



County of Dare

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MINUTES

DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Dare County Administration Building, Manteo, NC

5:00 p.m., March 18, 2019

Commissioners present: Chairman Robert Woodard
Rob Ross, Steve House, Jim Tobin, Danny Couch

Commissioners absent: Vice Chairman Wally Overman, Commissioner Ervin Bateman

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.

At 5:00 p.m. Chairman Woodard called to order the regularly scheduled meeting with appropriate prior public notice having been given. He invited George Lurie from the Jewish Community of the Outer Banks to share a prayer, and then he led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Chairman Woodard advised that Vice Chairman Overman and Commissioner Bateman were unable to attend the meeting due to excused absences.

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 –

- Thanked the Board for a very productive Retreat where direction was given to staff.
- Congratulated women that were honored at the recent Chamber of Commerce luncheon.
- Reported on the annual awards dinner he attended for the Kill Devil Hills Fire Department.
- Commented on conversation he has had with people in Avon concerning beach erosion and updated the Board on dune conditions in the area.
- Noted that he attended the recent Board of Education meeting where their Capital Improvements Plan was discussed.
- Provided details about an appreciation dinner that Al Friedman is organizing to recognize Dare County educators and first responders at Captain George’s restaurant on May 16.

ITEM 2 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

At 5:13 p.m. 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 all citizen remarks, which can be viewed in their entirety in a video on the County website –

The following comments were made in Manteo –

1. Pat Broom and Karen Brown from the Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce honored Dare County Planning Director Donna Creef, who was unable to be at the recent Women's Luncheon hosted by the Chamber where distinguished women of the Outer Banks were celebrated. They thanked Ms. Creef for her work on zoning changes to address the local housing issue and expressed how much her efforts are appreciated.

There were no comments made in Buxton –

The County Manager closed Public Comments at 5:16 p.m.

ITEM 3 – TRILLIUM HEALTH RESOURCES

Dave Peterson, Central Regional Director for Trillium Health Resources, gave an annual report for the LME/MCO (Local Management Entity/Managed Care Organization) that provides mental health, intellectual and developmental disability and substance use services to 26 counties in eastern North Carolina including Dare County. He noted that 1,172 consumers were served in Dare County and outlined the type of services they received. Mr. Peterson provided details about legislative changes and how it will impact services provided under Standard and Tailored plans. Mr. Peterson thanked Vice Chairman Overman and Commissioner Ross for their service to the Trillium Health Resources Board.

ITEM 4 – AWARD OF FY2018-2019 EQUIPMENT FINANCING (Att. #1)

Finance Director David Clawson reported that proposals were received from seven financial institutions for financing in the amount of \$2,057,425 with a three year term for the acquisition of county vehicles and equipment as approved in the fiscal year 2018-2019 operating budget. He explained that the lowest total cost was submitted by Banc of America Public Capital Corp (BAPCC) at a rate of 2.521%.

MOTION

Commissioner House motioned to adopt a resolution awarding the three year financing to BAPCC at a rate of 2.521% and authorize the County Manager and staff to execute all necessary documents.

Commissioner Tobin seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 5 – RECOVERY COURT – MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

The County Manager presented a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) outlining the terms and conditions related to the operation of a Recovery Court in Dare County. Mr. Outten noted that the MOA includes hiring of a coordinator who will support the operation of a Recovery Court and explained how funding will be allocated for the current and upcoming fiscal year.

MOTION

Commissioner Ross motioned to approve the MOA and authorize the County Manager to execute the agreement.

Commissioner House and Commissioner Couch seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 6-1 – PUBLIC HEARING – CHAPTER 152 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT (Att. #2)

At 5:49 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. No one responded to the invitation to address the Board on the proposed revision to the County Code, which will clarify that the Planning Board Chairperson is appointed by the Dare County Board of Commissioners. The Manager closed the Public Hearing at 5:49 p.m.

MOTION

Commissioner House motioned to adopt the proposed revisions to Code Chapter 152. Commissioner Tobin seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 6-2 – PUBLIC HEARING – 2018 SUPPLEMENT, CODE OF ORDINANCES (Att. #3)

At 5:50 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. No one responded to the invitation to address the Board on a proposed resolution to codify for publication all the amendments to the Code of Ordinances that have previously been adopted by the Board of Commissioners. The County Manager closed the Public Hearing at 5:50 p.m.

MOTION

Commissioner House motioned to adopt the Resolution for the Code of Ordinances update. Commissioner Ross 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 House and Commissioner Couch motioned to approve the Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of Minutes (03.04.19 & Retreat on 03.06.19) **(Att. #4)**
- 2) DHHS Budget Amendment – Additional Low Income Energy Assistance Program Funding
- 3) Health & Human Services – Contract with Advanced Network Solutions for Email Encryption
- 4) Public Health Division – Contract with Pharmacy Solutions for Hospice
- 5) Town of Nags Head Request – Delegate Approval of Pyrotechnics Permits **(Att. #5)**
- 6) Roanoke Island Volunteer Fire Department Contract and Agreement
- 7) Records Retention & Disposition Schedule Update
- 8) Contract for Prescribed Fuel Reduction Burn
- 9) Tax Collector's Report

Commissioner Tobin 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 Tobin

- Reported on a meeting with the State of North Carolina on funding disbursement for the County’s dredge vessel. He noted that everything is moving forward in a good direction.

