

**PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
AUGUST 2, 2010**

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners met today in a regular meeting on Monday, August 2, 2010 in Courtroom C in the Pasquotank County Courthouse.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Randy Keaton, County Manager
Rodney Bunch, Asst. County Manager
R. Michael Cox, County Attorney
Lynn Scott, Asst. Clerk to the Board

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Marshall Stevenson. Rev. C.D. White, Associate Minister of Evangelical Methodist Church, gave the invocation and Vice Chairman Lloyd Griffin led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Stevenson welcomed everyone present.

1. PRESENTATION OF SECONDARY ROADS CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM FOR PASQUOTANK:

Chairman Stevenson recognized Mr. Sterling Baker, Division Maintenance Engineer with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, to present the Secondary Roads Construction Program for 2010-11. Mr. Baker introduced local DOT staff including Gretchen Byrum, District Engineer; Ronnie Sawyer, County Maintenance Engineer; and Darrell Wilkins, County Road Maintenance Supervisor. He reviewed the 2009-2010 and 2010-11 programs as follows:

FY 09-10 Actual Allocation

Highway Fund	\$172,201.46
Trust Fund	<u>108,371.78</u>
Total	\$280,573.24

FY 10-11 Anticipated Allocation

Highway Fund	\$222,897.53
Trust Fund	<u>267,714.57</u>
Total	\$490,612.10

Cumulative Amount of Both Programs \$771,185.34

I. Paving Unpaved Roads Programmed Paving Goal: 0.12 Miles

A. Rural Paving Priority

Priority Number	SR No.	Length (Miles)	<u>Road Name and Description</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>
NONE				

Total Miles 0.00 Subtotal \$ 0.00

++ Items previously funded from Prior Rating

Items previously on the "Hold List"

B. Subdivision Paving Priority

<u>Priority Number</u>	<u>SR No.</u>	<u>Length (Miles)</u>	<u>Road Name and Description</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>
	1491	0.12	Tucker's Lane From SR 1330 (Brite Ave.) to End Grade, Drain, Base and Pave	\$35,000

Total Miles 0.12

Subtotal \$ 35,000

II. General Secondary Road Improvements

A. Paved Road Improvements

<u>SR No.</u>	<u>Length (Miles)</u>	<u>Road Name and Description</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>
1101	3.64	Peartree Road From SR 1169 Pitts Chapel Rd. to NC 344 Widen From 20' to 22' Total Costs to Widen and Strengthen=\$700,000 (funded:\$550,000)	\$150,000
1360	2.58	Crooked Run Road From SR 1360 (Firetower Rd.) to SR 1356 (Newland Rd.) Widen and Strengthen from 16' to 20' ** Partial Funding-Total Estimate: \$580,000	\$340,000

**Provided we have a 60' dedicated right of way to relocate ditches in various areas.

Subtotal \$ 525,000

*Paved Road Improvements Alternatives

<u>SR No.</u>	<u>Length (Miles)</u>	<u>Road Name and Description</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>
1360	2.58	Crooked Run Road From SR 1360 (Firetower Rd.) to SR 1356 (Newland Rd.) Widen and Strengthen from 16' to 20'*** Complete Funding-Total Esimtate:\$580,000	\$240,000
1416	4.40	Northside Road (22' Wide) From SR 1333 to US 17 Strengthen Pavement, grind bumps, etc. Total Estimated Costs: \$620,000	\$620,000

C. Unpaved Road Spot Improvements

Subtotal \$ 150,000

IV. Funds reserved for surveying, right of way acquisition, road additions, contingencies, departmental overhead, overdrafts, and paving entrances to certified fire departments, rescue squads, etc.

Subtotal \$ 96,185.33

GRAND TOTAL \$ 771,185.33

Status of Previously Funded Projects

<u>WBS Number</u>	<u>SR No.</u>	<u>Length (Miles)</u>	<u>Road Name and Description</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>	<u>Status</u>
1C.070027	1120	0.70	Wills Road-From SR 1115 to End Stablize	\$130,000	Complete
1C.070033	1109	0.49	Harris Road-From NC 344 to End Grade, Drain, Base & Pave	\$125,000	Complete
1C.070035	1354	2.00	Millpond Rd-From SR 1101 to SR 1169 Widen & Strengthen from 18'- 20'	\$300,000	+
1C070036	1266	0.13	Sawyer Rd.-From SR 1139 to End Grade, Drain, Base, & Pave	\$50,000	Complete
1C070037	1101	3.64	Peartree Rd.-From SR 1169-Pitts Chapel Rd. to NC 344	\$550,000	**

** Awaiting Spending Authority

+ Have spending authority; however, awaiting right of way to be dedicated.

