

Windsor, North Carolina
January 22, 2018
JOINT MEETING

The Bertie County Board of Commissioners met for a joint meeting with the Town of Windsor at the Roanoke-Cashie River Center, 112 W. Water Street, Windsor. The Board of Commissioners recessed their regular 4:00 PM meeting prior to this joint meeting. 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 Tinkham
Assistant County Attorney Jonathan Huddleston
Finance Officer William Roberson

Town of Windsor Board: Cathy Wilson
Randy Whitaker
Randy Walston
David Overton

Town of Windsor Staff: Allen Castelloe, Town Administrator
James Hoggard, Mayor

Gene Motley was present from the media.

RECONVENE/CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bazemore reconvened and Called to the Order the Bertie County Board of Commissioners.

Mayor James Hoggard reconvened and Called to the Order the Town of Windsor Board of Commissioner.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Bertie County Manager Sauer briefly discussed the purpose of tonight’s meeting which was to keep both the County and Town on the same page regarding joint project efforts, and to hear any concerns or questions about the projects to be discussed.

The two boards briefly reviewed and discussed the following topics:

Flood Control and Long-Range Planning

NCSU’s Cashie River Basin Storm Water Control & Flow Diversion Feasibility Study led by Dr. Barbara Doll and funded by a grant from the Golden LEAF Foundation in the amount of \$72,707.

ECU and NC LOW (Land of Water) study led by Dr. Stan Riggs entitled “Dynamics of the Cashie River Drainage Basin – Evaluation of Change and Resilience of a Coastal Ecosystem” funded with local funds in the amount of \$100,000 shared by the Town of Windsor and Bertie County.

Golden LEAF Foundation

\$ 500,000 grant for the planning, design and engineering for a joint use facility for the new library and cooperative extension offices

\$2,750,000 grant funding reserved for the construction of the new library and cooperative extension facility

\$ 311,720 grant funding for the Town’s replacement of a wastewater pump station

\$ 240,000 grant funding for the Teacher Housing Initiative’s onsite utility improvements

Recent joint efforts

Land acquisition for the 2.9-acre tract for the new library and cooperative extension offices

Land donation for the 5.33-acre tract (Harrell Heights) for the Teacher Housing Initiative

New—discussion for land donation for development of Martin Community College fire training facility on County Farm Road (2.0 acres)

Economic Development

Abram’s Restaurant \$75,000 grant for job creation (joint application)

Prison project (land acquisition and extension of utilities with shared revenues)

Solar Farm (joint project development)

Teacher Housing Initiative (to improve public school teacher recruitment and retention)

Hurricane Matthew

Mr. Chris Hilbert of Holland Consulting Planners was present to give a brief report and commended the Town of Windsor and Bertie County joint resolution for cooperation and prioritization of HMGP (Hazard Mitigation Grant Program) efforts coordinated by the Holland Consulting Planners agency on behalf of both jurisdictions.

Resiliency planning efforts and downtown redevelopment planning also coordinated through HCP were also briefly reviewed.

Other potential partnerships

Comprehensive Countywide Recreation Planning

2020 Census coordination and information sharing

Joint GIS mapping of town and county data accessible to the public

ADJOURN

Ernestine Bazemore, Chair

Sarah S. Tinkham, Clerk to the Board