



# 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

November 7, 2011 — 9:00 A.M.

Dare County Administration Building, Manteo, NC

**Commissioners Present:** Chairman Warren Judge, District 3; Vice-Chairman Allen Burrus, District 4; Virginia Tillett, District 1; Richard Johnson, District 1; Max Dutton, District 2; Jack Shea, District 5

**Commissioners Absent:** Mike Johnson, District 2;

**Others Present:** County Manager/Attorney Bobby Outten; Finance Director, Dave Clawson; Clerk to the Board, Gary Gross

**Public Comments:** One (1) person made public comments — Eric Morrison

### **Presentations:**

The Employee of the Month certificate was presented to Paul Selby, Water Department  
Service Pins were presented to two (2) Dare County employees — Donnie Murray, Charlie Henderson  
Introduction of Matt Wood, the Division 1 Representative on the North Carolina Transportation Board

### **Actions:**

Proclamation establishing November 17, 2011 as the “Great American Smokeout” Day in Dare County — **Adopted**  
Proclamation designating November 2011 as “Home Care, Hospice and Family Caregiver Month” — **Adopted**  
Proclamation recognizing November 2011 as “Lung Cancer Awareness Month” — **Adopted**  
Presentation by David Clawson and Douglas Carter, President of DEC & Associates, on Series 2011 Refunding Certificates of Participation  
Public Hearing—For Series 2011 Refunding COPs — **Public Hearing Was Held and No One Offered Public Comments**  
Resolution Authorizing the Negotiation of an Amendment to an Installment Purchase Contract for the Refinancing of Projects — **Approved**  
Public Hearing—Preliminary Assessment Resolution for the Roanoke Island Water Expansion Project — **Public Hearing Was Held and Twelve (12) People Offered Public Comments. The Assessment Resolution was Adopted and the Board Authorized the Notice of the Preliminary Assessment Role and Set a Public Hearing on the Preliminary Assessment Role for 5:30 p.m., November 21, 2011**

### Consent Agenda — **Approved**

1. Approval of Minutes (10.17.11)
2. CenturyLink Centurion Maintenance Contract, Hatteras Administration Building VOIP Equipment
3. DELL Leasing Documents
4. Crisis Intervention Program Budget Amendment
5. Health—CAP-C Modifications

### Board Appointments —

1. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council — **Appointed Sheila Davies, Stephen Wescott, Kara Rap, and Wes Rawles**
2. Older Adult Services Advisory Council — **Reappointed Henry Haywood and Kathy Crowder**
3. Upcoming Board Appointments for December 2011 and January 2012 were announced

LAND OF BEGINNINGS

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Chairman Warren Judge called the November 7, 2011 meeting of the Dare County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. He invited the Rev. Patricia Haresch from the Unitarian Universalist Church, to share a prayer, and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The Chairman announced that the NCDOT Ferry Division would be christening a new vessel later this morning in Manns Harbor. He said the Board wanted to attend the ceremony in appreciation for the tremendous service that the Ferry Division has provided to Dare County. He explained that, if necessary, the Board would take a recess to attend the event and return afterward to conclude the meeting.

Chairman Judge also noted that Commissioner Mike Johnson was not present today because of his involvement with an annual marine fisheries meeting on behalf of our local fishing industry.

#### **ITEM 1 – PRESENTATION OF COUNTY SERVICE PINS**

- 1) Donnie Murray, Dare County Regional Airport, received his 25-year pin from Robert Benson.
- 2) Charlie Henderson, Dare County Sheriff's Office, received his 30-year pin from Sheriff Doug Doughitie.

#### **ITEM 2 – EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – NOVEMBER 2011**

Paul Selby, Stumpy Point Water and Waste Water Plant Superintendent, received the Employee of the Month certificate for November 2011. Ken Flatt, Water Department Director, said since Mr. Selby started in 2004 he has had a thirst for knowledge and earned multiple credentials. Mr. Selby expressed thanks for the award saying he is fortunate to have a good boss and work with amazing people.

#### **ITEM 3 – PUBLIC COMMENTS**

One (1) person made public comments –

- 1) Eric Morrison addressed the Board about the Conditional Use Permit for 1504 Colington Drive. He said for 25 years he has been at the property without complaints or problems and questioned why his use was not grandfathered. Mr. Morrison said it was when the Colington Pointe Subdivision was built next to him, that they had a problem with their view of 12 commercial businesses. He added that he has tried his best to keep both Dare County and Colington Pointe happy. He said he has cleaned up the property, and does not want to ruin anyone's view. Mr. Morrison told the Board he has received a letter from the County giving him four (4) days to put up a fence or be turned over to the County Attorney for legal action. He said he tries to be a law abiding citizen and added that it was his understanding that he should be grandfathered. He said the County changed the rules to allow him to have a backhoe and use existing vegetation as a fence, but asked why he is still being required to put up a wooden fence. Mr. Morrison suggested that the developer should put up a fence if they want to improve their view. He thanked the Board for allowing him to speak.

