

WHEREAS, Perquimans County has school capital needs of over \$ _____; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that Perquimans County could receive \$ _____ million toward the shortfall of school capital needs; and

WHEREAS, the NC School Bond - HB 866/SB542- would invest \$1.9 billion to begin addressing these critical needs all across the state.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners urges the North Carolina General Assembly to call for a statewide referendum on the November 2018 ballot which is referred to as the Public School Building Bond Act (HB866/SB542) so that school districts across North Carolina are better able to meet urgent facility needs.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the General Assembly representing Perquimans County and to all 100 counties in North Carolina.

Adopted this the 7th day of May, 2018.

Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman
Perquimans County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Mary P. Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board
Perquimans County Board of Commissioners

Chairman Nelson further explained that Perquimans County could receive up to \$12.2 million for school facility needs. Currently, he knows that Pasquotank County and several other counties have adopted the resolution. He asked what the pleasure of the Board would be. County Manager Heath explained that there are several blanks on the second page that he has been trying to get the information to complete it. He further explained that the bond was for \$1.9 billion. In addition, at their seats tonight, there was an amended draft copy changing "Randolph" to "Perquimans" County. T. Kyle Jones made a motion to adopt the resolution for discussion purposes only. The motion was seconded by Edward R. Muzzulin. Chairman Nelson asked if there was any discussion. Commissioner Jones explained that the state bond is a loan that the County will have to pay back. He further explained that, considering the spending habits of the current school administration over the last year, he is against the school bond. Chairman Nelson expressed his support of the school bond and explained all the restrictions of the bond so he does not believe that they would be able to spend the funds except for the school facility needs. Commissioner Jones asked if these funds would be used for athletic fields, etc. Mr. Nelson said that he really felt that it does limit the spending to the brick and mortar buildings and repair of the building facilities. Mr. Jones completely understands the need for this funding but he is concerned how their spending habits may have caused this situation. Commissioner Woodard wanted to know who determines how the money is spent. County Manager Heath read the information on what these funds can be used for. The motion was approved by a vote of five (5) to one (1) with Commissioner Jones voting against the motion.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

The following personnel matters, which were received after Agenda Packets were mailed, were unanimously approved on motion made by T. Kyle Jones, seconded by Fondella A. Leigh:

| Employee Name | Employee Job Title | Action Required | Grade/Step | New Salary | Effective Date |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Anna Johnson | Full-Time Certified Telecommunicator | Appointment | 62/1 | \$27,751 | 5/01/2018 |
| Sabrina Mallette | Part-Time/Fill-In EMT-I | Removed from Roster | | | 5/07/2018 |

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following public comment was made:

- **Matthew Peeler:** Mr. Peeler spoke in favor of the state school bond resolution.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to discuss, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. on motion made by Fondella A. Leigh, seconded by Charles Woodard.

Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman

Clerk to the Board

WORK SESSION

May 21, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Due to the Chairman not being able to be at the meeting to discuss the IBX Authority item on the Agenda, the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners Work Session on April 16, 2018 was cancelled.

REGULAR MEETING

June 4, 2018

6:30 p.m.

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Monday, June 4, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Room located on the first floor of the Perquimans County Courthouse Annex.

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| MEMBERS PRESENT: | Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman Joseph W. Hoffer Edward R. Muzzulin | Fondella A. Leigh, Vice Chair Kyle Jones Charles Woodard |
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MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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| OTHERS PRESENT: | Frank Heath, County Manager Hackney High, County Attorney | Mary Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board |
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After the Chairman called the meeting to order, Commissioner Jones gave the invocation and the Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chairman explained that the first item of business was to hold the public hearing to receive public comments on REZ-18-01, requested by Albemarle Plantation Property Owners Association, Inc.

PUBLIC HEARING

Rezoning Request No. REZ-18-01, Albemarle Plantation Property Owners Association, Inc.

