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The Army of the Confederacy had, by most accounts, 900,000 men under arms. Over 400,000 were draftees.

I'm here tonight in Memory of Pvt. Alexander B. Bell Company C, 5th Virginia Regiment.

Alex was born in 1840 in Staunton VA and grew up on a farm with his brothers and sisters.

Alex was drafted into the Confederate Army in 1862 with his 3 older brothers (Hendren, David and John). His oldest brother, John, was doctor but Alex, Hendren, and David were just soldiers. David was wounded at the Battle of Chancellorsville but died from disease shortly after. Alex was captured by Union forces and died of starvation in a POW camp in Delaware in 1863. He was 23 years old. His remains are buried in an unmarked grave somewhere in Delaware.

Alex and his brothers were my Great-Great uncles.

My family has fought and served this great country for over 250 years. The American Revolution, War of 1812, the War Between the States (WITH BOTH THE NORTH AND SOUTH), the good Lord spared us the Spanish American War, but we were there for WW1, WW2, Korean War, Vietnam, Invasion of Grenada, 1st Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan.

I ask you to leave the monument "as is" as a memorial for Alex and all the other soldiers who never came home from that war.

Thank you,

Rod Bowman

Pvt. Hendren Van Lear Bell of Company I, 5th Reg Virginia (Stonewalls Brigade)
 Pvt. David F. Bell born 1831-1863 Company C, 5th Reg Virginia (Stonewalls Brigade) Wounded at Chancellorsville, died from disease.
 Dr. John B. Bell 1836-1891 Confederate Surgeon
 Pvt. Alexander B. Bell 1840-1863 Company C, 5th Reg Virginia (Stonewalls Brigade) Died from starvation in POW Camp in Delaware."

WORK SESSION

August 16, 2021

7:00 p.m.

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners Work Session on August 16, 2021 was cancelled.

REGULAR MEETING

September 7, 2021

6:45 p.m.

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Perquimans County Library located at 514 S. Church Street, Hertford, NC 27944.

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| MEMBERS PRESENT: | Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman | Fondella A. Leigh, Vice Chair |
| | Joseph W. Hoffer | T. Kyle Jones |
| | Alan Lennon | Charles Woodard |
| MEMBERS ABSENT: | None | |
| OTHERS PRESENT: | Frank Heath, County Manager | Mary Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board |
| | Hackney High, County Attorney | |

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nelson. Commissioner Hoffer gave the invocation and the Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

Amendment of the County's Land Development Regulations

Chairman Nelson opened the Public Hearing stating that the purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comments and to discuss amendments to Ordinance No. 47-Manufactured Home and Manufactured Home Park Ordinance, Ordinance No. 91-Subdivision Regulations, and Ordinance No. 98-Zoning Ordinance. The reason for the amendments is to ensure compliance with NCGS Chapter 160D, correct minor typographical errors with the ordinances, add supplemental regulations for swimming pools, and add regulations for a new RA-32 zoning district. There were eighteen (18) people present. Chairman Nelson recognized Rhonda Repanshek, County Planner, who made the following comments:

Thank you Chairman Nelson.

Notice of this legislative public hearing was provided per County Zoning Ordinance section 2303(d) and NC General Statutes Chapter 160D-601. Notice was also posted online on the County homepage and on the County Facebook website. 2 County residents made requests to the Planning Office to get copies of the proposed edits of all 3 documents.

Our subcontractor, Insight Planning & Development, updated the 2 ordinances previously mentioned and our subdivision regulations to reflect and comply with new State General Statutes titled Chapter 160D. Ms. Cindy Anderson is here tonight representing Insight if you have any questions for her later. She was and still is instrumental in this process. She's worth her weight in gold.

A joint work session between Planning Board and County Commissioners was held July 13th in which these 3 documents were reviewed.

In the Zoning Ordinance, General Statute references were updated, along with terminology and definitions. Planning Board members are required to take an oath of office now. Conditional Use Districts have been eliminated and will now become Conditional Zoning Districts which have purely legislative public hearings. Additional definitions and uses relating to health care structures were included. Typographical errors were corrected, swimming pool regulations were added, and a new zone RA-32 zoning district was created.

In the Subdivision Regulations and Manufactured Home Park Ordinance, definitions and terminology were updated and synchronized with each other, with the zoning ordinance and the State.

In relation to our CAMA Land Use Plan, 160D changes instigated by State law amendments were mainly a reorganization and clarification of existing regulations, however terminology changes and the addition of zoning district RA-32 do affect the Land Use Plan (LUP). RA-32 criteria are identical to existing RA-43 except for requiring slightly less square footage, specifically 10,500 sq. ft. less. Zoning districts are designated under chapter 9(F)(2) *Perquimans County Future Land Use* page IX-28 and the Future Land Use Compatibility Matrix on page IX-35.

Planning Board unanimously recommended approval of Text Amendment TXT-21-01 as presented, to edit Perquimans County Manufactured Home and Manufactured Home Park Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations, and Zoning Ordinance to ensure compliance with North Carolina General Statute Chapter 160D, correct minor typographical errors in the ordinances, add supplemental regulations for swimming pools, and add regulations for a new RA-32 zoning district and to declare the text amendments to be consistent with the Perquimans County CAMA Land Use Plan because the amendments maintain the same county-wide characteristics and functions of the current ordinances and regulations.

In deciding whether to adopt a proposed ordinance text amendment, the central issue before the Board of Commissioners is whether the proposed amendment advances the public health, safety or welfare and is consistent with any adopted County Land Use Plan documents, the CAMA Land Use Plan, and the specific intent of the zoning ordinance.

