



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., September 26, 2016

Commissioners present: Chairman Robert Woodard
Vice-Chairman Wally Overman
Warren Judge, Jack Shea,
Beverly Boswell, Margarett Umphlett

Commissioners absent: Allen Burrus

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 5:02 p.m. He invited Rev. David Feyrer to share a prayer, and then he led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ITEM 1 – OPENING REMARKS – CHAIRMAN’S UPDATE

Chairman Woodard mentioned the following items during his opening remarks –

- The 25th anniversary celebration of First Flight Middle School.
- Board action taken at the recent Special Meeting to join in a lawsuit opposing use of the supplement process that would hurt local watermen by restricting the catch of southern flounder.
- He reported that he and Vice-Chairman Overman spoke at the recent public hearing conducted by the State Utilities Commission on the rate increase sought by Dominion North Carolina Power. He voiced his continued opposition to any rate increase being imposed on the people of Dare County.
- The Chairman outlined a Working Smart Program that is being offered to local residents and businesses in conjunction with the Albemarle Commission and the Workforce Development Board.

A video of the Chairman’s update can be seen on the County website 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. Following is a brief summary –

The following Public Comments were made in Manteo –

1. Lynda Midgett asked for assistance for families that are dealing with Alzheimer's or dementia, which she said is prevalent at her house. She asked the Board to make a serious effort to build a facility on Roanoke Island and suggested acreage that may be suitable for such a place.
2. Amanda Conner spoke in support of Alzheimer's Awareness Month and cited her nursing experience helping families dealing with dementia, which she said is a growing problem. She called for more tools, resources, and education to be made available to support those who care for loved ones with dementia.
3. Catherine Pfendler on behalf of GEM explained that as a nurse she has seen an increase in dementia patients and voiced the frustration that families face when seeking resources. She requested increased support for caregivers and encouraged the Board to support a day program for dementia.
4. Sharee Meekins-Wilder cited the need for more educational programs concerning Alzheimer's Disease and dementia. She explained the needs of people she has encountered and called for more adult programs with activities and a nutritional component.

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

ITEM 3 – COMMUNITY FORUM SAVING LIVES

Roxana Ballinger from the Public Health Division of the Dare County Department of Health and Human Services presented information about the upcoming Community Forum on Substance Abuse Prevention and Education. The purpose of the event is to provide an opportunity for people to learn about substance abuse issues in Dare County and become familiar with local resources that are available.

ITEM 4 – ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS MONTH

Gail Sonnesso on behalf of GEM provided information about September being World Alzheimer's Awareness Month. She showcased two informative videos and listed the desired outcomes that families have in their struggle with dementia. Ms. Sonnesso also outlined upcoming events to help promote the need for Alzheimer's research, educational programs, and caregiver services.

ITEM 5 – CUP APPLICATION FOR FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME

This agenda item was handled as a quasi-judicial proceeding. Before offering any testimony, Planning Director Donna Creef was duly sworn by the Clerk to the Board and

the applicant, Natalie Arzu-Rochez, was affirmed in lieu of an oath. Ms. Creef outlined the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) request submitted for a family child care home at 805 Lindbergh Berry Road in Manteo. The County Manager asked the applicant if she agrees to the findings of fact, the documents in the record, and the terms and conditions presented in the CUP and Ms. Arzu-Rochez voiced her approval.

MOTION

Commissioner Shea motioned to approve the Conditional Use Permit for family child care home for Natalie Arzu-Rochez.

Vice-Chairman Overman and Commissioner Judge seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 6 – PROPOSED AVON ZONING MAP AMENDMENT – EARL YOUNCE

The Planning Director presented a rezoning application submitted by Earl Younce to rezone several properties his family owns in Avon. She explained that the rezoning is being sought to correct an error on the Avon zoning map that was adopted in 1992. The property is currently zoned R-1 residential and the applicant seeks a reclassification to C-2 commercial. Ms. Creef noted that a public hearing is required before action can be taken by the Board of Commissioners.

MOTION

Commissioner Judge motioned to schedule a public hearing on the Avon zoning map amendment for 5:30 p.m. on October 17, 2016.

Commissioner Shea and Vice-Chairman Overman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 7 – BOND ORDER AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF UTILITIES SYSTEMS REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS (Att. #1)

Finance Director David Clawson presented a Bond Order to authorize the issuance of Water Refunding Revenue Bonds. He explained that this is the final step for the Board to authorize the bonds. He outlined the refunding savings and described the provisions of the Bond Order.

