

**Windsor, North Carolina
March 7, 2016
Work Session**

The Bertie County Board of Commissioners met for a work session at 2:00pm 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
Finance Officer William Roberson
Newtowk Administrator Joe Wilkes
Economic Development Director Steve Biggs

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Lee led the Invocation and Reverend Gary Cordon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

WORK SESSION

NC Flag salute & protocol per N.C.G.S. 144-8

Chairman Trent invited Vice Chairman Bazemore to lead the Board and those in attendance, in the NC Flag Salute, the Pledge of Allegiance, and Invocation.

JCPC funding agreement discussions with Ms. Larree Cherry, JCPC Chairman and NC Department of Public Safety's Area Consultant, Ms. Pamela Stokes to review the State process for reviewing juvenile justice programs at the community level for the following agencies: a.) Visions in View, b.) Esquires for Education, c.) The Hive House

NC Department of Public Safety's (DPS) Area Consultant, Ms. Pamela Stokes, was present to review the State process for reviewing juvenile justice programs at the community level for a few of the County's newest 501(c)(3) organizations.

If approved by the County, DPS could become the monitoring agent of these programs which would reduce costs, but would also produce a more concise, uniform review process.

Ms. Stoke discussed the various qualifications and requirements that each organization must meet in order to be considered for funding.

The Board heard concerns from the three (3) organizations present including Floretta Holley and James Bells of Visions in View, Vivian Saunders of The Hive House, and Tonza Ruffin representing Esquires for Education.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board concurred that they would like to move forward with this process, and encourage the non-profits to follow the needed to steps explained from the DPS.

Commissioner Wesson made a **MOTION** to include the funds as part of the JCPC budget for the next fiscal year. Vice Chairman Bazemore **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

Grant application updates by Ms. Emily Miller of McAdams and Associates

The Board received a summary from Ms. Miller regarding her latest efforts in seeking grant resources for the County's most pressing initiatives.

Ms. Miller touched on her efforts regarding the Tall Drink/Glass of Water project, the Blue Jay Recreation Complex, as well as other target areas. She reported that the full Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) will be presented at the Board's April 4th meet for final consideration in the amount of \$500,000.

She also requested the Board come to a consensus regarding a pre-application from a CAMA Public Beach & Coastal Waterfront Access grant for a total of \$500,000.

Commissioner Wesson made a **MOTION** for Ms. Miller to move forward with this granted for the listed amount. Commissioner White **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

The Board commended Ms. Miller on her efforts and stated that they were excited for what the future may bring for County grant opportunities.

John Trent, Chairman

Sarah S. Tinkham, Clerk to the Board