

**Minutes of the
Albemarle Commission Board of Delegates
May 21, 2020 5:00 P.M.**

Opening

Chair Tracey A. Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Invocation

Commissioner Fondella Leigh led the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Robert Kirby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Determination of Quorum

The presence of a quorum was determined by Clerk and Administrative & Benefits Coordinator, Ashley Stallings, by a roll call, with thirteen (13) Members present.

<u>Name</u>	<u>County</u>
Clayton Riggs	Camden
Sandra Duckwall	Camden
Robert Kirby	Chowan
Harriett DeHart	Chowan
Elizabeth White	Currituck
Rob Ross	Dare
Howard Swain	Dare
Linda Hofler	Gates
Earl Pugh	Hyde
Lloyd Griffin	Pasquotank
Fondella Leigh	Perquimans
Jordan Davis	Tyrrell
Tracey A. Johnson	Washington
 <u>Absent Members</u>	
Owens Ethridge	Currituck

Partners, staff, and guests present:

Attorney John Leidy of Hornthal, Riley, Ellis and Maland

Staff members:

David Whitmer, Interim Executive Director
Angela Welsh, RPO Director
Laura Alvarico, AAA Director
Emily Nicholson, Interim NWDB Director
Jeri Hansen, Finance Officer
Ashley Stallings, Clerk and Administrative & Benefits Coordinator

Guests and Partners

None

Agenda (VOTE):

Commissioner Lloyd Griffin motioned to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Linda Hofler, motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

None.

Public Hearing Proposed Budget FY 20-21:

Finance Officer Jeri Hansen presented the proposed budget for FY 20-21. Commissioner Griffin requested to amend the proposed new position title in the Budget Message on page 6 to a Special Projects Administrator.

Consent Agenda VOTE:

Commissioner Griffin motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Jordan Davis. With a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Staff Reports

Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Director Laura Alvarico gave an update on the work her department has been doing throughout our region. Director Alvarico also gave an update on the number of clients AAA is serving.

Albemarle Rural Planning (RPO) Director Angela Welsh discussed the NCDOT budget and funding. Director Welsh said RPO funding is not being affected at this time. If any changes to funding occur, NCDOT will give her a 90-day notice.

Northeastern Workforce Development Board (NWDB) Interim Director Emily Nicholson gave an update on the work NWDB is doing throughout our region. Interim Director Nicholson said they recently filled two vacant positions. Interim Director Nicholson also said the four-year local plan was due this past Monday and is posted on the website for public comment for the next 30 days.

Report of the Interim Executive Director:

Interim Executive Director David Whitmer discussed the re-opening plan he developed with the leadership team. Interim Executive Director Whitmer mentioned NWDB recently completed a 3-week financial monitoring. It will be a couple of months before NWDB receives the final report; however, during the exit interview it was noted there are zero findings. Interim Executive Director Whitmer discussed the second YouTube video and a radio interview recently conducted. Finally, Interim Executive Director Whitmer discussed the continued work on the Clean Water Management Trust Fund Grant.

Committee Report

None.

Chairperson Comments:

Chair Johnson thanked the Board for attending the meeting.

Board Member Comments:

Commissioner Kirby mentioned the delay of the new high school until 2021 and a resolution to the bond referendum until 2022.

Chair Johnson gave an update on the COVID-19 cases in Washington County.

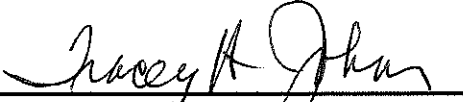
Closed Session

Commissioner Griffin motioned to enter into a Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with the Board attorney regarding a matter within the attorney/client privilege and to preserve that privilege; and N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss one or more confidential personnel matters, seconded by Commissioner Davis, motion carried unanimously. The Board entered into a

Closed Session at 5:52 p.m. The Board completed closed session at 7:05 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourned the meeting was made by Commissioner Earl Pugh, seconded by Commissioner Leigh, motion carried unanimously with no further discussion. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.



Chairwoman of the Board
Tracey A. Johnson

Attested by:



Clerk to the Board Ashley Stallings

6/18/2020
Date