

**PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
AUGUST 21, 2006**

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners met today in a regular meeting on Monday, August 21, 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. The Rev. Al Thompson, Pastor of Faith Baptist Church, gave the invocation and Vice-Chairman Lloyd Griffin led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**1. PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO MARGARET TWIFORD FOR ASSISTANCE WITH NATIONAL GUARD HOMECOMING CELEBRATION:**

Chairman Perry called on Mrs. Margaret Twiford to accept a plaque thanking her for her assistance with the Homecoming Celebration for the return of the National Guard 725<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster Unit from Iraq. Chairman Perry read and then presented the plaque to Mrs. Twiford. Mrs. Twiford said it was a privilege to be a part of this celebration to welcome the troops home and she was most thankful that all 182 of the troops in the unit returned safely. She thanked the Board for the recognition.

Commissioner Marshall Stevenson said he would also like to thank Mrs. Twiford for the many dedicated hours she spends coordinating the National Day of Prayer activities each year. He added that in addition to this, she does many other things for the community that go unnoticed and he would like to thank her for all she does.

**2. PUBLIC HEARING ON REZONING REQUEST RR06-05 TO REZONE 326 ACRES ON U.S. 17 NORTH FROM C-1 AND A-1 TO C-1, O&I, AND R-15:**

Chairman Perry called on Ms. Shelley Cox, Planning Director, to outline Rezoning Request RR06-05. Ms. Cox presented an aerial photo showing the relationship between the three areas requested for rezoning consisting of Rezoning Requests RR06-05, RR06-06, and RR06-07. She pointed out that U.S. Highway 17 Bypass is to the south; U.S. Highway 17 is to the east; and Sandy Road is to the west. She said the current land use pattern is primarily agricultural, with a small amount of woodlands adjacent to U.S. Highway 17 North. Ms. Cox provided maps showing the current zoning classifications. She explained that the property comprising RR06-05 is currently zoned mostly C-1 with a small amount of agricultural adjacent to U.S. Highway 17 and the property is accessed by Highway 17. RR06-06 is primarily agricultural, with access to Brothers Lane. RR06-07 is agricultural with access to Sandy Road. The surrounding zoning classifications are primarily agricultural with some commercial directly along the Highway 17 corridor.

Ms. Cox said the Draft Land Use Plan was used in reviewing these rezoning requests because the 1996 Land Use Plan is severely outdated while the Draft Land Use Plan has the most current information available. If all three rezoning requests are approved, 1,512 acres would be classified R-15, 125 acres would be classified C-1, and 149 acres would be classified as O&I. The total area of all three tracts is 1,786 acres. Ms. Cox said assuming that 20% of the land area would be reserved for roads, open space, etc., an estimated total of 1,200 residential lots without central sewer could be developed, and an estimated total of 3,500 residential lots with central sewer could be developed.

Commissioner Hank Krebs asked what the potential buildout time would be for this project and what figure would be used to calculate the number of children per household. Ms. Cox responded that for a project this size, the buildout would take a significant amount of time and could involve phased development. She said due to the many variables and factors, buildout of this project could potentially take ten to twenty years. She stated that the number of children per household will depend on the type of housing, whether they are apartment units or single family housing, and whether some of the housing is retirement oriented. Commissioner Krebs said he has seen the figure .4 used in calculating children per household. He said based on the number of housing units proposed, this development could house over 1,000 children, so the county will have to look for property to build more schools as a result.

Chairman Perry declared the meeting to be a public hearing on Rezoning Request RR06-05. Ms. Cox said Rezoning Request RR06-05 is a request to rezone 326 acres R-15, 66 acres C-1, and 44 acres O&I. The properties related to this rezoning request are located on the western side of U.S. Highway 17 North between the U.S. Highway 17 Bypass Interchange and Brothers Lane. The Draft Land Use Plan classifies this area as mixed use. The proposed uses are commercial, residential, and office and institutional. Ms. Cox said the Planning Board reviewed this request and recommended approval of Rezoning Request RR06-05 and adopted the following statement:

*This rezoning request is consistent with the Pasquotank County Land Use Plan as well as the Pasquotank County Draft Land Use Plan Update, which is the most updated plan on file with the County, because the site is located in an area already zoned Commercial and the projected land use of Mixed Use would be compatible with the proposed land uses of C-1, R-15 and O&I. As a result, the adoption of the proposed rezoning of this parcel 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.*

Chairman Perry asked if anyone would care to comment on the rezoning request. Mr. Sean Robey, engineer for the developer, provided a map showing a composite of the current zoning and the proposed zoning for all three tracts. He said much of his presentation will be tailored for all three rezoning requests. Mr. Robey explained that the type of development that is being proposed on this property is a fully planned community that will have a large commercial area to service the surrounding areas and to attract people off of U.S. 17. He said they plan to attract larger commercial entities into this area and in order to do that, they need to have a certain amount of residential areas to go along with the commercial. He stated that a lot of work has already gone into this project.

Mr. Robey said one thing that had to take place before this project could be brought forward was the expansion of the sewer to the northern end of the county, and this project is progressing very well. Mr. Robey said it is hoped that the project proposed will be able to take advantage of this sewer and help reimburse the county for some of the cost of the sewer line. He stated that joint approval will have to be given by the county and the city for this development to tap into the sewer line that is being constructed by the county.

Mr. Robey said the other thing that has taken place is that no comments were received on the FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact) for the discharge permit for the reverse osmosis water plant, so it looks like the RO plant will be able to proceed and serve additional developments and customers in the county.

Mr. Robey stated that the next step in order for this project to go forward at all is the consideration of rezoning. He said that time is becoming of the essence for the developers and he knows the county intends to begin the process of developing a PUD Ordinance or some sort of mixed use development ordinance in the next year. He stated that the timing of the ordinance does not however work within the time constraints of the contract for the purchase of the property which has to take place by the end of this year. He said the rezoning was brought forward at this time because the purchasers need some indication from the county as to whether the Board of Commissioners believes a project like this is viable for the northern portion of the county and whether or not they would support this type of project.

Mr. Robey stated that once all of these approvals are in place, there are more items of control the county would have over the development through the subdivision review process. He added that rezoning is a necessary step in order for this project to be able to proceed, and the developers are looking to the Board of Commissioners to give a favorable decision on rezoning so the project can move forward.

Mr. Robey presented pictures of the Brier Creek development in Wake County which he said combines commercial and a variety of residential uses within the same development. He stated that the development planned will be similar to Brier Creek. He said transitional style neighborhoods such as this are very attractive to new buyers that come into the area, and is something not offered in this area at the current time.

Mr. Robey stated that the developers of this project anticipate incorporating a golf cart community in this with a secondary set of roadways. He said they also intend to leave enough land available within the development for an elementary school so the children who live there will be able to go to school within their own community. He stated that upon the buildout of the commercial areas, as much as 750,000 square feet of retail space could be available with possibly grocery stores, pharmacies, restaurants, movie theaters, and small retail and convenience shops. He said they also intend to provide recreation areas within the development and areas for satellite facilities for fire, police, and local government. Mr. Robey said the open space and recreation areas that would be created along with the golf course are in the area in the back that was recommended for denial by the Planning Board. He stated that the rezoning of this third parcel is necessary in order for the developers to do a comprehensive plan.

Mr. Robey said the tax revenue generated by the land acquisition, construction, and sales within this project will help offset the costs to the county that would be associated with it.

Mr. Robey pointed out the roadway access points. He stated that roadway infrastructure will be a major expense and a consideration in this project as are water and sewer. He said that water and sewer will have to be extended to this project from the industrial park, and he knows that a tower is going to be required on this property to be able to ensure adequate pressures to the north. He said he knows that there will be many discussions and expenses associated with the sewer for this project. He stated that he knows all of this will take negotiations and working with this board and future boards, but this rezoning is a very important step in ensuring that those negotiations can take place. He asked for the Board's consideration in rezoning the properties.