Commissioner Ross

- Expressed how much he is looking forward to the upcoming Legislative Fish Fry Dinner that will be held in Raleigh on April 9 featuring fresh harvested seafood by NC watermen.
- Reported that design work is progressing nicely on the new Dare County Animal Shelter. He noted that concept designs should be finalized in the coming weeks following by RFP’s for construction bids. The Manager added that the site plan has not yet been addressed and once it is done, the County will share it with the community.
- Advised that all the counties that are involved in the Albemarle Commission have approved the group’s bylaws so they are now consistent with their charter.

Commissioner House

- Briefed the Board on a Sea Grant meeting regarding an Oyster Trail for the coast. He described the benefits this would have for our aquaculture.
- Reported on an emergency meeting held by the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to issue a proclamation regarding the banning of gill nets in specified NC rivers. He explained why this is a crucial issue that we need to closely watch.
- Provided details about the first meeting of the Commission For Working Watermen scheduled for this week, which will address blue fin tuna allocations and other concerns.
- Shared trivia about Saint Gertrude’s Day honoring the patron saint of cats, and the 1865 adjournment of the Confederate Congress that occurred on this date in history.

Commissioner Couch

- Expressed how much he looks forward to the dedication ceremony for the new bridge.
- Reported that real estate activity on Hatteras Island and other parts of the County appears to be very active.

Chairman Woodard

- Presented a request from the Town of Nags Head to have Kitty Hawk Councilwoman Tina Tice serve as the Alternate representative on the Albemarle Regional Solid Waste Management Authority.

MOTION

Commissioner House motioned to appoint Tina Tice as the Alternate.

Commissioner Couch seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

- On behalf of Vice Chairman Overman, the Chairman presented a resolution in support of terminal groins and jetties at Oregon Inlet, which resulted in the following motion - - -

MOTION

Chairman Woodard motioned to adopt the resolution as presented.
Commissioner Ross seconded the motion.

During discussion of the motion, Commissioner Tobin voiced concern that all references to terminal groins should be removed from the resolution because jetties are what is needed at Oregon Inlet, which resulted in the following amended motion - - -

MOTION

Commissioner Tobin motioned to strike all references to terminal groins and replace the language with jetties where appropriate in the resolution.
Commissioner House seconded the motion.

Following Board discussion of the language needed for the resolution, the original motion and the amended motion were both withdrawn prior to a vote being taken on either one. The Board agreed by consensus to table the item, which would allow the participation of Vice Chairman Overman.

MANAGER'S/ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS

1. The County Manager summarized a change that is under consideration at the state level and with the National Association of EMS Educators to require paramedics to have a 2-year Associates Degree. He was joined by EMS Chief Jennie Collins and together they outlined how this would make recruitment of paramedics even more challenging. They fielded questions by commissioners and explained that this requirement is being driven by the EMS education industry. Mr. Outten asked the Board to approve allowing him, Chief Collins, and our lobbyist in Raleigh to advocate on behalf of the County against the requirement of a 2-year degree for paramedics. Commissioner House volunteered to assist in the advocacy effort.

MOTION

Commissioner House motioned to authorize staff to move forward as requested.
Commissioner Tobin seconded the motion.
VOTE: AYES unanimous

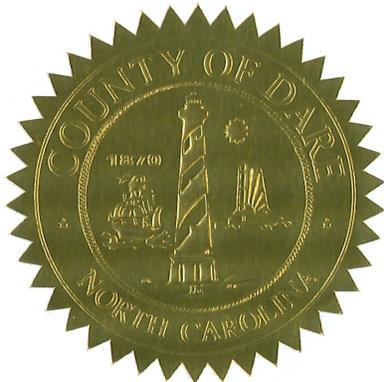
Public Information Officer Dorothy Hester provided an update on the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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

MOTION

Commissioner House motioned to adjourn the meeting.
Commissioner Ross seconded the motion.
VOTE: AYES unanimous

At 6:44 p.m., the Board of Commissioners adjourned until 9:00 a.m., April 1, 2019.



Respectfully submitted,

By: 
Gary Lee Gross, Clerk to the Board

APPROVED:

By: 
Robert Woodard, Chairman
Dare County Board of Commissioners

Note: copies of attachments (Att.), ordinances, resolutions, contracts, presentations, and supporting material considered by the Board of Commissioners at this meeting are on file in the office of the Clerk to Board.