

**Windsor, North Carolina**  
**October 10, 2017**  
**WORK SESSION**

The Bertie County Board of Commissioners met for a work session after recessing their October 2, 2017 regular meeting inside the Commissioners Room, 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  
Finance Officer William Roberson  
Tax Administrator Jodie Rhea

No media members were present during this session.

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**Review of Tax Revaluation slated for 2020**

Tax Administrator, Jodie Rhea, was present to discuss the proposals that were submitted to the Board at the last regular meeting.

The Board briefly discussed each RFP that was submitted and expressed their concerns about each type of each appraisal method.

The Board concurred that they wanted an accurate revaluation, but that they did not want to be overly intrusive to residents.

Vice Chairman Bazemore recommended that the County Manager and Tax Administrator seek out the NCACC as they are said to have a partnership with revaluation consultants that could offer their services for a discounted rate.

County Manager Sauer mentioned that the first 6-8 months of the revaluation would consist of thorough research on the area including conversations with residents, business owners, engineers, etc. At that time, the revaluation firm would submit a preliminary report of recommendations for Board review before proceeding further.

Lastly, Mr. Rhea discussed that during the first meeting in November, he would be presenting a report to the Board regarding the renewal or discontinuance of elderly/disabled tax exemptions. This review is required every 8 years.

### **Public Town Hall meeting – October 21, 2017**

The County Manager briefly reviewed the proposed schedule of speakers and agenda items for the upcoming Public Town Hall meeting on October 21, 2017.

Various community leaders, State representatives, and rural health partners will be in attendance to discuss the good things happening in Bertie while also giving the public a chance to share their concerns.

The proposed agenda is below:

#### **Draft outline for the proposed agenda**

Opening comments:	Bertie County Board of Commissioners
Moderator:	Mr. Ronnie Smith, Second Vice President (Martin County) North Carolina Association of County Commissioners
Federal Government Updates: K. Butterfield	U.S. Senator Burr, U.S. Senator Tillis, and U.S. Representative G.
North Carolina General Assembly:	Senator Erica Smith-Ingram and Representative Howard Hunter Senator Don Davis
NC Department of Transportation:	Interstate 87 update and local transportation project highlights Mr. Jerry Jennings
Health Care Centers:	Colerain and Windsor facility updates VIDANT Bertie Hospital, Mr. Brian Harville
Bertie County Schools:	Bobby Oceana, Board of Education Chairman
Open mike for Mayors:	Mayors from each municipality will have the opportunity to update the audience on various town activities.

## **Fatal Wreck on Highway 305 near Connaritsa Road**

County Manager Sauer briefly discussed the latest updates about a fatal wreck that took place this past Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> in the Aulander area on Highway 305.

He stated that charges had been filed against the driver of the automobile, and that more could be pending. One fatality was reported from the crash, and alcohol and speed have been determined as factors in the incident by NC State Highway Patrol.

The Board expressed condolences to the family of the victim that was killed.

### **Heritage Collegiate Leadership Academy (HCLA) – Charter School Advisory Board recommends revocation of charter to State Board of Education**

The Commissioners also briefly discussed an article published yesterday about HCLA and the Charter School Advisory Board's decisions to recommend that the school's charter be revoked by the State Board of Education.

The Board of Commissioners discussed the potential impacts on the approximately 100 Bertie students that could be impacted by this if the school lost its charter.

## **ADJOURN**

Chairman Trent **ADJOURNED** the meeting at 11:20 AM.

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John Trent, Chairman

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Sarah S. Tinkham, Clerk to the Board