



COUNTY OF DARE, NORTH CAROLINA

District 1: Roanoke Island & Mainland; Dist 2: Nags Head, Colington, Kill Devil Hills; Dist. 3: Kitty Hawk, Southern Shores, Duck; Dist. 4: Chicamacomico, Avon, Buxton, Frisco, Hatteras; Dist. 5: At Large

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THE DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

January 3, 2012 — 9:00 A.M.

Dare County Administration Building, Manteo, NC

Commissioners Present: Chairman Warren Judge, District 3; Vice-Chairman Allen Burrus, District 4; Virginia Tillett, District 1; Richard Johnson, District 1; Max Dutton, District 2; Mike Johnson, District 2; Jack Shea, District 5

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: County Manager/Attorney Bobby Outten; Finance Director Dave Clawson; Public Information Officer, Dorothy Killingsworth, Clerk to the Board, Gary Gross

Public Comments: Made by 1 person — Spottswood Graves

Presentations:

The Employee of the Year Award for 2011 was presented to Kevin Duprey, Dare County Sheriff's Office
The Employee of the Month certificate for January 2012 was presented to Jessica Phillips, Emergency Management
Service Pins were presented to three (3) Dare County employees — Cindy Kelly, Michelle Harris, Greta Skeen
Update on the Comprehensive Transportation Plan for Dare County was given by Donna Creef, Planning Director
NCDOT Emergency Ferry Dock Improvements — Preliminary report was given with a final plan to be submitted later for review and approval
The Finance Director presented the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Audit Results for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011

Actions:

Secondary Road Abandonment Petition for 700' of SR1135, Baumtown Road, Wanchese — **Approved**
Health Department — Substance Abuse Treatment Services Contract Between DCDPH and ECBH a/k/a LME — **Approved**
Request from Roanoke Island Volunteer Fire Department to Burn House Adjacent to the Manteo Library — **Approved**

Consent Agenda — **Approved**

1. Approval of Minutes (12.05.11)
2. Water Dept Revisions to the Position Classification List
3. Deletions — Roanoke Island Water Expansion Assessment Role
4. Social Services Dept of Transportation Budget Amendment
5. Health — Transfer School RN Position from BOE to Health Dept
6. Health — Additional Breast & Cervical Cancer Program Funding
7. Low Income Energy Assistance Program Budget Amendment
8. Tax Collectors November 2011 Reports
9. Dell Leasing Documents
10. Road Request — Sherwood Drive, Manteo

Board Appointments —

1. Albemarle Commission Board of Directors — **Reappointed Commissioner Richard Johnson**
2. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council — **Appointed Robert Trivette to fill the unexpired term of Amber Davis**
Appointed Sarah Massey to fill the unexpired term of Lora Vann
3. Nursing Home Community Advisory Council — **Reappointed Commissioner Virginia Tillett**
4. Upcoming Board Appointments for February and March were announced

Commissioners' Business

1. Authorized Commissioner Virginia Tillett to attend the Alliance of North Carolina Black Elected Officials 2012 Conference — **Approved**

Manager's/Attorney's Business

1. A previous \$30,000 authorization for consultant costs related to an FAA 135 certificate for Dare MedFlight was altered to reflect a consulting fee of \$29,000 plus an amount not to exceed \$2,700 for transportation and expenses, which represents a difference of \$1,700 from the previously authorized amount — **Approved**

LAND OF BEGINNINGS

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Chairman Warren Judge called the January 3, 2012 meeting of the Dare County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:07 a.m. He invited the Rev. Tom Wilson from All Saints Episcopal Church, to share a prayer, and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Chairman Judge welcomed and recognized Bob Muller, long serving Nags Head Commissioner and former Town Mayor. He also acknowledged former Sheriff Bert Austin.

ITEM 1 – PRESENTATION OF COUNTY SERVICE PINS

- 1) Cindy Kelly, Senior Elections Specialist, received her 15-year pin from Melva Garrison.
- 2) Michelle Harris, Detention Officer, received her 15-year pin from Kathryn Bryan.
- 3) Greta Skeen, Tax Assessor, received her 20-year pin from Bobby Outten.

ITEM 2 – EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR – 2011

Kevin Duprey, Dare County Sheriff's Office, received the Employee of the Year certificate for 2011 from William "Skeeter" Sawyer, who credited Sergeant Duprey with being a respected and active member of his department, church and community. In accepting the award, Sergeant Duprey acknowledged all those who had been nominated and his family. He also thanked all those who gave him his opportunities. Sergeant Duprey said although the award has his name on it, there are many people who deserve credit for it.

