



Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting

July 10, 2023

MINUTES

The July 10, 2023 Warren County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Victor Hunt. Chairman Bertadean Baker was not in attendance due to on-going health issues.

1. PUBLIC HEARING

This item will be continued until August 7, 2023

Text Amendments to Zoning Ordinance on Page 7 and Page 10 of the Current Zoning Ordinance to be Changed From:

- 1. Residential Development - Maximum of 25% Impervious Surface Area**
- 2. Non-Residential Development - Maximum of 36% Impervious Surface Area**

To:

- 1. Residential Development - Maximum of 25% Impervious Surface Area**
- 2. Non-Residential Development - Maximum of 36% Impervious Surface Area**
- 3. Industrial Districts - Maximum of 75% Impervious Surface Area**

On motion of Commissioner Pierce, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Public Hearing to consider Text Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance was moved to August 7, 2023.

2. ADOPT SUGGESTED AGENDA

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Pierce, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Suggested Agenda was approved with amendment to Item 6B - Consider Approval of Request from Habitat for Humanity for Permit Fees Waiver in the Amount of \$325 + Cost Per Square Foot of Building/Deck Construction of Houses in Northwoods Subdivision, 106 Northwoods Court and 107 Northwoods Court in Norlina.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS - REGULAR BOARD MEETING

1. Reinaldo Espinosa notified the Board of his concerns about the condition of the Senior Center building. He stated that there are many issues that need to be addressed, and that Commissioner Davis told him there is money available. Commissioner Davis clarified that there is a Capital Plan that addresses the Senior Center.
2. Dwayne Hicks stated that new businesses are moving into the County that are implementing AI and putting people out of work, and he wants to know if that is reflected in their taxes. He also had questions about the Zoning Ordinance and the amount of land needed for a 400 square foot cottage.
3. Mike Hairston provided clarification on the request from Habitat for Humanity for fee waivers for 106 and 107 Northwoods Court, Norlina.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve minutes: June 5, 2023 Regular Minutes and June 21, 2023 Work Session Minutes

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the minutes of the June 5, 2023 Regular Meeting and June 21, 2023 Work Session were approved.

B. Tax Collectors Report for May 2023 Presented for Board's Information in Accordance with NCGS 105-350 (John Preston, Tax Administrator)

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Tax Collectors Report for May 2023 was accepted as information in accordance with NCGS 105-350.

**Tax Collector's Report
to the Warren County Board of Commissioners
For the Month May 2023**

2022-2023

Current Year Collections

Tax Year	Charge	Collected in May	Collected to Date	Balance Outstanding	Percentage Collected
May 2023 FY 23	\$19,765,059	\$95,029	\$19,324,257	\$440,802	97.77
May 2022 FY 22	\$19,159,291	\$94,832	\$18,762,129	\$397,162	97.93

Delinquent Collections

Year	Charge	Collected in May	Collected to Date	Balance Outstanding	Percentage Collected
2021	\$375,891	\$7,783	\$168,265	\$207,626	44.76
2020	193,849	4,054	53,482	\$140,367	27.59
2019	187,204	1,758	33,973	\$153,231	18.15
2018	104,846	1,202	13,677	\$91,169	13.05
2017	101,356	1,233	11,428	\$89,928	11.28
2016	78,842	901	10,131	\$68,711	12.85
2015	64,103	923	6,790	\$57,313	10.58
2014	53,143	862	4,744	\$48,399	8.93
2013	81,693	788	4,722	\$76,971	5.78
2012	63,289	930	6,475	\$56,814	10.23
Total Delinquent Years	\$1,304,216	\$20,434	\$313,677	\$990,539	

Other May Receipts

County Penalties	\$ 13,585	\$ 139,263
Landfill User Fees	\$ 19,461	\$ 1,561,264
Municipalities	\$ 6,563	\$ 683,334
Fire District Taxes	\$ 7,873	\$ 1,163,617
Advance Taxes	\$ 24,199	\$ 131,826
MAY GRAND TOTAL	\$281,966	\$42,079,367

John Preston, Tax Administrator
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6/15/2023

C. Tax Release Requests (over & under \$100) in Accordance with NCGS 105-381 "Taxpayer's Remedies" as Information Only (John Preston, Tax Administrator)

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and duly carried by unanimous vote, Tax Releases (over & under \$100.00) in accordance with NCGS 105-381 "Taxpayer's Remedies" was accepted as information only.

Over \$100	7/3/2023	CO MGR INITIALS: _____	Date: _____
ERROR CORRECTION RELEASES:			
BURTON RONALD JR.	2022 32779-300	C499F	26311 \$ 175.25 PARCEL WAS RECOMBINED W/CA-69E
PATTERSON CRYSTALL	2013 37833-200		48923 \$ 401.18 MH DOUBLE BILLED
PATTERSON CRYSTALL	2014 37833-200		51514 \$ 381.88 MH DOUBLE BILLED
PATTERSON CRYSTALL	2015 37833-200		54304 \$ 384.73 MH DOUBLE BILLED
PATTERSON CRYSTALL	2016 37833-200		57512 \$ 391.50 MH DOUBLE BILLED
PATTERSON CRYSTALL	2017 37833-200		31357 \$ 406.89 MH DOUBLE BILLED
PATTERSON CRYSTALL	2018 37833-200		31357 \$ 374.44 MH DOUBLE BILLED
TOTAL ERROR CORRECTIONS:			\$ 2,495.65
MOTOR VEHICLE RELEASES:			
HARRIS CHAD B	2013 28940-113	V-48193	\$ 103.69 VEHICLE WAS SOLD
SUB-TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE RELEASES:			\$ 103.69
SUB-TOTAL CORRECTION RELEASES:			\$ 2,495.65
Total Releases			\$ 2,599.34

D. Consider Approval of Proclamation Declaring July 2023 as National Parks & Recreation Month

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and duly carried by unanimous vote, Proclamation Declaring July 2023 as National Parks & Recreation Month was approved.



