



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

THE DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

June 1, 2009—9:00 A.M.

Dare County Administrative Building
PO Box 1000, Manteo, North Carolina 27954

Commissioners Present:

Chairman Warren Judge, Dist. 3; Vice-Chairman Burrus, Dist. 4; Virginia Tillett, Dist. 1; Richard Johnson, Dist. 1; Max Dutton, Dist. 2; Jack Shea, Dist. 5; Mike Johnson, Dist. 2

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present:

County Manager Terry Wheeler, County Attorney Bobby Outten, Katie Smith—Clerk to the Board

Action:

APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA (Addition of Item 4A—US Census Bureau Presentation and Removal of Item 10—FF&E RISC) — **Approved**

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH (MAY) — **Presented to Debra Remaley**

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH (JUNE) — **Presented to Millie Barkley**

DARE COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN — **Approved**

RECOMMENDED 2010-2014 COUNTY & WATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLANS — **Public Hearing Scheduled for June 15, 2009 at 5:30 P.M.**

DISASTER MANAGEMENT & RECOVERY PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES CONTRACT WITH BECK DISASTER RECOVERY, INC. — **Approved**

PUBLIC HEARING: BRADFORD MARX—WENDY WEBB REZONING REQUEST — **Held and Approved**

PUBLIC HEARING: ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 22-58.3 FAMILY HOUSING INCENTIVE STANDARDS TEXT AMENDMENT REQUEST — **Held and Amendment Approved**

PUBLIC HEARING: FY'09-'10 BUDGET — **Held**

ORV COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS — **Appointed (Edgar Govan, Gail Hutchison, Allen Poole, Ivy Johnson with Commissioner Mike Johnson as Chairman, and Commissioners Tillett and Shea)**

CONSENT AGENDA — **Approved**

- Approval Of Amended Minutes (5.18.09)
- Budget Amendment—Occupancy Tax Legal Expenses
- Annual Participation Agreements for NCAACC Insurance Pools
- VOIP Two-year Maintenance Contract

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- College of the Albemarle—Board of Trustees — **Reappointed (Fletcher Willey)**
- Fessenden Center Advisory Committee — **Appointed (Cheryl Austin and Danny Couch)**
- Hatteras Community Center Board — **Reappointed (Ernie Foster, Jr., Geraldine Farrow, Ricki Shepherd)**
- Health Board — **Reappointed (Brant Murray)**
- Land Transfer Tax Appeals Board — **Reappointed (Robert Rollason, Jr., Barbara Connery, June Neri, Emilie Klutz)**
- Manns Harbor Community Center Board — **Reappointed (Rodney Balance, Harry Carter Mann, Vickie Craddock)**
- Oregon Inlet and Waterways Commission — **Reappointed (Robin Mann, David May, Arvin Midgett, Fletcher Willey)**
- Roanoke Island Community Center Board — **Reappointed (Roland Bowser, Betty Selby, Beulah Charity Ashby, Willie Brickhouse)**
- Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Center Board — **Reappointed (Susan Gray, JW Kierzkowski, Lovie Midgett, Claude Howard)**
- Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (JTC) District — **Reappointed (Ed Overton)**

LAND OF BEGINNINGS

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Chairman Warren Judge, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., invited Steven Westcott of Coastal Family Church to share a prayer and then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

MOTION

Commissioner Shea motioned to amend the agenda to add Item 4A – U.S. Census Bureau Presentation, and to remove Item 10 – FF&E Roanoke Island Senior Center.

Commissioner Dutton and Vice-Chairman Burrus seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 1 – PRESENTATION OF COUNTY SERVICE PINS

- 1) Eleen Bryant, Purchasing Tech., received her 10 year pin from Dave Clawson, Finance Director
- 2) Paige Meads, Detention Shift Leader, received her 10 year pin from Norman Johnson, Major, Sheriff's Dept.
- 3) Tommy Ambrose, Detention Shift Leader, received his 15 year pin from Norman Johnson, Major, Sheriff's Dept.
- 4) Allen Scarborough, Deputy Sheriff Master Officer, received his 15 year pin from Phillip Etheridge, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Dept.
- 5) Toni Midgett, Assistant Register of Deeds, received her 15 year pin from Vanzolla McMurrin, Register of Deeds.
- 6) Ken Flatt, Public Utility Director, receive his 20 year pin from Terry Wheeler, County Manager
- 7) Brandi Combs, Finance Technician, received her 20 year pin from Dave Clawson, Finance Director

ITEM 2 – EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – MAY 2009

Debra Remaley, Telecommunicator Shift Supervisor, received the Employee of the Month certificate for May 2009 from Almey Gray, Communications Director.