Mr. Sawyer thanked the Employee of the Month Committee, Laura Willingham and Brandi Combs, for their work in selecting an employee each month. He also acknowledged Elizabeth Reilly and Kristy Wright in the Human Resources Department for their ongoing efforts on behalf of the Employee of the Month Award program.

All of the Employee of the Month Award recipients for 2011 were introduced – January: Sylvia Willis; February: Kristy Wright; March: Shanna Fullmer; April: Marjorie Whitley; May: Kevin Duprey; June: Rhonda Creef; July: Amy Etheridge; August: Robbin Coleman; September: Bobby Swain; October: Sandy Scarborough; November: Paul Selby; December: Pamela Hay.

Chairman Judge thanked everyone involved in the program for their service.

ITEM 3– EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – JANUARY 2012

Jessica Phillips, Emergency Management, received the Employee of the Month certificate for January 2012 from Sandy Sanderson who thanked her for 16 years of service and professionalism. He said Ms. Phillips is the glue that holds the Emergency Management office together and noted that she serves with pride and dignity.

ITEM 4 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

One (1) person made public comments –

- Rev. Spottswood Graves, representing the North Dare County Ministerial Association, thanked the Board for their service and leadership. He shared a quote from Abraham Lincoln and announced a special program honoring the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King that will take place at 11 a.m., Saturday, January 14 at the Dare County Center. He said a luncheon will follow the commemoration of Dr. King's life and work.

ITEM 5 – SECONDARY ROAD ABANDONMENT PETITION 700' SR1135, BAUMTOWN ROAD, WANCHESE (Att. 1)

The County Manager, Bobby Outten, reported that residents of Baumtown Road do not want the last 700 feet of their road paved as proposed by NCDOT. He said the residents seek approval for a petition to have NCDOT abandon that portion of the road. Commissioner Richard Johnson asked if the road goes to a public boat ramp at the end. Mr. Winkie Silver, Baumtown Road resident, said there is a ditch, not a ramp, and that people driving down there tear up Karen Walker's yard. He said NCDOT abandoning the road will make it like a driveway. Commissioner Tillett asked if schoolchildren would be affected. Mr. Silver said they would not because the school bus turns around where the hard pavement stops. In response to a question from Chairman Judge, the County Manager explained that if NCDOT abandons the road, it would then end at the pavement with title going to the adjoining property owners. Vice-Chairman Burrus confirmed that two property lots are involved. Commissioner Shea asked if signage will indicate that the road ends. Mr. Silver said signs used to be posted, but were knocked

down or removed. He noted that the NCDOT District Engineer told him signs would be reinstalled. Commissioner Richard Johnson asked about trash tracks using the road and Mr. Silver explained that trashcans could be put out for those at the end of the road, which would allow the trucks to turn around where the school buses do.

MOTION

Commissioner Richard Johnson motioned to approve the abandonment petition for approximately 700' of SR 1135, Baumtown Road, Wanchese.

Vice-Chairman Burrus seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 6 – HEALTH DEPT – SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN DCDPH AND ECBH A/K/A LME (Att. 2)

Mr. Outten reported that New Horizons opened several years ago with a State grant, which has since been eliminated. He said Anne Thomas has been working to preserve the services without it and negotiated a contract with PORT at ECBH whereby they would provide services, which would continue to be funded at the same level, with no increase in County funds. He said they will be able to charge for services for those who have insurance or the ability to pay.

Ms. Thomas explained that because of the Board of Commissioners and community support we have built a continuum of care for substance abuse treatment, prevention, and intervention in Dare County. She said over 1,200 were served with the grant funding and that there are over 300 active clients. She said under terms of the contract, not to exceed \$367,000 annually, between DCDPH and PORT at ECBH a/k/a LME; the program will become a fee for service endeavor and that allocated County funds will not increase. She added that the Health Department will continue to oversee the program and Brooks Sutton will serve as the contract administrator. Ms. Thomas said this arrangement will maximize revenue reimbursement and address community needs for substance abuse.

