

County Manager Heath asked the Board if they had any questions or comments. Chairman Nelson asked whether or not we should add the following to Section VI. Rule 14(a): 2/3 thirds vote of members present in order to pass. County Attorney High said that we could add that to clarify it more. County Manager Heath explained that we have to have two-thirds of the members present in order to have a quorum. It was the consensus to add this to Section VI. Rule 14(a). There being no further questions or comments on this matter, Vice Chair Leigh asked if there was any other items of discussion. County Manager Heath said that had a couple of matters he wanted to bring up to the Board.

COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES

County Manager Heath presented the following updates to the Board:

- **Perquimans County High School Baseball Team:** Mr. Heath explained that the Perquimans County Baseball Team are the 1A N.C. High School Athletic Association's state champions again this year. This makes them back to back champions. Chairman Nelson and Mr. Heath have been approached again by members in the community wondering if the County could make a donation like they did last year to assist with the purchasing of their championship rings. He just wanted to present this to the Board so that they could take action on it in September. Mr. Heath explained that last year the school raised some funds and the County gave them \$5,000. They have received a quote for the costs this year to be \$7,500. It was the consensus of the Board to proceed with taking action at the September meeting.
- **Joint Work Session with Planning Board:** Mr. Heath explained that at the September 19, 2022 Work Session, we will hold a Joint Meeting with the Planning Board to talk about the work that they have been doing on several text amendments.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Leigh asked if there were any other items to discuss. The following items were discussed:

- **Commissioner Hoffer** asked why a deputy is present tonight. He said that he has noticed that they have been present at the last couple of meetings. County Manager Heath explained that he and Sheriff White decided to have them present. We had them present in the past but, during COVID, we stopped it. County Attorney High stated that every public meeting that he has attended has had law enforcement present.
- **Commissioner Hoffer** said that in a recent Perquimans Weekly article, Vice Chair Fondella A. Leigh was named to the NC African-American Heritage Commission. Mr. Hoffer wanted to congratulate her and make this a part of our Board's records. The Board congratulated her for this appointment.
- **Commissioner Woodard** said that at the NCACC Annual Conference last week, Chairman Nelson was elected 2nd Vice President of the NCACC Board. After serving three years as 2nd Vice President, he will become the President of NCACC Board. It is Mr. Woodard's understanding that Perquimans County has never had a president on the NCACC Board of Trustees. Mr. Heath agreed. The Board congratulated Mr. Nelson. Chairman Nelson made a few comments.

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

Fondella A. Leigh, Vice Chair

Clerk to the Board

REGULAR MEETING
September 6, 2022
7:00 p.m.

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Perquimans County Library located at 514 S. Church Street, Hertford, NC 27944.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman	Fondella A. Leigh, Vice Chair
	Thelma Finch-Copeland	Joseph W. Hoffer
	Charles Woodard	
MEMBERS ABSENT:	T. Kyle Jones	
OTHERS PRESENT:	Frank Heath, County Manager	Mary Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board
	Hackney High, County Attorney	

Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order. Commissioner Hoffer gave the invocation and Chairman Nelson 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 as presented. 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 Charles Woodard, seconded by Joseph W. Hoffer.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** August 1, 2022 Regular Meeting and August 15, 2022 Work Session were approved.
2. **Tax Refund Approvals:**

Huber, Laura Jeanette-----	\$276.99
Vehicle sold; 10-month refund. Account No. 60920107.	
Smith, Clarice-----	\$106.39
Vehicle sold; 8-month refund. Account No. 60680487.	

Bunch, Wendy Leanna-----\$128.39

Vehicle sold; 7-month refund. Account No. 52354648.

Yerger, Robert Arlan-----\$144.16

Vehicle sold; 9-month refund. Account No. 37416194.