ITEM 3 – EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – JUNE 2009

Millie Barkley, Tax Processing Assistant, received the Employee of the Month certificate for June 2009 from Michelle Evans, Tax Collector.

ITEM 4 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 1) Jack McCombs, Kill Devil Hills resident and avid cyclist, addressed the Commissioners regarding a non-profit organization entitled *Bike and Build*. He explained this group of college students travel by bicycle across the United States building and repairing houses for those who are less fortunate. He stated of the eight (8) locations to start their journey, the Outer Banks is the safest due to the Sheriff's Department and local police providing traffic control. He thanked Lt. Tony Smith, Corporal Billy Essex, and Deputies Tom Mears and Scott Powers for the service they provide. He had written a letter of appreciation and offered it to the Board for endorsement.

ITEM 4A – U.S. CENSUS BUREAU PRESENTATION

Akilah Ensley was not in attendance for the presentation.

ITEM 5 – SINGLE FAMILY REHABILITATION GRANT NC HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

Jenny Jones, Administrator Project Manager Dare County Grants and Waterways, updated the Board on potential opportunities from an SFR grant. She stated Dare County’s involvement with this grant began last October through the Albemarle Commission. She explained the funding for the grant is from the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency. After speaking with the Finance Agency and the Albemarle Commission, they found any agency could obtain assistance for citizens of Dare County; however, the funding would be between the Albemarle Commission and the Finance Agency. Because Dare County is not a viable party in this grant, they would have no control over how the funding is handled. She explained many stipulations attached to the funds that may actually make the grant more of a burden than assistance for the recipient and their families. Commissioner Richard Johnson clarified the Albemarle Commission also cannot control the regulations and stipulations placed on the grant money by the Finance Agency. Chairman Judge encouraged people who are interested in finding out more information regarding available funding to contact Ms. Jones or the Albemarle Commission. Commissioner Tillett thanked Ms. Jones for putting so much time and energy into researching this grant, and she thanked Commissioner Richard Johnson for bringing this information to the Board’s attention.

ITEM 6 – DARE COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN (Att. 1)

Sandy Sanderson, Emergency Management Director, presented the updated Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan. He explained every five years the County is required to update this plan which is now before the Commissioners for approval. Once this draft is approved, he would return in six (6) months for a Public Hearing and approval of the final plan.

MOTION

Vice-Chairman Burrus motioned to approve the updated Dare County Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan. Commissioner Shea seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

MOVE TO ITEM 8

ITEM 7 – RECOMMENDED 2010-2014 COUNTY AND WATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLANS (Att. 2)

Mr. David Clawson, Finance Director, presented the Recommended 2010-2014 County and Water Capital Improvements Plans. He explained the Capital Improvements Plan is funded by realty transfer tax which has seen a severe decrease in the last three (3) years. He shared details of the plan and emphasized the use of fund balances, but noted necessary adjustments will be made based on improvements of the economy. He shared the three (3) year history of projects and what is recommended for the coming years. He stressed the list of projects that were requested but not included which totaled \$48, 360,824. After further detailing recommended projects, he requested input from the Board, the scheduling of a Public Hearing to receive input from the community, and the scheduling of the CIP adoption to coincide with the budget adoption. Commissioner Mike Johnson asked if C&D cell five (5) would be located between existing cells one (1) and two (2). Mr. Outten stated while the permits are not in hand, the plan is to place cell five (5) between existing cells.

MOTION

Commissioner Shea motioned to schedule a public hearing for the Capital Improvements Plan for 5:30 p.m. on June 15, 2009 and requested the CIP adoption coincide with the budget adoption.

