

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to discuss, the Special Called Meeting was adjourned and the Work Session began at 7:35 p.m. on motion made by Joseph W. Hoffler, seconded by Edward R. Muzzulin.

Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman

Clerk to the Board

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WORK SESSION
February 19, 2018
7:00 p.m.

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners met in a Work Session on Monday, February 19, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room located on the first floor of the Perquimans County Courthouse Annex.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wallace Nelson, Chairman Fondella Leigh, Vice Chair
Joseph W. Hoffler Edward R. Muzzulin
Charles Woodard

MEMBERS ABSENT: T. Kyle Jones

OTHERS PRESENT: Hackney High, County Attorney Mary P. Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board
Frank Heath, County Manager

The following matters were discussed during the Work Session:

REPORT FROM ALBEMARLE REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICES (ARHS)

Chairman Nelson discussed the following information from the ARHS Board:

- **Hertford County Request to Join ARHS:** Chairman Nelson explained that Hertford County desires to join ARHS. Once the ARHS Board receives their formal written request, each participating county within ARHS will need to adopt a resolution to consider this request. This acquisition can only occur at the beginning of each fiscal year. Hertford County will have to buy in on a per capita basis. The changes would be take place on July 1st. He further explained how the buy in would work.
- **Albemarle Home Health Care:** Chairman Nelson gave an update on the funds received from the sale of Albemarle Home Health Care.

ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE CHANGES

County Manager Heath explained the changes that they are proposing for the Animal Control Ordinance amendment.

BUDGET PROCESS

County Manager Heath discussed the budget process matters:

- **Joint Meeting with Board of Education:** County Manager Heath reported that the Board of Education is requesting a joint meeting with the Commissioners prior to our March Work Session. They would like to speed up the budget process to help them prepare their budget request.
- **Department Heads:** The Department Heads will be provided their budget worksheets so that they can have them back to Mr. Heath by March 31st.
- **Board Retreat:** Mr. Heath stated that he is still working on setting up the Board Retreat in late March. He will be sending out an e-mail soon with the details. Some of the Board members will be requested to meet with the facilitator prior to the retreat.
- **Computer Software:** Mr. Heath explained that they will not have the new software for the finance and tax departments ready before the budget meetings. They have made some upgrades on our current computer system.

UPDATES

- **Camp Cale:** County Manager Heath reported that Camp Cale will be bringing their request for a Conditional Use Permit in March to build two bunk houses that would have 48 beds each.
- **Grant Updates:** Last week, the County filed an application with USEDA for \$3 million for the Marine Park Basin. He is also working with Golden Leaf to apply for a \$1.5 million grant for the Marine Park Basin and \$500,000 for the Board of Education.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to discuss, the Work Session was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. on motion made by Edward R. Muzzulin and seconded by Charles Woodard.

Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman

Clerk to the Board

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REGULAR MEETING
March 5, 2018
6:50 p.m.

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Monday, March 5, 2018, at 6:50 p.m. in the Commissioners Room located on the first floor of the Perquimans County Courthouse Annex.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman Fondella A. Leigh, Vice Chair
Joseph W. Hoffler Kyle Jones
Edward R. Muzzulin Charles Woodard

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Frank Heath, County Manager Mary Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board
Hackney High, County Attorney

After the Chairman called the meeting to order, he gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-18-01, requested by Chowan Baptist Association

Chairman Nelson opened the Public Hearing stating that the purpose of this public hearing is to receive citizens' comments to consider Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-18-01, requested by Chowan Baptist Association, to expand bunkhouse facilities at 377 Camp Cale Road (Cale Camp and Conference Center). Property is zoned RA, Rural Agriculture District, and known as Tax Parcel No. 4-0063-0003. There were twenty-five (25) people present. In the absence of Sam Barrow, Mr. Nelson recognized Rhonda Money, County Planner, who gave an overview of the request. She further stated that the applicant was present if there were any questions. Commissioner Muzzulin asked about the backup septic system. Ms. Money responded. Ashley Gregory signed up to speak only if there was any opposition. Chairman Nelson asked Mr. Gregory if he had anything he would like to say. Mr. Gregory said that he was in support of this project. The Planning Board approved to forward this matter to the Board of Commissioners at their February 26, 2018 Special Called Meeting. There being no further questions or comments from the public or from the Board of Commissioners, Chairman Nelson closed the public hearing at 7:02 p.m. and proceeded with the regular meeting.

