

**DARE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA**

**THE DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
FEBRUARY 5, 2007**

The Dare County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session at 9:00 a.m. on February 5, 2007 in the Dare County Administrative Annex in Manteo. Commissioners present were: Allen Burrus, Virginia Tillett, Mike Johnson, Richard Johnson, Max Dutton and Jack Shea. Chairman Warren Judge was absent. Also present were County Manager Terry Wheeler and County Attorney Bobby Outten. The meeting opened with prayer offered by Commissioner Mike Johnson followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ITEM 1 – PRESENTATION OF COUNTY SERVICE PINS

1. Bettie Scarborough, Tax Customer Serv. Rep. II, received her 10 Year Pin from Greta Skeen, County Assessor.
2. Greta Skeen, County Assessor, received her 15 Year Pin from Terry Wheeler, County Manager.
3. Beulah Ashby, Customer Service Supv., received her 15 Year Pin from Ken Flatt, Water Director.
4. Al Midgett, Detention Asst. Administrator, received his 20 Year Pin from Rodney Midgett, Sheriff.
5. Tony Duvall, Deputy Sheriff Sergeant, received his 20 Year Pin from Rodney Midgett, Sheriff.
6. Rhonda Creef, Veterans Service Officer/Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, received her 20 Year Pin from Tom O'Neal, Human Resources Director.
7. Tammy Reber, Administrative Officer I, received her 20 Year Pin from Jay Burrus, Social Services Director.
8. Clyde Gard, Asst. Public Works Director, received his 25 Year Pin from Edward Lee Man, Public Works Director.

ITEM 2 – EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Deanna Rollinson, Tax Listing Administrator, received the employee of the month certificate from Michelle Evans, Tax Collector.

ITEM 2A – AMEND AGENDA / RESOLUTION

MOTION

Commissioner Richard Johnson moved to amend the agenda to add Item 6A, Resolution of the County of Dare, North Carolina, Requesting the Release of Certain Premises Related to Certificates of Participation, Series 2001. Commissioner Tillett seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 3 – PUBLIC COMMENTS (ATT # 1)

Shirley Venente – Chairman of the Dare County Older Adult Services Advisory Council, spoke about the proposed Roanoke Island Senior Center. (See attachment).

Kathy Crowder – member of the Old Adult Services Advisory Council, asked the Board to utilize the site in downtown Manteo for the proposed Roanoke Island Senior Center. She said it would make construction a much faster reality and much more affordable. She has been in Dare County 20 years and has worked with seniors most of that time. She knows the needs and desires of the seniors. Seniors need a place that they can stay active. The atmosphere and layout of the Baum Center meets the needs well.

Paulette Prodanchek, acting Secretary of the Older Adult Services Advisory Council, spoke about the proposed Roanoke Island Senior Center. See attached handout that include her comments.

Heather Maxwell, Acting President of the Dare County Marine Industry Asso., invited the Commissioners to attend an open house that is being planned. She said that one in four residents in Dare County works in the marine industry. The open house will include an update about the industry and about classes being offered by COA and local schools for the industry.

Nancy Birindelli, Co Chair of the League of Women Voters, presented the 2007 Citizens Guide. All information is updated and they are pleased that Dare County is a contributor this year. 10,000 copies were printed and they will be available throughout the County.

Shirley Venente spoke about the meeting with UNC Medical School regarding cancer that the Commissioners held recently. She watched a program recently that focused on the importance of early detection. She hopes that Dare County will include outreach for early detection to make people aware so they will take the necessary tests.

ITEM 4 – OUTER BANKS YMCA PRESENTATION

Sheila Davies, Executive Director of Outer Banks YMCA, introduced Board members who were attending the meeting. She then made a brief presentation that included a video highlighting the YMCA summer camps. She told about numerous programs that are offered to make us a stronger community. Following the presentation, Vice Chairman Burrus commended the YMCA for the excellent services they provide and for providing scholarships for children who are less fortunate.

