

the High School loan. Mr. Heath said that the annual payment is around \$836,000 and that it should be paid off by 2027.

CLOSING REMARKS

Chair Lassiter thanked the Board of Commissioners for their support and explained that they are trying to use the funds wisely. Anne White said that a lot of their funding came from grants and that she was very thankful for all those who worked so hard to obtain those grants. County Manager Heath and Chairman Nelson thanked the Board of Education for their work and their efforts to keep expenses as low as possible. Dr. Turner said that she thanked the Board of Commissioners, County Manager Heath, and the County Staff for their open communications with the School System. There being no further questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman

Clerk to the Board

BOARD RETREAT

April 15, 2024
9:00 a.m.

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners met for a Board Retreat on Monday, April 15, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room at the Emergency Services Building located at 159 Creek Drive, Hertford, NC 27944.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman Charles Woodard, Vice Chairman *(arrived at 12:40 p.m.)*
Timothy J. Corprew Joseph W. Hoffler
T. Kyle Jones James W. Ward

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT

Frank Heath, County Manager Mary Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board
Denise Stinagle NCACC Outreach Associate

County Manager Heath opened the Retreat and asked each person to give their name, title, and give one thing that they did not know about yourself. Then Mr. Heath proceeded with the items for discussion.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2023 NCACC MAP BOOK FOR PERQUIMANS COUNTY

Denise Stinagle from NCACC distributed a flyer with the highlights from the 2023 NCACC Map Book for Perquimans County and reviewed some of the statistics.

ITEMS DISCUSSED DURING THE BOARD RETREAT

County Manager Heath said that we would address each of the following issues during the retreat:

- Allocation from the General Assembly
- Hertford Grammar School and Perquimans Middle School
- Opioid Funding
- Marine Park Going Forward
- Manager Succession Planning
- Commissioner Priorities

COMMISSIONER PRIORITIES

At the end of the Retreat, County Manager Heath asked each Commissioner what their individual priorities were for Perquimans County. The following comments were made:

Charles Woodard: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Get tenants for Marine Park• Use grant money for schools• Infrastructure for Water Department• Preservation of farmland	Tim Corprew: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Schools• Law enforcement• Marine Basin
Kyle Jones: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Employee recruitment• Employee longevity	James Ward: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ABC Board• Schools• Ownership of road behind Ward Shopping Mall• Salaries
Joe Hoffler: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keeping the single vote system• Making Juneteenth a County Holiday• Name track field for Shirley Wiggins	Wallace Nelson: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recreation Center – Phase 2• Help Hertford with Hertford Waterfront Project• Waterline Crossing

FINAL COMMENTS & ADJOURNMENT

County Manager Heath thanked Ms. Stinagle for coming to our Retreat and asked her if she had any final comments. She congratulated the Board on their insight and the things that they are looking to do. She feels that the County is in good financial condition. She reminded the Board about the upcoming NCACC Advocacy Days which are being held in June, 2024 and encourages the Commissioners to attend if possible. Chairman Nelson and County Manager Heath thanked the Board for attending. They

asked if there were any further comments or questions. There being none, the Retreat was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman

Clerk to the Board