Staff reminds you that a Land Use Plan consistency statement is needed when you get to the voting part.

Are there any questions for myself or Ms. Anderson?

There being no questions from the Board, Chairman Nelson asked if anyone had signed up for public comments. There being none Chairman Nelson closed the Public Hearing at 6:55 p.m.

AGENDA

Chairman Nelson stated that a copy of the amended Agenda was at their seats tonight. Fondella A. Leigh made a motion to approve the Agenda, as amended. The motion was seconded by Charles Woodard and unanimously approved by the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Nelson asked if there were any items that the Board wished to remove from the Consent Agenda to discuss. There being none, the following items were considered to be routine and were unanimously approved on motion made by Charles Woodard, seconded by Joseph W. Hoffler.

- Approval of Minutes:** August 2, 2021 Regular Meeting, August 16, 2021 Special Called Meeting, and August 16, 2021 Work Session (**cancelled**) were approved.
- Tax Refund Approvals:**
 - Burch, Joseph Allen** ----- \$125.76
Vehicle sold; 11-month refund. Account No. 61411955
 - Lyons, Mark Anthony** ----- \$188.56
Active military. Paid bill in error. Account No. 57852294
 - Brehend, Bruce** ----- \$201.84
Customer was given a new plate. 12-month refund. Account No. 47113442

3. Personnel Matters:

Employee Name	Employee Job Title	Action Required	Grade/Step	New Salary	Effective Date
Lindsay Winslow	Part-Time/Fill-In EMT	Appointment	63/1	\$15.69/hr.	09/01/2021
Kristin Jennings	Part-Time/Fill-In AEMT	Appointment	66/1	\$17.91/hr.	09/01/2021
Brian Brown	Part-Time/Fill-In Paramedic	Appointment	68/1	\$19.56/hr.	09/01/2021
Nicole Anderson	Full-Time Paramedic	Appointment	68/2	\$20.04/hr.	09/01/2021
Rebecca Cullipher	Full-Time Paramedic	Appointment	68/1	\$19.55/hr.	09/01/2021
Casey Winn	Administrative Assistant/Human Resource Tech	Appointment	61/1	\$29,886	09/01/2021
Daniel Turner	Certified Deputy	Appointment	65/6	\$40,276	09/01/2021
Joshua Reed	Certified Deputy	Appointment	65/1	\$35,638	09/01/2021
James Burkett, Jr.	Part-Time/Fill-In Certified Deputy	Appointment	65/5	\$18.89/hr.	09/01/2021
Brian Gregory	Certified Deputy	Promotion from PT	65/5	\$39,293	09/01/2021
William Ward	Full-Time Certified Telecommunicator	Promotion from PT	62/1	\$31,231	09/01/2021
Janice Brickhouse	Part-Tim/Fill-In Paramedic	Resignation			09/01/2021

4. Step/Merit Increases:

Employee Name	Employee Job Title	Grade/Step	New Salary	Effective Date
Jackie Frierson	Register of Deeds	70/9	\$53,984	09/01/2021
Brandon Melton	Certified Telecommunicator Fill-In	62/2	\$15.38/hr.	09/01/2021
Kathleen Conner	Social Worker III - Adult Services	69/3	\$44,627	09/01/2021
Samantha Farrar	IMC II	63/2	\$33,453	09/01/2021
Kay Hall	Social Worker II	67/8	\$46,180	09/01/2021
Pamela Midgett	IMS II	67/5	\$42,908	09/01/2021
Alicia White	IMC II	63/2	\$33,453	09/01/2021
Kristen Myers	Deputy Register of Deeds	58/4	\$28,186	09/01/2021
Christopher Wharton	Water Plant Operator	*	\$1,260	09/01/2021

***one-time performance bonus**

5. Budget Amendment:

**BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 4
GENERAL FUNDS / ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS**

CODE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF CODE	AMOUNT	
		INCREASE	DECREASE
10-339-000	Fund Balance Appropriated	15,000	
10-690-720	Transfer to Industrial Development	15,000	
10-690-720	Transfer to Industrial Development		15,000

BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 4 (CONTINUED)
GENERAL FUNDS / ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

10-120-000	EMS Foundation Grant Expense	15,000	
40-120-000	Treasurer		15,000
40-397-000	Transfer from General Fund	15,000	
40-397-000	Transfer from General Fund		15,000
40-660-720	Matching Grants	15,000	
EXPLANATION: To amend FY 21/22 budget to include matching grants in Industrial Development budget.			

6. **Enclosures:** The following board appointments were approved by the Board. In addition, there are two appointments from the Local Library Board to the Pettigrew Regional Library Board that Ms. Lawrence wanted to inform the Board of Commissioners:

Name	Board/Committee	Action Taken	Term	Effective Date
Robert Martin	Pettigrew Regional Library Board	For Info Only		
Ruth McNaught	Pettigrew Regional Library Board	For Info Only		
Hobbs, Donald	Animal Control Board (at-large Comm. Appt)	Reappointment.	2 yrs.	10/01/2021
Thompson, Bethany	Animal Control Board (SPCA Representative)	1 yr.	1 yr.	10/01/2021
Stallings, Dianne White	Jury Commission - County Appointee	2 yrs.	2 yrs.	10/01/2021
Skinner, John	Planning Board	3 yrs.	3 yrs.	10/01/2021
Roberts, A.O.	Planning Board *	3 yrs.	3 yrs.	10/01/2021

**This is A.O. Roberts' last term. The Board can reappoint him for another term if they choose to but this will be his last term. Mr. Roberts is willing to continue to serve should the Board agree. Therefore, the Board will need to begin a search for his replacement in 3 years.*

