

**PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
MARCH 16, 2009**

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners met today in a regular meeting on Monday, March 16, 2009 in Courtroom C in the Pasquotank County Courthouse.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Marshall H. Stevenson, Jr., Chairman  
Lloyd E. Griffin III, Vice-Chairman  
Matt Wood  
Bill Trueblood  
Cecil Perry  
Jeff Dixon

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jimmie Harris (due to illness)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Randy Keaton, County Manager  
Rodney Bunch, Assistant County Manager  
R. Michael Cox, County Attorney  
Karen Jennings, Clerk to the Board

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Marshall Stevenson. Dr. Walter L. Smith, Pastor of Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church, gave the invocation and Vice-Chairman Lloyd Griffin led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**1. COMMENTS FROM BARBARA MANSFIELD:**

Chairman Stevenson recognized Ms. Barbara Mansfield of 213 Forest Park Road. Ms. Mansfield said she would like for the Board to consider supporting Davies Law, House Bill 6 and Senate Bill 199 which require that any animals that have to be put down in the animal shelters will be put down by lethal injection and not gas chambers, electrocution, or heart sticks. She stated that Pasquotank County already uses lethal injection, however lethal injection is not used on every animal at the shelter that has to be put down. This law would require that all animals across the state that have to be put down be euthanized by lethal injection. Ms. Mansfield asked the Board to support this proposed legislation. She said the animals deserve better than this because the problem was created by irresponsible and inexperienced owners.

Mr. Carl Estus of 412 Pasquotank Station Road said he has been on the board and has been a member of the executive committee for the SPCA over the last six years and to his knowledge the local animal shelter has not put down an animal by any other means than lethal injection during the last eight or ten years. He noted that he is however in favor of Davies Law which prohibits other means, as are other members of the SPCA. He said he believes the animal shelter in Chowan County does use gas.

Motion was made by Jeff Dixon, seconded by Lloyd Griffin to support House Bill 6 and Senate Bill 199, Davies Law.

Discussion followed and County Manager Randy Keaton explained that this is a big cost issue for some counties. He said he has been hearing from managers in other counties and everyone understands that lethal injection is the preferred method of euthanizing animals, but a lot of counties for safety reasons still use gas, especially for dangerous animals such as feral cats and rabid animals, because it is too difficult to get close enough to the animals to give them lethal injections. He stated this is also a cost issue for many counties because it is much more expensive to use lethal injection. He added it is not an issue for Pasquotank County because the Pasquotank Animal Shelter already uses lethal injection as the method of euthanization. Mr. Keaton stated that the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners is opposed to this bill.

Commissioner Dixon noted that possibly some timelines could be created in the bill to provide counties that do not use lethal injections the time to convert to it. Commissioner Wood said he favors the bill, however he has a problem with the Board of Commissioners taking positions on statewide issues because the Board does not hear all of the arguments, pro or con. He stated that even if he agrees with the proposed legislation he is not in favor of supporting a bill that is opposed by the NCACC. Vice-Chairman Griffin said he would agree with Commissioner Wood.

Commissioner Griffin withdrew his second to the motion to support Davies Law and the motion died for the lack of a second.

**2. PUBLIC HEARING ON CLOSEOUT OF 2007 CDBG SCATTERED SITE HOUSING PROJECT:**

Chairman Stevenson declared the meeting to be a public hearing on the closeout of the 2007 CDBG Scattered Site Housing Project. He recognized Ms. Carolyn Morris who administered the project for Pasquotank County. Ms. Morris advised that the county was awarded the \$400,000 grant on October 1, 2007. She explained that any projects that have been completed before the 24-month period are eligible for additional monies from the Division of Community Assistance. Pasquotank County's 24-month period will not end until October, 2009 and the project is way ahead of schedule. She said almost all of the \$400,000 has been expended with the exception of a drawdown for the balance of the administrative fee and for the cost of the ad for publishing the public hearing. She stated that a letter to the Division of Community Assistance has been drafted for the Chairman to sign following the public hearing requesting the additional funding. She added that she does not know how much additional funding might be provided.

Ms. Morris explained that the \$400,000 received through the 2007 CDBG scattered site project was used as follows:

\$ 20,000	Clearance	\$ 3,500	Planning
\$155,000	Relocation	\$ 36,500	Administration
\$185,000	Rehabilitation		

The project completed substantial rehabilitation for three houses, two in the county and one in the city; there was one relocation in the county and one in the city. Ms. Morris said all activities have been completed and the project is ready to be closed out.

