

**Windsor, North Carolina**  
**September 3, 2019**  
**EMERGENCY MEETING**

The Bertie County Board of Commissioners met for an emergency meeting today inside the Windsor Community Building, 201 S. Queen Street, Windsor, NC. The following members were present or absent:

Present:        Ronald “Ron” Wesson, I  
                  Greg Atkins, District II  
                  John Trent, District IV  
                  Ernestine (Byrd) Bazemore, District V

Absent:         Tammy A. Lee, District III

Staff Present: County Manager Scott Sauer  
                  Assistant County Manager Juan Vaughan, II.  
                  Clerk to the Board Sarah Tinkham  
                  Clerk of Superior Court Vasti F. James  
                  Emergency Services Director Mitch Cooper  
                  Tax Administrator Jodie Rhea  
                  Planning Director Traci White  
                  Economic Development Director Steve Biggs  
                  EMS Division Chief Crystal Freeman  
                  EMS Captain Shannon Williams

Leslie Beachboard of the Bertie Ledger-Advance was present from the media.

**CALLED TO ORDER**

Chairman Trent called the meeting to order.

## **HURRICANE DORIAN – STORM PREPARATIONS**

### **County State of Emergency, report of storm preparations by Emergency Services Director, Mitch Cooper**

Emergency Services Director, Mitch Cooper, summarized the latest model runs based on the 2:00 PM update from the National Hurricane Center. Possible rain totals and storm conditions were discussed, but Mr. Cooper stressed that this information could change in upcoming forecasts.

He also discussed the community partner meeting that will take place tonight at 6:00 PM at the Council on Aging. Mayors and town commissioners will come together to discuss their needs, as well as receive pertinent information from the County.

The County also signed into effect a County State of Emergency as of 9:00 AM today.

The Cashie Convention Center was also secured for \$300 a day to serve as a home base for aid workers visiting from out of town where shelter, meals, and showers will be provided.

Other storm related recommendations and communication needs were also discussed.

### **Resiliency Funding & Recovery Conference**

County Manager Sauer discussed the conference that took place on August 28<sup>th</sup> where he and several county staff members were present including Commissioner Wesson.

Commissioner Wesson reported that faith-based communities had new grant opportunities available as it relates to storm needs.

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The Chairman **RECESSED** this meeting until 4:00 PM.

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John Trent, Chairman

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Sarah Tinkham, Clerk to the Board