



COUNTY OF DARE, NORTH CAROLINA

District 1: Roanoke Island & Mainland; District 2: Nags Head, Colington, Kill Devil Hills; District 3: Kitty Hawk, Southern Shores, Duck; District 4: Chicamacomico, Avon, Buxton, Frisco, Hatteras; District 5: At Large

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MINUTES

DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Dare County Administration Building, Manteo, NC

5:00 p.m., November 20, 2017

Commissioners present: Chairman Robert Woodard, Vice Chairman Wally Overman
Jack Shea, Steve House, Rob Ross, Jim Tobin, Danny Couch

Commissioners absent: None

Others present: County Manager/Attorney, Robert Outten
Deputy County Manager/Finance Director, David Clawson
Public Information Officer, Dorothy Hester
Clerk to the Board, Gary Lee Gross

A full and complete account of the entire Board of Commissioners meeting is archived on a video that is available for viewing on the Dare County website www.darenc.com.

Chairman Woodard called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. He invited the Rev. Phillip Glick from Saint Andrews by the Sea Episcopal Church to share a prayer, and then he led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Note – some agenda items were handled out of sequential order to accommodate the time specific Public Hearings scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

ITEM 1 – OPENING REMARKS – CHAIRMAN’S UPDATE

Following is a brief outline of the items mentioned by Chairman Woodard during his opening remarks, which can be viewed in their entirety in a video on the Dare County website –

- Referenced a pill drop-off that would be highlighted later by Vice Chairman Overman.
- Reported on a Board of Education community event that was very successful & positive.
- Announced details of the 2018 celebration in honor of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King.
- Congratulated Outer Banks Sporting Events for a successful marathon weekend.
- Reported on today’s dedication of the Marshall & Gussie Collins walkway.
- Voiced excitement about the plans being developed for the COA Dare County campus.
- Announced the formation of a COA Task Force to address curriculum needs for Dare County students. The panel will be Chaired by Commissioner Danny Couch and include members Tom Murphy, Artie Tillett, Tim Sweeney, Malcolm Fearing, and Anne Petera.
- The Chairman shared a Thanksgiving message that will be sent to all County employees

ITEM 2 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Manager outlined the procedure for making public comments in Manteo and via the video link to the Fessenden Center in Buxton. Following is a brief summary of citizen remarks, which can be viewed in their entirety in a video on the Dare County website –

The following comments were made in Manteo –

1. Jennifer Alexander thanked the Board of Commissioners for hiring a Social Worker for Dare County Schools and expressed hope that additional Social Workers will be hired in the future.

The following comments were made in Buxton –

2. Dale Farrow voiced his concerns about the proposal to reduce trash collection during the winter. He raised issues involving tonnage, load carrying capacities, and the negative impact it could have on employment. Mr. Farrow cautioned that with fewer pickups, people will have problems rolling full trash cans out to the side of the road.

ITEM 3 – REPORT ON THE NC SENIOR TAR HEEL LEGISLATURE

Kaye White, Delegate to the NC Senior Tar Heel Legislature gave an update on the group's 2018 Legislative Priorities including reestablishment of the Study Commission on Aging, increasing Community Care Block Grant funding, providing additional funding for Senior Centers, expanding the program to provide respite care for relatives of dementia patients, and strengthening of North Carolina's Adult Protective Services Program. Ms. White fielded Commissioner questions about these programs and Chairman Woodard thanked her for being an advocate for Dare County Seniors.

ITEM 4 – SANITATION – WINTER TRASH COLLECTION PROPOSAL

The County Manager presented a proposed winter trash collection schedule that was prepared in response to the Board's direction at the recent 2018 Planning Workshop. The Board discussed the merits of revising the winter schedule, which is designed to reduce the number of trips thereby saving money on fuel and vehicle wear and tear. It was noted that the proposed pilot program does not reduce labor costs and it was never intended to negatively impact the employees of the Public Works Department. Logistical issues were discussed and the Board received input from Public Works Director Edward Mann and Solid Waste Superintendent Shanna Fullmer. During lengthy discussion of the issue, the Board determined that additional information was needed, which resulted in the following motion –

MOTION

Chairman Woodard motioned to table the item until the December 4, 2017 meeting in order to discuss this issue further with staff.