7. **Enclosures:** The following miscellaneous documents were approved by the Board:
- a. **Resolution Authorizing Sale of Certain Surplus County Equipment:** The following Resolution to declare certain vehicle as surplus equipment and authorize the sale of this vehicle on GovDeals:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE
OF CERTAIN SURPLUS COUNTY PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners desires to dispose of certain surplus property of the County:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners that:

- The following described vehicle is hereby declared to be surplus to the needs of the County:

Model Year	Make	Model	VIN
2010	Ford	Explorer	1FMEU7DE6AUA65756

- The County Manager is hereby authorized and directed to proceed on behalf of the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners to sell these vehicles on GovDeals.
- The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and decide not to sell the vehicles at any time during this process.
- The County Manager, in accordance with State law, shall cause a summary of this resolution to be posted on bulletin board at Courthouse and place it on the County's website and Facebook page. After not less than ten (10) days from the date of publication, the County Manager is authorized to sell the above-described property to the highest bidder.

Adopted this the 7th day of September, 2021.

Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman
Perquimans County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

SEAL

Mary P. Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board

- b. **Perquimans County Board of Elections Resolution #2021-01:** For information purposes only, the Board of Elections presented the following copy of Resolution #2021-01 establishing a buffer zone during One-Stop Voting at 601 South Edenton Road Street, Hertford:



Perquimans County Board of Elections

601 A South Edenton Road Street
PO Box 336
Hertford, N.C. 27944
Phone: 252.426.5598 Fax: 252.426.5068

Perquimans County Board of Elections Resolution #2021-01

WHEREAS, the Perquimans County Board of Elections (BOE) is responsible for ensuring that adequate procedures are in place at each voting place for a safe, secure, fair, and honest election, and has established a voting site for early voting at 601 South Edenton Road Street, Hertford;

AND WHEREAS, the Perquimans County Board of Elections must maintain a voting place and a buffer zone where no person or group of persons shall hinder access, harass others, distribute campaign literature, place political advertising, solicit votes, or otherwise engage in election related activity;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Perquimans County Board of Elections has set the buffer zone to be at least **112 feet** from the main voting entrance and shall be duly marked to allow parking and traffic to move freely, and to assure the safety and well being of all who will be utilizing the **ONE-STOP VOTING site at 601 South Edenton Road Street, Hertford.**

Approved: August 17, 2021

Vera R. Merrill, Board Chair

Ellie Finkel Bunn, Secretary

Sally S. Miller, Member

Sherry A. Moore, Member

Victoria Butte, Member

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

The following presentation was made and employees were introduced to the Board:

1. **Presentation to Jewel Winslow**: Chairman Nelson recognized Jewel Winslow. Ms. Winslow made a few comments thanking the Board for their continued support of the NC Cooperative Extension and as a personal resident of Perquimans County. She thanked the Board for their sacrifices and for the Extension Office. She said that Perquimans County was a great place to live. After her comments, Chairman Nelson presented Ms. Winslow with a plaque from Perquimans County for her 28 years of service with Perquimans County Cooperative Extension. County Manager Heath made comments on how she had served the youth, senior citizens, help children to learn how to cook, and helped the farmers of Perquimans County. He wished her the best in her new endeavors and thanked her for all of her service to Perquimans County. Ms. Winslow thanked her staff for their support and appreciated that they were present tonight to celebrate with her. Ms. Winslow wanted to introduce Mr. Art Bradley, District Director of NC Cooperative Extension. Mr. Heath said that we had a few more introductions and Mr. Bradley would be under scheduled appointments. He further stated that the spotlight was on Ms. Winslow. Chairman Nelson asked if any there were any other comments from the Board. Mr. Nelson asked Mr. Bradley to make his presentation. Mr. Bradley explained that Ms. Winslow had worked with Cooperative Extension for 33 years with the last seven years being County Director at the Perquimans County Cooperative Extension. After thanking the Board for their continued support of NC State University, NC A&T University, and Cooperative Extension, he presented Ms. Winslow with her official retirement certificate. He then introduced Mary Moore who will be acting as interim director for Perquimans County Cooperative Extension. They have advertised for a new director for Perquimans County Extension. Chairman Nelson thanked Ms. Winslow for her service and her outstanding jobs and that she had touched many lives. He thanked Mr. Bradley for all that Cooperative Extension does for Perquimans County and throughout the state. He welcomed Ms. Moore. Commissioner Woodard thanked Ms. Winslow for her work with Medicare D and all the senior citizens and all the other agricultural programs.
2. **Bill Jennings** introduced Casey Forward, Business Personal Property Clerk, who was hired on August 1, 2021. Ms. Forward made a few comments thanking the Board for this opportunity
3. **Susan Chaney** introduced Alicia Sylvester, IMC I working toward the IMC II – Family Medicaid Services, who was hired on July 1, 2021. Ms. Sylvester made a few comments thanking the Board for this opportunity.
4. **Sheriff Shelby White** introduced Brian Gregory, Joshua Reed, Daniel Turner all certified deputies who were appointed tonight effective September 1, 2021 and Brian Baker, Animal Control Officer, who was promoted from part-time Animal Control Officer to full-time Animal Control Officer effective July 1, 2021. They all made a few comments and thanked the Board for this opportunity. Mr. White gave an update on how the transition of the Hertford Police Department was going.
5. **Jonathan Nixon** introduced William “Matt” Ward who was hired as a full-time certified telecommunicator. Mr. Ward made a few comments and thanked the Board for this opportunity.

