



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

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MINUTES

DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Dare County Administration Building, Manteo, NC

5:00 p.m., July 20, 2015

Commissioners present: Chairman Robert Woodard
Vice-Chairman Wally Overman
Warren Judge, Jack Shea,
Beverly Boswell, Margarett Umphlett

Commissioners absent: Allen Burrus

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

Chairman Woodard called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. He invited the Rev. Ken Simpson from the Manteo Baptist Church to share a prayer, and then he led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Chairman Woodard announced that Commissioner Burrus would not be present due to an excused absence for a medical procedure.

ITEM 1 – PRESENTATION OF COUNTY SERVICE PINS

- 1) David Mason, Deputy Sheriff, received a 10-year pin.
- 2) Tola Edmond, In Home Service Aid, received a 20-year pin.
- 3) Glenn Bailey, Sanitation Equipment Operator, received a 20-year pin.
- 4) Elizabeth Walker, EMS Paramedic, received a 25-year pin.

ITEM 2 – EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – JULY 2015

Renee Austin, Public Works, received the Employee of the Month certificate from Edward Mann who described the many duties that are superbly handled by Ms. Austin. He said she enables everyone in the department to face the challenges of each day.

ITEM 3 – OPENING REMARKS – CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Chairman Woodard gave a follow-up report on what has transpired since the last meeting. He summarized the status of the sales tax redistribution proposal in the North Carolina Legislature, which he said would be devastating to Dare County. He reported

on a trip that he, Vice-Chairman Overman, Commissioner Judge, and the County Manager made to Raleigh last week to meet with legislators. He noted that other Commissioners will be participating in future visits in the upcoming weeks. Chairman Woodard read a press release describing the recent legislative visit. He also outlined a comprehensive list of facts documenting how harmful the redistribution plan will be for Dare County. He pleaded with everyone to contact their legislators in Raleigh and strongly voice their concerns. He explained that the Board of Commissioners will continue doing everything possible to protect Dare County property owners and keep everyone informed. A complete video account of the Chairman's update can be seen on the Dare County website www.darenc.com.

ITEM 4 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Manager outlined the public comments procedure. No one responded to the invitation to make public comments.

ITEM 5 – OATH OF OFFICE – ELECTIONS DIRECTOR (Att. #1)

The Oath of Office was administered to recently appointed Elections Director, Michele Barnes by Clerk of the Superior Court, Dean Tolson. During the ceremony, the Bible was held by Ms. Barnes' husband, District Court Judge Edgar Barnes. Also present were Ms. Barnes daughter, Hannah, and members of the Dare County Elections Board.

ITEM 6 – DARE COUNTY TOURISM BOARD REQUEST CONSENT FOR SPENDING FROM RESTRICTED FUND (Att. #2)

Tim Cafferty, Chairman of the Dare County Tourism Board, presented a Restricted Fund spending request that was outlined in a letter from Dare County Chairman Robert Woodard. Mr. Cafferty said it is a one-time request in the amount of \$1,000,000 for inlet dredging for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, which is reimbursable after the County has spent their funds for dredging. Commissioners thanked the Dare County Tourism Board for stepping up to the plate to help with this important issue.

MOTION

Commissioner Judge motioned to approve the \$1,000,000 Restricted Fund spending request for inlet dredging.

Vice-Chairman Overman and Commissioner Shea seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 7 – SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION & EDUCATION TASK FORCE

Roxana Ballinger, Health Education & Outreach Director for the Health & Human Services Public Health Division, gave a presentation on the work of the Dare County Substance Abuse Prevention and Education Task Force. She described a meeting on September 10, 2015 that will feature the CEO of Project Lazarus and asked that the Board approve \$1,000 to assist with expenses for the event. Vice-Chairman Overman reported that the Task Force is making excellent strides. Commissioner Umphlett noted that she is very impressed with the wide spectrum of community participation that is involved with the Task Force.

MOTION

Vice-Chairman Overman motioned to approve the \$1,000 funding request.

