

**PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
JUNE 19, 2006**

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners met today in a regular meeting on Monday, June 19, 2006 in Courtroom C in the Pasquotank County Courthouse.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cecil Perry, Chairman
Lloyd E. Griffin III, Vice-Chairman
Matt Wood
Bill Trueblood
Marshall Stevenson
John "Hank" Krebs
Jeff Dixon

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Randy Keaton, County Manager
Rodney Bunch, Asst. County Mgr. for Planning & Econ. Dev.
R. Michael Cox, County Attorney
Karen Jennings, Clerk to the Board

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Cecil Perry. Chaplain J. Douglas Simons, Director of Pastoral Care Services at Albemarle Hospital, gave the invocation and Vice-Chairman Lloyd Griffin led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Perry welcomed everyone present and thanked them for their interest in county government.

1. COMMENTS REGARDING REZONING REQUEST RR06-04:

Chairman Perry recognized Mr. Dan Wendell of 411 Pineview Drive. Mr. Wendell explained that he first addressed the Board in 1995 after he had moved into a community that had been overtaken by illegal businesses. He said the residents came to the county several times asking for assistance and none was given. He stated that for the next five years they fought to get these people into court and finally were able to shut down all of the businesses. Mr. Wendell said now eleven years later he has moved back to Pasquotank County and purchased property in a residential community. He stated that he has lived there less than one year and now someone wants to change property that has been residential for 40 to 50 years to business property. Mr. Wendell explained that he has a problem with the rezoning request because Culpepper Lane is the only street in and out of Pine Lakes Subdivision. The property is located on Culpepper Lane just off of U.S. 17, and if this rezoning is allowed trucks will be coming in on Culpepper Lane, unloading on Culpepper Lane, and blocking traffic because there is no room for them to turn onto the property. Mr. Wendell said if a box truck or tractor trailer delivers to the site, they will take the easiest way out which would be left on Pineview Drive, a u-shaped road with several curves, and come back out on Culpepper Lane. He stated that there are nine small children who live on the section of Pineview where he lives, and these trucks do not need to come around Pineview. He asked that the rezoning request be denied.

Chairman Perry recognized Mr. Floyd Ashton who stated that he has lived in Pine Lake Subdivision since 1984. He said trucks such as UPS, freight trucks, oil trucks, septic system trucks, and other trucks are frequently in the neighborhood making deliveries and providing services. He stated that his daughter and son-in-law plan to sell cabinets from the house on Culpepper Lane that is requested for rezoning. He said if they lived there, they could have a home business. He explained that he owns the vacant Ashton Seafood building, and all of the big trucks for the cabinet business deliver to and unload at his warehouse. He said there would not be any large trucks on Culpepper Lane as a result of the cabinet business.

2. PUBLIC HEARING ON REZONING REQUEST RR06-04 TO REZONE .32 ACRES ON CULPEPPER LANE FROM R-25 TO C-1:

Chairman Perry declared the meeting to be a public hearing on Rezoning Request RR06-04. He asked Planner Shelley Cox to present the request. Ms. Cox explained that the request is to rezone approximately .32 acres at 114 Culpepper Lane from R-25 residential to C-1 commercial. She stated that property adjoining this property is zoned R-25 and C-1, and directly across the street from this tract is a parcel that is zoned by the City of Elizabeth City as planned unit development, mixed use, which includes commercial uses and residential uses. She said the

1996 Land Use Plan classifies this property as developed, and this classification supports continued development of urbanized areas if central sewer can be extended from the city. The 2004 draft Land Use Plan classifies the property as commercial. Ms. Cox stated that the proposed C-1 zoning district is defined as certain areas that are designed to serve both non-residents and residents using the major state and county roads that run through the county. This district is designed to accommodate retail or service establishments customarily patronized by transient traffic as well as non-transient traffic. Ms. Cox said the Planning Department sent out notices to adjoining property owners as required, advertised in the newspaper, and also posted signs on the site indicating when the public hearing would be held. She explained if the zoning classification is changed to commercial, any commercial uses that are proposed for this site will be required to meet the standards of the county's zoning ordinance, including parking standards for commercial uses. In addition, this property is located in the water supply watershed which means it would be limited to 30% lot coverage. Ms. Cox stated that the rezoning request was reviewed by the Planning Board at its meeting last month and the Planning Board made the following finding:

This rezoning request is consistent with the Pasquotank County Draft Land Use Plan Update because the site is located within a projected commercial area, compatible with the comprehensive plan and comparable with the existing uses in the general area, also the impact to adjacent property owners and the surrounding community is reasonable according to the petition presented by the applicant and letter from adjoining property owner. Based on these findings, the Board finds that the adoption of the proposed rezoning for this parcel from R-25 Residential to C-1 Commercial is reasonable and in the public interest. Motion is to recommend approval of the proposed amendment and to adopt the staff report which addresses plan consistency and other matters.

Commissioner Dixon suggested that the Department of Transportation be requested to place signs past the rezoning site prohibiting truck traffic which should address Mr. Wendell's concerns.

Vice-Chairman Griffin asked Mr. Donald Stallings, the applicant, if this site would be used as a storefront office rather than a warehouse facility. Mr. Stallings responded that currently all of the delivery trucks deliver to the Ashton Seafood warehouse. He said he does not have any intentions of bringing heavy trucks into the neighborhood. He stated that even if the current warehouse that belongs to his father-in-law were sold, he would probably rent a warehouse where the cabinets could be delivered. He said the main use of the property to be rezoned would be as a showroom. He explained that there is a shop in the back which he would use to build countertops, and he understands that would be allowed in the C-1 district. Mr. Stallings stated that primarily this would be a place to sell cabinets as a retail business.

Vice-Chairman Griffin noted that he understands if the cabinet business moved from the site there are other uses that could be allowed at this site once it is zoned commercial. Ms. Cox explained that if this property is rezoned to commercial, any of the uses permitted in the C-1 district would be allowed at that site. She noted that given the small size of the current site and with the limitation of 30% coverage, it would be difficult to put anything there besides what is currently there unless the parcel were combined with the adjoining parcel.

Commissioner Krebs asked if there are any buffer requirements for property adjacent to residential property that is rezoned to commercial. Ms. Cox responded that there is currently not such a requirement.

Commissioner Trueblood said he would like to note that the Draft Land Use Plan classifies this area as a commercial area.

After further questions and comments from Commissioners, Chairman Perry asked if anyone else from the public would like to comment on the rezoning request. At the absence of additional comments, the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Jeff Dixon, seconded by Hank Krebs to approve Rezoning Request RR06-04 because it is consistent with the Draft Land Use Plan. The motion carried.

