



# 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

Meetings of the Dare County Board of Commissioners are videotaped and can be viewed at [www.darenc.com](http://www.darenc.com)

## MINUTES

### DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Dare County Administration Building, Manteo, NC

**5:00 p.m., January 21, 2014**

Commissioners present: Chairman Warren Judge, District 3  
Vice-Chairman Allen Burrus, District 4  
Virginia Tillett, District 1; Wally Overman, District 1  
Max Dutton, District 2; Robert Woodard, District 2;  
Jack Shea, District 5

Commissioners absent None

Others present: County Manager/Attorney, Robert Outten  
Finance Director, David Clawson  
Public Information Officer, Dorothy Killingsworth  
Clerk to the Board, Gary Gross

Chairman Warren Judge called the January 21, 2014 meeting of the Dare County Board of Commissioners to order at 5:06 p.m. He invited the Rev. Spottswood Graves to share a prayer, and then he led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

#### ITEM 1 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

#### ITEM 2 – RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF COMMISSIONER RICHARD JOHNSON (Att. #1)

Chairman Judge welcomed the family of Dare County Commissioner Richard Johnson who died August 29, 2013. He explained that last year the Board eulogized Commissioner Johnson, but wanted to take time tonight to thank the family for the dedicated service that Commissioner Johnson gave to the people of Dare County. Each member of the Board memorialized Richard Johnson and shared many fond personal memories of him.

Bert Banks, on behalf of the Albemarle Commission, presented a plaque to the Johnson family in recognition of his outstanding leadership. Fletcher Willey, COA Board of Trustees Chair, remembered Commissioner Johnson as a long standing COA Board Member whose first priority was student success. George Wood, Airport Authority Chair, recalled Richard Johnson's unique ability to get things accomplished. Chairman Judge also introduced Nancy White representing Mike Kelly, Chair of the Coastal Studies Institute (CSI) who was out of town and unable to attend.

County Manager Outten read a resolution honoring the life and service of Commissioner Richard Johnson. A framed copy of the Resolution was presented to Richard Johnson's wife Cheryl and to his sons Rich and Chad.

**MOTION**

All seven Commissioners joined in a motion to adopt a Resolution honoring the life and service of Commissioner Richard Johnson.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

**RECESS: 5:43 p.m. – 5:49 p.m.**

**ITEM 3 – DISCUSS FUNDING FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (Att. #2)**

It was explained that a match was put into the budget for a federal grant to add three School Resource Officers; however, the grant was not funded. The Sheriff requested permission to use the amount that was budgeted for the match to fund one School Resource Officer position.

**MOTION**

Commissioners Tillett, Shea, and Overman motioned to approve the Budget Amendment moving the budgeted funds for the grant to the regular budget to enable the Sheriff's Office to add one School Resource Officer.

Commissioner Dutton and Vice-Chairman Burrus seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

**ITEM 4 – CONSENT AGENDA**

The County Manager presented the Consent Agenda.

**MOTION**

Commissioner Shea motioned to approve the Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of Minutes (01.06.14) **(Att. #3)**
- 2) Hatteras Island LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) 2014 Renewal
- 3) Health and Human Services Security/Fire System Budget Amendment
- 4) Tax Collectors December 2013 Reports

Commissioner Dutton and Vice-Chairman Burrus seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

**ITEM 5 – COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS**

**Commissioner Tillett**

- She reported that Colington Road is in bad shape and asked the County Manager to contact NCDOT about getting reflectors added to the road and the lines repainted.
- Commissioner Tillett said she and Commissioner Overman appreciated the Manager's help in resolving the garbage pickup issue.

