

to receive comments from the Board. Mr. Nelson and County Manager Heath explained that, basically, the Board has four (4) options to consider tonight:

1. Do nothing and leave current ordinance as is.
2. Adopt ordinance as presented at public hearing
3. Adopt ordinance with exception to hunting dogs.
4. Add one line to the existing ordinance (Section One) that prohibits the permanent tethering of dogs as indicated in Section 2.04.

The following comments were made by the Commissioners:

- **Commissioner Hoffler:** Mr. Hoffler stated that he supports Option No. 3 because we will probably not reach any agreement unless we exempt hunting dogs because owners of hunting dogs will take care of their dogs.
- **Commissioner Leigh:** Ms. Leigh asked about a discussion from the Sheriff’s Department. Have we received any further comments from the Sheriff’s Department? Mr. Heath said that they had not received any further communication from them. She also asked if the invisible electric fences have any effects on the animals. Chairman Nelson said that, if the Board wanted to add that into the ordinance, they could.
- **Commissioner Woodard:** With regard to the outside enclosure, he assumes that would mean a dog house. He questioned about enclosures that just had something draped over the pen to see if this would sufficient. Mr. Heath said that it could be a dog house or cover as long as it meets the 25% enclosed area requirement. He further asked that, if the owner had an animal that stayed inside and takes it outside and ties it up for it to use the restroom, would that be considered permanent tethering. Mr. Heath said that it would not and explained that, in his opinion, permanent tethering is where the animal is permanently tied up and never let go. Mr. Heath further stated that this is where the problem of enforcement lies. This will be complaint driven. When complaints come to the Sheriff’s Department, the officers will investigate it. Mr. Woodard supports Option No. 3 also.
- **Commissioner Muzzulin:** Mr. Muzzulin supports Option No. 3.
- **Chairman Nelson:** Mr. Nelson discussed invisible fences. He feels that Option No. 3 would be the best way to go.
- **County Attorney High:** Since we have only made minor changes to the proposed Ordinance presented at the April 2, 2018 Public Hearing, he feels that it would not be necessary to hold another public hearing.
- **Chairman Nelson:** Mr. Nelson said that it was his impression that a majority of the Board were in agreement to present Option No. 3 with some tweaking of language regarding outside enclosures to make it a little clearer. Mr. Woodard also asked County Attorney High about the ability to prosecute. Mr. High feels that there may be some challenges for the Sheriff’s Department which may require some revisions but, in general, he thinks this will be enforceable.
- **Commissioner Leigh:** She stated that the Sheriff’s Department is doing an excellent job and is concerned with the ability to enforce this. It was the consensus of the Board that it would be enforceable and that it will be complaint driven.

County Manager Heath summarized the Board’s intentions by saying that they were in agreement with the document that he presented to night which was like the proposed Ordinance presented at the April 2, 2018 meeting with adding the exception of hunting dogs. The Board agreed that was what their intentions were. Chairman Nelson concluded by asking the public to make sure that, if they have any questions or concerns, please contact the Commissioners for clarification. This item will be placed on the August 6, 2018 agenda for action.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to discuss, the Work Session was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman

Deputy Clerk to the Board

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
July 23, 2018
5:00 p.m.

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners held a Special Called Meeting on Monday, July 23, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room located on the first floor of the Perquimans County Courthouse Annex.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman	Joseph W. Hoffler
	Kyle Jones	Edward R. Muzzulin
	Charles Woodard	
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Fondella A. Leigh, Vice Chair	
OTHERS PRESENT:	Frank Heath, County Manager	Mary Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board

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

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.

RESOLUTION: USDA GRANT

County Manager Heath explained that the USDA Business Rural Development Grant was applied for on April 30, 2018 for \$97,000. The purpose of the grant was to work with local citizens of Hertford to develop an economic development strategic plan and to prepare specific market studies to determine what businesses would be successful in the Town of Hertford. We have been notified that we received \$14,000. Part of the grant process is to adopt a Resolution to allow County Manager Heath execute the documents to accept the grant funds which needs to be done before the end of this month. County Manager Heath presented the following Resolution for Board action:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY MANAGER TO
COMPLETE GRANT DOCUMENTS AND PROCESS FOR
USDA RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY GRANT**

WHEREAS, Perquimans County applied for a USDA Rural Business Development grant on April 30, 2018 to develop economic development strategic plans and a market study; and,

WHEREAS, Perquimans County has been awarded \$14,000 from USDA for said grant; and,

WHEREAS, USDA requires a resolution authorizing County staff to execute all documents to accomplish and accept the grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners authorizes County Manager Heath to execute all necessary paperwork to accept the aforementioned USDA grant, and that he has the legal signing authority on behalf of the County for the grant.

Adopted, this 23rd day of July, 2018.

Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman
Perquimans County Board of Commissioners

ATTESTED:

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

(SEAL)

Mr. Heath introduced Sharon Smith, Tourism Director, and Tim Brinn, who presented this request in May, 2018. Ms. Smith made a few comments and Commissioner Muzzulin, Tourism Development Chairman, asked her to review some of the plans that they are going to do. Their main aim is to try to fill the empty stores by filling it with businesses that would be sustainable. Mr. Brinn said that USDA did ask us to reapply next year. After County Manager Heath read the proposed Resolution, T. Kyle Jones made a motion to adopt the Resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Charles Woodard and unanimously adopted by the Board

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to discuss, the Special Called Meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m. on motion made by Charles Woodard, seconded by Joseph W. Hoffler.

Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman

Clerk to the Board

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