

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Nelson asked if there were any further comments or business to discuss. There being none, the Regular Meeting was adjourned around 8:30 p.m. on motion made by Timothy J. Corprew, seconded by Charles Woodard and unanimously approved by the Board.

Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman

Clerk to the Board

WORK SESSION

January 21, 2025

7:00 p.m.

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners Work Session on January 21, 2025 was cancelled.

REGULAR MEETING

February 3, 2025

6:50 p.m.

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Monday, February 3, 2025, at 6:50 p.m. in the Perquimans County Library located at 514 S. Church Street, Hertford, NC 27944.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman Timothy J. Corprew
 Joseph W. Hoffler Kathryn M. Treiber
 James W. Ward

MEMBERS ABSENT: Charles Woodard, Vice Chairman

OTHERS PRESENT: Hackney High, County Attorney Frank Heath, County Manager
 Mary P. Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board

Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order. Commissioner Treiber gave the invocation, and the Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Nelson welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that the first item of business was to hold a Public Hearing to consider Rezoning Request No. REZ-24-02, requested by Michael Avery on behalf of Perquimans 3, LLC to rezone 6.68 acres of tax parcel 4-0044-0041 from Rural Ag District RA to Residential AG District RA-32. Subject property is located on the west side of Woodville Road in the 900 block and extends 345 feet to the west.

PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING REQUEST NO. REZ-24-02, REQUESTED BY MICHAEL AVERY

Chairman Nelson opened the Public Hearing stating that the purpose of the public hearing was to consider and to receive public comments on the proposed Rezoning Request No. REZ-24-02, requested by Michael Avery on behalf of Perquimans 3, LLC to rezone 6.68 acres of tax parcel 4-0044-0041 from Rural Ag District RA to Residential AG District RA-32. Subject property is located on the west side of Woodville Road in the 900 block and extends 345 feet to the west. There were twenty (20) people present. Chairman Nelson recognized Rhonda Repanshek, County Planner, who provided the following overview of his request:

Thank you, Mr. Chair,

This case has been advertised, and notices were mailed and posted on site by NC General Statutes and our County Zoning Ordinance. Note that the Public Notice in your packet on page 1 of roman numeral section 4 is the Planning Board version. The County Commissioner legislative public hearing version was printed in the Perquimans Weekly Jan. 18th and Jan 25th.

Being a *legislative* public hearing, this is a forum for hearing public opinion. Citizens for and against the action may voice their support, concerns, and opinions on the matter. “Legislative hearings do not have the same level of procedural formality as a quasi-judicial evidentiary hearing.” (Adam Lovelady at UNC SOG) The Board has much discretion in the decision-making process.

Why is rezoning needed? On Woodville Road, up to four splits from a single parcel may be reviewed by staff. More than four lots require the major subdivision review process, which means that eight lots subdivided at one time, which is what this request is ultimately for at a later date, requires a major subdivision review process and Major Subdivisions are not allowed in the current Rural Agriculture zone.

The approximately 150-acre subject parcel wraps around a 4.64-acre tract owned by US Cellular with an existing 180 foot tall guyed communications tower on it. Also, approximately forty acres, adjacent to the subject parcel’s southwest, were rezoned in June of 2007 to Residential Ag RA-43.

Uses allowed in the proposed RA-32 district are identical to RA-43, except that the use would be on a slightly smaller lot size; RA-32 has a minimum lot size of 32,500 square feet, which is approximately 3/4 an acre. Even though this rezoning is proposing Single Family Dwellings soon, a rezoning must consider all uses that are allowed in the proposed new zoning district. If for some reason, the 8 residential lots don’t come to fruition other example uses by-right are Duplexes, Adult Care Home, Athletic Fields, Bed & Breakfast Operations, Cemetery, and Swimming Pools. Examples of uses allowed with a Special Use Permit in RA-32 are Animal Shelter or Kennel, Arenas or Exhibition Halls, Car Wash, Church, Museum and Art Galleries, Nursing Home, and Vet Clinic. Other uses are found in Zoning Ordinance section 8 Table of Uses.

Let’s look at Site Considerations.

The **AE flood zone**, which is a 1% chance of flooding each year, is around 200 feet northeast of the subject area.