**Vice-Chairman Burrus**

- He thanked NCDOT for their work on Hatteras Island.
- Vice-Chairman Burrus presented an offer from Cross Trail Outfitters (CTO) to lease hunting rights on the Dare County Farm. He said CTO has offered

\$5,000 per year and seeks a five-year lease with the ability to renew. He explained that CTO is a youth hunting and fishing club that is very active in Dare County. He added that approving the lease would allow them to develop a place for youth in Dare County instead of having to travel over an hour away. A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Burrus and seconded by Commissioner Shea to approve the lease. However, the motion was withdrawn in order to give the County Manager/Attorney time to research any requirements that may be needed in order to approve the requested lease. Commissioner Tillett asked Mr. Outten to advise the Board on his research.

- He called on the Board to consider some type of economic development initiative to develop ideas to put people to work. He explained that people want to work, but there is a need to attract year-round employment opportunities to the area. Chairman Judge reported that he has asked North Carolina Commerce Secretary Decker for help and will keep Board Members posted.

#### Commissioner Shea

- He announced that plans have been put in motion to set up meetings to brainstorm ways of encouraging year round businesses to locate in Dare County.

#### Commissioner Overman

- He thanked the Clerk to the Board for the Resolution honoring the life and service of Commissioner Richard Johnson.

#### Commissioner Woodard – None

#### Commissioner Dutton

- He said he is willing to help Commissioner Shea with the effort regarding economic development and would like to be involved.

#### Chairman Judge – None

### **MANAGER’S/ATTORNEY’S BUSINESS**

1. Mr. Outten reported that the Towns are moving forward on beach nourishment projects. He explained that a need has been identified to have a coordination of activities, such as bidding, in order to streamline the process and save resources. He presented an idea that would have the County serve as an expeditor in coordinating components of beach nourishment projects. He said if the Board approves this arrangement; an agreement for a coordination plan would be created for Board approval addressing roles and legal responsibilities. Mr. Outten added that future coordination group meetings would involve the County and Town Managers, and the Chairman and Mayors. Vice-Chairman Burrus noted that this might be a vehicle to help the County and Municipalities to successfully work together.

**MOTION**

Commissioner Shea motioned to authorize the Manager to proceed as outlined with the request to develop a beach nourishment coordination plan with the County serving as the expeditor.

Commissioners Overman, Dutton, and Burrus seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

2. The County Manager said the Gov/Ed TV Channel 20 would like to hire a Station Manager in order to move the Channel beyond where it is today. He explained that Gov/Ed TV is funded by the State with money that formerly came from cable franchise fees. Mr. Outten said there are sufficient State resources available and that the Station Manager would be a Dare County employee although local taxpayer money would not be involved. Commissioner Dutton, who serves on the Gov/Ed TV Committee, noted that this position is a major step forward that will allow the Channel to go to a new level. Commissioner Overman asked if the College of the Albemarle (COA) has broadcasting courses that might tie in. Commissioner Dutton explained that this has been explored with COA and the concept was well received. Vice-Chairman Burrus suggested that Cape Hatteras High School be contacted about the success of their video training program that has launched the careers of students who now make a living with what they have learned. Mr. Outten asked for approval for Commissioner Dutton to convey to the Gov/Ed TV Committee the County's support for hiring a Station Manager.

**MOTION**

Commissioner Dutton motioned to support the hiring of a Station Manager.

Vice-Chairman Burrus and Commissioner Shea seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

3. Mr. Outten said the Detention Center has a contract with a firm that provides communication services for inmates to make outgoing calls for which the County receives a commission. He explained that the agreement for this service expires February 1 and that the Detention Center would like to change contractors. He said in reviewing the proposed contract he has a few questions. He asked the Board if they would like to postpone this item to the next meeting, or to allow the Detention Center to move forward contingent on the County Manager/Attorney successfully resolving his questions and concerns with the agreement.

**MOTION**

Commissioner Overman motioned to authorize the Detention Center to move forward contingent on the County Manager/Attorney successfully resolving his questions and concerns with the agreement.

Commissioner Shea seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

At 6:17 p.m., the Board of Commissioners adjourned until 9:00 a.m., February 3, 2014.



Respectfully submitted,

By:   
Gary Gross, Clerk to the Board

APPROVED: By:   
Warren C. Judge, Chairman  
Dare County Board of Commissioners