

**BERTIE COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
June 21, 2022 Commissioner's Meeting**

The Bertie County Board of Commissioners held its regular meeting on Monday, June 21, 2022 inside the Commissioners Room, 106 Dundee Street, Windsor, NC. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was hosted partially in person, and partially via Zoom (conference call). The following members were present or absent:

Present:	Ronald "Ron" Wesson, District I Greg Atkins, District II Tammy A. Lee, District III John Trent, District IV Ronald "Ron" Roberson, District V
Staff Present:	County Manager Juan Vaughan, II Assistant County Manager David Scarborough County Attorney Lloyd Smith Finance Director William Roberson
Staff Present (Zoom):	Clerk to the Board LaShonda Cartwright

Call to Order

Chairman Trent called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Lee.

Public Comments (3-minute limit per speaker)

None.

Reports & Appointments

- (1) Choanoke Area Housing Consortium Update by Merrill Flood, Director of Local Community Affairs, ECU

Mr. Flood presented a brief summary of the Choanoke Area Housing Consortium, and answered questions from the Commissioners in regards to its guidelines and deadlines.

- (2) Presentation of TGOW Phase II Estimate & Request to Submit Grant Application to Land & Water Conservation Fund by Project Consultant Robin Payne

This grant submission is due July 15th, in the \$493,400, which is a dollar for dollar match. It is the first step in Phase 2 of TGOW. It is an important grant to receive as it leverages other grant dollars.

Commissioner Wesson made **MOTION** for Bertie County to submit the grant application to Land and

Water Conservation Fund. Commissioner Lee **SECONDED. MOTION APPROVED 5-0.**

(3) Finance Director William Roberson presented the Financial Summary through May 2022.

Board Appointments

(1) Commissioner Lee made **MOTION** to reappoint Miles Davis to the ABC Board. Commissioner Roberson **SECONDED. MOTION APPROVED 5-0.**

(2) Commissioner Wesson made **MOTION** to appoint Sharon Jones to the ABC Board. Commissioner Lee **SECONDED. MOTION APPROVED 5-0.**

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Lee made the **MOTION** to approve items (1) Tax Release Journal – April 2022 and May 2022. Commissioner Wesson **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. The **MOTION PASSED** with a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Wesson made the **MOTION** to approve the (3) Register of Deeds Fees Report – April 2022 and May 2022. Commissioner Lee **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. The **MOTION PASSED** with a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Roberson made the **MOTION** to approve the Agreement for Transportation Services with Choanoke Public Transportation Authority. Commissioner Lee **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. The **MOTION PASSED** with a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Wesson made the **MOTION** to approve the Agreement for Transportation Services with New Directions Non-Emergency Medical Transport. Commissioner Lee **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. The **MOTION PASSED** with a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Roberson made the **MOTION** to approve the FY 2022-23 Home & Community Care Block Grant for Older Adults Agreement & Funding Plan. Commissioner Lee **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. The **MOTION PASSED** with a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Lee made the **MOTION** to approve the DWG Architects, PLLC; Shelterplanners.com Contract for RFQ No. 2022-1 – Shelter Architectural Services. Commissioner Wesson **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. The **MOTION PASSED** with a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Lee made the **MOTION** to approve Acceptance of Soil and Water Conservation Commission Streamflow Rehabilitation Assistance Program (StRAP). Commissioner Roberson **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. The **MOTION PASSED** with a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Wesson made the **MOTION** to approve the Resolution for Adoption of Joint Cooperation Agreement for the Establishment of the Choanoke Area Housing Consortium. Commissioner Roberson **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. **MOTION PASSED** with a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Wesson made the **MOTION** to approve the Budget Amendments. Commissioner Lee **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. **MOTION PASSED** with a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Roberson made the **MOTION** to approve the Project Ordinance – NC Department of Safety Grant for Bertie County Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Wesson **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. **MOTION PASSED** with a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Roberson made the **MOTION** to approve Project Ordinance – Bertie County Animal Shelter. Commissioner Wesson **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. **MOTION PASSED** with a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Wesson made the **MOTION** to approve the FY 2022-23 Bertie County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Funding Plan. Commissioner Roberson **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. **MOTION PASSED** with a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Wesson made the **MOTION** to approve the FY 2022-23 Bertie County Budget Ordinance, Schedule of Fees, and American Rescue Plan Act Budget. Commissioner Roberson **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. **MOTION PASSED** with a 5-0 vote.

Other Items

1. Upcoming Meetings

- a. July 14, 2022 7:00 PM Mayors & Commissioners Dinner - Powellsville
- b. July 18, 2022 6:00 PM Board of Commissioners Meeting
- c. July 21-24, 2022 NACo Conference

Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Roberson – Bertie County has a new High School Principal, Jonathan Matthews.

Commissioner Wesson – Commended the Small Business Network as well.

Commissioner Lee – Bertie Small Business Network held a number of events to celebrate Juneteenth this past weekend. It was a positive experience. She also recognized our Sheriff-elect Tyrone Ruffin who was in the audience.

Commissioner Trent – Dr. Stan Riggs, Keenan Institute, Commissioner Wesson and a number of other representatives met at Chairman Trent's hunting club to educate these participants about Bertie County and TGOW.

Commissioner Atkins – None.

County Manager's Reports

None.

County Attorney's Reports

None.

Public Comments Reports

One public comment that came in via ZOOM chat, from T. Sauer. "I would like to know when the Board discussed the OPEB contribution and when it was voted on. Please provide the Board meeting minutes. Thank you."

Assistant County Manager spoke to the Board to thank them for approving the contract for the Long Branch community flooding project (StRAP), and informed them that this project is anticipated to be completed by

December of this year. He wanted to be sure that we credited Vic Thompson, with Bertie County Soil and Water Commission, for all of his work in this process. He was very instrumental in getting this grant awarded, and will be the project manager for this project.

Closed Session

Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3)(6)

(3) To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged. General policy matters may not be discussed in a closed session and nothing herein shall be construed to permit a public body to close a meeting that otherwise would be open merely because an attorney employed or retained by the public body is a participant.

(6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee.

Return to Open Session

Commissioner Lee made the **MOTION** to Adjourn. Commissioner Roberson **SECONDED** the **MOTION**.
MOTION APPROVED 5-0.