Vice-Chairman Burrus expressed general concern about LME's and said we need to closely monitor this and safeguard that the dollar is not put ahead of treatment. Mr. Outten explained that with the contract being paid quarterly, it will be monitored and, if needed, we have the ability to terminate the agreement on relatively short notice. Chairman Judge added that for those using the program; this will be a seamless change resulting in those with insurance being asked to pay, and those without it will participate in a sliding scale arrangement that is made possible by County funding. In response to Commissioner Shea's questions about the frequency of monitoring reports, Ms. Thomas said we will receive monthly and quarterly reports. Mr. Outten added that in addition to monitoring reports, the Board of Commissioners would likely get direct telephone calls from the community if the services were to diminish in any way. Chairman Judge asked the Health Director to come back with an update after the first quarter. Commissioner Richard Johnson asked if people from other counties can be turned down for service. Ms. Thomas reported that while anyone can walk in for care, it will primarily serve those in Dare County. Vice-Chairman Burrus observed that those who are receiving extended treatments are from Dare County. Mr. Outten added that the intent of the contract is not to change the current operation. He said we intend to keep what we have been doing and that operationally nothing would change. Ms. Thomas said she did not believe this will be a problem, but she will monitor it. Commissioner Dutton noted that this issue was addressed at an ECBH meeting. Chairman Judge expressed pride in the County program and clarified that any needed budget amendments would only be moving existing resources and would not involve new funds.

MOTION

Commissioner Shea motioned to approve the contract, authorize the Health Director to execute the document, and authorize the signing of any needed budget amendments by the County Manager.

Vice-Chairman Burrus and Commissioner Dutton seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 7 – UPDATE ON DARE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Planning Director, Donna Creef, reported that earlier this year Ms. Kerry Morrow from the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) made a presentation to the Board of Commissioner explaining that a Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) was being undertaken for Dare County. She said the purpose of the CTP is to address the long-term transportation needs of the County and address multi-modes of transportation including highway, bike, and pedestrian. She added that the CTP is being developed by NCDOT with the input of a Steering Committee comprised of local planning organizations and representatives from the County and its municipalities.

Ms. Creef outlined that the Steering Committee has met three times since September 2011 and a vision statement and set of goals has been adopted. She said the Committee also developed a transportation survey that will be released January 10 and residents and property owners are encouraged to complete the survey, which will be available online and at many public locations. Ms. Creef added that a Bike and Pedestrian Subcommittee has been formed and will be led by Albemarle RPO Planner, Steven Lambert. She said it is anticipated that the CTP will be completed in late 2012 or early 2013 and will be submitted to all the local boards for their adoption. Chairman Judge observed that the Committee's vision and goals statement sounded like it was written by Dare County. This was an informational presentation with no motion or action by the Board of Commissioners.

ITEM 8 – REQUEST FROM ROANOKE ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TO BURN HOUSE ADJACENT TO MANTEO LIBRARY (Att. 3)

County Manager, Robert Outten, explained that the County owns a house at 605 Burnside Road adjacent to the Manteo Library at the corner of N. George Howe Street and Burnside Road. He said the structure was scheduled for demolition several years but was not done for budget reasons. He added that the building has been vacant for some time and the County has no planned use for the structure. He said a year or more ago, there were some inquires about purchasing the structure and having it moved, however no offers were ever made.

Mr. Outten said the Roanoke Island Volunteer Fire Department (RIVFD) has used the building on several occasions for training purposes and has requested that we allow them to do a controlled burn of the structure as a training exercise. He explained that they would remove any asbestos and properly dispose of it prior to the burn. He added that Dare County staff would remove the remaining debris after the burn and grade and clean the lot.

Commissioner Tillett asked if the Dare County Library had plans for the lot after demolition of the house. Mr. Outten said there are no contingencies for it in the Capital Improvement Plan; however, it would be available in the future for parking or other needs. Ms. Tillett noted that the Library Board discussed this building years ago, and that while it could have been used for Library activities, it would now require work having been abandoned for so long.

MOTION

Commissioner Shea motioned to authorize the RIVFD to burn the house located at 605 Burnside Road.

Commissioner Dutton seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 9 – NCDOT EMERGENCY FERRY DOCK IMPROVEMENTS

The County Manager reported that inefficiencies were noted in the Emergency Ferry docks at Stumpy Point and Rodanthe. He said in talking with NCDOT they are working on plans to improve these locations. On the Stumpy Point side, NCDOT is requesting use of County property to create additional parking so that the current parking area can be used as stack up lanes. He said parking was a critical issue during the storm, which limited the ability of people to use the emergency ferries as pedestrians. On the Rodanthe side, it was explained that NCDOT wants to square off the harbor on the south side to allow an additional ramp and dock space. Mr. Outten said they would like to add stacking lanes along the entrance road and may need to move the recycling center. He said dredging was also being considered, which would allow for smoother flow of ferries.