MOTION

Commissioner Judge motioned to adopt the Bond Order.

Commissioner Shea and Vice-Chairman Overman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 8 – CONSENT AGENDA

The Manager announced the Consent Agenda items as they were visually displayed.

MOTION

Commissioner Shea motioned to approve the Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of Minutes (09.06.16) **(Att. #2)**
- 2) Road Request – Light House Road, Hatteras Colony South Subdivision **(Att. #3)**
- 3) Authorization to Present Service Weapon to Retiring Deputy Sheriffs
- 4) Government and Education Access Channels – Production Music

5) Resolution to Approve Sole Source Purchase (**Att. #4**)
Commissioner Umphlett and Vice-Chairman Overman seconded the motion.
VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 9 – 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 Shea – gave an update on the County’s economic diversification program that is being developed with NC State. He reported that the community has responded in an outstanding way in completing survey questionnaires. He noted that public forums will be scheduled to present information about the program.

Vice-Chairman Overman – provided information about the follow-up that he has done concerning standing water along highways in the wake of the recent tropical storm. He outlined correspondence he has had with NCDOT and the Dare County Soil and Water Conservationist. The Vice-Chairman voiced his support for the upcoming Community Forum sponsored by the Dare County Substance Abuse Prevention and Education Task Force. He commented on the recent Day at the Docks and described it as an enjoyable event. Vice-Chairman Overman noted that the world suffered a tremendous loss in the death of golfing legend Arnold Palmer.

Commissioner Umphlett – encouraged people to watch the presidential debates and exercise their right to vote. Commissioner Umphlett outlined a variety of services and programs that are available at the Dare County Center.

Commissioner Judge – echoed comments made about Day at the Docks calling it a great celebration of the culture and heritage of Hatteras. He mentioned that the Baum Center and Fessenden Center have excellent programs that mirror the services offered at the Dare County Center. Commissioner Judge noted that he appreciates the comments that were made tonight about Alzheimer’s Disease and said Dare County may need to consider approaching this issue like it did when New Horizons was launched to tackle substance abuse.

Commissioner Boswell – spoke in support of fishermen who are burdened with ridiculous regulations. She thanked Gail Sonnesso for speaking about Alzheimer’s Disease on behalf of the 47 million people who suffer from dementia and memory loss. Commissioner Boswell showcased a video featuring the SPCA Pet of the Week.

Chairman Woodard – thanked Commissioners for their hard work and commitment. He also encouraged everyone to exercise their right to vote.

MANAGER'S/ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS

1. Mr. Outten reported on NCDOT needing to close the Alligator River Bridge for 8 days sometime early in 2018. He asked Commissioners to express any concerns as soon as possible so plans can move forward.
2. The County Manager explained that storm debris pickup is going well and will continue for a few more weeks. He noted that in the past, large item pickup has been postponed when there is a storm and suggested the County wait until spring for large item pickup.
3. Mr. Outten said rental income for cellular carrier space on County water towers ranges from \$2,900 to \$3,300 and described a \$2,500 offer from T-Mobile. The County Manager noted that the rental industry is changing rapidly and by consensus, the Board directed him to proceed in drafting a T-Mobile contract for Commissioner approval.
4. The Manager reported on the recent Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) meeting and the impact that new flood maps will have on insurance requirements and building elevations. He said this issue will need to be discussed by the Board sometime in the next 18 months. Mr. Outten said Sea Grant has an informational program that may be helpful in addressing this issue in the future.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Shea motioned to adjourn the meeting.

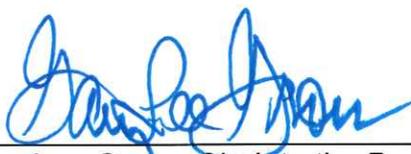
Commissioner Umphlett seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

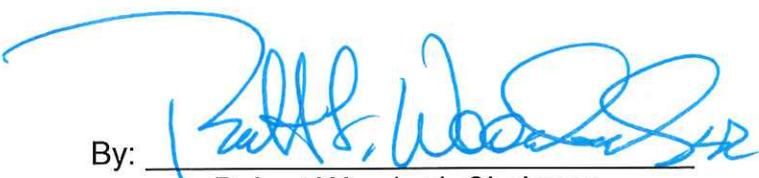
At 6:35 p.m., the Board of Commissioners adjourned until 9:00 a.m., October 3, 2016.



Respectfully submitted,

By: 
Gary Lee Gross, Clerk to the Board

APPROVED:

By: 
Robert Woodard, Chairman