Subtotal \$1,155,000

Mr. Baker noted that last year's allocation was about half of what this year's will be. He said there was no additional funding that went towards it, but the way the money is allocated is different this year based on a law change. Before it was based on the mileage of unpaved secondary roads and now it is funded based on the total mileage of secondary roads in the county. He added that they are now able to do more with the money, such as safety improvements and paved road improvements.

Commissioner Dixon asked if the flooding in the Peartree area would be looked at when the road is repaved and widened. Ronnie Sawyer responded that four or five years ago after a major storm they had a hydrologist study the area and they plan on making the improvements that the hydrologist recommended.

Commissioner Stevenson asked if anything was being done about the ponding of the water on US 17 by the Nissan dealership. Mr. Baker answered that they have had their hydraulics unit look at it several times and they have sized the pipe and according to the hydrologist the pipe size is correct. Mr. Sawyer added that the outlet is a big issue and needs to be addressed. Commissioner Stevenson noted that the property owner who lives directly across from the dealership gets flooded often. Mr. Baker said they have offered to participate in their pro rata share in the cleaning of the outlet, but they will not take the lead on cleaning it out because of their policies and laws regarding private parties. Commissioner Stevenson said several years ago NCDOT cleaned out ditches in our area and asked what changed that. Mr. Baker responded that several things, but budgetary issues and environmental policy were two of the main reasons. He said in the past they were not hamstrung by Water Quality, the Corps of Engineers, or CAMA, but in the last fifteen years they have become severely strict and there is a lot of permit work that is required. He stated that North Carolina General Statute has always said that drainage is a private property issue and it is the responsibility of the landowners to keep their outfalls clean.

Commissioner Jordon asked if the work that will be performed on Northside Road is due to flooding. He noted that Northside Road is very bumpy and holds a lot of water. Mr. Baker replied that the bumping is due to pavement underneath it.

Randy Keaton asked if Newland Fire Department is included in this year's program. Mr. Baker answered yes it is.

Motion was made by Charles Jordon, seconded by Jeff Dixon to adopt the following resolution approving the 2010-11 Secondary Roads Construction Program as presented by the Department of Transportation.

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation has presented and recommended to Pasquotank County a Secondary Roads Construction Program for Fiscal Year 2010-11 with a total allocation of \$771,185.34 in funding; and

WHEREAS, the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners agrees with the total proposed Secondary Roads Construction Program for the county as presented.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this the 2nd day of August, 2010 that Pasquotank County hereby approves and adopts the Secondary Roads Construction Program for Pasquotank County for Fiscal Year 2010-11 as presented.

The motion carried.

2. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Chairman Stevenson asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. Commissioner Wood requested that the agenda be amended to add to the consent agenda the following items recommended by the Finance Committee: 1) Approval of budget amendments from today's meeting; 2) Approval of lease proposal with the State of North Carolina; 3) Approval of fee schedule for fire marshal; 4) Approval of bid for equipment financing; 5) Approval to fill one vacant position at the Sheriff's Department and two positions at Social Services; and 6) Approval of three items regarding the jail:

Motion was made by Commissioner Trueblood and seconded by Commissioner Jordan to add the six additional items recommended by the Finance Committee to the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

The Board considered the following consent agenda:

a. Approval of Minutes of July 19, 2010 Commissioner Meetings

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

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

Releases

		County	City
1.	Adam Christopher Moss	110.21	89.78
2.	David J. Manovich	111.44	90.73
3.	James Freeman Wallace III		105.22
4.	Brenda Ballance Seymour	105.59	86.23
5.	Gianni Venturi	311.62	
6.	Lydia Ann Butcher	102.49	
7.	Eric Mark Wood	138.41	
8.	Jody Allen Kaupman	109.34	
9.	Daniel Robert Strange	103.15	87.28
10.	James & Cynthia Elliott	309.16	237.62
11.	Marion M.R. Kirby	218.41	
12.	Zelmuk Gerhard	1,123.60	
13.	David B. & Sheila R. Sawyer	295.35	
14.	Tabitha A. Waterfield	147.62	
15.	Teresa B. Weatherly	434.41	
16.	Patricia W. Markham	378.17	
17.	Kevin L. Brickhouse	110.11	
18.	Daniel D. & Darlene Sherman	329.25	
19.	Juanita La Maupin	221.26	
20.	H. Glenn & Kathryn M. White	583.96	