#### **ITEM 4 – INTRODUCTION OF NC TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEMBER MATT WOOD**

Matt Wood, the new Division 1 Representative on the North Carolina Transportation Board, was formally introduced to the Dare County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Wood represents Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, and Washington counties on the North Carolina Transportation Board. Mr. Wood said communications with NCDOT throughout the Division is important and his goal is to be an effective communication link. He explained that he is now in the learning and listening phase of his new position and intended to serve as a strong advocate for local government. Chairman Judge acknowledged that the Dare County Board of Commissioners would be calling on Mr. Wood. Vice-Chairman Burrus credited NCDOT for their hard work on Hatteras Island issues and asked for ongoing help with drainage problems. Commissioner Tillett expressed concern about standing water in ditches and asked Mr. Wood to look into the process for getting roads added to the NCDOT system. Commissioner Richard Johnson recalled serving with Mr. Wood on the College of the Albemarle Board.

**ITEM 5 – DARE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH – “GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT” PRESENTATION AND PROCLAMATION**

A presentation was made by Lisa Phillips, Youth Tobacco Prevention Coordinator, and members of the Manteo High School Peer Power Class who are part of the TRU (Tobacco Reality Unfiltered) movement. They gave a presentation on the upcoming Great American Smokeout Day, designed to encourage people to give up cigarettes for twenty-four hours with the hope that if they can quit for a day, they can quit for a lifetime. She said although strides have been made to reduce tobacco use, people are still dying at the rate of 33 per day. She outlined the November 17<sup>th</sup> Great American Smokeout and introduced Brenda Shiflet and the students for a unique presentation to showcase smoking related comments made by various Surgeon Generals of the United States. A proclamation was read by County Manager, Bobby Outten.

**MOTION**

Vice-Chairman Burrus and Commissioner Shea motioned to adopt a proclamation establishing November 17, 2011 as the day of the Great American Smokeout in Dare County.

Commissioner Dutton seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

**ITEM 6 – DARE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH – DARE HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE: PROCLAMATION – NOVEMBER AS HOME CARE, HOSPICE AND FAMILY CAREGIVER MONTH IN DARE COUNTY**

Ellie Ward, Nursing Director, said November is National Home Care and Hospice Month and outlined the services provided by Dare Hospice and Dare Home Health at the Dare County Department of Public Health. Ms. Ward introduced Tammy Roughton who shared her personal perspective on the rehabilitation services she received following knee replacement surgeries. Ms. Roughton explained that the care given to her was excellent and the staff deserves recognition. The County Manager read a proclamation designating November as Home Care, Hospice, and Family Caregiver Month in Dare County

**MOTION**

Commissioner Shea motioned to adopt a proclamation designating November 2011 as Home Care, Hospice, and Family Caregiver Month in Dare County.

Commissioner Dutton seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

**ITEM 7 – LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH - PROCLAMATION**

Catharine Haldas, a member of the National Lung Cancer Awareness Partnership, presented information about lung cancer and its impact on the community. She said although smoking is a leading cause of lung cancer, it is not the only cause. Ms. Haldas reported that a large number of non-smokers die from lung cancer. She explained that federal funding for lung cancer lags behind other types of cancers and called on the community to support those suffering with lung cancer as they would the victims of any other form of cancer. She asked the Dare County Board of Commissioners to issue a proclamation recognizing November 2011 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month.

**MOTION**

Commissioner Shea motioned to adopt a proclamation recognizing November 2011 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month.