3. COMMENTS BY CHRISTOPHER KING:

Chairman Perry recognized Chris King who explained that he is speaking on behalf of the Elizabeth City Blazers. He stated that this is an organization to help youth grow and prosper and their main focus is for academics, becoming a better person, and to learn the game of basketball. He said this year the group plans to travel to Las Vegas, Nevada for a national basketball tournament and the trip will be very expensive. He stated that with the help and support from the county the Blazers hope it will be possible. He said expected expenses are airfares, hotel rooms, rental vans, entry fees, and food. He explained that they are currently doing fundraisers to help themselves in this matter, and the Boys and Girls Club has also been a big help. He said any support the county can give will be greatly appreciated.

4. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FY 2006-07 BUDGET:

Chairman Perry declared the meeting to be a public hearing on the proposed FY 2006-07 budget and asked if anyone would care to comment on the proposed budget.

Mr. Wayne Parker stated the proposed budget comes up as a 20% tax increase. He said this is a large increase and will hit people hard. He stated that he is opposed to the present tax rate because the average person who works for a living and is on a limited income cannot afford the tax increase. He suggested that the county take a look at its spending and call a halt.

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

Commissioner Stevenson stated that he has said he will not vote for the proposed budget because he feels the Board missed an opportunity to reduce the tax rate at least two more cents. He said it appears to him that the county is throwing money at education and not getting the product it should be getting for the amount of money being spent. He added that for these two reasons he will be voting against the budget tonight.

County Manager Randy Keaton explained that this is the first time the county has had a revaluation when it had to calculate the revenue-neutral tax rate because this is a requirement since the last revaluation. He said it is true that a lot of people did see a doubling of their overall property values. He stated however when real property is calculated, farm use values and senior citizen exemptions are deducted, and personal property, public service companies, and motor vehicles are added back in, the overall increase in the tax base was 84.2%. He said that personal property and motor vehicles do not increase in value during a revaluation. Mr. Keaton reviewed the method of calculating the revenue-neutral tax rate which was determined to be 49.1¢. The Board of Commissioners, however, elected to reduce the tax rate to 48¢ which is a 1.1¢ cut from the revenue-neutral rate. Mr. Keaton stated that some property owners will pay about the same amount of taxes, some will pay more, and some will pay less. He said that businesses that have a lot of equipment, furniture and fixtures, and those who own farmland will generally see a decrease in their overall tax burden. He stated that those who own higher value property such as waterfront property will probably see an increase in their total taxes, and the average homeowner will probably see little or no change at all. He noted that the taxes on vehicles and boats will decrease which will in many cases offset the higher taxes on a house.

Commissioner Trueblood stated that even though the budget process was not as smooth as some might have wanted, it went as smooth as it has in the years he has been on the Board and he is well satisfied with the budget.

Commissioner Krebs commented that he feels the Board has done a fine job in cutting the tax rate over the last two years. He said he appreciates the County Manager's guidance through the budget process. He added that he thinks the Board has done a lot to be good stewards of the taxpayers' dollars and he appreciates the opportunity to be a part of it.

Commissioner Stevenson said he would like to state again that the Board failed because it could have reduced the tax rate another 2¢ and did not.

Chairman Perry stated that he feels the Board did as well as it could with what it had and he thought overall the budget process was a good one.

Motion was made by Bill Trueblood, seconded by Hank Krebs to approve the budget for FY 2006-07 as presented and to adopt the following FY 2006-07 Budget Ordinance. The motion carried by a four to two margin with Commissioners Griffin and Stevenson voting against approval of the budget.

**BUDGET ORDINANCE
FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007**

BE IT ORDAINED THIS 19th DAY OF JUNE, 2006 BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA:

I. GENERAL FUND

SECTION 1 – APPROPRIATIONS: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund for the operation of county government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this county:

Governing Board.....	\$ 109,350
County Manager	324,436
Personnel/Payroll.....	80,062
Finance Department	242,253
Data Processing	263,667
Tax Assessor	379,828
Tax Collector.....	178,943
County Attorney	148,964
Court Facilities.....	150,600
Elections Board.....	165,897
Register of Deeds	300,241
Public Buildings	888,892
Health & Social Services Building	245,517
Non-Departmental.....	167,137
Sheriff's Department	2,693,031
School Resource Officers	206,955
Jail	1,275,383
Central Communications.....	745,214
Emergency Management.....	152,874
Code Enforcement.....	62,200
Central Fire Department.....	305,672
Intercounty Fire Department	33,500
Newland Fire Department	32,960
Weeksville Fire Department	33,959
Providence Fire Department	44,823
Nixonton Fire Department	27,987
Building Inspector	280,903
Fire Marshall/OSHA Inspector	88,173
Emergency Medical Services.....	1,376,437
Animal Control	286,135
Planning Department	132,857
Geographic Information Systems	104,000
Economic Development	123,430
Cooperative Extension Service	246,961
Farmers Market	3,600
Soil & Water Conservation	44,076
Public Health.....	143,713
Public Schools	9,778,761
College of The Albemarle.....	1,005,891
Parks & Recreation	590,194
Meads Pool.....	71,610
Special Appropriations:	
-Miscellaneous.....	343,738
-Contribution to:	
Capital Reserve Fund.....	1,615,715
Public Assistance Fund	5,802,640
Mental Health	37,006
Pasquotank-Camden Library Fund	351,066
Airport Authority.....	45,000
Tourism Board.....	412,000
Reappraisal Reserve	70,000
Contingency.....	50,000
Debt Retirement.....	<u>4,033,667</u>
 TOTAL GENERAL FUND	 \$36,297,918

SECTION 2 – REVENUES: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007:

Ad Valorem Taxes	\$14,262,500
Sales Tax 1%.....	3,900,000
Sales Tax ½%.....	4,856,000
Land Transfer Tax.....	2,750,000
Franchise Fees	150,000
Wine & Beer Tax.....	82,000
Occupancy Tax.....	420,000
ADM Funds.....	400,000
Inspection Fees	450,000
Recording Fees	300,000
Interest on Investments.....	200,000
ABC Store Revenue.....	75,000
EMS Revenue from Services	773,000
Revenue – Albemarle Hospital.....	544,000
Rent Revenue.....	949,255
Transfer from Capital Reserve	2,075,671
Other Revenue	2,566,670
Fund Balance Appropriated	<u>1,543,822</u>
 TOTAL GENERAL FUND	 \$36,297,918

II. SOCIAL SERVICES FUND

SECTION 1 – APPROPRIATIONS: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Social Services Fund for administration of and payments to recipients of public assistance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007:

Administration.....	\$ 4,869,268
Special Assistance.....	420,043
Medicaid	2,891,260
Child Care Services	1,863,734
Smart Start Day Care.....	300,000
Foster Care.....	480,000
Other.....	<u>235,778</u>
 TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES FUND	 \$11,060,083

SECTION 2 – REVENUES: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the Social Services Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007:

Federal and State Grants & Other Sources.....	\$ 5,257,443
Contribution from General Fund.....	<u>5,802,640</u>
 TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES FUND	 \$11,060,083

III. PASQUOTANK-CAMDEN LIBRARY FUND

SECTION 1 – APPROPRIATIONS: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Pasquotank-Camden Library Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007.