All Commissioners seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 5 – PROPOSED AMENDMENT - CHAPTER 152.11 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Planning Director Donna Creef asked the Board to consider revising the County Code of Ordinances to allow residents of municipal areas to serve as Board of Adjustment members. She explained that currently only residents of unincorporated Dare County are allowed to serve, and making the change may allow for easier recruitment of volunteers. She advised that a Public Hearing is required in order for to consider adopting the proposed amendment.

MOTION

Commissioner House motioned to schedule a Public Hearing for 10:00 a.m., Dec. 4, 2017. Commissioner Shea seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 6 – RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF DARE COUNTY TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF CERTAIN TAX EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS (Att. #1)

Finance Director David Clawson presented a reimbursement resolution for the County's share of the Nags Head beach nourishment project. He explained that the resolution outlines the County's intent to proceed with the project, issue the debt, and reimburse itself from the debt proceeds for expenditures that occur prior to the debt closing.

MOTION

Vice Chairman Overman motioned to adopt the reimbursement resolution. Commissioner House seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 7 – REAL PROPERTY EXCHANGE BETWEEN DARE COUNTY AND MR. STEVEN C. BROOK (Att. #2)

The Manager provided background information about an exchange of 2,932 sq. ft. of real property located about 195 feet from the west side of Toler Road. He explained that this even exchange of property will formalize easement access to a well field on Skyco Road.

MOTION

Commissioner Tobin motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing the exchange of real property as presented.

Commissioner House and Commissioner Shea seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 8 – PUBLIC HEARING – OUTER BANKS DARE CHALLENGE INC. ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT

At 5:35 p.m. the Dare County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing to receive input concerning this agenda item. The County Manager conducted the hearing and explained the procedure for making comments in Manteo and via the video link to the Fessenden Center in Buxton. No one responded to the invitation to address the Board. Chairman Woodard closed the hearing at 5:36 p.m.

Planning Director Donna Creef outlined a zoning text amendment to add residential recovery and treatment centers to the list of uses allowed in the Highway 345 business zoning district on Roanoke Island. She noted that the applicant currently occupies an apartment building on Highway 345 and explained that the text amendment would accommodate their future expansion plans. Ms. Creef informed the Board that a change in the North Carolina General Statutes now requires that any zoning text amendment include a zoning consistency report, which was included as part of the packet for this agenda item.

MOTION

Commissioner House motioned to adopt the Outer Banks Dare Challenge, Inc. text amendment to the Highway 345 District as recommended by the Planning Board with the zoning consistency statement in the packet included as part of this action.

Vice Chairman Overman and Commissioner Shea seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 9 – PUBLIC HEARING – DARE STORAGE LLC ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT

At 5:39 p.m. the Dare County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing to receive input concerning this agenda item. The County Manager conducted the hearing and explained the procedure for making comments in Manteo and via the video link to the Fessenden Center in Buxton. No one responded to the invitation to address the Board. Chairman Woodard closed the hearing at 5:40 p.m.

The Planning Director presented a zoning text amendment to add group developments to the list of uses in the Skyco Neighborhood Commercial (SNC) district. She noted that the applicant owns an existing facility comprised of several storage buildings on three parcels and explained that the text amendment would clarify the language and provide for future structures. Ms. Creef reminded that any zoning text amendment must now include a zoning consistency report, which was included as part of the packet for this agenda item.

MOTION

Vice Chairman Overman motioned to adopt the Skyco Neighborhood Commercial text amendment to add group developments and the associated Section 22-31 amendment as recommended by the Planning Board with the zoning consistency statement in the packet included as part of this action.

Commissioner Shea seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 10 – CONSENT AGENDA

The Manager announced the items as they were visually displayed in the meeting room.

MOTION

Commissioner Shea motioned to approve the Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of Minutes (11.06.17) **(Att. #3)**
- 2) DCDHHS, Public Health Division – Project Lazarus NC Disposal Initiative
- 3) Town of Manteo, New Year's Eve Fireworks 2017
- 4) Older Adult Services Budget Amendment
- 5) Tax Collector's Report

Vice Chairman Overman and Commissioner House seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 11 – BOARD APPOINTMENT

Dare County Youth Council

Vice Chairman Overman motioned to appoint –

- Fathom Daniels to the youth seat previously held by Caylin Mielke.
- Kira Foster to the youth seat previously held by Brady Creef.
- Aubrey Lanier to the youth seat previously held by Hatcher Shiflett.