County Manager Randy Keaton stated that this is the first time a Pasquotank County CDBG project has ever been completed this far ahead of schedule and Ms. Morris has made this project extremely easy for the county. A total of five families were helped through this program.

Chairman Stevenson asked if anyone from the public would care to comment on the closeout of the 2007 CDBG Scattered Site Housing Project. At the absence of comments, the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Cecil Perry to accept the report from Carolyn Morris on the completion of the 2007 CDBG Scattered Site Housing Project and to accept her recommendation to move forward with requesting additional funds due to the early completion of the project.

Discussion followed and Chairman Dixon asked if there are still households in Pasquotank County without indoor plumbing. Ms. Morris said she has not found any recently.

The motion carried.

**3. PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT ZTA 09-02 TO ALLOW AUTOMOBILE/BOAT REPAIR BUSINESSES TO LOCATE IN THE I-1 INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT:**

Chairman Stevenson declared the meeting to be a public hearing on Zoning Text Amendment ZTA 09-02 to allow automobile/boat repair businesses to locate in the I-1 Industrial zoning district. He asked if anyone would care to address the Board.

Mr. Richard Twiddy of 655 Snowden Road, Moyock, said he owns property which was the location of the former Climatemasters at 770 Pitts Chapel Road, and he has been approached by Mr. Mike Wise who would like to rent the building and run a towing service out of it. He stated that Mr. Wise has indicated that no vehicles would be left at the site for more than about three weeks.

Assistant County Manager Rodney Bunch reviewed staff comments and explained that staff does not recommend approval of the text amendment as it was submitted, but has prepared substitute language that has been submitted to the Planning Board for consideration. The reason for the alternative text amendment is because their opinion is that automobile/boat repair business

should be more restrictive than simply being permitted as a right in a commercial or industrial area. There was concern about the storage of junked or wrecked vehicles and the potential for this type of use to transition into a junkyard type facility. The alternative amendment would amend the table of permitted uses to allow the automobile/boat repair business in the I-1 industrial district upon receiving a conditional use permit from the Board of Commissioners. Furthermore, staff has recommended that a conditional use permit be required in C-1 commercial and the A-1 agricultural districts. The Zoning Ordinance currently has additional conditions required for automobile/boat repair services permitted as a Special Use in the A-1 district, and staff proposes that these conditions remain for automobile/boat repair services allowed as a conditional use with a few modifications. The additional restrictions proposed are as follows:

#### **SECTION 9.04 – Additional Restrictions Imposed on Certain Special and Conditional Uses**

- 9.04-2 Automobile/Boat Repair – Automobile/Boat Repair may be permitted in districts designated in the Table of Permitted Uses, subject to the requirements of the district and provided:
- a. All new sites shall be no less than ~~one (1) acre~~ 43,000 square feet in size;
  - b. Structures shall have minimum side and rear yards of thirty (30) feet and a minimum front yard of ~~fifty (50)~~ forty (40) feet; and
  - c. A buffer may be required along all property lines as determined by the Board of ~~Adjustment~~ Commissioners. The Board shall consider among other things:
    1. Aesthetics;
    2. Compatibility with surrounding land uses; and
    3. Parcel size and location of garage and parking.
  - d. All storage of wrecked or inoperable vehicles shall be enclosed by a six (6) foot high opaque fence.
  - e. No wrecked or inoperable vehicles may be stored for more than one hundred twenty (120) days from the date the vehicle is accepted for repair.

Mr. Bunch said the Planning Board reviewed this request on March 5 and voted unanimously to recommend approval of the staff proposal rather than the original request.

Commissioner Dixon noted that the county has recently eliminated its Code Enforcement Department and he asked who would enforce the 120-day requirement. Mr. Bunch stated that there should be some record staff could ask for from the business to determine when the vehicle was received by the business. Commissioner Dixon added that boat repair is also included in the restrictions. Mr. Twiddy said the Zoning Ordinance includes Automobile/Boat Repair as one category, however no boat repair will be done at this business. He added that it will be used more for storage of wrecked vehicles until the insurance companies can get them moved.

At the absence of further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Matt Wood, seconded by Lloyd Griffin to approve Zoning Text Amendment ZTA09-02 as submitted by staff to permit automobile/boat repairs in the I-1, C-1 and A-1 districts with a Conditional Use Permit. The motion carried.