Operating Expenses	\$ 441,771
Capital Outlay	<u>4,200</u>
 TOTAL PASQUOTANK-CAMDEN LIBRARY FUND	 \$ 445,971

SECTION 2 – REVENUES: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Pasquotank-Camden Library Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007:

Fees & Fines.....	\$ 10,000
Copies	9,000
Interest.....	4,000
Contribution from Camden County.....	71,905
Contribution from Pasquotank County General Fund	<u>351,066</u>
 TOTAL PASQUOTANK-CAMDEN LIBRARY FUND	 \$ 445,971

IV. CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

SECTION 1 – APPROPRIATIONS: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Capital Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007:

Transfer to General Fund.....	\$ 2,075,671
Sports Complex	<u>250,000</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	\$ 2,325,671

SECTION 2 – REVENUES: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available for the Capital Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007:

Transfer from General Fund.....	\$ 1,615,715
Interest Earned	100,000
Fund Balance Appropriated	<u>609,956</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	\$ 2,325,671

V. EMERGENCY TELEPHONE FUND

SECTION 1 – APPROPRIATIONS: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Emergency Telephone Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007:

E-911	\$ 225,000
E-911 Wireless	<u>188,000</u>
TOTAL EMERGENCY TELEPHONE FUND	\$ 413,000

SECTION 2 – REVENUES: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Emergency Telephone Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007:

911 Charge Revenue.....	\$ 280,000
911 Wireless Revenue.....	108,000
Interest Earned	<u>25,000</u>
TOTAL EMERGENCY TELEPHONE FUND	\$ 413,000

VI. REAPPRAISAL RESERVE FUND

SECTION 1 – APPROPRIATIONS: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Reappraisal Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007:

Reappraisal.....	\$ 70,000
TOTAL REAPPRAISAL RESERVE FUND	\$ 70,000

SECTION 2 – REVENUES: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Reappraisal Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007:

General Fund Transfer.....	\$ 70,000
TOTAL REAPPRAISAL RESERVE FUND	\$ 70,000

VII. NEWLAND DRAINAGE DISTRICT FUND

SECTION 1 – APPROPRIATIONS: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Newland Drainage District Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007:

Maintenance	\$ 5,300
TOTAL NEWLAND DRAINAGE DISTRICT FUND	\$ 5,300

SECTION 2 – REVENUES: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Newland Drainage District Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007:

Revenue from Assessments	\$	5,300
TOTAL NEWLAND DRAINAGE DISTRICT FUND	\$	5,300

VIII. SANDY ROAD SERVICE DISTRICT FUND

SECTION 1 – APPROPRIATIONS: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Sandy Road Service District Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007:

Debt Retirement.....	\$	20,415
TOTAL SANDY ROAD SERVICE DISTRICT FUND	\$	20,415

SECTION 2 – REVENUES: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Sandy Road Service District Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007:

Revenue from Assessments	\$	20,415
TOTAL SANDY ROAD SERVICE DISTRICT FUND	\$	20,415

IX. WATER SYSTEM FUND

SECTION 1 – APPROPRIATIONS: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Water System Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007:

Operating Expenses	\$1,436,174
Capital Outlay	411,600
Capital Reserve	481,067
Contingency.....	5,000
Operating Expenses – Sewer Department.....	88,772
Debt Retirement.....	<u>356,887</u>
TOTAL WATER SYSTEM FUND	\$2,779,500

SECTION 2 – REVENUES: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Water System Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007:

Sale of Water.....	\$1,900,000
Hookups	450,000
Sewer Revenue	180,000
Interest on Investments.....	125,000
Penalties & Fees.....	66,000
Miscellaneous.....	<u>58,500</u>
TOTAL WATER SYSTEM FUND	\$2,779,500

X. LANDFILL FUND

SECTION 1 – APPROPRIATIONS: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Landfill Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007:

Operating Expenses – Landfill	\$2,732,978
Capital Outlay – Landfill	11,500
Operating Expenses – Solid Waste.....	1,912,581
Capital Outlay – Solid Waste	<u>3,500</u>
TOTAL LANDFILL FUND	\$4,660,559

SECTION 2 – REVENUES: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the Landfill Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007:

Tipping Fees.....	\$2,722,859
Solid Waste Fees.....	1,656,500
Tire Disposal Fees.....	84,000
White Goods Disposal Fees.....	14,000
State Grants.....	139,000
Miscellaneous.....	<u>44,200</u>
 TOTAL LANDFILL FUND	 \$4,660,559

XI. SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS

SECTION 1: The appropriation to the Board of Education first shall be made from any such funds which are dedicated to the use of the schools and secondly shall be made from general county fund revenues to the extent necessary to meet approved appropriations. The appropriations to schools are based on an estimated Public Law Fund - \$45,000 and fines and forfeitures of \$375,000.

SECTION 2: The total appropriation for Current Expense from General Fund is \$8,858,761.

SECTION 3: The total appropriation for Capital Outlay from General Fund is \$920,000.

XII. OTHER PROVISIONS

SECTION 1: The County Budget Officer is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations within a fund as contained herein under the following conditions:

- a) He may transfer amounts between objects of expenditure within a department except salary amounts without limitation.
- b) He may not transfer any amounts between departments or funds from any contingency appropriation within any fund.

SECTION 2: No expenditure may be made in any line item that exceeds the amount set forth in the chart of accounts without prior authorization by the County Manager or Board of Commissioners.

SECTION 3: The County Manager and Clerk to the Board are hereby authorized to execute the necessary agreements within funds included in the Budget Ordinance for the following purposes: (1) Form grant agreements to public and non-profit organizations; (2) Leases of normal and routine business equipment where the annual rental of each is not more than \$20,000; (3) Consultant, professional or maintenance service agreements where the annual compensation of each is not more than \$20,000; (4) Purchase of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment where formal bids are not required by law; (5) Agreements for acceptance of State, Federal, public, and non-profit organization grant funds, and funds from other governmental units for services to be rendered; (6) Construction or repair work where formal bids are not required by law; and (7) Liability, health, life, disability, casualty, property or other insurance or retention and faithful performance bonds (other than for the Sheriff and Register of Deeds). Other appropriate county officials are also authorized to execute or approve such insurance and bond undertakings as provided by law.

XIII. FEES

SECTION 1: There is hereby established a fee of \$66 per ton for residential garbage and \$69 per ton for commercial garbage disposed of at the Pasquotank County Transfer Station for the purpose of raising the revenue listed in the Landfill Fund – Part VIII, Section 2 of this ordinance.

SECTION 2: There is hereby established a fee of \$48 per ton for land clearing and inert debris disposed of at the Pasquotank County LCID Landfill for the purpose of raising the revenue listed in the Landfill Fund - Part VIII, Section 2 of this ordinance.

