



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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DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Dare County Administration Building, Manteo, NC

9:00 a.m., March 2, 2015

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

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

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Chairman Woodard called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. He invited the Rev. Philip Glick from St. Andrews by the Sea to share a prayer, and then he led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The Chairman asked for a motion to reverse the order of agenda items #6 and #7, add item #7A for a discussion of draft legislation in Raleigh, and add item #15A to discuss representation in Raleigh and Washington, D.C.

MOTION

Commissioner Shea motioned to amend the agenda as requested.

Commissioner Umphlett seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 1 – PRESENTATION OF COUNTY SERVICE PINS

- 1) David Clawson, Finance Director, received a 25-year pin

ITEM 2 – EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH (Att. #1)

The Employee of the Month for March will be honored at an upcoming meeting.

In an employee related matter, the Manager presented a resolution honoring the life and service of retiring Emergency Management Coordinator Sandy Sanderson.

MOTION

Commissioners Shea and Judge motioned to adopt the resolution honoring Sandy Sanderson.

Vice-Chairman Overman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 3 – OPENING REMARKS – CHAIRMAN’S UPDATE

Chairman Woodard explained that the purpose of the update, being done as opening remarks, is to give the public a follow-up report on what has transpired since the last meeting. He then gave an update that highlighted these items – off shore energy exploration, beach erosion in Buxton, plans to meet with legislators in Raleigh, letters sent to Town Hall participants, issues discussed during the Board Retreat, and efforts to engage the White House for help with Oregon Inlet. A complete video account of the Chairman’s update can be seen on the Dare County website www.darenc.com.

ITEM 4 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Manager outlined the public comments procedure to a standing room only crowd. Most of the comments that were made addressed a draft bill in the North Carolina General Assembly containing a provision that, if approved, would allow the Dare County Board of Commissioners to use some or all of the proceeds from the occupancy tax for dredging. Extensive public comments were made, all of which can be seen in their entirety on the Dare County website, www.darenc.com. Following is a brief summary of the public comments that were made –

1. Bob Edwards, Mayor of Nags Head, said funding Oregon Inlet is long overdue; however, its funding cannot be at the expense of beach nourishment funding.
2. Susie Walters, Nags Head Mayor Pro Tem, outlined the importance of tourism and said changing the occupancy tax distribution would result in a tax increase.
3. Jim Tobin from Pirates Cove Marina cited the economic impact of the local fishing industry and its positive impact on tourism. He voiced support for the bill.
4. Russ Kaiton from the Wicked Tuna television show said getting funding for dredging will reduce risks and spoke in favor of the proposed funding provision.
5. Jamie Chisholm with the Landmark Hotel Group asked Commissioners to honor the intent of the existing legislation and not disturb the occupancy tax distribution.
6. Lee Nettles, Visitor’s Bureau Exec. Dir., said the current arrangement is balanced and helps everyone. He called for the bill’s language of concern to be removed.

7. Dewey Hemilright, a commercial fisherman, explained inlet conditions and said getting money to have a dedicated dredge is a win-win situation for everybody.
8. Paul Spencer from Spencer Yachts said local boat building is a 100 million dollar industry and expressed wholehearted support for the bill.
9. Wayne Umphlett from Outer Banks Marina said he didn't want to hurt other industries, but the draft bill is needed to get a dredge for Oregon Inlet.
10. Dale Draper of Kitty Hawk said Oregon Inlet and beach nourishment are equally important and called on Commissioners to come up with an equitable solution.
11. Gary Perry on behalf of Kitty Hawk urged the Board to be careful in changing the occupancy tax and not stop the ongoing funding for infrastructure projects.
12. Tommy Danchise, a Wanchese gill-netter provided photographs showing the dangerous conditions at Oregon Inlet.
13. Ursula Bateman, on behalf of the Dare County League of Women Voters, presented the 2015 Citizens Guide and outlined its contents.
14. Stewart Pack, Resort Realty management, said he understands the fishing concerns but cannot support the draft legislation for using occupancy funds.

