



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 20, 2015

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

Commissioners absent: Jack Shea, 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 5:00 p.m. He invited the Rev. Craig Peel to share a prayer, and then he led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. It was announced that Commissioners Shea and Burrus were not able to attend the meeting due to prior commitments.

ITEM 1 – OPENING REMARKS – CHAIRMAN’S UPDATE

Chairman Woodard gave a follow-up report on what has transpired since the last meeting. He outlined several community events including the recent ceremony honoring Dare County’s law enforcement agencies, the opening of the Outer Banks Senior Games, the Flying Pirate Half Marathon, and the First Flight 5k. The Chairman updated the status of the North Carolina Attorney General’s investigation into Dare County gasoline prices. He also described the progress being made with the dredging of Oregon Inlet. A complete video account of the Chairman’s update can be seen on the Dare County website www.darenc.com.

ITEM 2 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

The County Manager outlined the public comments procedure. No one in the meeting room responded to the invitation to make public comments.

ITEM 3 – GOVERNOR’S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

Bob Muller, President of the Outer Banks Community Foundation, presented Governor’s Volunteer Service Awards to Gloria Wingenroth, the Monarch Beach Club, and the Dare County Friends of Youth Program. He gave a synopsis of the many ways the recipients make a difference in the lives of others through their community service.

ITEM 4 – OATH OF OFFICE FOR DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR (Att. #1)

The Board appointed Jennifer Davenport as the Dare County Deputy Tax Collector. Her oath was administered by the Clerk to the Board with Ms. Davenport’s husband, Louie, holding the Bible. The Chairman congratulated her on her appointment.

MOTION

Commissioner Judge motioned to appoint Jennifer Davenport as Dare County Deputy Tax Collector.

Vice-Chairman Overman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 5 – PRESENTATION FROM HATTERAS RECYCLE

Todd Phillips briefed Commissioners on the history of Hatteras Recycle and thanked Dare County Public Works for their assistance in this endeavor. He said approximately 12,000 lbs are cycled per day during the peak season and described how rental homes participate in the program through their property management companies. Mr. Phillips outlined ways that Hatteras Recycle supports the community with free service and event sponsorships. He fielded Commissioner questions about the potential for expansion of the business. Chairman Woodard noted the positive role that recycling has in reducing trash tonnage. He asked Mr. Phillips what can Dare County do to help grow his Hatteras Island recycling business. Mr. Phillips said he is open to further discussions with the Manager and the County Public Relations Department. The Chairman thanked Dare County Public Works for their help with Hatteras Island recycling.

ITEM 6 – DARE COUNTY CENTER

Commissioner Umphlett presented a request for a proposed gazebo with picnic tables along the Wellness Trail at the Dare County Center. She described the intended gazebo site and reported that it is being funded through grants to the Dare County Center. On behalf of the Dare County Center Advisory Board, she asked Commissioners to approve the request to construct the gazebo.

MOTION

Commissioner Umphlett motioned to approve the gazebo request.

Commissioner Judge seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 7 – RESOLUTION – EMERGENCY FERRY DOCK AT THE ALLIGATOR RIVER BRIDGE (Att. #2)

A resolution was presented to the Board to support a request that the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) construct an emergency ferry dock in Dare County and Tyrrell County at the Alligator River Bridge at U.S. Highway 64. The Resolution called for construction of the emergency ferry dock in order to provide relief from lack of access and congestion in the event that the aging Alligator River Bridge must be closed for a significant period of time.

MOTION

Commissioner Judge motioned to approve a resolution supporting a request that NCDOT construct an emergency ferry dock in Dare County and Tyrrell County at the Alligator River Bridge.

Vice-Chairman Overman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 8 – CONSENT AGENDA

The Manager presented the Consent Agenda. The items were visually displayed in the meeting room and read into the record. A correction was noted on the first sentence of the final paragraph of page 4 of the Minutes (Item 8-1) in the Board Packet. The approved Minutes will reflect that the question described in the paragraph was asked by Chairman Woodard.

MOTION

Commissioner Judge moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the noted correction.

