

PERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEMBERS PRESENT

JULY 14, 2020
OTHERS PRESENT

B. Ray Jeffers
Jimmy B. Clayton
Kyle W. Puryear
Gordon Powell
C. Derrick Sims

Heidi York, County Manager
Brenda B. Reaves, Clerk to the Board
C. Ronald Aycock, County Attorney

The Republican majority of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Person, North Carolina, called for an Emergency Meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 3:00pm in the commissioners' boardroom in the Person County Office Building. The purpose of the meeting is to authorize removal and relocation of the two Confederate monuments due to imminent danger of the monuments and public safety.

Chairman Jeffers called the Emergency Meeting order. Clerk to the Board, Brenda Reaves and County Attorney, Ron Aycock attended the meeting via telephone conference call.

Chairman Jeffers yielded the floor to Vice Chairman Powell.

A **motion** was made by Vice Chairman Powell and **carried 5-0** to remove from the table the issue related to monuments and objects of remembrance which was tabled at the Board's July 13, 2020 meeting and to place that issue on the agenda for immediate action.

Vice Chairman Powell presented and read a resolution related to objects of remembrance for consideration and adoption.

A **motion** was made by Vice Chairman Powell and **carried 5-0** to consider and adopt a Resolution Authorizing Removal and Relocation of "Objects of Remembrance" pursuant to NC General Statutes 100-2.1.

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REMOVAL AND RELOCATION OF "OBJECTS OF REMEMBRANCE"
PURSUANT TO NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTES 100-2.1**

Whereas on the grounds of the Person County Courthouse, there are situated two "objects of remembrance" described as a confederate soldier and as a memorial of veterans names which was dedicated by the Daughters of the Confederacy and

Whereas those monuments commemorate persons or events related to the Civil War, and

Whereas protests have occurred and continue to occur on and around the courthouse grounds which threaten damage to the objects of remembrance and threaten public safety, and

Whereas at the Commissioners' regular board meeting on July 13 the Board heard from several members of the public expressing the opinion that that the objects of remembrance should be removed in order to protect both the monuments and the public, and

Whereas since that meeting threats and activity concerning the objects of remembrance have intensified, and

Whereas Chapter 100 of the North Carolina General Statutes authorizes removal and relocation of objects of remembrance under certain circumstances, and


Now therefore pursuant to North Carolina Law and GS 100-2.1 be it resolved by the Person County Board of Commissioners as follows:

- 1- The Board finds that a danger of damage to the above described objects of remembrance and a threat to public safety exists which requires immediate action by the Board.
- 2- The Board specifically authorizes removal and relocation to the Veteran's Park of the "objects of remembrance" specified above from the Person County Courthouse Grounds.
- 3- The Board authorizes the Chairman to authorize a private entity to enter the Courthouse Grounds and other county property to remove or have removed the referenced monuments and to relocate them to the Veteran's Park without expending county funds.

Adopted this the 14th day of July 2020.




B. Ray Jeffers, Chairman
Person County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Brenda B. Reaves, NCMCC, MMC
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

ADJOURNMENT:

A **motion** was made by Vice Chairman Powell and **carried 5-0** to adjourn the meeting at 3:05pm.

Brenda B. Reaves
Clerk to the Board

B. Ray Jeffers
Chairman

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