Commissioner Stevenson noted that Mr. Robey had not mentioned drainage or perk. Mr. Robey said from looking at the initial 300 acres of this project and doing backhoe excavations, he is pretty sure the property will not perk as far as septic systems go, therefore this project will not go forward without central sewer. He said sewer is necessary for this project and will probably control the growth rate of the project. Commissioner Stevenson asked Mr. Robey if he is aware that the sewer line is being constructed to serve the Commerce Park, the prison, the schools, and nothing else, and that further approval to tap into the line has to be given by the Board of Commissioners and the City Council. Mr. Robey said he is aware of this and feels very strongly that given the timing of the contract to secure the purchase of the rest of this property, without the rezoning approval, there would be no need to discuss sewer with the county and the city.

Commissioner Krebs said he also has concerns regarding the volunteer fire department that would serve this area. He stated that the county recently had to purchase a new fire truck, and he feels that the county is going to have to find a way to make sure the volunteer fire department has the equipment it needs to service the development. Mr. Robey said he would not be surprised, due to the volume of commercial development expected in the project, if there were a need to locate a fire station within the project.

Commissioner Krebs asked if this proposed project would provide buffer zones between the O&I zoning classification and Brothers Lane. Mr. Robey said the county has already imposed requirements for certain buffers against agricultural use lands that are adjacent to residential areas, and he does not see any problem applying this to the O&I classification. He added that 50 to 60 acres within the O&I area adjacent to Brothers Lane would be set aside to accommodate a school facility as well as athletic fields.

Commissioner Stevenson commented that Mr. Robey must know this development is going to cause new schools to have to be built. Mr. Robey said over the buildout of the project, he believes it would cause a new school to have to be built. Commissioner Stevenson noted that the cost of the land is a drop in the bucket compared to what it would cost to construct a school on that land. Commissioner Stevenson asked Mr. Robey if he has done any kind of a study to determine where the residents of this development will come from, and what percentage of them will work in Virginia. Mr. Robey said they have not done a study to be able to do these predictions. He noted that there will certainly be people who live in this development who will

work in Virginia, however he believes that many will work in the industrial park. He added that there will be a transient population, just as 30% to 40% of the county's current population is transient.

Commissioner Stevenson to Mr. Robey: "You mentioned a water tower. Would the developers pay for the water tower and is that part of the infrastructure you are going to put in?"

Mr. Robey: "I would anticipate that it would be because I don't think we are going to end up with adequate pressures without having to do something to boost the pressure in that end, and a tower seemingly is the most logical and actually probably economical."

Commissioner Stevenson: "So that answer to that is yes or no?"

Mr. Robey: "Yes."

Commissioner Stevenson: "Yes the developer would provide a water tower?"

Mr. Robey: "Yes."

Vice-Chairman Griffin asked if the Health Department has looked at this property. Mr. Robey responded that the Health Department has not been asked to look at the property because it was very evident from the initial borings that the land would not be suitable for septic tanks. He said they would not expect the results of the Health Department's evaluation of this land to come back favorable or even possible at least for RR06-05 and RR06-06. He said possibly on the very back portion of Sandy Road some of the land might be suitable for septic tanks. He added that drainage is however very good. Vice-Chairman Griffin noted that other developers have had to get the Health Department to look at property requested for rezoning to make sure that property that is rezoned will perk or support septic tanks. Assistant County Manager Rodney Bunch said there is no checklist to require the Health Department to look at property considered for rezoning, however there have been some rezonings where septic tanks would be used which have been reviewed by environmental health because of concerns about whether the land would perk. Mr. Bunch said this was an information item and that rezoning is a legislative decision of the Board.

Chairman Perry asked Mr. Robey if he has any thoughts about how the developers will acquire sewer to serve the project. Mr. Robey said they feel if sewer cannot be acquired from the county and the city that this project cannot go forward.

Chairman Perry asked Mr. Robey what he would anticipate to be the estimated sizes of the homes in the development. Mr. Robey said it is a little early to determine that, however he thinks it will be a very large mix with homes on the 15,000 to 18,000 square foot lots being most likely 2,200 to 2,500 square feet, possibly even larger. The condominiums and townhouses could be in the 1,200 to 1,500 square foot range, and there could even be some apartments in the 900 to 1,100 square foot range.

Commissioner Krebs asked if annexation will play a part in this development. Mr. Robey said the property is farther out than six miles so annexation, even satellite annexation, is not possible at this time. He stated that annexation will not be possible until the city extends its existing territorial limits, and he believes the city would need probably another mile or more of annexed area before this development could be close enough to even be considered for annexation.

