



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

MINUTES

DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Dare County Administration Building, Manteo, NC

5:00 p.m., July 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 (See note below)

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

Chairman Judge called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. He invited the Rev. Fran Peel to share a prayer, and then he led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. He announced that Vice-Chairman Burrus was en route to the meeting and would be arriving shortly. Vice-Chairman Burrus arrived at 5:34 p.m. at the conclusion of Public Comments and was present for voting on all motions.

Note – In order to accommodate the Public Hearing scheduled for 5:30 p.m., some agenda items were handled out of sequential order.

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

ITEM 1 – PRESENTATION OF COUNTY SERVICE PINS

- 1) Sheila Pledger, Health and Human Services, received a 10-year pin.
- 2) Neva Lee, Health and Human Services, received a 15-year pin.
- 3) Sectina Tran, Health and Human Services, received a 15-year pin.
- 4) Brandi Combs, Finance Department, received a 25-year pin.

ITEM 2 – EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – JULY 2014

Spencer Gregory received the Employee of the Month certificate for July 2014 from Tim White who described Mr. Gregory's dedication and public service that he faithfully performs as a Leisure Programs Supervisor in the Parks and Recreation Department.

ITEM 3 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

The County Manager outlined the public comment procedure. The following spoke -

1. Jimmie Hooper, Salvo Volunteer Fire Department Chief, said that the reentry process following Hurricane Arthur did not go well because there was not enough time for recovery before allowing reentry. He explained that 30 homes in Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo had sustained water damage. Chief Hooper cited safety and health issues that resulted from the premature reentry including downed electrical wires, standing water, horrendous traffic, and unsecured propane tanks. He added that phones were out and people could not make 911 calls. He advised that 1 or 2 days should have been given for recovery before Hatteras Island was opened up. Chief Hooper said he wants to see two Hatteras Island representatives on the Control Group, with one from the southern portion of the Island, and the other from the northern villages.
2. Mike Daugherty, Chief of the Chicamacomico Banks Volunteer Fire Department, echoed the concerns raised by Salvo Chief Hooper. He said not enough time was allocated to make the areas safe for reentry, which put a hardship on local people. Chief Daugherty said delaying reentry by one day would have made a difference. He said we understand that the businesses need to make money, but we need to work on making reentry changes. He called on the Board to provide better notification and ask for input from the people who are in the affected area.
3. Manny Medeiros commented on seeing Dare County featured in a Washington Post article. He said the article mentioned sea level rise and explained that sea levels will continue to rise no matter what we do. He said speculative computer models are used to perpetrate myths about manmade global warming, which lack any empirical evidence. Mr. Medeiros complimented the County Manager for his statement on sea level rise that was included in the newspaper article.
4. Joe Tauber of Colington Harbour announced the upcoming 11th Annual Roanoke Island American Indian Cultural Festival and Powwow to be held on Saturday, August 9, 2014. He said the event will honor all veterans and active duty military. Mr. Tauber said the powwow is important because it shows our support and recognition of the people that were originally here.

Following Public Comments, Chairman Judge explained the composition and function of the Dare County Control Group in making hurricane evacuation and reentry decisions. He described the importance of having evacuations done during daylight hours as a matter of public safety. He outlined the thought process that the Control Group uses for making reentry decisions. Chairman Judge said he understands the points made by Chief Hooper and Chief Daugherty during Public Comments and thanked them and their Fire Departments for their outstanding service to the community.

ITEM 4 – RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A LOCAL FOOD COUNCIL FOR DARE COUNTY (Att. #1)

Jennifer Thompson from Cooperative Extension presented a PowerPoint describing the statewide initiative to facilitate the production, marketing, and consumption of locally grown food. She said the goal is to encourage individual and business consumers to commit 10% of their existing food dollars on locally produced foods. She explained that the Local Food Council will discuss food issues and make recommendations on how to make improvements by fostering coordination between sectors in the food system. Ms. Thompson and Amanda Hooper Walters fielded questions about how consumers will be able to identify those products at the point of sale. Vice-Chairman Burrus encouraged the Council to look at the entire food delivery and distribution system. Commissioner Dutton provided perspective on the issue based on his experience in the grocery business. A Resolution of support was presented to the Board of Commissioners.

MOTION

Commissioner Tillett motioned to adopt a Resolution supporting a Local Food Council for Dare County.