Commissioner House and Commissioner Shea seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 12 – COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS & MANAGER'S/ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS

Commissioners and the County Manager frequently make extensive remarks, which can be viewed in their entirety in a video on the Dare County website. Following is a brief summary outline summary of the items mentioned by Commissioners during this segment.

Commissioner Shea

- Reminded everyone that there is much for which to be grateful this Thanksgiving holiday.

Vice Chairman Overman

- Described a successful medication take back event recently held in Kill Devil Hills.
- Outlined locations where medications can safely and properly be disposed.
- Announced that a report will be given at the next meeting on the child telepsychiatry services that are now ready for implementation.
- Wished everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner House

- Commented on the Marshall & Gussie Collins Walkway dedication that was held today.
- Reported on a meeting with NCDOT in Raleigh that he attended with Rep. Boswell, Commissioner Tobin and others concerning Oregon Inlet.
- Expressed thankfulness for all Veterans, the visitors who travel to Dare County, the residents who make this a wonderful place, all County employees, and the dedicated members of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Ross

- Mentioned an upcoming stakeholder meeting for the NCDOT passenger ferry service.
- Reported on progress being made to secure a new facility for the Albemarle Commission and described the recent banquet where partners and employees were recognized.
- Encouraged everyone to participate in the Social Services “Elves Wanted” program to provide holiday gifts for an elderly or disabled adult in need. He urged people to contact Kayla Owens (475-5550) to get involved in this important initiative.
- Referenced an article in the Outer Banks Sentinel describing a public forum where goals and plans were outlined by John Farrelly the new Superintendent of County Schools.

Commissioner Tobin

- Reported on the Cooperative Extension State Advisory Council meeting that was recently held in Dare County and noted that he formerly served on this panel.
- Said an announcement would soon be made about a new local 4-H Youth Leader.
- Congratulated Older Adult Services for raising \$3,000 during their “Dare to Scare” event.
- Complimented Peak Resources for doing a good job and described his recent inspection of the facility, which was very clean and had zero complaints.
- Commented on the meeting in Raleigh, which Rep. Boswell was instrumental in setting up, where officials discussed inlet maintenance and the possibility of the State building a hopper dredge for our inlets since the Corps of Engineers has so many inlets to support.
- Wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving and thanked County employees for their service.

Commissioner Couch

- Expressed Thanksgiving blessings saying there is much for which to be thankful.
- Said he looks forward to working with the newly appointed COA Task Force.
- Reported on attending the recent NC Beach Inlet and Waterway Association conference.
- Announced that the Captain Richard Etheridge Bridge will soon be open on Pea Island.

Chairman Woodard

- Wished Commissioners, residents, and Dare County staff an enjoyable Thanksgiving.

MANAGER’S/ATTORNEY’S BUSINESS

1. The County Manager explained that it may be necessary to revise authorization permits in order to make a wider channel for Hatteras Inlet. He estimated the revision cost at \$7,000 to \$10,000 with a Dare County share of \$2,500 and asked the Board to authorize the expense now so the County can move forward quickly if this needs to be done.

MOTION

Vice Chairman Overman motioned to authorize the County Manager to move forward with revising any permits that may be necessary for Hatteras Inlet dredging as outlined by the County Manager.

Commissioner Shea seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

Public Information Officer Dorothy Hester presented the following - - -

- The “Pet of the Week” video was showcased.
- She noted that Current TV, the government and education channels, is doing good work and will give an update report on their programming and activity to the Board next year.
- Introduced a video showing the exciting building plans that are in development for the College of the Albemarle (COA).
- Announced that a comprehensive document on Oregon Inlet is coming soon.
- Shared good news that the beach nourishment dredge has returned to Buxton.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Chairman Woodard asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION

Commissioner Shea and Commissioner House motioned to adjourn the meeting.

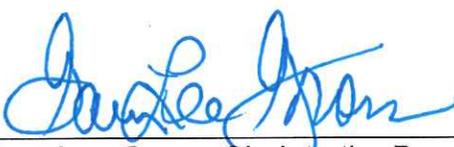
Commissioner Tobin seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

At 6:45 p.m., the Board of Commissioners adjourned until 9:00 a.m., December 4, 2017.



Respectfully submitted,

By: 
Gary Lee Gross, Clerk to the Board

APPROVED:

By: 
Robert Woodard, Chairman
Dare County Board of Commissioners