Regarding **drinking water**, Perquimans County Water Department does not foresee any problem with providing potable water to eight lots in that location.

Regarding **soils**, Albemarle Regional Health Services indicates the soils in that area are marginal for septic systems and will need to be in the management entity program and be inspected annually.

Regarding **stormwater** drainage, the Woodville Road row-crop area has been noted as a problem draining across neighboring residential land to the northeast. Our local Soil and Water Technician investigated and commented that the subject parcel’s crop area in question drains toward Woodville Road **except for** what would be the rear yard of potential lots that would be north of 960 Woodville Road. There is an elevation change in the middle of the field that causes water to drain northwest, then turn northeast to go across the neighbor’s back yard. Let me get through the required parts in this report and I’ll walk to the screen to point out the drainage problem areas.

The Board is required to compare any rezoning to the County Land Use Plan. According to the Projected Future Land Use Map in our CAMA Land Use Plan, the subject area is zoned for a classification comparable to our Rural Ag District. “The ... agricultural classification is intended to delineate lands where the predominant land use is scattered, low density ... residences dispersed among farmland and open spaces.” “Allowable Density is not to exceed 1 dwelling unit per 5 acres.” So, the proposed use of 8 lots in 6.68 acres is NOT consistent with our Land Use Plan.

However, page IX-30 of the Land Use Plan acknowledges that “the County’s policies of preservation of farmland and rural areas is encouraged by cluster development. In the long term, as the County’s population increases and the demand for housing rises, the character of some agricultural areas will likely change.”

North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS) Chapter 160D-605(a) states that if a zoning map amendment is adopted and the action was deemed inconsistent with the adopted plan, the zoning amendment has the effect of also amending any future land-use map in the approved plan, and no additional request or application for a plan amendment is required.

Planning Board unanimously found the proposed Rezoning to be inconsistent with the county comprehensive Land Use Plan development pattern because the proposed area of the ‘Projected Future Land Use map, shows the subject area labeled as an Agricultural use and appropriate uses are lower density than the proposed use, **but** they found the rezoning to be reasonable because the eight planned lots will be standard residential lots comparable to other houses in the subject area, and the proposed lot frontages would have the same physical infrastructure consisting of a paved public road and existing county water.

Planning Board also unanimously recommends approval of Rezoning Request REZ-24-02, for tax parcel 4-0044-0041 to be rezoned from Rural Agriculture District RA to Residential and Agricultural District RA-32, conditioned on an assessment of the property by the Soil and Water Conservation District to determine solutions to any drainage issues present.

That’s the end of the report, now I’ll show you the drainage issue area and the applicant, Mr. Avery, is in the audience. He can elaborate on the drainage and on NCDOT’s comments.

After her comments, Mr. Avery made a few comments and concluded by asking if the Board had any comments or questions. Several questions and comments were made by the commissioners, which Mr. Avery answered. Chairman Nelson thanked him for his comments. County Manager Heath asked if anyone had signed up for public comments. There being none, Chairman Nelson closed the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Nelson asked if there were any items that the Board wished to remove from the Consent Agenda to discuss. County Manager Heath said that Rhonda Repanshek, County Planner, wanted to make a comment about the last item on the Consent Agenda – CUP-19-03, Perquimans Solar, LLC Farm Permit Expiration. There being no problem for her to make a comment on this item. Ms. Repanshek made the following comment about the CUP-19-03 (see Consent Agenda Item No. 6e below):

In September 2019, Perquimans Solar, LLC, was approved to be constructed on Pender Road, close to the intersection with Harvey Point Road. It’s the 9th and final solar farm to be permitted in the county. It is the only one to be permitted under our current solar regulations and the only one to NOT be constructed.

As a site-specific vesting plan, it’s vested rights expired at the end of December. I called and asked what progress was on the construction. They said they are letting the permit expire due to several ‘external factors’ and understood that if anyone wants to put a solar farm there in the future, they will have to re-apply and start the process from the very beginning.

