



County of Dare

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MINUTES

DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Dare County Administration Building, Manteo, NC

5:00 p.m., April 20, 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
Skyler Foley, Assistant Clerk

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.

At 5:00 p.m. Chairman Woodard called to order the regularly scheduled meeting with appropriate prior public notice having been given. He invited Dr. Wayne Barry to share a prayer, and then Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

At 5:03 p.m. Chairman recognized Congressman Greg Murphy M.D. before they continued with the agenda. Congressman Murphy briefly addressed the pandemic, his visit at the new College of the Albemarle campus located in Dare County, and the local community worker shortage. He also commended the Commissioners on their efforts towards providing affordable housing.

ITEM 1 – OPENING REMARKS – CHAIRMAN’S UPDATE

A brief outline of the items mentioned by Chairman Woodard follows:

- Discussed the National Hurricane Conference that he and the County Manager attended. He shared useful information and statistics. He commended Dare County staff for their efforts on being proactive and informative with notifying the public before and after a storm.
- The Dare COA ribbon cutting had taken place on April 8, at 2:00 p.m. with 300 to 500 people attending the ceremony.
- The ribbon cutting for the Rodanthe Bridge was April 9 with a large attendance of walkers and bikers across the new bridge.
- He asked everyone to continue with their thoughts and prayers for Ukraine.

ITEM 2 – GOVERNOR’S AWARD FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Shannon Toler Glasser, Coordinator for Friends of Youth Program, presented the following recipients of the Governor’s Award for Volunteer Service: Dennis Carroll, Kathy Hersey,

RJ Mills, Phil Daniels, Andy Hatzigeorgiou, Linda Palombo, Rendy King, Nancy Caviness and Jay Philips. See archived video for presentation.

ITEM 3 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

At 5:40 p.m. the County Manager explained 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 Public Comments closed at 5:41 p.m.

ITEM 4– PUBLIC HEARING – ZONING AMENDMENT TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT ORDINANCE AND ASSOCIATED ZONING DISTRICTS (Att. #1)

At 5:41 p.m. the Board held a Public Hearing to receive input concerning this item. Mr. Outten outlined the same procedure for making public comments. No one responded to the invitation to address the Board and the public hearing closed at 5:42 p.m. Vice-Chairman Overman asked Noah Gillam, Planning Director, if there were revisions made per discussion. Mr. Gillam advised the following language had been added: "The following standards shall apply to ADUs only located in the R-1 zoning districts. 1). Any ADU constructed in the R-1, the parcel shall be accessed from a state maintained road, private road, publicly dedicated road, and/or a 20' easement."

MOTION

Vice-Chairman Overman motioned to move the draft amendments to Sec. 22-58.6 and the associated zoning districts be adopted with the revisions outlined in quotes above. A statement of consistency and reasonableness as prepared by staff is adopted as part of this motion.

Commissioner House seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 5 – GRANT APPLICATION– MISS KATIE – OREGON INLET DREDGING (Att. #2)

Barton Grover, Grants & Waterways Administrator, requested the Board to authorize the submission of a N.C. DEQ Shall Draft Navigation Fund grant application. He explained that if awarded, up to 66% of costs (\$6,000,000) incurred for dredging Oregon Inlet and nearby channels with Miss Katie would be borne by the State. The remaining matching would be paid by Dare County through the Oregon Inlet Maintenance account.

MOTION

Commissioner Tobin motioned to authorize the submission of grant application and adopt the Resolution to Sponsor the Miss Katie – Oregon Inlet Dredging Project.

Commissioner House seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 6 – PROCLAMATION – OLDER AMERICANS MONTH 2022

In recognition of May as "Older Americans Month", the Board was provided a proclamation to support older Americans' choices about how they age in their communities.

MOTION

Vice-Chairman Overman motioned to issue the proclamation as presented.

Commissioner House seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 7 – 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 (04.04.22) and Special Meeting Minutes (04.01.22) **(Att. #3a&3b)**
- 2) DHHS Social Services APS Essential Services Funding
- 3) DHHS Social Services Direct Care Worker Bonus

Commissioner Bateman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 8 – BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- 1) Older Adult Services Advisory Council

Commissioner Couch motioned to appoint Isaac Simonsen, Mary Ellen Holland, and Margaret Reber-Dennis as requested by the council.

Commissioner Tobin seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

- 2) Upcoming Board Appointments

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

ITEM 9 – COMMISSIONERS’ BUSINESS & MANAGER’S/ATTORNEY’S BUSINESS

A brief summary of the items mentioned by Commissioners and County Manager follows:

Commissioner Tobin

- Discussed information about the new dredge, “Miss Katie”, and showed a short video clip. The delivery date is hoped to be sometime by the end of June.

