



County of Dare

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MINUTES

DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Dare County Administration Building, Manteo, NC

9:00 a.m., February 7, 2022

Commissioners present: Chairman Robert Woodard, Sr., Vice Chairman Wally Overman
Rob Ross, Steve House, Jim Tobin, Danny Couch, Ervin Bateman

Commissioners absent: None

Others present: County Manager/Attorney, Robert Outten
Deputy County Manager/Finance Director, David Clawson
Master Public Information Officer, Dorothy Hester
Clerk to the Board, Cheryl Anby

A full and complete account of the entire Board of Commissioners meeting is archived on a video which is available for viewing on the Dare County website www.darenc.com.

At 9:02 a.m. Chairman Woodard called to order the regularly scheduled meeting with appropriate prior public notice having been given. He invited Rev. Wayne Berry, of All Saints Episcopal, to share a prayer, and then Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ITEM 1 – OPENING REMARKS – CHAIRMAN’S UPDATE

The following is a brief outline of items mentioned by Chairman Woodard:

- February was Black History Month. He encouraged everyone to research the many contributions made to this country.
- He thanked everyone for the cards and letters his family had received since the passing of his mother last week.
- Presented Stan White with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine award. Mr. White had served the community as a public school teacher and later with his own construction company in 1975. He had been a Dare County Commissioner for eight years and served as the chairman for three. As a native of Dare County, he had also shared his talents on the North Carolina Transportation Board, General Contractors Licensing Board and the Tourism Board. Chairman Woodard stated he was most deserving of this highest honor from the State of North Carolina.

MEETING RECESSED AT 9:11 a.m. AND RESUMED 9:13 A.M.

ITEM 2 – PRESENTATION OF COUNTY SERVICE PINS

- 1) Robyn Dozier, Physician II for the schools, received her 10-year pin.
- 2) Thomas Francisco, EMS Deputy Director, received his 20-year pin.
- 3) Tammy Reber, Senior Administrative Officer at the Dare County Division of Social Services, received her 35-year pin from Chuck Lycett.

ITEM 3 – EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – February 2022

Katelin Kight received the Employee of the Month award from Master Public Information Officer, Dorothy Hester. Katelin, who began working in the Public Relations Department in 2020, had made a tremendous positive impact on the county's communications efforts to include web development, photography and the county's branding and outreach.

ITEM 4 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

At 9:32 a.m. the Manager outlined the procedure for making public comments in Manteo and via the video link to the Fessenden Center Annex in Buxton. No one responded to the invitation to address the Board and Mr. Outten closed Public Comments at 9:32 a.m.

ITEM 5 – PUBLIC HEARING – REQUEST TO CLOSE A PORTION OF BEACON ROAD IN RODANTHE (Att. #1)

Noah Gillam, Planning Director, explained he had received several emails from residents and had responded to each to explain the issues. David Dixon, counsel for the applicants, summarized the request was made to provide additional septic setbacks for the residents on Beacon Road. The request had been amended after the initial public hearing on January 3, 2022, in order to address concerns about access and provide a more defined legal description of the area to be closed.

At 9:35 a.m. the Board held a Public Hearing to receive input concerning this item. The Manager outlined the same procedure for making public comments. No one responded to the invitation to address the Board of Commissioners on this issue. Mr. Outten closed the Public Hearing at 9:36 a.m. and then read the Order for the Board's consideration.

MOTION

Commissioner House motioned to adopt the Order declaring a forty foot portion of the unimproved eastern terminus and cul-de-sac of Beacon Road to be closed.

Commissioner Tobin seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 6 – AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE FOR TOWNS' BEACH NOURISHMENT PROJECT AND BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR FINAL DEBT SERVICE AMOUNTS

Mr. Clawson provided a summary and explained the budget for the towns' beach nourishment projects had to be adjusted for the construction and contingency appropriations for each town and to change each of the town contribution amounts. This was bid last fall and when the budget was addressed in September. The amendment would take care of adjusting the construction amounts for each town due to increased yardage for the projects.

MOTION

Commissioner Tobin motioned to adopt the amendment to the Capital Project Ordinance, adopt the budget amendment for the Capital Investment (General) Fund, and adopt the budget amendment for the Beach Nourishment Fund.

