



County of Dare

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MINUTES

DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Dare County Administration Building, Manteo, NC

9:00 a.m., November 2, 2020

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 C. Anby

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

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Woodard called to order the regularly scheduled meeting with appropriate prior public notice having been given. He read the invocation provided by Chaplain Cherri Wheeler and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Chairman Woodard offered a moment of silence for the October 23, 2020 Buxton fire victims.

ITEM 1 – OPENING REMARKS – CHAIRMAN’S UPDATE

Following is a brief outline of the items mentioned by Chairman Woodard during his opening remarks, which can be viewed in their entirety in a video on the Dare County website:

- He attended the “Get Pinked” walk for cancer event at Dowdy Park, which had a good turn out with an approximate \$10,000 in donations.
- Reminded Dare residents to participate in the democratic system to vote tomorrow and noted an estimated 14,000 citizens had taken advantage of early voting opportunities.

ITEM 2 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

At 9:08 a.m. the Manager outlined the procedure for making public comments via emails to dcboc@darenc.com. No one responded to the invitation to address the Board. The County Manager closed Public Comments at 9:09 a.m.

Note: Some agenda items were handled out of sequential order to accommodate the time specific for the Public Hearing scheduled for 9:30 a.m.

ITEM 3 – PUBLIC HEARING– FY2022 NCDOT 5310, 5311 AND COMBINED CAPITAL PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATIONS (Att. #1)

At 9:30 a.m. the Board held a Public Hearing to receive input concerning this agenda item. The Manager outlined the procedure for making public comments. No one responded to address the Board. **The County Manager closed the Public Hearing at 9:31 a.m.**

MOTION

Commissioner House motioned to adopt the Public Transportation FY22 Program Resolution Vice-Chairman Overman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 4 – EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY MEASURES FOR RESTAURANTS AND MOBILE FOOD UNITS (Att. #2)

On May 18, 2020, the Board adopted temporary measures for the use of outdoor areas for restaurants and mobile food units, or trucks, which expire on December 31, 2020. Donna Creef, Planning Board Director, requested a public hearing on November 16, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., in order to consider the extension of these measures to December 31, 2021.

MOTION

Vice-Chairman Overman motioned to schedule a Public Hearing on November 16, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., in order to consider extending the temporary measures for the operation of restaurants and mobile food units.

Commissioners House and Bateman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 5 – DARE COUNTY DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES – PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION: PROCLAMATION – HOME CARE, PALLIATIVE CARE AND HOSPICE MONTH (Att. #3)

A proclamation was presented by the County's Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Division, to encourage Dare citizens to learn more about options of home care and increase the quality of life for patients and family caregivers.

MOTION

Commissioner House motioned to proclaim November 2020 as "Home Care, Palliative Care and Hospice Month" in Dare County

Vice-Chairman Overman and Commissioner Tobin seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 6 – COLLEGE OF THE ALBEMARLE EARLY SITE PACKAGE GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE

Dave Clawson explained Barnhill had bid the site package for the COA project. He presented an amendment to the Capital Ordinance for the project and Change Order No. 2. The Board discussed the changes and Mr. Clawson clarified the estimates and bid numbers were currently \$541,000 under the Board approved maximum price for the project.

MOTION

Commissioner House motioned to approve the Early Site Package Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$1,703,680.00, authorize the County Manager to sign the Change Order number two and approve the amendment to the Capital Project Ordinance.

Commissioner Ross seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 7 – COLLEGE OF THE ALBEMARLE PROJECT – DARE CAMPUS

Mr. Outten explained several members of the Board, Dr. Jack N. Bagwell, President of the COA, Town of Manteo representatives and others had met with Boomerang Design to review the various exterior and interior finishes for the COA Project. The final design for the 36,000 square foot project was presented to the Board for approval. The architect would soon move forward to begin ordering materials for the facility. The County Manager formed the materials were believed to be hardy and long-lasting with minimal maintenance expected. There could be some color changes brought to the Board at a later date.