Commissioner Judge seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 8 – REPORT FROM THE MOBILE CRISIS SERVICES TEAM

Keith Hamm, Mobile Crisis Supervisor for the Albemarle Area, outlined the services that are available for individuals with mental health and substance abuse issues. He said help is available for Dare County residents 24 hours per day at no cost thanks to Trillium. Commissioner Boswell commended the Mobile Crisis Services Team and Mr. Hamm provided contact information for those needing help.

ITEM 9 – REAUTHORIZATION OF CUP APPROVAL FOR IG HOLDINGS LLC

This agenda item was handled as a quasi-judicial proceeding. Planning Director Donna Creef and John Delucia, on behalf of the applicant, were both duly sworn by the Clerk to the Board before offering testimony. Ms. Creef summarized the request to reauthorize a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and noted that there are no proposed changes to the original site plan or any of the previously approved conditions. She added that the Planning Board recommended reauthorization of the CUP.

MOTION

Commissioner Judge motioned to grant renewal of the CUP for IG Holdings.

Commissioner Shea seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 10 – SELECTION OF CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK FOR THE REGIONAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER AND EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

The County Manager reported that three firms (Clancy & Theys, Whiting Turner, and W.M. Jordan) were interviewed based on the RFQ seeking a Construction Manager At Risk (CMAR) for the E911/EOC building project. Mr. Outten summarized the screening and interview process and reported that the Capital Improvements Planning Committee unanimously selected Whiting Turner as their recommendation to the Board. He noted that Whiting Turner was the firm that did the Coastal Studies Institute building.

MOTION

Commissioner Shea motioned to approve the recommendation of the CIPC to select the Whiting Turner Contracting Company as the CMAR for the project.

Commissioner Judge and Vice-Chairman Overman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 11 – EXCHANGE OF DEED, EASEMENT, AND LEASE BETWEEN DARE COUNTY AND DARE COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY (Att. #3)

Mr. Outten explained the background for a tract of land that was originally going to be the site for the Coastal Studies Institute, which will now be used for the E911/EOC building. He said easements were negotiated but never acted upon until it could be

determined for certain what the intended use of the property would be. He asked the Board to authorize the Chairman to sign the documents that are needed to move forward with the project as now planned.

MOTION

Vice-Chairman Overman and Commissioner Umphlett motioned to authorize the Chairman to execute the easement and lease.

Commissioner Boswell and Commissioner Judge seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 12 – RENEWAL OF DARE COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL LEASE (Att. #4)

The Manager presented a resolution authorizing renewal of the Dare County Arts Council Lease of the Old Dare County Courthouse for a period of five years beginning August 1, 2015. He noted that the required public notice has been given.

MOTION

Commissioner Judge motioned to adopt the resolution approving the lease agreement for a period of five years.

Commissioner Shea seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 13 – RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STEPPING UP INITIATIVE (Att. #5)

Chairman Woodard said the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) has asked counties to adopt a resolution supporting the Stepping Up initiative being led by the National Association of Counties (NACo). He explained that this is part of a national effort to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in county jails. He said NACo is one of several partners along with the National Sheriff's Association, and the National Alliance on Mental Illness. The County Manager read the resolution.

MOTION

Commissioner Shea and Commissioner Judge motioned to adopt the resolution supporting the Stepping Up Initiative.

Commissioner Umphlett seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 14 – CONSENT AGENDA

The Manager presented the Consent Agenda. The items were visually displayed in the meeting room and read into the record.

MOTION

Commissioner Shea motioned to approve the Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of Minutes (06.17.15 & 07.09.15 Special Meeting) **(Att. #6)**
- 2) Reimbursement Resolution – FY2015-2016 Vehicle & Equipment Financing **(Att. #7)**
- 3) Public Health – Request to provide CPR/First Aid/AED Training for a Fee
- 4) Public Health – EBOLA Preparedness and Response Funds
- 5) DHHS – Social Services Budget Amendment for Thanksgiving Donations
- 6) DHHS Budget Amendment – Emergency Food and Shelter

- 7) Interlocal Agreements for Hurricane Debris Removal
 - 8) Firemen's Relief Fund Board Appointments
- Commissioner Boswell seconded the motion.
VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 15 – BOARD APPOINTMENTS

1) Airport Authority

Vice-Chairman Overman motioned to reappoint George Henderson, George Wood, David Twiddy and to appoint Joseph Blakaitis and Charles Davidson.
Commissioner Shea and Commissioner Umphlett seconded the motion.
VOTE: AYES unanimous

2) East Lake Community Center Board

Commissioner Umphlett motioned to reappoint Rosemarie Doshier.
Commissioner Judge seconded the motion.
VOTE: AYES unanimous

3) Game and Wildlife Commission

Commissioner Boswell motioned to reappoint Phil Sawyer, District 1; Dr. Andrew Horne, District 3; Phil Haywood, District 3; and Harvey Scarborough, District 4.
Commissioner Judge seconded the motion.
VOTE: AYES unanimous

4) Parks & Recreation Advisory Council

Vice-Chairman Overman motioned to reappoint Scott Midgett, appoint Eddie Twyne, and fill vacancies with Willer Spencer and Kelli Harmon.
Commissioner Boswell seconded the motion.
VOTE: AYES unanimous

5) Roanoke Island Community Center Board

Commissioner Umphlett motioned to appoint Kelli Harmon.
Commissioner Boswell seconded the motion.
VOTE: AYES unanimous

6) Wanchese Community Center Board

Vice-Chairman Overman motioned to reappoint Rosie Davenport, Robin Holt, Sally DeFosse, Becky Beacham, and Ulysses "Lish" Meekins.
Commissioner Shea seconded the motion.
VOTE: AYES unanimous

7) Upcoming Board Appointments

Upcoming Board appointments for August, September, and October were announced.

ITEM 16 – COMMISSIONERS’ BUSINESS & MANAGER’S/ATTORNEY’S BUSINESS

Following is a brief outline of items raised during this segment. Commissioners and the County Manager frequently make extensive remarks, which can be viewed in their entirety on a video archived on the Dare County website www.darenc.com.

Commissioner Shea – congratulated the service pin recipients and the Employee of the Month and commended them for making Dare County such a great place.

Vice-Chairman Overman – gave details about the scoping meetings that will be conducted by the National Park Service on ORV use in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area. He congratulated the service pin recipients, the Employee of the Month, and the new Elections Director, Michele Barnes. Vice-Chairman Overman urged everyone to contact their legislators in Raleigh and voice their concerns about the sales tax redistribution proposal.

Commissioner Umphlett – thanked the Dare County Tourism Board for stepping up to the plate with funding for inlet maintenance. Commissioner Umphlett said she was excited to hear the report on substance abuse programs and the wide variety of services that are available for the people of Dare County.

Commissioner Judge – thanked Roxana Ballinger and Keith Hamm for their presentations and noted that prescription drug abuse is an important issue that needs widespread attention. He explained the importance of getting as much public input as possible during the upcoming scoping meetings that will be held by the National Park Service concerning ORV access in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area. He also congratulated the service pin recipients and the Employee of the Month.

Commissioner Boswell – acknowledged the service pin recipients and the Employee of the Month. She also congratulated Michele Barnes, the new Elections Director. Commissioner Boswell reported that she attended the Watermen United event featuring the Wicked Tuna television program that is aired on the National Geographic Channel. She thanked the Dare County Tourism Board for providing funds that will help the Oregon Inlet Task Force move forward with a proactive dredging plan.

Chairman Woodard – commended the service pin recipients for their loyalty and dedication. He reported on the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new DMV facility in Nags Head. He urged everyone to contact their legislators in Raleigh and voice their concerns about the proposed sales tax redistribution plan. The Chairman wished everyone an enjoyable summer season.

MANAGER’S/ATTORNEY’S BUSINESS - None

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

MOTION

Commissioner Shea motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Boswell seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

At 6:30 p.m., the Board of Commissioners adjourned until 9:00 a.m., August 3, 2015.



Respectfully submitted,

By: 
Gary Gross, Clerk to the Board

APPROVED:

By: 
Robert Woodard, Chairman
Dare County Board of Commissioners