



County of Dare

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MINUTES

DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Dare County Administration Building, Manteo, NC

5:00 p.m., November 19, 2018

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

Commissioners absent: Steve House

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 5:00 p.m. He invited Rev. Robert "Bob" Davenport, Interim Pastor at All Saints Episcopal Church, to share a prayer, and then he led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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 –

- Retiring Commissioner Jack Shea was honored for his distinguished service on the Dare County Board of Commissioners since 2006. Chairman Woodard presented him with a certificate of appreciation and a flag that was flown over the U.S. Capitol Building. Vice Chairman Overman thanked Commissioner Shea for his service and a statement of gratitude from Commissioner House was read by Chairman Woodard.
- Chairman Woodard shared a presentation he is giving to civic groups and organizations throughout the County promoting enrollment at the College of the Albemarle (COA). He highlighted the tremendous cost savings that families can realize by having students get a 2-year degree from COA before continuing their education at a 4-year institution.

RECESS: approximately 5:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

ITEM 2 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Manager outlined the procedure for making public comments in Manteo and via the video link to the Fessenden Center Annex 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. Brown Douglas saluted the patriotism and service of retiring Commissioner Jack Shea. He expressed gratitude for the accomplishments made by Commissioner Shea including his work to designate English as the official language of Dare County.
2. Manny Medeiros spoke in tribute to retiring Commissioner Jack Shea and his record of public service to the people of Dare County. Mr. Medeiros explained that Commissioner Shea is an inspiration to him and many others in the community.

There were no comments made in Buxton –

ITEM 3 – DARE COUNTY MOTORCYCLE TOY RUN

Terry Gray briefed the Board on the Dare County Motorcycle Toy Run, which generates funds to benefit underprivileged children. He presented a video summary of the Motorcycle Toy Run and thanked Dare County Sheriff Doug Doughtie and his staff for the help and support that the Sheriff's Office gives to this fundraising event. He also acknowledged Sandy Scarborough, the Director of the Dare County Center, and presented a \$16,000 check. Mr. Gray introduced Michael Tillett who provided details about a Custom Rod and Classic Car Show to be held in 2019 as a fundraiser to help the children of Dare County.

ITEM 4 – PROCLAMATION – HOME CARE AND HOSPICE MONTH

Sheila Davies, on behalf of the Dare County Public Health Division, presented a Proclamation designating November as National Home Care and Hospice Month in Dare County. The Proclamation salutes the nurses, home care aides, therapists and social workers who make a remarkable difference for the patients and families they serve.

MOTION

Vice Chairman Overman and Commissioner Shea motioned to approve the Proclamation. Commissioner Ross seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 5 – TOURISM BOARD – RESTRICTED FUND SPENDING REQUESTS

Lee Nettles, Executive Director of the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau, outlined requests for the following Restricted Fund grant awards, which total \$842,813 –

- Town of Duck, \$307,289 for pedestrian improvements, Phase III
- Town of Kitty Hawk, \$47,592 for Kitty Hawk Trail Connection Project, Phase I
- Town of Nags Head, \$487,932 for the West Side Multi-Use Path, Phase VIII

MOTION

Vice Chairman Overman motioned to approve the 3 requests totaling \$842,813. Commissioner Shea seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 6 – PUBLIC HEARING – CHAPTER 100 AMENDMENTS TO ALLOW OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS IN WANCHESE (Att. #1)

At 6:03 p.m. the Board held a Public Hearing to receive input concerning this agenda item. The Manager outlined the procedure for making public comments in Manteo and via the video link to the Fessenden Center Annex in Buxton. Following is a summary of citizen remarks, which can be viewed in their entirety in a video on the County website –

The following comments were made in Manteo –

1. Ken Mann spoke in favor of allowing golf carts in Wanchese. He explained how this will make things better in the community, lessen traffic, and help the environment.
2. Wayne Umphlett, on behalf of his marina customers, spoke in support of golf carts in Wanchese. He asked the Board to allow golf carts so people can freely move about.
3. Joey Daniels voiced support for allowing golf carts in Wanchese. He said golf carts will complement the horses, cyclists and others who use the roads in the community.

There were no comments made in Buxton –

Chairman Woodard closed the hearing at 6:09 p.m. and the following motion was made –

MOTION

Commissioner Shea motioned to amend Chapter 100 to allow for the operation of golf carts in Wanchese on State maintained roads as set forth in the proposed amendment.

Vice Chairman Overman and Commissioner Tobin seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 7 – 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 (11.05.18) **(Att. #2)**
- 2) Soil & Water Conservation District – Budget Amendment for Tracking State Funding
- 3) DCHHS, Public Health Division – Trillium Funding for Prescription Drugs Project
- 4) DCHHS, Public Health Division – Dissolve HHS Admin Account
- 5) DCHHS, Public Health Division – Office of Rural Health Grant
- 6) DCHHS, Public Health Division – Opioid Crisis Grant
- 7) Town of Manteo New Year’s Eve Fireworks 2018
- 8) Tax Collector’s Report

Commissioner Ross seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 8 – 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 of the items mentioned by Commissioners during this segment –

Commissioner Couch

- Said he is looking forward to this Thanksgiving season on Hatteras Island.
- Thanked retiring Commissioner Jack Shea for his service and said he will be missed.