- 1) Approval of Minutes (04.06.15) **(Att. #3)**
- 2) Dept. of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Funding Plan
- 3) Donations Fund Budget Amendment – Friends of Youth Donations
- 4) Health – Diabetes Education Recognition Program Funding
- 5) Detention Center Budget Amendment

Vice-Chairman Overman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 9 – BOARD APPOINTMENT

- 1) CoastalCare/East Carolina Behavioral Health Regional Advisory Board

Commissioner Umphlett motioned to appoint Vice-Chairman Overman as the Commissioner appointee & Jay Burrus as the other appointee who meets the criteria outlined in NCGS 122C-118.1.

Vice-Chairman Overman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

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.

Vice-Chairman Overman – reviewed the dredging effort underway at Oregon Inlet and described specific areas that are being addressed. He noted that NCDOT has completed marking the bridge pilings, which provides better night visibility for mariners. He added that NCDOT's presentation on Highway 64 improvements and the Alligator River Bridge would be a good one for the Board of Commissioners. The Vice-Chairman reported on the kickoff ceremony for the Outer Banks Senior Games. He noted that effective July 1 the services provided by CoastalCare/ECBH will be known as Trillium Health Resources.

Commissioner Boswell – announced the date of the next meeting for the Oregon Inlet Task Force Advisory Board and the upcoming meeting of the Health and Human Services Board.

Commissioner Judge – congratulated those who received the Governor's Volunteer Service Awards. He reported that the College of the Albemarle (COA) Board of Trustees did indeed terminate the school's sports program although he wanted to keep it. He said COA is a good answer for many families' educational needs and the school should have a bigger presence in Dare County. Commissioner Judge reported on meetings that are underway with the various agencies involved in the Buxton beach nourishment project. He expressed cautious optimism that the endeavor is on track for the summer of 2016, which he said offers no immediate relief for those who are struggling right now in the vulnerable area. Chairman Woodard thanked Commissioner Judge and Vice-Chairman Overman for their diligence on the Buxton project. He also clarified that the Governor did not recently tour the area although he has asked him to tour the Village and see firsthand the need for beach nourishment.

Commissioner Umphlett – briefed Commissioners on her participation on various Boards and Committees including the Dare County Center Advisory Board and the Cooperative Extension Advisory Council. She noted that the gazebo approved for the Dare County Center Wellness Trail will make a great addition to the facility. She also outlined several Dare County Center and Cooperative Extension upcoming events.

Chairman Woodard – queried the Board on whether they wanted to modify their previous position as expressed in a resolution opposing Sunday hunting in view of a proposed NC House bill that would allow it with certain limitations on private property. After discussing the matter, the Board of Commissioners took no action to change their previously stated position opposing Sunday hunting. The Chairman outlined the need for a resolution to establish the Northeastern Workforce Development Consortium pursuant to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

MOTION (Att. #4)

Commissioner Judge motioned to adopt a resolution approving the Northeastern Workforce Development Consortium Agreement.

Commissioner Umphlett seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

The Chairman led the Board in a discussion of possible dates for the next Budget Workshop and by consensus the group agreed to 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 13, 2015 in the Commissioner's Meeting Room.

MANAGER'S/ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS

Mr. Outten reviewed dates related to the presentation of the Manager's proposed budget for upcoming fiscal year.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Umphlett motioned to adjourn the meeting.

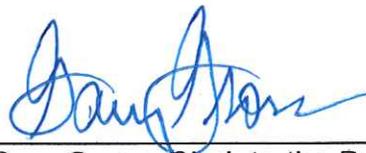
Chairman Woodard seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

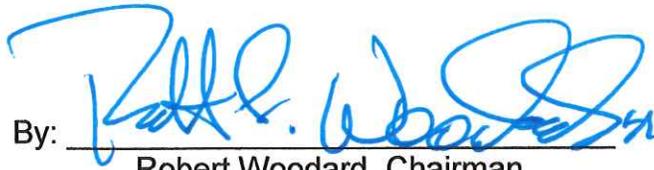
At 6:19 p.m., the Board of Commissioners adjourned until 9:00 a.m., May 4, 2015.



Respectfully submitted,

By: 
Gary Gross, Clerk to the Board

APPROVED:

By: 
Robert Woodard, Chairman
Dare County Board of Commissioners