After her comments, Chairman Nelson asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda adding Ms. Repanshek comments to the item. There being no further comments, Timothy J. Corprew made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, with additional comments added. The motion was seconded by James W. Ward and unanimously approved by the Board.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes from January 6, 2025 Regular Meeting & January 21, 2025 Regular Work Session were approved.
2. **Tax Refund / Release Approvals:**
Tax Releases (Perquimans County):
Vanhorn, Elzy Leroy -----\$609.90
 Incorec assessment during reval. Did not reach out in a timely fashion. Account No. 259662.
Williams, Ashley ----- \$1,506.87
 Land-use correction. Account No. 117442.
Suis, Timothy & Charlene ----- \$593.60
 Assessment correction. Did not reach out in timely fashion. Account No. 491124.
Lawrence Gladly & Betty ----- \$166.40
 Assessment correction. Account No. 222900.
Tax Refunds (Perquimans County):
Moorman, Ronald ----- \$196.23
 Vehicle was charged Hertford taxes in error. Account No. 81323366.
Roberts, Deborah ----- \$149.62
 Vehicle sold – 11-month refund. Account No. 45550066.
3. **Personnel Matters:** The following personnel matters were approved by the Board:

Employee Name	Employee Job Title	Action Required	Grade/Step	New Salary	Effective Date
Shanae Christian	Social Worker IA&T	Appointment	70/1	\$49,475	02/01/2025
Cherry Robbins	Deputy Director of Board of Elections	Appointment	58/4	\$31,397	02/01/2025
Hunter Russell	Part-Time/Fill-In EMT	Appointment	64/1	\$18.26/hr.	02/01/2025
Jovan Ward	IMC Investigator II	Reclassification	65/7	\$45,958	02/01/2025
Marica Harris	IMC III	Reclassification	65/1	\$39,699	02/01/2025
MaeKenzie Rhodes	Part-Time/Fill-In Telecommunicator I	Reclassification	64/1	\$18.26/hr.	02/01/2025
Shawn Mims	Full-Time AEMT I	Reclassification	66/2	\$20.44/hr. / \$42,525	02/01/2025
Miranda Neiswander	Full-Time Paramedic I	Reclassification	68/6	\$24.61/hrs. / \$51,197	03/01/2025
Brandon Thorngren	Full-Time Paramedic I	Reclassification	68/6	\$24.61/hrs. / \$51,197	03/01/2025
Stacy Simpson	IMC I working against IMC II	Leave Without Pay		3 days	01/13/2025

4. **Step/Merit Increases:**

Department Name	Employee Name	Classification	Grade/ Step	New Salary	Effective Date
Social Services	Alicia 'Kim' White	IMC III Lead Worker - Adult Medicaid	65/4	\$42,729	02/01/2025
EMS	Mark Symons	Part-Time/Fill-In EMT	64/6	\$20.64/hr.	02/01/2025
EMS	Jared Turner	Full-Time AMET II	67/5	\$22.98/hr. / \$47,797	10/01/2024

5. **Board Appointments:** The following board appointment was approved by the Board:

Name	Board/Committee	Action Taken	Term	Effective Date
Bailey, Juanita	Senior Citizens Advisory Board	Reappointment	2 years	02/01/2025
Hoffler, Joseph	Senior Citizens Advisory Board	Reappointment	2 years	02/01/2025
Heath, Frank W.	Senior Citizens Advisory Board	Reappointment	2 years	02/01/2025
Burket, Stephen	Senior Citizens Advisory Board	Reappointment	2 years	02/01/2025
Bailey, Virginia	Senior Citizens Advisory Board	Reappointment	2 years	02/01/2025

6. **Budget Amendment Nos. 17-19:** The following budget amendments were approved by the Board:

**BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 17
SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FUNDS**

CODE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF CODE	AMOUNT	
		INCREASE	DECREASE
65-348-001	State School Funds - Lottery	670,520	
65-500-711	NB Lottery Intermediate School	670,520	
EXPLANATION: To amend the FY 24/25 Budget to include lottery fund drawn down for Intermediate School Project.			

**BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 18
GENERAL FUND**

CODE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF CODE	AMOUNT	
		INCREASE	DECREASE
10-348-012	State Grants - Emergency Management	14,750	
10-530-345	EM - HSGP Grant	14,750	
EXPLANATION: To amend the FY 24/25 Budget to include a Homeland Security Grant as awarded by the State - MOA#2441006.			

**BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 19
GENERAL FUND**

CODE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF CODE	AMOUNT	
		INCREASE	DECREASE
10-365-004	GA Grant - NC Amateur Sports	10,000	
10-685-339	GA Grant - NC Amateur Sports	10,000	
EXPLANATION: To amend the FY 24/25 Budget to include a General Assembly Grant as awarded to the Recreation Department for their Amateur Sports Program.			

7. **Miscellaneous Documents:** The following miscellaneous documents were approved by the Board:

- a. **2024 NON- League MOP and Checklist for OPEB Report (GASB 75):** The Board approved the 2020 Memorandum of Participation (MOP) for Interim (Roll-Sorward) GASB 75 Report of the Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) with Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting to complete the GASB 75 Report for FYE 2024. County staff recommended the approval.
- b. **Request PO-28 Proposal – New Dollar Lease – SPO File: 72-501 DAC PPO Office Division 1 District 1 Perquimans:** The new Lease Agreement with NC Department of Adult Correction (DAC, District 1 (Cc) in Perquimans County was approved by the Board. This is for the space for the Probation & Parole Offices in the Courthouse Annex building.
- c. **Resolutions to Sell Surplus Equipment on GovDeals:** The following Resolutions to declare several vehicles and equipment as surplus and authorize County Manager to sell vehicles and equipment on GovDeals were approved by the Board:

➤ **Resolution to sell five vehicles for Sheriff's Office:**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE
OF CERTAIN SURPLUS COUNTY PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners desires to dispose of certain surplus property of the County:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners that:

- 1. The following described vehicles are hereby declared to be surplus to the needs of the County:

Model Year	Make	Model	VIN	Department
2012	Dodge	Charger	2C3CDXAT4CH201532	Sheriff's Office
2014	Dodge	Charger	2C3CDXAT5GH228685	Sheriff's Office
2014	Ford	F150 Truck	1FTMF1CM6EKE77774	Sheriff's Office
2017	Dodge	Charger	2C3CDXAT9HH660438	Sheriff's Office
2018	Dodge	Durango	1C4RDJFG8JC282832	Sheriff's Office

- 2. The County Manager is hereby authorized and directed to proceed on behalf of the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners to sell these vehicles on GovDeals.
- 3. The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and decide not to sell the vehicles at any time during this process.
- 4. The County Manager, in accordance with State law, shall cause a summary of this resolution to be posted on bulletin board at Courthouse and place it on the County's website and Facebook page. After not less than ten (10) days from the date of publication, the County Manager is authorized to sell the above-described property to the highest bidder.

Adopted this the 3rd day of February, 2025.

Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman
Perquimans County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Mary P. Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board

SEAL

➤ **Resolution to sell exercise equipment and wheelchair for Center for Active Living:**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE
OF CERTAIN SURPLUS COUNTY PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners desires to dispose of certain surplus property of the County:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners that:

- 1 The following described wheelchair and exercise equipment is hereby declared to be surplus to the needs of the County:

Item	Department
Shoulder Press Lat Pull Machine	Center for Active Living
Leg Extension / Leg Curl Machine	Center for Active Living
Dip Shrug	Center for Active Living
Squat Machine	Center for Active Living
Lateral Lift	Center for Active Living
Sonic Electric Wheelchair	Center for Active Living

- 2 The County Manager is hereby authorized and directed to proceed on behalf of the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners to sell these items on GovDeals.
3. The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and decide not to sell the items at any time during this process.
- 4 The County Manager, in accordance with State law, shall cause a summary of this resolution to be posted on bulletin board at Courthouse and place it on the County’s website and Facebook page. After not less than ten (10) days from the date of publication, the County Manager is authorized to sell the above-described property to the highest bidder.

Adopted this the 3rd day of February, 2025.

Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman
Perquimans County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

SEAL

Mary P. Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board

- d. **Trillium ABC Funds Report for FY 2023-2024 (For Information Only):** Per GS 18B-805(h), since Trillium Health Resources received Alcoholism (ABC) Funds from Perquimans County, they are required to provide an annual report to the Board describing how the funds were spent. The Board was provided copy of that report in their Packet for information only.
- e. **CUP-19-03, Perquimans Solar, LLC Farm Permit Expiration (For Information Only):** Perquimans Solar, LLC owned by PineGate Renewables was approved on September 3, 2019. Their Special Use Permit 19-03 has expired, and the company does not wish to pursue any further permitting. This is for information only. (see additional comments from Rhonda Repanshek, County Planner, at beginning of Consent Agenda).

