

**Windsor, North Carolina
September 30, 2019
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Bertie County Board of Commissioners met for a public hearing today inside the Windsor Community Building, 201 S. Queen Street, Windsor, NC. The following members were present or absent:

Present: Ronald “Ron” Wesson, I
Greg Atkins, District II
Tammy A. Lee, District III

Absent: John Trent, District IV
Ernestine (Byrd) Bazemore, District V

Staff Present: County Manager Scott Sauer
Assistant County Manager Juan Vaughan, II.
Clerk to the Board Sarah Tinkham
Finance Director William Roberson
Tax Administrator Jodie Rhea

No media members were present.

2020 SCHEDULE OF VALUES – PUBLIC HEARING

Vice Chairman Atkins read a short statement into the record:

North Carolina General Statutes require counties to reassess real property every eight (8) years.

Bertie County’s real property assessment last occurred in 2012, and the Tax Office is preparing for revaluation of all real property, based on market values as of January 1, 2020.

The Board of Commissioners has engaged a third-party appraisal firm to assist the Tax Office with the re-assessment process for Bertie County’s 19,016 parcels. The purpose of tonight’s public hearing is to provide Bertie County citizens an opportunity to voice their opinion on the “schedule of values” which is the assessment tool used to establish market value for each parcel, residential dwelling, commercial buildings and farmland and buildings.

At this time, the Vice Chairman inquired if any public members were present.

It was noted by the County Manager that only County and revaluation staff were present for the hearing. County staff were also given the opportunity by the Vice Chairman to speak as a citizen, if they so needed.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Atkins asked if the Tax Administrator would like to provide any elaboration or remarks at this time.

Tax Administrator, Jodie Rhea, noted that on October 7th, the Board would be voting to approve the 2020 Schedule of Values. This action will be advertised four (4) times per State statute. The advertisement can be found for the next four (4) weeks in the Bertie-Ledger Advance.

Citizens will have the right to appeal until November 6th which is a firm date. Appeals cannot be requested after November 6th.

Commissioner Wesson thanked the revaluation team and Tax Administrator for all of their hard work. Commissioner Lee agreed and thanked those present for attending.

Vice Chairman Atkins called for a MOTION to ADJOURN.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Wesson made a **MOTION** to **ADJOURN**. Commissioner Lee **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

The Chairman **ADJOURNED** the meeting at approximately 6:05 PM.

John Trent, Chairman

Sarah Tinkham, Clerk to the Board