SECTION 3: There is hereby established a fee of \$48 per ton for construction and demolition material disposed of at the Pasquotank County C&D Landfill for the purpose of raising the revenue listed in the Landfill Fund-Part VIII, Section 2 of this ordinance.

SECTION 4: There is hereby established a solid waste availability fee of \$107 per household for the purpose of raising the revenue listed in the Landfill Fund-Part VIII, Section 2 of this ordinance. The solid waste availability fee will remain at \$75 for low-income senior citizens who qualify for the property tax reduction.

XIV. TAX LEVY

SECTION 1: There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of forty-eight cents (48¢) per One Hundred Dollar (\$100.00) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2006 for the purpose of raising the revenue listed in the General Fund - Part I, Section 2 of this ordinance.

SECTION 2: This rate of tax is based on a total valuation of property for the purpose of taxation of \$2,926,512,682 and an estimated rate of collection of 95.8%.

SECTION 3: There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of eleven cents (11¢) per One Hundred Dollar (\$100.00) valuation of property within the Sandy Road Service District listed for taxes as of January 1, 2006 for the purpose of raising the revenue listed in the Sandy Road Service District Fund - Part VI, Section 2 of this ordinance.

SECTION 4: This rate of tax is based on a total valuation of property for the purpose of taxation of \$18,248,000 and an estimated rate of collection of one hundred percent (100%).

SECTION 5: There is hereby levied an assessment of twenty-seven cents (27¢) per acre for the Newland Drainage District for the purpose of raising the revenue to maintain the drainage in the service district.

Approved on June 19, 2006 by the following vote of the members of the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners: four in favor; two opposed.

Cecil Perry, Chairman
Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Karen S. Jennings
Clerk to the Board

Vice-Chairman Griffin stated that he had asked the County Manager to present a document on the number of employees proposed for this year's budget. He said in looking at the number of positions added over the past two years, as well as the salary increases approved over the past two years, the county's payroll has increased by approximately \$1 million. He said the Board could have reduced the tax rate another 1¢ by reducing personnel costs.

5. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Chairman Perry asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. It was requested that the following recommendations from today's Finance Committee meeting be added to the agenda: 1) Approval of 2006-07 local match for Home & Community Care Block Grant; 2) Approval of tax releases; 3) Approval of budget amendments; 4) Approval of school capital request; and 5) Approval of changes in water tap fees and monthly water rates. It was suggested that these items be included on the consent agenda. Commissioner Stevenson asked that the changes in water tap fees and monthly water rates be voted on separately.

Motion was made by Hank Krebs, seconded by Bill Trueblood to add the five recommendations from the Finance Committee to the agenda; to include the first four on the consent agenda, and to consider the fifth item under new business. The motion carried.

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

The Board considered the following consent agenda:

a. Approval of Minutes of May 30 and June 5, 2006 Commissioner Meetings

b. Approval of Tax Releases

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

Releases:

		County	City
1.	Raven Gene Atkins, Jr.	150.95	125.40
2.	Christopher Shane Hair	106.68	
3.	Yvette Jenise Lee	242.68	
4.	Anthony Ennamorato, Jr.	180.43	
5.	Joshua Carl Baker	126.72	
6.	Rosie Marie Ross	195.55	
7.	James Bryan Vernon	466.45	
8.	Waste Industries LLC	249.52	
9.	Waste Industries LLC	308.70	
10.	Noble Brothers Cabinets LLC	123.65	103.62
11.	Buford Eugene Fowler, Jr.	425.34	339.26
12.	Charles Edward Mahaffey	207.74	
13.	Antonio C. Wallace	133.31	
14.	Nicholas Patrick	148.01	
15.	Daniel James Hillman	159.17	
16.	Joseph John Livecchi, Jr.		100.14
17.	Rhonda Williams McCullen		130.83
18.	Tracy Kent Stevens	140.70	
19.	Piedmont Natural Gas Co.	118.20	
20.	Brenda Racey Brown	156.32	
21.	Michael Jerome Hall	186.98	154.14
22.	Kristen Ann Eastburn	137.93	
23.	Henry Allen Thurl, Sr.	115.92	
24.	Robert Daniel Rosenhein, Jr.		105.30
25.	Edgar L. Green, Jr.	153.72	
26.	David Allen Elliott	222.43	
27.	Colter Paul Blackford	163.60	
28.	William Jay Isbill	379.77	
29.	Francisco Jus Santiago Rivera	161.11	133.51
30.	William Michael Russell		284.00
31.	Jason McKall Stephens	251.16	
32.	Douglass Robert Hansen	117.35	
33.	Tammy Lorraine Brinkley	256.02	204.46

c. Approval of Budget Amendments

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

DSS/Assistance

Increase	011.0240.4585.00	Child Care Services	240,952.00
Increase	011.0240.4585.01	Day Care-Smart Start	93,605.00
Increase	011.5400.5683.00	Child Care Services	240,952.00
Increase	011.5400.5683.01	Smart Start Day Care	93,605.00

Grants-EFNEP

Increase	026.0230.4370.35	Smart Start-EFNEP	1,750.00
Increase	026.5869.5121.00	Salaries & Wages	1,750.00

Grants-PHC

Increase	026.0230.4370.40	Smart Start-PHC	6,500.00
Increase	026.5868.5121.00	Salaries & Wages	5,845.00
Increase	026.5868.5181.00	FICA	45.00
Increase	026.5868.5186.00	Workers' Compensation	210.00
Increase	026.5868.5260.00	Office Supplies	100.00
Increase	026.5868.5261.00	Departmental Supplies	100.00
Increase	026.5868.5310.00	Travel	100.00
Increase	026.5868.5311.00	Training	100.00

Grants-ESMM

Increase	026.0230.4370.41	Smart Start-ESMM	4,750.00
Increase	026.5875.5121.00	Salaries & Wages	3,050.00
Increase	026.5875.5181.00	FICA	430.00
Increase	026.5875.5186.00	Workers' Compensation	370.00
Increase	026.5875.5260.00	Office Supplies	200.00
Increase	026.5875.5261.01	Departmental Supplies	200.00
Increase	026.5875.5310.00	Travel	400.00
Increase	026.5875.5311.00	Training	100.00

Grants-BFP

Increase	026.0230.4370.50	Smart Start-BFP	10,290.00
Increase	026.5866.5121.00	Salaries & Wages	7,164.00
Increase	026.5866.5181.00	FICA	400.00
Increase	026.5866.5260.00	Office Supplies	661.00
Increase	026.5866.5260.01	Service Related Supplies	1,690.00
Increase	026.5866.5310.00	Travel	375.00

Reappraisal Reserve

Increase	025.0500.4831.00	Interest Earned	1,655.00
Increase	025.4141.5440.25	Reappraisal	1,655.00