Commissioner Dutton and Vice-Chairman Burrus seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

**ITEM 8 – SERIES 2011 REFUNDING CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION (Att. 1)**

Finance Director, David Clawson, explained that the refunding of Certificates of Participation (COPs) involves 2001 and 2002 COPs. He introduced Douglas Carter, President of DEC & Associates who has served Dare County as a financial advisor and asked him to explain the refunding structure and recommended action for the proceeds. Mr. Carter reviewed the previously issued COPs and explained the two (2) methods that were studied to achieve the highest savings level. He outlined the traditional and synthetic methods and reported that the County chose the synthetic structure, with use of swaps and swaptions, in order to achieve a greater level of possible savings. Mr. Carter outlined the County's COPs refunding and savings, which was approved by the Board in May 2005. He said the current financial markets are heavily influenced by changes that occurred after the financial upheaval that began

in late 2008. He reported that Dare County is currently in a favorable position with the ability to refund the 2001 and 2002 COPS in a traditional method and terminate some or all of the swaps currently in force, which would enhance the County's credit posture. Mr. Carter detailed that an estimated \$2.3 million could be saved in a refunding of the 2001/2002 COPS. He estimated the cost to terminate these COPS at \$2.3 million. He concluded that this refunding would allow the County to achieve enough savings to take out the swaps and be even, while retaining the one million dollars that has already been saved. He noted that there is not enough money, at the present time, to do the 2004 COPS. However, he noted that they would be monitored and terminated when it is advantageous to do so. In response to a question from Commissioner Richard Johnson about terminating the later series now instead of waiting until 2014, Mr. Carter explained that the proceeds would have to be put into an escrow fund. He further explained that with short-term interest rates now so low, the investment yield would be less and negate the savings. Mr. Carter said he has spoken with the North Carolina Local Government Commission and reported that they are supportive of this approach to simplify the County's debt portfolio. He added that after receiving formal Local Government Commission approval, the refunding would proceed based on timing in the economic market.

**ITEM 9 – PUBLIC HEARING – FOR SERIES 2011 REFUNDING COPS (Att. 2)**

AT 10:10 A.M., THE DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE INPUT CONCERNING THE SERIES 2011 REFUNDING COPS.

County Manager Outten conducted the hearing and invited the public to speak. No one in the meeting room responded. Chairman Judge closed the hearing at 10:11 A.M.

**ITEM 10 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO AN INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACT AND PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN OTHER RELATED MATTERS THERETO (Att. 3)**

Mr. Clawson outlined the resolution for the 2011 COPS. He said the resolution states it is in the best interests of the County to enter into an amendment to the 2002 Contract for a refinancing. He added that this will allow the County to refinance projects at a favorable interest rate and the refinanced amount will not exceed \$45 million. Mr. Clawson reported the County is not in default under any of its debt obligations, and the budget process complies with the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act. He added that the County is also in compliance with the law and has not been censured by the Local Government Commission. Mr. Clawson explained that the resolution authorizes the County Manager and Finance to negotiate the Amendment, the Finance Director to file an application with the Local Government Commission, and retains Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein as Bond Counsel, Southwest Securities as Underwriter, McGuire Woods as Underwriter's Counsel, and the Bank of New York Mellon Trust as Trustee and Escrow Agent.

**MOTION**

Vice-Chairman Burrus motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing negotiation of an amendment to an installment purchase as outlined.

Commissioner Shea seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

**ITEM 11 – PUBLIC HEARING – PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION FOR THE ROANOKE ISLAND WATER EXPANSION PROJECT (Att. 4)**

AT 10:14 A.M., THE DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE INPUT CONCERNING A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION ADOPTED OCT 3, 2011 PERTAINING TO THE ROANOKE ISLAND WATER DISTRIBUTION EXPANSION PROJECT;

A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROJECT AND ITS LOCATION IS: EXPANSION OF THE EXISTING DARE WATER SYSTEM TO INCLUDE ALL OF UNINCORPORATED ROANOKE ISLAND, CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 0.3MG ELEVATED STORAGE TANK AT THE INTERSECTION OF BOWSERTOWN ROAD AND CALIFORNIA STREET ON ROANOKE ISLAND, CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 2.0MG GROUND STORAGE TANK AT THE SKYCO WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FINISHED WATER PUMPS AND ASSOCIATED ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AT

THE SKYCO WATER TREATMENT PLANT. THE TOTAL ASSESSMENT TO BE LEVIED IS \$1,700.00 PER LOT, WHICH IS 24.8 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL PROJECT COST.  
THE PROPOSED METHOD OF PAYMENT OF THE ASSESSMENT IS: THE ASSESSMENTS MAY BE PAID IN FULL OR IN SEVEN EQUAL ANNUAL PAYMENTS OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST AT THE RATE OF 5% PER ANNUM.

