

**PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
JUNE 19, 2008**

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners met today in a budget work session on Thursday, June 19, 2008 in the Commissioners Board Room in the Pasquotank County Courthouse.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cecil Perry, Chairman
Marshall Stevenson, Vice-Chairman
Matt Wood
Bill Trueblood
Jeff Dixon
Jimmie Harris

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lloyd E. Griffin III, *(Out of Town)*

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

The work session was called to order at 3:04 PM. Chairman Perry stated he had called this meeting to insure the Board does all it can to present the lowest budget and keep taxes as low as possible for Pasquotank County property owners.

The County Manager reviewed the Water System cash flow and cash balance after proposed transfers to the General Fund. He noted that the Water System is in good shape, but will need significant funds over the next two years for construction of the reverse osmosis water treatment plant. Board Members discussed how much to borrow from the Water System to balance the 2008-09 budget and how to pay it back. Commissioner Trueblood stated that it appears the Nags Head parcel will sell this year and the Water System could be repaid from the proceeds of the sale of this property.

The Board discussed the amount of the tax increase for FY 2008-09 and there was some support for a 4 1/2¢ as well as a 5 1/2¢ tax increase. A public hearing will be held on the budget at the June 23 Commissioner meeting.

Motion was made by Jimmie Harris, seconded by Bill Trueblood to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 4:27 PM.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK

**PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
JUNE 23, 2008**

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners met today in a regular meeting on Monday, June 23, 2008 in Courtroom C in the Pasquotank County Courthouse.

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

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 Cecil Perry. The Rev. Jimmie Sutton, Pastor of Mary Holly Grove AME Zion Church, gave the invocation and Vice-Chairman Marshall Stevenson led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Perry welcomed everyone present.

1. COMMENTS FROM TOMMY WILKINS:

Chairman Perry recognized Mr. Tommy Wilkins of 207 Rachel Drive. Mr. Wilkins stated that he would like to comment about all of the smoke that has been abundant in the area in recent weeks as a result of wildfires in neighboring areas. He said the Division of Air Quality has advised that any type of burning can contribute to the smoke situation currently affecting residents in Northeastern North Carolina, and that outdoor burning such as agricultural burning is discouraged. He stated that the North Carolina Division of Forest Resources encourages farmers to use other means of soil clearing besides burning. Mr. Wilkins said Albemarle Regional Health Services suggests if residents experience greatly reduced visibility, coughing, strong odors, or burning or watering eyes, they should consider temporarily evacuating the area. He stated with all of this going on and smoke coming in from all directions, farmers are still burning wheat fields. He said he considers this irresponsible when it is already hard to breathe and they are adding more smoke to the environment. In addition, the residents have to clean up the fallout on their houses and cars as a result of the fires. Mr. Wilkins stated that he does not like to go out in his yard and smell the smoke when wheat fields are burning around him. He asked what the Board can do to help address this problem.

County Manager Randy Keaton explained that traditionally the Forest Service makes the determination once conditions get to the point that any type of outdoor burning is not allowed. This would include farm burning and personal burning. Mr. Keaton said in this case the issue has been the smoke from fires in other counties in the region. He stated that agricultural burning has been a concern lately due to farmers not taking the necessary precautions by disking around the fields before burning. Extension Director Travis Burke sent out an advisory to all farmers in Pasquotank and Camden Counties advising them to take the necessary precautions. Mr. Keaton stated that the Fire Marshal can institute burn bans, usually in consultation with the Forest Service. He said the Board of Commissioners has never been asked and has never enacted a burn ban. Commissioner Matt Wood noted that wheat fields normally only burn for a short while and the smoke dissipates quickly once the burning is complete. Commissioner Bill Trueblood said he feels this year is an exception because wheat production is up tremendously based on projected market prices.

Chairman Perry asked the County Attorney to research the county's responsibility and the county's options, if any, to address the agricultural burning.

2. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED WATER SHORTAGE PLAN:

Chairman Perry declared the meeting to be a public hearing on a proposed Water Shortage Plan. Water Superintendent John Gregory explained that the Water Shortage Plan is a requirement of

the State of North Carolina as part of the county's Water Supply Plan. The plan outlines the conditions that must exist to initiate the plan and the three stages of implementation in order to reduce water usage of the Pasquotank County Water System.

Commissioner Jeff Dixon said this was brought about in part because of severe drought conditions in some areas of the state and the lack of a plan by some municipalities to restrict water usage and supply water for their residents. The state is now requiring that all municipalities have a plan in place in the event water restrictions have to be imposed.

Chairman Perry asked if there were any further comments regarding the proposed Water Shortage Plan. At the absence of further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Jeff Dixon, seconded by Lloyd Griffin to adopt the proposed Water Shortage Plan as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FY 2008-09 COUNTY BUDGET:

Chairman Perry declared the meeting to be a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments on the proposed fiscal year 2008-09 county budget. County Manager Randy Keaton read the budget message which stated that the proposed budget includes a six cent increase in the ad valorem tax rate with an option for a five cent tax increase. The six cent tax increase proposal also includes a \$500,000 loan from the county water system along with a \$320,000 transfer from the Commerce Park reserve fund. The alternative for a five cent tax increase includes a loan in the amount of \$808,000 from the Water System to offset the lower tax increase.

Chairman Perry asked if anyone would care to comment on the proposed budget. Mr. Frankie Meads of 200 Bayshore Road stated that he feels the Board's timing is off and the tax increase should have been done two years ago when people were making money. He said today unemployment has increased dramatically and property values are higher in Pasquotank County than they are in other parts of the state. He stated that the county's revaluation was done at the peak of the real estate market. Mr. Meads said he would request that the county look at its budget because he does not think things will be any better next year. He suggested that some of the increases be eliminated, and that new people not be hired. He stated that building supply companies like his are having to lay off people. He said there will be more and more people who cannot pay their taxes who will be needing services from the county if something does not change. He asked that the Board reconsider the tax increase.

