

Special Meeting
Monday, March 8, 2019
9:30am
Chowan County Public Safety Center
305 West Freemason St.
Edenton, NC

Present Chair Patti Kersey, Commissioners Ron Cummings, Don Faircloth, Bob Kirby, Ellis Lawrence and Larry McLaughlin.

Commissioner Bonner was absent.

Staff present County Manager Kevin Howard and Board Clerk Susanne Stallings.

Senator Bob Steinburg and Representative Ed Goodwin were also present.

Chair Kersey called the special meeting to order. She stated the purpose of this meeting will be for the Board of Commissioners to discuss local legislative goals/issues with Senator Bob Steinburg and Representative Ed Goodwin. She then turned the floor over to the Board members to discuss their legislative goals and concerns.

The following topics were discussed:

Educational Spending, fiscal responsibility and possible alternative plans.

Vocational Studies, regional efforts for jobs. Legislators discussed regional impact of new job creation in neighboring counties being positive for the region and the local economy as well.

Expansion of Broadband for the area was discussed. The legislators are in support of efforts to amend legislation to allow for electrical cooperatives to compete in the broadband market.

Senator Steinburg and Representative Goodwin discussed the importance of working together in Raleigh to serve the several counties in which they both represent.

Wind Energy and Solar taxation. Board members discussed the regulation of wind and solar taxation and the impact on Counties.

Commissioner Faircloth left the meeting.

Board members discussed the current ban on Herring fishing and the impact on the local fishing economy.

Following the discussion Board members thanked the Senator and Representative for meeting with them.

Adjourn

Being no further business Chair Kersey declared the special meeting adjourned.

Patti F. Kersey, Chair

Susanne Stallings, Clerk