County Manager Outten conducted the hearing and invited the public to speak. The following people spoke:

- 1) Will Fields – Said he has been a resident of Wanchese for over 25 years and loves it. He reported that since Hurricane Irene, people in Wanchese have been struggling trying to get their lives put back in order. Mr. Fields said he has good water and in this economy, now is not the time to hit people with a \$1,700 charge. He explained that many live on fixed incomes and many are without jobs, causing a hard time for the community. He asked the Board for help because \$1,700 is too much money to pay for our own water.

John Beasley's name was called. He said he would hold off for now and wait to see if his questions are answered. Later in the hearing, Mr. Beasley was offered another opportunity to speak, which he declined.

- 2) Mitchell Bateman – Reported that he has experienced trouble getting answers to his questions. He said he has talked to people in the Water Department and has been unable to reach Mr. Outten. He said his property is bounded by others, which have not granted easements. He asked how can you charge me a fee for property you cannot get across. He said this question could not be answered by Mr. Flatt or the Tax Department. County Manager, Robert Outten asked Mr. Bateman to call him and he would answer his question. Mr. Bateman added that the website indicates a bill would be received in the fall of 2011, which has not been received. He reported that in the late 1970's, when the water system was put in, we were promised that the County system would have no adverse effect on our local wells. He asked if the County would continue to assume its responsibility and do what needs to be done to make sure that those who choose to remain on local wells are still able to get water.
- 3) Mike Daniels – Acknowledged that we need water, but have a problem with the price of it. He said people in our community need help and any way the Board could reduce it down would be helpful. He said we have been promised a lot and unfortunately, these are terrible economic times, made worse by a hurricane. Mr. Daniels explained that any little bit of help that the Board could give would benefit the people who are struggling. He acknowledged that the Commissioners have a challenging job.
- 4) Jack C. Tillett – Said about 30 years ago, Mr. Lawrence Owens dug canals and made a subdivision in Wanchese. However when it was platted, a section of the subdivision did not have enough room to plat building lots. He said since septic tanks were forbidden at the time, these lots were subdivided in 50 foot parcels and were sold to small boat owners. Mr. Tillett said he bought one and is now required to pay \$1,700 in order to put water on a lot that I cannot dispose of properly in a septic tank. He asked the Board to eliminate that particular lot or give him permission to build a septic tank and sell it as a building lot.
- 5) David Light – Commented that it would be nice to have County water, but does not know if he can afford it. He reported that he owns several pieces of land, which would result in almost \$14,000 in assessment fees, or almost \$200 per month for seven (7) years. He said this is a serious financial burden that is being placed on his family. He added that in addition to the assessment fees, it would take about another \$4,000 to get water, plus the water bill on top of that. Mr. Light said in our post-hurricane economy, this is going to be tough. He said asking him to sign over a right-of-way is really a formality, since the County is going to take it if he does not give it. He acknowledged that the Board is in a tough spot, but said a lot of people are in tougher spots.
- 6) JoAnne Baum Clift – Asked why there has not been a public hearing until now. She said we have had meetings, but does not think there has been a public hearing on the fees. Ms. Clift said the problem started 30 years ago when we were promised that everything would be fine to pump water all the way to Corolla, which we now know is incorrect. She added that people in Wanchese and Skyco have suffered and will have a financial hardship, especially those on disability and social security, and those impacted by the hurricane. She expressed hope that grant money could be made available for low-income homeowners,

perhaps through Interfaith Community. She said Stumpy Point got their water through grant funds and asked the Board to find grant money for low-income residents.