Chairman Perry asked if there were any comments from the public regarding Rezoning Request RR06-05. There being no comments, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Wood said this group has dealt with the county for several years now and the question for the Board is whether or not this is the type of development the Board wants in this area. He stated that this was discussed extensively during the land use plan process and it was agreed that the U.S. 17 corridor is an area where commercial and residential development should be clustered. He said he thinks this fits with the county's plans and to him it makes sense to approve it. Commissioner Trueblood said as the Board's representative on the Land Use Planning Committee he would like to note that this area was reviewed at length during the Land Use Plan preparation, and at no time were there any concerns or objections shown to the classification of this tract during the meetings that were held throughout the county.

Motion was made by Matt Wood, seconded by Bill Trueblood to approve Rezoning Request RR06-05 as presented based on the Planning Board's recommendation and compatibility with the 2005 Draft Land Use Plan. The motion carried by a five to two margin with Commissioners Griffin and Stevenson voting against approval of the rezoning request.

Vice-Chairman Griffin said his no vote is due to the fact that other developers have been asked to have the Health Department look at their land prior to rezoning and that was not done on this piece of property, so the Board is straying away from what it has asked others to do.

Commissioner Stevenson said his concern is for the taxpayers of the county whom he represents. He stated that a development such as this, from the way it has been described, will be a great development, however he is concerned about the taxpayers having to build three new schools within five years. He said this could cost in the neighborhood of \$60 million based on current school construction costs. Commissioner Stevenson said this was his sole reason for voting against the rezoning.

**3. PUBLIC HEARING ON REZONING REQUEST RR06-06 TO REZONE 930 ACRES FROM A-1 AND C-1 TO R-15, C1, AND O&I:**

Rezoning Request RR06-06 is a request to rezone a total of 930 acres from A-1 and C-1 to R-15, C-1, and O&I. The properties are located on the western side of U.S. Highway 17 North between the U.S. Highway 17 Bypass Interchange and Brothers Lane. The Draft Land Use Plan classifies this area as primarily mixed use to include approximately 52 acres rural agricultural and 150 acres agricultural. The proposed uses are residential, commercial, and office and institutional. Ms. Cox said because these three rezoning requests are inter-related, her comments regarding Rezoning Requests RR06-05, RR06-06, and RR06-07 were combined. Ms. Cox said the Planning Board reviewed this request and recommended approval of Rezoning Request RR06-06 and adopted the following statement:

*The 1996 Land Use Plan is outdated and no longer depicts the current and projected growth of the County therefore the proposed rezoning is inconsistent with the 1996 LUP because the land is classified as Rural. This rezoning request is consistent with the 2005 Draft Land Use Plan Update because the area is classified Mixed Use which will be suitable for multiple land uses once specific conditions and standards for such a development are established within the Zoning Ordinance. Motion is to recommend approval of the proposed amendment and to adopt the staff report which addresses plan consistency and other matters.*

Chairman Perry declared the meeting to be a public hearing on Rezoning Request RR06-06 and asked if there were any comments.

Mr. Sean Robey stated that his previous comments applied to all three rezoning requests. He asked the Board's consideration of this request.

There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Bill Trueblood, seconded by Jeff Dixon to approve Rezoning RR06-06 based on the Planning Board's recommendation and compatibility with the 2005 Draft Land Use Plan. The motion carried by a five to two margin with Commissioners Griffin and Stevenson voting against approval of the rezoning request.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING ON REZONING REQUEST RR06-07 TO REZONE 530 ACRES FROM A-1 TO R-15:**

Rezoning Request RR06-07 is a request to rezone 530 acres from A-1 to R-15. The property is located on the western side of U.S. Highway 17 North between the U.S. Highway 17 Bypass Interchange and Brothers Lane. The Draft Land Use Plan classifies this entire parcel as agricultural and it is proposed for residential. Ms. Cox said the Planning Board reviewed this request and voted to recommend denial of Rezoning Request RR06-07 based on incompatibility with the 2005 Draft Land Use Plan Update and adopted the following statement:

*This rezoning request is inconsistent with the Pasquotank County 1996 Land Use Plan because the land is classified Rural. The rezoning request is inconsistent with the 2005 Draft Land Use Plan Update because the land is classified as Agricultural. Based on these findings, the board finds that the adoption of the proposed rezoning for this parcel is not reasonable and in the public interest. Motion is to recommend denial of the proposed amendment and to adopt the staff report which addresses plan consistency and other matters.*

Chairman Perry declared the meeting to be a public hearing on Rezoning Request RR06-07 and asked if there were any comments.