Mr. Jimmy Westbrook explained that he worked hard to achieve the American dream of owning a house and he has just drawn his first Social Security check. He asked that the county not tax him out of his house.

Mr. Tom Memolo stated that he has been keeping up with statistics and found that foreclosures have gone from 48% to 68% nationwide and property values are still going up, but the prices of houses are going down. He said new homes that were built three years ago still have for sale signs on them, and some even have for rent signs. Mr. Memolo said that taxes need to be lowered if the county wants to bring in new industries to make money. He stated that a lot of senior citizens are angry because of the higher taxes they will have to pay. He said the county needs to take care of its senior citizens. He stated that people do not have money to pay more taxes because the cost of everything is up. Mr. Memolo asked that the Board reconsider the tax increase.

Mr. Jack Mills of 1122 Northside Road stated that he thought proceeds from the lottery would take care of the school budget. County Manager Randy Keaton explained that lottery proceeds can only be used for school capital expenses. He said Pasquotank County only receives about \$400,000 per year from the lottery for the schools, and that money is being used to make the debt payments on the new schools that have recently been built. He asked if the county's budget shows the amounts the county receives from the sale of recyclables. Mr. Keaton pointed out the amount of revenues included in the budget from the sale of recyclables. Mr. Mills stated that he is on a fixed income and does not appreciate the tax increase at this time.

Chairman Perry asked if anyone else would care to comment on the proposed budget. At the absence of further comments, the public hearing was closed. Chairman Perry stated that no one on the Board is interested in raising taxes, however the county has needs the public might not understand.

4. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Chairman Perry asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. It was requested that the following items be added to the agenda: 1) Approval of tax releases and refunds from the Finance Committee agenda; 2) Approval of budget amendments from the Finance Committee agenda; 3) Approval of transport division for Emergency Medical Services; 4) Approval of amendment to tax collection contract with the city; and 5) Approval of additional item of surplus equipment to be sold on Govdeals.com. The County Attorney requested that the Board hold a Closed Session to discuss the acquisition of real estate.

Motion was made by Bill Trueblood, seconded by Matt Wood to amend the agenda to add the five items listed above to the consent agenda, and to hold a Closed Session to discuss the acquisition of real estate at the end of the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

The Board considered the following consent agenda:

a. Approval of Minutes of June 9, 2008 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.	Lawrence James Peranto	169.95	
2.	Embarq	188.75	159.78
3.	Scott Elliott Dyer	114.15	
4.	Phill Bragg, III	128.50	105.66
5.	John P. Crail	146.77	120.35
6.	Kelly McCarthy	101.45	
7.	Marcus C. Jones	106.40	92.25
8.	Denesia Lynn Spence	144.55	
9.	James Bryan Vernon	242.05	
10.	Ollie Sharp Heirs	135.00	110.70
11.	Jason Lee Roberts	121.90	
12.	Jennifer L. Covington	154.30	
13.	Joseph Norman Riggs	208.65	

Refunds:

1.	Albemarle Medical Assoc PLLC	273.00	262.08
2.	Ollie Sharp Heirs	129.60	108.00

c. Approval of Family Subdivision Request FS 08-19 by Samuel Shannon for Approval of a Gift Lot for a Child off of Nixonton Road

The Planning Department staff has recommended approval of Family Subdivision Request FS 08-19. Mr. Samuel Shannon is requesting to create a gift lot for a child in accordance with Article 3, Section 303 of the Pasquotank County Subdivision Ordinance. A total of 208.50 feet of road frontage for the proposed parcel is provided onto Nixonton Road. The total lot area proposed is 1.14 acres for the gift lot and 1.08 acres for the residual tract. Mr. Shannon is requesting to give a lot to his daughter, Patricia Godfrey. He has provided documentation through deeds to show that 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 in the form of a birth certificate and Albemarle Regional Health Services has evaluated the site and determined that it is suitable for a septic system. The application meets the minimum requirements for a family subdivision and staff recommends approval.

d. Approval of Vehicles and Equipment for Surplus and Sale on GovDeals

The following vehicles and equipment need to be approved by the Board for surplus and sale on Govdeals.com:

Make and Model	VIN Number/Description
1988 Ford Commercial Van – seized	1FDKE37H2JHB60824
1989 Nissan Pickup (Water Dept)	1N6ND115HXKC345888
1984 Ford Station Wagon	1FA8P403XF0132114
1999 Polaris Ranger 6x6	4XARF50AXXD119356

Panasonic Electronic Typewriter	KX-E3000
Security Equipment – x-ray machine	Vider Alpha V 74450
2 finger printing machines	Sheriff's Dept
MTD Pro Riding Mower	MMZ 25/60 Hydraulic Driven
Printrak Finger Printing Machine	Printrak International, Inc.

e. Approval of Budget Amendments

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

SCHOOL RESOURCE

Increase	010.0600.4950.00	School Security	21,400.00
Increase	010.4315.5121.00	Salaries & Wages	16,338.00
Increase	010.4315.5181.00	FICA	1,215.00
Increase	010.4315.5182.00	Retirement	1,845.00
Increase	010.4315.5183.00	Health Insurance	2,002.00

WATER SYSTEM

Increase	060.0200.4840.02	Sales Tax Refund	36,000.00
Increase	060.0240.4380.16	IDF-U-345	52,000.00
Increase	060.0350.4713.00	Sale of Water	60,000.00
Increase	060.0500.4831.00	Interest Earned	60,000.00
Increase	060.0991.4991.00	Fund Balance Appropriated	500,000.00
Increase	060.7130.5595.00	R O Plant	708,000.00

E911/GEN FD/CAPITAL RESERVE

Decrease	022.4326.5960.22	E911 Reserve	20,574.00
Increase	022.4326.5980.10	Transfer to General Fund	20,574.00
Increase	010.0700.4981.22	Transfer from E911	20,574.00
Increase	010.6600.5980.21	Transfer to Capital Reserve	20,574.00
Increase	021.0700.4981.00	Transfer from General Fund	20,574.00
Increase	021.8200.5960.03	Reserve-Public Safety	16,940.00
Increase	021.8200.5980.42	Transfer to Capital Project-Public Bldgs	3,634.00

