

**Windsor, North Carolina**  
**FEBRUARY 21, 2023**  
**RECONVENED STRATEGIC PLANNING**  
**WORK SESSION**

The Bertie County Board of Commissioners met for a scheduled Strategic Planning Work Session today at 9:00AM inside the Commissioners Room, 106 Dundee Street, Windsor, NC. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was hosted partially in person, and partially via Zoom (conference call). The following members were present or absent:

Present:	Ronald “Ron” Wesson, District I Michael White, District II Ronald “Ron” Roberson, District V John Trent, District IV
Absent:	Corey Ballance, Sr. District III
Staff Present:	County Manager Juan Vaughan, II Assistant County Manager David Scarborough
Staff Present :	Clerk to the Board LaShonda Cartwright Joseph Wilkes (Zoom) – Information Technology Project Consultant Robin Payne
Other:	Program Manager Nicole Outlaw

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Wesson called the meeting to order.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING DISCUSSION CONTINUED**  
**BY PROJECT CONSULTANT ROBIN PAYNE**

Robin started the discussion with the focus being on two objectives. She then began discussing Flood Resiliency, land & water and its importance. Under this category Robin spoke on the BRIC Grant.

Robin and the Board continued their discussion centered around the following categories.

- Assets

- Capacity Building
- Education
- Housing

**5-MINUTE BREAK**

Chair Wesson called for a 5-minute break.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING DISCUSSION CONTINUED**

Robin continued with a discussion focused on capacity building and priorities. The discussion continued with a discussion on Flood Resiliency and following up with Soil and Water.

The Board then expanded and defined the following categories as it relates to the vision for Bertie County.

- Education
- Housing
- Health

The Board discussed getting municipalities involved to help achieve growth for Bertie County.

The Board along with Robin continued its discussions and brainstorming process.

Robin stated that the next steps were going to be her putting the ideas into a relatable tracking document on Google docs. Once that is done they will start reaching out to the municipalities.

The final vision decided by the Board was “ To provide citizens with opportunities and access to a better quality of life”.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(6)**

Commissioner Trent made the **MOTION** to go into Closed Session. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Commissioner White. The **MOTION PASSED** with a **4-0** vote.

**RECESS – LUNCH**

The Board had a working lunch.

**OPEN SESSION**

The Board returned with no further actions needed.

**OTHER ITEMS AS NEEDED**

There were no other items to discuss.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Trent made the **MOTION** to adjourn. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Commissioner White. The **MOTION PASSED** with a **3-0** vote.

The meeting adjourned.

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Ronald Wesson, Chair

ATTEST:

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LaShonda Cartwright, Clerk