

Windsor, North Carolina
October 30, 2017
WORK SESSION

The Bertie County Board of Commissioners RECESSED their regular meeting on October 16, 2017 and their work session on October 17, 2017 in order to meet for another work session today 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
Assistant County Attorney Jonathan Huddleston
Economic Development Director Steve Biggs
Tax Administrator Jodie Rhea

There were no media members present.

RECONVENE

Chairman Trent reconvened the meeting from October 16, 2017.

County Manager Sauer reported that Bertie County Public Library’s Branch Manager, Nancy Hughes, and her staff are actively weeding the collection of library materials for the new temporary location.

Ms. Hughes is recommending that the County donate any remaining library materials to the Roxobel library branch which is currently under development.

Mr. Sauer reported that the remaining shelving from the former Lawrence Memorial Library that was removed prior to Tropical Storm Julia should also be donated to the Roxobel Library. It was the consensus of the Board to support these recommendations.

During the informal luncheon, Economic Developer Steve Biggs reviewed the latest NCDOT conceptual drawings for Interstate 87 which were printed on 16 display boards.

Mr. Biggs described the routes and proposed roadway alternatives from west to east along NC 17 from Williamston to Chowan County. He also reviewed the various interchanges and service road access points throughout the plan, and reminded the Board that this information is conceptual only, and subject to change without notice.

County Manager Sauer reminded the Board of an email report last week about making an official selection of an architect for the public library and cooperative extension project in advance of the next Board meeting on November 6th.

He recommended the Board accept an initial design and programming proposal as revised to include the phase one environmental assessment and topographic & boundary survey be approved. Vice Chairman Bazemore made a **MOTION** to accept County Manager Sauer's recommendation. Commissioner Lee **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

Tax Administrator Jodie Rhea reviewed several pertinent items for the real estate property tax revaluation for 2020 and gave a brief overview of the three firms which responded to the County's RFP.

The Board then heard presentations from JWE Services, Inc., Piner Appraisal, and Pearson's Appraisal.

Following the Board's discussion and questions for Mr. Rhea, Vice Chairman Bazemore made a **MOTION** to approve Piner Appraisal for the 2020 revaluation using the "windshield" appraisal process. Commissioner Wesson **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

Commissioner Lee made a **MOTION** to go into Closed Session pursuant N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(6). Commissioner White **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

ADJOURN

Chairman Trent **ADJOURNED** the meeting at 3:45 PM.

John Trent, Chairman

Sarah S. Tinkham, Clerk to the Board