During Public Comments, Chairman Woodard explained that Steve Keen from the Governor's Office is on today's agenda to present information from the Governor; however, he needs to be in Greenville by early this afternoon. He asked everyone to be patient because of the need to interrupt Public Comments in order to allow Mr. Keen to present the Governor's information in order to meet his travel deadline. He said Public Comments would resume following Mr. Keen's presentation. (See agenda item #7)

15. Renee Cahoon said Oregon Inlet needs a solution that also works for each of the communities, which this bill does not do. She called for open public input.
16. Lorrie Love, from the Visitors Bureau, said the bill is not written correctly and would be disruptive. She called for the community to work together.
17. Bob Oakes said he agrees with Ms. Cahoon and said there has been no public discussion on this bill. He asked that it be withdrawn or amended.
18. Monica Thibodeau, Duck Mayor Pro Tem, said the current occupancy tax system works well and opposes putting the Board of Commissioners in full control of it.
19. Heather Maxwell, Pirates Cove Billfish Tournament, said Oregon Inlet has never been worse and our elected leaders should decide how to spend occupancy tax.

20. Ralph Buxton called for a comprehensive approach for the Oregon Inlet issue and to bring the community together in order to develop a widely supported plan.
21. Sterling Webster IV on behalf of the Ramada Plaza and Hilton Garden Inn said he supports the fishermen but disagreed with the language in the bill.
22. Trip Forman said everyone is in favor of Oregon Inlet but don't jeopardize tourism by reallocating occupancy tax funds for dredging. He said do not support the bill.
23. Jake Griffin said Oregon Inlet is dangerous and in the worst shape it has been in the past 40 years. He asked Commissioners to move forward with the bill.
24. James Fletcher spoke in favor of the bill and said Oregon Inlet should have been fixed years ago with a pipeline system to transport sand to where it is needed.
25. Willo Kelly, Outer Banks Assoc. of Realtors, said the bill is too broad and the Association has concern that the language does not meet the original intent.
26. Britton Shackelford, NC Watermen United, said Commissioners need to quickly get a dredge at Oregon Inlet and work on a long-term solution.
27. Mikey Daniels, in support of the bill, described the hardship that is caused by conditions at the inlet and said if you don't do something now, it's over.
28. Dick Campbell said the Moffatt economic report on the inlet is worth reading and asked Commissioners to consider the bill and find funding to keep the inlet open.
29. Micah Daniels expressed support for the bill and cited serious safety issues. She said that by pulling together we can find solutions.
30. Perry White gave details about a meeting in Nags Head on the future of Colony Ridge. He called on Commissioners and the community to help the residents.
31. Valerie Denigris explained how the Coast Guard depends on Oregon Inlet in order to respond to boats in distress. She said protect this vital artery.
32. Sheila Davies, Kill Devil Hills Mayor, said the bill has not been vetted and urged Commissioners to be cautious with it so that Peter isn't robbed to pay Paul.
33. Beth Midgett asked about Hatteras Inlet and reminded everyone that we have two inlets in Dare County that need to be considered when dividing funds.
34. Harry Schiffman, Vice Chair of the Oregon Inlet Task force, explained that the bill includes all Dare County navigational channels and cited safety concerns.

ITEM 5 – PROCLAMATION – GIRL SCOUT WEEK 2015

Tracy Keller, CEO of the Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast described the mission of Girl Scouts and their efforts to build courage, confidence, and character. A Proclamation in support of Girl Scout Week was presented.

MOTION

Commissioner Judge motioned to issue a proclamation establishing Girl Scout Week. Commissioner Shea seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 6 – UPDATE ON BODIE ISLAND SPIT MIGRATION AND SHOALING AT OREGON INLET

Bob Peele, Oregon Inlet Task Force Advisory Committee, and Sterling Baker, NCDOT Engineer, gave a comprehensive presentation on migration and shoaling at Oregon inlet. They showed how the problem has worsened over the years and outlined the safety and economic concerns. An action plan was outlined that included short-term dredging, proactive maintenance dredging, and a long-term solution.

RECESS: 11:52 a.m. – 12:28 p.m.

ITEM 7 – REPORT ON THE GOVERNOR’S 25 YEAR VISION, TRANSPORTATION PLAN, AND 10 YEAR JOBS REPORT

Steve Keen, Eastern Director, Office of the Governor, and Malcolm Fearing, NCDOT Board Member, made a presentation to the Dare County Board of Commissioners. They presented the Governor’s 25 year Vision Plan and a Transportation Plan that stressed the role of commerce moving together with transportation. It was noted that Hatteras Island is an important personal issue for the McCrory administration. Chairman Woodard thanked Mr. Keen and Mr. Fearing for their presentation.

