

Windsor, North Carolina
September 21, 2015
Work Session

The Bertie County Board of Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting at 2:00pm inside the Commissioners Room located at 106 Dundee Street, Windsor, NC 27983. 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

Absent: Ernestine (Byrd) Bazemore, District V

Staff Present: County Manager Scott Sauer
 Clerk to the Board Sarah S. Tinkham
 Assistant County Attorney Jonathan Huddleston
 Information Systems Administrator Joe Wilkes
 Finance Officer William Roberson
 Economic Development Director Steve Biggs

No media members were present.

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner White gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTMENTS

Presentation of draft Economic Development study evaluation by Creative Consulting (draft presentation attached); introduce grant writer, Emily Miller, Funding Director, Municipal Engineering Services, Inc.

Various representatives from Creative Consulting were present to give the Board their first draft of its recent evaluation of the County's Economic Development system.

This draft PowerPoint presentation was also given to the Board in its electronic agenda packet.

The presentation consisted of Creative Consulting's suggestions regarding target audiences, how to "convert cars to visitors," as well as discussed the County's specific Economic Development clusters.

The presenters also spent some time discussing how the County's website could be improved to more appropriately showcase the assets of Bertie County.

The consultant assured the Board that their full, written evaluation report would be submitted in early October.

After some discussion, the Board thanked Creative Consulting for its presentation, and asked that Ms. Emily Miller, Funding Director of Municipal Engineering Services, Inc. introduce herself to the County staff present.

Ms. Miller provided a brief PowerPoint presentation discussing her work history in grant writing, and she also discussed the results of the various grants that she had written in the past.

Closed Session – N.C.G.S. 143.318.11(a)(b) – Personnel

A Closed Session was originally planned for this time, but was canceled due to the absence of one Board member.

RECESS

Chairman Wesson recessed the meeting until 7:00PM at the Roxobel Community Building located at 211 E. Church Street, Roxobel, NC.

Ronald D. Wesson, Chairman

Sarah S. Tinkham, Clerk to the Board