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES & INTROUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

- A. **Recognition of Employees’ Years of Service with the County:** Beginning June 1, 2022, the Board will recognize the employees who have been working with the County for 5, 10, 15, 20, etc. years. This month, the Board recognized the following employee:

Employee Name	Department	Employee Job Title	No. of Years	Effective Date
Rhonda Repanshek	Planning	County Planner	20 years	02/01/2025

Mr. Heath presented Rhonda Repanshek with a certificate and gift card. He also gave an overview of her employment with the County from GIS Mapper to County Planner. Mr. Repanshek made a few comments, and the Board congratulated her and thanked her for her service.

- B. **Introduction of New Employees:** The following new employees were introduced tonight to the Board:

Department Head	Employee Name	Employee Job Title	Effective Date
Angela Jordan, Social Services Director	Nikia Davenport	IMC I working against IMC II	01/01/2025
Angela Jordan, Social Services Director	Samantha Stacey	IMC I working against IMC II	01/01/2025
Angela Jordan, Social Services Director	Antonio Williams	IMC I working against IMC II	01/01/2025
Angela Jordan, Social Services Director	April Bond	IMC II	01/01/2025
Angela Jordan, Social Services Director	Jalena Glasper	IMC II	01/01/2025
Howard Williams, Recreation Director	Martin Hood	Athletic Program Supervisor	12/16/2024
Thomas Reid, Chief Deputy	Cole Langley	Certified Deputy	01/01/2025

Howard Williams was unable to attend the meeting tonight to introduce Martin Hood. He will introduce him next month. After the supervisors and employees made their comments, the Board welcomed them to Perquimans County.

THOMPSON, PRICE, SCOTT, ADAMS & CO. P.A., AUDITORS

Greg Adams, Auditor of Thompson, Price, Scott & Adams, presented the FY 2023-2024 Audit via Zoom. Mr. Adams had provided the Board with a PowerPoint presentation which gave an overview of the audit. Mr. Adams concluded by saying that he appreciated the County staff for their hard work and that the audit was good. County Manager Heath made a few comments on how well the audit showed that the County was in good financial shape. He also responded to the findings that the auditor mentioned in this report. The County will address these and provide a written response to them. Chairman Nelson asked if the Board had any questions or comments. Commissioner Corprew asked about our collection percentages. Mr. Heath answered his question. There being no further comments, Chairman Nelson asked for a motion to approve the FY 2023-2024 Audit as presented. On motion made by Joseph W. Hoffer, seconded by Kathryn M. Treiber, the FY 2023-2024 Audit was unanimously approved by the Board pending Local Government Commission approval. County Manager Heath and the Commissioners thanked Tracy Mathews, Finance Officer, for her great work in the preparation of the audit.

BOBBIE LOWE, TRILLIUM, & ASHLEYSTOOP, ARHS

Bobbie Lowe, Trillium, and Ashley Stoop, Albemarle Regional Health Services (ARHS), presented what Trillium does and how they interface and coordinate with ARHS. After their presentation, County Manager Heath asked a few questions. There being no further comments or questions, Chairman Nelson moved to the next scheduled appointment.

BETSY RHODES, THE VETERANS FRAM

Betsy Rhodes introduced herself along with two others that were with her to present the vision of The Veterans Farm and requested use of some of the County’s farmland for this project. Ms. Rhodes introduced Mr. Robert Elliott, Executive Director & Founder of Veterans Farms of North Carolina. After providing some background information about the organization, he said that tonight he was wanting to use some of the County’s farmland to expand this project. He also mentioned the Boots on the Grange event on Saturday, February 22, 2025, from 8:00 am to 8:00 p.m. at the Perquimans County Recreation Center. It will be a day of fun meaningful activities to celebrate our military and farm heritage. County Manager Heath explained that he was suggesting that the County provide the farmland in Winfall next to

the Winfall Fire Department. The County will continue to own the property. Currently, the County rents that property. The Veterans Farm will farm the property. Tonight, they are asking the Board to authorize County Manager Heath to work with The Veterans Farm organization to prepare a site plan and to allow them to use this parcel for their program. It was the consensus of the Board to authorize County Manager Heath and The Veterans to work together to get this project started on the property next to the Winfall Fire Department on Wiggins Road.