On behalf of the Commissioners, Chairman Nelson welcomed the new employees to Perquimans County.

JONATHAN NIXON, EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR

Mr. Nixon explained the commitment of the federal partners in the County. They have assisted with many of our training events and now wants to donate a 27’ Boston Whaler Boat and a 17’ Boston Whaler Boat. He further explained what repairs needed to be made. He also explained that this 27’ boat replaces the 25’ boat which they plan to sell on GovDeals to help pay for the repairs to the 27’ boat. He is asking that the Board authorize the County Manager and himself to accept this equipment and to approve the following two funding requests:

1. Once the new 27’ Boston Whaler is in service, he is asking that he be allowed to sell the 25’ Boston Whaler on GovDeals with a minimum starting bid of \$10,000.
2. In FY 2021, the Emergency Management Division received \$38,904.03 in Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) funds. This year, we are slated to receive a minimum of \$51,825.00 in EMPG funds. This is an unanticipated increase of \$12,920.00

What Mr. Nixon is asking the Board to do tonight is: (1) accept this donation and authorize County Manager Heath and Emergency Services Director to take receipt of this equipment on behalf of the Volunteer Water Rescue Team; and (2) allocate the needed \$23,875.00 in the Emergency Management Water Rescue line now, recognizing the anticipated increase in EMPG funds as well as the revenue generated by the sale of the 25’ Boston Whaler be deposited into the General Fund. On motion made by Fondella A. Leigh, seconded by Joseph W. Hoffer, the Board unanimously approved to accept this equipment and Mr. Nixon’s two funding requests.

COMMISSIONER’S CONCERNS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no commissioner concerns or reports.

UPDATES FROM COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Heath presented the following updates:

- **School System Update**: Mr. Heath reported that, through a discussion with Superintendent Tanya Turner, she notified us that there is COVID grant funds available that was in relation to health and physical activities for students that could pay for the construction of the track at the high school athletic field. The amount of the grant is \$1,080,000. That is what we have talked about for many years and it looks like it is going to be built.
- **Lighting at the Boat Ramp**: Mr. Heath explained that the problem with the lighting at the boat ramp has been solved. This project was handled by the Division of Wildlife and the State of North Carolina at no cost to Perquimans County.
- **Tourism Development Authority (TDA)**: Mr. Heath informed the Board that TDA met in a special called meeting on August 31, 2021 and hired Stacey Layden as the new Tourism Director. She will have offices at the 104 Dobbs Street Building and, in addition to the Tourism Development programs, she will be facilitating the Perquimans County Museum which includes the Catfish Hunter items that were moved from the Chamber of Commerce Building in August. Commissioner Lennon, TDA Chairman, is excited about having Stacey on board and it is a great opportunity for Perquimans County. Ms. Layden has already begun her work and is excited about this opportunity. Mr. Heath also mentioned that the County was going to update the lighting and do some painting in the offices.
- **COVID Updates**: Mr. Heath gave an update on the DELTA COVID Variant. He said that currently Perquimans County has 62 active cases. From a staffing perspective, this variant is worse than what we originally had. He further stated that there has been no serious report cases for county employees. The county has had more positive cases with their employees and it seems that this variant is more contagious. He feels that, since we have had no serious cases, we will continue to move forward and weather this storm.
- **High School Baseball 1A State Champions**: Chairman Nelson and County Manager Heath have been discussing what the County could do to show their appreciation for this accomplishment. They have discussed purchasing their State Champion rings at \$250 each. There are 25 players and six coaches making the total costs \$6,250. Mr. Heath asked if the Chairman had any comments. Mr. Nelson explained that the school had raised some funds for these rings. Commissioner Jones said that, since we will not be paying

for a track, he was in agreement with their proposal. Commissioner Hoffer agrees with Commissioner Jones and feels that they need to be honored. Commissioner Woodard agreed also. Alan Lennon made a motion to take the funds from the General Fund to finish paying for these 31 rings. The motion was seconded by Joseph W. Hoffer. Chairman Nelson recognized Commissioner Leigh for a comment. Commissioner Leigh explained that the track team went to the State Championship but they did not win. She feels that we need to recognize them for this accomplishment too. Chairman Nelson said that he and County Manager Heath would discuss this with Superintendent Turner and get back with the Commissioners. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

BOARD APPOINTMENT: TRILLIUM NORTHERN REGION ADVISORY BOARD

Chairman Nelson asked Mary Hunnicutt if we had received any applications to fill this vacancy on the Trillium Northern Region Advisory Board. Ms. Hunnicutt said that we had not. There is no deadline for the appointment and if anyone has an idea of a person willing to serve on this board to please let Mary Hunnicutt know.

MONUMENT TO THE CONFEDERATE DEAD

Chairman Nelson gave a summary of the events that the Board has done to receive all the information that we have received to help them make a decision on the recommendations that the Work Group made. He further thanked the individuals who attended and spoke at the meetings. He assured the public that the e-mails and letters that was received on the monument were forwarded to the commissioners and were provided to them in one document at tonight's meeting. He asked Mr. Heath to make a comment. Mr. Heath explained that, as part of this process, a petition was presented to the Board of Commissioners by citizens who were not in favor of the relocation of the monument. He further explained that, at the August 2nd regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, a petition against removal of the monument was presented to the Board. After examination by the Board and staff, some irregularities were discovered. An investigation by the County Manager's Office found that about 30 of the over 1200 names on the petition were forged. With the help of the organizers of the petition, the person responsible was identified. As a result, the petition organizers have asked that the document be withdrawn from the Board's consideration. Any further legal action will be determined by those individuals whose names were forged. Chairman Nelson then opened the floor for Board comments on the following two recommendations:

1. Recommend that the Commissioners add signage which contextualizes the monument to provide the whole story of that era.
2. Recommend that the Commissioners approach the private owners of the King Street Memorial for relocation to the Courthouse green in a location of equal stature and prominence.