DSS/GEN FUND

Decrease	011.5400.5680.02	Medicaid	400,000.00
Decrease	011.0700.4981.00	Transfer from General Fund	400,000.00
Decrease	010.6600.5980.11	Transfer to Public Assistance (DSS)	400,000.00
Increase	010.4190.5331.00	Utilities	30,000.00
Increase	010.4195.5600.29	Drainage Study	5,000.00
Increase	010.4195.5600.32	Riverview Acres	8,184.00
Increase	010.4195.5600.33	Airport Project	150,000.00
Increase	010.4310.5126.00	Salaries & Wages-Part Time	125,000.00
Increase	010.4320.5190.00	Professional Services (Jail)	10,000.00
Increase	010.4320.5362.00	Juvenile Services	20,000.00
Increase	010.6130.5581.04	South Park Complex	44,585.00
Increase	010.6170.5299.00	Chemicals (Meads Pool)	7,231.00

PROVIDENCE VFD/COMMERCE PARK

Increase	010.0550.4837.00	ABC Net Revenues	33,000.00
Increase	010.4346.5353.00	Maintenance-Vehicle	8,000.00
Increase	010.4346.5490.00	Grant Match	7,000.00
Increase	010.4920.5594.00	Commerce Park-Sewer/Drainage	18,000.00

MEADS POOL

Increase	010.0220.4532.00	Other Grants	18,685.00
Increase	010.6170.5500.00	Capital Outlay	18,685.00

CAP RESERVE/RIVER ROAD

Decrease	021.8200.5960.66	Sports Complex	250,000.00
Increase	021.8200.5980.10	Transfer to General Fund	250,000.00
Increase	010.0700.4981.21	Transfer from Capital Reserve	250,000.00
Increase	010.6130.5581.01	River Road Project	250,000.00

CITY/RIVER RD PROJECT

Increase	010.0600.4940.08	Elizabeth City-Parks & Rec	37,705.00
Increase	010.6130.5581.01	River Road Project	37,705.00

PARK & REC

Increase	010.0200.4322.00	Wine & Beer Tax	3,100.00
Increase	010.0400.4118.01	Collection Fee-Occupancy Tax	7,000.00
Increase	010.6130.5251.00	Gas & Oil	4,000.00
Increase	010.6130.5360.02	Southpark Operating Expenses	2,500.00
Increase	010.6130.5600.05	Public Access Grant	3,600.00

FAIRGROUNDS/CAP RESERVE

Increase	023.0220.4984.21	Transfer from Capital Reserve	12,500.00
Increase	023.4935.5192.00	Legal Fees	12,500.00
Decrease	021.8200.5960.01	Capital Reserve (Unallocated)	12,500.00
Increase	021.8200.5980.23	Transfer to CDBG	12,500.00

CDBG/FAIRGROUNDS

Increase	023.0220.4497.03	Eliz City-Fairgrounds Phase II	12,500.00
Increase	023.4935.5192.00	Legal Fees	12,500.00

E911 WIRELESS

Decrease	022.4327.5960.22	E911 Reserve	36,900.00
Increase	022.4327.5500.00	Capital Outlay	36,900.00

SEIZED ASSETS

Increase	020.0240.4431.05	Forfeiture-Federal	60,000.00
Increase	020.4300.5269.00	Law Enforcement Expenses	60,000.00

BFP/ESMMM

Decrease	026.5875.5121.00	Salaries & Wages	3,000.00
Increase	026.5866.5121.00	Salaries & Wages	3,000.00

E911

Decrease	022.4326.5960.22	E-911 Reserve (Wireline)	96,000.00
Increase	022.4328.5321.00	Telephone	40,000.00
Increase	022.4328.5352.00	Maintenance-Equipment	10,000.00
Increase	022.4328.5440.00	Contracted Services	10,000.00
Increase	022.4328.5960.22	E911 Reserve	36,000.00

COUNTY MANAGER

Increase	010.0200.4322.00	Wine & Beer Tax	800.00
Increase	010.4120.5261.00	Departmental Supplies	275.00
Increase	010.4120.5251.00	Gas & Oil	275.00
Increase	010.4120.5321.00	Telephone	250.00

f. Approval of Transport Division for Emergency Medical Service

The EMS Board has recommended approval of the creation of a transport division for the Emergency Medical Service due to Albemarle Hospital eliminating its convalescent transfer service. The proposed transport division would consist of two additional personnel, however the existing ambulances would be utilized for the transports. It has been estimated that this would generate an annual profit of approximately \$146,000. The Finance Committee has recommended approval of this proposal and has also recommended approval of a rate increase from \$250 to \$300 for non-emergency transports. Chairman Perry said he supports this proposal to hire two additional employees, however he wants the record to show that he would like for EMS to consider ways to attract more minorities and encourage minorities to apply for EMT positions.

g. Approval of Amendment to Tax Collection Contract with the City

The Finance Committee has recommended an amendment to the tax collection contract with the City of Elizabeth City to reduce the city's cost to 1.5% of all city taxes and fees collected which would equal about \$80,000 per year. The annual savings to the city would be approximately \$60,000.