- 7) Don Dwyer – Explained that two years ago, he went to two meetings on this and the majority of people did not want this water project. He said he did not like the County asking for input and then doing the opposite thing of what people wanted. He said the timing is horrendous in view of the current unemployment rate, inflation, food stamp usage, and the financial burden that it will place on retirees and hurricane victims. Mr. Dwyer asked the Board to do anything they can to lower the costs or stretch them out and said this would be appreciated by the entire community.
- 8) Barbara St. Amand – Said one of Roanoke Island’s attractions to her was having her own well for water without chemical treatments. She said it would disappoint her not to be hooked-up to her own well. She explained that she is a Senior Citizen living on a fixed income and asked the Board to look at waivers, grants, or other help for families on fixed incomes. She said in addition to the \$1,700 assessment, there is a connection fee, security deposit and private plumber cost, which totals \$2,147 that is due by next March. She asked that a map of proposed fire hydrants be distributed so she can check with her insurance company for a possible discount. She also asked for a projection of what the water cost would be for a family of four and a family of two, on a monthly basis.
- 9) Sandra Robinson – Explained that she was born in Manteo 71 years ago and bought about 100 acres in Wanchese when she was 25 years old. She said it is becoming increasingly more difficult to live here now and her children and grandchildren may not be able to afford living here. Ms. Robinson outlined that it will cost her \$6,000 for the three properties that she owns. She said she would like the new water system and can come up with the money, but to think that our water, that we had no problem with until we built the Skyco plant, is being pumped out and now you are going to sell it back to us. She said it is not right that we should have to pay a water bill on a fixed income.
- 10) Brian Pledger – Reported that he is on disability with serious medical issues and has incurred a large amount of hospital bills. He said that his fixed income has been taken by medical bills and is upset about what is going on. He asked what is the County going to do if he cannot pay. He also asked if they would use eminent domain and put him and his wife out on the street. Mr. Pledger said he and others cannot afford to pay it and it breaks his heart to see what is going on and what the County has done to us.
- 11) Florence Burnham – Said she moved here 33 years ago and is now a 90-year old cancer survivor. She said she was in stage 4 of the disease and in hospice care but was cured. She said her oncologist describes her as a miracle woman. Ms. Burnham said her water cured her and she consumed a lot of it. Ms. Burnham emphasized that she wants her water.
- 12) Vivian Berry – Told the Board she is a native of Dare County and a widow who owns three pieces of property. She explained that it is a financial burden on her to come up with this water money. She said on a fixed income this is impossible and asked the Board to help people in these types of situations.

Mitchell Bateman asked to speak again and have his questions answered. County Manager, Robert Outten, asked Mr. Bateman to call him directly for the answers to his questions.

Chairman Judge closed the hearing at 10:43 A.M. and thanked everyone who participated.

The Chairman provided his cell phone number (473-8250) and the number to contact the County Manager (475-5811). Commissioner Tillett included her number as resource for those with questions (473-2753). Chairman Judge urged people to call with questions and said we will get you to the right person for answers. He also outlined several email addresses, including the County Manager, [outten@darenc.com](mailto:outten@darenc.com); Warren Judge, [warrenj@darenc.com](mailto:warrenj@darenc.com); and Commissioner Tillett [virginiaat@darenc.com](mailto:virginiaat@darenc.com). Commissioner Tillett said we are listening, and encourage your questions. She added that this is a hardship for everyone and we are looking for ways to make it work. Chairman Judge explained that this process started in 2005 and had a series of public meetings and asked the County Manager what action is required today. Mr. Outten said the assessment resolution is being adopted which allows the County to move forward. He outlined the next step, which is conducting a public hearing on the assessment role. He

explained that prior to the hearing, a map will be available for inspection in the Clerk's office and people can speak at the hearing if they believe they should not be assessed prior to adopting the final assessment role. Commissioner Tillett asked if today's hearing was a formality because the project is moving forward. Mr. Outten said the hearing today is a required step prior to sending out the assessment role. He added that although the \$1,700 assessment cannot be changed, he would see if anything can be done to address the issues raised during today's public hearing, such as help for low-income property owners. Commissioner Shea asked if any grant money was available. Mr. Outten said we will follow-up with the Department of Social Services and others. Chairman Judge explained that our Congressman and Senators have been asked to provide federal help to assist in the costs of the project. He asked for an explanation of the grant process that was used for Stumpy Point. Finance Director, David Clawson said that area qualified for help from the U.S.D.A. based on household income. Mr. Outten said Stumpy Point benefited from some clean water funds to alleviate environmental issues in that community. Chairman Judge clarified that the Stumpy Point water system met a means test of household income on the mainland that we cannot meet in any other part of the County and that the sewer system in Stumpy Point received State help for the environmental issues. He added that grants have been explored. Commissioner Richard Johnson said when this project was approved years ago, there was no way to predict the economic conditions today or the impact of Hurricane Irene. He said we made decisions with the best of intentions, and at the time, twice as many people liked it as those who spoke against it. He said we were told by the Fire Departments that we would lose our insurance rating if we did not get public water. He added that with two gas companies on the road to Wanchese, it would be a serious problem if a fire were ever to occur. Commissioner Richard Johnson asked if the cost could be extended further. The Finance Director said we would have to analyze it with the debt structure model. Mr. Outten reported that seven years was the maximum under the statute, but will check to see if there have been any recent extensions. In response to a question from Commissioner Richard Johnson about whether we could base the fees on exactly what it costs the County, Mr. Outten said if we change now it could affect the rate model that was used for the rating companies when we borrowed the funds for the project. He added that the resolution needs to be adopted today to continue on the established timeline, however if there is a way to address some of the concerns expressed today, he will come back to the Board with a plan of action. Chairman Judge again thanked everyone for speaking at the public hearing and said we understand your concerns and welcome your calls.

