

Alan Lennon

Charles Woodard

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Frank Heath, County Manager Mary Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board  
Hackney High, County Attorney

Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order. Commissioner Hoffer gave the invocation and the Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Nelson explained that this Special Called Meeting was scheduled to hold a Closed Session, per NCGS #143-318-11(3)(5), to consult with the county attorney regarding a legal matter and to discuss negotiations for acquisition of property.

AGENDA

Chairman Nelson stated that a copy of the Agenda was at their seats tonight. Fondella A. Leigh made a motion to approve the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Joseph W. Hoffer and unanimously approved by the Board.

CLOSED SESSION: CONSULT WITH ATTORNEY REGARDING A LEGAL MATTER & TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATIONS FOR ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY

Pursuant to NC General Statute 143-318.11(3)(5), T. Kyle Jones made a motion to go into Closed Session to consult with the county attorney regarding a legal matter and to discuss negotiations for acquisition of property. The motion was seconded by Fondella A. Leigh and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Closed Session was adjourned and the Special Called Meeting reconvened on motion made by Alan Lennon, seconded by Charles Woodard, and unanimously approved by the Board.

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to discuss, the Special Called Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m. on motion made by Charles Woodard, seconded by Joseph W. Hoffer.

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Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman

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Clerk to the Board

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WORK SESSION  
February 15, 2021  
7:00 p.m.

***Special Notice for tonight's meeting:*** *The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners' WORK SESSION will be held on Monday, February 15, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Perquimans County Library located at 514 S. Church Street, Hertford, NC 27944. Because this is considered an essential meeting, the public will be able to attend but social distancing will be required. If you have any questions, please contact the County Manager's Office at (252) 426-8484.*

Chairman Nelson opened the February 15, 2021 Work Session stating that he only had one item to discuss with the Board and that was the Confederate Monument on the Courthouse lawn.

DISCUSSION ON CONFEDERATE MONUMENT

Chairman Nelson explained that on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, Frank Heath, Fondella A. Leigh, and himself had a conference call with a facilitator through UNC School of Government about the Confederate Monument located on the Courthouse lawn. The facilitator's name is Dr. John Stephens who was recommended by NCACC. The timeline for this matter is as follows:

- **March 15<sup>th</sup> Work Session:** The Board will need to discuss the following items:
  - Decide on the group member names and to consider the appointment of Dr. Stephens as the facilitator for this group.
  - Formalize the charge to the work group
  - Discuss the expectations of how the group will operate: honesty; consensus is the goal or majority if consensus fails; and no public comment at these meetings. That will be reserved for future public hearing. However, it will be an open meeting
  - Commissioners may attend but they will not engage the group.
  - Procedural and factual questions/disagreements will be settled by the County Manager & facilitator.
- Approve the general time line of resolution of the group's work. Below is the suggested timeline:
  - March Work Session: discussion of the above items
  - April Regular Meeting: vote on the consensus of the above items that were discussed at the March Work Session.
  - Mid-April: hold organizing meeting
  - Early May: hold meeting #1
  - Early June: hold meeting #2
  - Mid-June: hold meeting #3 (if necessary)
  - July Regular Meeting: County Manager will present group's report to the Commissioners.
  - August Regular Meeting: Public hearing and Board consideration of group's suggested course of action.

Chairman Nelson asked if there were any further comments from Mr. Heath or Commissioner Leigh. There being none, he asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. There being none, Chairman Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m. on motion made by Charles Woodard, seconded by Fondella A. Leigh, and unanimously approved by the Board.

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Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman

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Clerk to the Board

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