Mr. Sean Robey stated that he knows the Planning Board had some issues with this rezoning request, but he would ask that the Board look at it favorably as the developers feel this parcel is integral to being able to provide some of the larger recreational areas and to help incorporate the golf course into the project.

Commissioner Krebs asked whether Sandy Road would be used as ingress and egress to this property. Mr. Robey said initially for the first several years, and maybe for eight or nine years, it would not be used. He stated that major infrastructure will take place off of interchanges along U.S. 17. Mr. Robey said in the future, Sandy Road has the potential to become a major arterial in the outer Pasquotank County area, so future connection to Sandy Road from this parcel is very likely. Commissioner Krebs said he is concerned regarding four-wheelers from this neighborhood riding up and down Sandy Road and through farmers' fields. Mr. Robey said it will take several years of work just to get to the point of developing the first phase of a subdivision, so he does not anticipate any problems in the immediate future from four-wheelers. He added that he expects farming to continue on the property for several years.

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

Motion was made by Jeff Dixon, seconded by Matt Wood to approve Rezoning Request RR06-07 because it is within the concept of what the developer has envisioned happening and is necessary because it is adjacent and becomes a part of a larger rezoning; and as the developer has pointed out, it is a very large rezoning that will take years to develop, and it is reasonable within a planning standpoint for the developers to know that the rezoning is in place as they move forward; and it fits with the overall plan.

Commissioner Trueblood commented that Rezoning Request RR06-07 is contrary to the 2005 Draft Land Use Plan. He said during the Land Use Plan process, there was discussion about the non-connectivity to Sandy Road. He said there was also concern about stretching county services that far and it was felt the county should restrain from going that far into the desert.

The motion failed by a three to four margin with Commissioners Dixon, Wood, and Perry voting in favor and Commissioners Stevenson, Krebs, Trueblood, and Griffin voting against Rezoning Request RR06-07.

**5. PUBLIC HEARING ON REZONING REQUEST RR06-08 TO REZONE 53.29 ACRES ON PRITCHARD ROAD FROM A-1 TO R-35A:**

Ms. Cox presented Rezoning Request RR06-08 to rezone two parcels consisting of 53.29 acres on Pritchard Road from A-1 to R-35A. She outlined the land uses and zoning of the surrounding properties as A-1, R-35A, RMH-15, and R-35A. The site is classified as Conservation according to the 1996 Land Use Plan, and Mixed Residential according to the Draft Land Use Plan. Approximately seven acres are located within a Floodway and the remainder is in a Flood Hazard Area AE7. Ms. Cox advised that the Planning Board reviewed this request at its July 27, 2006 meeting and recommended approval. The Planning Board's recommendation statement is as follows:

*This rezoning request is consistent with the Pasquotank County 1996 Land Use Plan as well as the 2005 Draft Land Use Plan Update based on the above findings. The Board finds that the adoption of the proposed rezoning for this parcel 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. Motion carried 7:0.*

Chairman Perry declared the meeting to be a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on Rezoning Request RR06-08 and he asked if there were any comments.

Mr. Sean Robey stated that he represents the owner of this property, Lori Temple Davis, and Waypoint Development plans to develop this property for her and bring forth subdivision plans to fit in with the surrounding uses. He said they know part of the property is in a floodway, and there will also be wetland fringe. He stated that a consultant is in the process of determining the 404 wetland areas. At 75% lot yields, he said he does not believe there will be a large number of residential lots, but will not know the actual number until the wetland delineation is completed.