ITEM 7A – DISCUSSION OF DRAFT LEGISLATION IN RALEIGH

This item was added to the agenda at the onset of the meeting. It pertains to a draft bill in the North Carolina General Assembly containing a provision that, if approved, would allow the Dare County Board of Commissioners to use some or all of the proceeds from the occupancy tax for dredging. Earlier in the meeting, the Board heard extensive public comments on this issue.

Following is a brief synopsis highlighting the lengthy discussion that Commissioners had concerning the draft legislation. A full and complete account of the Board’s deliberation, procedural motions, and action on this agenda item is archived on a video available for viewing on the Dare County website www.darenc.com

Chairman Woodard outlined efforts that have taken place to secure funds for Oregon Inlet. He described the composition and mission of the Oregon Inlet Task Force and

stressed that fishermen need to be able to go to work to feed their families. He said Senator Cook and others have introduced legislative language in an effort to provide a possible funding source for dredging. He emphasized that nobody on the Board of Commissioners wants to jeopardize the beach nourishment fund or take revenue away from the Visitors Bureau.

Commissioner Judge urged the Board to explore all methods of funding and design a revenue solution that helps Oregon Inlet without being detrimental to other sectors. He suggested that Dare County consider additional revenue sources including sales tax options. He recommended appointing a diverse committee to look at all possible revenue streams and asking Senator Cook to pull the bill or remove the funding language until we have a chance to devise a Dare County plan.

Commissioner Boswell said she was very passionate about Oregon Inlet, Dare County's fishermen, and the need for beach nourishment. She said the language in the bill needs to be cleaned up, but not removed. She said we must work together to protect all Dare County assets.

Commissioner Umphlett said a misunderstanding exists about how the Board of Commissioners would change the occupancy tax allocation. She reminded citizens that the Board of Commissioners can be trusted and said no Commissioner wants to take away funds from the Towns, beach nourishment, or the Visitors Bureau. She encouraged the Board to move forward.

Commissioner Burrus said he does not support the bill as it currently stands. He said it is divisive and will cause the Board to become the referee on how occupancy tax funds are distributed. He also noted that Hatteras Inlet is not named in the bill's language.

Commissioner Shea cited the need to safeguard both Oregon Inlet and our beaches as two major economic engines. He said he was not comfortable with the bill's language and feared we could lose what we have if we do something premature. He encouraged the Board to urgently find a way to fund both beach nourishment and Oregon Inlet.

Vice-Chairman Overman said he agreed with Commissioner Umphlett that there is no intent to take money away from the Towns or other budgets. He urged the Board to vigorously find a revenue source for dredging, because dredging will make a difference now. He said a possible sales tax would be a fair idea to consider.

Chairman Woodard said we need action and for something to happen that will benefit Oregon Inlet. He said the reality is that the federal government will not solve this problem. He noted that the state government is working hard on it, but it appears to be our problem to solve and we need to step up to the plate and fund it.

Commissioners then discussed language for a motion that would reflect the consensus of the group that resulted in a series of motions, withdrawn motions, and revised motions. The Board ultimately took action and voted on the following –

MOTION

Commissioner Judge motioned to authorize the Chairman to send a letter to the bill's sponsors asking them to remove Section 3.3 (Additional Use of Occupancy Taxes) from the bill. Commissioner Shea seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES: 6 (Commissioners: Woodard, Overman, Judge, Shea, Burrus, Umphlett)
NOES: 1 (Commissioner Boswell)

The motion passed in a 6 to 1 vote.

MOTION

Commissioner Judge motioned to approve a dollar figure equivalent to 32% of the first 3 cents of occupancy tax, which is shared revenue, be placed in a line item titled Oregon and Hatteras Inlet dredging and maintenance.

Chairman Woodard seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

RECESS: 1:50 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

ITEM 8 – PRELIMINARY DESIGN REVIEW FOR E911/EOC BUILDING PROJECT

David Schrader, on behalf of SchraderGroup architecture, presented preliminary designs for the E911/EOC Building project. He outlined the conceptual floor plan, elevations, site plan, and exterior perspectives.

MOTION

Commissioner Judge motioned to approve the preliminary designs as presented.

