John Long: Mr. Long came before the Board to express his opinion as to why the monument should remain where it is. As Ms. McPherson stated, the mothers, grandmothers, and sisters of these rebel soldiers were just trying to erect a place where they could remember their family members who left their homes to go fight in the war to protect their homes and state and lost their lives fighting. It has been there a long time and has not hurt anybody. He further stated that, before this topic has been brought up, 85% of the county residents did not even know it was there. He stated that Jimmy "Catfish" Hunter has a monument out there and that offends him because he played for the New York Yankees. He said let's go tear that down because it offends him because he does not like the Yankees. He is just saying that the Confederate Monument should stay because it never hurt anyone until the black movement came down and desired that it be removed from the courthouse lawn. He further explained how the black movement has operated. He thinks that it needs to stay where it is and maybe sometime some of the chaos will wind down. He closed his remarks by saying that Red Skelton said that God put us on this earth to build up and not to tear down.

There being no further comments or questions, Chairman Nelson thanked them for their comments and if there was any further business to discuss.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

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

Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman

Clerk to the Board

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

September 21, 2020 7:00 p.m.

<u>Special Notice for tonight's meeting</u>: The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners' **SPECIAL CALLED MEETING** will be held on Monday, September 21, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Perquimans County Library located at 514 S. Church Street, Hertford, NC 27944. Because this is considered an essential meeting, the public will be able to attend but social distancing will be required. If you have any questions, please contact the County Manager's Office at (252) 426-8484.

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners met in a SPECIAL CALLED MEETING on Monday, September 21, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Perquimans County Library located at 514 S. Church Street, Hertford, NC 27944. The meeting was moved from Commissioners Room located on the first floor of the Perquimans County Courthouse Annex.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman Joseph W. Hoffler

Kyle Jones

Alan Lennon

Charles Woodard

MEMBERS ABSENT: Fondella A. Leigh, Vice Chair

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

Hackney High, County Attorney

Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order. Commissioner Lennon gave the invocation and the Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Nelson explained that this Special Called Meeting was scheduled to hold a Closed Session, per NCGS #143-318-11(3), to consult with the county attorney regarding a legal matter.

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 the county attorney regarding a legal matter. On motion made by Alan Lennon, seconded by Charles Woodard, the Board unanimously voted to go into Closed Session.

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

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to discuss, the Special Called Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 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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	WORK SESSION
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September 21, 2020 7:00 p.m.

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners Regular Work Session scheduled for Monday, September 21, at 7:00 p.m. has been **cancelled**.

REGULAR MEETING October 5, 2020

October 5, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Special Notice for tonight's meeting: The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners' REGULAR MEETING will be held on Monday, October 5, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Perquimans County Library located at 514 S. Church Street, Hertford, NC 27944. Because this is considered an essential meeting, the public will be able to attend but social distancing will be required. In addition, public comments will be made in person or in writing, which need to be provided to the Clerk to the Board prior to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 2020. You

may deliver them to her via fax [(252) 426-4034l] or e-mail at mhunnicutt@perquimanscountync.gov. If you have any questions, please contact the County Manager's Office at (252) 426-8484.

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Monday, October 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Perquimans County Library located at 514 S. Church Street, Hertford, NC 27944. The meeting was moved from 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 T. Kyle Jones
Alan Lennon Charles Woodard

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

Hackney High, County Attorney

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nelson. Commissioner Hoffler gave the invocation and the Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

Chairman Nelson stated that a copy of the Agenda was at their seats tonight. Fondella A. Leigh made a motion to approve the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Charles Woodard and unanimously approved by the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Nelson asked if there were any items that the Board wished to remove from the Consent Agenda to discuss. There being none, the following items were considered to be routine and were unanimously approved on motion made by Joseph W. Hoffler, seconded by Charles Woodard.

 Approval of Minutes: Approval of Minutes: September 8, 2020 Regular Meeting, September 21, 2020 Special Called Meeting, and September 21, 2020 Work Session (cancelled)

2. Tax Release Approvals:

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Brooks, Larry\$172.57	,
Incorrect assessment on personal property. Account No. 427056	
Saje, Charles & Paula	,
Incorrect assessment on personal property. Account No. 255808	
Burdell, Jody & Victor\$112.75	;
Incorrect assessment on personal property. Account No. 260019	
Helping Hands Outreach Ministries\$459.78	;
New Church; should have been exempt. Account No. 357759	
Bennett, James & Mary\$190.87	,
Did not receive senior citizen discount. Account No. 256761	
Geetsch, Matt & Kelli\$172.28	;
Mobile home was removed last year without notifying office. Should not be taxed. Account #358348	
Tax Refund Approvals:	
White, Anfernee	;
Vehicle totaled; 7-month refund. Account No. 52873059	
Sobota, Dennis	;
Sold vehicle: 8-month refund. Account No. 48401186	

3. Personnel Matters:

Employee	Employee	Action	Grade/	New	Effective
Name	Job Title	Required	Step	Salary	Date
Sandi Lorenson	IMC I working toward IMC II	Appointment	61/3	\$29,294	10/01/2020
Linwood Browder	PT/FI Paramedic	Removed from Roster			09/03/2020
LaShawnda Graham-Wells	IMC III Lead Worker	Leave without Pay			09/15/2020
Nicole Elliott	Administrative Officer I	Extended Leave Without Pay*			09/23/2020
Karen Danes	Deputy Director – Board of Elections	Appointment	n/g	\$9.55/hr.	09/22/2020
*Effective 9/23/2020 Ms Elli	ott was approved to work 1 hour per day unt	il re-evaluated by her physician			

4. End of Probationary Period & Added to Retirement System

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Employee	Employee	Hire	Effective
Name	Job Title	Date	Date
Leroya Banks	Certified Deputy/SRO Officer	10/01/2019	10/01/2020
Steven Stallings	Water Plant Operator	10/01/2019	10/01/2020

5. Budget Amendments:

BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 6 GENERAL FUND

		AMOUNT	
CODE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF CODE	INCREASE	DECREASE
10-348-000	State Grants - Social Services	7,282	
10-610-072	APS/CPS CARES ACT	7,282	
EXPLANATION: To amend F	Y 20/21 budget to include APS/CPS CARES ACT F	unding as approved	by DHHS.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 7 GENERAL FUND

		AMOUNT		
CODE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF CODE	INCREASE	DECREASE	
10-348-024	Local Funds - Range Improvement	2,500		
10-510-337	Local Funds - Range Improvement	2,500		
EXPLANATION: To amend FY 20/21 budget to include local funds designated to assist with range improvements.				

6. **Board Reappointments/resignation:** The following reappointments and resignation were unanimously approved by the Board:

				EFFECTIVE
NAME	BOARD	ACTION	TERM	DATE
Heath, Frank	Highway 17/64 Association Board of Trustees	Reappointment	1 yr.	11/01/2020
Heath, Frank	RPO Transportation Advisory Committee - Alternate	Reappointment	2 yrs.	11/30/2020
Winslow, Wade	Board Trustees for Belvidere/Chappell Hill VFD	Reappointment	1 yr.	09/30/2020
Baker, Julian	Board Trustees for Belvidere/Chappell Hill VFD	Reappointment	1 yr.	09/30/2020
Hobbs, Benjamin	Board Trustees for Bethel VFD	Reappointment	1 yr.	09/30/2020

				EFFECTIVE
NAME	BOARD	ACTION	TERM	DATE
Mathews, Chad	Board Trustees for Bethel VFD	Reappointment	1 yr.	09/30/2020
Chappell, Laurence	Board Trustees for Durant's Neck VFD	Reappointment	1 yr.	09/30/2020
Nixon, Mack E.	Board Trustees for Durant's Neck VFD	Reappointment	1 yr.	09/30/2020
Boyce, Jonathan	Board Trustees for Inter-County VFD	Reappointment	1 yr.	09/30/2020
Swayne, Robert D.	Board Trustees for Inter-County VFD	Reappointment	1 yr.	09/30/2020
Blanchard, Teressa	Board of Adjustment	Resignation		09/09/2020

- 7. Miscellaneous Documents: The following miscellaneous documents were unanimously approved by the Board:
 - Approval of State Holiday Schedule: Each year, the Board needs to approve the State Holiday Schedule for Social Services Department. The Board approved the following 2021 State Holiday Schedule.:

HOLIDAY	OBSERVANCE DATE	DAY OF WEEK
New Year's Day	January 1, 2021	Friday
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 18, 2021	Monday
Good Friday	April 2, 2021	Friday
Memorial Day	May 31, 2021	Monday
Independence Day	July 5, 2021	Monday
Labor Day	September 6, 2021	Monday
Veterans Day	November 11, 2021	Thursday
Thanksgiving	November 25 & 26, 2021	Thursday & Friday
Christmas	December 23, 24, & 27, 2021	Thursday, Friday, & Monday

JONATHAN NIXON, EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR

- Mr. Nixon presented the following items for Board information or for Board action:
- Fire Department Insurance District Line Change Resolution: They are moving the fire district lines for Hertford and Belvidere. Commissioner Lennon asked how many residents would this impact. Mr. Nixon said that it would only be a few property owners. On motion made by Alan Lennon, seconded by Charles Woodard, the Board unanimously approved the Resolution moving the fire district lines for Hertford and Belvidere-Chappell Hill Volunteer Fire Departments. (SEE ATTACHMENT A)
- Mutual Aid PSAP Memorandum of Understanding: Mr. Nixon explained that the purpose of this document is to establish a temporary, short-term Mutual Aid Agreement whereby, in the event of a Primary and Backup PSAP failure, Perquimans County's 911 calls will be transferred to the other counties, subject to the terms of this Mutual Aid Agreement. On motion made by Fondella A. Leigh, seconded by Joseph W. Hoffler, the Mutual Aid PSAP Memorandum of Understanding was unanimously approved. (SEE ATTACHMENT B)
- Request for Donation of County Owned Property Dated January 23, 2019: Mr. Nixon requested approval for him to transfer several pieces of diving equipment from the Volunteer Water Rescue Team to the Chowan Sheriff's Office for use with their Emergency Response Dive Team. On motion made by Alan Lennon, seconded by Charles Woodard, the Board unanimously authorized Mr. Nixon to forward this letter of transfer to the Chowan County Sheriff's Department:



PERQUIMANS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES

P.O. Box 563 - 159 Creek Drive - Hertford, NC 27944 (252) 426-5646 Phone - (252) 426-1875 Fax

Jonathan A. Nixon, Director

TO: Detective M. John R. McArthur FROM: Jonathan A. Nixon, Director

October 6, 2020 DATE:

RE: Request for donation of county owned property dated January 23, 2019

On Monday, October 5, 2020 the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners agreed to transfer the following Dive Equipment from the Volunteer Water Rescue Team to the Chowan Sheriff's Office for use with your Emergency Response Dive Team:

- 2- Weight Belts with Weights
- 9- Pair of Fins
- 3- Steel 80 cf tank
- 5- Aluminum 80 cf tank
- 3- Aluminum pony 19 cf tank 3- Main Regulators with padded bag
- 2- Pony Regulator
- 3- Auga Masks with communications
- OTS underwater communication transmitter
- 3- Lifeguard Systems Buoyancy Compensator (BC)
- 3- BC Hanger
- 1- Diver Down Flag
- 4- Immersion Suit
- 1- Immersion Suit Repair Kit
- 6- Pair of Dive Boots
 1- Dive Tank Holding Rack

With this transfer, two assumptions are made:

- 1. The Chowan Snerm's County, upon request, when available. The Chowan Sheriff's Office Emergency Response Dive Team will respond to assist Perquimans
- 2. Should the Chowan Sheriff's Office Emergency Response Dive Team disband, the equipment transferred from Perquimans County will be returned.
- Automatic Aid Agreement for Fire Protection: Mr. Nixon presented the Automatic Aid Agreement for Fire Protection. He further explained that this may help Perquimans County residents reduce the cost of their insurance. This is for information purposes only.
- Grants Update: Mr. Nixon presented an Excel Spreadsheet listing the FY 2019-2020 Active Grants that has been applied for the Emergency Services Department. This is for information only purposes.
- Budget Amendment Nos. 8 10: Emergency Management has received approval of three new grants: (1) Mini-Sheltering Exercise - \$4,550; Hazmat Shipping Exercise - \$10,260; and Hurricane/Tornado Workshop & Tabletop Exercise - \$7,475. On motion made by Alan Lennon, seconded by Charles Woodard, the Board unanimously approved the following Budget

BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 8 GENERAL FUND

		AMOUNT	
CODE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF CODE	INCREASE	DECREASE
10-348-012	State Grants - Emergency Management	4,550	
10-530-340	HSGP Grant	4,550	
EXPLANATION: To amend F	Y 20/21 budget to include additional grant from HSC	P - Mini Sheltering	Exercise.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 9 GENERAL FUND

		AMOUNT			
CODE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF CODE	INCREASE	DECREASE		
10-348-012	State Grants - Emergency Management	10,260			
10-530-340	HSGP Grant	10,260			
EXPLANATION: To amend F	EXPLANATION: To amend FY 20/21 budget to include additional grant from HSGP for Hazmat Shipping Exercise.				

BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 10 GENERAL FUND

		AMOUNT		
CODE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF CODE	INCREASE	DECREASE	
10-348-012	State Grants - Emergency Management	7,475		
10-530-340	HSGP Grant	7,475		
EXPLANATION: To amend FY 20/21 budget to include additional grant from HSGP for Hurricane/Tornado Workshop &				
Tabletop Exercise Project.				

COMMISSIONER'S CONCERNS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following commissioner concerns/committee report was given:

Chairman Nelson: Mr. Nelson read the following letter from North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) regarding their rebate of a portion of the County's 2020-2021 Membership dues:



September 29, 2020

The Honorable Wallace Nelson Perquimans County Chairman of the Board 204 Ainsley Road Hertford, NC 27944

Dear Chair Nelson:

Thank you for your membership and involvement in the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. We need your leadership more than ever during this time, and we recognize the critical role counties play in delivering essential services to residents. We are in touch to update you on an action the NCACC Board of Directors took to rebate a portion of your county's 2020-21 membership dues.

You may recall that at its February 15 meeting, the NCACC Board of Directors voted to adjust the 2020-21 dues rates by the trailing rate of inflation. However, in light of the significant strain on county budgets during this time, the Board voted at its June 24 meeting to reduce 2020-21 membership dues by 12.3 percent, which removes the trailing rate of inflation increase and provides a 10 percent discount. While this is a one-time rebate for 2020-21, we hope it helps the county budget, even if in a small way. Please share this news with your fellow board members. The rebate payment will be delivered to your county manager to be processed.

We sincerely appreciate all you do for our counties. These are challenging times, and we want you to know your Association stands ready to support our counties. Please be in touch if there is anything we can do to help!

Best regards,

Ronnie Smith NCACC President Martin County Commissioner Kevin Leonard NCACC Executive Director

cc: Frank Heath, County Manager

cc: Tracy Mathews, County Finance Officer

There being no further comments or reports, Mr. Nelson proceeded with the rest of the meeting.

UPDATES FROM COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Heath presented the following updates:

- > <u>COVID-19 Update</u>: The County is continuing to take measures to keep our employees and residents safe from the virus. Currently, Perquimans County has 196 confirmed cases; 8 active cases; 185 recovered cases; and 3 deaths.
- > Reopening of Senior Center: With Governor Cooper moving to Phase 3, Mr. Heath feels that we can softly and safely open the Senior Center with restrictions effective October 19, 2020. It will have a week to week schedule and the seniors will have to call the center to set up appointments. This way they can control the number of individuals in the center and allow the staff to clean the equipment and building appropriately. He discussed other restrictions and explained that the surrounding counties are following the same procedures as he had mentioned tonight.
- Marine Basin Bids: Mr. Heath explained that the bids on the marine basin Phase I were opened on September 11, 2020. To complete the project in full would cost \$6.2 million. We are significantly short on funding for this project. They received a total of seven bids for the project. He will continue to seek additional funding for the project.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

County Manager Heath reviewed the following Board appointments and Mary Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board, had provided a Volunteer Application listing for their review in the Agenda Packets:

1. **Board of Adjustments**: We still have two vacancies on the Board of Adjustment: alternate and member. Information was provided in their packets of two individuals who are willing to serve on this Board. On motion made by Fondella A. Leigh, seconded by T. Kyle Jones, the Board unanimously appointed Gary Kollmann as the member and Dean Englehardt as the alternate effective October 1, 2020 for a three-year term.

2. Community Advisory Committee Update: Included in their Agenda Packets for tonight's meeting, Mary Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board, provided an update on this Committee. She said that she had contacted Jasmine Wilson, Aging Program & Contract Specialist, to find out the status of the training of our potential members. She explained that, because the nursing homes and rest homes are not allowing visitors into their facilities, they cannot complete their training. One of the requirements is that they visit the facilities. It may take a while to get them appointed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS / BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 11

County Manager Heath updated the Board on the One NC Grant and Rural Building Reuse Grant for East Coast Steel Fabrication. East Coast Steel Fabrication is a business that has located in the Commerce Center. Mr. Heath further explained that they want to expand their business and will be applying for these two grants. One of the requirements is that the County will have to provide a county match. He recommends approval of this and requests the Board to approve Budget Amendment No. 11 that will provide the funding in the budget for this county match. Fondella A. Leigh made a motion to approve Budget Amendment No. 11. Charles Woodard seconded the motion. The motion to approve the following Budget Amendment No. 11 was approved by a vote of five (5) to one (1) with T. Kyle Jones voting against the motion:

BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 11
GENERAL FUNDS / ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

	DESCRIPTION OF CODE	AMOUNT	
CODE NUMBER		INCREASE	DECREASE
10-399-000	Fund Balance Appropriated	29,500	
10-690-720	Transfer to Industrial Development	29,500	
10-690-720	Transfer to Industrial Development		29,500
10-120-000	Treasurer	29,500	
40-120-000	Treasurer		29,500
40-397-000	Transfer from General Fund	29,500	
40-397-000	Transfer from General Fund		29,500
40-660-720	Matching Grants	29,500	

FARM LAND LEASE BID AWARD

County Manager Heath explained that, after proper advertisement, the bids for the lease of County owned farm land located within the Perquimans County Commerce Center, generally known as the Granby Farm, consisting of approximately 128+/- acres as shown on Track No. 1, Slide 49, Map 3 in Plat Cabinet 2 in the Register of Deeds Office were opened on October 1, 2020. He reported that the highest bid that he received was from Macon Turf Farm owned by Leary Winslow with the following conditions: (1) pay \$125 per acre for the lease of the farm; (2) make it a seven (7) year lease instead of a four (4) year lease because of the condition of the farm which requires extensive time and money to get it back into proper agricultural shape; and (5) requested that they be allowed to erect an 850-foot irrigation pivot on the center of the farm. This will be used to irrigate the crop and can easily be removed at the termination of the lease. Mr. Heath recommends the awarding of this contract to Leary Winslow's company, Macon Turf Farm. On motion made by Alan Lennon, seconded by Charles Woodard, the Board unanimously approved the awarding of the contract to Leary Winslow, Macon Turf Farm, including his conditions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following public comment was made:

> Quintin Jackson: Mr. Jackson appeared before the Board to request that they reconsider assisting with the grant to assist the Town of Hertford residents with their utility bills.

There being further comments or questions, Chairman Nelson proceeded with going into the Closed Session.

<u>CLOSED SESSION: CONSULT WITH ATTORNEY REGARDING A LEGAL MATTER AND CLOSED SESSION MINUTES</u>

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 and closed session minute approval. On motion made by Fondella A. Leigh, seconded by Charles Woodard, 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. However, there was a question from Commissioner Hoffler regarding Mr. Jackson's request. County Manager Heath explained that Hertford Town Manager Hurdle contacted him to request assistance in filing an application for the CDBG Grant to assist Hertford residents with their utility bills. Mr. Heath explained to Ms. Hurdle that the only utility that the County has was the water department and 99.5% of their bills are up to date. He further explained that the Town of Hertford and the Town of Winfall could apply together and that their citizens are Perquimans County citizens but their utilities are not controlled by the County. The grant suggested that the municipalities partner with a local non-profit organization. He provided her with a contact person at United Way that could possibly assist her with that. Mr. Heath told Ms. Hurdle that he would assist her in any way with the application process but we could not partner with her for the grant. There were no other questions about this matter.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

There being no further comments or business to discuss, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m. on motion made by Charles Woodard, seconded by Alan Lennon.

	Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman
Clerk to the Board	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

ATTACHMENT A

RESOLUTION

For Approval of Insurance District Boundaries

NORTH CAROLINA
PERQUIMANS COUNTY

Upon motion and second the Board of Commissioners of the County of Perquimans resolved to approve the updated 6 mile boundary lines of The Belvidere-Chappell Hill Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. and the Hertford Fire Department Insurance District in accordance with the maps and description filed this date with the Board of County Commissioners and recorded in the minutes of the meeting. The Belvidere-Chappell Hill Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. and the Hertford Fire Department Insurance District being described as follows:

See Attachment A - Copy of GIS map

NORTH CAROLINA
PERQUIMANS COUNTY

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of excerpt from the Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners of Perquimans County, adopted this the 5th day of October 2020.

Clerk to the Board

RESOLUTION ATTACHMENT A – October 5, 2020



ATTACHMENT B

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF PERQUIMANS PSAP MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

1. PURPOSE OF MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

Perquimans County recognizes there may be times when their Primary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), as well as their Backup PSAP, located in Chowan County, becomes incapacitated. The purpose of this document is to establish a temporary, short-term Mutual Aid Agreement whereby, in the event of a Primary and Backup PSAP failure, Perquimans County's 911 calls will be transferred to the following county(ies), subject to the terms of this Mutual Aid Agreement:

- 1. Chowan County (see existing Memorandum of Understanding),
- 2. Wilson County,
- 3. Lincoln County,
- 4. Rutherford County.

The preferred methods of communication between Perquimans and the Assisting PSAP will be:

- 1. Statewide VIPER 800 channel
- 2. Telephone
- 3. DCIN Message.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PERQUIMANS COUNTY PSAP

- 2.1 Perquimans County understands that each party's foremost responsibility is to its own citizens.
- 2.2 Perquimans County will be responsible for obtaining radio resources for the duration of the event.
- 2.3 Should Perquimans County's Primary PSAP remain incapacitated for longer than 24 hours, the respective PSAP Managers will discuss compensation for any upstaffing needed to assist with the additional workload.
- 2.4 Perquimans will request any necessary documentation to include recordings from the Assisting PSAP Manager during a Perquimans failure.
- 2.5 Perquimans agrees to give the Assisting PSAP Manager as much advance notice as practicable under the then existing circumstances of its need for 911 Calls to be answered and information relayed.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF ASSISTING COUNTY PSAP

- 3.1 The Assisting PSAP agrees to maintain its 911 Center facility operationally functional and up to date as possible.
- 3.2 The Assisting PSAP agrees to capture all telephone traffic associated with Perquimans during a Perquimans failure and share any requested recordings as time allows.
- 3.3 The Assisting PSAP agrees to process all Perquimans' telephone calls during a catastrophic failure until which time Perquimans can resume operations.

All parties also covenant and agree to the following:

- 1. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of North Carolina, without reference to any conflict or choice of laws provision which would operate to make the internal laws of any other jurisdiction applicable.
- 2. Modification. This Agreement shall only be modified, amended or supplemented, by a written instrument signed by both parties to this Agreement.
- 3. Term and Termination. This Agreement is in effect perpetually, unless replaced by future edition. Any party may cancel its participation by providing written notice addressed to the respective County Manager and PSAP Manager, delivered by registered or certified mail.
- 4. Non-Discrimination. Neither party hereto shall discriminate on the basis of race, religion, creed, color, gender or national origin.
- 5. Other Agreements.
 - a) Nothing herein shall prevent either party to this Agreement from entering into other agreements with other counties or local governmental entities in relation to the same subject matter herein.
 - b) This Agreement is not intended to impact or change the provision of any existing Backup Center plan.
 - c) This Agreement shall not be construed to impose an unconditional obligation on any party to the Agreement.
 - d) This Agreement is in effect perpetually, unless replaced by future edition.
 - e) Each PSAP will be responsible for its own expenses incurred while traveling, and reimbursement of expendable resources may be required.

The County of Perquimans hereby adopts the PSAP Mutual	Aid Agreement as of October 5, 2020.
Attest:	
Chairperson, Perquimans Board of Commissioners	Clerk to the Board of Commissioners
The County of Wilson hereby adopts the PSAP Mutual Aid	Agreement as of
Attest:	
Chairperson, Wilson Board of Commissioners	Clerk to the Board of Commissioners
The County of Lincoln hereby adopts the PSAP Mutual Aid	Agreement as of
Attest:	
Chairperson, Lincoln Board of Commissioners	Clerk to the Board of Commissioners
The County of Rutherford hereby adopts the PSAP Mutual A	Aid Agreement as of
Attest:	
Chairperson, Rutherford Board of Commissioners	Clerk to the Board of Commissioners