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

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

Releases:

		County	City
1.	Matthew S. Sharp	59.30	53.63
2.	Carolyn Louise Blackwell	1.90	1.55

3.	David Linn Warfield	53.70	
4.	William Daniel Nuggett	7.00	10.74
5.	Anne Marie Nuggett	30.30	
6.	Gary A. Ambrose	93.20	
7.	Macie Deanne Miller	85.40	
8.	Robert Macon Parker III	76.85	
9.	Jessica Ann Daugherty	53.30	
10.	Donald Dean Vandewalker, Jr.	18.25	14.97
11.	Bruce Lee Weatherly	8.13	
12.	Ruth Marie Riddick	2.53	
13.	Larry Anthony Hughes	7.78	6.38
14.	Lakeisha Chanell Kanen	27.15	
15.	Barry Scott Salmon	28.50	
16.	Warren Hicks Basket	53.05	43.54
17.	Quinton Darrell Evans	7.73	
18.	Dennis Michael Killian	80.98	72.48
19.	Kevin Grant Routten	58.40	
20.	Christopher Brown	27.41	27.84
21.	John Wesley Blount, Sr.	8.10	6.65
22.	Danny Lewis	59.90	49.01
23.	Benjamin Whayland Anderson	16.10	
24.	Thomas Ryan Christensen	39.65	
25.	Steve Everett Carpenter	30.25	
26.	Shawn Russell Smith	69.15	
27.	Deloise Lemoyan Moore	17.05	
28.	Raven Gene Atkins, Jr.	59.30	53.63
29.	Curtis James Sanders	87.85	
30.	Craig William Burns	54.70	49.85
31.	Vince Darryl Ross	24.95	
32.	Godwin Chukwiiemeka Umozurike	16.42	13.47
33.	George Clay Manos, Jr.	2.85	
34.	Patrick Martin Hagan	45.15	
35.	Ellen Perry Harris	4.75	
36.	James Clifton Simpson, Jr.	49.10	
37.	Alecia Lynn Ravenpak	10.70	
38.	Jasmine Charisse Alston	8.13	6.67
39.	Karen Lynn Harwood	51.75	47.44
40.	Tidewater Liquidators, Inc.	9.20	7.55
41.	Emily Erin Carpenter	2.23	1.83
42.	Christopher Blaine Steeley	63.90	
43.	David Allen Deal	15.38	
44.	Cyril Kelly Albert	64.35	52.77

Refunds:

1.	Janet S. Cooper		35.64
2.	Janet S. Cooper		35.64

The following requests for release or refund of the solid waste availability fee have been approved by the Tax Administrator:

OWNER'S NAME	PARCEL ID NUMBER	REASON FOR RELEASE
Larry E. Billet	12-G-19	Unoccupied 3-4 years
Harry W. Reed III	P127-10	Unoccupied since 2003
Barbara Simpson	P58-15	Unoccupied since 1989
Elsie J. Burke	61-B-35	Unoccupied for 5 years
Julius Johnson Estate	55-F-23-24	Unoccupied since 1998
James E. Mullen Heirs	31-D-6	Unoccupied since January 2006
Isaiah F. Jackson	812 Baxter St.	Unoccupied since 1989
Joe Lynn & Lillie R. Gilbert	24-A-9	Unoccupied since 2002
Mary Elizabeth Gibson	P63-4	Unoccupied since 1992
Eunice Mitchell Heirs	P123-12	Unoccupied since 1998
Robert Smith Skinner Lf Est.	26-A-6	Unoccupied for 4 years
Sterling S. & Shirley Griffin	P80-84A	Unoccupied since 2003
Temani Lewis	709 Jefferson St.	Unoccupied since 2001
W.W. Jennings, Jr. & Helen	P120-153	Unoccupied since 1980
Jo Ann Perry	P6-18	Unoccupied for 15 years

6. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM JOSEPH AND MELITTA SMITH TO LOCATE A CHEERLEADING SCHOOL IN THE COMMERCE PARK:

Chairman Perry recognized Joseph and Melitta Smith to present a request to locate a cheerleading school in the former Mill End Carpet building in the Pasquotank County Commerce Park. The Commerce Park Ad Hoc Committee had considered the request on June 2 and agreed that the traffic generated by this type of activity would not be conducive to an industrial park. In addition, a cheerleading school is currently not a permitted use in the Commerce Park.

Mr. Smith stated that he and his wife represent Stars of Liberty Cheering. He said he has obtained the signatures of over 700 people who support them and what they do. He stated that he also has letters from students and their parents explaining what this matter means to them. He said Stars of Liberty Cheering has been in business since 2004 and he, his wife, and their coaches have obtained certifications in cheerleading and gymnastics.

Mrs. Smith explained that she started coaching cheerleading in 1999 as a volunteer for several of the local schools while she was in college. From there, when she was eligible she began coaching and teaching at a Pasquotank County public school. After accepting the coaching position, she realized the lack of support within the school system for this program. She also noticed that tumbling skills were no longer being taught as a part of the curriculum. Mrs. Smith said after coaching for two years at the school level, she decided to start an all-star business which is a competitive sport requiring a lot of training. She stated that although it was never required, she took it upon herself to obtain certifications. She said she and her husband were trained by the best. She stated that their program has grown, but they have faced limitations because of low ceiling heights and limited floor space. Mrs. Smith said their current facility limits what they can offer to their students and they would love the opportunity to reach more kids by having a full floor and ceiling heights so they would not have to worry about kids hitting their heads on beams or light fixtures. She stated that there is a building in the Pasquotank County Commerce Park that is available for their use that would provide the room needed. She said they spoke with Mr. Hamilton, owner of the building, at length and explained what they do and he agreed to allow them to use his building. She stated that once they found out the restrictive covenants for the Commerce Park did not allow their organization to operate out of the facility they sent a letter requesting approval to use the building so they might serve more children in the community, but they were denied. She said she and her husband do not understand the reason their request was denied.

Mr. Smith stated that the community is very limited in buildings that have tall ceilings and the amount of floor space they need. He said this building in the Commerce Park provides that space as well as a landlord who believes in what they are trying to do for the community and who gives them reduced rent so they can grow and offer programs to others in the community. He said he and his wife and over 700 supporters truly feel this will benefit the community. Mr. Smith asked the Board to reconsider this request to allow the cheerleading school in the Commerce Park.