Commissioner Dutton seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

MOVE TO ITEM 11

ITEM 8 – DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND RECOVERY PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES CONTRACT WITH BECK DISASTER RECOVERY, INC. (Att. 3)

Mr. Outten explained the Beck Disaster Recovery, Inc. contract needs to be renewed. This contract is for debris monitoring and other consulting services in the event of a hurricane or other disaster. He stated the renewal would be on the same terms and conditions as the original contract. He noted the Board would need to approve the contract and authorize the Manager or Assistant Manager to execute the contract on behalf of Dare County.

MOTION

Commissioner Shea motioned to approve the contract with Beck Disaster Recovery, Inc. and to authorize the Manager/Assistant Manager to execute the contract on behalf of Dare County.

Vice-Chairman Burrus and Commissioner Dutton seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

MOVE TO ITEM 7

10:00 A.M.

ITEM 9 – PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1) Bradford Marx – Wendy Webb Rezoning Request

AT 10:24 A.M., THE DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE INPUT CONCERNING BRADFORD MARX – WENDY WEBB REZONING REQUEST.

Mr. Outten conducted the hearing and invited the public to speak.

The following speaker appeared before the Board:

- 1) MaryAnne Hill, representative for Bradford Marx and Wendy Webb, spoke requesting reclassification of the property to correct the oversight that occurred in 1992. She stated this property has always been operated as a marina. She noted some concerns from Pamlico Condominium owners on possible future commercial use, but stated the owners of this property have no intention of operating it as anything other than a marina. She explained these fears are out of scope of the request. She stated Mr. Marx and Ms. Webb are local residents of Hatteras Island and offer a great service to the community of boat launching and docking for small craft. She asked the Board to adopt the recommendation and reclassify the property as C-2.

Chairman Judge closed the hearing at 10:28 A.M.

MOTION

Vice-Chairman Burrus moved that the Marx-Webb property be rezoned to C-2 as recommended by the Planning Board. He found this rezoning to be consistent with the policies of the 2003 Dare County Land Use Plan and other officially adopted plans of Dare County that are applicable and in the public interest of Dare County since this amendment addresses the consistency of the historical use of the property with the Avon zoning map.

Commissioner Tillett seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

2) Zoning Ordinance Section 22-58.3 Family Housing Incentive Standard Text Amendment Request
(Att. 4)

AT 10:30 A.M., THE DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE INPUT CONCERNING THE ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 22-58.3 FAMILY HOUSING INCENTIVE STANDARDS – TEXT AMENDMENT REQUEST.

Mr. Outten conducted the hearing and invited the public to speak.

The following speakers appeared before the Board:

- 1) Bob Muller, Chairman of the Outer Banks Community Development Cooperation, announced the CDC voted unanimously to endorse this decision. He stated this action would encourage more developers to construct workforce housing. He noted a similar ordinance in Kill Devil Hills encouraging the development of housing of which 50% of the units sold as a result of this type of action. He requested the Commissioners adopt this amendment.
- 2) Ronnie Midgett spoke in support of the text amendment. He felt this action would enhance the ordinance and help developers build workforce housing. He noted he has been working with this project for two (2) and a half years. He stated the current ordinance has been in place since 2004 and no other developers have participated in workforce housing construction. He felt the amendment would encourage developers to begin participation.

Chairman Judge closed the hearing at 10:32 A.M.

MOTION

Commissioner Shea moved that the proposed text amendment to Section 22-58.3 and the associated fee schedule be adopted as advertised. He found this amendment to be consistent with the policies of the 2003 Dare County Land Use Plan and other officially adopted plans of Dare County that are applicable and in the public interest of Dare County since this amendment provides for increased opportunities for year-round housing.

Vice-Chairman Burrus seconded the motion.

Commissioner Tillett asked Ms. Donna Creef, Senior Planner, why the Planning Board's vote was not unanimous on this issue. Ms. Creef stated the "nay" vote was from Chairman Midgett who was concerned this was the first project done under the Family Housing Incentive Standards and he was reluctant to change the ordinance on the first project. While he was sympathetic to Mr. Midgett's cause, he remained reluctant.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

3) Proposed FY'09-'10 budget

AT 10:34 A.M., THE DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE INPUT CONCERNING THE FY'09 - '10 BUDGET.

Mr. Outten conducted the hearing and invited the public to speak.

No one came forward to speak.

Chairman Judge closed the hearing at 10:34 A.M.