21.	Eugene M. & Nancy Markham	280.55	
22.	Marvin Felton	329.25	
23.	Ellen E. Lacy	510.75	
24.	Donnie R. Lassiter	717.36	
25.	Herbert Lee White, Jr.	179.82	
26.	William W. & Donna T. Spaulding	322.60	204.14
27.	Gary & Diane Whidbee	420.31	279.24
28.	Bessie J. Chappell Lf Est	526.18	360.61
29.	Mary Lou Hubbard	421.21	279.93
30.	Barbara Woods	329.25	209.25
31.	Christian Lee Schomburg	132.51	
32.	Robinson Mfg Company	1,940.84	1,491.72
33.	Douglas M. & Sophia Sawyer	132.00	
34.	John Cassidy Yavorsky	110.16	

Refunds

1.	Kevin Brickhouse	100.10	
2.	Kevin Brickhouse	106.47	
3.	James & Cynthia Elliott	245.28	204.40
4.	James & Cynthia Elliott	255.50	209.51
5.	James & Cynthia Elliott	281.05	229.95
6.	James & Cynthia Elliott	293.83	229.95

Solid Waste Fee Releases

OWNER'S NAME	PARCEL ID #	REASON FOR RELEASE
Louis Banks, Jr. Heirs	P98-31	Unlivable
Martha Ives Cassel	P89-51	Uninhabitable
Thomas M. & Wife Hamill	10-H-159	Vacant for over 3 years
Temani Lewis	50-L-8	Vacant-not livable
Harry W. Reed, III	P127-10	No one lives at location
Tony Lewis	23-R-27	Vacant
Sophie Hinton Sawyer	P119-62-1	Vacant for 4 years
Barbara Franklin Simpson	SW #102752	Vacant since 1989
Verlin E. Willison	P80-4A	Vacant for 2 years

c. Approval of Tax Payer Appeal for the Disabled Veteran's Exclusion

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of the request by Mrs. Elizabeth Craft for the property tax exclusion for disabled veterans. Mrs. Craft originally missed the deadline for submitting the application however the application would have been approved if it had been received on time.

d. Approval of Surcharge for the Disposal of Boats

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of a request from the Solid Waste Department to add a surcharge fee in the amount of \$5 per foot for the disposal of boats. This surcharge will be in addition to the tipping fee for the disposal of the boat. The surcharge will cover the crushing of the boats by the contractor that is on site.

e. Approval of Amendment to Waste Management Agreement

The Finance Committee approved a special tipping fee rate for Waste Management on March 1, 2010. This item was never placed on the regular agenda therefore the full Board has not approved the item. The recommendation from the Finance Committee was to approve a request from the Solid Waste Department to charge Waste Management \$59 per ton for all waste delivered to the transfer station. This rate will be retroactive to March 1, 2010. The purpose of the special rate was to provide an incentive for additional waste that Waste Management proposed to bring into Pasquotank County from the outside of our area.

f. Approval of Budget Amendments

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

E911

Increase	022.0991.4991.00	Fund Balance Appropriated	241,000.00
Increase	022.4328.5499.00	Miscellaneous Expense	241,000.00

Library

Increase	013.0600.4940.05	Elizabeth City-Library	1,000.00
Increase	013.6110.5261.00	Departmental Supplies	1,000.00

g. Approval of Lease Proposal with the State of North Carolina

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of the lease proposal with the State of North Carolina. We currently have two leases with the State. The first one is with the Forestry Service for one office in the Water Department/Solid Waste Building. We rent a 112 sq. ft. office to them for \$1,200 per year. The second lease is with the Department of Agriculture for the Northeast Marketing Center. Our current lease with them is in the amount of \$15,691, which equals \$11.32 per sq. ft. The Finance Committee has recommended approval of the two leases at the same rental rate. The Forestry Service lease will be for a one-year term and the Marketing Center lease will be for a three-year term.

h. Approval of Fee Schedule for Fire Marshall

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of the proposed Fire Marshal Fee Schedule, with removal of the Residential Burn Permit Fee.