AGENDA

Edward R. Muzzulin made a motion to approve the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Joseph W. Hoffler. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were considered to be routine and were unanimously approved on motion made by Edward R. Muzzulin, seconded by Charles Woodard.

- Approval of Minutes:** February 5, 2018 Regular Meeting & February 19, 2018 Special Called Meeting/ Work Session.

- Tax Release/Refund Approvals:**

PERQUIMANS COUNTY TAX REFUND:

Elliott, William ----- \$133.95
Mr. Elliott listed a leased piece of equipment in error. Account No. 306240.

PERQUIMANS COUNTY TAX RELEASE:

Jernigan, Jason & Nicole ----- \$347.13
Home was on parcel, however, owner never took possession. Home received extensive damage when being moved on parcel. Account No. 430372.

- Personnel Matters:**

Employee Name	Employee Job Title	Action Required	Grade/Step	New Salary	Effective Date
Janice Brickhouse	P/T F/I Paramedic	Appointment	68/1	\$17.81/hr.	1/12/2018
Carolyn Lewis	IMC II	Resignation			3/07/2018
Patricia Sawyer	P/T F/I EMT	Appointment	63/1	\$13.94/hr.	3/01/2018
Jessica Arthur	P/T F/I Paramedic	Appointment	68/1	\$17.37/hr.	3/01/2018
Tonya Ayers	P/T F/I Paramedic	Appointment	68/1	\$17.37/hr.	3/01/2018
DeeDee Barrea	P/T F/I Paramedic	Appointment	68/1	\$17.37/hr.	3/01/2018
Kevin Ayers	P/T F/I Paramedic	Promotion	68/3	\$18.24/hr.	1/01/2018

- Merit Increases:**

Employee Name	Employee Job Title	Grade /Step	New Salary	Effective Date
Cartwright, Keely	Certified Telecommunicator	62/3	\$29,137	3/01/2018
Zeb Daneker	Certified Telecommunicator	62/5	\$14.71/hr.	3/01/2018
Hazlene Miller	Certified Telecommunicator Fill-In	62/3	\$14.01/hr.	3/01/2018
Steven Pyle	Certified P/T Telecommunicator	62/5	\$14.71/hr.	3/01/2018
Kristin Gordon	Human Resource Placement Specialist	63/4	\$31,211	3/01/2018
Hunter Saberom	Deputy Register of Deeds	58/3	\$24,435	3/01/2018

- Budget Amendments:**

**BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 21
GENERAL FUNDS**

CODE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF CODE	AMOUNT	
		INCREASE	DECREASE
10-510-020	Sheriff - Salaries		1,407
10-510-062	Sheriffs' Supplemental Pension	1,407	
EXPLANATION: To budget funds/create budget line for yearly sheriff supplemental pension billing just approved by state in January 2018.			

- Board Appointments:** The following Board reappointments were unanimously approved by the Board:

NAME	BOARD	ACTION	TERM	EFFECTIVE DATE
Madre, Delphine	Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee	Removal		3/01/2018
Gregory, Beverly	Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee	Appointment	unlimited	3/01/2018
Heath, Frank	Coastal Resources Advisory Council	Appointment	2 yrs.	3/01/2018

- Resolution:** The following Resolution was unanimously approved by the Board:

- Surplus Equipment:** The Board adopted the following Resolution requesting the Board to declare a Recreation vehicle as surplus equipment to be sold on GovDeals:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE
OF CERTAIN SURPLUS COUNTY PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners desires to dispose of certain surplus property of the County:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners that:

- The following described vehicles and other items are hereby declared to be surplus to the needs of the County:

3 – Motorola Mobile Two-Way Radios, Model XPR 4550

- The County Manager is hereby authorized and directed to proceed on behalf of the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners to sale this surplus vehicle on GovDeals.
- The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and decide not to sell the property at any time during this process.
- The County Manager, in accordance with State law, shall cause a summary of this resolution to be published once in a newspaper having general circulation in the County and place it on the County's website. After not less than ten (10) days from the date of publication, the County Manager is authorized to sell the above-described property to the highest bidder.

Adopted this the 5th day of March, 2018.

Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman
ATTEST:

Mary P. Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board

8. **Amendment to Home & Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG):** The Board authorized the Chairman and county staff to sign the documents reflecting the changes in the HCCBG grant programs for FY 2017-18.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

The following employees were introduced to the Board:

1. **Frank Heath:** County Manager Heath was going to introduce Caitlin Joyner, newly appointed District Technician for Chowan/Perquimans Soil & Water Conservation who replaced Scott Alons. Since she was not present, he will introduce her next month.
2. **Bill Jennings:** Bill Jennings, Tax Administrator, introduced Wilma Robbins, Tax Clerk, who was appointed on January 1, 2018. Ms. Robbins thanked the Board for the opportunity to work for the County.
3. **Susan Chaney:** Ms. Chaney introduced Syreeta Cullins, IMC I working toward IMC II (appointed 11/1/2017) and Kathleen Brooks, IMC I working toward IMC II (appointed 1/1/2018). Natalie Verner and Alice Copeland were unable to attend tonight so she will introduce them next month.

Chairman Nelson welcomed them to the County.

JONATHAN NIXON, EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Mr. Nixon presented the Emergency Management Public Officials Conference. The purpose of this presentation was to provide details about our current Emergency Services program and to receive feedback from our elected officials. In addition to the Board of Commissioners, the Town Councils from Hertford and Winfall were invited to attend. No representatives from the Town Councils were present. This event is an activity for our Emergency Management Performance Grant. These funds are used to support the Emergency Management Program for all of Perquimans County. After his presentation, Mr. Nixon asked if there were any questions. Their being none, Chairman Nelson thanked him for his service to Perquimans County residents and proceeded with the next appointment.

BILL JENNINGS, TAX ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Jennings presented his monthly report and an update on the program software upgrades.

SUSAN CHANEY, SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

Ms. Chaney presented her monthly report.

COMMISSIONER'S CONCERNS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following item was discussed:

- **Commissioner Hoffer:** Mr. Hoffer asked where we stood with the Olga Simpson matter. Mr. Hoffer stated that he had forwarded an e-mail to Chairman Nelson but had not received a response. Mr. Nelson said that he had wanted to talk with him prior to the meeting but Mr. Hoffer arrived late so he would talk to him after the meeting.

UPDATES FROM COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Heath presented the following updates:

- **Library Project:** Mr. Heath reported that the Open House for the Library has been scheduled for March 22, 2018.
- **Fire Departments:** Mr. Heath explained that they had a large fire in River Cove and thanked the fire departments for their service to the County and preventing the fire to spread causing a more serious situation.
- **Budget Update:** Mr. Heath informed the Board that the Budget Packets had been delivered to the Department Heads on March 28th. They are to be returned by the first part of April.

AMENDMENT TO ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

County Manager Heath explained that, in November, 2017, Mary Vidaurri presented a request to the Board to amend the current Animal Control Ordinance to include tethering of dogs. The Board has discussed this during several Work Sessions. He further explained that he, Chairman Nelson, and County Attorney High have discussed the suggestions to amend the Animal Control Ordinance. Mr. Heath presented the following draft copy of the amendment to the Board:

SECTION TWO HUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

2.01 Definitions. For purposes of this section, the words and phrases below shall have the following meanings:

Animal: Includes dogs, cats or other domesticated animals.

Outside Enclosure: A structure, built of chain link or comparable material with a solid roof, used to house an animal and protect it from the weather. The structure must be large enough that the shelter provided within the enclosed area shall not exceed more than twenty five percent (25%) of the enclosed area.

Tethering: The act of tying, chaining or restraining a dog to a fixed object with a rope, chain or other device in order to keep the dog confined. This term does not include restraining a dog on an attended leash.

2.02 Responsibilities of Owners.

A. Owners of dogs kept outside shall provide an outside enclosure that ensures humane and sanitary shelter from heat, cold, rain, wind and snow and shall provide food and water adequate to keep the dog in good health and comfort.

B. Animals shall not be kept on any lot unless the owner or keeper of the animal occupies the property where the animal is kept. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to animals involved in the activities described in N.C.G.S. 14-360(c)(1) and (c)(2a).

C. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 14-361.1, no person shall willfully and without justifiable excuse abandon or cause to be abandoned any animal and such statute is incorporated herein.

2.03 Cruelty to Animals. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 14-360, no person shall intentionally overdrive, overload, wound, injure, torment, kill or deprive of necessary sustenance any animal and such statute is incorporated herein.

