

**Minutes of the
Albemarle Commission Board of
Delegates September 19, 2019
6:00 PM**

Opening

Chairwoman Tracey A. Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Invocation

Board Member Jordan Davis led the Board in the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Member Harriett DeHart led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Determination of Quorum

With only seven (7) members present, there was not a quorum.

<u>Name</u>	<u>County</u>
Harriett DeHart	Chowan
Rob Ross	Dare
Linda Hofler	Gates
Earl Pugh	Hyde
Fondella Leigh	Perquimans
Jordan Davis	Tyrrell
Tracey A. Johnson	Washington

Absent Members

Clayton Riggs	Camden
Sandra Duckwall	Camden
Robert Kirby	Chowan
Paul Beaumont	Currituck
Elizabeth White	Currituck
Howard Swain	Dare
Lloyd Griffin	Pasquotank
Marion Gilbert	Ex Officio

Partners, staff, and guests present:

Attorney John Leidy of Hornthal, Riley, Ellis and Maland was present.

Staff members:

Melody Wilkins, Executive Director
Jeri Hansen, Finance Officer
Angela Welsh, RPO Director
Ashley Stallings, Administrative & Benefits Coordinator

Guests and Partners

None.

With only seven (7) members present, there was no quorum. Therefore, voting on the September Agenda, August Minutes, and Old Business will be voted on during the October 17th Board meeting. Staff presented their reports.

Staff Report

RPO:

RPO Director Angela Welsh reviewed the section on her report on page 24 "NCDOT to suspend preliminary engineering" projects". She stated these are projects under the Strategic Transportation Investments (STI) law that DOT was able to fund more projects and get more projects in the pipeline even though they are not funded for construction. The preliminary engineering projects are projects that might be funded for construction in 5-7 years. What they do is get the preliminary engineering out of the way, so when they are funded, they can move forward. This is happening because DOT was already in a bind with money and had to lay off some non-essential employees. Impact of recovery efforts from Hurricane's Florence and Michael put the DOT in this position. DOT is still waiting on reimbursement from FEMA for the work that was done.

Report of the Executive Director:

Executive Director Melody Wilkins spoke of the annual financial audit performed on September 11th. While the audit has gone well so far, the auditors will continue asking for additional information over the next few weeks. Director Wilkins then advised the Board of the scheduled holiday gathering that will take place immediately after the November board meeting. She stated the November 21st board meeting would begin earlier than usual at 5:30 pm. After the board meet is officially closed, dinner will be served by Montero's at 6:30 pm at the Perquimans Recreation Center, Hertford. The holiday dinner is purely a social event, and no Commission business will be conducted so as not to constitute a public meeting.

Chairperson Comments:

Board Member Comments:

Board Member Linda Hofler spoke of a dedication of a historic mark in Eure next Saturday, September 28. Progress is being made on the historic courthouse.

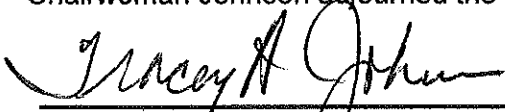
Board Member Jordan Davis thanked Executive Director Wilkins for recently speaking at the Tyrrell County Commissioners meeting. He also spoke of hurricane damage from Dorian and storm debris.

Board Member Fondella Leigh thanked Executive Director Wilkins for recently speaking at the Perquimans County Commissioners meeting. Board Member Leigh spoke of the school lock downs that have happened in the last few weeks. She also spoke of the minimum damage Perquimans received from the recent hurricane.

Board Member Earl Pugh spoke about the hurricane damage Ocracoke received. He also mentioned the outpouring of donations and assistance Hyde County and Ocracoke are receiving.

Adjournment

Chairwoman Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.



Chairwoman of the Board,
Tracey A. Johnson

10-17-2019
Date

Attested by:



Clerk to the Board Ashley Stallings