i. Approval of Bids for Equipment Financing

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of the bid from RBC, with annual payments for the purchase of Sheriff's vehicles, animal control truck, and computer equipment.

j. Approval of Fill Vacant Positions

The Finance Committee has recommended that the Board authorize the Sheriff's Office to fill the vacant Code Enforcement Officer position at Grade 18, Step 8 and authorize the Department of Social Services to fill two positions.

k. Approval of Jail Items

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of the following items: 1) to hire Mediator Adrian Bastianelli to mediate the dispute between the county and NC Monroe, Inc.; 2) to approve the tolling agreement between the county and NC Monroe, Inc.; and 3) to approve the release of retainage in the amount of \$588,926 with the understanding that the county reserves the right to claim this money back if a court rules that NC Monroe, Inc. or Traveler's Surety is liable.

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

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

Releases:

		County	City
1.	Gregory Alan Michael	27.44	
2.	Darlene Joann Phillip	17.73	
3.	Michael A. Lufkin	64.64	54.73
4.	Troy Juno Ward	86.23	
5.	Troy Juno Ward	44.34	
6.	Brian Wade Pike	86.29	
7.	Christopher Omar Sutherland	86.40	
8.	Anita Nicole Price	6.61	5.09
9.	Michael Robert Rogers	26.45	
10.	Godwin C. Umozuikie	15.51	11.93
11.	Phillip Eugene Dobrosky, Jr.	9.51	
12.	Stephen Michael Ferguson	31.36	24.12
13.	Edgar L. Green, Jr.	8.48	
14.	Edgar L. Green, Jr.	79.33	
15.	Terrica Nichelle Smith	5.27	4.05
16.	Sean Paul Ford	3.34	
17.	Charles Stanmore Nichols	13.17	
18.	Holly Luther Brothers	21.93	16.97

19.	Kenneth Joseph Sippel, Sr.	30.48	
20.	Robert Fredric Taylor	82.37	68.36
21.	Kara Cullipher Stoughton	85.53	
22.	Teaira Monae Johnson	30.48	23.45
23.	Israel Jimenez Ramirez	4.65	3.58
24.	Big Lots Stores Inc. #1891	20.44	15.71
25.	Kevin Grant Routten	44.75	
26.	Kevin Grant Routten	8.07	
27.	Ashleigh Elizabeth Littlefield	16.85	
28.	Jason Jermaine Short	37.68	28.98
29.	Amanda Marie Hockenberry	2.81	
30.	Richard L. Boyce t/a Boyce Tree Service	19.10	14.70
31.	Ellen Kay Hooker	11.35	13.73
32.	Javon Terrell Turner	39.14	30.11
33.	Donald W. Stallings Living Trust	84.70	
34.	Margaret Holder McNary	16.06	13.14
35.	Don Joseph St. Aubin	6.61	
36.	Connie James Thornley	25.86	19.89
37.	Helen J. Barber Lf. Est.	75.00	
38.	Robert Wayne Bradley	61.31	
39.	Kimberly Austin Parrish	15.65	12.04
40.	Berle W. Wilson	4.84	
41.	Kenneth Alvin Sweatman	13.23	10.17
42.	Steven Carl Raisor	7.20	
43.	Chuck Thompson	8.55	
44.	Patrick Martin Hagan	90.56	
45.	Norman E. & Patricia T. Young	85.91	66.03
46.	Shawn Kelvin Heaton	42.53	37.72
47.	Charles M. & Victoria M. Grimm	42.35	32.55
48.	Barry Jackson Hardison	56.45	
49.	Benjamin Fletcher Terry	97.05	
50.	Gary Stewart Woolard	25.33	19.49
51.	John Wesley Trueblood, Jr.	73.10	
52.	John Richard Pierce	5.62	
53.	John Richard Pierce	9.31	
54.	Archie Stokley	10.83	8.33
55.	Kenneth Stephen Winslow	8.60	
56.	Billie Ann Johnson	11.27	8.67
57.	Michael W. & Joy W. Ross	64.13	
58.	Melinda Tuttle Culver	7.90	
59.	Brantley Hicks Redding	66.34	
60.	Richard Aaron Ghormley	60.31	51.40
61.	Richard Aaron Ghormley	45.51	40.01
62.	Luke Bryan Eanes	7.37	
63.	Delmonte Trewayne Griffin	4.95	
64.	Ronald Carey Penland	61.31	
65.	Margaret Rose Donohoe	15.27	11.75
66.	Kellie Lynne Meads	32.84	
67.	Ramona Lynn Phillips		53.08
68.	George Foreman, Jr.	34.67	
69.	Ethan Ivan Bowe	4.25	3.27
70.	Alan Dee Ross	8.90	
71.	Luther James, Jr.	16.97	13.05
72.	Jason Eugene Evans	65.46	
73.	Radford Cliff Reel	16.27	
74.	James M. McClendon	37.51	28.83
75.	Robert Evan Pitchford	46.80	41.00
76.	Robert Evan Pitchford	6.79	10.22
77.	Robert E. Pitchford	89.15	73.58
78.	Family Dollar Store of NC Inc. #100	23.06	17.72
79.	Ross Allen Wilson	16.38	12.60
80.	Kay W. Weeks	73.44	
81.	Scott Samuel Wentz	54.29	
82.	Hector Trevino	27.79	
83.	Charles D. Cherry	11.12	