Chairman Nelson opened the Public Hearing stating that the purpose of this public hearing is to receive citizens' comments to consider Rezoning Request No REZ-18-01, requested by Albemarle Plantation Property Owners Association, Inc. to rezone Tax Parcel No. 2-0082-0007 from RA-25 (Residential & Agricultural District) to RA (Rural Agriculture District) for the purpose of allowing an equestrian facility. There were thirty (30) people present. Mr. Nelson recognized Rhonda Money, Planner, who gave an overview of the request. Ms. Money explained that the Planning Board approved the request at their May 8, 2018 meeting. Mr. Nelson opened up the public hearing for Board and public comments and questions. There were no questions from the Board but the following public comments were made:

- **Kathryn Tenenholz:** Ms. Tenenholz, President of the Albemarle Plantation Home Owners Association, Inc, spoke in support of the rezoning request.
- **Jack Blackman:** Mr. Blackman spoke in support of the rezoning request

There being no further comments or questions from the Board or the public, Chairman Nelson closed the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Edward R. Muzzulin made a motion to approve the Agenda, as amended. The motion was seconded by Fondella A. Leigh. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Agenda, as amended.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. **Approval of Minutes:** May 7, 2018 Regular Meeting. The May 21, 2018 Work Session was cancelled.
2. **Personnel Matters:**

| Employee Name | Employee Job Title | Action Required | Grade/Step | New Salary | Effective Date |
|---------------|--|-----------------|------------|-------------|----------------|
| Robert Wood | Part-Time/Fill-In Non-Certified Telecommunicator | Appointment | 60/1 | \$12.21/hr. | 5/01/2018 |
| Annmari Shine | Part-Time/Fill-In Non-Certified Telecommunicator | Appointment | 60/1 | \$12.21/hr. | 5/01/2018 |
| Amy Felton | Social Worker IA&T | Appointment | 70/2 | \$40,451 | 6/01/2018 |

3. **Step/Merit Increases:**

| Employee Name | Employee Job Title | Grade /Step | New Salary | Effective Date |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------|------------|----------------|
| Sherry Schrodt | SW III | 69/3 | \$39,654 | 6/01/2018 |
| Christopher Murray | Deputy Sheriff/SRO | 65/3 | \$33,251 | 6/01/2018 |
| Tashara Gramby | Tax Clerk – Collections | 58/2 | \$23,854 | 6/01/2018 |

4. **Board Reappointments/resignations/appointment:**

| NAME | BOARD | ACTION | TERM | EFFECTIVE DATE |
|-------------------|--|---------------|--------|----------------|
| Gordon, Nettie | COC – Adult Care Home Advisory Committee | Resignation | | 7/01/2018 |
| Aples, Archie | Local Library Board | Reappointment | 4 yrs. | 7/01/2018 |
| McNaught, Ruth | Local Library Board | Reappointment | 4 yrs. | 7/01/2018 |
| Wheeler, Kathryn | Recreation Advisory Committee – At Large | Reappointment | 3 yrs. | 7/01/2018 |
| White, Pete | Recreation Advisory Committee – At Large | Reappointment | 3 yrs. | 7/01/2018 |
| Nixon, Chad | Recreation Advisory Committee – New Hope | Reappointment | 3 yrs. | 7/01/2018 |
| Damron, Charlotte | Tourism Development Authority – Industry Rep | Resignation | | 7/01/2018 |
| McDonald, Stephen | Tourism Development Authority – Industry Rep | Appointment | 3 yrs. | 7/01/2018 |

5. **2018 Memorandum of Participation for Separation Allowance Benefit:** The audit requires that the County contract with a company to prepare our disclosures required under GASB Statement No. 73 for the Special Separation Allowance for Law Enforcement Officers. Last year, we contracted with Cavanaugh MacDonald Consulting, LLC. We need to renew the contract. Tracy Mathews, County Finance Officer, recommends the renewal of the Memorandum of Participation for Separation Allowance Benefit with Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting, LL located in Kennesaw, GA. The Board unanimously approved Ms. Mathews' recommendation to renew the contract with Cavanaugh MacDonald Consulting, LLC.

BUDDY LAWRENCE, ALBEMARLE PLANTATION

Each year at July 4th, Albemarle Plantation holds their fireworks show. Mr. Lawrence came before the Board to request the County's approval to hold their fireworks show on July 1st. He further stated that the rain date would be July 7th. On motion made by Edward R. Muzzulin, seconded by Charles Woodard, the Board unanimously approved Mr. Lawrence's request to hold their fireworks show on July 1st.

BILL JENNINGS, TAX ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Jennings presented his monthly report. He reported that there were nine (9) foreclosure properties which resulted in eight (8) sales.

SUSAN CHANEY, SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

Ms. Chaney presented her monthly report.

