



# 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., April 17, 2017**

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

Commissioners absent: Rob Ross

Note: Margarett Umphlett resigned effective 3/31/17.  
Her replacement has not yet been named.

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](http://www.darenc.com).

Chairman Woodard called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. He invited Rev. Fran Peel to share a prayer, and then he led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The Chairman explained that Commissioner Ross had an excused absence due to holiday travel.

#### **ITEM 1 – OPENING REMARKS – CHAIRMAN’S UPDATE**

Chairman Woodard mentioned the following items during his opening remarks –

- He commented on the Outer Banks being featured in Southern Living magazine.
- Noted that the Bonner Bridge replacement project is progressing smoothly.
- Gave details about an NCDOT community meeting on the Rodanthe Bridge project.

A video of the Chairman’s update can be seen on the County website [www.darenc.com](http://www.darenc.com).

#### **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. Citizen remarks can be seen in their entirety on the county website [www.darenc.com](http://www.darenc.com). Following is a brief summary of the key issue that was mentioned by each speaker –

*The following comments were made in Manteo –*

1. Gail Sonneso, on behalf of GEM, gave details about an upcoming Health Fair with free screenings.

2. Herb Council spoke about a device to prevent trashcans from blowing over and described the benefits it would have for Dare County.
3. Martha Wickre talked about the Dare Day celebration coming up on June 3 and thanked the Board of Commissioners for their support of this annual event.
4. Angelo Sonneso described a fundraising event that is planned for May 7 to help a young man in the community who is undergoing a bone marrow transplant.

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

### **ITEM 3 – GOVERNOR’S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS**

Lorelei Costa, Executive Director of the Outer Banks Community Foundation, presented the Governor’s Volunteer Service Awards for 2017. Ms. Costa described how each of the following award recipients serves the community in a commendable way – Karin Edmond, the Outer Banks Repeater Association, Darnel Talbert, and Emmett Smith. It was noted that Mr. Smith will also be one of 20 people from across the State that will be receiving the Governor’s Medallion Award at a ceremony in Raleigh.

### **ITEM 4 – PUBLIC HEARING – ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT**

At 5:37 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.

*The following people spoke at Manteo –*

- 1) Derek Stallings spoke in support of the applicant, Rhonda Midgett, explaining that he has worked with her and believes this amendment would benefit Dare County.
- 2) Jim Morabito said he has known the applicant for years and reported that she is a good neighbor.
- 3) Rhonda Midgett expressed to the Board her desire to live at the property that is the subject of the proposed text amendment.

*There were no comments from the Fessenden Center in Buxton*

Chairman Woodard closed the hearing at 5:41 p.m.

Planning Director Donna Creef summarized the zoning text amendment request to add residential use in conjunction with a commercial use to the list of permitted uses in the Commercial Services (CS) district. She explained that the applicant, Rhonda Midgett, would like to construct a beauty shop/dwelling on property in Colington. Ms. Creef noted that two letters of support have been received.

**MOTION**

Commissioner Shea motioned to adopt the proposed text amendments to the CS zoning district as recommended by the Planning Board with the finding that these amendments are consistent with the policies of the 2009 Dare County Land Use Plan and other official documents specifically Policy ICC #5 which encourages the development of locally owned businesses.

Vice Chairman Overman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

**ITEM 5 – 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 (04.03.17 & 04.07.17) **(Att. #1)**

Commissioner House seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

**ITEM 6 – 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](http://www.darenc.com).

Commissioner Shea – congratulated all those who received Volunteer Service Awards. He also expressed hope that everyone had a wonderful Passover and Easter.

Vice Chairman Overman – commended the Volunteer Service Award honorees. He announced that NCDOT will be attending the May 1 Commissioners meeting to give an update on the Colington Road project. The Vice Chairman gave an update on the Hatteras Inlet dredging project. He encouraged everyone to attend the Saving Lives Task Force Town Hall meeting scheduled for April 25 at the Avon Fire Department.

Commissioner House – acknowledged the favorable article about the Outer Banks in Southern Living Magazine. He recognized the Volunteer Service Award recipients. He gave a report on the latest meeting of the Oregon Inlet Task Force. Commissioner House presented a video showcasing the SPCA Pet of the Month.

Commissioner Couch – noted that the Volunteer Service Awards are a testimony to the wonderful spirit of volunteerism that exists in Dare County. He recognized Jennifer Albanese at Interfaith Community Outreach for the work that has been done in the community in conjunction with Social Services and the Methodist Men. Commissioner Couch congratulated the team from Cape Hatteras Elementary School on winning first prize in the Battle of the Books competition. A petition was presented from residents of Flowers Ridge Road seeking help with the condition of their road.

**MOTION** (Att. #2)

Commissioner Shea motioned to forward the petition to NCDOT along with a resolution from the Dare County Board of Commissioners.

Vice Chairman Overman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

Chairman Woodard – complimented the Dare County Public Relations Department for the work done on the “More Beach To Love” campaign explaining this year’s beach nourishment projects throughout the County to residents and visitors.

**MANAGER’S/ATTORNEY’S BUSINESS – None**

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

**MOTION**

Commissioner House and Commissioner Couch motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Shea seconded the motion.

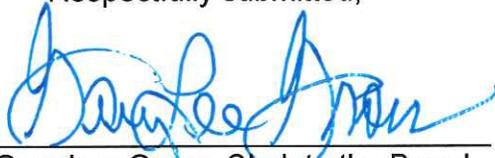
VOTE: AYES unanimous

At 6:00 p.m., the Board of Commissioners adjourned until 9:00 a.m., May 1, 2017.



APPROVED:

Respectfully submitted,

By: 

Gary Lee Gross, Clerk to the Board

By: 

Robert Woodard, Chairman  
Dare County Board of Commissioners