Landfill/Solid Waste

Increase	065.0200.4840.00	Gas Tax Refund	700.00
Increase	065.0350.4742.01	Tipping Fees-Cash	18,500.00
Increase	065.0350.4580.00	Late Fees/Penalties	500.00
Increase	065.0375.4941.08	Camden-S/W Fees	2,600.00
Increase	065.0550.4839.00	Miscellaneous	350.00
Increase	065.7425.5251.00	Gas & Oil	18,500.00
Increase	065.7425.5353.00	Maintenance-Vehicles	4,150.00

Landfill/Solid Waste

Decrease	065.7420.5121.00	Salaries & Wages	30,000.00
Decrease	065.7420.5181.00	FICA	2,300.00
Decrease	065.7420.5183.00	Health Insurance	4,100.00
Increase	065.7425.5121.00	Salaries & Wages	30,000.00
Increase	065.7425.5181.00	FICA	2,300.00
Increase	065.7425.5183.00	Health Insurance	4,100.00

Water/Wastewater

Decrease	060.7130.5991.00	Contingency	5,000.00
Decrease	060.7130.5500.00	Capital Outlay	69,486.00
Increase	060.7140.5594.01	Waste Water Line	74,486.00

Water

Decrease	060.7130.5500.00	Capital Outlay	98,000.00
Increase	060.7130.5455.00	Purchases for Resale	45,000.00
Increase	060.7130.5595.00	RO Plant	53,000.00

Non-Dept

Increase	010.0230.4365.03	NC Water Resources	212,250.00
Increase	010.0200.4840.02	Sales Tax Refund	1,362.00
Increase	010.0500.4831.00	Interest Earned	14,370.00
Increase	010.4195.5440.00	Contracted Services	227,982.00

Emergency Medical

Increase	010.0230.4390.08	Grant-EMS	21,680.00
Increase	010.4370.5600.27	HRSA Grant	21,680.00

Sheriff

Increase	010.0230.4431.07	Controlled Substance Tax	5,000.00
Increase	010.4310.5398.00	Investigation Fees	5,000.00

Sheriff

Increase	010.0230.4431.07	Controlled Substance Tax	7,020.00
Increase	010.0180.4260.00	Privilege Licenses	510.00
Increase	010.0200.4840.00	Gas Tax Refund	5,650.00
Increase	010.0400.4431.08	Fingerprinting Fees	330.00

Increase	010.0600.4940.03	Eliz City-Law Enforcement	11,765.00
Increase	010.0600.4941.07	Camden-Law Enforcement	5,686.00
Increase	010.0300.4431.01	Sheriff's Fees	20,800.00
Increase	010.0300.4431.02	Pistol Permits	300.00
Increase	010.0300.4431.01	Concealed Weapon Permits	700.00
Increase	010.0500.4831.00	Interest Earned	54,439.00
Increase	010.0991.4991.00	Fund Balance Appropriated (CF)	22,600.00
Decrease	010.6900.5991.00	Contingency	29,800.00
Increase	010.4310.5126.00	Salaries & Wages Part-time	52,000.00
Increase	010.4310.5251.00	Gas & Oil	40,000.00
Increase	010.4310.5353.00	Maintenance-Vehicles	45,000.00
Increase	010.4310.5980.35	Confiscated Funds Expense	22,600.00

Emergency Mgmt

Increase	010.0600.4941.02	Camden-CC/Emerg Mgmt	4,420.00
Increase	010.0600.4940.01	Eliz City/CC/Emerg Mgmt	8,580.00
Increase	010.0600.4433.04	Surry Nuclear Plant	1,400.00
Increase	010.0110.4111.05	Ad Valorem Taxes-'05	11,600.00
Increase	010.4330.5500.00	Capital Outlay	26,000.00

Inspections

Increase	010.0300.4345.01	Inspection Fees	18,000.00
Increase	010.4350.5251.00	Gas & Oil	3,000.00
Increase	010.4350.5261.00	Departmental Supplies	3,500.00
Increase	010.4350.5321.00	Telephone	3,000.00
Increase	010.4350.5331.00	Utilities	3,500.00
Increase	010.4350.5400.01	Rent-Equipment	4,500.00
Increase	010.4350.5500.00	Capital Outlay	500.00

Board of Elections

Increase	010.0230.4370.00	State Grants	1,480.00
Increase	010.4170.5261.00	Departmental Supplies	1,480.00

Board of Elections

Increase	010.0110.4111.05	Ad Valorem Taxes-'05	10,550.00
Increase	010.4170.5500.00	Capital Outlay	10,550.00

Animal Control

Increase	010.0110.4111.05	Ad Valorem Taxes-'05	16,300.00
Increase	010.4380.5351.00	Maintenance-Building	12,800.00
Increase	010.4380.5353.00	Maintenance-Vehicles	3,500.00

Court Facilities

Increase	010.0230.4323.00	Court Facility Fees	9,300.00
Increase	010.0500.4831.00	Interest Earned	10,905.00
Increase	010.4160.5267.00	Courtroom Books	1,000.00
Increase	010.4160.5280.00	Solicitor's Office Expense	10,205.00
Increase	010.4160.5283.00	Public Defender's Office	5,000.00
Increase	010.4160.5351.00	Maintenance-Building	4,000.00

Tax Collector/Assessor

Increase	010.0110.4111.05	Ad Valorem Taxes-'05	10,200.00
Increase	010.4140.5188.00	Insurance Retiree	2,200.00
Increase	010.4140.5251.00	Gas & Oil	1,100.00
Increase	010.4145.5261.00	Departmental Supplies	2,500.00
Increase	010.4145.5325.00	Postage	2,500.00
Increase	010.4145.5325.01	Postage-Legal	1,000.00
Increase	010.4145.5393.00	Collection Fees	900.00

Governing Board

Decrease	010.6900.5991.00	Contingency	4,000.00
Increase	010.4110.5310.00	Travel	4,000.00

Data Processing

Decrease	010.6900.5991.00	Contingency	5,400.00
Increase	010.4135.5261.00	Departmental Supplies	3,000.00
Increase	010.4135.5500.00	Capital Outlay	2,400.00

Commerce Park/Cap Reserve

Increase	010.0700.4981.21	Capital Reserve Transfer	18,000.00
Increase	010.4920.5625.10	Commerce Park	18,000.00
Decrease	021.8200.5625.10	Commerce Park	18,000.00
Increase	021.8200.5980.10	Transfer to General Fund	18,000.00

Juvenile Justice

Increase	010.0230.4360.02	Psychological Services	1,523.00
Increase	010.0230.4360.05	Juvenile Justice Pass-Thru	133,867.00
Decrease	010.6600.5615.09	JCPC Administration	326.00
Decrease	010.0230.4360.04	JCPC Administration	326.00
Increase	010.5832.5190.00	Professional Services	1,523.00
Increase	010.6600.5615.10	Juvenile Justice Pass-Thru	133,867.00

