

**PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
FEBRUARY 28, 2018**

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners met today in a Special Meeting on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 in the Hugh Cale Commissioners Board Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cecil Perry, Chairman
Dr. William R. Sterritt, Vice-Chairman
Jeff Dixon
Lloyd E. Griffin, III
Joseph S. Winslow, Jr.
Frankie Meads
Charles H. Jordan (*via telephone*)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: R. Michael Cox, County Attorney
Lynn Scott, Clerk to the Board

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Perry.

1. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ¼ CENT SALES TAX REFERENDUM:

The Board reviewed the proposed resolution that would direct the Board of Elections to conduct an advisory referendum on the question of whether to levy a ¼ cent sales and use tax in Pasquotank County on the May 8, 2018 ballot.

The Board discussed the school's capital budget requests, including public safety for our students, which totals \$4 million and noted that the ¼ cent sales and use tax would generate over \$1 million from sales tax.

Commissioner Meads voiced concerns with levying another tax on taxpayers unless the Board can lower its tax rate at least 1 cent. He believes the problems in our schools and our nation is that we have lost our foundation. He said we need prayer and bible reading in school.

After further discussion;

Motion was made by Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Joe Winslow to adopt the following resolution that directs the Board of Elections to conduct an advisory referendum on the question of whether to levy a ¼ cent local sales and use tax in Pasquotank County. The motion carried five to one, with Commissioner Meads voting against the motion.

**RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL ADVISORY
REFERENDUM ON THE ISSUE OF LEVYING A ONE-QUARTER PERCENT (0.25%)
COUNTY SALES AND USE TAX 2018**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly has enacted the "One-Quarter Percent (0.25%) County Sales and Use Tax Act" Article 46 of Chapter 105 of the North Carolina General Statutes (Session Law 2007-323), which authorizes counties to levy a local sales and use tax; and

WHEREAS, in order to levy the local sales and use tax, the County of Pasquotank must conduct an advisory referendum on the question of whether to levy a local sales and use tax and the election shall be held in accordance with the provisions of N.C.G.S. sec. 163-287;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Pasquotank:

Section 1. A referendum is hereby called during the normal time the polls are open, on Tuesday, May 08, 2018, at which there shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the County of Pasquotank the question stated in Section 3 of this resolution.

Section 2. The said referendum shall be held in accordance with the procedures of G.S. § 163-287. The Pasquotank County Board of Elections is hereby requested to conduct said referendum and to take all necessary steps to that end in accordance with the provisions of this section.

Section 3. The form of the question to appear in the ballots and in the instructions to voters for said referendum shall be substantially as follows:

[] FOR [] AGAINST

Local sales and use tax at the rate of one-quarter percent (0.25%) in addition to all other State and local sales and use taxes.

Section 4. The Clerk to the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to mail or deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to the Pasquotank County Board of Elections within three business days after the passage hereof.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Adopted by the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners this 28th day of February, 2018.

The Board requested that a resolution be placed on the next agenda stating its intent to use all funds generated by the sales and use tax to support the public schools' current capital needs list and debt service associated with it.

2. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL:

Chairman Perry asked for a motion that the Board enter Closed Session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(6). All staff, including clerk were asked to leave.

Motion was made by Frankie Meads, seconded by Bill Sterritt that the Board enter Closed Session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11(a)(6).

Upon the end of Closed Session;

Motion was made by Joe Winslow, seconded by Frankie Meads that the Board return to Regular Session. The motion carried unanimously.

3. APPOINTMENT OF ACTING COUNTY MANAGER:

Motion was made by Frankie Meads, seconded by Bill Sterritt to appoint Attorney Mike Cox as Acting County Manager effective immediately and continuing until Sparty Hammett reports to work on March 19, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business;

Motion was made by Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Joe Winslow to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK TO THE BOARD