MOTION

Vice-Chairman Overman motioned to approve the final design for the Dare Campus, College of The Albemarle Project.

Commissioner Bateman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 8– 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 (10.19.20) **(Att. #4)**
- 2) Sheriff's Department Transfer of Funds
- 3) Road Request – East Midgett Way, Waves **(Att. #5)**
- 4) Dare County Transportation System Safety Plan

Commissioner Tobin seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 9 – UPCOMING BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The upcoming Board appointments for December, 2020, January, 2021 and February 2021 were announced.

ITEM 10 – COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS & MANAGER'S/ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS

Commissioners and the County Manager frequently make extensive remarks, which can be viewed in their entirety in a video on the Dare County website. Following is a brief summary outline of the items mentioned by Commissioners during this segment:

Commissioner Couch

- He attended the vigil for the four fire victims in Buxton.
- Dare County Waterways was looking towards the future of waterways issues, including the concerns of working waterman, crabbing, net fishing and the increasing recreational aspects. He noted Brent Johnson, Grants and Waterways Project Manager, was also involved and updates would follow.

Commissioner Bateman

- Conveyed heartfelt prayers and sympathies to the families affected by the tragic fire in Buxton.
- He urged Dare citizens to take advantage of the gift to vote and to voice their opinions.

Vice-Chairman Overman

- He was pleased to participate in the design of the new COA project. The completed campus would be something Dare County would be proud of for many years to come.
- The RPO met October 21 and; as with every meeting, he brought up replacement of the Alligator River Bridge siting failures of the span since it was fixed have gone on too long. He hoped to have Representative Murphy involved for a more positive resolution.
- CSI Board meeting indicated they were moving ahead with research work. Dr. Reide Corbett had aggressive plan to move on an undergraduate and graduate level. Dr. Jack Bagwell, President of COA, would be joining the board and should strengthen efforts between the two institutions.
- He thanked all who had voted and encouraged everyone to exercise their fundamental right to vote. He also urged everyone to keep the Buxton fire victim families in prayer.

Commissioner House

- He expressed thanks to the many first responders in the Buxton fire tragedy and the heartwarming affection shown by the community.
- For a day-in-history he presented the acquisition of two U.S. states in 1889 which were North and South Dakota. On this day in 1983, President Regan had signed a bill recognizing Martin Luther King Day.
- Reminded everyone to take part in the fundamental right to vote.

Commissioner Tobin

- Had a meeting with the Marine Industrial Park Authority. John Bayliss discussed the possibility of a boat building school on site, similar to the Landing School in Maine, to be considered for the area, if there was interest. There was also some discussion about collaborating with COA for future boat-building offerings.
- There was a P 520 boat in the marina recently headed for New York. It was similar to the boat of John F. Kennedy fame during World War II and the vessel used in the 1960's show "McHale's Navy". In WWII, these "crash boats" retrieved downed pilots and crew.
- He encouraged everyone to vote and expressed condolences for the families in the Buxton tragedy.

Commissioner Ross

- He echoed the Board's condolences to the families of the Buxton fire tragedy.
- Acknowledged the latest Covid-19 report had noted less than three percent of emergency visits were "Covid related".
- He conveyed his opinion on several noteworthy news items.

MANAGER'S/ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS

Mr. Outten provided the background for consideration of an amendment to the MOU between Dare and the College of The Albemarle. It would increase the eligibility of enrollment from sixteen months to twenty-four months. **(Att. #6)**

MOTION

Commissioner House motioned to amend the MOU for the Dare Guarantee College Tuition Scholarship Program to increase the eligibility of enrollment from 16 months to 24 months. Commissioner Ross and Vice-Chairman Overman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

Mr. Clawson said he would provide updates on the Manteo High School roof project along with the other capital projects in following meetings.

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

MOTION

Commissioners Tobin and House motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Bateman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

At 9:58 a.m., the Board of Commissioners adjourned until 5:00 p.m., November 16, 2020.



Respectfully submitted,

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