



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

5:00 p.m., October 21, 2013

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
Assistant Finance Director, Sally DeFosse
Public Information Officer, Dorothy Killingsworth
Clerk to the Board, Gary Gross

Chairman Warren Judge called the October 21, 2013 meeting of the Dare County Board of Commissioners to order at 5:07 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 – ALBEMARLE REGIONAL BICYCLE PLAN

Steve Lambert from the Albemarle Rural Planning Organization (RPO) and Anne Eshelman from Alta Greenways presented the Albemarle Regional Bicycle Plan. Mr. Lambert thanked Commissioner Shea, Planning Director Donna Creef, and Mary Helen Goodloe-Murphy for their assistance. He said the plan, which is funded by NCDOT, encompasses 10 counties. Ms. Eshelman reviewed the profiles, recommendations, and needs assessment of the plan. Commissioner Shea said he would like to see more people visit Dare County for cycling activities and recommended that a bike ride be done from Chesapeake to Hatteras as a way of attracting visitors and tourism dollars. Commissioner Woodard said he was pleased with the plan and the cycling popularity of our region, and called for safety to be an important priority. Ms. Creef asked the Board to adopt a Resolution supporting the Regional Bicycle Plan.

MOTION

Commissioner Woodard motioned to adopt a Resolution in support of the Albemarle Regional Bicycle Plan.

Commissioner Dutton seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 2 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

1. Craig Albert of Southern Shores said his town is not one of the communities involving itself with beach nourishment. He said if the town does not increase its property taxes; the people of Southern Shores will get a smaller percentage of occupancy taxes than other communities, which he described as being unfair.

ITEM 3 – INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS – BEACH NOURISHMENT PROJECTS (Att. #1)

County Manager Robert Outten presented interlocal agreements with the Towns of Duck, Kill Devil Hills, and Kitty Hawk for beach nourishment projects. He explained that multiple meetings have been held involving the County and the Town Managers and Mayors in devising the distribution formula outlined in the agreements. He said the goal was to put as much sand on the beach as possible, allocate funds fairly, and preserve money in the fund balance. Mr. Outten reported that each of the three Town Boards have approved their Interlocal Agreement. He advised the Board that language needs to be added to each agreement reserving the right for the County to reduce funding if project costs are less than projections. In response to remarks made during Public Comments, Mr. Outten reviewed the role of ad valorem taxes and clarified how levies are distributed. He said although Southern Shores is not doing a beach nourishment project, they were involved in discussions with the Managers and Mayors.

MOTION

Vice-Chairman Burrus motioned to approve the interlocal agreements with the Towns of Duck, Kill Devil Hills, and Kitty Hawk with the inclusion of language by the County Manager reserving the right to reduce funding if project costs are less than projections. Commissioners Shea, Overman, and Dutton seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 4 – ADDITION OF DSS INTO CONSOLIDATED HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

Mr. Outten reviewed the consolidation of the Health and Transportation Departments under the Consolidated Human Services Agency (CHSA). He explained that Jay Burrus is doing the job of both the Health Director and the Social Services (DSS) Director. He said the DSS Board and the CHSA Board are recommending that DSS be consolidated with the CHSA. He said although there is no immediate cost savings, some things may be able to be done collectively, which could improve delivery of services to the public. Vice-Chairman Burrus asked if Health and DSS computers can be integrated and was told that integration was the goal, however, it may be limited due to inherent differences in each of the software systems. Commissioner Woodard said utilizing cross training might allow the unit to maintain staffing levels without having to grow. Commissioner Shea noted that consolidation would make it easier for the public. Mr. Outten added that Transportation fits better under Public Services (Parks & Recreation) and suggested that it be moved back to where it was. He asked the Board's approval to prepare a consolidation Resolution for the next Board of Commissioners meeting.

MOTION

Commissioner Shea and Commissioner Dutton motioned to authorize the Manager to bring appropriate resolutions to the next Board meeting to add the Department of Social Services to the Consolidated Human Services Agency, or a name to be determined, and to place the Transportation Department back into Public Services.

Commissioner Overman and Vice-Chairman Burrus seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 5 – PUBLIC HEARING – FY2015 NCDOT 5310 PROGRAM GRANT

APPLICATION (Att. #2)

At 5:37 p.m., the Dare County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing to receive input concerning the FY2015 NCDOT 5310 Program Grant Application. There were approximately six people present in the audience. The County Manager conducted the hearing and explained the procedure for making comments. No one in the meeting room responded to the invitation to make comments. Chairman Judge closed the hearing at 5:38 p.m.