Vice-Chairman Overman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 9 – BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR NEW EMS HELICOPTER FOR CREDIT FROM AIRBUS HELICOPTERS

Finance Director, David Clawson presented a Budget Amendment related to the new Dare MedFlight helicopter. He outlined the timetable for delivery and explained a request from Airbus Helicopters to display the aircraft at the Heli Expo Conference in Orlando in exchange for a credit towards future parts, tools, and service.

MOTION

Vice-Chairman Overman motioned to adopt the Budget Amendment as presented.

Commissioner Umphlett seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 10 – AWARD OF FY2014-2015 VEHICLE & EQUIPMENT FINANCING (Att. #2)

Mr. Clawson described the responses that were received for financing of county vehicles and equipment as approved in the fiscal year 2014-15 operating budget. He said the lowest total cost proposal for 3 year financing was submitted by US Bancorp Government Leasing & Finance at a rate of 1.099%.

MOTION

Commissioner Judge motioned to adopt the Resolution awarding the 3 year financing to US Bancorp GLF at a rate of 1.099% and authorize the County Manager, Finance Director, and Clerk to execute all necessary documents.

Vice-Chairman Overman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 11 – RECOMMENDED REVISIONS TO THE FY2015 CIP FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLANNING COMMITTEE (Att. #3)

The Finance Director explained that the Capital Improvements Planning Committee (CIPC) reviewed all projects in the FY 2015 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) and recommends that two projects be removed (DHHS Buildings Expansion Initial Planning/Design & Old Roanoke Island Welcome Center). He asked the Board to approve the change by adopting budget amendments for the General and Capital Reserve Funds and an amendment to the CIP Capital Project Ordinance.

MOTION

Commissioner Umphlett motioned to adopt the Budget Amendment for the General Fund, the Budget Amendment for the Capital Reserve Fund, and the Amendment to the CIP Capital Project Ordinance (Capital Projects Fund).

Commissioner Judge seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 12 – RESOLUTION DECLARING DARE COUNTY’S INTENT TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE E911/EMERGENCY CENTER FROM THE PROCEEDS OF CERTAIN TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS (Att. #4)

Mr. Clawson presented a Reimbursement Resolution that is required by the Internal Revenue Service code in order for the County to reimburse itself from debt proceeds related to financing of the E911/Emergency Operations Center.

MOTION

Commissioner Umphlett motioned to adopt the Resolution as presented.

Commissioner Judge seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 13 – RESOLUTION DECLARING DARE COUNTY’S INTENT TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR BUXTON BEACH NOURISHMENT FROM THE PROCEEDS OF CERTAIN TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS (Att. #5)

Similar to the preceding agenda item, the Finance Director presented a Reimbursement Resolution that is required by the Internal Revenue Service code for the County to reimburse itself from debt proceeds related to financing for Buxton beach nourishment.

MOTION

Vice-Chairman Overman motioned to adopt the Resolution as presented.

Commissioner Judge seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 14 – FISCAL YEAR 2016 HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN RENEWAL (Att. #6)

The County Manager outlined the proposed Dare County employee health insurance plan for 2016. He said while there is no change in the plan structure, spouses of employees hired after 7/1/1999 will not be eligible for coverage if that spouse has coverage available through another source/employer. He added that the third party administrator of the plan is to be changed to Medcost Benefit Services. Mr. Outten explained how the changes would work and described their savings to the County.

MOTION

Commissioner Judge motioned to approve the FY2016 Health Plan as presented. Commissioners Burrus, Shea, and Overman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 15 – PUBLIC HEARING – TEXT AMENDMENT TO SECTION 22-56, PARKING, FOR INDOOR AND OUTDOOR RECREATION USES

At 2:45 p.m., the Dare County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing to receive input concerning the Text Amendment to Section 22-56, Parking, For Indoor and Outdoor Recreation Uses. The County Manager conducted the hearing and explained the procedure for making comments. No one responded to the invitation to address the Board. Chairman Woodard closed the hearing at 2:46 p.m.

Mark Bissell, on behalf the applicant, David Peres, outlined for Commissioners why the change is needed and reported what other jurisdictions have done. He said the draft language addresses the applicant's needs and has been unanimously recommended for approval by the Dare County Planning Board.