Commissioner Ross

- Attended the SPCA Board meeting on April 19, 2022 and shared he was very impressed with the Board members and their agenda, vision and mission for the animal shelter.
- On April 24, 2022, he attended a “Bark in the Park” event at Dowdy Park from 1-5:00 p.m.

Commissioner House

- Marine Fisheries Commission was asking anglers to help with data collection during cobia season for the recreational part of the season either by phone or online submission.
- The Marine Fisheries Commission would be having a public hearing and public comment pertaining to waters managed jointly by the NC Marine Fisheries Commission and the NC Wildlife Resources Commission. He noted it appeared not much was changing from the past few years and it was just time to be readopted.
- An automobile accident had taken the life of Steve Basnight Jr. He had been instrumental in the commercial fishing industry and Commissioner House had often relied on his advice regarding the local commercial fishing industry. He also remembered Andrew Berry, who had also passed away this past week.
- History today: In 1999 the Columbine High School shooting shocked the nation.
- Mentioned he was enlightened by the students that spoke during the COA ribbon cutting, as they were recipients of the Dare County Scholarship Fund.
- Thanked and congratulated the recipients of the Governor's Award for Volunteer Service.

- Provided a video of "Gage" the Dare County SPCA Pet of the Week and reminded everyone of the "Bark in the Park" event at Dowdy Park on April 24, 2022.

Vice-Chairman Overman

- He thanked and congratulated the individuals that received the Governor's Award for Volunteer Service
- The RPO had a meeting, he asked about a status report on the Alligator River Bridge replacement. He stated that the DOT representative said the environmental document had been approved. There were other aspects of the project being worked on and discussed. He stated that the current estimated cost would be \$212,265,400.00.

Commissioner Bateman

- Mentioned the passing of Steve Basnight Jr. who had been a customer of his for over thirty years.
- Stated that he had two hostesses at his restaurant enrolled in the Dual Enrollment program offered at COA and two employees enrolled at COA as full time students.
- He provided an update on Dare Challenge. "We got dirt on the ground now, it's in engineering and architecture". He is very eager for the project to be completed.

Commissioner Couch

- He thanked and congratulated the Governor's Award Volunteer Service recipients.
- Easter weekend had been busy. If April and May remain strong, there could be another good year of occupancy revenues.
- He had visited the First Flight Society in Currituck with Barbara Snowden as a great speaker. He hoped Wilber Wright's birthday would get similar attention.
- Mentioned Steve Basnight Jr's passing and how each Board member had a relationship with him in some way.
- Acknowledged and thanked Dorothy Hester and her Public Relations department for all of their hard work during this busy time.

MANAGER'S/ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS

Mr. Outten had attended several of the informative social media meetings during the Hurricane Conference and noted that much of the suggestions were already being done by Dare County. He stated that it was worth going just to see we were still up to speed and not getting left behind. Our staff had done a great job keeping everyone informed.

The Dare County helicopter had been out of commission for a few weeks. It was currently in Texas getting a new five-blade rotor to address the vibration issue. Airbus had offered a maintenance agreement and had prorated the age of our helicopter to compute a buy-in program with a discount. The total would be \$217,199 and would provide staff SIMS training, return to service flight support, and a delay penalty if they do not get work done on time.

MOTION

Commissioner House motioned to authorize Mr. Outten to sign the Airbus agreement and transfer \$217,199.00 from the appropriated fund to the Dare MedFlight HCare account. Commissioner Bateman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

NC Works had contacted the county looking for office space. Their current lease ends in May. Mr. Outten has tentatively offered the small conference room on the first floor of the Administration Building to them subject to the Commissioners' approval. After a brief discussion, there was Board consensus to move forward with the offer.

During this time Commissioner Bateman stated that as of 12:00 p.m. today (April 20th) we were losing the Unemployment Security Commission Services that are located locally.

Mr. Outten discussed the upcoming workshop for Monday, April 25, 2022. The current agenda items were as follows: budget discussion, workplace improvement discussion, and CIP. Additionally, there would be discussion regarding the monthly Board meeting schedule for next year. Mr. Outten also mentioned he had asked a Lumens representative to come and present more information regarding the broadband proposal as well.

Dorothy Hester stated that the Hurricane Conference was a good reminder for people and it was a good time for people to start thinking about hurricane season. The Public Relations office had put out a notification for re-entry permit applications. The web link could be found at darenc.com/reentry. The OBXAlerts was an important feature that could be used when citizens needed to know information quickly. She discussed the details on the flood level poles that had been placed throughout the county with more information to follow.

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

MOTION

Commissioner Tobin motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Bateman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

At 6:36 p.m., the Board of Commissioners adjourned until 9:00 a.m., May 2, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,



By: *Cheryl C. Anby*
Cheryl C. Anby, Deputy Clerk to the Board

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

Note: Copies of attachments (Att.), ordinances, resolutions, contracts, presentations, and supporting material considered by the Board of Commissioners at this meeting are on file in the office of the Clerk.