The following comment was made regarding the monument:

- **Commissioner Hoffer:** Mr. Hoffer made the following statement:

When last I spoke about growing up in the Jim Crow era in Hertford, with the white and colored signs on the courthouse grounds and having to receive my sandwich from a side window at Captain Bob's, a person in the audience yelled that he did not want to hear that mess from the 50's. He was so disruptive that people sitting beside him had to restrain him. And Chairman Wallace had to ask for order in the room. Wanting to maintain peace at the meeting, I stopped my comments.

Since that time months ago, I have sat quietly by in many meetings and listened to loads of untruths and erroneous statements from the same person who interrupted my comments and 23/24 of his supporters, to include a petition that may contain some forged names and false description of events involving the Confederate monument. Well tonight, is my night to complete my comments. If someone is disorderly, I am sure the chairman will have him/her removed. Sometimes the truth hurts.

My comments are to my fellow commissioners, who will be voting tonight on the situation surrounding the Confederate monument which is erected on public property in front of the Perquimans County courthouse.

The Confederate monuments in North Carolina did not spontaneously pop up like mushrooms. The installation of more than 200 Confederate memorials across the state was a result of the orchestrated efforts of white southerners with clear objectives. We may be tempted to assume that the monuments honor the men who died fighting during the Civil War. Some monuments to the Confederate dead were indeed erected, especially in the first decades after the Civil War. These memorials were often located in graveyards and were adorned with conventional Christian symbols associated with death and mourning. But many Confederate monuments in North Carolina are not memorials to war dead located in cemeteries. Instead, they are monuments that glorify the Confederacy.

Confederate monuments did not become commonplace until the turn of the 20th century. Then in a frenzy of monument building, white organizations like the United Daughters of the Confederacy, funded, erected, and dedicated such monuments in many of the most conspicuous public spaces in the state. Instead of memorials in graveyards, Confederate memorialist intentionally located monuments in front of the most important civic building, especially courthouses, and along the most important thoroughfares in their communities.

The location and timing of the Confederate monument boom from 1880 to 1920 was directly tied to the political objectives of the sponsors of the monuments. Instead of monuments that express contrition for waging the bloodiest war in American history, Confederate memorialist erected monuments of defiance. It was not by chance that the monuments were erected while white North Carolinians were working to deprive black Americans of the rights that they had secured following the defeat of the Confederacy.

Confederate monuments, then, were the result of private white groups colonizing public space. Few if any of these monuments went through any of the approval procedures that we now commonly apply to public art. Contemporaries, especially African Americans, who objected to the erection of Confederate monuments had no realistic opportunity to voice their opposition. The fact that the monuments were erected in public spaces was one measure of the grip of white elites on all the levers of power in this county.

If you really want to know the meaning of a monument and why it was erected, listen to the dedication speeches. One historian tracked down 30 dedication speeches that were given at Confederate soldiers monuments across North Carolina and they supported two conclusions.

1. White nationalism was a fixture of Confederate monumentation
2. Confederate soldier monuments honored veterans for their postwar success in eroding black equality as much as for their failed wartime sacrifices.

THE MONUMENT IN HERTFORD

Was erected on June 12, 1912 during the Jim Crow era, has really nothing to do with the Civil War, but is instead an offensive commemoration of white supremacy that never should have been erected. At its dedication ceremony, the speaker related the history of Perquimans County's troops in the war. And then..... And the war was fought not to just protect slavery and all its evils, but to enable its expansion as well.

That monument itself wasn't installed until nearly half-a-century after the war was over, it was put up by white people as a reminder to Perquimans' Black citizens who then couldn't live where they wanted to, attend school where they wanted to, work or socialize where they wanted to, and more importantly couldn't vote in elections.

If the present day supporters of the monument are so keen on preserving Confederate heritage and paying tribute to Confederate soldiers, now that it has been confirmed that the site is not a grave or grave like site, they should look for private land where they can move the monument off of the court house grounds, which is a public place

Or why not support signs at the monuments explaining the truth about the issue the Confederate soldiers were fighting for?

FALSE STATEMENTS

1. In the PQ, the monument was described as a grave marker. Of course, no one wants to move a grave marker. The truth is you cannot have a grave marker, without having a grave. To the best of my research no one is buried under that spot.
2. Nationalized American citizen from England
3. Viet Nam Wall Comments
4. Don't look at it.

Commissioners, the memorial landscape we have inherited is not sacred. Just as it was created by design and by means of grass-roots mobilization, it can be reimagined and rebuilt through the same means. And whereas the existing monuments were intended to continue political and racial ideology that is wholly incompatible with our constitutional and governing principles, we could reimagine and build a memorial landscape that is inclusive, democratic, and consistent.

The goal is not the erasure of history, but the removal of discriminatory symbols from the most important public spaces of our county, especially courthouses and other spaces essential to the creation and maintenance of a just and inclusive democracy.

Charlottesville, VA, and Selma, AL, Pasquotank, Hertford and Chowan County....