PRESENTATION OF FY 2018-2019 BUDGET

County Manager Heath presented the following FY 2018-2019 Budget Message:

June 4, 2018

To: The Honorable Chair, Board of Commissioners, and taxpayers of Perquimans County

I respectfully submit the proposed budget for Perquimans County for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019. The budget has been prepared in accordance with the North Carolina Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act. The budget identifies the estimated revenues and expenditures for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Proposed Tax Rate

As in years past, the County’s budget process calls for department heads and other agencies to submit budget requests to the County Manager. In total, the requests amounted to approximately \$18.88 million. That’s over \$4 million dollars more than anticipated revenues for the upcoming fiscal year. The tax rate would have to be 88 cents to fully fund all requests of Perquimans County for the next year.

Total taxable value increased from \$1,304,892,862 to \$1,320,487,304, or 1.2%. An additional \$201,211,177 in value was added due to the Desert Wind project. After second year depreciation and the grant agreement with the County, the net gain in value would be \$71,852,280, or a five percent increase to the County’s total value. I have estimated an additional \$409,557 in revenue for FY 18-19 as a result. We have also experienced gains primarily in DMV tax revenues, and this in combination with the use of fund balance allocations will allow us to propose a budget that remains at a rate of 57 cents per hundred dollars of value. Also of note is that I project that we’re going to use only \$164,584 of the budgeted fund balance appropriation from last fiscal year of \$972,103. This is due to better than projected revenues, and controlling spending versus budgeted amounts for 17-18. If we utilize the full \$990,000 I project for fund balance allocations for this new budget, our fund balance would still be in the 25 percent range.

When compared to other Counties in the region, Perquimans’ tax rate will remain among the lowest in eastern North Carolina:

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| Perquimans- | 57 cents per hundred |
| Gates- | 76 cents per hundred |
| Camden- | 72 cents per hundred |
| Chowan- | 74 cents per hundred |
| Pasquotank- | 77 cents per hundred |

While the tax rate is one of the lowest in the region, this budget still provides adequate funding for services that we have historically provided, enhances some services, and provides benefits for the County employees.

General Fund Budget Summary

The General Fund budget is \$15,682,196 for 2018-2019, up \$314,998 from the current year’s amended budget of \$15,367,198. To enable us to maintain a significant commitment to school current expense and increased capital requests, and increased expenditures for public safety departments such as Sheriff, Fire Departments and EMS, this budget designates \$990,000 of general fund balance to be utilized. Even with this amount of fund balance used, we will still maintain a fund balance of over 25%, much more than the 8% recommended by the Local Government Commission. Perquimans has a history of controlling spending below budgeted amounts, so it is unlikely that we will have to utilize the full amount of fund balance listed.

General Fund Revenues

Property taxes account for the vast majority of general fund revenues, and I’ve already mentioned the conditions as it relates to real property taxation. We are projecting that motor vehicle tax collections will improve for the upcoming fiscal year.

Sales tax revenues are the second largest source of County general fund revenues. Based on collections from this fiscal year, sales tax revenues are projected to decrease by a total of \$10,000, for a total of \$1,650,000.

An additional \$375,000 is forecast to be added to Perquimans’ sales tax allocation to reflect the additional services taxed by the General Assembly in 2016. In addition to the sales tax revenues, there are three other important sources of revenues that provide insight to the strength of the local county economy. They are Building Inspection Fees, Register of Deeds Fees, and Land Transfer Tax Revenues. While sales taxes reflect retail sales, these other revenues are construction and real estate based. Expected Land Transfer Tax revenues in FY 2018-19 are \$350,000, \$85,000 more than last year. Building Inspection Fees and Register of Deeds Fee revenues remain fairly level, projected at \$230,000 combined, reflecting a \$5,000 increase in revenue for these two fees for FY 2018-2019. A continuing revenue for this budget year will be a projected \$337,140 Medicaid hold-harmless allocation from the State.

General Fund Expenses

Most of the departmental operating budgets remain nearly static compared to the current budget year. By way of comparison, the five largest General Fund expenses by department or agency are as follows:

| <u>Department/Agency</u> | <u>Proposed FY 18-19 Funding</u> | <u>% of Total GF Budget</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Perquimans County Schools | \$4,211,603 | 27% |
| Social Services | \$2,354,108 | 15% |
| Emergency Medical Services | \$1,594,473 | 10% |
| Sheriff Department | \$1,302,518 | 8% |
| Albemarle District Jail | \$796,581 | 5% |

School Funding

As presented by the Board of Education and school staff earlier this spring, the Perquimans County School System has requested \$3,880,427 for school current expense, an increase of \$1,105,427 over last year’s County appropriation of \$2,775,000. This represents a 40% requested increase from the previous fiscal year.