2.04 Tethering. Permanent tethering of dogs is prohibited. No dog shall be permanently tied, chained, fastened or otherwise tethered to any inanimate stationary object as a means of confinement of the dog to property.

2.06 Violations. Any violations of this section shall be considered a Class III Violation as outlined in Section One and civil penalties shall be levied accordingly. Violations shall subject the violator to all other remedies provided by law.

He asked the Commissioners to review this amendment so that we can hold a Public Hearing prior to April meeting and take action on the amendment.

PLANNING BOARD ITEMS

Chairman Nelson stated that it was time to take action on the following Planning Board items:

Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-18-01 requested by Chowan Baptist Association: A Public Hearing was held earlier in the meeting to receive citizens' comments to consider Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-18-01, requested by Chowan Baptist Association, to expand bunkhouse facilities at 377 Camp Cale Road (Cale Camp and Conference Center). Property is zoned RA, Rural Agriculture District, and known as Tax Parcel No. 4-0063-0003. T. Kyle Jones made a motion to find proposed Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-18-01 to be CONSISTENT and in HARMONY with the existing development pattern around 377 Camp Cale Road, Hertford, NC; and a motion to approve the following Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-18-01, for the expansion of two bunkhouse facilities at 377 Camp Cale Road (Cale Camp and Conference Center) also known as Tax Parcel No. 4-0063-0003, conditioned upon the list of conditions contained in the Conditional Use Permit adopting the following findings to support the motion:

- (a) That the use will not materially endanger the public health or safety, if located according to the plan submitted and approved;
- (b) That the use meets all required conditions and specifications;
- (c) That the use will not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property, or that the use is a public necessity; and
- (d) That the location and character of the use, if developed according to the plan as submitted and approved, will be in harmony with the area in which it is to be located and in general conformity with the Perquimans County Land Use Plan.

The motion was seconded by Edward R. Muzzulin. The following Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-18-01 was unanimously approved by the Board:

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-Beginning of Proposed Conditional Use Permit CUP-18-01 to be recorded by Chowan Baptist Association

Expansion of Bunkhouse Facilities at a Camp or Care Center

At 377 Camp Cale Road, Hertford (Cale Camp & Conference Center)

Applicant: Chowan Baptist Association

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CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT No. CUP-18-01

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On the date(s) listed below, the Board of Commissioners for Perquimans County met and held a public hearing to consider the following application:

Applicant/Owner(s): Chowan Baptist Association
Bob Young, Moderator
377 Camp Cale Road
Hertford, NC 27944

Authorized Applicant: Adam Hughes, A.R.Chesson Construction Co., Inc.
P.O. Box 2266, Elizabeth City, NC 27909

Site Location: 377 Camp Cale Road, Hertford NC 27944

Tax Parcel No: 4-0063-0003

Zoning District: RA, Rural Agriculture District

Proposed Use of Property: To allow Camp Cale the opportunity to expand their facilities by constructing two new 48 bed bunkhouses; one in the immediate future and one at a later date.

Meeting & Hearing Dates: Planning Board on 2/26/2018 & Board of Commissioners on 3/5/2018.

Having heard all the evidence and argument presented at the hearing(s), the Board of County Commissioners finds that the application is complete, that the application complies with all of the applicable requirements of the Perquimans County Zoning Ordinance for the development proposed, and that therefore the application to make use of the above-described property for the purpose indicated is hereby approved, subject to all applicable provisions of the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to "Camp or Care Center" (currently Section 907.12 of the Zoning Ordinance) and other conditions, as follows:

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- A. Applicant, owners, heirs and assigns shall conduct operations in accordance with the plans and application materials submitted to and approved by the Board of Commissioners (BCC), a copy of which is contained in the County Planning & Zoning Office and filed with Register of Deeds office. Any major modification proposed to the approved plans shall require reapplication and approval by the BCC. "Major Modification" is defined as: "Any significant change in land use, and/or change in the project boundary and/or change that results in an increase in the density or intensity of the project, as shown and described in the approved Conditional Use Permit and Site Plans." However, it is understood that the conceptual layout of the bunkhouses, parking areas and septic systems as shown on the proposed site plan may require adjustments in the exact locations within the boundaries of the subject property. All required site improvements must be made and shall comply with minimum setbacks, and all screening, buffering, landscaping and parking requirements must be met prior to the County's issuance of Certificate of Zoning Compliance and Certificate of Occupancy, in accordance with applicable sections of the Zoning Ordinance.
- B. The Conditional Use Permit is approved and recorded with the applicant's statement of the nature of the proposed use and conceptual Site Plan, to become the basis for the Zoning Permit issued by the Planning & Zoning Office. If the Conditional Use Permit is not recorded in the Register of Deeds (ROD) Office by the Applicant within three (3) months from the date of BCC approval, the BCC may revoke the Conditional Use Permit.
- C. Site Considerations: Sections 907.12(B) of the Zoning Ordinance provides for additional setbacks and buffering that may be required by the Board of County Commissioners to protect adjacent properties from noise, light, and glare.
 - (1) A buffer shall remain along all side and landward property lines; a twenty (20) foot wide strip of vegetated buffer, either a natural wooded area or planted with evergreen and deciduous trees and shrubs designed to simulate natural growth, meeting the same requirements as to variety, number, and size of plants as given in Article XVIII (Buffers and Screening) of this Ordinance.

Other Site Considerations:

- (2) In primitive camping areas, drinking water and sanitary facilities shall be available within twelve hundred (1,200) feet.
- (3) In areas with developed campsites, each campsite shall have a minimum of parking for two (2) vehicles.
- (4) No permanent camping shall be permitted.
- (5) A fire extinguisher shall be available at each service building.

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- (6) Individual campsites and general use areas shall be kept clean and free from garbage, refuse, litter, and other conditions which can lead to the transmission of disease, breeding of rodents and insects, and which may present a fire hazard or contribute to the spread of fire.
- (7) All sanitary, laundry, and drinking water facilities shall be maintained in a clean, sanitary condition and kept in good repair at all times.

Extension request – Conditional Use Permit No. 16-06 – Alpha Value Solar, LLC: Chairman Nelson explained that the Planning Office had received the following request from Alpha Value Solar, LLC:



Also included in tonight’s Agenda Packets, Rhonda Money, Planner, presented the following request from Alpha Value Solar, LLC:



Perquimans County Planning & Zoning Office

MEMORANDUM

TO: Frank Heath, County Manager
 FROM: Rhonda Money, Planner/GIS
 DATE: February 27, 2018
 RE: Status Report on Alpha Value Solar, LLC’s Large Scale Solar Power Generating Facility, CUP-16-06

This is an Annual Report by Heath McLaughlin regarding the status and progress made on Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-16-06 to construct a solar energy system on tax parcel number 3-0049-00010A currently owned by HMM Family Farm, LLC located at 746 Ocean Highway South.

Condition ‘M’ titled ‘Annual Reports’ in CUP-16-06 in Perquimans County Register of Deeds book 461, page 226 states, “...During construction of the project, the Applicant, heirs and assigns shall provide the County with annual reports outlining progress to date along with circumstances that may result in delays. In the event construction will be delayed beyond February 6, 2018, the Applicant, heirs and assigns shall formally request an extension be granted by the Board of County Commissioners; otherwise the BCC may revoke the Conditional Use Permit.”

Reference is made to the attached letter from Mr. McLaughlin regarding the status of the project, along with the Conditional Use Permit approved by the BCC February 6, 2017.

On motion made by T. Kyle Jones, seconded by Fondella A. Leigh, the Board unanimously approved the extension as requested.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following public comments were made:

➤ **Mary Vidauri:** Ms. Vidauri read the following letter from Barbara Yates of AWARE supporting the adoption of this amendment to the Animal Control Ordinance:

March 5, 2018

Good evening

I would like to read a statement from Barbara Yates, President of AWARE. She could not be with you tonight as she is attending the Chowan County Commissioners’ meeting.

"AWARE" stands for Animal Welfare of the Albemarle Region Every day. This non-profit is an all-volunteer organization devoted to improving the lives of animals in Chowan, Gates and Perquimans counties. AWARE's goals are to provide discount spay/neuter vouchers to area pet owners, support and increase the save rate at Tri-County Animal Shelter and Adoption Center, promote humane principles and educate the public on responsible pet ownership.

Over the past several years, AWARE has partnered with Perquimans County on many animal welfare efforts to include sponsoring semiannual rabies clinics. AWARE strongly supports the adoption of the proposed ordinance which prohibits the permanent tethering of dogs and provides for the humane treatment of all animals. Such action would be in keeping with ordinances approved elsewhere in North Carolina and across the nation to promote animal welfare. As you know, the Town of Hertford did this last year -- it is important to do this countywide.