For clarification purposes, T. Kyle Jones felt that the Board should consider each recommendation separately if that is approved by the Board. T. Kyle Jones made a motion to ask that the Chairman, Vice Chair, and County Manager to discuss the wording for the signage, location of the signage, and to determine the estimated costs to install this signage. Fondella A. Leigh seconded the motion adding that they talk to a professor of social science at Elizabeth City State University and the College of the Albemarle to assist with the correct wording. Chairman Nelson opened the floor for discussion on this motion. The following comments were made regarding the first recommendation:

- **Commissioner Woodard:** Mr. Woodard does not agree with adding signage to the monument. He also made comments about free blacks owning slaves and about the black soldiers fighting for the Confederacy. He cited several battles that studies had shown what he said but that he was not going to argue the issue. He does not agree with the signage and asked what we are trying to prove. He would not mind if things were done appropriately.
- **Commissioner Lennon:** Mr. Lennon said that he has been quiet about the matter. He did not even know that the monument was there until all this surfaced. He understands the situation but he does not find the monument offensive. He has travelled all around the area but he feels that we have the most non-offensive monument and that it is not harming the county.
- **Commissioner Woodard:** Mr. Woodard made comments about the delay in building the monument and how the blacks had to feed the whites because the whites had lost everything they had. He concluded with the statement that he felt the comradeship was closer in the 60's than it is now. It depends on how you want to read history and we as a board need to take all matters in to consideration.
- **Commissioner Hoffer:** Mr. Hoffer restated that his objection has to be with the fact that the monument is located on public property. Why not put it on private property. He does not want to pay to maintain the monument.
- **Commissioner Jones:** Mr. Jones asked if the Work Group recommended that the signage be placed on the monument itself or by the monument. Chairman Nelson said that it would not be on the monument but beside the monument. Mr. Jones further stated that the wording would have to be approved by a 2/3's majority of the Board.
- **Chairman Nelson:** The role of Chairman makes it difficult because you want to make sure you have an open discussion about any issue. Mr. Nelson is now speaking as a commissioner and not as the chairman. We have allowed everyone to speak their mind and that there was misinformation presented at the work group meetings. He shared his vision as to what he feels we can do and shared some pictures what he has observed in his travels in Beaufort, SC. He read the statement from the Board of Commissioners when they approved the placing a monument to the Confederate dead on courthouse lawn. He does not know what was in their minds at that time but feels that it was merely placing a monument for the Confederate dead. He concluded by saying that there is a story to be told here and we should take this opportunity to try to development unity and feels that there is potential to bring something positive to a challenging situation.
- **Commissioner Woodard:** Mr. Woodard recommended that the Board read Proverbs 22:28 - "Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set."

There being no further comments on the motion, Chairman Nelson called for a vote. T. Kyle Jones restated the motion on the floor. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board. Chairman Nelson stated that County Manager Heath had reached out to the King Street monument owner but has not received any comments yet. The following comments were made for recommendation No. 2:

- **Commissioner Hoffer:** Mr. Hoffer was not in favor of moving the King Street monument.

T. Kyle Jones made a motion to have a representation from the Board to approach the owner of the King Street monument asking if they would be willing to move their monument to the courthouse green next to the Monument to the Confederate Dead. Charles Woodard seconded the motion. Chairman Nelson opened floor for any comments from the Board. The following comments were made:

- **Commissioner Hoffer:** Mr. Hoffer stated that he was not in favor of moving the monument but was okay to approach them and ask them if they would be willing to do so.
- **Commissioner Leigh:** Ms. Leigh asked that she had been hearing all night about the "position of prominence". She wanted to know what it meant. Commissioner Jones said that it meant to be in a place that was more visible to the public.
- **Commissioner Woodard:** Mr. Woodard stated that he could say that driving by the King Street monument was offensive to him but he does appreciate history and feels it is great that the monument is there.
- **Commissioner Hoffer:** Mr. Hoffer said that he had no problem with the Board approaching the owner but he just does not want it moved. Mr. Heath stated that, when he met with them as requested by the Work Group, he felt that the spirit of the church was that the Board formally approach them and ask them if they would be willing to relocate the monument.
- **Commissioner Leigh:** Ms. Leigh explained that, in her position as Presiding Elder and Pastor at AME Zion Church, she oversees 19 churches which includes the First Baptist Church across from the King Street Monument and St. Paul Church on the corner of Dobbs Street and Edenton Road Street. The pastor of that church told her that they had the deed to that property. She recommended that they talk to both churches to verify who actually owns the property. Mr. Heath stated that they would need to verify the ownership of the King Street monument.

Commissioner Leigh asked who was going to approach them. Chairman Nelson said that they would have to talk about that. She expressed some concerns about how it would be affected with her position as Presiding Elder at AME Churches. There being no further comments on the motion, Chairman Nelson called for a vote. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

PLANNING ITEMS: AMENDMENT OF THE COUNTY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

County Manager Heath presented the information on the amendment to the county's land development regulations. Fondella A. Leigh made a motion to approve Text Amendment TXT-21-01, as presented, to edit Perquimans County Manufactured Home & Manufactured Home Park Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations, and Zoning Ordinance to ensure compliance with North Carolina General Statute Chapter 160D, correct minor typographical errors with the ordinances, add supplemental regulations for swimming pools, and add regulations for a new RA-32 zoning district and to declare that

the text amendments to be consistent with the Perquimans County CAMA Land Use Plan because the amendments maintain the same countywide characteristics and functions of the current ordinances and regulations including promoting open space to improve the quality of life and encourage economic development through planned growth, while arranging document sections in a more logical manner. The motion was seconded by Charles Woodard and unanimously approved by the Board. The following Ordinance was adopted approving the text amendments to Ordinance #47, #91, & #98:

**ORDINANCE #101
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
ORDINANCE NO. 47-MANUFACTURED HOME AND MANUFACTURED
HOME PARK ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 91-SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS,
AND ORDINANCE NO. 98-ZONING ORDINANCE**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PERQUIMANS COUNTY:

- Section 1:** Articles I through XII of the County’s Ordinance No. 47-Manufactured Home and Manufactured Home Park Ordinance is **AMENDED** in accordance with the revisions provided in Attachment A.
- Section 2:** Articles I through VIII of the County’s Ordinance No. 91-Subdivision Regulations is **AMENDED** in accordance with the revisions provided in Attachment B.
- Section 3:** Articles I through XIX of the County’s Ordinance No. 98-Zoning Ordinance is **AMENDED** in accordance with the revisions provided in Attachment C.
- Section 4:** This ordinance shall be in full force on and after the date of its adoption.

ADOPTED this 7th day of September, 2021.

Wallace Nelson, Chairman

Clerk to the Board

EASEMENT FOR PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS – WINFALL BALLPARK

County Manager Heath presented the information on Piedmont Natural Gas request for an easement along the planned installation route for the Juvenile Detention Center near the Winfall Ballpark. On motion made by Alan Lennon, seconded by Joseph W. Hoffler and unanimously approved by the Board to authorize the Chairman and staff to sign the following easement for Piedmont Natural Gas (See Attachment A).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following public comment was made:

- **Terry Swope**: Mr. Swope read the following statement:

My name is Terry Swope and I live in Perquimans County. I wanted to speak to the issue of signage around the Monument to Confederate War Dead.

Back in February, the Board opted to create a “Work Group” for the purpose of “*Examine all possibilities related to the location of the Monument to the Confederate Dead, currently situated on the courthouse green. Accordingly, develop a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners which will be considered at a future Public Hearing.*”

On June 16th, the “Work Group” held its final meeting. In the end, they came up with two recommendations:

- 1) Commissioners add signage which “Contextualizes” the Monument to provide the “Whole Story” of that era.
- 2) Commissioners approach the private owners of the Colored Union Troops Monument for relocation to the Courthouse green in a location of equal stature and prominence.

50 some odd people attended the Public Hearing that was held on August 16th, 2021. The Public Hearing was well attended and 25 people spoke and/or gave written statements. Seems like the makings of a good Public Hearing and the opportunity for the Board to hear directly from the Public on what may be a contentious issue. Do they want signs to CONTEXTUALIZE the Monument? Do they want to move the private Monument to public property? Do they want to do both?

Turns out, it wasn’t really very contentious at all. Literally NO ONE spoke positively for adding signs; in fact 24 of the 25 **very specifically** called out against signs. That’s right, not a soul said, or even hinted, that adding signs was a good idea, and 24 actually said “No”.

Tonight, three weeks after the Public Hearing, this Board flatly **rejected every single voice** that spoke that night, and has voted to put up the signs that **no one** at the Public Hearing said they wanted.

Was the Public Hearing under advertised and somehow only anti-sign folks got the word and attended? Was there a deluge of calls after the hearing from folks who just couldn’t make it there but they really, really wanted those signs erected?

I can’t help but wonder, what was the purpose of the Public Hearing? I would guess that rarely is such a hearing attended by so many people completely in sync with their wishes (96% said they opposed signs) and yet completely out of sync with the Board.

“Public voices” or “Commissioner voices” tonight was an example of whose voice carries loudest. Perhaps that is why so many are apathetic when it comes to local politics.

---Terry---

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to discuss, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. on motion made by Fondella A. Leigh, seconded by Joseph W. Hoffler.

Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman

Clerk to the Board

ATTACHMENT A

**GRANT OF EASEMENT
DISTRIBUTION**

Return Recorded Document To:
Land Services, Natural Gas.
Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.
4720 Piedmont Row Drive
Charlotte, NC 28210

STATE OF NC
COUNTY OF PERQUIMANS

Project No:
Parcel ID / Tax:

THIS GRANT OF EASEMENT made this 9th day of August, 2021, from (hereinafter designated as "GRANTOR"), to **Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.**, (hereinafter designated as "PIEDMONT").

WITNESSETH

That GRANTOR, for and in consideration of the sum of 0 Dollars (**\$0.00**), and other valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, hereby expressly bargains, sells, and grants unto PIEDMONT, its successors and assigns, a perpetual right of way and easement for the purpose of laying, constructing, installing, maintaining, operating, inspecting, repairing, altering, adding to, upgrading, replacing, relocating, removing, and protecting pipelines and appurtenances for the transportation of natural gas under, upon, over, through, and across the land of GRANTOR (or in which GRANTOR has interest) situated in the County of Perquimans, NC, as described in deed(s) recorded in Book 176, Page 268, Office of the Register of Deeds for Perquimans County, NC, ("Property").

The right of way herein granted is ten (10) feet wide, extending ~~two and one half~~ ^{five} (5) feet on each side of the centerline of the pipeline, the location of which has been mutually agreed upon between GRANTOR and PIEDMONT. The pipeline as actually installed shall determine the centerline of said right of way. Subject to all rights granted to PIEDMONT herein, such right of way shall be the portion of the Property encumbered by this GRANT OF EASEMENT.

PIEDMONT shall have all rights reasonably necessary for the full use and enjoyment of the rights herein granted, including, without limitation, the free and full right of ingress and egress over and across the aforesaid Property and the right, but not the obligation, to keep said right of way cleared of trees, vegetation, undergrowth, buildings, structures, and any other obstructions. GRANTOR shall not construct, nor permit to be constructed, any house, structure, or other obstruction on or over said right of way.