Commissioner Dutton seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 5 – COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM (CRS) ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Planning Director, Donna Creef, explained that earlier this year Community Rating System (CRS) alternatives were presented to the Board. She described the importance of the County maintaining its current rating and undertaking efforts to improve it. Ms. Creef outlined a matrix of CRS activities based on feedback from a local stakeholders group. Chairman Judge noted that the stakeholders group is a diverse one comprised of local industry leaders. By consensus, the Board instructed staff to proceed working on the CRS recommendations as presented.

ITEM 6 – MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT (Att. #2)

The County Manager submitted a proposed mutual aid agreement between Dare County and the City of Newport News to provide key public services to each other in the event of an emergency. He explained the history of the agreement, its implementation steps, and how reimbursement would occur. Mr. Outten said the agreement does not mandate action, but allows for mutual aid to occur if the need should arise in the future.

MOTION

Commissioner Shea motioned to approve the mutual aid agreement with the City of Newport News and authorize the Manager to execute it and contact the Governor's office pertaining to the agreement.

Vice-Chairman Burrus and Commissioner Dutton seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 7 – PUBLIC HEARING – SP-C TEXT AMENDMENT TO ADD BREWERIES

At 5:38 p.m., the Dare County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing to receive input concerning the SP-C Text Amendment to Add Breweries. The County Manager conducted the hearing and explained the procedure for making comments. No one in the meeting room responded. Chairman Judge closed the hearing at 5:39 p.m.

Following the Public Hearing, the Planning Director answered a question from Commissioner Shea about wastewater disposal at the applicant's property. She said Mr. Paul Charron is aware of the requirements and that there are no red flags at this point. Chairman Judge reminded that if the proposed text amendment is approved the applicant will still need to come before the Board to obtain a Conditional Use Permit to operate a brewery. Mr. Charron commented that working on this project with Dare County and Planning Director Donna Creef has been a positive experience.

MOTION

Commissioner Overman motioned that the proposed SP-C zoning text amendment to add breweries as a conditional use and the associated definition of brewery be adopted as advertised with the finding that this action is consistent with the policies of the 2009 Dare County Land Use Plan and other officially adopted plans of Dare County and is in the public interest of Dare County by providing for uses that allow for locally-owned businesses to continue to operate.

Commissioner Dutton seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 8 – 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 (06.16.14) **(Att. #3)**
- 2) Amendment to Capital Project Ordinances to Close Capital Projects and Establish a New Capital Project Ordinance for Building & Grounds for Various Small Projects **(Att. #4)**
- 3) Reimbursement Resolution – FY 2014-2015 Vehicle & Equipment Financing **(Att. #5)**
- 4) Budget Amendment – E911 Fund
- 5) Tax Collectors June 2014 Reports

Vice-Chairman Burrus and Commissioner Dutton seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 9 – BOARD APPOINTMENTS

1) Airport Authority

Commissioner Shea motioned to reappoint Max Dutton and Dwight Burrus.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

2) East Lake Community Center Board

Commissioner Tillett motioned to reappoint Ted Hemilright.

Vice-Chairman Burrus and Commissioner Overman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

3) Fessenden Center Advisory Board

Commissioner Shea motioned to reappoint Steve Jennette, Heidi Blackwood, Jack Painter, William Lengyel, and Louise Rossiter.

Vice-Chairman Burrus seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

4) Game and Wildlife Commission

Commissioner Shea motioned to reappoint Bryan Perry, District 4; Buddy Shelton, District 1; Sonny Briggs, District 1; and George Henderson, District 1.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

5) Library Board - Regional

Commissioner Tillett motioned to reappoint Elizabeth Gaimel.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

6) Parks and Recreation Advisory Council

Commissioner Tillett motioned to reappoint Anita Bills, Tod Clissold, Jimmy Brown, Kathy Winstead, Melinda Maher, and Keletta Govan.

Vice-Chairman Burrus seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

7) Wanchese Community Center Board

Commissioner Tillett motioned to reappoint Joyce Meekins and Robert Walton.

Vice-Chairman Burrus seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

8) Upcoming Board Appointments

The upcoming Board appointments for August and September 2014 were announced.

