

- **Fred Yates:** After thanking the Board for allowing him to speak to the Board, he introduced himself as Fred Yates, Mayor and Administrator for the Town of Winfall. The Mayor/Administrator and Winfall Town Council would like to meet with the Commissioners to discuss the dispatch fees, the tax base, etc. He had given a letter to Chairman Nelson requesting a meeting with the Commissioner this month. He asked the Commissioners to provide him with available dates and he would adjust his schedule accordingly. Chairman Nelson will check available dates and let Mayor Yates know.
- **Gilbert Vaughn:** Mr. Vaughn came before the Board to discuss the relocation of the Confederate Statue on the Courthouse lawn. He stated that some of his concerns had already been addressed during the meeting but he wanted to ask the Board for some clarity from the meeting that they held in July. He had read the inscription on the monument and it stated "what they believe". He assumes that "they" were the confederate soldiers but he did not know what "they believe". He said that he thought that the Confederate soldiers were all English American and, since he is African American, he was wondering if some of their (African American) beliefs were include in things that they believe. One thing that he would like to know is that, should it be determined that the statue stays there, does it mean that this Board believes what they believed or not believed. Nothing states anywhere what these individuals believe. It may mean that none of the African American beliefs were considered. His question to this Board is, Does this Board believe what they believe? Commissioner Hoffer, speaking only for himself, assured Mr. Vaughn that leaving the statue there is not what he believes. Mr. Vaughn asked if anyone will ever be able to determine "what they believe". Mr. Hoffer stated that each member of this Board will vote the way he/she feels and Mr. Vaughn will be able to know how each person voted. Chairman Nelson stated that they will do everything that they can to answer his question but it will take time to gather that information. Commissioner Woodard stated that he has a book at home entitled, Black Southerners in Confederate Armies by J.H. Segars & Charles Kelly Barrow, that he might be interested in reading. He said that within that book it shows where a good number of African Americans that fought in the Confederacy. Mr. Vaughn said he would check it out.
- **Quinton Jackson:** Mr. Jackson, representing the Hertford Town Council, came before the Board to discuss the DCI 911 discontinuance. Two years ago, the Town of Hertford asked for a meeting with the Board of Commissioners. The rhetoric that the public is hearing is that the Town of Hertford is unwilling to pay the 911 and the DCI Communication fees. He said that this is totally false. The Town of Hertford simply asked the Commissioners for a meeting which has not taken place yet. The County's discontinuance of the Town of Hertford's DCI 911 Services means that, if a child within the Town of Hertford was kidnapped, it will not go on record. If a car is stolen, the Town of Hertford would not be able to find your car. What bothers him is that no one will have a conversation with the Town of Hertford, but you have the County Manager, the Chairman, that meets with three new members of the Town Council behind closed doors never on record and never include the other two council members. The fact that they were called in before they were sworn in and asked about the 911 fees is unfair. The Hertford Town Council has been trying to do a Resolution for this since 2018. They have asked that every city council meet with the County Board. The problem is that none of the members on the Board of Commissioners lives in the Town of Hertford or Town of Winfall and none of you are double taxed. He agrees with the fact that the towns should pay for these services but he does not agree with the amount and the process on which this is handled. His problem is that no one will talk to them and now their children are in danger by discontinuing the DCI 911 coverage. He feels that this is unfair.
- **Terry Swope:** Mr. Swope came to address the Board about the temperature kiosk. He was curious and would hope that the Commissioners would look into this before they start buying them. Will this fall under HIPPA or will this be law enforcement. From a privacy concern, I heard that it would take temperature and photographs which sounds like HIPPA to him. He asked if that data will be deleted once that person is cleared or will this information be utilized on face recollection software, etc. He does not feel that we should be subject to this sort of thing to enter into county buildings. To make sure everyone is safe is one thing but to keep records of going into the buildings it not cool. He hopes that the Commissioners will look into how that data is going to be deleted once it is determined it is a COVID case or non-COVID case. That is his thought and hopes that the Board will look into this matter.

There being further comments or questions, Chairman Nelson proceeded with the Regular Meeting.

CLOSED SESSION: CONSULT WITH ATTORNEY REGARDING A LEGAL MATTER

Pursuant to NC General Statute 143-318.11(3), the Board will need to go into Closed Session to consult with their attorney regarding a legal matter. On motion made by Charles Woodard, seconded by Joseph W. Hoffer, the Board unanimously voted to go into Closed Session.

The Closed Session was adjourned and the Regular Meeting reconvened on motion made by Alan Lennon, seconded by Charles Woodard, and unanimously approved by the Board.

No action was required from the Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to discuss, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. on motion made by Alan Lennon, seconded by Charles Woodard.

Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman

Deputy Clerk to the Board

WORK SESSION
August 17, 2020
7:00 p.m.

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners Regular Work Session scheduled for Monday, August 17, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. was **cancelled**.