Education

Increase	010.0180.4245.00	Land Transfer Tax	3,200.00
Increase	010.5910.5636.00	Capital Outlay	3,200.00

Farmers' Market

Decrease	010.6900.5991.00	Contingency	2,300.00
Increase	010.4955.5331.00	Utilities	2,300.00

Meads Pool

Increase	010.0400.4614.00	Meads Pool	3,120.00
Increase	010.6170.5299.00	Chemicals	2,000.00
Increase	010.6170.5359.00	Maintenance-Grounds	1,120.00

Occupancy Tax

Increase	010.0220.4270.00	Occupancy Tax Revenue	150,000.00
Increase	010.6600.5625.01	Tourism Board	150,000.00

CDBG

Increase	023.0230.4493.02	CDBG Building Capacity Grant	75,000.00
Increase	023.4934.5690.01	NECDC-Pass Thru	75,000.00

Central Fire

Increase	010.0700.4981.21	Capital Reserve Transfer	95,950.00
Increase	010.4340.5500.00	Capital Outlay	95,950.00
Decrease	021.8200.5960.01	Capital Reserve	95,950.00
Increase	021.8200.5980.10	Transfer to General Fund	95,950.00

Schools

Decrease	040.8900.5580.08	ECMS	7,850.00
Increase	040.0230.4370.00	State Grants	23,080.00
Increase	040.8900.5580.10	Weeksville School	30,130.00
Increase	040.8900.5394.00	Trustee Services	800.00

Schools/Cap Reserve

Increase	040.0700.4981.21	Capital Reserve Transfer	622,000.00
Increase	040.8910.5580.14	PCHS Stadium	622,000.00
Decrease	021.8200.5960.40	Reserve-New High School	622,000.00
Increase	021.8200.5980.40	Transfer to School Capital Projects	622,000.00

Jail Project

Increase	042.0700.4981.21	Capital Reserve Transfer	626,379.00
Increase	042.4320.5194.00	Jail-Engineering	626,379.00
Decrease	021.8200.5960.01	Capital Reserve	626,379.00
Increase	021.8200.5980.42	Transfer to Cap Proj-Buildings	626,379.00

DSS/Services

Increase	011.0240.4548.00	Crisis Intervention Revenue	17,357.00
Increase	011.5400.5688.00	Crisis Intervention Expenditures	17,357.00

DSS/Services

Decrease	011.5400.5680.02	Medicaid	67,000.00
Increase	011.0240.4550.00	Child Support-CSE Shares	25,000.00
Increase	011.0550.4545.00	MA Repayments	18,500.00

Increase	011.5400.5680.01	SAA & SAD	85,000.00
Increase	011.5400.5682.05	Adoption Assistance-IVE	14,000.00
Increase	011.5400.5683.02	Children's Services Assistance	11,500.00

DSS/Admin

Decrease	011.5310.5685.02	Independent Living/Links	376.00
Increase	011.0240.4531.01	Administration	171.00
Increase	011.5310.5675.00	Domestic Violence	547.00

DSS/Admin

Increase	011.0230.4547.00	Special Child Adoption	7,500.00
Increase	011.5310.5682.03	PP Adoption Awareness	7,500.00

d. Approval of \$150,000 Loan to Airport Authority for Six Months at 5% Interest Beginning July 1, 2006

The Finance Committee has recommended that the Board approve a loan to the Airport Authority in the amount of \$150,000 for six months beginning July 1, 2006. The loan would be used to pay the expenses for the installation of the new ILS system. The Finance Committee also stipulated that the interest rate for the loan would be 5%.

e. Approval of Capital Project Ordinance

The Board was requested to adopt the following Capital Project Ordinance for the library and public safety building project. The ordinance establishes the revenues and the expenditures for the project and is based on the most updated amounts for the construction.

CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Pasquotank County, North Carolina, that, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §159-13.2, the following Capital Project Ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section 1. The project authorized is construction of a new library and public safety building to be financed by a bank qualified loan.

Section 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the capital project within the terms of the installment financing agreement, the trust agreement, and the budget contained herein.

Section 3. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

Construction	\$12,139,944.00
Land Acquisition & Demolition	686,267.00
Architect Fees	750,000.00
Technology	738,080.00
Cost of Issuance	36,958.00
Contingency	113,856.00
Furniture/Miscellaneous	<u>300,000.00</u>
Total	<u>\$14,765,105.00</u>

Section 4. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete this project:

Other Financing Sources (Loan)	\$13,000,000.00
Sales Tax Refund	300,000.00
Interest Earned	500,000.00
Transfer from Capital Reserve	<u>965,105.00</u>
Total	<u>\$14,765,105.00</u>

Section 5. The Finance Officer is hereby directed to maintain within the Capital Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of the installment financing agreement and the trust agreement.

Section 6. Funds may be advanced from the Construction Fund for the purpose of making payments as due. Reimbursement requests should be made to the trustee in an orderly and timely manner.

Section 7. The Finance Officer is directed to report, on a quarterly basis, on the financial status of each project element in Section 3.

Section 8. The Budget Officer is directed to include a detailed analysis of past and future costs and revenues on this capital project in every budget submission made to this Board.

Section 9. Copies of this Capital Project Ordinance shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Governing Board, and to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this project.

f. Approval of County Funding Plan for Home and Community Care Block Grant
The Finance Committee has recommended that the Board approve the following county funding plan for the Home and Community Care Block Grant for FY 2006-07:

Home and Community Care Block Grant for Older Adults
County Funding Plan
County Services Summary
July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007

Services	A				B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	Block Grant Funding											
	Access	In-Home	Other	Total	Required Local Match	Net Service Cost	USDA Subsidy	Total Funding	Projected HCCBC Units	Projected Reimbursement Rate	Projected HCCBG Clients	Projected Total Units
In-Home Lev. II		15200		//////////	1689	16889		16889	1125	15.0124	20	1125
In-Home Lev. III		7586		//////////	843	8429		8429	561	15.0249	15	561
Adult Day Health			28252	//////////	3139	31391		31391	775	40.5045	3	775
Transportation	67590			//////////	7510	75100		75100	8002	9.3846	98	8002
Congregate Meals			41870	//////////	4652	46522	4333	50855	7223	6.4408	112	7223
Home Del Meals			39551	//////////	4395	43946	5836	49782	5836	7.5301	56	5836
Small Hm Repair			1030	//////////	114	1144		1144			2	
Total	67590	22786	110703	201079	22342	223421	10169	233590	23522	//////////	306	23522

g. Approval of School Capital Outlay Request
The Finance Committee has recommended approval of an additional \$198,000 for school capital outlay for the upcoming fiscal year to be funded with \$81,026 in unbudgeted ADM funds received this year and \$116,764 in unallotted ADM funds in the Public School Building Capital Fund account to be applied for.