3. Personnel Matters:

Employee Name	Employee Job Title	Action Required	Grade/ Step	New Salary	Effective Date
Kerry Lahr	Part-Time/Fill-In EMT	Appointment	63/1	\$16.16/hr.	09/01/2022
Sophia Wright	Part-Time/Fill-In EMT	Appointment	63/1	\$16.16/hr.	09/01/2022
Tabitha Martin	Part-Time/Fill-In EMT	Appointment	63/1	\$16.16/hr.	09/01/2022
Emily Sawyer	Part-Time/Fill-In EMT	Appointment	63/1	\$16.16/hr.	09/01/2022
Robert Martin Watkins	Full-Time Paramedic	Appointment	68/2	\$20/64/hr.	09/01/2022
Kaitlyn Brower	IMC I Working Against IMC II	Appointment	61/3	\$32,321	09/01/2022
Cayla Butler	IMC I Working Against IMC II	Appointment	61/3	\$32,321	09/01/2022
Jared Turner	Full-Time AEMT	Promotion	66/3	\$19.37/hr.	09/01/2022

4. Step Increases:

Employee Name	Employee Job Title	Grade/ Step	New Salary	Effective Date
Casey Winn	Human Resources Technician – Administrative Assistant.	61/2	\$31,552	09/01/22
William Ward	Certified Telecommunicator	62/2	\$32,970	09/01/22
Kathleen Conner	Social Worker III – Adult Services	69/4	\$47,115	09/01/22
Samantha Farrar	IMC II	63/3	\$35,294	09/01/22
Nicole Anderson	Paramedic	68/3	\$43,985	09/01/22
Rebecca Cullipher	Paramedic	68/2	\$42,938	09/01/22
C J Wilson	Paramedic	68/6	\$47,339	09/01/22
Brett Damron	EMT	63/3	\$16.97/hr.	09/01/22
Kristen Myers	Deputy Register of Deeds	58/5	\$29,741	09/01/22

5. Budget Amendments:

**BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 13
GENERAL FUNDS**

CODE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF CODE	AMOUNT	
		INCREASE	DECREASE
10-348-000	DSS - State Grants	2,904	
10-610-192	DSS - Crisis Intervention	2,904	
EXPLANATION: To amend FY 22/23 budget to include the additional funds as awarded by the State for DSS/Crisis Intervention.			

6. Board Reappointment: The following board reappointment was approved by the Board:

Name	Board/Committee	Action Taken	Term	Effective Date
Thompson, Bethany	Animal Control Board (SPCA Representative)	Reappointment	1 yr.	10/01/2022

7. Enclosures: The following miscellaneous document was approved by the Board:

- a. **MOU for Fire House Subs Public Safety Grant & Budget Amendment No. 14:** The following MOU for Firehouse Subs Public Safety Grant & Budget Amendment No. 14 were presented and approved by the Board:



Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, Inc.

12735 Gran Bay Pkwy., Suite 150, Jacksonville, Florida 32258

**MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING- FUNDING AGREEMENT
August 9, 2022**

Failure to adhere to the requirements of this Funding Agreement will jeopardize your grant award. All purchases must match the quantities and equipment approved in the original grant request and approved quote.

Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Responsibilities

- Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation will award funding to **Perquimans County, on behalf of Perquimans County Emergency Services, Hertford, NC** for \$24,103.60 to be used toward the direct purchase of **Twelve Stryker LifePak CR2 AEDs & Accessories; One LifePak 1000 with Graphical Display & Accessories.**

Perquimans County, on behalf of Perquimans County Emergency Services Responsibilities

1. An ACH transfer will be remitted to the organization name as stated in this memo of understanding and **must** match the EIN number submitted on the grant request and bank account information listed on the ACH Authorization. If there is a change in either information, you must submit a W-9.
 1. **Purchase** the equipment on Approved Quote #10426438 from Stryker
 - o **NOTE: DO NOT PREPAY** for the equipment order at the time of purchase
 2. **Confirm Receipt of ACH Transfer** by emailing procurementfoundation@firehousesubs.com
 3. **Verify Purchase and Delivery** by providing Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation with the following:
 - o All signed and dated packing slips
 - o Copies of paid invoices, verifying your organization’s name as the customer and matching the vendor quote(s)
 - o A copy of the cleared check(s), verifying the payee and payment amount matches the vendor quote(s)
4. In the event that the purchased equipment costs less than the dollar amount awarded, all excess funds must be returned to Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation.
 - o Email procurementfoundation@firehousesubs.com with notification of excess funds within 30 days of purchase
 - o Return Excess Funds within 30 days of receipt of excess funds invoice to Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, Attention: Gina Brown, 12735 Gran Bay Parkway, Suite 150, Jacksonville, 32258
5. If purchases exceed funding, **Perquimans County, on behalf of Perquimans County Emergency Services** is responsible for the additional amount.