Mr. Outten asked if the Board agreed with the basic concept in order to allow NCDOT to proceed in drawing up site and other plans. Vice-Chairman Burrus said while he does not have a problem considering it, he wants to be sure that the issue of bulkheads is addressed. He added that the stack-up lanes should not disrupt the Community Center in Rodanthe and that it is important there be public involvement and input in NCDOT's planning process. Commissioner Richard Johnson suggested that if North Carolina Resources were asked to help, they could assist in monitoring the situation.

Mr. Outten said based upon this discussion, he would push NCDOT to prepare detailed final plans to bring before the Board. Commissioner Tillett expressed concern that when an agency presents a plan they are basically ready to go forward with the project and it may be too late to effectively make modifications. Mr. Outten explained that we have control in this situation because NCDOT cannot make their improvements without getting Board approval since the County owns the land at both sites. Chairman Judge expressed gratitude to NCDOT and urged them to explore the north side of the road for stacking lanes and seriously consider dredging in their planning effort.

Following discussion by Board Members and outlining Dare County's concerns, the Manager was instructed to continue talks with NCDOT in the preparation of an appropriate final plan that, when completed, will be presented to the Board of Commissioners for review and approval.

ITEM 10 – CONSENT AGENDA (Att. #4)

MOTION

Commissioner Shea motioned to approve the Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of Minutes (12.05.11)
- 2) Water Dept – Revisions to the Position Classification List (Addition, Reclassification, and Deletion)
- 3) Approval of Deletions from the Roanoke Island Water Expansion Assessment Role
- 4) Social Services Department of Transportation Budget Amendment
- 5) Health Department – Transfer School RN Position from BOE to the Health Department
- 6) Health Department – Additional Breast & Cervical Cancer Program Funding
- 7) Low Income Energy Assistance Program Budget Amendment
- 8) Tax Collectors November 2011 Reports
- 9) Dell Leasing Documents
- 10) Road Request – Sherwood Drive, Manteo

Commissioner Dutton and Vice-Chairman Burrus seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 11 – BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- 1) Albemarle Commission – Board of Directors

Commissioner Shea motioned to reappoint Commissioner Richard Johnson.

Commissioner Dutton seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

- 2) Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Commissioner Tillett motioned to appoint Robert Trivette to fill the unexpired term of Amber Davis, and Sarah Massey to fill the unexpired term of Lora Vann.

Vice-Chairman Burrus and Commissioner Dutton seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

- 3) Nursing Home Community Advisory Council

Commissioner Shea motioned to reappoint Commissioner Virginia Tillett.

Vice-Chairman Burrus and Commissioner Dutton seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

- 4) Upcoming Board Appointments

The County Manager announced that the upcoming appointments for February will be the Planning Board, and the March appointments will be the Nursing Home Community Advisory Council.

RECESS: 10:25 A.M. – 10:47 A.M.

ITEM 12 – COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AND AUDIT RESULTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

Finance Director, David Clawson, presented the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and the results of the audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. He was joined in the presentation by Bob Taylor, Partner in Potter & Company, P.A. Mr. Clawson explained that the CAFR has been submitted to the Local Government Commission and is pending approval. Mr. Taylor noted that improvements have been made in the self insurance fund. He also reported that there were no compliance findings.

The Finance Director outlined a PowerPoint presentation highlighting key components of the report. He identified 7 component units along with 31 Funds and 3 Major Funds in the CAFR. He said the certificate of achievement the County received for June 30, 2010 represents the 20th consecutive award. Mr. Clawson said the report including a

finding of an internal service fund balance deficit, and that the EMS Department was over budget. The Finance Director explained the fund balance classifications and reviewed issues from fiscal year 2010. He said revenues were better than expected with Occupancy Tax showing a 6.44% increase; Local Sales Tax 4.51% increase; State Sales Tax 1.51% increase; and a Land Transfer Tax increase of 1.09%. He also identified \$7.695 Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds and \$24.2 Water Revenue Bonds related to the Roanoke Island water expansion project. Mr. Clawson commented on investment returns in the current low interest rate environment noting that the County experienced an annual yield of 0.9607%. In reviewing the General Fund, he said \$369,042 was added to the Unconsolidated, and \$1,151,928 to the Consolidated. He said the available Fund Balance is \$14,245,666, which represents 15.60% of expenditures; Available and PPD is \$15,847,655 with 17.48%; and a Total of \$28,281,298 at 31.18%. It was reported that Property Tax collections were 98.88%, which is up from 98.38%. He also cited a 27.14% increase in building permit fees. Mr. Clawson outlined that expenditures of \$4,776,881 were under budget by 5.01% for which he credited the County Manager's emphasis in controlling expenses. He reviewed the Water Fund, Beach Nourishment Fund, and identified \$510,000 of General Obligation bonds outstanding. Mr. Clawson detailed the footnotes of the report and said corrective action has been taken with the EMS Department for being over budget. He also explained the Insurance Fund deficit, the County's debt position, costs related to Hurricane Irene, the Fleet Maintenance Fund, and the rising use of the Food Stamp Program. Mr. Clawson graphically showed changes in revenue and expenditures from 2002 to 2011.

In response to a question from Commissioner Richard Johnson about EMS being over budget, Mr. Clawson said he has met with them and reiterated that corrective action has been taken and will be monitored. Vice-Chairman Burrus suggested that FEMA may be able to help with EMS overtime during the hurricane. Commissioner Tillett expressed concern about the language in the footnote indicating that EMS did not manage overtime. She said EMS works hard and if they were short staffed, or dealing with the storm, the language could better reflect that. Mr. Clawson reported that it has been made clear to the Department that they must operate within their budget.

The Finance Director also clarified Commissioner questions about the Internal Service Fund related to Fleet Maintenance and the current balance of the Beach Nourishment Fund. In commenting on the Fund Balance, Mr. Clawson said it is not where we need it to be, but it is moving in the right direction. He said although the State only requires 8%, our goal is 19% because we want a larger cushion.

Commissioner Richard Johnson asked about the million dollar budgetary profit indicated for the Water Fund. Mr. Clawson highlighted the difference between budgetary and accrual profit. Mr. Outten said those funds are there for a purpose to cover depreciation, planned expenses, and other items. Commissioner Richard Johnson said the public needs to know that the million-dollar profit in the report is not just sitting there and that the money is assigned.

Commissioner Tillett thanked the County Manager for cutting expenses. Mr. Outten explained that this was accomplished with the cooperation of the Department Heads throughout the County. Chairman Judge expressed appreciation for the presentation.

ITEM 13 – COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

Commissioner Richard Johnson

- Commented that Farm Bureau had cancelled his wind insurance coverage after 30 years. The County Manager said he has met with people in Raleigh and that the North Carolina Insurance Commissioner is listening. Mr. Outten said an overall discrepancy was found between the amounts of premiums paid versus the amount paid out in losses by the insurance companies. He noted that Hurricane Irene was a devastating storm; however, it primarily involved flooding issues rather than wind damage. Mr. Outten said letters have been sent, and NC20 has met with the new legislative leadership in Raleigh and that there is dialogue on this important issue. Vice-Chairman Burrus said we need to put pressure on the insurance companies to pay out claims to policyholders, rather than withhold funds in an effort to earn interest on the money. Chairman Judge said as opportunities arise we will advocate in Raleigh on this issue.

Commissioner Mike Johnson – none

Commissioner Max Dutton

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- Commissioner Dutton acknowledged all of the 2011 Employees of the Month.
- He congratulated Kevin Duprey on receiving the Employee of the Year award and thanked him for his sixteen years of service to Dare County and the Community.
- He also recognized the January 2012 Employee of the Month, Jessica Phillips.

Commissioner Virginia Tillett

- Extended New Year wishes to everyone.
- Commissioner Tillett echoed the remarks made by the Rev. Spottswood Graves during public comments about the upcoming Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King celebration. She invited everyone to attend the event at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, January 14 at the Dare County Center in Manteo.
- Reported that she, along with Commissioners Dutton and Shea, will be participating in North Carolina ethics training on January 11.
- Commissioner Tillett said for the last six years, she has attended the Alliance of North Carolina Black Elected Officials conference. She indicated that she wants to participate in the 2012 conference in April and asked the Board's blessing to attend.

MOTION

Vice-Chairman Burrus motioned to authorize Commissioner Tillett to attend the Alliance of North Carolina Black Elected Officials 2012 Conference.

Commissioner Dutton seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

Vice-Chairman Allen Burrus

- Congratulated Employee of the Year, Kevin Duprey; and January Employee of the Month, Jessica Phillips.
- He explained that after storm coordinators are working well and that pertinent phone numbers are needed on the website to help those continuing to recover from Hurricane Irene.
- Vice-Chairman Burrus explained that FEMA will be looking at lifting houses and people should contact Jenny Gray Jones for an assessment of their situation.
- Reported that cleanup of marshes has been done in some areas, however, there are propane tanks in the vicinity of the Nags Head causeway that need attention.
- He asked about plans for dealing with hurricane related problems. The County Manager explained that he will soon be presenting an after-action report to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Burrus said the public needs to be able to talk with those who are implementing plans.
- Vice-Chairman Burrus raised the issue of dredging problems at Oregon Inlet and Hatteras Inlet saying we cannot take no for an answer from Washington, D.C. He said they need to commit money and we need to apply pressure. He said we have to figure out a way to keep these inlets open because a lot is at stake.
- He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Jack Shea

- Thanked the dedicated employees who received service pins.
- He congratulated the Employee of the Year for 2011, and the January 2012 Employee of the Month.
- Commissioner Shea wished everyone a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2012.

Chairman Warren Judge – none

ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS

- 1) County Manager Outten reported that he was previously authorized to spend up to \$30,000 for a consultant to assist in securing an FAA 135 certificate for Dare MedFlight. He said an impressive meeting was held with the consulting company and it was determined that their cost for professional services will be slightly under budget at \$29,000. However, he said this amount would not include any transportation expense. He requested authorization to add an amount not to exceed \$2,700 for transportation and expenses. Since this represents a 1,700 difference in the previously authorized amount, the Manager asked for Board approval.

MOTION

Commissioner Shea motioned to alter the previous authorization as outlined by the County Manager.

Vice-Chairman Burrus seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

- 2) Mr. Outten provided an update on the former Coast Guard housing in Buxton. He said GSA has received an offer to purchase the property from an entity in Virginia. He said they will need to come to us for zoning because it a nonconforming use. He said he has talked with their attorney and explained that we would like to see some use made of property. Mr. Outten wanted the Board to have a heads-up that zoning

requests will be presented to them in the future. He said he also wanted the community to know so they could voice their concerns, to the Board or to the Manager, as plans move forward. Vice-Chairman Burrus said that people neighboring the site have concerns about a private entity being there compared to a government agency. Mr. Outten asked the Board of Commissioners to be thinking about this issue.

- 3) The County Manager said, as previously instructed by the Board, he has looked at the issue of golf carts operating in Buxton and toured the area with Sheriff Doughtie and the Chief Deputy. He reported that some side streets might be suitable for golf carts. However, the Sheriff did not want golf carts operating on Highway 12. The Manager said the Sheriff's Office reports speeding violations throughout the Buxton Back Road area, which would create law enforcement problems. Vice-Chairman Burrus noted that there are parents concerned about traffic and congestion issues near the school. Mr. Outten said the Sheriff does not recommend golf carts in Buxton because the area is not conducive to it. The County Manager said allowing golf carts, in the limited places where it could be done, would create enforcement, signage, and other issues that may not be worth it.
- 4) Mr. Outten said the residents of Kiddy Lane in Avon have asked to have County water lines extended down their road. He said there are six property owners, five of which have signed, that want this done. He said he explained to Mr. Gary Price that based upon the past; an assessment would need to be paid and that Ken Flatt has given Mr. Price some preliminary costs. However, before moving forward, the Manager wanted the Board to be aware of this request and in agreement with the assessment process. Vice-Chairman Burrus said he did not have any problem with it and that the Avon Volunteer Fire Department would be very happy because this is an area without fire hydrants. Mr. Outten said in going forward with this request he will come back to the Board for approval of the various components of the assessment process.

AT 12:07 P.M. THE DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED UNTIL 5:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012.



Respectfully submitted,

By:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be "Gary Gross", written over a horizontal line.

Gary Gross, Clerk to the Board

APPROVED:

By:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be "Warren C. Judge", written over a horizontal line.

Warren C. Judge, Chairman
Dare County Board of Commissioners