Mrs. Carolyn Self of 664 Old Hertford Highway stated that she is the proud grandmother of a cheerleader and Stars of Liberty Cheering is the only program in town that builds self-esteem and gives kids something to do besides sit at home and watch TV. She said since enrolling her granddaughter in November she has seen a drastic change. She stated that her granddaughter's grades in school have improved and she has become very outgoing. She said Stars of Liberty not only teaches cheerleading and tumbling, but also teaches life skills. Mrs. Self said she firmly believes in what Mr. and Mrs. Smith are doing and she thinks they need the opportunity to have a building where boys and girls are safe. She asked that the Board re-address this issue and allow the Stars of Liberty to use the building in the Commerce Park for something that will make the community stronger and better.

Commissioner Jeff Dixon stated that the Board is not against cheerleading, however the problem is with the proposed location of the cheerleading school. He said where they want to locate is in an industrial park with 85,000 pound trucks driving up and down the road, a prison with some of the most hardened criminals in the State of North Carolina, and a district jail that is under construction. He stated that in addition there are still many acres of land that will be sold and it is not known what types of businesses will be locating there.

Commissioner Bill Trueblood stated that the Commerce Park Committee met and deliberated over this and felt that based on what the Commerce Park was developed for, and what the restrictive covenants were enacted for, that this type of activity does not comply with the county's plans for the park. He said the county has offered to allow Economic Developer Wayne

Harris to work with Mr. and Mrs. Smith to find another facility. Commissioner Trueblood stated that a cheerleading school is not the ideal situation for the Commerce Park.

Assistant County Manager Rodney Bunch explained that the restrictive covenants for the Commerce Park do not allow this kind of use. In addition, this type of use would be classified as commercial according to the county's zoning ordinance and would not be permitted in the Commerce Park because it is zoned industrial. In order to allow the cheerleading school, the zoning ordinance and the Commerce Park restrictive covenants would have to be amended.

Commissioner Matt Wood stated that this is an industrial park where there is the possibility of eventually having large plant sites with hundreds of trucks in and out every day. He said that is the type of client the county is trying to attract in the Commerce Park for job creation, and the cheerleading school is not in concert with the county's plans for the Commerce Park. He stated there is a lot of land in the county zoned commercial and he is sympathetic that Mr. and Mrs. Smith have not been able to find a building in a commercial zoned area that is suitable for their cheerleading school. Commissioner Wood said the committee's recommendation to not allow the cheerleading school has nothing to do with the people, who they are, or what they are doing. He stated that he understands what the Smith's are trying to do as he has three daughters who have all been involved in dance and cheerleading and it has been tremendous for them. He stated that the county has been working 25 years to build this industrial park, and recruited the prison in order to have a base. He said this is a particular area where industrial use is what the county wants and is promoting. He added that the location of a cheerleading school in the Commerce Park would actually hurt the county in trying to recruit industry that will create jobs for the community. Commissioner Wood said the Commissioners are very sympathetic and would like to have the Economic Developer work with Mr. and Mrs. Smith to find another building. He said besides that there is nothing else the Board can do at this time.

Vice-Chairman Marshall Stevenson asked if a joint use agreement might be worked out with the Board of Education to allow the use of school facilities. Mr. Smith said he would like to clarify that they use spring floors and it takes about 12 hours to set it up, so it would not be feasible to set it up and take it down everyday. Mr. Smith stated that he appreciates the Board offering someone to help them find another building, however they will never find another landlord like Mr. Hamilton. He asked the Board to reconsider their request if only on a temporary basis.

Motion was made by Marshall Stevenson, seconded by Lloyd Griffin to allow the cheerleading school to locate in the Commerce Park on a temporary basis for one year.

County Manager Randy Keaton stated that in order to amend the restrictive covenants, it would require 30 days notice to the other property owners in the Commerce Park, and from a zoning perspective a public hearing would have to be held to change the zoning. He stated that he does not think the Board can take action on the motion as it has been presented tonight.

County Attorney Mike Cox stated that the Board needs to discuss this as it would be a major decision. He said the Board put the restrictive covenants in place in 1999 and 2000, and there are also zoning issues.

The motion was withdrawn.

The Commerce Park Ad Hoc Committee was directed to study this request further along with the zoning changes and the changes to the restrictive covenants that would be required.

7. APPROVAL OF REVISED SKETCH PLAN FOR DAVIS FARMS:

The Board reviewed the amended sketch plan for Davis Farms subdivision at the intersection of Pritchard Road and Asturia Lane in Providence Township. Planning Director Shelley Cox said this is the third sketch plan that has been considered by the Board for Davis Farms. She stated that this proposal consists of four residential lots. It is zoned R-35A and lot sizes are proposed to range from 4.15 acres to 4.51 acres. The area requested for sketch plan approval is located within the 100 year flood plain with a six foot elevation required. Mrs. Cox explained that the first sketch plan consisted of fourteen lots with access to Main Street Extended via Pritchard Road, however due to a delay in the development of Equestrian Estates, Phase 3, and subsequent improvements to Pritchard Road, a second sketch plan was developed. The second sketch plan also consisted of fourteen lots with access to Main Street Extended, however access was going to be routed through Equestrian Estates, Phase 1. That plan was reviewed by the Technical Review Committee and the Planning Board, but was denied by the Board of Commissioners due to concerns about routing access through the existing Equestrian Estates Subdivision. The

Technical Review Committee met on May 7 to review the current four-lot proposal and the plat has been revised to reflect the changes requested during the TRC. Since this submittal is for sketch plan approval, the developer has not provided detailed drainage plans for this development. Mrs. Cox stated that the county's consultant, Greg Johnson, has reviewed this plan and has provided general comments, however he does recommend approval based upon the information that has been submitted at this time. She said staff recommends approval of this sketch plan request because it does meet the minimum requirements of the subdivision ordinance and they believe that the reduction of lots from fourteen to four should result in a minimal amount of traffic impacts within Equestrian Estates, Phase 1, and should reduce the drainage impacts on the Knobbs Creek flood plain. In addition, the Planning Board reviewed this revised sketch plan on May 22 and also recommended approval.

