

**PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
APRIL 19, 2010**

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners met today in an abbreviated work session on Monday, April 19, 2010 in the Commissioners Board Room in the Pasquotank County Courthouse.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Charles H. Jordan

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM by Chairman Marshall Stevenson. County Manager Randy Keaton provided an update on the current 2009-10 fiscal year budget. He reviewed the projected revenues and said they have been revised downward due to significantly lower sales tax revenues. He stated that sales tax revenue will be about \$840,000 under budget and the overall budget could experience a shortfall of approximately \$263,000 unless sales tax revenues improve by the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. Keaton also provided projected revenues for the 2010-11 budget based on current trends. He said if this trend continues, next year's budget could have a revenue shortfall of \$1,256,000. He added that ad valorem tax collections are actually coming in better than he anticipated and sales tax numbers may be vastly different by the end of the year. He reviewed real property and personal property valuations and stated that the tax base will essentially be flat for next year. Members of the Board agreed that the current sales tax trend may not exist through the end of the year and they asked that the County Manager prepare a graph showing the trend lines.

The work session was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

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CHAIRMAN

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APRIL 19, 2010**

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners met today in a regular meeting on Monday, April 19, 2010 in Courtroom C in the Pasquotank County Courthouse.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**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. Pastor Jacob Burke, Sr. of Harvest Christian Fellowship gave the invocation and Vice-Chairman Lloyd Griffin led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**1. PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER:**

Chairman Stevenson called on Mrs. Margaret Twiford to receive the following proclamation for the National Day of Prayer.

**PROCLAMATION  
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

**WHEREAS**, Civic prayers and national days of prayer have a long and honored history in our constitutional republic, dating back to the First Continental Congress in 1775; and

**WHEREAS**, The Declaration of Independence, our first statement as Americans of National purpose and identity, made “the Laws of Nature and Nature’s God” the foundation of our United States of America and asserted that People have inalienable rights that are God-given; and

**WHEREAS**, The Supreme Court has affirmed the right of state legislatures to open their sessions with prayer, and the Supreme Court and the U.S. Congress themselves begin each day with prayer; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1988, legislation setting aside the first Thursday in May of each year as a National Day of Prayer was passed unanimously by both Houses of Congress and signed by President Ronald Reagan; and

**WHEREAS**, The National Day of Prayer is an opportunity for Americans of all faiths to join in united prayer to acknowledge our dependence on God, to give thanks for blessings received, to request healing for wounds endured, and to ask God to guide our leaders and bring wholeness to the United States and her citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, It is fitting and proper to give thanks to God by observing a day of prayer in Pasquotank County when all may acknowledge our blessings and express gratitude for them, while recognizing the need for strengthening religious and moral values in our State and Nation;

Now, therefore, The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims the first Thursday in May, 2010 to be designated as a Day of Prayer in Pasquotank County and encourages the citizens of Pasquotank County to observe the day in ways appropriate to its importance and significance.

Proclaimed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010.

Chairman Stevenson thanked Mrs. Twiford for her work with the National Day of Prayer. Mrs. Twiford thanked the Board for its continued support of this annual event. She invited Commissioners to attend National Day of Prayer events on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon at the Pasquotank County Courthouse and at 7:00 PM at Christ Episcopal Church.

**2. PRESENTATION BY TEEN ADVISORY GROUP:**

Chairman Stevenson recognized Christina Williams, Teen Advisor for the Pasquotank-Camden Library. Ms. Williams introduced the Library’s Teen Advisory Group to present a skit on “The Top Fifteen Things You May Not Know about the Library”.

The Board thanked the Teen Advisory Group for their presentation.

**3. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

Chairman Stevenson asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. It was requested that the agenda be amended to add the following items recommended by the Finance Committee to the consent agenda: 1) Approval of Lease Agreement with LFM Properties LLC for Child Support Office Space; 2) Approval of Lease with Cell Phone Company for Weeksville Water Tank; 3) Waiver of Right of First Refusal for Property in Commerce Park; 4) Approval for Social Services to Fill Vacant Position; 5) Approval of Recommendation from Hobbs Upchurch to Reject Well; and 6) Approval of Interlocal Agreement for Self-Insurance Fund through NCACC.

Motion was made by Matt Wood, seconded by Lloyd Griffin to approve the amendments to the agenda as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

**4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

The Board considered the following consent agenda:

a. *Approval of Minutes of April 5, 2010 Commissioner Meeting*

b. *Approval of Tax Releases, Tax Refunds and Solid Waste Fee Releases*

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of the following tax releases, tax refunds and solid waste fee releases:

Releases:

		County	City
1.	Hattie Spellman		4,068.25
2.	Carolina Coast & Lakes Inc.	120.00	
3.	Anthony Eric Elsbury	134.61	108.55
4.	Mathew Alan Malo	138.94	
5.	Ian Shane Maclure	158.18	126.68

Refunds:

1.	Alma Moore Heirs	327.68	
2.	Memorial Miss Baptist Church	107.00	
3.	Memorial Miss Baptist Church	107.00	
4.	Memorial Miss Baptist Church	120.00	
5.	Memorial Miss Baptist Church	118.80	
6.	Memorial Miss Baptist Church	118.80	

Solid Waste Fees:

	Owner’s Name	Parcel ID Number	Reason for Release
1.	George Evans	P92-18	Unoccupied for 9 years
2.	Margaret S. Teat Etal	P112-31	Not livable
3.	Samuel E. Poole	50-N-31	Unoccupied

c. *Approval of Untimely Disabled Veterans Exclusion for Surviving Spouse*

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of the following untimely disabled veterans exclusion application for a surviving spouse:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Exclusion</u>	<u>Tax Reduction</u>
Deborah K. Ball	\$45,000	\$263.25

*d. Approval of Budget Amendments*

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

**Animal Control**

Decrease	010.4380.5440.15	SPCA Contract	9,450.00
Decrease	010.0600.4941.05	Camden-Animal Control	9,450.00

**Landfill-Operations**

Decrease	065.7420.5480.00	Indirect Cost	27,939.00
Decrease	065.0230.4370.00	State Grants	27,939.00

**Landfill-Solid Waste**

Decrease	065.7425.5480.00	Indirect Cost	40,321.00
Decrease	065.0375.4745.09	Solid Waste Fees-09	40,321.00

**Landfill-Solid Waste**

Decrease	065.7425.5980.21	Transfer to Capital Reserve	33,781.00
Decrease	065.7425.5980.10	Transfer to General Fund	33,781.00

**General Fund**

Increase	010.0991.4991.00	Fund Balance Appropriated	68,260.00
Decrease	010.0700.4986.64	Indirect Cost-Solid Waste	40,321.00
Decrease	010.0700.4986.65	Indirect Cost-Landfill	27,939.00

*e. Approval of Family Subdivision Request 10-01*

Planning staff has recommended approval of Family Subdivision Request 10-01 by Jeremy and Megan Clayton to create a gift lot for a parent in accordance with Article 3, Section 303 of the Pasquotank County Subdivision Ordinance. Fifty feet of road frontage for the proposed parcel is provided onto Fire Tower Road and the total lot area proposed is 1.96 acres for the gift lot and .99 acres for the residual tract. The grantor, Megan Clayton, is requesting to give a lot to her father, Isaac Jones. She has provided documentation through deeds to show the property has been in continuous ownership for a period of over five years. Documentation has been provided that the plat qualifies as a family subdivision and Albemarle Regional Health Services has evaluated the site and determined that it is suitable for a septic system. Staff has advised that the application meets the minimum requirements for a family subdivision.

*f. Approval of Lease Agreement with LFM Properties LLC for Child Support Office Space*

The Finance Committee has recommended that the Board approve a proposed lease agreement between Pasquotank County and LFM Properties LLC for the office space that is currently occupied by the Child Support Program.

*g. Approval of Lease with Cell Phone Company for Weeksville Water Tank*

The Finance Committee has recommended that the Board approve a lease with Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for space on the elevated tank at the Weeksville Water Plant. The amount of the lease is \$21,600 per year for five years and Verizon has the option to extend the lease for four additional five-year terms with the rental payment increasing 15% for each renewal term.

*h. Waiver of Right of First Refusal for Property in Commerce Park*

The Finance Committee has recommended that the Board approve a waiver of the right of first refusal in favor of CAO Properties LLC for property purchased by the company in the Commerce Park.

*i. Approval for Social Services Department to Fill Vacant Position*

The Finance Committee has recommended that the Board authorize the Department of Social Services to fill a vacant Income Maintenance Supervisor position.

*j. Approval of Recommendation from Engineer to Reject RO Well*

The Finance Committee has recommended that the Board accept a recommendation from Hobbs Upchurch & Associates to reject the Larabee well.

*k. Approval of Interlocal Agreement for Self-Insurance Fund through NCACC*

The NCACC has requested that the Board adopt the following resolution approving a new interlocal agreement for participation in the group self-insurance fund:

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AND TO JOIN  
THE NCACC RISK MANAGEMENT POOL**

WHEREAS, Pasquotank County desires to pool the retention of their risks, liabilities and/or payments, or for the group purchase of coverage, and has completed a Pre-Audit Certification in compliance with N.C.G.S. §159-28; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Counties Risk Management Agency d.b.a. NCACC Risk Management Pools (hereafter called the "Risk Pool"), has been established pursuant to G.S. §153-A-445(a)(1) and G.S. §160-A-460 through §160A-464; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable for Pasquotank County to join the Risk Pool to obtain the opportunity for risk sharing and/or group purchase of coverage;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Pasquotank County hereby adopts the foregoing Interlocal Agreement and hereby joins and agrees to participate in the Risk Pool as indicated:

North Carolina Counties Liability and Property Joint Risk Management Agency d.b.a.  
NCACC Liability and Property Pool

North Carolina Workers' Compensation Joint Risk Management Agency d.b.a. NCACC  
Workers' Compensation Pool

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Randy Keaton is duly authorized to execute the application to join the Risk Pool and hereby executes the Agreement on behalf of Pasquotank County.

Witnessed wherefore, this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010.

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

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

Releases:

		County	City
1.	Brandon William Critchfield	78.04	
2.	Richard T. Raymond, Jr.	38.32	
3.	Randle Bohren	37.02	
4.	Randle Bohren	38.15	
5.	Adam P. Morehouse	17.89	19.27
6.	Shakema Jenise Leigh Brown	9.19	7.52
7.	Peggy Sutton White	10.79	8.82
8.	Janice Stanley Overton	17.36	
9.	Rena Old Clark	9.31	
10.	Michelle Wilson Moore	37.38	28.71
11.	Darin Dale Hooser	77.63	
12.	Elie McKinley Beamon	21.36	
13.	Cassandra Yvette Wilson	2.08	1.60
14.	Damon Keith Raley	77.81	
15.	William Cleo Simpson	4.13	3.38
16.	Calvin Lee Skinner	2.02	1.56
17.	Theresa Marie Heyward	42.71	37.85
18.	Nancey Williams Brooks	3.85	3.15
19.	William Francis Coty III	85.71	
20.	Bruce D. Freeman	52.77	
21.	Jervais Dondre Laster	28.38	28.22
22.	Jason Bunch	55.40	42.62
23.	Wesley Robin Fleming	59.44	
24.	John Wesley Bryant	54.73	
25.	Evan John Allen II	12.05	14.86
26.	Denice Perry	59.95	49.05
27.	Denice Perry	63.77	49.05
28.	Jayesh Kinariwala	18.67	14.36

29.	Lauren K. Bowman	6.49	10.00
30.	Lauren Karyl Bowman	80.30	70.70
31.	Julie Elizabeth Jones		77.32
32.	Julius Celius Williams	7.35	5.65
33.	Karen Markham Askew	13.17	
34.	Valerie Shenita Williams	22.09	16.99
35.	H.L. Jr. & Patricia Boone-Proctor	56.57	
36.	Thomas Kelly Felton	10.34	8.46
37.	Richard Lee Hull	21.70	
38.	Richard Lee Hull	23.52	
39.	Kristin Anne Hull	85.64	
40.	Luke V. Voorhees	74.41	
41.	Clement Franklin Ferdinanda	27.34	22.37
42.	Alonzo Lovewell Griffin	10.01	
43.	Tonya Razor Boyce	1.21	
44.	Tonya Razor Boyce	49.35	
45.	Jonna Skinner Kee	17.00	13.08
46.	Elias P. Delosreyes	4.13	
47.	Bradley Alan Humphreys, Sr.	10.47	
48.	Steven Wynkoop, Jr.	45.92	
49.	Steven Jay Wynkoop, Jr.	97.17	
50.	Gerald Lamont Weathers	6.38	4.91
51.	David Allen Gale, Jr.	69.09	58.15
52.	David Allen Gale, Jr.	61.89	52.61
53.	Michael Langley Cape	44.76	
54.	Shawn Russell Smith	27.09	
55.	Samantha Walrond	8.48	
56.	Edward Ervin Tieman	69.50	58.46
57.	John Mark Calhoun	63.59	53.92
58.	Alan William Proctor	6.93	
59.	Matthew Rogers	54.00	46.54
60.	Charles James Wolff	60.55	51.58
61.	Jeremy Wayne Humphreys	86.64	
62.	Jess P. Lopez	42.47	
63.	Ronald Lee Beasley	9.66	
64.	Douglas Robert Hansen	33.70	
65.	William Jacob Amberger II	33.23	35.56
66.	Michael Dean Garza	24.39	
67.	Christian R. Carrion	71.25	
68.	Christian R. Carrion	78.49	69.22
69.	Frank Ralph Wilson II	94.60	
70.	Nicholas Ray Wooten	17.26	
71.	Josh George Reagan	50.33	46.18
72.	Christopher Ryan Mcabee	77.81	64.85
73.	Gregory Kembrough Aulds	47.52	
74.	Cheryl Ann Ford	33.47	25.74
75.	Juanita Russell Williams	4.63	3.56
76.	Lori Halstead Perry	29.61	
77.	Indglesio Perez Hernandez	4.60	3.76
78.	Doris Dianne Armstrong	53.94	41.49
79.	Veronica Milet Michaux	29.59	
80.	Alexander Wray Crowers		58.46
81.	Duane Glenn Midgett	6.55	
82.	Donald Lee Wassum	31.16	
83.	Rebecca Lee Fish	60.34	54.37
84.	Oscar Vasquez Cabrera	2.81	2.16
85.	Doris Trotman Wilson	94.19	77.45
86.	Johnie Douglas Harvey III	11.41	8.78

**5. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT SERVICES:**

The Board considered a contract with YoungWilliams, P.C. to administer Child Support Enforcement Services for the county. The County Manager explained that the contract is based on the same terms the Board has previously discussed and approved. He said the contract has some favorable provisions for the county related to cancellation. The contract is for one year effective July 1, 2010 and is renewable for up to three additional one year periods.

Motion was made by Matt Wood, seconded by Lloyd Griffin to approve the contract with YoungWilliams, P.C. for administration of Child Support Enforcement Services for Pasquotank County. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. REPORTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER:**

County Manager Randy Keaton referred to a letter from the Department of Health and Human Services in response to the county's requesting the ability to withdraw from Albemarle Mental Health and join East Carolina Behavioral Health. He said the county's request has been approved and the Department of Health and Human Services does not intend to pursue collection of any of Albemarle Mental Health Center's outstanding liabilities from the counties.

Mr. Keaton passed out a letter from New Ramoth Gilead Baptist Church requesting information about property adjacent to the county's wastewater plant. The church is interested in the property and has asked if it is for sale and if so, what the price would be. Mr. Keaton said in 1993 the county leased the property to the church for \$10 per year to expand its parking and the church never improved the property so they could utilize it. He stated that the lease was for one year and the church never renewed the lease. He said it is a very small parcel of property with a ditch going through it and is not usable by the county. The Board discussed a possible long-term lease of the property or allowing the church to just use the property as long as they want to. The County Attorney suggested that the Board consider selling the property for the cost of publication of the legal ad. The Board requested that the County Attorney research the possible options and bring a recommendation back to the Board.

Mr. Keaton asked that at the end of tonight's meeting the Board recess the meeting until sometime early next week in order to approve documents for the USDA financing for the jail project. He also suggested that the Board schedule some budget meetings and possibly continue the recessed meeting and combine it with a budget meeting. The Board agreed to recess tonight's meeting until April 28 at 9:30 AM and to have a budget work session at the same time. The Board also agreed to schedule a budget work session on May 5 at 4:30 PM following the Water Committee meeting. That meeting will be held at the Library Community Room since that is where the Water Committee meets.

Mr. Keaton reported that he met today with railroad company officials and DOT officials. He said the state has some grant funds available to help the railroad companies update their tracks, especially short line tracks. He stated that they want to update the main track line coming from Chesapeake down to Edenton and they are also looking at what to do with the Weeksville spur. Mr. Keaton explained that DOT and the railroad company have said that railroad companies are not planning to abandon any tracks any longer because they feel if they abandon a track they will not be able to get it back once it is converted to another use. He stated that he discussed maintenance of railroad tracks that are grown up with weeds and problem intersections where there have been complaints over the years.

**7. REPORT FROM CLERK:**

The Clerk advised that the NCACC District Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 21 beginning at 5:30 PM in Beaufort County. County Assembly Day will be held on May 19 in Raleigh.

**8. REPORT FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY:**

County Attorney Mike Cox advised that he will be leaving this week for an overseas trip and will be back on May 6. He said the closing on the USDA loan for the jail project will take place within the next few weeks, but will not occur until all inspections have been completed. He stated that the USDA inspector was here last Friday and approved everything; the certificate of occupancy from the Pasquotank County building inspector is expected this week; and the Division of Facility Services will be doing its inspection on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Once all of the inspections are complete and the documents are prepared and approved, closing can occur. Mr. Cox said pre-closing is tentatively scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup> with closing on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. He added that the financing with USDA expires on May 4<sup>th</sup> which is also when the Bank of America note is due. He noted that there are a lot of documents involved in the closing. He stated that the law firm High & Crowe represents Perquimans County and he has met with Attorney Will Crowe who has agreed to step in to help out with the closing on behalf of Perquimans. He said Mr. Crowe's time will be billed to the project just as his is.

**9. APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF EAST CAROLINA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH:**

Commissioner Trueblood stated that the Appointments Committee did not meet today, but he would like for the Board to approve the appointment of Commissioner Cecil Perry to the Board of East Carolina Behavioral Health. He said the Board has lobbied to have representation on the ECBH Board and has now been given that opportunity. He said East Carolina Behavioral Health is already scheduling an area board retreat in May and has asked that the boards of commissioners have their appointments in place by May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Motion was made by Bill Trueblood, seconded by Matt Wood to appoint Commissioner Cecil Perry to the Area Board of East Carolina Behavioral Health. The motion carried unanimously.

**10. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Dixon reported that Albemarle Hospital had a busy week last week with an unannounced visit by the Joint Commission on Accreditation. He said extensive meetings went on throughout the week and the Hospital Board members met with the Commission and were questioned on many things such as strategic planning. He stated that everything went well and at the end of the week the hospital received full accreditation. He added the University Health Systems provided much assistance and saved the hospital a lot of money during the accreditation visit.

Commissioner Dixon stated that he attended a ribbon-cutting last week for a new OB/GYN practice. He said this is significant in that with the addition of another doctor who will be coming, this will now bring the total back up to six OB/GYN doctors practicing in the area. He stated what is also significant about this practice is that they are hospital employees. He said this is a trend that is developing in the medical field as new doctors coming out of school do not want to deal with staff, assets, or buildings, and they just want to practice medicine. He added that more doctors will be coming to the area who will also be hospital employees. He noted that this allows the hospital to have a better control over the physicians who are practicing in this area.

Commissioner Dixon said as Chairman of the Social Services Board he is bothered by the fact that Smart Start has a hand in the Social Services budget. He stated that he understands there are currently no elected officials on the Smart Start Board and he feels a member of the Board of Commissioners should be on the board.

Commissioner Dixon asked for an update on the contractors who have been stopped by DOT from laying water line for the RO project. Assistant County Manager Rodney Bunch stated that at the present time the contractors are working to try to resolve the deficiencies and dress up the ditches so they can start back laying pipe.

Commissioner Bill Trueblood stated that after reading the minutes of the Jail Commission he has a couple of concerns. He said Commissioner Perry is going to try to get the information in order to respond to those concerns.

Commissioner Matt Wood stated that members of the Board had an opportunity to meet the new COA President this afternoon. He said during the search process COA developed a good relationship with all five counties in the region. He stated that COA does have some challenges financially.

Commissioner Wood said he had an opportunity to attend the funeral service for Mr. Keaton's father and heard many good things about him and his life. He stated that he was not at all surprised because he has worked with his son and knows Mr. Keaton left Pasquotank County a good legacy.

Commissioner Charles Jordan reported that he attended the launching ceremony for the Camden County Schools Coast Guard Union Leadership Program today. He said the Coast Guard brass were there along with Congressman Walter Jones.

Commissioner Jordan said he presented the county's proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunications Week at the Communications Advisory Board meeting last week and they had a nice reception. He said the 911 Center has a real good staff and the employees appear to be working very well together. He added that he believes communications are in good shape.

Commissioner Cecil Perry stated that he is privileged to report that the jail will open in May with a planned opening date of May 19. He said since this is the same day as County Assembly Day, he is going to speak with the other Jail Commissioners to see if the opening date can be changed.

Commissioner Perry thanked the Board for appointing him to the ECBH Area Board. He said he is already contemplating trying to work with the mental health organization as much as he possibly can.

Commissioner Perry stated that he will get the information regarding the Jail that Commissioner Trueblood had questioned in the Jail minutes.

Vice-Chairman Griffin reported that at last week's Albemarle Commission meeting the budget was presented with no increase in requests to the counties. He said that Steven Lambert, RPO Planner with Albemarle Commission, had been invited to attend the work session this afternoon to discuss transportation projects. He said Mr. Lambert was not available today, but hopefully he will be able to attend the next meeting and present his information.

Chairman Stevenson stated that he had been informed that someone may be interested in operating Meads Pool this year. He asked if someone is interested whether the county would be in a position to allow them to operate the pool. The County Manager said the first couple of years the county owned the pool, it was operated on a contract basis, and if the Board is agreeable, it could certainly be looked at again. Chairman Stevenson said he will follow up on this. Commissioner Wood stated that a couple of years ago the YMCA of Hampton Roads came down to look at the pool and brought a significant delegation. They made a significant offer to develop the entire property with a new pool and pay half of the cost, however the county never made a move on this offer because funds were not available for the county's portion. He said with a joint city and county project, it is possible to have a public pool that could be used in conjunction with a private non-profit. He stated that there are possibilities out there and he would urge the city to move forward with the recreation agreement and stop talking about lawsuits, liability and minutia rather than losing sight of the possibilities of working together as a community. The County Attorney stated that he did meet with the City Manager and City Attorney today about the agreement and discussed general ideas. He said he is expecting a proposal from them shortly.

Commissioner Dixon stated that the hospital is facing the same situation as the county in regards to the state pension plan and what it will be costing down the road. He said the hospital is looking at the same situation with \$250,000 per year catch up for twenty years. He stated that the hospital financial officer had looked at the possibility of opting out of the pension plan, but found out they could not. They are now looking at other options, such as creating a new pension plan and 401-K plan for new employees. He stated that University Health Systems is doing this now.

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

Motion was made by Cecil Perry, seconded by Charles Jordan to recess the meeting until April 28 at 9:30 AM. The motion carried and the meeting was recessed at 8:10 PM.

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CHAIRMAN

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CLERK