MOVE TO COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

ITEM 11 – ORV COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Judge recommended four names for the community appointees for the committee: Ivy Johnson, Gail Hutchison, Edgar Govan, and Allen Poole. He stated this would balance the committee as one (1) person is a proponent of the issue, one (1) is an opponent, and two (2) are neutral. He noted Commissioners Shea, Tillett, and Mike Johnson also represent the Board on this committee. He recommended Commissioner Mike Johnson chair the committee.

MOTION

Commissioner Shea motioned to invite Ivy Johnson, Gail Hutchison, Edgar Govan, and Allen Poole to join the committee along with Commissioners Shea, Tillett and Mike Johnson, and to appoint Commissioner Mike Johnson as the chairman of the committee.

Commissioner Tillett seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous.

Commissioner Mike Johnson stated he would begin scheduling the first meeting very soon. Chairman Judge clarified the Board's expectation of the committee to take the amended ordinance and work within its framework.

ITEM 12 – UPDATE ON OREGON INLET

Vice-Chairman Burrus gave an update on Oregon Inlet stating the review of a fifty (50) year plan has begun to determine the locations for the second and third bridges. Meetings of those involved in this project will begin in the coming weeks to help gain a clearer understanding of potential hurdles. Chairman Judge noted a meeting of the Citizen's Bridge Committee will take place on June 10, 2009.

ITEM 13 – CONSENT AGENDA (Att. 5)

Commissioner Shea motioned to approve the Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of Amended Minutes (5.18.09)
- 2) Budget Amendment – Occupancy Tax Legal Expenses
- 3) Annual Participation Agreements for NCACC Insurance Pools
- 4) VOIP Two-year Maintenance Contract

Commissioner Dutton seconded the motion.

Commissioner Tillett noted a correction to the minutes from May 18, 2009 adding in "Fessenden Center" to the list of locations for the most recent Older Adults summit under Commissioners' Business.

Commissioner Shea agreed to include this addition in his motion.

Commissioner Dutton agreed to add this to his second.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 14 – BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- 1) College of the Albemarle Board of Trustees

Commissioner Shea motioned to reappoint Fletcher Willey for another four-year term.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

- 2) Fessenden Center Advisory Board

Vice-Chairman Burrus motioned to appoint Cheryl Austin to fill the unexpired term of Kathy Kiddy, and Danny Couch to fill the unexpired term of Jennifer Kingery.

Commissioner Tillett seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

3) Hatteras Community Center Board

Vice-Chairman Burrus motioned to reappoint Ernie Foster, Jr., Geraldine Farrow, and Ricki Shepherd for another two-year term.

Commissioner Tillett seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

4) Health Board

Vice-Chairman Burrus motioned to reappoint Brant Murray for another three-year term.

Commissioner Dutton seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

5) Land Transfer Tax Appeals Board

Commissioner Shea motioned to reappoint Robert Rollason, Jr., Barbara Connery, June Neri, and Emilie Klutz for another four-year term.

Vice-Chairman Burrus seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

6) Manns Harbor Community Center Board

Commissioner Tillett motioned to reappoint Rodney Balance, Harry Carter Mann, and Vickie Craddock for another two-year term.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

7) Oregon Inlet and Waterways Commission

Vice-Chairman Burrus motioned to reappoint Robin Mann, David May, Arvin Midgett, and Fletcher Willey for another two-year term.

Commissioners Shea and Dutton seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

8) Roanoke Island Community Center Board

Commissioner Tillett motioned to reappoint Roland Bowser, Betty Selby, Beulah Charity Ashby, and Willie Brickhouse for another two-year term.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

9) Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Center Board

Vice-Chairman Burrus motioned to reappoint Susan Gray, J.W. Kierzkowski, Lovie Midgett, and Claude Howard for another three-year term.

Commissioners Shea and Dutton seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

10) Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (JTC) District

Commissioner Shea motioned to reappoint Ed Overton for another three-year term.

Commissioners Tillett, Dutton, and Vice-Chairman Burrus seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

11) Upcoming Board Appointments

- East Lake Community Center Board
- Game and Wildlife Commission
- Region R Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council
- Wanchese Community Center Board

RECESS 10:05 A.M. – 10:23 A.M.

MOVE TO ITEM 9

ITEM 15 – COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

Commissioner Richard Johnson – None

Commissioner Mike Johnson requested a letter be sent to our Congressional delegation regarding a federal council appointment. Senator Basnight and Representative Spear sent letters supporting Rom Whittaker as the South Atlantic Council appointment and Lee Tugwell as the Mid-Atlantic Council appointment. He stated the Governor sent her recommendations, but did not put Rom Whittaker as her first priority. He asked letters be sent requesting Mr. Whittaker as the South Atlantic Council appointment. He then asked Mr. Outten to provide an update on progress with the ongoing insurance litigation. Mr. Outten stated there are two (2) lawsuits: 1) a lawsuit contesting deductible and surcharge increases, and 2) a lawsuit contesting rate increases on homeowner's insurance policies. Regarding the first lawsuit, the case went to court and we were successful in that the Insurance Commissioner had not followed correct procedures. Therefore, there should not be an increase in deductibles or surcharges. This action was appealed by the Insurance Commission and is before the Court of Appeals now. On the second lawsuit, a different judge ruled we did not have standing to be before them and dismissed our actions. Therefore, a 6% rate increase, or 22% rate increase for Roanoke Island and the mainland, became effective May 1, 2009. It was appealed to the Court of Appeals, but he did not know how long this could take. Because we were not granted a stay, the increases will continue to take effect as policies are renewed. Willo Kelly, Government Affairs for Outer Banks Home Builder's Association and Outer Banks Association of Realtors, has compiled a great deal of information and data supporting our position. This was put into legal format and sent to the Insurance Commissioner petitioning him to grant a re-hearing. If he chooses, the Commissioner could lower rates in the future. The Rate Bureau has requested the opportunity to respond by June 15 and we should hear something back at that time. Ms. Kelly has met with all sides of the issue and is working closely with NC20. Mr. Outten stated the facts show we are right; however, it will be a battle to get fair and equitable rates. Lastly, Commissioner Mike Johnson noted the many Board appointments on the agenda. He commented on how many people asked to be reappointed and stated this shows a great deal of commitment and level of servitude of our citizens.

Commissioner Dutton shared his appreciation for those receiving service pins and the Employees of the Month for May and June.

Commissioner Tillett asked the Board to approve the Dare Day Award recipient nomination. There were no objections. She stated the new youth center in Manteo opened a few months ago. Since their opening, they have been very successful. Approximately thirty (30) to forty (40) youth attend the center each day after school. She announced they will be holding a pancake and sausage breakfast on June 9 and invited the Commissioners to attend. She stated Dare Day will be June 6 from 9:00A.M. to 6:00 P.M. The event will open with prayer and a gospel choir from the Coastal Family Church and continue throughout the day with local talent and the headliner, B.J. Thomas. She distributed Pea Island Cookhouse Committee's plans for a statue for the lighthouse keeper, Richard Etheridge, and a roundabout. She noted these plans may encroach on Dare County property, but did not know the details. She said it would be discussed at a later time. Older Adults Services Committee has been researching existing services for citizens of Dare

County and approximately a month ago, the Tax Department presented information on services offered to older adults at reduced rates. The committee asked how to get this information out to the citizens. She felt while the Tax Department was doing an excellent job at this, she suggested having the Tax Department present at a Commissioners' meeting for those older citizens who watch the meetings via television. She offered her sympathies to Skeeter Sawyer regarding the recent loss of his father. Chairman Judge made a point of clarification on the map Commissioner Tillett distributed stating the northwest quadrant is owned by Dare County, not the Board of Education.

Vice-Chairman Burrus thanked the Water Department for their 24 hour work to ensure water was running to Hatteras Village after the recent main water line break. He noted the businesses particularly on the southern end are struggling to get caught up and have not seen the influx like last year. Percentages are down and they are struggling to reassert this the best way they can. They need more input and a lot of people to help. He encouraged everyone to think outside of the box. He stated the Outer Banks Scenic Byway is being discussed by businesses as an opportunity to take business in a different direction. He stated dredging should pick up by late July or early August. He congratulated Salvo on their fire department. He noted the need to figure out a way to see about insurance for volunteer hours. He also stated Mrs. Debbie Remaley does a fantastic job and is very reliable, efficient, and professional. He stated Ms. Millie Barkley also does a great job and was a perfect candidate for Employee of the Month. They both have helped so many people in his area and throughout Dare County. He announced the hearing with Judge Boyle in Raleigh at the Federal Courthouse on June 2 at 11:00 A.M. Lastly, he offered his condolences to the family of the late County employee, Jim Meads.