MOTION

Commissioner Judge motioned to adopt the draft amendments to Section 22-56 Parking and Section 22-2 Definitions as advertised for Public Hearing with the finding that these amendments are consistent with the policies of the 2009 Dare County Land Use Plan and other official documents since the amendments represent an update to parking regulations to result in more appropriate standards for indoor & outdoor recreation uses. Commissioners Shea and Overman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 15A – REPRESENTATION IN RALEIGH AND WASHINGTON, D.C.

This item was added to the agenda at the onset of the meeting. Mr. Outten summarized issues identified during the recent Board retreat that involve the need for legislative help in Raleigh or Washington, D.C. He reported that the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners says when using lobbyists, Commissioners should still develop personal relationships with legislators. He outlined compensation ranges and described contact that has been made with potential lobbying firms including McGuireWoods. Mr. Outten said the firm is willing to work on a monthly basis during the current legislative term at \$5,000 per month, which could be reevaluated later. He added that they have representation in Washington, D.C. as well as in Raleigh. Commissioners discussed Currituck County's experience with lobbyists. Vice-Chairman Overman noted that

lobbyists can open doors to form coalitions, which would be helpful for Dare County. Chairman Woodard said McGuireWoods is a reputable firm familiar with our issues.

MOTION

Commissioner Shea motioned to engage McGuireWoods as outlined for a test-drive for the remainder of the current legislative session.

Vice-Chairman Overman seconded the motion.

During discussion of the motion, Commissioners had extensive dialogue about the matter including, Dare County's history with lobbyists, how communication would be handled with a lobbying firm, the need for frequent reports, and the importance of McGuireWoods having the crucial legislative relationships that Dare County needs. The Board drafted a list of the local projects and issues that would serve as the assignment list for a lobbying effort. It was noted that many citizens are skeptical and do not want public money going to lobbyists.

Commissioner Burrus motioned to call the question, which was unanimously approved followed by the Board voting on the original motion to engage

McGuireWoods, (the Board's vote on the original motion is shown on the next line)

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 16 – CONSENT AGENDA

The County Manager presented the Consent Agenda. The items were visually displayed in the meeting room and read into the record.

MOTION

Commissioner Shea motioned to approve the Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of Minutes (02.02.15, 02.16.15, 02.20.15) **(Att. #7)**
- 2) Amendment, Capital Project Ordinance - Manteo Elem. School Addition **(Att. #8)**
- 3) Budget Amendment for the Dare County Center
- 4) Dell PC Lease Contract for Sheriff's Office
- 5) Tax Collector Report – March 2015

Commissioners Judge and Burrus seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 17 – BOARD APPOINTMENTS

1) Airport Authority Board

Commissioner Shea motioned to reappoint Deke Bolte.

Vice-Chairman Overman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

2) Dare County Center Advisory Board

Commissioner Judge motioned to appoint Rodney Benson to fill the unexpired term of Ann Groves who resigned.

Commissioners Overman and Burrus seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

3) Jennette's Pier Advisory Committee

Chairman Woodard motioned to appoint Joe Tauber.

Vice-Chairman Overman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

4) Nursing Home Community Advisory Council

Commissioner Judge motioned to reappoint Anita Edwards.

Commissioner Burrus seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

5) Upcoming Board Appointments – April, May, and June 2015

Upcoming Board Appointments were announced for the next three months.

ITEM 18 – 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 Judge – congratulated David Clawson on his 25-year service pin. He commented on the tragedy that occurred recently at Duck United Methodist Church. He gave an update report on talks related to the Buxton beach nourishment project. Commissioner Judge expressed the need for the College of the Albemarle to expand its course offering in Dare County. He recommended that alternative revenue streams be developed for Oregon Inlet in addition to the action taken today by the Board.

Commissioner Umphlett – said the Board's recent retreat was profitable and that more retreats are needed. She reported on discussions that occurred during her meetings with the Library Board, the Dare County Center Advisory Board, and the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC). Commissioner Umphlett urged people to get involved in Boards and Committees and obtain more information from the Dare County website.

Vice-Chairman Overman – commended David Clawson for his 25 years of service. He said he was glad with the decision made about funding Oregon Inlet dredging. He noted that the recent Board Retreat dealt with substantive issues. Vice-Chairman Overman described a potential grant that might address drainage of countywide ditches. He mentioned a newspaper article about coyote hunting and gave details about how people can submit public comments.