84.	Charles Deleon Fambrough, Jr.	13.87	
85.	George Cepavicius	59.73	
86.	Joycelin Whidbee Hinten	8.08	6.21
87.	Jolee Stephen Goldsmith	40.48	
88.	Jolee Stephen Goldsmith	97.05	
89.	Select Physical Therapy #40857	68.22	52.43
90.	Hill-Rom Co., Inc.	7.87	
91.	Hill-Rom Co., Inc.	80.53	61.89
92.	DVA Healthcare Renal Care, Inc.	20.73	15.93
93.	Reyna Capital Corp.	48.82	37.53

4. CONSIDERATION OF REVISED FIRE DISTRICT BOUNDARY FOR WEEKSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT AND CENTRAL FIRE DISTRICT:

The Board considered revising the fire district boundary for the aviation park. The County Manager said the purpose for the new boundary is to place the aviation park under the Elizabeth City Fire Department. He stated that there is no advantage in a residential area between the City's rating and the County's rating, but for commercial buildings there is a big difference in the cost of insurance. The City has a lower rating than the Weeksville VFD and they can provide a lower insurance cost for those businesses that will locate in the aviation park.

Motion was made by Bill Trueblood, seconded by Cecil Perry to revise the fire district boundary for the aviation park from Weeksville VFD to the City of Elizabeth City for the purpose of providing lower insurance costs for those businesses located in the park. The motion carried unanimously.

5. REPORTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER:

County Manager Randy Keaton reported that he will be on vacation next week. He said that staff will be putting together the agenda for the next meeting.

6. REPORT FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY:

County Attorney Mike Cox reported that he is working with the School of Government to schedule a conference via the internet to discuss stormwater management finance options. He is attempting to schedule the meeting for Wednesday, August 18th during the regularly scheduled Stormwater Management Committee meeting.

7. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Jeff Dixon reported that at the Social Services Board meeting this morning the Board voted to move all charitably assisted programs from under Social Services to the Salvation Army. He noted that the City has done likewise and this should help prevent an individual from receiving double services.

Commissioner Jeff Dixon reported that the Highway 17 Association may soon be requesting the Board to sign a resolution in support of a university doing an economic impact study on US 17. He asked staff to gather more information on the resolution.

Commissioner Bill Trueblood asked what the status is for the Weeksville VFD fire rating now that the additional equipment has been installed. Mr. Keaton said the equipment has been installed and the Department of Insurance has asked for some additional information. He stated that Hugh Tarkenton is in the process of scheduling a meeting with them to clarify what additional information they need.

Commissioner Cecil Perry asked if someone comes to him with a question that he cannot answer is it proper for him to refer the individual to the County Manager. Chairman Stevenson answered yes.

Commissioner Cecil Perry said he personally thinks that it would benefit the Commissioners to name the Commissioners' Board Room in honor of Mr. Hugh Cale. He stated that he is aware that there has been limited discussion regarding this but he personally thinks it would benefit us, because even though we have had many great commissioners, none have suffered the hardships that Hugh Cale suffered.

Commissioner Griffin said with all due respect he feels the Commissioners' Board Room should not be named after one individual commissioner. He pointed out that he has represented the

Hugh Cale community efforts over the years and there have been markers, buildings, and streets named after Mr. Cale. He said there are other commissioners that have probably earned the same respect and recognition. He added that there are no other rooms in the courthouse that have been named after an individual.