The proposed FY 2018-19 County budget increases the local current expense budget to \$2,900,000, an increase of \$125,000. This continues a significant commitment by the County Board of Commissioners to increase teacher supplements and classified position salary adjustments. The school capital outlay budget increases to \$475,000, an increase of \$77,500, or a 19% increase. This capital allocation will allow for the continuation of the 1:1 technology initiative, as well as other capital outlay items presented by the Superintendent. The County is also absorbing the cost of another School Resource Officer, which represents at least another \$50,000 in costs for salary, transportation, and outfitting.

Building and Facility Initiatives

Perquimans County will engage in several new facility projects in FY 2018-19. Highlights include a new gym floor at the Perquimans Recreation Center, an addition to the Tri-County Animal Shelter, and continued improvements to the Perquimans County Courthouse. Also included are funds for an architect to provide design services for a new Social Services building.

Capital Outlay

Outside of the normal replacement of electronic items such as computers and copy machines, the major capital items included in the FY 2018-19 budget are the replacement of three Sheriff Department vehicles, portable radios, water rescue boat repair, a new EMS ambulance, continued software upgrades for the tax and finance departments, bleachers for the Winfall ball field, and additional security cameras at the Perquimans Senior Center.

Personnel

The proposed FY 2018-19 budget contains a 3 percent cost of living adjustment for County employees, and maintains merit and salary step increases for those employees who qualify. Employees received no cost of living adjustment in last fiscal year’s budget.

Perquimans County participates in the State Health plan, and health insurance rates are projected to increase from \$540 per employee per month to \$583. This increase causes approximately a \$53,000 negative impact to our budget. The rate of \$583 monthly includes a projected 5% increase in rates and \$25 per month per employee that the State charges employees for the base 70-30 plan.

Retiree health coverage is becoming an increasing burden on the County. With the addition of several new retirees and the increase in costs, we are expecting that the total costs in FY 18-19 will exceed \$170,000.

The North Carolina Local Government Employees Retirement System employers' contribution will be 7.84% for FY 18-19.

This budget includes an additional School Resource Officer, meaning that each school will be staffed with an SRO. It also includes funds for a Narcotics deputy, and an Adult Services Social Worker.

\$15,450 has been allocated to the Tourism Development Authority to continue to fund our full-time tourism director, in coordination with the Towns.

Other Noteworthy Items

- Funding for the County Fire Departments increases to \$72,500 each, up from \$70,000 for each department last year.
- Funding for the Perquimans County Library increases to \$183,305.
- \$20,000 for code enforcement/house removal.
- Albemarle District Jail remains a considerable expenditure, at \$796,581.

Water Fund

Perquimans continues to make significant investment in its overall ability to provide water to its customers. Our system is an aging one, with infrastructure aged at over 30 years old in some places. This means that the County makes ongoing repairs to the lines in the system as needed throughout the year. Perquimans continues to purchase 150,000 gallons of reverse osmosis water from Pasquotank County that services customers on the Winfall plant side. The bulk water rate that Pasquotank County charges is expected to remain \$6.00 per thousand gallons. Also, Perquimans is investing on the Bethel plant side, as we have continued development of the Manley well site, and will allocate \$285,000 to finish work on that location in the upcoming fiscal year. This will ensure an adequate supply of water at the Bethel plant for many years to come. We will also allocate \$100,000 for the replacement of aging water meters throughout our system. The total water fund budget for the Fiscal Year 2018-19 is \$2,566,244. The water rates for Perquimans County will remain unchanged for the upcoming fiscal year.

Solid Waste Fund

The proposed solid waste fee for FY 18-19 is \$140, no increase from last fiscal year. This fee covers the cost of operating the five Convenience Site locations, the County's portion of the Perquimans-Chowan-Gates Transfer Station operating cost, and the tipping fee for the County's solid waste at the private landfill in Bertie County. We've made significant capital improvements to our sites, including paving and additional compactors. The total solid waste fund budget is projected at \$946,950.