MOTION

Vice-Chairman Burrus motioned to approve the grant application and governing body Resolution.

Commissioner Dutton seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 6 – CONSENT AGENDA (Att. #3)

The County Manager presented the Consent Agenda and noted 2 typographical errors that have since been corrected by the Clerk on page 9 of the Minutes for October 7, 2013. The changes included a correction on the first name for Commissioner Overman and a spelling error on the last name of Commissioner Woodard.

MOTION

Commissioner Shea motioned to approve the Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of Minutes (10.07.13) with the changes outlined by the Manager
- 2) Northeast Regional 2013 Locally Coordinated Public Transportation Human Service Transportation Plan
- 3) Budget Amendment – Parks & Recreation Tennis Grants
- 4) Tax Collector September 2013 Reports

Commissioner Dutton and Vice-Chairman Burrus seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 7 – COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS & MANAGER'S/ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS

Commissioner Jack Shea – None

Commissioner Wally Overman – None

Commissioner Robert Woodard

- He remarked how much he enjoyed the Dock & Dine event as part of the Outer Banks Seafood Festival.

Commissioner Max Dutton

- He announced that Wednesday, October 23, 2013 is “Walk to School Day” at Nags Head Elementary. He asked for volunteers to join him in this endeavor.

Commissioner Virginia Tillett

- She reported that she and Commissioner Overman have visited the old rest area site at the north end of Roanoke Island. She said they will meet again soon and present something to the Board of Commissioners.
- Commissioner Tillett briefed the Board on the Grand Opening of the Gregory Williams Outer Banks Genealogy Collection.
- She congratulated Ludie Sykes on turning 99 years of age this month.
- Commissioner Tillett asked the Manager if the electrical connection has been tested for emergency generator use at the Dare County Center. Mr. Outten said the panel box connections have been tested, although a large emergency generator, such as those used by FEMA, has not been brought in to test it.

Vice-Chairman Allen Burrus

- He welcomed Assistant Finance Director Sally DeFosse who was substituting for Finance Director David Clawson.
- Vice-Chairman Burrus thanked NCDOT for their storm related work.
- He said the dredging effort is looking better, but it can't happen quickly enough.
- He thanked the Tourism Board, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Seafood Festival Board for the good job they did with the Outer Banks Seafood Festival.
- Vice-Chairman Burrus congratulated Lila Mae Waterfield who turns 100 years of age this week.

Chairman Warren Judge

- He congratulated the Manteo High School and First Flight High School soccer teams on their accomplishments this year. He noted that Finance Director David Clawson was traveling tonight with Manteo Soccer Team.
- The Chairman agreed with Commissioner Woodard and Vice-Chairman Burrus that the Seafood Festival was a wonderful celebration of our heritage. He said an advisor to the Governor was here and good meetings were held with him.

MANAGER'S/ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS

1. County Manager Robert Outten reported that the Oregon Inlet Task Force Advisory Committee has requested that a letter be sent to the Governor about the Oregon Inlet Land Transfer Task Force, and a letter to the Army Corps of Engineers asking them to survey water depths closer to the jetty on the south side of Oregon Inlet.

MOTION

Commissioner Woodard motioned to authorize the Chairman to send the letters outlined by the County Manager.

Vice-Chairman Burrus and Commissioners Shea and Overman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

2. Mr. Outten reported that there should not be any problem with federal reimbursement for funds the County spent during the federal government shutdown. He said there are no longer any issues with childcare and no additional shutdown related problems are anticipated.

3. The Manager explained that 10 days public notice is required if the Board intends to consider leasing a County owned building in Nags Head. He requested permission to give the required notice and then bring a proposed lease as soon as possible to the Board of Commissioners for their consideration.

MOTION

Vice-Chairman Burrus motioned to authorize the County Manager to give the required public notice.

Commissioners Shea and Dutton seconded the motion.

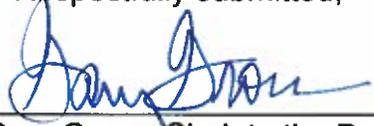
VOTE: AYES unanimous

AT 6:17 P.M. THE DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED UNTIL 9:00 A.M. ON NOVEMBER 4, 2013.



APPROVED:

Respectfully submitted,

By: 
Gary Gross, Clerk to the Board

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