Commissioner Trueblood said he does not support naming the Commissioners' Board Room for any one person as he believes there are many commissioners in the last one hundred twenty years that could rightfully have their name imprinted on the courthouse.

Commissioner Dixon said he does not agree with the way this request was brought before the Board. He expressed that his only issue is he feels there should be a set policy or criteria for naming rooms and buildings in the future.

Commissioner Wood said he will support the motion out of respect for Commissioner Perry because he has tremendous respect for him and his knowledge of the community. He does have some problems with a resident of Durham County sending a letter to the newspaper two days after sending the commissioners an electronic copy of the request. He feels the issue was forced and seems divisive and uncomfortable and he said he believes the last thing that Mr. Cale would have liked is to have something that involved him become divisive and cause stress amongst the commissioners. He said he agrees with Commissioner Dixon in that we need to have staff work on a policy for the future.

Commissioner Perry disagreed with Commissioner Griffin and said he does not feel that anyone was pressured and they made their decisions based on their own thoughts and decisions.

Commissioner Perry reported that he attended the ribbon cutting/grand opening ceremony for Kozmo's Inflatables. He said there was a large crowd and it went very well.

Motion was made by Cecil Perry, seconded by Charles Jordon that the Commissioners' Board Room be named in honor of Hugh Cale. The motion carried by a five to two margin with Commissioners Griffin and Trueblood voting against the motion.

Discussion followed and Commissioner Perry thanked everyone for voting either for or against the naming of the room. He said he informed the gentleman making the request that the way it was presented made it very difficult for the commissioners to have a discussion without feeling pressured into making a decision. He said he made the motion because he feels it is the right thing to do.

Commissioner Griffin said he feels this was underhandedly put before the Board for discussion, without a set of rules or a set of guidelines. He said he respects the decision made tonight, however he thinks without proper procedures they have let one person dictate a decision that the full board might have objected if the community was informed and there was more discussion.

After brief discussion;

Motion was made by Matt Wood, seconded by Jeff Dixon to have staff pursue a set of rules to govern naming buildings, rooms, etc. in the future. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Stevenson asked Mr. Keaton for an update on Y Not Care Intensive In-Home Counseling Service. Mr. Keaton explained that Medicaid has shortened their timeframe for acquiring accreditation to one year due to widespread fraud. He said Y Not Care missed one of their accreditation deadlines and therefore were involuntarily withdrawn. He explained that the Medicaid accreditation is a State policy and not an ECBH policy. ECBH is acting as an agent of the State to carry out the licensing process for the providers. He said it is not appealable and they will have to wait one year before they can apply again. Commissioner Perry asked if there was communication between Y Not Care and ECBH prior to them being let go. Commissioner Jordan said the breakdown in communication is also one of his concerns. He said he is not defending the organization but he has worked in the public sector, in the accreditation process and one of the things that concerns him is he does not feel that ECBH was as responsive to the organization as they should have been in working with them and answering their calls. He said

he certainly hopes that ECBH will be more responsive to these organizations in the future. He understands that the organization is supposed to be aware of the rules and regulations and that they must meet the benchmarks, but usually there is some opportunity for them to go back to ECBH and to sit down and talk with them and they provide the information that they need. He said in this situation that did not happen.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Trueblood stated that the Appointments Committee met today and voted to recommend the reappointments of David Harris to the Planning Board and Curtis Albertson to the Elizabeth City Board of Adjustments and to approve the slate of recommended appointees submitted by the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

Motion was made Bill Trueblood, seconded by Cecil Perry to approve the reappointments of David Harris to the Planning Board and Curtis Albertson to the Elizabeth City Board of Adjustments and to approve the slate of recommended appointees submitted by the JCPC. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Trueblood said the Appointments Committee has also recommended the appointment of Toni McGovern, Manager of the Hampton Inn, to the Tourism Development Authority to replace Nick Patel; the appointments of Hezekiah Brown and Mike Cox to the Pasquotank County Library Board; and the appointment of Wanda Halstead to the Criminal Justice Partnership Advisory Board. These appointments will be held over until the next meeting for final approval.

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

Motion was made by Jeff Dixon, seconded by Cecil Perry to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

CHAIRMAN

ASSISTANT CLERK