

**Minutes of the
Albemarle Commission Board of Delegates
May 20, 2021 6:00 P.M.**

Opening

Chairperson Lloyd Griffin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation

Commissioner Fondella Leigh led the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

At-Large Delegate William Hoggard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Determination of Quorum

The presence of a quorum was determined by Clerk and Administrative & Benefits Coordinator, Ashley Stallings, with ten (10) Members present.

<u>Name</u>	<u>County</u>
Clayton Riggs	Camden
Robert Kirby	Chowan
Linda Hofler	Gates
Elizabeth Hedrick	Gates
Lloyd Griffin	Pasquotank
William Hoggard III	Pasquotank
Fondella Leigh	Perquimans
Connie Brothers	Perquimans
Jordan Davis	Tyrrell
Tracey A. Johnson	Washington

Absent Members

Owen Etheridge	Currituck
Rob Ross	Dare
Earl Pugh	Hyde
Janet Russ	Hyde

Partners, staff, and guests present:

Attorney John Leidy of Hornthal, Riley, Ellis and Maland

Staff members:

Michael Ervin, Executive Director
David Whitmer, NWDB Director
Angela Welsh, ARPO Director
Laura Alvarico, AAA Director
Ashley Stallings, Clerk and Administrative & Benefits Coordinator
Sharon Smith, Special Projects Administrator

Guests and Partners

None.

Agenda (VOTE):

Chairperson Griffin requested to remove New Business Item 11, Mike Barnette-McDavid Associates, Inc.

Commissioner Clayton Riggs motioned to remove Item 11 and approve the Agenda as presented

with the amendment, seconded by Commissioner Tracey Johnson. With a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

April 2021 Minutes (VOTE)

Commissioner Jordan Davis motioned to approve the Minutes as presented, seconded by At-Large Delegate Hoggard. With a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

None.

Old Business:

A. Personnel Policy Update – Attorney John Leidy

Attorney John Leidy discussed the personnel policy. Attorney Leidy mentioned the Personnel Policy Committee, which consists of Commissioner Johnson, At-Large Delegate Hoggard, and At-Large Delegate Elizabeth Hedrick, met Tuesday, May 18, 2021 to discuss the policy. Attorney Leidy wasn't able to attend due to another obligation.

Public Hearing: FY 2021-2022 Proposed Budget

Executive Director Michael Ervin discussed the FY 2021-2022 proposed budget.

Commissioner Linda Hofler motioned to approve the FY 2021-2022 budget as presented, seconded by Commissioner Davis. With a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Finance

A. Finance Report

Executive Director Ervin discussed the monthly finance report.

B. Budget Amendment #5B (VOTE)

Executive Director Ervin presented the budget amendment.

At-Large Delegate Connie Brothers motioned to approve the budget amendment as presented, seconded by Commissioner Davis. With a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

None.

Staff Reports

Staff reported on various items.

Executive Director Report

Executive Director Ervin discussed possible funding that could potentially come to the Albemarle Commission and the region.

Chairperson Griffin asked for a census of the Board of a workshop to discuss and understand where the funding is coming from. The census was the board being in favor of holding a workshop.

Executive Director Ervin mentioned a scheduled meeting with our state representatives on June 1st in Raleigh.

Board Member Comments

Commissioner Leigh reported things were okay in Perquimans County, and the county was in the budget process.

At-Large Delegate Brothers mentioned Parks & Rec food distribution provided over 400 meals, and they are getting ready for the Downtown Hertford Summer Stroll happening on the second Friday of June, July, August, and September.

At-Large Delegate Hedrick reported that things are going back to normal, and more residents have stopped wearing masks. Schools are getting out for the summer soon.

Commissioner Johnson mentioned Washington County is holding their annual Black Bear Festival on June 5th. Commissioner Johnson mentioned a meeting on June 2 with Senator Thom Tillis. Commissioner Johnson mentioned the county needs a new school.

At-Large Delegate Hoggard reported on the fuel crisis. At-Large Delegate Hoggard praised the citizens for their peaceful demeanor conducting their right to assembly.

Commissioner Hofler reported Gates County ended their County State of Emergency. Gates County is working on their budget.

Commissioner Davis reported Tyrell County is in the budget process. Commissioner Davis reported having to increase water rates due to the Prison still not operating at full capacity.


Commissioner Riggs reported Camden County is in the budget process.

Commissioner Robert Kirby congratulated Camden County's softball team. Commissioner Kirby reported Chowan County is in the budget process and in the process of designing a new high school.

Chairperson Griffin reported Pasquotank County is in the budget process, and also mentioned water issues in the County.

Adjournment

Chairperson Griffin adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.



Chairperson of the Board, Lloyd Griffin

Attested by:



Clerk to the Board, Ashley Stallings

6/17/2021
Date