ITEM 5 – HEALTH DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER GRANT (ATT # 2)

Laurie White from the Health Dept. explained that the Dare County Health Dept. has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$26,658 from the NC Dept. of Health and Human Services Office of Rural Health and Community Care. This grant will fund the capital start-up costs for implementing Colposcopy services for women experiencing abnormal pap smears. Additionally, the funds will be used for operating expenses within the first year of operation as the Colposcopy program establishes an ongoing funding stream through billable services. Funds will also supplement the Health Department's efforts to secure Obstetrical ultrasound services for uninsured and underinsured women receiving prenatal care through the Dare County Health Dept. by expanding contract service funding. There is no effect on county funding.

MOTION

Commissioner Tillett moved to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$26,658.

Commissioner Shea seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 6 – AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE FOR KHES & MES (ATT # 3)

Dave Clawson, Finance Director, stated the Board of Education has requested an amendment to the capital project ordinance for Kitty Hawk Elementary School and Manteo Elementary School. The request is for line item changes and does not ask to change the total for either project.

MOTION

Commissioner Tillett moved to adopt the attached Amendment to Capital Project Ordinance for KHES and MES.

Commissioner Dutton seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 6A – RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF DARE, NC REQUESTING THE RELEASE OF CERTAIN PREMISES RELATED TO CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION, SERIES 2001 (ATT # 4)

County Attorney, Bobby Outten presented and reviewed the attached Resolution of the County of Dare, NC Requesting the Release of Certain Premises Related to Certificates of Participation, Series 2001.

MOTION

Commissioner Shea moved to adopt the Resolution #07-02-9.

Commissioner Tillett seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 7 – ADMINISTRATION BUILDING SITE WORK (ATT # 5)

Dave Clawson, Finance Director stated that Heery Co. has advised the County that additional budget is needed for site work for the Administration Building, specifically for undercut and for fill material. The additional amount needed for undercut is \$397,000. The additional amount needed for fill is \$85,761. These items combined with other budget adjustments that need to be made results in

an additional amount needed of \$439,541. If approved, the capital project ordinance for the administration Building needs to be increased to reflect these items. If the amount of the debt is increased, additional debt service would range from a high of \$41,000 in fiscal year 2008 to 26,000 in fiscal year 2027. The recommended source of funds is that reported to the Board at the last meeting – current year debt service. When the budget was prepared the financing was anticipated to be executed during calendar year 2006 and the budget included a 6/1/2007 principal payment for the new debt. Since the new debt will be closed in calendar year 2007 there will be no principal payment on 6/1/2007. The amount that is available is \$455,000. .

MOTION

Commissioner Tillett moved to adopt an amendment to the Administration Capital Project Ordinance and a budget amendment for the General Fund in the amount of \$439,541.

Commissioner Dutton seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES – Burrus, Tillett and M. Johnson

NOES – Dutton, R. Johnson, Shea

The motion failed.

Discussion was held regarding the issue and a number of questions were raised regarding such a large increase.

MOTION

Commissioner Tillett moved to adopt an amendment to the Administration Capital Project Ordinance and a budget amendment for the General Fund in the amount of \$439,541.

Commissioner Dutton seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

The Board took a 10 minute recess at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

ITEM 8 – SITE STUDY PRESENTATION FOR ROANOKE ISLAND SENIOR CENTER

Matt Ketchum of Heery International gave a presentation on the limited site study of two County owned sites – downtown Manteo at the current administration building and the Justice Center Site. There were questions from Commissioner Shea regarding the study that Heery completed for the proposed center approximately a year ago. He also asked whether it is to be a senior center or a community center. Commissioner Tillett said that the committee assigned to the project envisioned a concept similar to the Fessenden Center. Vice Chairman Burrus asked the Board to keep the conversation on site selection rather than concept. He also said that all of Roanoke Island and the Mainland needs to be considered. After discussion, the Board decided to table the site section until the March 19th meeting. Costs projections for each site will be presented prior to that meeting.

MOTION

Commissioner Shea moved to table the site selection until the March 19th meeting.

Commissioner Dutton seconded the motion.

ITEM 9 – COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (ATT # 6)

MOTION

Commissioner Richard Johnson moved to approve the Resolution #07-02-10 Requesting Early Support for Development of a Comprehensive Transportation Plan Covering Dare County and its Six Municipalities contingent upon approval by all six municipalities within the County.

