



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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DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Dare County Administration Building, Manteo, NC

9:00 a.m., August 4, 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 9:02 a.m. He invited the Rev. Bob Pitsch to share a prayer, and then he led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Chairman Judge thanked the community for generously supporting the McKayla Creef fundraiser. He also announced that Vice-Chairman Burrus would be arriving shortly. Vice-Chairman Burrus arrived at 9:27 a.m. and was present for voting on all motions.

The Chairman thanked Governor McCrory, NCDOT Secretary Tata, and NCDOT Board Member Malcolm Fearing for their efforts to protect NC Highway 12. He also acknowledged the Army Corps of Engineers and state and federal agencies for assisting in this endeavor.

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) Terry Rogers, Health Division of DCHHS, received a 10-year pin.
- 2) Michael Sellers, Sheriff's Office, received a 10-year pin.
- 3) James Basnight, Public Works, received a 15-year pin.
- 4) Brian Mitchell, Airport, received a 20-year pin.
- 5) Talmadge Willis, Sheriff's Office E911, received a 25-year pin.
- 6) Dean Morris, Dare MedFlight, received a 25-year pin

ITEM 2 – EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – AUGUST 2014

The County Manager announced that Ashley Marshall with the Department of Health and Human Services is the August 2014 Employee of the Month. He explained that Ms. Marshall is not present today to receive the award because she is on maternity leave.

ITEM 3 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

1. Manny Medeiros explained that since the Washington Post published an absurd sea level rise article, the National Geographic Society has published a similar story. He reminded that computer models are not real and urged the Board of Commissioners to apply the honest man test in evaluating temperature trends.
2. Margarett Umphlett offered a word of encouragement in telling of an act of heroism performed by Joseph Braxton Lewter on the beach in Ocracoke. She introduced the young man and his mother, Sandy Procter and explained how Joseph took decisive action helping two people in distress.

ITEM 4 – REPORT ON THE MONITOR NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

David Alberg, Superintendent of the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary, and Research Coordinator, Lauren Hessemann, updated the Board on activities at the Sanctuary. They explained the Sanctuary's education and outreach efforts and outlined the recommendations of the Expansion Working Group. Following the presentation, Commissioner Shea expressed hope that the nation will never again be unprepared to defend itself.

ITEM 5 – ANNUAL SETTLEMENT AND CHARGES TO THE TAX COLLECTOR (Att. #1)

Michelle Tillett Evans gave a report on the unpaid taxes. She said the total real estate and personal levy for 2013 was \$53,187,408.17 with \$52,791,577.71 collected by June 30th for a collection rate of 99.26%. She explained that the Board is required each year to charge the Tax Collector to begin tax collections, which will cover the 2014 taxes for Dare County and the towns of Kill Devil Hills, Kitty Hawk, Manteo, Southern Shores, and Duck. Ms. Evans was thanked for her work achieving an outstanding collection rate.

MOTION

Commissioner Tillett and Commissioner Shea motioned to charge the Tax Collector to collect the 2014 taxes based on the budgeted valuation of \$12,343,407,401 and the gross levy of \$78,525,068.36.

Commissioner Dutton and Vice-Chairman Burrus seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 6 – CONSENT AGENDA

The Manager presented the Consent Agenda. The items were visually displayed in the meeting room and read into the record. During discussion of the motion, Commissioner Woodard suggested that a thank you letter be sent to the Capital City Four Wheelers for their donation to the Fessenden Center (Consent Agenda item #5)

MOTION

Commissioner Shea motioned to approve the Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of Minutes (07.21.14) **(Att. #2)**
- 2) Budget Amendment – Dare SWCD Stream Debris Removal
- 3) Budget Amendment – Sheriff Department Governor’s Crime Commission Grant Award
- 4) DCHHS – Health, Outer Banks Charity Classic Tennis Tournament
- 5) Fessenden Center Donation
- 6) H-GAC Interlocal Contract

Vice-Chairman Burrus seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 7 – BOARD APPOINTMENTS

1) A.B.C. Board

Nomination 1 – Commissioner Woodard motioned to appoint Joseph Tauber.
Seconded by Commissioner Overman

Nomination 2 – Commissioner Dutton motioned to appoint Fields Lee Scarborough, Sr.