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

The following tax releases and refunds less than \$100 have been approved by the Finance Officer since the last meeting:

Releases:

		County	City
1.	Lee Charles Forsblom	14.78	
2.	Hercules Cole	39.48	31.49
3.	James Gaither Gaskin, Jr.	24.45	
4.	Theodore James Sampson	24.91	
5.	Tyrone Craig Bryant, Sr.	59.90	47.78
6.	Allen Ray Temple	13.53	
7.	Stafford Clayton Williams		31.31
8.	David Emanuel Lacasse	82.49	
9.	Johnny Paul Ventura	7.69	
10.	Marcus Cleveland Jones, III	33.60	
11.	Steven Gary Mandigo	55.44	
12.	Stery Okus Spruill	19.16	15.28
13.	InFain Ryah Pang	8.74	
14.	Douglas R. Hansen	56.03	

15.	Joseph Anontavara	26.21	
16.	Delmar D. Vazquez Moreno	13.86	11.06
17.	Douglas Waye Siedenbug	60.98	
18.	Mercantile Bank of St. Louis	31.24	24.92
19.	Marty Bruce Jacobs	3.40	2.71
20.	Alan Dean Whitaker	36.88	
21.	Adelino Morales Guzman	7.14	5.70
22.	John Patrick Halpin	44.27	
23.	Billy Compton Maurice	10.84	8.65
24.	Caral Evette Roberson	29.95	23.89
25.	Melvona Josephine Griffin	29.49	23.52
26.	Sabrina Yvonne Pope	94.08	78.30
27.	Bob's Upholstery		6.16
28.	Damon Keith Raley	87.36	
29.	Irving Rudolph Baccus, Jr.	22.01	17.56
30.	Terrance Lamont Mercer	2.78	
31.	Bradley Donald Kopf	6.38	
32.	Paul Edward Brown, Jr.	8.40	
33.	Jason Richard Gibbs	23.77	23.96
34.	Warren Lee Sciuner	85.43	73.14
35.	Brian David Lutes	8.06	11.43
36.	Ellen Perry Harris	13.11	
37.	Aaron Vincent Clifton	11.17	
38.	Vincent Wayne Vanness	63.92	
39.	Jerry Anthony Tucker	11.51	
40.	Jerry Anthony Tucker	51.41	
41.	Carolyn Marie Sullivan	31.92	
42.	Thomas C. Meek	2.10	
43.	Valerie Vanessa Bowe	16.93	
44.	Andrew Kenneth Light	18.82	
45.	Terri Spencer Krebs	16.97	
46.	Janet Marie Wallen	10.20	
47.	Edward Lee Cartwright, Jr.	27.89	
48.	Timothy Scott Jordan	15.62	
49.	Irvin Thomas Huggins	7.14	5.69
50.	Joyce Swain Johnikins	43.65	
51.	Antonio Cataquet	85.26	
52.	John Richard Pierce	13.11	
53.	Jennifer Anne Peserik	8.45	6.74
54.	Edith Galena Macon	12.27	
55.	Edward Christopher Donaldson	28.90	
56.	Geneva Shannon Kellogg	63.89	50.96
57.	Brooke Caruthers	50.74	
58.	Henry Gerard Ebert, Jr.	21.00	16.75
59.	Steven Thomas Ford	30.08	
60.	Martha Silvia Martinez	6.77	
61.	Cesar A. Morales Guillen	36.71	29.28
62.	Kevin Dean Critcher	46.83	
63.	Brett Neilson Value	24.49	19.53
64.	Sarah Seely Tillis	67.51	52.60
65.	East Carolina Farm Credit	61.53	49.08
66.	Roger Dean Allen	96.85	
67.	Robert John Cieslo	14.12	11.26
68.	Robert John Cieslo	15.25	12.16

Refunds:

1.	Carl Louis Ennamorato	93.91	
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The following requests for release or refund of the solid waste availability fee have been approved by the Tax Administrator:

OWNERS NAME	PARCEL ID NUMBER	REASON FOR RELEASE
Len & Amand S. Stokley	P110-4	Unoccupied since 2001
Michael E. Long	P70-2	Unoccupied for three years
Gerald Kent Edwards	P-31-20A	Mobile home destroyed in 2003 by Hurricane Isabel

7. APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM WATER COMMITTEE FOR WATER RATE CHANGES:

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of recommendations from the Water Committee for increases in water rates and in water tap fees effective July 1, 2006. The proposed changes are as follows:

Standard ¾" water meter: Increase from \$1,500 to \$2,500. The prepayment of \$800 per lot for the developer will increase to \$1,800. This will affect only lots which will have final approval after July 1, 2006. All meters which do not have a prepayment made for them after July 1, 2006 will cost \$2,500. All water meters sold until July 1, 2006 must have an address, a customer's name (which can only be used once), and must be ready for installation within two weeks of purchase.

2" water meter: \$2,500 to \$5,000

3" and 4" water meters: \$3,000 to \$10,500

6" water meter: \$4,000 to \$16,000

8" water meter: \$5,000 to \$21,000

Sewer taps will be the same as water meter at that location.

All fire taps will remain the same.

Water rates: Minimum water bill with 2,000 gallons usage or less will remain at \$10 per month. Cost of water is now \$5 per 1,000 gallons over the minimum. Water rates will increase to \$5.50 per 1,000 gallons over the minimum with under 5,000 gallons usage. Rates for water over 5,000 gallons usage will increase to \$6 per 1,000 gallons.

Motion was made by Hank Krebs, seconded by Jeff Dixon to approve the recommendations from the Water Committee for increases in water rates and water tap fees.

Discussion followed and Commissioner Stevenson stated that he feels the county should find a way to put more of the burden on the developers because they are the ones that are causing the county to have to expand its water system, not the average citizen. He said this will impact the developers somewhat with the increase in the water meter costs, however he does not feel it is enough as far as the developers are concerned. He stated that the developers are the main reason the average citizen of Pasquotank County is having to pay increased taxes.

The motion to approve the increase in water rates and water tap fees carried by a five to one margin with Commissioner Stevenson voting against the motion.

8. APPOINTMENT TO PASQUOTANK-CAMDEN LIBRARY BOARD:

The Board considered the appointment of Blair Jackson to the Pasquotank-Camden Library Board. The Appointments Committee has recommended that she be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Jenny Jackson which will expire on June 30, 2008.

Motion was made by Marshall Stevenson, seconded by Lloyd Griffin to approve the appointment of Blair Jackson to fill the unexpired term of Jenny Jackson on the Pasquotank-Camden Library Board. The motion carried.

9. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATEWIDE STUDY OF PADDLE TRAILS:

County Manager Randy Keaton explained that previously the Board had adopted a resolution supporting funding for an executive director for the North Carolina Paddle Trails Association. It has been indicated by the Division of Water Resources that the project might possibly be funded if it were a study rather than a position. Another grant application would have to be submitted and the Board would need to adopt a resolution agreeing to sponsor a statewide study, inventory and assessment of paddle trails. No local funds would be required.