➤ Sandy Sperry: Ms. Sperry read the following comments:

REMARKS AT COMMISSIONERS MEETING
REGARDING HUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS
MARCH 5, 2018

- GOOD EVENING
- MY NAME IS SANDRA SPERRY
- I AM HERE TONIGHT AS THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF AWARE AND ALSO AS A CONCERNED PERQUIMANS COUNTY RESIDENT
- I MOVED TO PERQUIMANS COUNTY IN 2001 WHEN I RETIRED
- I LIVE, AS YOU SAY, "OUT IN THE COUNTRY" IN A SMALL SECTION OF HOMES OFF BURNT MILL ROAD
- AT AWARE, THE ISSUE OF THE TETHERING OF DOGS GOES BACK AT LEAST TO MARCH 2016 WHEN IT WAS FIRST DISCUSSED AT A BOARD MEETING
- IN FEBRUARY 2017, REPRESENTATIVES FROM AWARE ADDRESSED REMARKS TO THE HERTFORD TOWN COUNCIL ABOUT AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO SECTION 8 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES-DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS
- IN MAY 2017 THE HERTFORD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVED THE AMENDED ANIMAL ORDINANCES
- IN ADVANCE OF THE NOVEMBER 6, 2017 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING, YOU WERE PRESENTED
 - A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CURRENT PERQUIMANS COUNTY ANIMAL ORDINANCE
 - A FACT SHEET ABOUT CHAINED DOGS
- REGARDING THE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS THIS EVENING
 - THE CURRENT SECTION AS IT STANDS ONLY ADDRESSES DANGEROUS DOGS
 - THE PROPOSED NEW SECTION PROVIDES:
 - FOR THE HUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS
 - OUTLINES OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES
 - DEFINES CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
 - DEFINES TETHERING
 - ADDRESSES VIOLATIONS
- REGARDING CHAINED OR TETHERED DOGS –
 - TETHERING IS INHUMANE AND UNSAFE FOR DOGS AND PEOPLE
 - TETHERED DOGS USUALLY WILL BECOME AGGRESSIVE
 - TETHERED DOGS ARE ALMOST 3 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BITE – AND VICTIMS ARE USUALLY CHILDREN
 - PROHIBITING TETHERING MAKES A COMMUNITY SAFER BY DRAMATICALLY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF DOG ATTACKS AND DOG BITES
 - TETHERED DOGS ARE USUALLY UNSOCIALIZED
 - TETHERED DOGS DO NOT MAKE GOOD GUARD DOGS- ALL THEY CAN DO IS BARK
 - ENFORCEMENT OF AN ANTI-TETHERING LAW WOULD BE COMPLAINT-DRIVEN
 - THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WOULD ONLY RESPOND TO REPORTS BY COUNTY RESIDENTS IF SITUATIONS ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE
 - ACCORDINGLY, ENFORCEMENT SHOULD NOT IMPACT SIGNIFICANTLY ON THE WORKLOAD OF THE DEPARTMENT
 - ONLY PEOPLE WHO KEEP THEIR DOGS CONTINUALLY CHAINED WOULD BE AFFECTED
- BASED ON THIS, I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO APPROVE THE AMENDED ORDINANCE PRESENTED BEFORE YOU
- BY APPROVING THIS AMENDED ORDINANCE, PERQUIMANS COUNTY WOULD JOIN 19 STATES AND OVER 140 U.S. CITIES AND COUNTIES THAT TO DATE HAVE LAWS ADDRESSING TETHERING AND WHICH HAVE PROMOTED ANIMAL WELFARE
- THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION THIS EVENING

CLOSED SESSION: NEGOTIATION FOR PROPERTY & CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Pursuant to NC General Statute 143-318.11(6), Fondella A. Leigh made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss negotiation for property and to approve closed session minutes. The motion was seconded by Charles Woodard and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Closed Session was adjourned and the Regular Meeting reconvened on motion made by Edward R. Muzzulin, seconded by Charles Woodard, and unanimously approved by the Board. There was no action needed after the Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to discuss, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. on motion made by Edward R. Muzzulin, seconded by Charles Woodard.

Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman

Clerk to the Board

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