment would be on a per diem basis and that hotel and travel expenses would be covered by the company to assist Bertie residents.

There were no other items to discuss.

ADJOURN

Chairman Wesson adjourned the meeting at 12:00PM.

Ronald D. Wesson, Chairman

Sarah S. Tinkham, Clerk to the Board