Commissioner Shea – commended David Clawson for his service as Finance Director. He noted that today was a productive meeting where good decisions were made and he was proud of the Board of Commissioners. He reported on a meeting about traffic problems in Southern Shores. Commissioner Shea closed with a passionate plea for people to get involved by urging our leaders in Congress and the White House to take immediate action against the barbarism that is being inflicted by merciless killers in the

Mideast and parts of Africa. He outlined a plan of action that should be implemented now before we have another Pearl Harbor or 911 tragedy. His remarks drew applause.

Commissioner Burrus – congratulated Finance Director, David Clawson for his 25-year service pin. He thanked NCDOT for their efforts to improve transportation during recent bad weather. Commissioner Burrus noted that Steve Keen’s remarks and the transportation comments that were made during his presentation today were timely. He thanked everyone for their patience while he has been having some medical procedures done.

Commissioner Boswell – thanked David Clawson for his priceless guidance. She explained that Oregon Inlet and beach nourishment are both important issues that are vital to Dare County and cautioned that it is not an either-or situation. Commissioner Boswell reported that recent bad weather interrupted her meeting schedule; however, she was able to attend the Employee of the Month luncheon. She expressed her hesitation about hiring a lobbyist and noted that she agreed to it on a trial basis and would not vote for it again if they do not earn a good report card.

Chairman Woodard – reported on a request from Pamlico County to send a letter of support for Senate bill 34 and described its impact on aquaculture and oystering.

MOTION

Commissioner Judge motioned to authorize the letter that was presented.

Commissioner Umphlett seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

Chairman Woodard asked the Manager to address the feral cat issue on Hatteras Island by having a report given by the Outer Banks SPCA at the next Board meeting. He also congratulated David Clawson on his 25 years of service and commended him for his extraordinary talent. He said he agreed that alternative funding sources for Oregon Inlet need to be pursued. The Chairman thanked citizens for filling the room today and praised the Board for tackling the tough decisions and taking action that is long past due. He thanked Commissioners for their dedication and service to the community. He also reported on the ribbon cutting ceremony for the addition to the Manteo Elementary School. Chairman Woodard closed by turning to Finance Director, David Clawson and Public Information Officer, Dorothy Hester, and thanking them for what they do.

MANAGER’S/ATTORNEY’S BUSINESS

1. Mr. Outten reported that PreserveNC has interest in the Old Administration Building. He said they have a plan to try to sell it at fair market value to someone willing to preserve it. He described how such an arrangement might work and said an agreement will soon be presented for the Board to consider.
2. He said the Board discussed voluntary recycling for unincorporated Dare County during their retreat. He said a Request for Proposal (RFP) has been prepared and if the Board approves issuing the RFP the results would be presented later.

MOTION

Chairman Woodard motioned to move forward with the RFP.

Vice-Chairman Overman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

3. The Manager described proposed legislation sent by the Roanoke Island Volunteer Fire Department regarding the way fire taxes are handled. He outlined the current procedure for handling payments and described how the proposed procedure would work. He said the Town of Manteo has been notified about this and asked the Board to authorize it subject to approval by the Town of Manteo.

MOTION

Chairman Judge motioned to approve it as outlined by the County Manager.

Commissioner Burrus seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

4. He said when a Commissioner requests information from staff; he would like the material to be sent to the entire Board. By consensus, the group agreed.
5. The County Manager reported that Planning Director, Donna Creef, is working on the drainage grant referenced by Vice-Chairman Overman and that she is quickly putting material together to submit.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Shea motioned to adjourn the meeting.

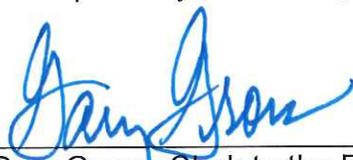
Commissioners Umphlett and Overman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

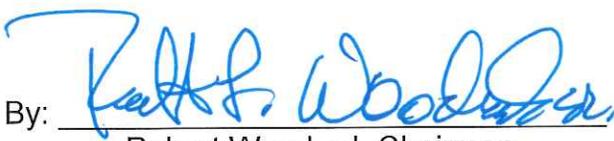
At 5:01 p.m., the Board of Commissioners adjourned until 9:00 a.m., April 6, 2015.



Respectfully submitted,

By: 
Gary Gross, Clerk to the Board

APPROVED:

By: 
Robert Woodard, Chairman
Dare County Board of Commissioners