#### **MOTION**

Commissioner Shea motioned to adopt the assessment resolution and authorize the notice of the preliminary assessment role and set a public hearing on the preliminary assessment role for 5:30 p.m., November 21, 2011. Commissioner Dutton seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

#### **ITEM 12 – CONSENT AGENDA (Att. 5)**

#### **MOTION**

Commissioner Shea motioned to approve the Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of Minutes (10.17.11)
- 2) CenturyLink Centurion Maintenance Contract, Hatteras Administration Building VOIP Equipment
- 3) DELL Leasing Documents
- 4) Crisis Intervention Program Budget Amendment
- 5) Health – CAP-C Modifications

Vice-Chairman Burrus and Commissioner Dutton seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

#### **ITEM 13 – BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

- 1) Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Commissioner Tillett motioned to appoint Sheila Davies, Stephen Wescott, Kara Rap, and Wes Rawles.

Commissioner Shea seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

Commissioner Tillett noted that all would make good members of the Council

2) Older Adult Services Advisory Council

Commissioner Tillett motioned to reappoint Henry Haywood and Kathy Crowder.  
Vice-Chairman Burrus seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

Commissioner Tillett asked the record to show that Lynn Thomason and Marjorie Midgett have served as dedicated Council members. Chairman Judge said the Board is looking for people from the South Beach Area and the Mainland who are willing to serve on the Older Adult Services Advisory Council

3) Upcoming Board Appointments for December 2011 and January 2012

Chairman Judge announced the upcoming Board Appointments for December 2011 for the Board of Equalization and Review, Parks and Recreation Advisory Council, Special Motor Vehicle Valuation Review Board, and Tourism Board. He also outlined the upcoming Board Appointments for January 2012 for the Albemarle Commission – Board of Directors, Nursing Home Community Advisory Council, and Dare County Transportation Advisory Board.

**ITEM 14 – COMMISSIONERS’ BUSINESS**

Commissioner Virginia Tillett

- Reported that she and Chairman Judge attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Wanchese Fire Station.
- She thanked Senator Tillman for his efforts helping our commercial fishermen.
- Urged everyone to remember our Veterans this Friday on Veterans Day.

Vice-Chairman Allen Burrus

- Thanked NCDOT and the Sheriff’s Office for their hard work over the weekend keeping roads open.
- Asked the State for a guardrail in the Mirlo Beach area to offer protection from holes.
- Expressed gratitude to the Saltwater Connection and Scenic Byways Committee for working hard to promote the area.
- Called for a coordinated and continued effort to help people recover from Hurricane Irene.
- He cited an area on the north side of the Bonner Bridge that needs continual monitoring.
- Congratulated the service pin recipients and acknowledged the Employee of the Month, Paul Selby.
- Said in looking at water costs, we will have to see what we can do for those who are struggling throughout the County.
- Thanked the Board of Commissioners, the County Manager, and staff for the work done to help people on Hatteras Island.

Commissioner Jack Shea

- Congratulated the Employee of the Month and recognized the service pin recipients.
- Encouraged everyone to remember our Veterans and especially the wounded Veterans all year long.

Commissioner Richard Johnson – None

Commissioner Max Dutton

- Expressed appreciation for the service pin recipients and congratulated Paul Selby, Employee of the Month.
- Thanked the Peer Power student group for their presentation and reminded everyone that 33 people die each day from smoking related illnesses. He said he would like to revisit a smoking ordinance. He added that this would look towards limiting smoking at Parks and Recreation facilities, preventing smoking related fires, and designate smoking areas. The County Manager asked when he would like to revisit this issue and Commissioner Dutton indicated February 2012.
- Called on the community to remember our Veterans.

Chairman Warren Judge

- Reflected on the tremendous services that were provided by our Fire Departments along with Law Enforcement and EMS during Hurricane Irene.
- Announced that NCDOT will be coming to Dare County December 5 to conduct public meetings.

- Reported that Outer Banks Catch is moving closer to bringing together a community group to create a seafood festival and merging them into Outer Banks Catch. He added that a seafood festival would bring money and jobs and fund Outer Banks Catch in its mission.

**MANAGER'S/ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS**

- County Manager, Robert Outten – None

AT 11:18 A.M. THE DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED UNTIL 5:00 P.M. ON NOVEMBER 21, 2011.



Respectfully submitted,

By:   
Gary Gross, Clerk to the Board

APPROVED:

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