VOTE: For Mr. Tauber: (3 votes) Commissioners Woodard, Shea, Overman

VOTE: For Mr. Scarborough: (4 votes) Commissioners Judge, Burrus, Tillett, Dutton

It was announced that Mr. Scarborough will be appointed to the A.B.C. Board

2) Dare County Center Advisory Board

Commissioner Tillett motioned to reappoint Bea Basnight, John Sibunka, Brooke McCord, and appoint Mitchell Bateman to replace Isabel Cooper, and appoint Mary Pendill to fill the unexpired term of Betty Mann.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

3) Upcoming Board Appointments

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

ITEM 8 – COMMISSIONERS’ BUSINESS & MANAGER’S/ATTORNEY’S BUSINESS

Commissioner Woodard

- He explained that the Executive Director of the Albemarle Commission has retired and briefed the Board on efforts to find his replacement. Commissioner Woodard said the new Executive Director will be introduced to the Albemarle Commission Board on September 2, which will prevent him from being able to attend the Board of Commissioners meeting that day.

- Commissioner Woodard acknowledged the 105 total years of service that is represented by today's service pin recipients. He thanked them for a job well done.

Commissioner Dutton

- He congratulated the service pin recipients and praised their unbelievable dedication.
- Commissioner Dutton extended best wishes to Ashley Marshall on being selected as the Employee of the Month.
- He said he was impressed with the operation at the beach nourishment site on Hatteras Island.
- Commissioner Dutton expressed appreciation for the debris clean-up effort.
- He outlined activities in Kill Devil Hills and Nags Head for National Night Out and said the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Coalition will be involved.

Commissioner Tillett

- She thanked the County Manager for reassuring citizens about the debris pick-up campaign and thanked County employees for their efforts.
- Commissioner Tillett commended Dominion North Carolina Power for their experiments on wind power.
- She thanked Betty Mann for her service on the Dare County Center Advisory Board.
- Commissioner Tillett asked people to continue supporting the Creef family fundraiser.
- She asked that the Board issue a letter of support for Elizabeth City State University as the leading university in northeastern North Carolina. She added that she is a graduate of the institution and serves on its Board of Trustees.

MOTION

Commissioner Tillett motioned to send a letter supporting Elizabeth City State University to the General Assembly leadership, Tom Ross, President of the UNC University System, and Interim Chancellor Becton.

Commissioner Dutton seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

Vice-Chairman Burrus

- He acknowledged the service pin recipients.
- Vice-Chairman Burrus said he is not satisfied with what he has heard so far from the Health Department about a scabies outbreak in Dare and surrounding counties. The County Manager said he would follow-up with the Health Department and EMS.
- He said the staff working on debris pick-up has done a good job, however, he questioned whether there is enough manpower to handle the task and asked what the cut-off will be for pick-ups. The County Manager said he would address this during Manager's/Attorney's business.
- The Vice-Chairman said it is frustrating seeing resources nearby that cannot be used to help. He cited the two dredges that are working here while two inlets are

struggling. He said we have two beaches that need sand and wished that all available resources could be utilized to the fullest extent.

Commissioner Shea

- He thanked the service pin recipients for their efforts in making Dare County the great place that it is.
- Commissioner Shea reminded that without our beaches, we would not have the County that we have. He said he was glad to see nourishment started at the S-curves and expressed hope that we will continue to protect our beaches in any way we can.

Commissioner Overman

- He thanked the service pin recipients.
- Commissioner Overman noted that the debris clean-up effort has gone well.
- He said Creef Family fundraiser donations can still be made to the Credit Union.
- Commissioner Overman said our county is facing an issue spawned by the lack of action by the federal government to control our borders. He said the mass migration of illegal immigrants from Central America has the federal government distributing these people throughout the nation without consulting with the states, counties, and towns that are affected. Commissioner Overman said nearly 1200 illegals have been sent to North Carolina. He said the influx of a large number of illegals into any county will place a significant strain on that county's services and pose serious health threats. He explained that Brunswick County has adopted a Resolution urging the federal government to control the border and refrain from housing illegal aliens in their county. He urged the Dare County Board of Commissioners to support a similar Resolution.

MOTION

Commissioner Overman motioned to place a Resolution about this issue on the next agenda.

Commissioner Shea seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

MANAGER'S/ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS

1. The County Manager reported that Tropical Storm Bertha is on a track that will keep if well off shore with no impacts expected to the Outer Banks.
2. Mr. Outten reviewed the areas of the County where storm debris pick-up has been completed and places where it will be concluded very soon. He outlined a schedule that will have all pick-ups completed by the weekend.
3. The Manager said the Coastal Resources Commission is tackling inlet management and there are issues about dredging materials being taken out of the system. He said compatibility issues are being addressed and rulemaking is being considered.

4. He announced that the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) is preparing their legislative goals. He outlined the deadline for submitting issues for the NCACC to consider.

Chairman Judge noted that with two ocean dredges operating nearby we are still unable to get two inlets open. He said we will need to find a way to be leaders in finding funding sources to address this issue.

At 10.27 a.m., the Board of Commissioners adjourned until 5:00 p.m., August 18, 2014.



Respectfully submitted,

By: 
Gary Gross, Clerk to the Board

APPROVED:

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