

***Special Called Meeting***  
***5:00 p.m. - Wednesday, March 24, 2021***  
***Third Floor Conference Room***  
***233 Middle Street, New Bern, NC***

## **Minutes**

### **Executive Committee in Attendance:**

Roland Best, Lenoir County Commissioner  
Johnnie Ray Kinsey, City of New Bern Commissioner  
Ed Riggs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Shane Turney, Treasurer  
Bill Taylor, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Jay Bender, President  
Jesse Dowe, Duplin County Commissioner  
Bennie Heath, Greene County Commissioner  
Arthur Robinson, Town of Hookerton Commissioner  
Freeman Hardison, Wayne County Commissioner

### **ECC Staff in Attendance:**

Katie Bordeaux, Executive Committee  
Jenny Miller, Finance Director  
Leighann Morgan, Deputy Finance Director/Transportation Director

### **1. Welcome, Invocation, and Call to Order**

President Bender called the meeting to order at 5:22 p.m. Commissioner Heath gave the invocation.

### **2. Adopt Agenda - Jay Bender, President**

*Commissioner Robinson motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Best, and motioned carried unanimously.*

### **3. Auditor RFP – Shane Turney, Treasurer**

Treasurer Turney stated the previous meeting the board voted to switch auditors, this company has no COG experience. Finance Director Miller asked the board to reconsider their vote considering the new influx of HCCBG monies and set up that is already occurring with the current auditor.

*Commissioner Heath motioned to resend prior action, seconded by Commissioner Dowe, and motioned carried unanimously.*

Finance Director Miller thanked the board for the reconsideration.



Commissioner Heath stated with management changing with the current auditor there will be a new set of eyes.

**4. Closed Session - NC G.S. 143-318-11(a)(3) and NC G.S. 143-318-11(a)(6)**

*Commissioner Taylor motioned to enter closed session, seconded by Commissioner Dowe, and motion carried unanimously.*

**5. Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

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Jay Bender, President

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Katie Bordeaux, Executive Director