Motion was made by Matt Wood, seconded by Lloyd Griffin to approve the revised sketch plan for Davis Farms as presented.

After brief discussion regarding access;

The motion carried unanimously.

8. DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE FOR NACO ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

The Board was advised that Chairman Cecil Perry will be the only Commissioner to attend the NACo Annual Conference and the Board needs to designate him as the voting delegate for Pasquotank County.

Motion was made by Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Marshall Stevenson to designate Chairman Cecil Perry as the voting delegate for the NACo Annual Conference. The motion carried unanimously.

9. APPROVAL OF REORGANIZATION PLAN FOR EMS DEPARTMENT:

The Board considered a reorganization plan for the EMS Department. The plan would convert a vacant position of Operations Supervisor to Assistant EMS Director with expanded responsibilities. The pay grade for the position would remain the same therefore there would not be any impact on the budget. Under the proposed plan Assistant Shift Supervisors would be renamed Shift Supervisors, and the daytime Assistant Shift Supervisor would be paid the \$1.50 shift differential for the entire 12 hour day shift as those on the night time shift are currently paid.

Motion was made by Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Jeff Dixon to approve the reorganization plan for the EMS Department as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Wood noted that it had previously been mentioned that there are no African Americans employed by the EMS Department. EMS Director Jerry Newell noted that there is one part-time African American employee. Commissioner Wood asked that Mr. Newell research this matter and bring back data to the Board regarding whether this is an issue statewide, nationwide or regionally to help the Board have a better understanding and find a way to solve this problem.

10. CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENT TO ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE:

County Attorney Mike Cox requested that the Board call for a public hearing for the next meeting on an amendment to the Animal Control Ordinance to clarify that the Animal Control Board is the full Board of Commissioners.

Motion was made by Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Marshall Stevenson to call for a public hearing at the next meeting on an amendment to the Animal Control Ordinance to clarify that the Animal Control Board is the full Board of Commissioners. The motion carried unanimously.

11. APPROVAL OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS FOR MOYOCK COMMONS SHOPPING CENTER:

The County Attorney explained that the county owns a parcel of property at the Moyock Commons Shopping Center in Moyock in Currituck County that is leased to Albemarle Hospital

Authority. A Food Lion store at the shopping center is being sold this week and the buyer wants some restrictive covenants in place. Mr. Cox said a copy of the proposed restrictive covenants has been provided which he and hospital officials have reviewed. He stated that he would recommend approval of the restrictive covenants.

Motion was made by Matt Wood, seconded by Marshall Stevenson to approve the restrictive covenants for Moyock Commons Shopping Center as recommended by the County Attorney. The motion carried unanimously.

12. TRANSFER OF OLD ELIZABETH CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL PROPERTY TO PASQUOTANK COUNTY:

County Attorney Mike Cox advised that the county received the deed last week from the School System for the old Elizabeth City Middle School building. He said he will work with the Clerk to ensure that the county has insurance on the building before he records the deed.

Commissioner Griffin asked if the broken windows in the school have been replaced and the doors repaired as a result of recent vandalism. Mr. Cox suggested that this be a condition of acceptance.

Motion was made by Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Matt Wood to accept the old Elizabeth City Middle School building from the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools on the condition that the county has obtained insurance on the building and that repairs resulting from vandalism have been made. The motion carried unanimously.

13. ADOPTION OF FY 2008-09 BUDGET ORDINANCE:

The Board discussed the proposed budget for 2008-09. Vice-Chairman Marshall Stevenson said he feels the Board needs to go the extra mile and not have a tax increase at all. He added that if the Board makes the hard choices it can do that.

Commissioner Lloyd Griffin said he has been asked why the county is in this predicament. He stated that six years ago the county lowered the tax rate and then had a corresponding increase in the solid waste availability fee. He said during revaluation the tax burden was shifted from the farmers to the waterfront homeowners and businesses. Additionally, the county reduced the tax rate below revenue neutral. Commissioner Griffin stated that the county lost its revenue opportunity during revaluation and would not be looking at a five or six cent tax increase now if it had not gone below revenue neutral during revaluation.

Commissioner Matt Wood said during revaluation any holder of farm equipment and business personal property saw a large decrease in taxes due to revaluation, while the person who owns waterfront property saw a substantial increase. He stated that the thing to focus on is where we are in relation to other counties. He said several years ago when he first came on the Board Pasquotank County had one of the top fifteen highest tax rates in the state and stayed there for a

number of years. Due to the revaluation two years ago the county was able to lower the tax rate. Commissioner Wood said since he has been on the Board the county has never had large tax increases. In the most recent years, the county has experienced increases in sales taxes and increases in land transfer taxes and responded to that by growing the budget to some extent. Commissioner Wood said the county will be looking at another year where sales tax revenues

will not likely increase at a high rate and land transfer taxes will probably not recover, so the county will most likely be in the same situation a year from now. He said having no tax increase is completely unrealistic given the operation of county government. Commissioner Wood stated that he thinks a reasonable compromise would be to have a five cent tax increase this year and increase borrowing from the Water Department and he would propose that.