VERY IMPORTANT: Deadline for submitted documentation is December 31, 2022.

Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Date

Perquimans County, on behalf of Perquimans County Emergency Services Representative (Signature) Date

Perquimans County, on behalf of Perquimans County Emergency Services Representative Name (Print) Date

**BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 14
GENERAL FUNDS**

CODE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF CODE	AMOUNT	
		INCREASE	DECREASE
10-348-005	Fire House Sub Grant/EMS	24,103	
10-592-746	Fire House Sub Grant/EMS	24,103	
EXPLANATION: To amend FY 22/23 budget to include the additional funds as awarded by the Fire House Sub Grant to purchase 13 AEDs.			

- b. **Fall Litter Sweep 2022 Resolution:** The following Fall Litter Sweep 2022 Resolution was approved proclaiming September 10 – 24, 2022 as Fall Litter Sweep in Perquimans County:

**RESOLUTION
LITTER SWEEP FALL 2022
IN PERQUIMANS COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation organizes an annual Fall statewide roadside cleanup to ensure clean and beautiful roads in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Fall 2022 “*Litter Sweep*” roadside cleanup will take place September 10 - 24, 2022, and encourages local governments and communities, civic and professional groups, businesses, churches, schools, families and individual citizens to participate in the Department of Transportation cleanup by sponsoring and organizing local roadside cleanups; and

WHEREAS, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers, Department of Transportation employees, Department of Correction inmates and community service workers, local government agencies, community leaders, civic and community organizations, businesses, churches, schools, and environmentally concerned citizens conduct annual local cleanups during “*Litter Sweep*” and may receive certificates of appreciation for their participation; and

WHEREAS, the great natural beauty of our State and a clean environment are sources of great pride for all North Carolinians, attracting tourists and aiding in recruiting new industries; and

WHEREAS, the cleanup will increase awareness of the need for cleaner roadsides, emphasize the importance of not littering, and encourage recycling of solid wastes; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 LITTER SWEEP cleanup will celebrate the 34th Anniversary of the North Carolina Adopt-A-Highway program and its approximate 120,000 participants that donate their labor and time year round to keep our roadsides clean.

WHEREAS, the LITTER SWEEP cleanup will be a part of educating the children of this Great State regarding the importance of a clean environment to the quality of life in North Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim September 10 - 24, 2022, as “**FALL LITTER SWEEP**” time in Perquimans County and encourage its citizens to take an active role in making our community cleaner and more beautiful.

ADOPTED the 6th day of September, 2022.

(SEAL)

Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman
Perquimans County Board of Commissioners

ATTESTED:

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

PRESENTATIONS & INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

A. Introduction of New Employees: The following new employees were introduced to the Board:

1. **Susan Chaney:** Susan Chaney, Social Services Director, introduced Tiffany Maupin, IMC I Working toward IMC II (Family & Children’s Medicaid) and Corinne Brinkley, IMC I Working toward IMC II (FNC Unit). Both were appointed effective August 1, 2022. Each one made a few comments and thanked them for the opportunity to work for Perquimans County. Chairman Nelson asked if they had any comments. There being none, Mr. Nelson welcomed to Perquimans County.
2. **Shelby White:** Shelby White, Sheriff, introduced William Wright, Non-Certified Deputy, appointed August 1, 2022. Mr. Wright made a few comments thanking them for the opportunity to work for his home town of Perquimans County.
3. **Jared Harrell:** Jared Harrell, Extension Director, introduced Asheton Smith, 4-H Agent, who began work on July 1, 2022. Ms. Smith made a few comments and thanked them for the opportunity to work for Perquimans County.

Chairman Nelson and the Board welcomed them to Perquimans County.

BILL JENNINGS, TAX ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Jennings introduced Ms. Renee McGinnis who will be the acting Project Manager for Piner Appraisal during the 2024 County revaluation. Ms. McGinnis thanked the Board for allowing them to handle their 2024 County revaluation. She looks forward to working with them and is available for them if they have any questions or concerns and explained the process and timeframe for the revaluation.

COMMISSIONER’S CONCERNS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

There being no commissioner’s concerns or committee reports, Chairman Nelson moved forward with the meeting.

UPDATES FROM COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Heath presented the following update:

- **Indian Summer Festival:** Mr. Heath informed the Board of the Indian Summer Festival which will be held this weekend, September 9-10, 2022 in the Town of Hertford. He gave some background on the vendors and activities that will be held this weekend and explained that he would be in the dunking booth at 11:40 a.m. on Saturday.
- **Perquimans County Festival of Lights:** Mr. Heath and Sheriff White have been working an event during Christmastime entitled, Perquimans Festival of Lights. This will upgrade the current Grand Illumination Program that will last throughout the month of December. There will be a coordinated light show with music and the Grinch (played by Frank Heath) may even make an appearance. This will be a fund raiser to help with purchasing additional lights, etc. It has the potential to be a big tourism program.
- **GREAT Grant:** Mr. Heath stated that Perquimans County did receive the Great Grant during the second round of awards in the amount of \$4 million that will be used to bring Broadband services to the County. This first phase will cover the Durant’s Neck, Woodville, & Chapanoke areas. The County will apply for a second phase of the Great Grant. The amount will be \$4 million. This second phase will cover West Hertford and Belvidere area.
- **Joint Work Session with Planning Board:** Mr. Heath informed the Board that the scheduled joint work session with the Planning Board has been rescheduled to October 17, 2022 due to scheduling conflicts.
- **Town of Hertford:** Mr. Heath said that he has been working with the Town of Hertford on a couple of matters:

- **Purchasing Water from the County:** He explained that the Town of Hertford will need to purchase water from the County for a few days sometime this month to replace the media that they use to operate their Water System. The County is working on determining the location of the connectors to our system. It should not impact our Water System in excess. They will purchase the water from the County at the bulk water rate.
- **CODE Red System:** Mr. Heath has worked out a plan to add the Town of Hertford onto our emergency notification system, CODE Red. We will be able to move to an unlimited plan where we can make emergency announcements that will not be on a minute time limit. Also, the Town of Hertford can make announcements specific to their area. The Town of Hertford will be paying 20% of the costs which should make up for the unlimited plan costs.

MARINE PARK MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

At their August 15, 2022 Work Session, County Manager Heath presented the Marine Park Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Perquimans County and the North Carolina Marine Industrial Park Authority (NCMIPA). The Board has had an opportunity to review the MOU and asked if they had any questions or concerns. There being no questions or concerns, Mr. Heath recommended that the Board approve the MOU pending the review and approval of the attorneys for each entity. On motion made by Fondella A. Leigh, seconded by Thelma Finch-Copeland, the Board unanimously approved the MOU between Perquimans County and the North Carolina Marine Industrial Park Authority to assist with marketing our Marine Park pending review and pending approval of the attorney for each entity.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RULES OF PROCEDURE

Chairman Nelson said that the next item of business was the revisions to the Board of Commissioners Rules of Procedure. The Board had been talking about these changes some time ago to fine tune them. At their August 15, 2022 Work Session, County Manager Heath presented the proposed changes to the Board Rules of Procedure. He reviewed the changes below and recommended the approval of the revised Board Rules of Procedure:

1. Add the following sentence to the end of Section I Rule 1: *In case of any conflict or inconsistency between these rules and the statutes of the State of North Carolina, no decision made by the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners based on these rules shall be invalidated. In addition, if any of the provisions of these rules are deemed unenforceable then the remaining provisions herein shall remain in full force and effect.*
2. Replace Section VI. Rule 12 Item (b) with the following: *To determine whether a speaker or Board member has become disruptive or has gone beyond the reasonable standards of courtesy in his or her remarks and/or behavior.*
3. Add the following to Section VI. Rule 12 Item(s) (e) & (f):
 - (e) *In the case of any member of the public who becomes so disruptive that the ability to conduct a meeting is impaired or whose behavior has gone beyond the reasonable standards of courtesy in his or her remarks and/or behavior, the Chair shall have the authority to ask the member of the public to vacate the premises. In the event the offending member of the general public refuses to vacate the premises, the Chair shall have the authority to request law enforcement to assist in removing the offending member of the public from the premises.*
 - (f) *In the case of any Board member who becomes so disruptive that the ability to conduct a meeting is impaired or whose behavior has gone beyond the reasonable standards of courtesy in his or her remarks and/or behavior, the Chair shall first remind the offending Board member of the rules of debate; explain to the offending Board member which aspects of his remarks and/or behavior are deemed so disruptive that the ability to conduct the meeting is impaired and/or have gone beyond the reasonable standards of courtesy and request the offending Board member to cease and desist in engaging in such remarks and/or behavior. In the event the offending Board member does not cease and desist in engaging in such remarks and/or behavior which have been deemed by the Chair to be so disruptive that the ability to conduct the meeting is impaired or which have gone beyond the reasonable standards of courtesy, the Chair shall have the authority to request a motion and second on the question of whether the offending Board member shall be asked to vacate the premises. In the event the Board votes in the affirmative to have the offending Board member vacate the premises, the Chair shall first ask the offending Board member to vacate the premises and if the offending Board member refuses to do so, the Chair shall have the authority to request law enforcement to assist in removing the offending Board member from the premises.*
4. Add the following to Section VI. Rule 14(a):

Rule 14(a). To Limit or Close Debate

A motion to limit or close debate may be made to limit debate to a specified time frame after a reasonable amount of time has already been spent on a specific topic. Provided, however, such a motion shall require a 2/3 thirds vote of members present in order to pass.
5. Add the following to Section VI. Rule 35:

Rule 35. Code of Ethics

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners follows the NACO Code of Ethics which is on file with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners. The NACO Code of Ethics is made a part hereof the same as if it were set forth verbatim.

Added at 8/15/2022
Work Session.

Chairman Nelson asked if there were any other changes that the Board wanted since they have had time to review them. There being no further comments or questions about this matter, Charles Woodard made a motion to approve the Board Rules of Procedure as presented. The motion was seconded by Joseph W. Hoffler and unanimously approved by the Board.

REQUESTS FROM BEVERLY GREGORY, SENIOR CITIZENS COORDINATOR

Chairman Nelson explained that at the Board's August 1, 2022 meeting, Beverly Gregory, Senior Citizens Coordinator, requested that the Board discuss the following matters: (1) changing the age limit from 55+ to 50+; and (2) changing the name from Senior Citizens to another name to reflect the change in the age requirements. During the August 15, 2022 Work Session, the Board discussed these matters and, since then, Ms. Gregory polled the participants at the Senior Center to narrow the list down to two names. The results of that poll is as follows: Perquimans County 50+ Activity Center or Perquimans Center for Active Living. County Manager Heath asked the Board if they had any more suggestions to consider. Chairman Nelson added that Ms. Gregory had discussed this with the changing of the age requirement and changing their name and they were all in agreement. Mr. Nelson asked if there were any comments or questions. There were several questions and concerns that the Board discussed. With regard to changing the age limit requirements from 55+ to 50+, Chairman Nelson asked if the Board had any objections. There being none, Fondella A. Leigh, made a motion to approve the changing of the age limit from 55+ to 50+. The motion was seconded by Joseph W. Hoffler and Board unanimously approved by the Board. With regard to changing their name from Senior Citizens, the Board discussed the following matters:

- **Commissioner Hoffler:** Mr. Hoffler feels that the age limit should be included in the title to keep other individuals younger than 50+ from participating in the activities at the Center.

- **Commissioner Leigh:** Ms. Leigh asked if the second suggestion was Perquimans Center for Active Living or Perquimans Center for 50+ Active Living. Mr. Heath said that Ms. Gregory just penciled in 50+ and that it should be Perquimans Center for Active Living.
- **Commissioner Finch-Copeland:** Ms. Finch-Copeland asked that, in order for you to participate in activities at the Center, are the individuals required to complete an application. Mr. Heath said that it was not as such. Ms. Finch-Copeland asked if any individual could come in and participate without knowing their age. Mr. Heath explained that, when you enter the center, you will be met by Ms. Burke will greet you and she or Ms. Gregory will strike up a conversation with the individual to determine their age. They do require you to sign in when you enter the building. Commissioner Hoffler stated that there is an application that they have to complete. Clerk to the Board Hunnicutt confirmed that there is an application required. Ms. Finch-Copeland stated that would eliminate individuals under 50 from participating in the events at the Center.
- **Commissioner Woodard:** Mr. Woodard said that the County would advertise that this facility was for 50+ individuals only. Mr. Heath said yes that would be the case.
- **Chairman Nelson:** Mr. Nelson asked Mr. Hoffler if he had heard anything about problems with individuals coming into the Center under 50+. Mr. Hoffler said that he had heard anything but was looking at the possibility of someone trying.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Nelson asked for a motion to approve the name change. On motion made by Thelma Finch-Copeland, seconded by Charles Woodard, the Board approved changing the name from Senior Citizens to Perquimans Center for Active Living. The vote was four (4) to one (1) with Joseph W. Hoffler voting against the motion. Mr. Heath said that he would handle notifying the public of the changes.

BOARD VACANCY: NORTHERN REGIONAL ADVISORY BOARD

Chairman Nelson explained that Perquimans County is responsible for appointing two members to the Trillium Northern Regional Advisory Board – one Commissioner and one non-commissioner. Currently, we have a vacancy with the non-commissioner appointee. He asked if any of the Board members knew of someone that may qualify to serve on this Board. Commissioner Leigh asked when and how often they meet. Mary Hunnicutt asked the Chairman is he would like for her to forward information about the Board and the requirements for the appointee to the Commissioners. He said that would be a good idea. She also explained that the last time we had a vacancy we advertised it on the County’s website, the County’s Facebook page, and in the newspaper. Did they want her to do the same thing this time? Chairman Nelson said that it probably would be a good idea. He further stated that, should they find someone interested in serving on this Board, have them contact Mary Hunnicutt to obtain the application to complete. No action was taken at this time.

REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTION FOR PERQUIMANS COUNTY HS BASEBALL TEAM'S CHAMPIONSHIP RINGS

Chairman Nelson said that they discussed County’s contribution toward the purchase of these rings as we did last year. He said that he thought that we contributed about \$5,000 last year. On motion made by Joseph W. Hoffler, seconded by Charles Woodard, the Board unanimously approved to contribute up to \$5,000 toward the purchase of these championship rings.

COUNTY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH N.C. FOREST SERVICE

County Manager Heath presented the County Cooperative Agreement with N.C. Forest Services for FY 2022-2023. The Board unanimously approved the County Cooperative Agreement with Division of Forest Services for FY 2022-2023 and authorized the County Staff to sign the Agreement. The costs will be \$183,201 being divided between the State at \$119,081 (65%) and the County at \$64,120 (35%).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following public comment was made:

- **Pete Perry:** Mr. Perry made a few comments regarding the Board Rules & Procedures. Several months ago, the Chairman asked the Board to review the Rules & Procedures that we currently have so that we can make it more open and allow the citizens to participate better. Recently they had a Work Session on the matter and tonight they voted to suppress speech. Any way you look at it, you are going to suppress speech. At the Work Session, you are not allowed to say anything. Before anything happens, you are not allowed to say anything. He was standing there on the battleship again. He would like to see the rules changed a little bit anyway you see fit. The citizens need to be able to talk about an item on the agenda before the Board votes not after the Board votes. Chairman Nelson thanked Mr. Perry for his comments.

CLOSED SESSION: TO CONSULT WITH OUR ATTORNEY REGARDING REAL PROPERTY AND CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Chairman Nelson stated that, pursuant to NC General Statute 143-318.11(5), the Board went into Closed Session to consult with our attorney regarding real property and approval of closed session minutes. 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 Called Meeting reconvened on motion made by Charles Woodard, seconded by Fondella A. Leigh, 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 7:50 p.m. on motion made by Charles Woodard, seconded by Fondella A. Leigh.

Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman

Clerk to the Board