Vice-Chairman Overman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 7 – RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DARE, NC, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO AN INSTALLMENT FINANCING CONTRACT AND DELIVERY THEREOF AND PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN OTHER RELATED MATTERS (Att. #2)

Mr. Clawson presented a resolution to the Board as the final step in the private placement of the 2022A and 2022B Limited Obligation Bonds (LOBs) which would finance the County's Buxton and Avon beach nourishment projects. He provided financing bid tabulations for both LOB's. The resolution affirms Truist Bank as the lender. He provided a handout to illustrate how the Financial Model for Shoreline Protection Fund was anticipated to perform for 2022, 2025 and 2027 projects. The bond issuance was approved by LGC on February 4, 2022. Series 2022A was \$22,138,293 as a five-year debt. Truist Bank had provided the lowest bid. Series 2022B was \$6,356,736 to be reimbursed by FEMA. Final reimbursement normally took several years to receive and the bonds would provide interim cash flow. Truist Bank was also the low bid. Commissioner Ross commented there was 5 million cubic yards in two projects at a cost of \$64 million which would calculate to just under \$13 a cubic yard. He asked how that compared to past projects. Mr. Clawson answered five years ago the cost had been \$17 a cubic yard. Mr. Outten stated the beach nourishment model was performing at or better than projections.

MOTION

Vice-Chairman Overman motioned to adopt the Approving Resolution for the 2022A and 2022B LOBs.

Commissioner Bateman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 8 – PROCLAMATION FOR MARCH 2022 AS THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM

The Board was presented with a proclamation by the Albemarle Commission for the Area Agency on Aging & Senior Nutrition Program.

MOTION

Commissioner House motioned to adopt the Proclamation to recognize March 2022 as the 50th anniversary of the National Senior Nutrition Program.

Commissioner Ross seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous.

ITEM 9 – CONSENT AGENDA

The Manager announced the items as they were visually displayed in the meeting room.

MOTION

Commissioner House motioned to approve the Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of Minutes (01.22.22) **(Att. #3)**
- 2) DHHS – Community Child Protection Team and Child Fatality Prevention Team (CCPT/CFPT) Annual Report
- 3) Sheriff's Office – Budget Amendment for Human Trafficking Grant Award
- 4) Government Education Access Channels Committee 2022-23 Proposed Budget
- 5) Resolution to Update the County's List of Official Depositories **(Att. #4)**

Commissioner Tobin seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 10 – BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The upcoming Board appointments for March, April and May, 2022 were announced.

ITEM 11 – COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS & MANAGER'S/ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS

Commissioners and the County Manager frequently make extensive remarks. Following is a brief summary outline of the items mentioned by Commissioners during this segment:

Commissioner Ross

- Congratulated the service pin recipients, Katelin Kight, employee of the month, and Noah Gillam, as the new planning director.
- He reminded everyone that during March 21-25, there would be an opportunity to volunteer and deliver senior meals, as part of the National Senior Nutrition Program.
- On February 22, he would be taking the polar plunge with Commissioner Bateman at Jennette's Pier to raise funds for Special Olympic athletes in Dare County.

Commissioner House

- On February 7, 1926, Carter G. Woodson initiated the first celebration of Negro History Week. He had been the son of former slaves and had earned a PhD. In 1976, the nation recognized February as National Black History Month.

Vice-Chairman Overman

- Thanked the service pin recipients for their dedicated service and congratulated Katelin Kight, as the February Employee of the Month.
- Expressed his appreciation for the extensive work done by Mr. Clawson and Mr. Outten on the beach nourishment projects.

Commissioner Bateman

- Offered congratulations to Stan White for his many contributions to the community.
- Invited others to join or watch him and Commissioner Ross take the polar plunge on February 22, 2022 at Jennette's Pier to benefit Special Olympics athletes.
- He congratulated today's service pin recipients.

Commissioner Couch

- Noted the service pin recipients were quite a testament to all Dare employees.
- Stated beach nourishment projects were important for the preservation of our economy.
- Thanked everyone for their participation in the Corps presentation on February 1. There had been a great cross section of community attendance.
- The Rodanthe Bridge was anticipated to open March 5. There were 500 respondents for the 5k run across the bridge.

Commissioner Tobin

- Presented new photographs showing the progress of the construction of Miss Katie. He added there was much work being done on the inside such as electrical and painting.
- Two vessels had recently run aground at Oregon Inlet due to the increased fog. He noted Congressman Murphy had recently contacted him to discuss strategizing on how to get more involvement from the Corps and Coast Guard.

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MOTION

Vice Chairman Overman motioned to reengage in the lobby agreement with McGuireWoods and authorize the County Manager to execute the agreement.

Commissioner Couch seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

Dave Clawson commented he would have additional items for the town’s beach nourishment project at the next meeting.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Tobin motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner House seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

At 10:16 a.m., the Board of Commissioners adjourned until 5:00 p.m., February 22, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

[SEAL]

By: _____
Cheryl C. Anby, Clerk to the Board

APPROVED: By: _____
Robert Woodard, Sr., Chairman
Dare County Board of Commissioners

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