Chairman Perry asked what the effect would be if there were no tax increase. County Manager Randy Keaton explained that a five cent tax increase equates to about \$1.5 million which would have to be cut from the budget or revenues from other sources would have to be found. He said the five cent tax increase proposal includes taking \$800,000 from the Water Department and he does not believe any more than that would be sustainable for the Water Department. He stated that in addition, this would be a one-time fix of money for the current expenses. He said that about 78½% of the county's budget is in just four categories: salaries & benefits for all departments; public education; debt retirement; and the DSS assistance program, some of which

is state money which flows through the county's budget. The remaining 21½% of the budget is for items like telephone, postage, travel & training, supplies, maintenance, utilities, contracted services, insurance, and capital outlay, the staples of county government. Mr. Keaton noted that discretionary spending is very limited in the budget, and most of the departments that are discretionary are departments the county would not want to go without, such as volunteer fire departments, planning and zoning, senior center, and code enforcement. He said most of the other services the county provides are either mandated or a federal or state requirement. He added that past decisions have necessitated the county debt retirement amounts for new schools or new facilities. Because Pasquotank County is the host county for many agencies, such as COA, Pasquotank County is mandated to provide a much higher level of funding. The county has also made decisions in the past on the level of service and funding for county agencies, such as Emergency Medical Services. Mr. Keaton said Pasquotank County is always in the top three or four counties in its relative effort to fund public schools, and is usually in the top twenty-five as far as actual spending per student. Decisions have been made by previous boards to fund the school system at that level. Mr. Keaton stated that to cut \$1.5 million from the budget would mean cutting some of those services or eliminating some services altogether.

Chairman Perry said he has spoken with the County Manager about possibly delaying the purchase of fire trucks. Mr. Keaton explained that there is a schedule for replacing the fire trucks and there is one scheduled to be replaced this year. He said if the Board chooses to do so, the purchase of the next truck could be delayed long enough so the debt payment would not fall until the following year.

Commissioner Jeff Dixon stated that he thinks staff was behind the curve this year and he feels they should have reacted back in December when revenues were not coming in as projected by implementing hiring freezes and cutting travel and other expenses. He said unless the economy turns around, the county will be facing the same shortfalls next year. He suggested that beginning July 1 the budget be looked at and that staff begin making cuts.

Commissioner Bill Trueblood said he previously proposed a compromise at the last Finance Committee meeting to increase the tax rate by 5½ cents, but he will support a five cent tax increase. He said the \$800,000 the Board wants to borrow from the Water System is money the county will need to pay back. By borrowing this money, the county will be starting in the hole by 2½ cents. He stated that the tax rate really needs to be increased by eight cents to balance the budget. He noted that the \$800,000 will be paid back when the county sells the property in Dare County.

Motion was made by Matt Wood, seconded by Bill Trueblood to adopt the budget for FY 2008-09 with a five cent increase in the ad valorem tax rate and a loan of \$800,000 from the Water System. The motion carried by a four to three margin with Commissioners Perry, Wood, Trueblood and Griffin voting in favor and Commissioners Stevenson, Dixon and Harris voting against approval.

Vice-Chairman Stevenson stated that this is the second year in a row there has been a split vote on the budget. He said he feels like the county needs to do a better job to bring this under control because there are people in the county who are living from paycheck to paycheck who will have to make hard choices. The Budget Ordinance as adopted is as follows:

**BUDGET ORDINANCE
FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009**

BE IT ORDAINED THIS 23rd DAY OF JUNE, 2008 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, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this county:

Governing Board	\$ 96,900
County Manager	324,789
Personnel/Payroll.....	90,299
Finance Department.....	256,592

Data Processing	262,472
Tax Administrator	582,986
County Attorney	158,098
Court Facilities	108,528
Elections Board	221,022
Register of Deeds	302,689
Public Buildings	977,712
Health & Social Services Building	291,251
Non-Departmental	263,748
Sheriff's Department	2,906,351
School Resource Officers	232,713
Jail	2,230,918
Central Communications	962,826
Emergency Management	129,091
Code Enforcement	61,771
Central Fire Department	333,969
Intercounty Fire Department	45,600
Newland Fire Department	44,266
Weeksville Fire Department	39,572
Providence Fire Department	63,135
Nixonton Fire Department	31,554
Building Inspector	243,301
Fire Marshall/OSHA Inspector	80,000
Emergency Medical Services	2,003,414
Animal Control	319,227
Planning Department	140,173
Geographic Information Systems	109,929
Economic Development	124,430
Cooperative Extension Service	266,798
Farmers Market	3,600
Soil & Water Conservation	91,551
Public Health	224,457
Public Schools	10,966,942
College of The Albemarle	1,209,516
Parks & Recreation	756,295
Meads Pool	75,645
Special Appropriations:	
-Miscellaneous	316,949
-Contribution to:	
Public Assistance Fund	4,917,000
Mental Health	40,465
Pasquotank-Camden Library Fund	523,622
Airport Authority	45,000
Tourism Board	492,000
Capital Reserve	128,620
Contingency	50,000
Debt Retirement	<u>4,589,321</u>
 TOTAL GENERAL FUND	 \$38,737,107

SECTION 2 – REVENUES: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009:

Ad Valorem Taxes	\$17,506,500
Sales Tax 1%	3,350,000
Sales Tax ½%	4,950,000
Land Transfer Tax	2,100,000
Franchise Fees	160,000
Wine & Beer Tax	95,000
Occupancy Tax	500,000
ADM Funds	400,000
Inspection Fees	250,000
Recording Fees	280,000
Interest on Investments	280,000
ABC Store Revenue	95,000
EMS Revenue from Services	1,260,000
Revenue – Albemarle Hospital	724,414
Rent Revenue	996,872
Transfer from Capital Reserve	1,629,671

Transfer from Water System	700,000
Other Revenue	<u>3,459,650</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$38,737,107

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, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009:

Administration.....	\$ 5,431,544
Special Assistance	577,797
Medicaid.....	1,500,000
Child Care Services	2,237,155
Smart Start Day Care.....	309,925
Foster Care.....	912,142
Other.....	<u>303,965</u>
TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES FUND	\$11,272,528

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, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009:

Federal and State Grants & Other Sources.....	\$ 6,355,528
Contribution from General Fund	<u>4,917,000</u>
TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES FUND	\$11,272,528

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, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

Operating Expenses.....	\$ 649,527
Capital Outlay.....	<u>7,343</u>
TOTAL PASQUOTANK-CAMDEN LIBRARY FUND	\$ 656,870

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, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009:

Fees & Fines.....	\$ 10,000
Copies.....	10,000
Interest.....	6,000
Contribution from Camden County.....	107,248
Contribution from Pasquotank County General Fund.....	<u>523,622</u>
TOTAL PASQUOTANK-CAMDEN LIBRARY FUND	\$ 656,870

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, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009:

Transfer to General Fund.....	\$ 1,629,671
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	\$ 1,629,671

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, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009:

Interest Earned.....	\$ 50,000
Fund Balance Appropriated.....	<u>1,579,671</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	\$ 1,629,671

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, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009:

Operating Expenses	\$ 112,000
Transfer to E-911 Reserve Fund.....	228,000
Capital Outlay.....	<u>80,000</u>
TOTAL EMERGENCY TELEPHONE FUND	\$ 420,000

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, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009:

911 Charge Revenue.....	\$ 420,000
TOTAL EMERGENCY TELEPHONE FUND	\$ 420,000

VI. 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, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009:

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, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009:

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

VII. WATER SYSTEM FUND

SECTION 1 – APPROPRIATIONS: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Water System Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009:

Operating Expenses	\$1,750,865
Capital Outlay.....	377,000
Contingency.....	5,000
Operating Expenses – Sewer Department	94,285
Capital Outlay – Sewer Department.....	14,000
Transfer to General Fund.....	<u>700,000</u>
TOTAL WATER SYSTEM FUND	\$2,941,150

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, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009:

Sale of Water	\$2,200,000
Hookups.....	250,000
Sewer Revenue	180,000
Interest on Investments.....	75,000
Penalties & Fees	66,000
Miscellaneous.....	66,000
Fund Balance Appropriated.....	<u>104,150</u>
TOTAL WATER SYSTEM FUND	\$2,941,150

VIII. LANDFILL FUND

SECTION 1 – APPROPRIATIONS: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Landfill Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009:

Operating Expenses – Landfill	\$2,671,146
Capital Outlay – Landfill.....	35,000

Operating Expenses – Solid Waste.....	2,037,133
Capital Outlay – Solid Waste	<u>10,000</u>
TOTAL LANDFILL FUND	\$4,753,279

SECTION 2 – REVENUES: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the Landfill Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009:

Tipping Fees	\$2,611,579
Solid Waste Fees	1,934,500
Tire Disposal Fees	89,000
White Goods Disposal Fees.....	35,000
Miscellaneous.....	<u>83,200</u>
TOTAL LANDFILL FUND	\$4,753,279

IX. 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 - \$50,000 and fines and forfeitures of \$300,000.

SECTION 2: The total appropriation for Current Expense from General Fund is \$10,046,942.

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

X. 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.

XI. FEES

SECTION 1: There is hereby established a fee of \$66.00 per ton for residential garbage and \$69.00 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 III, 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 \$120 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.

XII. TAX LEVY

SECTION 1: There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of fifty-five cents (55¢) per One Hundred Dollar (\$100.00) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2008 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 \$3,240,321,290 and an estimated rate of collection of 95%.

SECTION 3: 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 23, 2008 by the following vote of the members of the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners: Commissioners Perry, Wood, Trueblood and Griffin in favor; Commissioners Stevenson, Dixon and Harris opposed.

Cecil Perry, Chairman
Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Karen S. Jennings
Clerk to the Board

14. CHANGE IN JULY MEETING SCHEDULE:

The County Manager explained that the Board has traditionally cancelled the first meeting in July which will fall on July 7 this year. He said there are no public hearings scheduled for July 7 and he asked if the Board wants to cancel that meeting and just meet on July 21.

Motion was made by Matt Wood, seconded by Jeff Dixon to cancel the July 7 Commissioner meeting and have only one meeting in July on July 21. The motion carried unanimously.

15. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Trueblood stated that members of the Board have received notice of a meeting of the Northeastern Terrace Homeowners Association scheduled for July 15 at 7:00 PM in the Community Room at the Library. He said Mr. Greg Johnson will be presenting the Knobbs Creek drainage study to that group. He stated that three members of the Board were not in attendance at the meeting when Mr. Johnson presented the results of the drainage study to the Board of Commissioners, and he would ask those Commissioners to try to be in attendance for this presentation. Vice-Chairman Stevenson noted that there is a Special Projects Committee meeting scheduled that evening which needs to be moved.

Commissioner Jeff Dixon stated that there are several neighborhood community watch groups that are being formed. He asked if there is someone coordinating those groups in the county as they are in the city. The County Manager said he would follow up with the Sheriff's Department to obtain the names of the groups and their meeting times.

16. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

Vice-Chairman Marshall Stevenson presented the following recommendations from the Appointments Committee:

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council – Approve the slate of members recommended by the JCPC.

Workforce Development Board – Reappoint Kenneth Roberts to an additional term.

Motion was made by Marshall Stevenson, seconded by Bill Trueblood to approve the appointments as recommended by the Appointments Committee. The motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Stevenson stated that the Appointments Committee also voted to recommend the appointments of Nelia Fernandez to replace Carol Terryberry on the Pasquotank-Camden Library, and Eudora Harvey to replace Cecil Perry. Mr. Perry will remain on the Library Board as an ex officio member as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. These appointments will lay over until the next meeting so board members can review their applications.

17. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY:

Chairman Perry asked if there was any further business to come before the Board in Regular Session. There being no further business, he asked for a motion that the Board enter Closed Session to discuss the acquisition of property.

Motion was made by Matt Wood, seconded by Jeff Dixon that the Board enter Closed Session to discuss a property acquisition matter. The motion carried unanimously.

Upon the end of Closed Session;

Motion was made by Jimmie Harris, seconded by Bill Trueblood that the Board return to Regular Session. The motion carried unanimously.

18. PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FOR WELL SITE:

Motion was made by Bill Trueblood, seconded by Lloyd Griffin to approve the purchase of a 1.37 acre tract of land from Michael Pike for a well site for the RO water plant at a cost of \$40,000. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business;

Motion was made by Matt Wood, seconded by Jimmie Harris to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK