



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

9:00 a.m., January 3, 2017

Commissioners present: Chairman Robert Woodard, Vice-Chairman Wally Overman
Jack Shea, Beverly Boswell, Margarett Umphlett,
Steve House, Danny Couch

Commissioners absent: None

Others present: County Manager/Attorney, Robert Outten
Finance Director, David Clawson
Public Information Officer, Dorothy Hester
Clerk to the Board, Gary 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 9:00 a.m. He invited Rev. Tom Wilson from All Saints Episcopal Church to share a prayer, and then he led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ITEM 1 – PRESENTATION OF COUNTY SERVICE PINS

- 1) David White, Chief Real Property Appraiser, received a 10-year pin.
- 2) David Bryan, Deputy Sheriff Master Officer, received a 10-year pin.
- 3) Michelle Harris, Detention Shift Leader, received a 20-year pin.
- 4) Greta Skeen, County Assessor, received a 25-year pin.

ITEM 2 – EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR – 2016

Renee Austin, as the 2015 Employee of the Year, introduced all the 2016 Employees of the Month before announcing Ashley Jackson from the Social Services Division as the Employee of the Year for 2016.

ITEM 3 – EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – JANUARY 2017

Erika Griffin received the Employee of the Month award from Jennie Collins who described the many ways that Ms. Griffin is an asset to the EMS Department.

ITEM 4 – OPENING REMARKS – CHAIRMAN’S UPDATE

Chairman Woodard mentioned the following items during his opening remarks –

- He reported on a ceremony he attended along with Vice-Chairman Overman and Commissioner Umphlett where Ed Goodwin at the NCDOT Ferry Division was presented an Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award from the Governor.
- Details were provided about the upcoming annual celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Chairman Woodard mentioned that he and Vice-Chairman Overman will be joining newly elected Commissioners House and Couch in attending training offered by the UNC School of Government.
- He said he looks forward to a presentation on the salary study at the next meeting and sharing the consultant’s report with employees and the public.
- Chairman Woodard presented a certificate of appreciation to Harvey Hess, Jr. and his family in recognition of what they have accomplished at Capt’n Franks in Kitty Hawk. He noted that the restaurant has provided employment opportunities and given many young people their first job.

A video of the Chairman’s update can be seen on the County website www.darenc.com.

ITEM 5 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Manager outlined the procedure for making public comments in Manteo and via the video link to the Fessenden Center in Buxton. Citizen remarks can be seen in their entirety on the county website www.darenc.com. Following is a brief summary –

The following Public Comments were made in Manteo –

1. Dawn Kiousis – appeared with her young daughter on behalf of the League of Women Voters. She outlined information about the effort to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment, which she said is not a political or partisan issue. She presented a City of Durham resolution that she asked the Dare County Board of Commissioners to consider. Ms. Kiousis invited commissioners and the public to view a film on this issue later this month.

There were no Public Comments via the video link to the Fessenden Center in Buxton.

ITEM 6 – CITY BEVERAGE GROUP DEVELOPMENT

This agenda item was handled as a quasi-judicial proceeding. Planning Director Donna Creef, the applicant, J.T. Dixon, and Victor White from Landmark Engineering were duly sworn by the Clerk to the Board before offering any testimony.

Planning Director Donna Creef outlined an amendment to a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for City Beverage to construct two additional storage warehouses at 1099 Driftwood Drive on Roanoke Island, which is within the Manteo airport zoning overlay district. She reported that the Airport Authority engineer has not fully reviewed the site plan and recommended tabling this item in order to allow the Board to have full input.

MOTION

Vice-Chairman Overman motioned to table this item until the Feb. 20, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Shea seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 7 – RESOLUTION OPPOSING A PETITION TO DESIGNATE SPECIAL SECONDARY NURSERY AREAS (Att. #1)

In follow-up to discussion that occurred at the December 19, 2016 Board meeting, Commissioner House presented a resolution opposing a petition that has been filed by the NC Wildlife Federation seeking to designate all inshore and ocean waters out to three miles as Special Secondary Nursery Areas. He described the devastating impact this would have on commercial fishing families and seafood consumers.

MOTION

Vice-Chairman Overman and Commissioner Shea motioned to approve the resolution. Commissioner House and Commissioner Boswell seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 8 – 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 (12.19.16 Regular Meeting & Special Meeting) **(Att. #2)**
- 2) Maintenance Contract for Audio Visual System for the RECC/EOC

Commissioner Umphlett and Commissioner House seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 9 – BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- 1) Albemarle Commission – The Board took no action on this item
- 2) Dare County Community Child Protection Team and Child Fatality Prevention Team
Vice-Chairman Overman motioned to appoint Anthony Buzzacco as a representative from The Outer Banks Hospital.
Commissioner Shea seconded the motion.
VOTE: AYES unanimous
- 3) Dare County Youth Council
Vice-Chairman Overman motioned to accept the recommendations of the Dare County Youth Council by ---
Reappointing Catisha Bryant, Kathy Burrus, and Richard Martin.
Appointing Sarah Skinner & Christian Eberhard as Youth Representatives At-Large
Maximus Allison as Youth Representative for Roanoke Island/Mainland.
Commissioner Shea seconded the motion.
VOTE: AYES unanimous

4) Older Adult Services Advisory Council

Commissioner Shea motioned to reappoint Commissioner Umphlett.
Commissioner Couch and Commissioner House seconded the motion.
VOTE: AYES unanimous

5) Tourism Board

Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce Representative

Vice-Chairman Overman motioned to appoint Myra Ladd Bone.
Commissioner Shea seconded the motion.
VOTE: AYES unanimous

Outer Banks Hotel/Motel Association Representative

Vice-Chairman Overman motioned to reappoint Tonia Cohen.
Commissioner Shea seconded the motion.
VOTE: AYES unanimous

Town of Duck Representative

Vice-Chairman Overman motioned to reappoint Nancy Caviness.
Commissioner Shea seconded the motion.
VOTE: AYES unanimous

Town of Southern Shores Representative

Commissioners Overman, Umphlett, Shea motioned to reappoint Leo Holland.
Commissioner House seconded the motion.
VOTE: AYES unanimous

Town of Manteo Representative

Commissioner Shea motioned to reappoint Martha Wickre.
Vice-Chairman Overman seconded the motion.
VOTE: AYES unanimous

Hatteras Island At-Large Representative

Vice-Chairman Overman motioned to appoint Pat Weston.
Commissioner Shea seconded the motion.
VOTE: AYES: 6 (Commissioners Woodard, Overman, Shea, Umphlett, Boswell, House)

Commissioner Couch motioned to appoint Dennis Robinson
VOTE: AYES: 1 (Commissioner Couch)

Pat Weston was appointed with 6 votes

6) Upcoming Board Appointments

The upcoming Board appointments for February, March, and April were announced.

ITEM 10 – COMMISSIONERS’ BUSINESS & MANAGER’S/ATTORNEY’S BUSINESS

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

Commissioner House – wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked County employees who worked during the holiday. He congratulated service pin recipients, the Employee of the Year and Employee of the Month. He also commended the Shop with a Cop program. Commissioner House referenced information on the County website outlining ways people can submit comments to oppose the petition for rulemaking that would hurt local watermen.

Commissioner Umphlett – said she was excited about the accomplishments of 2016 and looks forward to even greater achievements this year. She added that she looks forward to getting the results of the salary study. Commissioner Umphlett commended the service pin recipients, Employee of the Year, and Employee of the Month. She expressed appreciation for the two new members of the Board of Commissioners and thankfulness for all County employees. Commissioner Umphlett encouraged people to submit applications to serve on County boards and committees.

Vice-Chairman Overman – congratulated the service pin recipients, Employee of the Year, and the Employee of the Month. He reported that work on the Memorandum of Agreement for dredging of the connecting channel at Hatteras Inlet appears to be on schedule. He extended Happy New Year greetings and said he looks forward to working with the Board and its new members this year.

Commissioner Shea – praised the service pin recipients, the Employee of the Year, and the Employee of the Month for making Dare County a great place to live, work, and raise a family. He expressed hope that everyone will have a great 2017.

Commissioner Couch – thanked the service pin recipients, Employee of the Year, and the Employee of the Month. He commended the Toys for Tots program and acknowledged the Methodist Men for all they have done for Hatteras Island storm recovery. He congratulated Pat Weston on her appointment to the Tourism Board. Commissioner Couch encouraged people to drive the Outer Banks Scenic Byway and view the wildfowl that can now be seen at Pea Island.

Commissioner Boswell – recognized the service pin recipients, the Employee of the Year, and the Employee of the Month. She read a letter announcing her resignation as a Dare County Commissioner in order to serve in the North Carolina House of Representatives. She acknowledged the work that has been accomplished on several boards and committees including the Oregon Inlet Task Force, the 5 on 5 group, the Capital Improvements Planning Committee, and the Health and Human Services Board.

She asked the Board to accept her resignation from the Board of Commissioners and all boards and committees on which she serves. In accepting her resignation, it was noted by Vice-Chairman Overman that the Board extends its congratulations and best wishes.

MOTION

Commissioner Shea motioned to accept the resignation of Beverly Boswell from the Board of Commissioners and all boards and committees on which she serves.

Vice-Chairman Overman and Commissioner Umphlett seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

Chairman Woodard – thanked Commissioner Boswell for her service to Dare County and wished her the best of success in the North Carolina Legislature. He said the Board of Commissioners looks forward to working with her in Raleigh.

Chairman Woodard recommended that Commissioner House be appointed to the Oregon Inlet Task Force to fill the seat held by Commissioner Boswell.

MOTION

Chairman Woodard motioned to appoint Commissioner House to the Commissioner seat on the Oregon Inlet Task Force that was held by Commissioner Boswell.

Commissioner Umphlett seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

Chairman Woodard explained that Commissioner Couch has an At-Large seat on the Waterways Commission. He asked the Board to consider moving Commissioner Couch from the At-Large seat to a Commissioner seat, which will then free up the At-Large seat for later appointment by the Board of Commissioners.

MOTION

Vice-Chairman Overman and Commissioner House motioned to approve moving Commissioner Couch from an At-Large Waterways seat to a Commissioner Seat.

Commissioner Boswell seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

Chairman Woodard noted that the College of the Albemarle (COA) has plans for the Dare County campus and he suggested that a small group of Commissioners meet with them for discussion. He recommended a panel consisting of Commissioners Woodard, Couch, and Overman. By consensus, the Board agreed.

MANAGER’S/ATTORNEY’S BUSINESS

County Manager Outten conveyed best wishes to Commissioner Boswell on her new position in the North Carolina House of Representatives

Public Information Officer Dorothy Hester provided details about the upcoming FEMA registration deadline and public meetings that are planned for the preliminary flood insurance maps.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Shea motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Boswell seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous


At 10:25 a.m., the Board adjourned until 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 17, 2017.



Respectfully submitted,

By: 
Gary Lee Gross, Clerk to the Board

APPROVED:

By: 
Robert Woodard, Chairman
Dare County Board of Commissioners