At the absence of further comments, the public hearing was closed and Chairman Perry asked for comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Krebs stated that he has spoken out against this development from day one and thinks the county made a major mistake by allowing houses to be located in a bowl. He said the Commerce Park will be draining through this property. He stated that a four or five inch rain will cause this area to be flooded out. He said to be in a flood plain and not be near navigable waters is ridiculous. He added that he does not see how the Board can rezone this property as residential.

Motion was made by Hank Krebs, seconded by Marshall Stevenson to deny Rezoning Request RR06-08.

Commissioner Stevenson explained that he has a problem with this just as he had a problem with the other rezonings in this area because of the traffic on Main Street Extended. He said once all of these developments build out, there will definitely be traffic problems and he thinks there are already traffic problems. Commissioner Stevenson stated that this is the main reason he is opposed to this rezoning request.

Vice-Chairman Griffin asked if the Health Department has been on this property. Mr. Robey said he had not asked the Health Department to look at the property and planned to do so after the rezoning. Mr. Robey stated that if this is the basis for a denial, he would request that the rezoning request be tabled so that the Health Department can evaluate the site.

The motion to deny Rezoning Request RR06-08 failed by a two to five margin with Commissioners Krebs and Stevenson voting in favor, and Commissioners Perry, Griffin, Trueblood, Wood, and Dixon voting against denial of the rezoning request.

Motion was made by Bill Trueblood, seconded by Jeff Dixon to approve Rezoning Request RR06-08 because it is compatible with the 1996 Land Use Plan and is located in the areas promoted for residential growth in the 2005 Draft Land Use Plan.

Discussion followed and Commissioner Krebs stated that he would again like to express his opposition to this rezoning. He said the Board would be rezoning a floodway and this property sits in a bowl which will cause headaches for the residents who will live there.

Commissioner Stevenson asked if he is the only Commissioner who has concerns about the traffic on Main Street Extended. He stated that there is already a traffic problem and this will only compound it. He said the county is going to be looking at a new connector road and he asked if this might be an area the connector road should go through. He stated that the county is approving developers' rezoning requests without regard to that. Commissioner Krebs said he would agree with Commissioner Stevenson's comments regarding traffic.

The motion carried by a four to three margin with Commissioners Perry, Trueblood, Wood, and Dixon voting in favor, and Commissioners Griffin, Krebs, and Stevenson voting against approval of the rezoning request.

**6. PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT ZTA06-01 TO MODIFY ARTICLE 13 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING ENFORCEMENT OF THE ORDINANCE:**

Chairman Perry declared the meeting to be a public hearing on Zoning Text Amendment 06-01 to modify Article 13 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding enforcement of the ordinance. The purpose of the amendment is to establish that property owners, tenants, and any other individuals responsible for a given zoning violation may be held responsible for the violation.

Planning Director Shelley Cox stated that last fall the Board considered numerous text amendments to the zoning and subdivision ordinances, one of which was establishing who would be held responsible for zoning violations. She said at the time it was felt that the property owner should be responsible for all zoning violations because the county is not always aware if there is a tenant situation or if someone else has control of the property. She stated that all they could do was go to the Tax Office and pull the property owner information and contact the property owner directly. Ms. Cox said however, after having several months to enforce this ordinance, the Planning Department staff has come to see that there are sometimes situations where they are aware of there being a tenant on the property who is directly responsible for the zoning violation. She explained that they have proposed new text that would provide that the owner, tenant, or occupant of any building or land can be held responsible for a zoning violation. This provides multiple opportunities to pursue enforcement if there is a zoning violation. Ms. Cox noted that there will still be situations where the staff will not know whether or not the property is rented, and in those cases, the property owner will be contacted. In cases where there is a tenant involved and they know how to contact that person, they would do this first and if this does not work, they would pursue the property owner as well as the tenant.

The proposed zoning text amendment is as follows:

**SECTION 13.01 – Administration and Enforcement**

The Planning Director or his designee shall administer this Ordinance.

The Planning Director or his designee shall enforce this Ordinance. He may be provided with assistance of such other persons as the County Commissioners may direct.

If the Enforcement Officer shall find that any of the provisions of this Ordinance are being violated, he shall notify in writing the property owner indicating the nature of the violation and ordering the action necessary to correct it. He shall order discontinuance of illegal use of land, buildings, or structures; removal of illegal buildings or structures or of additions, alterations, or structural changes thereto; discontinuance of any illegal work being done; or shall take other action authorized by this Ordinance to insure compliance with or to prevent violation of its provisions.