ITEM 10 – COMMISSIONERS’ BUSINESS & MANAGER’S/ATTORNEY’S BUSINESS

Commissioner Overman

- He congratulated the service pin recipients and the Employee of the Month.
- Commissioner Overman announced the recent launch of a Dare County Substance Abuse Prevention and Education Task Force. He thanked Chairman Judge and Commissioners Woodard and Tillett for their participation and acknowledged community agencies that were represented at the meeting.
- He acknowledged the County Manager for providing direction for County activities during Hurricane Arthur.
- Commissioner Overman noted that the speed limit on Highway 345 to Wanchese has been reduced to 45 mph in response to the recommendation that was made by a First Flight High School Civics class.

Commissioner Woodard – None

Commissioner Dutton

- He thanked the service pin recipients and the Employee of the Month.

Commissioner Tillett

- She expressed appreciation to the County Manager, staff, and volunteers for their efforts before, during, and after Hurricane Arthur
- She thanked Chairman Judge for keeping everyone up to date and informed.
- She pointed out that the upcoming Roanoke Island American Indian Powwow, mentioned during Public Comments, will be held at a new location.
- Commissioner Tillett asked the County Manager to follow-up with the Fire Chiefs in getting their input during emergencies. Mr. Outten explained that contact will be made as part of the County's after-action analysis.

Vice-Chairman Burrus

- He voiced gratitude for efforts that were made before, during, and after Hurricane Arthur. He thanked Fire Chiefs throughout the County for their active involvement, quick response, and help in reporting valuable information. He said the community has helped those who were hurt the worst and commended Dare County Social Services staff that were on scene rendering assistance. The Vice-Chairman commended the efforts of Interfaith Community Outreach and the Baptist Men noting that we are blessed to live in an area that responds so well.
- Vice-Chairman Burrus acknowledged Commissioner Overman's efforts on substance abuse prevention and encouraged him to utilize the services of the faith community in this endeavor.
- He thanked the Board and staff for their service and presented a picturesque refrigerator magnet as a token of appreciation.

Commissioner Shea

- He credited the service pin recipients and the Employee of Month for what they do to make Dare County such a great place to live and work.
- Commissioner Shea thanked the Dare County Control Group for their many hours of service during Hurricane Arthur.
- He wished everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

Chairman Judge

- He thanked the County Manager and his team for their work during Hurricane Arthur. He reminded those who want to help the relief effort to contact Interfaith Community Outreach, which serves as a clearinghouse for providing volunteer time and resources. Chairman Judge said while every County department is worthy of recognition for their service, he voiced special appreciation for the efforts of Dorothy Killingsworth and the Public Relations Department.

MANAGER'S/ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS

1. County Manager, Robert Outten, explained that the Board previously authorized an Alzheimer's group to use office space in the old Administration Building in

Manteo on a no-cost basis. He said the group did not follow through on the arrangement; however, the First Colony Foundation would like to use the space. Mr. Outten said if the Board approves he would prepare a one-year lease specifying that the First Colony Foundation may use the facility rent-free unless the space is needed for a County function. By consensus, the Commissioners instructed the Manager to proceed and bring a lease agreement to the Board.

2. Mr. Outten said that under the Budget Ordinance he is required to inform the Board when a Budget Amendment is done between departments. He reported on a lateral move of an Office Support Specialist from Parks & Recreation to the Dare County Center. He explained that the adjustment is budget neutral.
3. The Manager reported on the Coastal Federation's oyster recycling program and their request for a letter of support. He asked for permission to write a letter outlining the support that the County is willing to provide.

MOTION

Vice-Chairman Burrus motioned to authorize the County Manager to prepare and send a letter outlining the support that the County is willing to provide for the Coastal Federation's oyster recycling program.

Commissioner Shea seconded the motion.

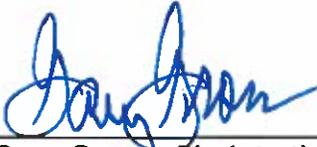
VOTE: AYES unanimous

4. Mr. Outten thanked Commissioners for their favorable comments about the County's response to Hurricane Arthur. He expressed gratitude for County staff, Fire Chiefs, First Responders, and community volunteers for the way they served the public with their considerable effort, time, and energy. He said a video was prepared summarizing the busy activity in the Support Group room during the storm. He noted that recovery is still underway.

At 6:38 p.m., the Board of Commissioners adjourned until 9:00 a.m., August 4, 2014.



Respectfully submitted,

By: 
Gary Gross, Clerk to the Board

APPROVED:

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