COMMISSIONER'S CONCERNS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

There no commissioner's concerns/committee reports given.

UPDATES FROM COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Heath presented the following updates:

- **Special Called Meeting:** We have a Special Called Meeting scheduled for February 17, 2025. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the financing for the intermediate school project.
- **FY 2025-2026 Budget Project:** County Manager Heath explained that the FY 2025-2026 Budget Process has begun. The Department Heads will receive their budget packets by the end of February. To prepare for the Budget, the Board will hold a Board Retreat the end of March. The exact date has not been scheduled but if any Commissioner has any conflicts for the mid to end of March, please let him know so that he can mark those dates off the schedule.

BOARD VACANCIES

Chairman Nelson explained that there have been no applications received. He again asked the Board and the public if they knew anyone that might be interested in serving on one of these committees, to let Mary Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board, know so that she can forward them an application to complete and return. These vacancies are for the Community Advisory Committee and the Senior Tar Heel Legislature Delegate and Alternate.

PLANNING ITEM

We held a Public Hearing earlier in the meeting to receive public comments on Rezoning Request No. REZ-24-02, requested by Michael Avery on behalf of Perquimans 3, LLC to rezone 6.68 acres of tax parcel 4-0044-0041 from Rural Ag District RA to Residential AG District RA-32. Subject property is located on the west side of Woodville Road in the 900 block and extends 345 feet to the west. Chairman Nelson asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. Commissioner Corprew stated that he does not have a problem with this request but feels that they will be having a problem with a ditch being in the middle of one of the lots. County Manager Heath and Ms. Repanshek said that this could be addressed when they bring their site plan in for approval. Kathryn M. Treiber made a motion to find proposed Rezoning NO. REZ-24-02 to be inconsistent with the county comprehensive Land Use Plan development pattern because the proposed area of map Exhibit IX-B 'Projected Future Land Use Unincorporated Portions of Perquimans County', shows the subject area labeled as Residential Agricultural and appropriate uses are lower density than the proposed use but the rezoning is reasonable because the eight planned lots will be standard residential lots comparable to the other lots within a quarter mile of the subject area, and the proposed lot frontage will have the same physical infrastructure of existing county water and a paved public road. The motion was seconded by James W. Ward and unanimously approved by the Board. Kathryn M. Treiber made a motion to approve Rezoning Request REZ-24-02, for 6.68 acres of tax parcel number 4-0044-0041 to be rezoned from Rural Agriculture District RA to Residential and Agricultural District RA-32 contingent upon drainage site approval from Jacob Peele, Soil & Water Conservation, District Technician. The motion was seconded by James W. Ward and unanimously approved by the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following public comment was made:

- **Debbie Swick, Ban Balloon Releases NC, Founder:** Ms. Swick has been communicating with the Board regarding the adoption of an ordinance banning the intentional release of helium balloons with a fine of \$250 per balloon. She further explained how these balloons harm wildlife, domestic animals, humans, and the entire planet. The Chairman thanked her for coming to bring this to the Board's attention.

CLOSED SESSION: TO DISCUSS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER, A PERSONNEL MATTER, AND CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Chairman Nelson stated that, pursuant to NC General Statute 143-318.11(4)(6), the Board went into Closed Session to discuss an economic development matter, personnel matter, and to approve closed session minutes. On motion made by James W. Ward, seconded by Joseph W. Hoffler, to go into Closed Session. The motion was unanimously voted to go into Closed Session.

The Closed Session was adjourned, and the Regular Called Meeting reconvened on motion made by Timothy J. Corprew, seconded by James W. Ward, and unanimously approved by the Board.

No action was required from the Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Nelson asked if there were any further comments or business to discuss. There being none, the Regular Meeting was adjourned around 10:25 p.m. on motion made by James W. Ward, seconded by Kathryn M. Treiber and unanimously approved by the Board.

Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman

Clerk to the Board