Conclusion

As indicated earlier, this budget contains significant increases for school spending. We have covered increased health care costs for County employees and retirees, maintained merit and step increases for those who qualify, and included a 3 percent cost of living adjustment. We have increased funding for emergency services agencies by providing a new ambulance for our citizens and increased our funding for local volunteer fire departments. We have added an additional SRO, a narcotics deputy, and provided the capital assets needed to support these personnel.

I'd like to thank the Department Heads for their stewardship in this budget process and their consideration of the marginal increase in County revenues. I would also like to thank the Board of Commissioners for your involvement in the budget process and for making difficult, but important decisions on behalf of the citizens of Perquimans County. Finally, I'd like to thank County staff: Tracy Mathews- Finance Officer, Mary Hunnicut- Clerk to the Board, and Bill Jennings- Tax Administrator, for their assistance and guidance in this process.

I thank each of you for your consideration of this proposal and welcome any changes the Board deems appropriate.

At the request of the Chairman and Board of Commissioners, a public hearing has been scheduled for Monday, June 18, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Courthouse Annex for public comment and to consider adoption of the budget.

Submitted by:

W. Frank Heath, III
County Manager/Budget Officer

COMMISSIONER'S CONCERNS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no commissioner's concerns or committee reports.

UPDATES FROM COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Heath presented the following updates:

- **Golden Leaf Grant:** Mr. Heath reported that he and Dave Goss attended a meeting on May 22nd regarding the County applying for a Golden Leaf grant in the amount of \$1.5 million to finish up the basin. He provided the deadlines for the application.
- **County Assembly Day:** On May 30th, Mr. Heath attended the County Assembly Day in Raleigh. He was able to meet with Rep. Bob Steinberg to discuss the basin project, the renovation to the towns, and the school bond issue.

PLANNING BOARD ITEM

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

Rezoning Request No. REZ-18-01, Albemarle Plantation Property Owners Association, Inc.: A Public Hearing was held earlier in the meeting to receive citizens' comments to consider Rezoning Request No REZ-18-01, requested by Albemarle Plantation Property Owners Association, Inc. to rezone Tax Parcel No. 2-0082-0007 from RA-25 (Residential & Agricultural District) to RA (Rural Agriculture District) for the purpose of allowing an equestrian facility. T. Kyle Jones made a motion to find proposed Rezoning No. REZ-18-01 to be consistent and in harmony with the county comprehensive Land Use Plan existing development pattern because of: (1) the existence of large acreage lots that are agricultural in nature surrounding the subject parcel, (2) historical brochure literature labeling the equestrian center, and (2) the presence of equestrian street names. He further made the motion to approve Rezoning No. REZ-18-01, Tax Parcel No. 2-082-0007, from RA-25 (Residential & Agricultural District) to RA (Rural Agriculture District) adopting the following Policy Guidelines to support the motion:

- (1) The proposal will place all property similarly situated in the same category, or in
- (2) There is convincing demonstration that all uses permitted under the proposed district classification would be in the general public interest and not merely in the interest of an individual or small group.
- (3) There is convincing demonstration that all uses permitted under the proposed district classification would be appropriate in the area included in the proposed change. (When a new district designation is assigned, any use permitted in the district is allowable, so long as it meets district requirements and not merely uses which applicants state that they intend to make the property involved).
- (4) There is convincing demonstration that the character of the neighborhood will not be materially or adversely affected by any use permitted in the proposed change.
- (5) The proposed change is in accord with the Land Use Plan and sound planning principles.

The motion was seconded by Edward R. Muzzulin. The following Ordinance No. 98 and zoning map amendment was unanimously approved by the Board:

ORDINANCE NO. 98

AN ORDINANCE OF PERQUIMANS COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, AMENDING THE ZONING ATLAS OF PERQUIMANS COUNTY BY REZONING LANDS AS DESCRIBED HEREINAFTER FROM THE PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF

RA-25, RESIDENTIAL AND AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO RA, RURAL AGRICULTURE DISTRICT; MAKING FINDINGS OF FACT; REQUIRING RECORDATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PERQUIMANS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA:

WHEREAS, the development of the lands within this rezoning shall proceed in accordance with the application, dated April 6, 2018, in addition to supporting documents and statements from the applicant **which are a part of File No. REZ-18-01, Albemarle Plantation Property Owners Association, Inc.**, as approved by the Board of County Commissioners, and incorporated by reference into and made part hereof this Ordinance. In the case of conflict between this application, the supporting documents, and the below described special provisions of this Ordinance, the below described provisions shall prevail.

SECTION 1. Upon consideration of the application, supporting documentation, statements from the applicant, correspondence received by the Planning and Zoning staff, recommendation of the Planning Board, and comments from the staff and the general public at the public hearing, finds as follows:

- 1) The proposal will place all property similarly situated in the same category, or in appropriate complementary categories.
- 2) There is convincing demonstration that all uses permitted under the proposed district classification would be in the general public interest and not merely in the interest of an individual or small group.
- 3) There is convincing demonstration that all uses permitted under the proposed district classification would be appropriate in the area included in the proposed change. *(When a new district designation is assigned, and use permitted in the district is allowable, so long as it meets district requirements and not merely uses which applicants state that they intend to make the property involved).*
- 4) There is convincing demonstration that the character of the neighborhood will not be materially or adversely affected by any use permitted in the proposed change.
- 5) The proposed change is in accord with the Land Use Plan and sound planning principles.

SECTION 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and enactment. This Ordinance shall be recorded in a book kept and maintained by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Perquimans County, North Carolina.

PASSED AND ENACTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this 4th day of June, 2018.

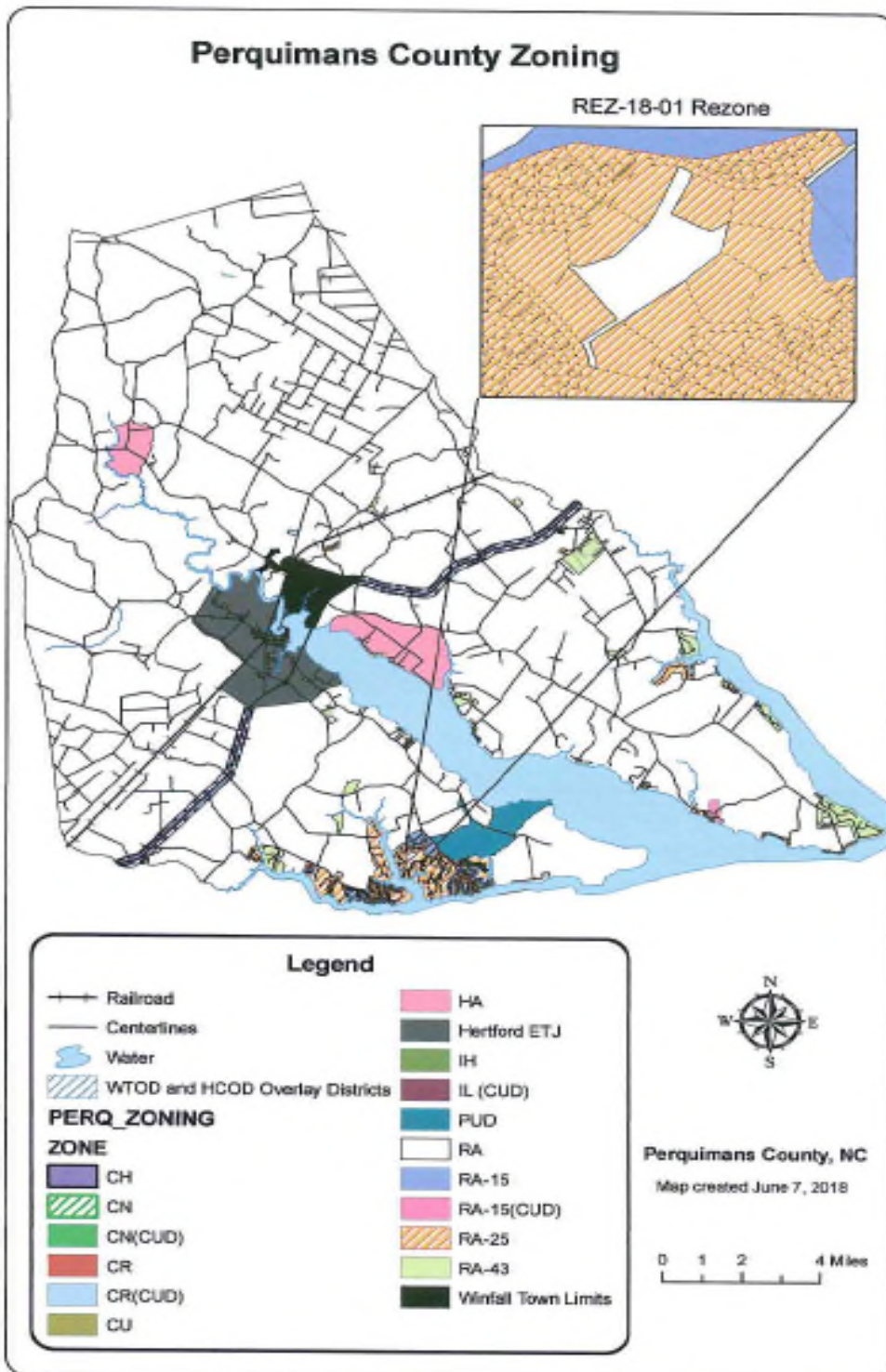
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PERQUIMANS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