GRANTOR hereby binds GRANTOR and GRANTOR'S heirs, representatives, successors, and assigns to warrant and forever defend all and singular said premises unto PIEDMONT, its successors and assigns, against the claims of all persons whomsoever.

To have and to hold said right of way and easement unto PIEDMONT, its successors and assigns, perpetually and continuously. GRANTOR expressly gives PIEDMONT, its successors and assigns, the right to assign, license, lease, or otherwise transfer, in whole or part, this GRANT OF EASEMENT or any rights given herein, to any person or entity, including but not limited to, any affiliated parent or subsidiary entity of PIEDMONT, for the uses and purposes expressly stated herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this GRANT OF EASEMENT has been signed under seal by GRANTOR, as of the date first above written.

GRANTOR:

Sign:



Print:

Wallace E. Nelson

Title:

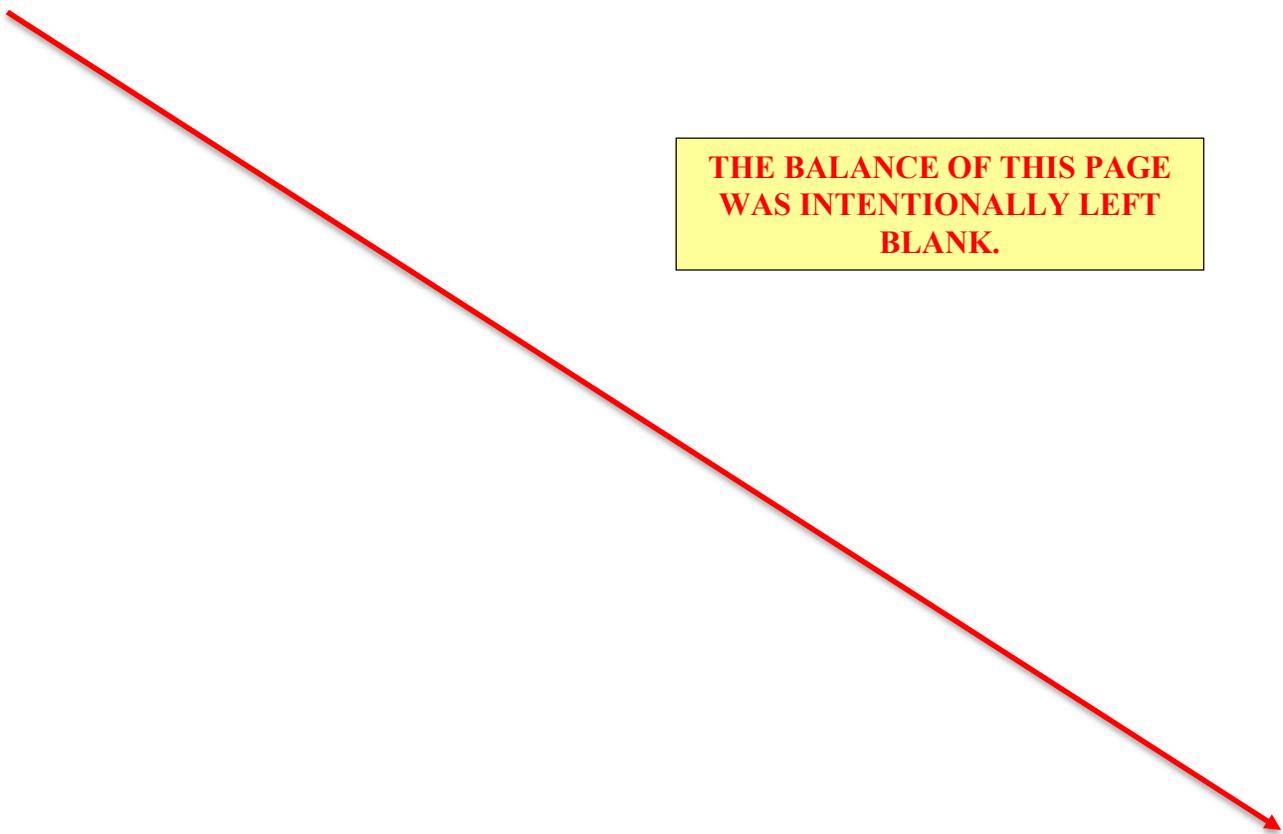
Chairman, Perquimans County
Board of Commissioners

Sign:

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STANDARD ACKNOWLEDGMENT

[Notary Certification for Individual] / Government

STATE OF NC

COUNTY OF Perquimans

I, William C. Heath, # a Notary Public for Perquimans County, NC, do hereby certify that Wallace E. Nelson personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing Grant of Easement.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 8th day of September, 2021.



Sign: William C. Heath, #
Print: William C. Heath, #
My commission expires: 4/4/23

[Notary Certification for Corporation]

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

I, _____, a Notary Public of _____ County, State of _____, do hereby certify that _____, [Manager / Member / Managing Member] of _____, LLC, a limited liability company, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged that by authority duly given and as the act of the limited liability company the foregoing Grant of Easement was signed in its name by him or her in such capacity.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 9th day of August, 2021.

[NOTARY SEAL] Sign: _____
Print: _____
My commission expires: _____

[Notary Certification for LLC]

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

I, _____, a Notary Public of _____ County, State of _____, do hereby certify that _____, [Manager / Member / Managing Member] of _____, LLC, a limited liability company, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged that by authority duly given and as the act of the limited liability company the foregoing Grant of Easement was signed in its name by him or her in such capacity.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 9th day of August, 2021.

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