



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., December 21, 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.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. He invited the Rev. Spottswood Graves to share a prayer, and then he led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Chairman Woodard announced a special feature in celebration of Christmas by introducing the Community Choir under the direction of Peggy Daniels. The group, representing ten area churches, delighted the audience with three musical selections.

ITEM 1 – OPENING REMARKS – CHAIRMAN’S UPDATE

Chairman Woodard gave a follow-up report on what has transpired since the last meeting. He announced that the Board will hold its second Town Hall Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2016. He added that plans are also being made to conduct a Town Hall Meeting on Hatteras Island at a date, time, and place to be announced soon. The Chairman reported on a recent luncheon meeting he attended at the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council where he learned of a wonderful program for youth that will be presented later in the meeting. Chairman Woodard talked about spending an evening with Colonel Halvorsen, known as the Candy Bomber, and commented on the recent 112th anniversary of the Wright Brothers celebration of flight. The Chairman described participating in an informative focus group session with NC Sea Grant. Chairman Woodard noted that larger trawl boats are now able to safely pass through Oregon Inlet for the first time in many months. He said this is like an early Christmas present for Dare County. He thanked Senator Cook, Representative Tine, and the Outer Banks Visitor’s Bureau for helping Dare County get a proactive dredging plan for both Oregon Inlet and Hatteras 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 Manager outlined the public comments procedure. Citizen remarks can be seen in their entirety on the county website www.darenc.com. Following is a brief summary –

1. Spottswood Graves talked about the upcoming Dare County observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He said the event promotes dialogue between people of different skin colors and invited the Board and everyone to attend at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, January 16, 2016 at Manteo High School. Mr. Graves said the free fellowship meal following the ceremony is a wonderful way to begin this dialogue.
2. Tim Cafferty said he was speaking to the Board as his last official act as Chair of the Outer Banks Visitor's Bureau Board of Directors. He noted progress that the Visitor's Bureau has been made including their effort to help fund proactive dredging, development of the event site, and assisting the community with quality of life projects. He added that 2015 has been a good tourism year. Mr. Cafferty was thanked for his service and leadership.

ITEM 3 – PRESENTATION BY THE JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

Bonnie Bennett explained the range of programs and services offered by the Community of Juvenile Services. She announced that Micah Daniels has been chosen to replace Dr. Richard Martin who is leaving the program. Ms. Bennett introduced three people who have been instrumental in a JCPC sponsored summer surfing camp known as "Lee's Lil Shore Breakers." This program for local youth is dedicated to the memory of Lee Terrell. Video highlights of the surf camp were presented and comments were made by Jamie LaVier with Towne Bank who is the local organizer, the photographer Tony Leone who is the Lead Editor of Moonlight Films, and Jean Brackins, the founder of Lee's Lil Shore Breakers. They explained how the surf camp shows the children that people love and care for them.

ITEM 4 – PUBLIC HEARING – DARE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES S-8 SUPPLEMENT (Att. #1)

At 5:59 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. No one responded to the invitation to address the Board. Chairman Woodard closed the hearing at 5:59 p.m.

Mr. Outten explained that the Ordinance update is needed to incorporate all the recent amendments that have already been adopted but not yet included in the published Code of Ordinances.

MOTION

Commissioner Judge motioned to approve the resolution enacting and adopting a supplement to the Dare County Code of Ordinances.

Vice-Chairman Overman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 5 – CONSENT AGENDA

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

MOTION

Commissioner Judge and Vice-Chairman Overman motioned to approve the Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of Minutes (12.07.15) **(Att. #2)**
- 2) Tax Collector's Report
- 3) Road Request – Osprey Ridge Road, Duck, NC **(Att. #3)**

Commissioner Umphlett 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.

Vice-Chairman Overman commended the Community Choir for their performance. He gave a progress report on the dredging work being done at Hatteras Inlet. He also thanked Tim Cafferty for his leadership of the Dare County Tourism Board. The Vice-Chairman wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Boswell presented information about one of the dogs available for adoption at the Outer Banks SPCA. She updated the Board on dredging activities and reported on a recent trip to Raleigh with members of the Oregon Inlet Task Force. She said proactive dredging work is continuing to move forward. Commissioner Boswell thanked the Community Choir for a heartwarming performance and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Judge expressed gratitude to the Community Choir. He also wished a Merry Christmas and happy New Year to all.

Commissioner Umphlett thanked the Community Choir for their uplifting performance. As a member of the Library Board, she gave a comprehensive report on library services that are available and thanked Mary Helen Goodloe-Murphy for information about the libraries. Commissioner Umphlett added her Merry Christmas greetings.

Chairman Woodard complimented the Community Choir for their performance. He thanked the Board of Commissioners for their commitment to public service during the past year. He said there have been major accomplishments, which he will be sharing in a Stewardship Report in January. Chairman Woodard read a Christmas message that he shared with all County employees and extended Christmas greetings to everyone.

MANAGER'S/ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS

1. County Manager Outten explained that the Outer Banks SPCA has been provided vehicles that are titled to Dare County but insured by the SPCA. He described the liability advantages of transferring title of the vehicles to the SPCA for their use in providing animal control services.

MOTION (Att. #4)

Commissioner Judge motioned to approve the resolution transferring property to the SPCA.

Commissioner Umphlett seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

2. Mr. Outten presented a building reuse grant for a business owned by Pam Stoffel of Hatteras Island. He explained that the State grant passes through a local government entity, similar to the Gunboat grant. He described the purpose of the \$10,000 grant and listed the jobs that it plans to generate. He noted that the required matching funds are being provided by Ms. Stoffel. The County Manager discussed liability issues in the event of default by the applicant.

MOTION

Commissioner Umphlett motioned to approve the grant application and authorize any budget amendments that may be needed.

Commissioner Boswell seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

3. The County Manager briefed the Board on a proposed lease for County property in Kill Devil Hills that is used by the North Carolina Highway Patrol. He said the Highway Patrol has asked to enter into a 3-year agreement rather than a 1-year lease. He explained that this requires the publication of a Public Notice announcing the Board's intention.

MOTION

Commissioner Judge motioned to move forward with the publication of the required Public Notice as outlined by the County Manager.

Vice-Chairman Overman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

4. It was reported that Commissioner Shea, Finance Director Clawson, and County Manager Outten have met with the NC State University Office of Outreach & Engagement concerning the development of a strategic plan for economic development in Dare County. Mr. Outten advised the Board that a presentation will be made at the January 4, 2016 Commissioners' meeting.

ITEM 7 – CLOSED SESSION

The County Manager asked for a Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) to instruct the County staff, or negotiating agents, concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the County in negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract, for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease.

And, pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the County in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege, and to approve previous Closed Session Minutes.

MOTION

Commissioner Judge motioned to go into Closed Session pursuant to the provisions of the North Carolina General Statutes cited by the County Manager.

Commissioner Boswell seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

At 6:28 p.m., the Commissioners exited the room to meet in Closed Session. They reconvened at 7:05 p.m. and Mr. Outten reported that during the Closed Session the Board approved previous Closed Session Minutes, gave guidance to the County Attorney, instructed staff concerning real property, and took no other action.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Judge motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Vice-Chairman Overman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

At 7:06 p.m., the Board of Commissioners adjourned until 9:00 a.m., January 4, 2016.



Respectfully submitted,

By: 
Gary Gross, Clerk to the Board

APPROVED:

By: 
Robert Woodard, Chairman
Dare County Board of Commissioners