Commissioner Shea

- Expressed gratitude for the honor of serving the people of Dare County and for the opportunity to work closely with the many fine men and women he has served with on the Dare County Board of Commissioners. He noted that no other Board has accomplished so many positive things for the people.

Vice Chairman Overman

- Voiced his appreciation for the service of retiring Commissioner Jack Shea.

Commissioner Ross

- Saluted Commissioner Jack Shea as a giant in our community. He said it has been a privilege and an honor to work with the retiring Commissioner.
- Mentioned an upcoming forum at the Coastal Studies Institute to address housing.
- Reported on the Wags & Whiskers gala event to raise funds for local animal charities.
- Noted that he will be attending his first meeting as a new member of the Trillium Board.
- Said he looks forward to the opening of the Port Clinic later this month in Hatteras.
- Commented on a recent Board of Education meeting and encouraged people to attend these worthwhile sessions.
- Briefed the Board on the conference for the North Carolina Beach, Inlet & Waterway Association that was recently held near Wilmington.
- Reported that Robert Murphy of Rocky Mount is now the Interim Executive Director of the Albemarle Commission. Commissioner Ross added that he is serving on the committee tasked with selecting a permanent Executive Director.
- Commissioner Ross thanked David Clawson and Sally DeFosse for their work on the audit and expressed the confidence he has in the County's financial leadership.

Commissioner Tobin

- Explained that the North Carolina Beach, Inlet & Waterway Association conference was very comprehensive and addressed beach nourishment and hurricane erosion.
- Reported on a Scoping Meeting held in Wilmington related to dredging permitting issues.
- Noted that the Community Advisory Council recently had all members in attendance which enabled the group to have an official visit of Peak Resources and Spring Arbor. He added that Spring Arbor has made excellent progress and Peak is still doing well.
- Described a conference call he had with Marine Sanctuary Boards throughout the nation and said there will soon be news about expansion of the Monitor Natl. Marine Sanctuary.
- Provided an update on plans that are underway for a local dredging vessel and said the loan agreement with the private partner is close to being signed. He mentioned a trip he will be making to New Orleans to follow up on contractors for the dredge vessel.
- Thanked political candidates for running good campaigns and for removing their signs.
- Bid farewell to Commissioner Jack Shea on his retirement from the Board.
- Wished everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

Chairman Woodard

- Thanked retiring Commissioner Jack Shea for being a trusted friend and a dedicated member of the Board. He said it has been an honor to serve with Commissioner Shea.
- Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving noting that it is his favorite holiday.

MANAGER’S/ATTORNEY’S BUSINESS

1. The County Manager presented a revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and explained changes made to performance measures in the agreement. He noted that the revised MOU has been vetted with the Social Services Director.

MOTION

Vice Chairman Overman motioned to approve the revised MOU and authorize the Manager to execute the document.

Commissioner Shea and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

2. Mr. Outten outlined an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for the Government Education Access Channels. He explained that the amendment allows the Committee that oversees the channels to make budget amendments and transfer money between line items in their annual budget without having to come before each of the member’s Boards. He added that the amendment has been vetted by the County’s Finance Director and will be submitted to each Board of the participating members for approval.

MOTION

Vice Chairman Overman and Commissioner Shea motioned to approve the amendment to the Interlocal Agreement.

Commissioner Tobin seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

3. The Manager presented a Public Health Division budget amendment pertaining to the Trillium Health Resources grant for CURES/State Targeted Response Mentee Project. He described the goal of the project and advised that the budget amendment has no impact on County funding.

MOTION

Commissioner Ross motioned to approve the Budget Amendment.

Commissioner Shea and Vice Chairman Overman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

4. Mr. Outten gave an update on storm debris removal throughout the County noting that pickup has been completed everywhere except for the Colington area. He noted that Public Works hopes to complete the project before Thanksgiving or soon afterward.
5. The County Manager bid farewell to retiring Commissioner Jack Shea and thanked him for his service, companionship, and friendship.

Public Information Officer Dorothy Hester shared memories about working with Commissioner Shea and recalled his Letters to the Editor that were printed in major publications advocating the County's position about the preservation of beach access. Ms. Hester then asked people to spread the word about the Governor's Volunteer Service Awards. She also recognized Sara Small and Skip Wallace in the Public Relations Dept. on receiving an award related to the "More Beach to Love" public awareness campaign.

Finance Director David Clawson reported on a recent meeting that was held concerning the damage assessment threshold for Hurricane Michael. Mr. Clawson also noted that the Dare County Audit Committee met today and thanked retiring Commissioner Jack Shea for his faithful service as Chairman of the Audit Committee.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Shea motioned to adjourn the meeting.

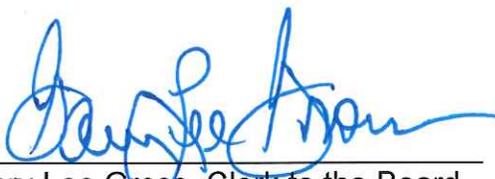
Commissioner Ross seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

At 6:57 p.m., the Board of Commissioners adjourned until 9:00 a.m., December 3, 2018.



Respectfully submitted,

By: 
Gary Lee Gross, Clerk to the Board

APPROVED:

By: 
Robert Woodard, Chairman
Dare County Board of Commissioners