#### **4. PUBLIC HEARING ON CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 09-02:**

Chairman Stevenson declared the meeting to be a public hearing on Conditional Use Permit 09-02 to allow a commercially operated indoor recreational facility at 2450 Peartree Road. County Attorney Mike Cox advised that this will be a quasi-judicial proceeding and anyone who wishes to testify needs to be sworn under oath. Chairman Stevenson swore in Mr. Bob Luther and Assistant County Manager Rodney Bunch who will be testifying in this matter.

Mr. Luther stated that he wants to lease his building on Peartree Road to a competition cheerleading school for gymnastics, dance and cheerleading.

Mr. Bunch said the request is for a conditional use permit to allow the indoor recreational facility that is commercially operated at 2450 Peartree Road. The current zoning classification is A-1 agricultural. There is an existing onsite septic system and the property is not in a flood zone according to FEMA 2004 maps. Mr. Bunch said the application is for a competition cheerleading school to operate on the property formerly used by Luther's Greenhouses. There is an existing 7,500 square foot building that is proposed to be utilized with ample parking for 78 vehicles. The total site is 4.1 acres and access to the property is via Peartree Road. Mr. Bunch said the Board of Commissioners approved a zoning text amendment on February 16, 2009 to permit indoor recreational facilities commercially operated in the A-1 zoning district upon receipt of a conditional use permit. Upon granting the conditional use permit, the Board must make four required findings and can impose additional conditions they deem reasonable and appropriate. County Attorney Mike Cox explained that the Board will need to apply the facts to the standards.

Mr. Bunch advised that adjoining property owners have been notified of this request and an advertisement was run in the local newspaper and on the local cable channel. He said the Planning Board reviewed this request on March 5, 2009 and recommended approval of the conditional use permit.

At the absence of further comments the public hearing was closed.

Vice-Chairman Griffin asked if it would not be appropriate to require signage indicating that this is a youth area or youth crossing, similar to the signage at schools. County Manager Randy Keaton stated that generally speaking the Department of Transportation does not support the idea of signage indicating areas with children because they are concerned with giving a false sense of security.

Motion was made by Matt Wood, seconded by Lloyd Griffin to approve Conditional Use Permit 09-02 based on the following findings:

- a. The use will not materially endanger the public health or safety if located where proposed and approved because in looking at the site there does not appear to be any reason to consider any public health and safety issues from the use.
- b. The use meets all required conditions and specifications because staff has reviewed the plans and has not indicated that this activity cannot meet this use.
- c. The use will not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property, or that the use is a public necessity because the applicant owns a lot of the surrounding property and no one in the community has come forward to voice concerns.
- d. The location and character of the use, if developed according to the plan as submitted and approved, will be in harmony with the area in which it is to be located and in general conformity with the plan of development for Pasquotank County because this use is not far removed from the previous use of the land and therefore should not change the character of the area.

The motion to approve Conditional Use Permit 09-02 carried.

##### **5. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

Chairman Stevenson asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. Commissioner Wood asked that the agenda be amended to add to the Consent Agenda the following items recommended by the Finance Committee: 1) Restoration of funding for the Forest Service; and 2) Approval for the county to join as a party-in-interest/plaintiff in the lawsuit Dare County filed against the Insurance Commissioner.

Motion was made by Matt Wood, seconded by Bill Trueblood to amend the agenda to add to the Consent Agenda the two items recommended by the Finance Committee. The motion carried.

**6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

The Board considered the following consent agenda:

*a. Approval of Minutes of March 2, 2009 Commissioner Meeting*

*b. Approval of Tax Releases and Refunds*

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of the following tax releases and refunds:

Releases:

		County	City
1.	Keith Renard Jarrell	131.50	112.83
2.	Harlon Ansley Parchment, Jr.	144.82	
3.	Helen Ward Wilson		119.98
4.	Samuel Lee Beamon, Jr.	171.33	
5.	Natalie Cheong Mauro	101.92	
6.	Jason E. Mistler	134.81	
7.	David Paul Malcolm	127.05	
8.	Harold M. Belt	110.22	
9.	Jeffrey Brian Jomp	141.63	
10.	Elsie Cole	398.16	325.77
11.	Billy Thomas Duncan, II	128.65	
12.	Walter Jr. & Donna C. Barnes	101.50	
13.	Walter Jr. & Donna C. Barnes	111.65	
14.	Ashley Austin	123.82	96.47
15.	Ashley Austin	113.92	90.87

Refunds:

1.	Jason Eugene Mistler	110.90	
2.	Leamond Leon Carver, Jr.	250.80	
3.	Leamond Leon Carver, Jr.	228.00	
4.	Leamond Leon Carver, Jr.	218.88	

*c. Approval of Budget Amendments*

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of the following budget amendments:

SHERIFF

Increase	010.0991.4991.00	Fund Balance Appropriated	128,710.00
Increase	010.4310.5500.00	Capital Outlay	128,710.00

SHERIFF

Increase	010.0991.4991.00	Fund Balance Appropriated	80,000.00
Decrease	010.6900.5991.00	Contingency	45,530.00
Increase	010.4310.5126.00	Salaries & Wages Part-Time	125,530.00

SCHOOLS

Decrease	010.5910.5630.00	Current Expense	78,268.00
Decrease	010.5910.5636.00	Capital Outlay	141,071.00
Decrease	010.0180.4245.00	Land Transfer Tax	219,339.00

CENTRAL FIRE

Increase	010.0991.4991.00	Fund Balance Appropriated	162,824.00
Increase	010.4340.5500.00	Capital Outlay	162,824.00

CAPITAL RESERVE/GENERAL FUND

Increase	021.0550.4835.00	Sale of Assets	6,700,000.00
Increase	021.8200.5960.01	Capital Reserve	3,350,000.00
Increase	021.8200.5980.10	Transfer to General Fund	3,350,000.00
Increase	010.0700.4981.21	Transfer from Capital Reserve	3,350,000.00
Increase	010.6600.5980.99	Transfer to Albemarle Hospital	3,350,000.00

CAPITAL RESERVE

Increase	021.0991.4991.00	Fund Balance Appropriated	893,462.00
Increase	021.8200.5625.10	Commerce Park	381,577.00
Increase	021.8200.5955.00	Farmers Market	12,391.00
Increase	021.8200.5960.02	Reserve for Schools	32,094.00
Increase	021.8200.5960.01	Capital Reserve	371,033.00
Increase	021.8200.5960.03	Reserve for Public Safety	96,367.00

CAPITAL RESERVE

Decrease	021.8200.5625.10	Commerce Park	320,000.00
Increase	021.8200.5980.10	Transfer to General Fund	320,000.00

SHERIFF

Decrease	010.4310.5454.00	Insurance-Professional	7,861.00
Decrease	010.4310.5398.00	Investigation Fees	10,000.00
Increase	010.4310.5126.00	Part-time Salaries	17,861.00

PARKS & REC

Increase	010.0230.4370.00	State Grants	268,000.00
Increase	010.0600.4940.08	Eliz City - Parks & Rec	56,000.00
Increase	010.6130.5581.01	River Road Project	324,000.00

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Increase	010.0230.4370.00	State Grants	3,675.00
Increase	010.4170.5500.00	Capital Outlay	3,675.00

EMERGENCY MGMT

Increase	010.0230.4370.00	State Grants	2,692.00
Increase	010.4330.5500.00	Capital Outlay	2,692.00

CENTRAL COMM

Decrease	010.4325.5400.00	Rent	34,494.00
Decrease	010.0800.4942.00	Pasquotank County	34,494.00

COURT FACILITIES

Decrease	010.4160.5351.00	Maintenance-Building	50,000.00
Decrease	010.0800.4982.01	Court Facilities Fund	50,000.00

OCC TAX/AIRPORT

Decrease	010.6600.5625.01	Tourism Board	492,000.00
Decrease	010.6600.5625.02	Airport Authority	2,250.00
Increase	010.0400.4118.01	Collection Fees-Occ Tax	5,750.00
Decrease	010.0220.4270.00	Occupancy Tax	500,000.00

ECONOMIC DEV

Decrease	010.4920.5625.15	Economic Dev, Commission	2,193.00
Decrease	010.0180.4245.00	Transfer Tax	2,193.00

NON-DEPARTMENTAL

Increase	010.0991.4991.00	Fund Balance Appropriated	3,948.00
Decrease	010.4910.5440.00	Contracted Services-Planning	4,525.00
Increase	010.4195.5600.29	Drainage Study	8,473.00

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Increase	010.0991.4991.00	Fund Balance Appropriated	12,000.00
Increase	010.4180.5800.00	Automation & Preservation	12,000.00

*d. Approval of Resolution for a Grant Application for Alternative Method of Reverse Osmosis Concentrate Discharge into the Albemarle Sound*

The Board was asked to adopt the following resolution to accompany an application to the State for the RO discharge into the sound. The grant request is in the amount of \$699,070 which is 66.66% of the project construction cost.

**WHEREAS**, the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners desires to sponsor...THE DESIGN, PERMITTING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A PILOT STUDY OF AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF REVERSE OSMOSIS CONCENTRATE DISCHARGE INTO THE ALBEMARLE SOUND.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- 1) The Board requests the State of North Carolina to provide financial assistance to Pasquotank County for THE ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF REVERSE OSMOSIS CONCENTRATE DISCHARGE in the amount of \$699,070 or 66.66 percent of the project construction cost, whichever is the lesser amount;
- 2) The Board assumes full obligation for payment of the balance of project costs;

- 3) The Board will obtain all necessary State and Federal permits;
- 4) The Board will comply with all applicable laws governing the award of contracts and the expenditure of public funds by local governments.
- 5) The Board will supervise construction of the project to assure compliance with permit conditions and to assure safe and proper construction according to approved plans and specifications;
- 6) The Board will obtain suitable spoil disposal areas as needed and all other easements or rights-of-way that may be necessary for the construction and operation of the project without cost or obligation to the State;
- 7) The Board will assure that the project is open for use by the public on an equal basis with no restrictions;
- 8) The Board will hold the State harmless from any damages that may result from the construction, operation and maintenance of the project;
- 9) The Board accepts responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the completed project.

**ADOPTED** by the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009.

*e. Approval of Restoration of Funding for North Carolina Forest Service*

The Finance Committee has recommended restoration of funding for the North Carolina Forest Service for the remainder of the fiscal year.

*f. Approval to Join in Lawsuit Filed by Dare County against the Insurance Commissioner*

The Finance Committee has recommended that the county join as a party-in-interest/plaintiff in the lawsuit Dare County filed against the Insurance Commissioner of North Carolina regarding insurance rates under the "Beach Plan" subject to approval of the forms by the County Attorney to be provided by the County Attorney for Dare County.

Motion was made by Bill Trueblood, seconded by Lloyd Griffin to approve the consent agenda as amended. The motion carried.

The following tax releases and refunds have been approved by the Finance Officer:

Releases:		County	City
1.	Dwan Antron Bell	59.73	53.87
2.	Benjamin Aaron Jones	66.65	
3.	Ronnie Wayne Gibson	59.18	48.42
4.	Ronnie Wayne Gibson	73.15	59.85
5.	Cindy Marie Willis	25.08	20.52
6.	Jayesh Janakarai Kinariwala	25.08	20.52
7.	Mary Armstrong Washington	9.89	
8.	Elna Mary Parks	23.30	21.80
9.	Philip Edward Stephenson	10.16	18.11
10.	Elma Respass Wilkins	58.42	53.68
11.	Charlie Lewis Williams	5.93	9.62
12.	Stacy Ann Bayles	16.08	17.53
13.	Casey Jean Moss	88.66	
14.	Casey Jean Moss	8.15	
15.	Brandon William Critchfield	88.33	
16.	Michael Bentley Wall	35.01	28.65
17.	Michael Joseph Bailey	6.96	5.70
18.	Mary Harney Smith	4.38	3.59
19.	Victor Leroy Dres, Jr.	55.17	
20.	Rex Alan Shell	23.93	
21.	John William Tatum	30.84	
22.	Michael Lebrane Brantley	25.30	
23.	Victoria Oneal Pittman	54.40	
24.	Steven Lloyd Potter	14.63	
25.	Mary Elizabeth Davis	8.58	7.02
26.	James C. King II	10.51	13.60
27.	Valerie Adele Knox	41.36	38.84
28.	Douglas Robert Hansen	47.47	

29.	Jerry Miles Cockrill	59.13	
30.	Enterprise Leasing Co.	85.70	70.28
31.	Tanaya Deshawn Ewell	86.35	75.81
32.	Timmy Banal Ewell	25.20	25.66
33.	Ernest Wade Hassell	11.11	
34.	Vernon Lowell Rowland	80.36	
35.	April Teresa Mullen	8.31	6.80
36.	Ryan Lee Anderson	4.33	
37.	Hilary Mitchel Leary	5.94	
38.	Sonja Heine Powell	99.94	86.77
39.	Star Services Inc.	8.86	12.25
40.	Lori Halstead Perry	38.31	
41.	Donald Martin Campbell	17.71	14.49
42.	Walter Ocampo Jones	64.63	
43.	Randall Kyle Walkins	72.44	
44.	Steven Drew	27.61	22.59
45.	Demond Robert Ricard	81.29	71.51

**7. REPORT FROM COUNTY MANAGER:**

County Manager Randy Keaton reported that the move across the street for the Tax offices, Register of Deeds office, and GIS offices will begin next week. The systems furniture is being installed this week, and inmates from the Pasquotank Correctional Institution will move furniture and equipment next Monday thru Thursday. It is anticipated that offices will begin operating in the new space at the end of next week or the beginning of the following week. He said some of the Register of Deeds equipment will have to be moved out over the weekend and will be installed on Monday.

Commissioner Matt Wood noted that Register of Deeds Dollie Summerour announced her retirement at the Finance Committee meeting today and he feels the Board needs to properly recognize her years of service. He said she has touched a lot of people over the years in a kind and professional manner. The County Manager stated that he will begin planning an event.

**8. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:**

Commissioner Bill Trueblood reported that the Appointments Committee met today and would like to make the following recommendations:

Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee – Recommend appointment of Randy Griffin, Jr. to fill a vacancy on the committee.

Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee – Recommend appointment of Randy Griffin, Jr. to fill a vacancy on the committee.

Aging Advisory Council – Reappoint Sue Norton to an additional two-year term.

City Recreation Advisory Committee – Reappoint Herman Little to an additional term.

College of The Albemarle Board of Trustees – Reappoint Kathy Lawrence to an additional four-year term.

Elizabeth City Downtown Committee – Reappoint Cecil Perry to an additional two-year term.

Jury Commission – Reappoint Lee T. Jones to an additional two-year term.

Pasquotank Interagency Council – Reappoint Jon Crouse to an additional four-year term.

Region R Workforce Investment Consortium Board – Reappoint Lloyd Griffin to an additional two-year term.

Motion was made by Bill Trueblood, seconded by Cecil Perry to approve the reappointments to boards and committees as recommended.

The new appointments will hold over until the next meeting to provide an opportunity for the Board to review Mr. Griffin's application.

**9. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Cecil Perry said he understands that the library has lost three part-time personnel as a result of budget cuts. He said in the future he would hope before people lose their jobs that it be fully discussed. He stated that the library is one of the places currently being used more due to individuals preparing their income taxes and people searching for jobs. Mr. Keaton explained that this was the result of the Board requesting the library to cut its hours on Saturdays or another day in order to reduce the budget. The Library reduced hours for their part-time employees, however no full-time employees have lost their jobs.

Vice-Chairman Lloyd Griffin asked that the guests at the meeting introduce themselves. Jake Thornton introduced several members of the Pasquotank Youth Council including himself, Jinger Russell, Morgan Weeks, and Jessica Moore.

Chairman Stevenson suggested that the Board discuss how to proceed on the issue of deer hunting with dogs. He said the District Attorney attended today's Finance Committee meeting and explained that an approach of getting permission from land owners would be enforceable in a court of law if the Board chooses to go in that direction. He said there are other alternatives as well.

Commissioner Perry stated that he believes it is time for the Board to make a decision on whether or not to proceed with requesting a local bill. He said he knows whatever the Board does will not satisfy everyone, but he believes the Board has the responsibility to make a decision. He added that he feels that people who own property should have the right to control it.

Commissioner Wood recommended that the Board receive public input at the first meeting in May on the question of requesting the writing of a local bill similar to the Chowan County law prohibiting hunting on the land of another without written permission from the property owner. He noted that the District Attorney advised that there have been very few prosecutions under this law however the cases that were prosecuted were successful.

Commissioner Trueblood said he believes the Board would be making a mistake by holding this public input session during a regular meeting. He stated that he thinks it will be a highly attended meeting and people have been promised that they would be given an opportunity to have input. He suggested that a special meeting be held on Monday, May 11 at the COA Auditorium to receive public input.

Motion was made by Matt Wood, seconded by Cecil Perry to hold a special meeting on Monday, May 11 at the COA Auditorium to receive public input on the question of whether to request the General Assembly to pass a local bill similar to the Chowan County law prohibiting hunting on the land of another without written permission from the owner. The motion carried.

Chairman Stevenson asked if there was anything further to come before the Board. There being no further business;

Motion was made by Bill Trueblood, seconded by Cecil Perry to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

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CHAIRMAN

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CLERK