Motion was made by Hank Krebs, seconded by Bill Trueblood to adopt a resolution supporting a grant application for a statewide study of paddle trails. The motion carried and the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners desires to sponsor a statewide study, inventory and assessment of paddle trails on behalf of the North Carolina Paddle Trails Association (NCPTA);

AND WHEREAS, we desire to advance the development of paddle trails across the State of North Carolina to promote ecotourism and recreational opportunities, and provide statewide benefits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) The Board requests the State of North Carolina to provide financial assistance to the North Carolina Paddle Trails Association, in the amount of \$60,000 or 100% of the study costs;
- 2) The Board and the NCPTA Board assume the responsibility of administering the contract for this study;
- 3) The Board will comply with all applicable laws governing the award of contracts and the expenditure of public funds by local governments.

Adopted by the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners this 19th day of June, 2006.

10. REPORTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER:

County Manager Randy Keaton reported that he received a fax from the Albemarle Commission advising that Billy Ray Hall with the Rural Center has requested that counties contact state legislators over the next five days to express support for Senate Bill 1281 and House Bill 1809. The bills provide that the \$1 Billion Clean Water Bond Issue would be placed on the ballot for approval by voters in the fall.

Mr. Keaton stated that Ms. Lenora Jarvis-Mackey has requested that he pass along an invitation to the Board to a picnic this Wednesday at 1:00 PM at Fun Junktion for the Group Work Camp.

11. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Hank Krebs asked if a joint city-county meeting is held at the end of July that a proclamation for Coast Guard Day be presented to the Coast Guard Captain at that meeting. He said he would also like to know if the county could open up Meads Pool on August 5 and 6 to Coast Guard military personnel in recognition of Coast Guard Day.

Commissioner Krebs said he would also like to do something to recognize the volunteers who helped during the National Guard Homecoming. Chairman Perry asked Commissioner Krebs to take that responsibility.

Commissioner Krebs reported that he plans to have a meeting with the captains and superintendent at the Coast Guard Base in a couple of weeks.

Commissioner Krebs said he would like for the Board to authorize the County Manager to do something for employees on July 3, possibly allow them to leave work early or close offices early. He said this would be a good gesture on the Board's behalf to show employees the Board's appreciation. Members of the Board agreed that this would be a good gesture, however felt it would not be feasible to close offices early for a number of reasons. Chairman Perry suggested that any other ideas for rewarding employees be forwarded to the County Manager.

Commissioner Dixon reported that one of the large signs recently installed on the U.S. 17 Bypass has been damaged. He suggested that this be reported to DOT.

Chairman Perry noted that it has been brought to his attention that the Halstead Boulevard Extended/Forest Park Road intersection is very dangerous for vehicles entering from Forest Park Road. County Manager Randy Keaton stated that this had previously been pointed out and he had discussed with DOT the possibility of installing lighting at this intersection and DOT had advised that they to not install street lights. It was suggested that the median possibly be painted

with reflective paint. Mr. Keaton said he would discuss with DOT the possibility of them painting the median with reflective paint or allowing the county to paint the median.

Commissioner Stevenson asked if any response has been received from the city regarding the bill from the county for the city elections. The County Manager said he has not yet received a response but will follow-up.

Vice-Chairman Griffin stated that Representative Tim Spear met with the Albemarle Commission at its meeting last week and explained the differences between the House and Senate versions of the state budget. He noted that the largest percentage of the \$2 billion budget surplus will be used for programs which have been neglected over the past five or six years because of the state's budget constraints.

Chairman Perry reported that he was out of town last week and was not able to attend a lot of committee meetings. He said however he was in Murfreesboro, Tennessee and was impressed by their recreation programs, particularly the number of baseball fields. He asked if the County Manager has an update on the meeting with ECSU regarding baseball fields. Mr. Keaton stated that he and the Parks and Recreation Director attended a meeting with ECSU representatives and they discussed the advantages and disadvantages of the different locations and the fact that the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund advised them to not emphasize the university's participation, however acknowledged that this would be a good partnership. He said this could create the appearance that a joint use field was being built solely for the university or solely for some other group. It is recommended that it be emphasized the fields would be for public use so it would not be considered an exclusive use by any group. Mr. Keaton stated that ECSU has hired an architect to begin working on a master plan and they will continue to work with the county on this project and try to come up with some cost estimates. He said the Parks & Recreation Director is putting together a timeline leading up to submission of the grant application by the January 31, 2007 deadline.

12. REPORT FROM ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER:

Assistant County Manager Rodney Bunch reported that he received a letter today advising that a stormwater grant that was due to expire on June 30 of this year has been extended for another year.

Commissioner Trueblood asked Mr. Bunch to update the Board on the process of completing the Land Use Plan. Mr. Bunch reported that one meeting has been held with the consultant, Buddy Blackburn, since the comments were received from the Coastal Resources Commission. He said he has had several phone conversations with Mr. Blackburn since that meeting, and he has sent maps and information to him that it was determined he would need. He stated that he has communicated to Mr. Blackburn the county's desire to complete the project. The Board expressed concerns that there has been no activity on this project during the past couple of months. Mr. Bunch stated that he would call Mr. Blackburn and relay to him the Board's concerns.

Commissioner Dixon asked for an update from Mr. Bunch regarding the Overlay District. Mr. Bunch advised that several months ago the city requested that the county relinquish ETJ to the city on Halstead Boulevard Extended to the U.S. 17 bypass. The Board of Commissioners agreed to inform the city if it completed the Halstead Overlay District, the county would consider relinquishing the ETJ at that time. Mr. Bunch advised that recently the city has completed the Overlay District design guidelines and has actually enacted it as part of the city's UDO. He added that the city has not yet come back to the county to request relinquishment of the ETJ which is most likely due to the fact that as development is happening along Halstead Boulevard, the areas are being brought into the city by voluntary annexation. Commissioner Dixon said his concern is that he does not think the overlay should be developed just for the Halstead connector road, but for other areas in the county where commercial development is anticipated. Mr. Bunch stated that although planning staff have not worked on an Overlay District, they have been working on commercial guidelines. He said they have completed regulations for parking for commercial areas which the Board has adopted, and have drafted landscaping requirements for commercial businesses which are ready for the Special Projects Committee to review. He added that there are some funds in the budget to hire a consultant to assist with guidelines for planned unit or mixed use development.

13. REPORT FROM CLERK:

Clerk to the Board Karen Jennings reported that today was the last day for submission of upset bids on the nineteen acre tract of land on Mill Pond Road, and a bid of \$12,500 was received before the 5:00 PM deadline. She noted that the new bid will be advertised and the bid could be upset again within the 10-day upset bid period.

Chairman Perry asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being no further business, he asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was made by Hank Krebs, seconded by Jeff Dixon that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

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