Commissioner Shea seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 10 - UPDATE ON OREGON INLET BRIDGE

Vice Chairman Burrus reported that \$43 million is allocated in a recent report to keep the existing Bonner Bridge operational over the next 10 years. That report, which includes photos, is posted on the www.replacethebridgenow.com website. They are still waiting for FHA to approve supplement to the supplemental draft EIS so that public hearings may be scheduled.

Sandbags will be placed along the S curves by DOT. There is hope that the road can be moved west a few hundred feet in that area.

ITEM 11– CONSENT AGENDA (ATT #7)

MOTION

Commissioner Shea moved the approval of the Consent Agenda.

1. Social Services Budget Amendment-IV-E Waiver Funding
2. Road Request – Resort Rodanthe Road
3. Advertise 2006 Tax Year Liens

Commissioner Richard Johnson seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 12 – BOARD APPOINTMENTS

1. Aging Advisory Council to the Albemarle Commission

MOTION

Commissioner Richard Johnson moved the reappointments of Brandi Rheubottom and Isabel “Bel” Pitcher to serve a two year term on the Aging Advisory Council to the Albemarle Commission.

Comm. Dutton seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

2. Planning Board

MOTION

Commissioner Richard Johnson moved to reappoint Elmer Midgett and Ricky Scarborough Jr. for a three year term on the Planning Board.

Comm. Dutton seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

3. Tourism Board

MOTION

Commissioner Mike Johnson moved to appoint Paul Buske to fill the unexpired term of Chuck Ball on the Tourism Board.

Comm. Tillett seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 13 – COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

COMMISSIONER MIKE JOHNSON

School Board and NC Wildlife Resources Commission have approved a hunting safety course in Dare County Schools. Along with that, there will be competitive shooting teams that will compete in district and state competitions. It has all come about in the last 30 days. If anyone would like to become a certified teacher, contact him or contact him if you have a child that would like to participate in the programs

COMMISSIONER MAX DUTTON

None

COMMISSIONER VIRGINIA TILLETT

None

COMMISSIONER RICHARD JOHNSON

Regarding the issue with the Senior Center for Roanoke Island, lots of people sat back when meetings were held. What happens is that people wait until the last minute when decisions are almost ready to be made to voice their concerns. He encouraged citizens to let Commissioners know how they feel about a senior citizen vs. a multigenerational center. People need to express their feelings about it since a decision will be made in the next six weeks.

COMMISSIONER JACK SHEA

None

VICE CHAIRMAN ALLEN BURRUS

Outer Banks Scenic Byways Committee has made proposal for Bodie Island lighthouse to be part of welcome center area at Whalebone Junction. He is please with that.

We need to look at fireworks issue. There was an incident in Frisco recently.

This is a problem year round. He asked the Attorney to look at what can be done and report back as to whether this is an enforcement or ordinance issue.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS

Attorney Outten stated he had received a Memorandum of Understanding for debris cleanup with DOT storm season.

MOTION

Commissioner Shea moved to authorize the County attorney to execute the agreement.

Commissioner Dutton seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

Attorney Outten stated that NCDENR has requested access to property near Health and Social Services to conduct borings near the area for environmental assessment associated with the Laundromat in the area.

MOTION

Commissioner Shea moved to authorize the County Manager to sign access agreement for this purpose.

Commissioner Richard Johnson seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

COUNTY MANAGER'S BUSINESS

None

ITEM 14 – UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS FOR MARCH

Upcoming Board Appointments for March is Parks and Recreation Advisory Council.

ITEM 15 – CLOSED SESSION – LAND MATTER

MOTION

Commissioner Shea, pursuant to the provisions of NCGS 143-318-11 moved that the Dare County Board of Commissioners go into closed session 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 contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease.

Commissioner Dutton seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

AT 11:45 A.M., THE DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ENTERED CLOSED SESSION AND EXITED AT 12:00 P.M.

Attorney Outten reported that the Board gave him direction with regard to acquisition of real property and took no other action.

AT 12:00 P.M., THE DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED UNTIL 5:00 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 19, 2007.

(SEAL)

Respectfully Submitted,

BY: _____
Rhonda L. Creef
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED:

By: _____
Allen Burrus, Vice Chairman
Dare County Board of Commissioners