

Windsor, North Carolina
September 24, 2015
Recessed Meeting

The Bertie County Board of Commissioners recessed its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, September 21st in order to reconvene at 6:00PM today inside the DSS Training Room located at 110 Jasper Bazemore Avenue, 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
Finance Officer William Roberson
Planning Director Traci White

Planning Board Members present: Dr. Nayland Collier, Chair
Carl Bond
Rodney Mumma
Terry Pratt
Gregory Hughes

Consultants present: Cathy Vincent, Coastal Planning Services, Inc.
William "Billy" Farris, William B. Farris, Inc.

There were no media members present.

CALL TO ORDER

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

RECONVENE

Chairman Wesson reconvened the September 21, 2015 regular Board meeting and discussed the purpose of tonight's joint meeting with the Planning Board.

He also announced that due to a death in the family, Commissioner Bazemore was unable to attend, but that she was with the group tonight in spirit.

INTRODUCTIONS

Each Commissioner, County staff, consultant, and board member introduced themselves to the group.

DISCUSSION

Land Use Plan – Planning Director, Traci White

Planning Director, Traci White, reiterated the reason for tonight's meeting, and also introduced the two consultants present: Cathy Vincent of Coastal Planning Services, Inc. and William "Billy" Farris of William B. Farris, Inc.

Ms. Vincent began by briefly reviewing highlights, important policies, and deadlines with all of those present.

After some discussion, the Board of Commissioners concurred that an application would not be ready by the latest deadline of November 2015, but that the County would work towards the next deadline of February 2016.

Ms. Vincent discussed that one public hearing would need to be held to be compliant, and that the same public hearing must be advertised in the local paper twice per the provided grant guidelines.

The Board would then need to adopt the Land Use Plan and submit it to the State as directed.

There was some discussion that the plan be submitted to the County's new Economic Development consultant, Creative Consulting, and there was a consensus to do so.

Mr. Farris also discussed other key areas of the plan as well as answered various questions raised by the group.

Other Items as Necessary

Additionally, Chairman Wesson requested that the Planning Board assist the Commissioners in drafting a policy (similar to the language proposed in the Manufactured Home Park Ordinance) to implement and enforce protocols for private roads in the County.

The Board referred to the condition of some private roads in the County as “public safety concerns.”

Chairman Wesson also asked that the Board revisit a request that was made by Superintendent Elaine White on Monday, September 21st in Roxobel.

Ms. White had submitted a request for funding of approximately \$6,500 to fully equip the new Welding program classroom at the high school as well as for needed textbooks for the same course.

Finance Officer William Roberson provided a budget amendment for the Board’s consideration.

Vice Chairman Lee made a **MOTION** to grant the funding request of \$6,500 to the Bertie County Public School System for the Welding classroom wiring and the needed textbooks for the Welding classes. Commissioner White **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

Lastly, County Manager Sauer reported that he had received 2 proposal responses from the Job Classification and Compensation Study Request for Qualifications (RFQ) period. Those proposals are currently under review.

Also, Mr. Sauer proposed that the Board consider a meeting with Davenport, Inc. on Tuesday, October 13th from 9:30am-12:00pm. The Board concurred and stated that they would await confirmation from the County Manager’s Office.

There was no further discussion needed.

ADJOURN

Chairman Wesson adjourned the joint meeting at 7:45PM.

Ronald D. Wesson, Chairman

Sarah S. Tinkham, Clerk to the Board