By: _____
Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman

ATTEST:

Mary P. Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board

Effective Date: June 4, 2018



RESOLUTION: HARBOR TOWN PROJECT – IBX AUTHORITY

Chairman Nelson presented the following resolution:

**Resolution in Support of the Harbor Town Project
Albemarle Regional Tourism Development Strategy**

At a meeting of the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners on Monday, June 4, 2018, the Board of Commissioners, on a motion by Charles Ward and seconded by Edward R. Muzzulin, the following resolution was adopted by a vote of 6 to 0.

Whereas, A summary of the Harbor Town Project Albemarle Regional Tourism Development Strategy has been reviewed by various members of the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners; and,

Whereas, the County agrees to be included in an Albemarle Regional Tourism Development Strategy to be coordinated by the IBX authority; a Private Non-Profit IBX 501(c)3 under the auspices of the UNC Kenan Flagler School of Business; and,

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners understands that four other NENC counties might also be initially included: Edenton, NC, in Chowan County; Plymouth, NC, in Washington County; Columbia, NC in Tyrell County; and Elizabeth City, NC in Pasquotank County; with other IBX regional towns and counties also welcomed to participate; and,

Whereas, the IBX authority shall apply for multiple grants to develop, coordinate, manage and implement the regional tourism strategy; and,

Whereas, the IBX shall be governed by the IBX Board of Directors; and,

Whereas, all IBX plans and budgets must be approved by the board of directors of IBX; and,

Whereas, Perquimans County shall appoint one member to the Board of Directors; and,

Whereas, the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners understands that it shall not be responsible for any funding to meet the expenses for the operations of the IBX 501(c)3, but that the operating cost for the IBX Authority shall be a part of all grants which it will be responsible for preparing and submitting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners supports efforts to secure funding from non-profits such as Golden Leaf Foundation and from federal and state funding sources as well, to fund the development of the Harbor Towns Project.

Adopted this 4th day of June, 2018.

Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman
Perquimans County Board of Commissioners

ATTESTED:

(SEAL)

Mary P. Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board
Perquimans County Board of Commissioners

On motion made by Charles Woodard, seconded by Edward R. Muzzulin, the Board unanimously approved the above Resolution supporting the Harbor Town Project – IBX Authority.

ATHLETIC COMPLEX – LOTTERY APPLICATION

County Manager Heath explained that we just received this request from the Board of Education prior to the meeting. We sent a copy to each of you prior to the meeting and there is a copy at your seats tonight. The Board of Education is requesting Lottery Funds in the amount of \$18,635.00 to purchase and install the irrigation system for the football field. After some discussion, the Board asked Mr. Heath to contact the Board of Education to have someone here at our Special Called Meeting on June 18, 2018 to explain this request. On motion made by Edward R. Muzzulin, seconded by Joseph W. Hoffer, the Board unanimously agreed to table action on this request until the June 18, 2018 Special Called Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CLOSED SESSION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER & CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Pursuant to NC General Statute 143-318.11(4), Fondella A. Leigh made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss an economic development matter and to approve closed session minutes. The motion was seconded by Charles Ward and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Closed Session was adjourned and the Regular Meeting reconvened on motion made by T. Kyle Jones, seconded by Fondella A. Leigh, and unanimously approved by the Board. There was no action needed following the Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to discuss, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. on motion made by Fondella A. Leigh, seconded by Charles Woodard.

Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman

Clerk to the Board