5. COUNTY MANAGER'S UPDATE – Vincent Jones

A. Interim Director, Warren County Cooperative Extension - Art Bradley - Northeast District Extension Director

North Carolina Cooperative Extension, NCSU

Northeast District Extension Director Art Bradley informed the Board that Paul McKenzie will serve as Interim Director of Cooperative Extension following the retirement of Crystal Smith. Mr. McKenzie will serve in this role until a new Director is named.

B. County Operations Update

County Manager Vincent Jones provided the following county operations updates for the Board's information:

1. The Employee Appreciation Lunch that was held on June 30, 2023 was a success.
2. Community and Economic Development Director Charla Duncan was recognized as Emerging Leader of the Year by the North Carolina Economic Development Association
3. A community meeting for discussion on opioid/substance use funding and service needs will be held on July 31, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Warren County Armory Civic Center.
4. Jones stated that we seem to have turned a curve regarding vacancies. Jones is looking forward to filling key vacancies very soon.
5. Departments are in need of more space. An assessment of facilities and space needs will take place soon. There may be a need for rental space for some offices.
6. The Confederate Statue project is still in the works. A Request for Proposals will go out to artists soon.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consider Approval of Text Amendments to Zoning Ordinance on Page 7 and Page 10 of the Current Zoning Ordinance to be Changed From:

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B. Consider Approval of Request from Habitat for Humanity for Permit Fees Waiver in the Amount of \$325 + Cost Per Square Foot of Building/Deck for Construction each for houses in Northwoods Subdivision, 106 and 107 Northwoods Court in Norlina

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Pierce, and duly carried by unanimous vote, permit fee waivers in the amount of \$325 + cost per square foot of building/deck for construction of 106 and 107 Northwoods Court in Northwoods Subdivision in Norlina as requested by Habitat for Humanity were approved.

C. Appoint Voting Delegate for the Annual NACo Business Meeting to be held on July 24, 2023 during the NACo Annual Conference

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and duly carried by unanimous vote, Commissioner Victor Hunt was appointed voting delegate for the Annual NACo Business Meeting to be held on June 24, 2023 during the NACo Annual Conference.

D. Consider Approval of Resolution Urging Congress to Support Extending a Full Government-to-Government Relationship and Full Federal Recognition to the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe of North Carolina

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Pierce, and duly carried by unanimous vote, Resolution Urging Congress to Support Extending a Full Government-to-Government Relationship and Full Federal Recognition to the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe of North Carolina was approved.



WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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A Resolution of Warren County Urging Congress to Support Extending a Full Government-to-Government Relationship and Full Federal Recognition to the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe of North Carolina.

Bertadean Baker, Chairman
Victor Hunt, Vice Chairman
Tare Davis
Jennifer Pierce
Walter Powell
Vincent Jones
County Manager
Paula Pulley
Clerk to the Board

WHEREAS, The Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe of North Carolina is a confederated Tribe that is a political successor to the Historical Saponi Nation and to the Nansemond and affiliated Tribes that inhabited the Piedmont and coastal regions of what are now Virginia and North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, after the American Revolution (1775-1783), the Nansemond and Saponi merged in Warren Halifax, Nash, and Franklin Counties, in an area known as "The Meadows"; and

WHEREAS, since 1957 the State of North Carolina has had continuous dealings with recognized political leaders of the Haliwa-Saponi; and

WHEREAS, in 1965 the State of North Carolina took formal legislative action recognizing the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the United States has been providing federal funding to the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe for half a century; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, the North Carolina state legislature passed Senate Bill 1074 that updated state recognition to the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, The Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe is the third-largest tribe in the state with about 4,000 enrolled members, primarily residing in Halifax, Warren, Nash, and Franklin Counties; and

WHEREAS, Warren County supports the needs of Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe members and economic opportunities to strengthen tribal self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, The Warren County Board of Commissioners urges Congress to support of the passage of the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe of North Carolina Act or similar legislation and urges Congress to support legislation extending full federal recognition to the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe of North Carolina.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

The Board of Commissioners expresses support for the passage of the Haliwa-Saponi Act or similar legislation and urges Congress to enact such legislation or similar legislation.

"This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

The Clerk to the Board of Commissioners shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the members of North Carolina's congressional delegation.

This resolution is effective upon adoption on July 10, 2023.

ATTEST: *Paula Pulley*
Paula Pulley, Clerk to the Board



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7. PRESENTATIONS

A. NC-DOT Rail Division S-Line Update

B. Update re: GREAT Grant Award to Zitel, LLC - Rodney Gray, CGCIO, Chief Operating Officer

8. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' UPDATES

Commissioner Pierce noted that July is Parks & Recreation Month and urged everyone to look into the camps that are currently being offered.

Commissioner Davis commented on legislation that will consolidate LME/MCOs, and notified the Board that the Occupancy Tax for Warren County is in the Senate now for consideration.

9. CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) FOR PROPERTY ACQUISITION AND NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4) FOR INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS EXPANSION

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Pierce, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Board entered Closed Session in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) for property Acquisition and NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4) for Industry and Business Expansion.

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Pierce, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Board returned to Open Session.

10. ADJOURN July 10, 2023 BOARD MEETING

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Pierce, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the July 10, 2023 Board Meeting was adjourned.

Paula Pulley, Clerk to the Board