Commissioner Shea shared his appreciation to service pin recipients and to Ms. Barkely and Mrs. Remaley. He expressed his condolences to the family of David Stick. He stated Mr. Stick was a longtime resident who recorded much of the history of the Outer Banks and helped make this County what it is.

Chairman Judge shared his condolences and prayers to the Stick family. He stated it is hard to talk about Dare County without talking about Mr. Stick. He announced a memorial for him on June 15 at 10:30 A.M. at the Wright Brothers Pavilion. He noted the past few grim months with the budget as presented. He noted it has been very challenging and negative. However, spirits are better now as we have come through spring and are entering summer. He urged everyone to adopt a positive attitude moving forward. He made suggestions for things that can be done in the County:

- 1) The NC University System and NC Solar Center are overseeing projects including four (4) nationwide testing sites for wind turbines. He felt this was a great opportunity for Dare County to see if we can be in contention to be one (1) of the testing sites. He tasked Mr. Outten with researching this possibility.
- 2) Originally there was a push by cable companies to have legislature prevent municipalities from starting their own cable businesses. He highlighted Wilson, North Carolina's success in delivering a better product and challenging the private sector. He suggested exploring this possibility. He noted counties cannot currently pursue offering this avenue, however, towns and cities can. He encouraged everyone to lobby legislators to review this issue and advocate for local governments not to lose the rights they have now to pursue this service to their contingencies. He suggested calling upon NC20 to join in this effort at the General Assembly. He does not know if

any of our towns would be interested in this service; however, he does not want them to lose the opportunity to offer this service if they choose.

- 3) Chamber of Commerce launched a program to reeducate and redefine the need for Dare County to put its best foot forward and being hospitable by welcoming our guests and giving them exceptional service, thus encouraging them to return. He applauded the Chamber for their efforts and reminded everyone regardless of their station in life in Dare County, we are benefited by tourism revenue.
- 4) He suggested to everyone, especially Commissioner Mike Johnson and Vice-Chairman Burrus (representatives on the Dare County Tourism Board) to work towards a goal of having a festival in the County every weekend. He noted the many distinct geographical areas in the County and expressed the need to expand on the things we have to attract more people and extend their stays.

He stated it is important to accept where we are with the economy, move forward in a positive productive way, and do the things that started this County with greetings and welcome to our visitors.

ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS

Mr. Outten noted in a meeting with the utilities company and the County Manager, there was discussion on a Congress bill dealing with climate change and what utilities companies can do with their future power generation. They requested writing our delegation in Washington to support a national policy on climate change and to support a cap and trade on greenhouse gasses. They asked for support to request Congress to not be so aggressive and to act rationally. They want to see caps to protect rate payers as changes occur over time. They asked if the Board of Commissioners would be willing to send a letter to Congress to this effect. Commissioner Richard Johnson noted the average utility power customer will pay \$3,000 more if this bill passes. He requested more information on this issue. Mr. Outten stated he would request a formal presentation before the Board. Commissioner Mike Johnson noted this bill is not good on all fronts as everything about the bill hurts businesses and the economy. Chairman Judge suggested engaging Senator Burr and Senator Hagan's offices in discussion on this issue and beginning a letter on this matter. Commissioner Shea stated this would put the U.S. at a further disadvantage to countries such as China and India who are bigger polluters and who have no reign on their actions. He felt it did not make sense to place this on ourselves.

MANAGER'S BUSINESS

Mr. Wheeler displayed an issue of the NC Parks and Recreation Magazine profiling Dare County Parks and Recreation Department. The article highlights volunteerism in Dare County and the benefits this provides. He commended the Department on the increase on volunteers, especially in this economy. He noted a profile on John Daniels, Employee of the Year for 2008. Chairman Judge announced the opening of Dare Devils baseball and stated how blessed this County is with the great facilities. He offered thanks for Public Works for the work they did on the dugouts. He also noted Mr. Outten's participation in the opening.

AT 11:14 A.M. THE DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED UNTIL 5:00 P.M. ON JUNE 15, 2009.

(SEAL)

Respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Katie Smith, Clerk

APPROVED:

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