~~On any property where a zoning violation exists, the property owner shall be deemed responsible for the violation. This provision shall apply to properties that are leased or otherwise occupied by someone who is not the legal owner of the property in question. *(Amended 11-21-05)*~~

The owners, tenant, or occupant of any building or land or part thereof and any architect, builder, contractor, agent or other person who participates in, assists, directs, creates, or maintains any situation that is contrary to the requirements of this Ordinance may be held responsible for the violation and suffer the penalties and be subject to the remedies herein provided.

Chairman Perry asked if anyone would care to comment on the proposed zoning text amendment. At the absence of comments, the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Matt Wood, seconded by Hank Krebs to approve Zoning Text Amendment ZTA06-01 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**7. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

Chairman Perry asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. Commissioner Wood presented the following amendments to the agenda as recommended by the Finance Committee at its meeting today:

*a. Approval of Bid for Edgewood Roofing Project*

The Finance Committee has recommended that a contract be awarded to Gordon Sheet Metal based on its low bid of \$204,500 for replacement of a portion of the Edgewood Center roof which covers the Daybreak and Smart Start areas.

Commissioner Krebs said he has some questions concerning Edgewood Center and rent from Mental Health, whether they will help pay for the roof repairs, and whether they are sub-leasing space. Mr. Keaton stated that the roof replacement is not affecting the Mental Health area at Edgewood. He explained that none of the agencies at Edgewood Center actually pay rent because they are all county related agencies, however they are charged a percentage of maintenance on the facility. The County Manager will inquire into the possible sub-lease of space by Mental Health.

*b. Approval of Bid for Shelter for Solid Waste Department*

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of a bid submitted by Harrellsville Metal Works for a total of \$50,720 for construction of a 50 foot by 100 foot metal shelter for the Solid Waste Department to house solid waste vehicles. This includes the base bid of \$47,100 plus alternate 2 in the amount of \$3,620 for a rear wall. The building would be constructed on the site of the former Estech Building and will consist of a rock floor with three sides and open on one side. The building will be paid for with \$10,000 that was budgeted in the Solid Waste capital outlay budget and the balance will be financed through the Capital Reserve Fund over four years.

*c. Recommendation for Telecommunications Facilities Consultant*

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of a contract with CityScape Consultants, Inc. as the county's new telecommunications facilities consultant. Proposals were received from three companies, and after ranking the proposals staff has recommended that the county enter into a contract with CityScape Consultants, Inc.

*d. Approval of Offers to Purchase Four Lots in Commerce Park*

The Finance Committee has recommended that the Board accept four offers to purchase property in the Commerce Park as follows:

Commerce Park, Section B – Lot 1

Jerry Kelly, Jerry Kelly Inc., has submitted a proposal to purchase lot 1 consisting of 2.70 acres at \$25,000 per acre to construct a spec building. He has submitted a \$6,750 deposit which represents 10% of the purchase price.

Commerce Park, Section B – Lot 9

Robert Fazio, Fazio LLC, submitted a proposal to purchase lot 9 consisting of 3.11 acres to construct an office/warehouse distribution facility. He has submitted a \$7,775 deposit which represents 10% of the purchase price.

Commerce Park, Section B – Lot 10

James Crawford, James Crawford LLC, has submitted a proposal to purchase lot 10 consisting of 2.52 acres to construct an office/warehouse distribution facility. He has submitted a \$6,300 deposit representing 10% of the purchase price.

Commerce Park, Section B – Lot 11

Jeffrey Glazer, Glazer LLC, has submitted a proposal to purchase lot 11 consisting of 2.52 acres to construct an office/warehouse distribution facility. He has submitted a \$6,300 deposit representing 10% of the purchase price.

If the Board proposes to accept the offers, public hearings will have to be held on the sale of the lots before closing could occur.

*e. Approval of Starting Salary above the Hiring Rate for New Deputy*

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of a higher starting salary for a new deputy for the Sheriff's Department based on his years of service with the police department. The starting salary would be at Grade 17, Step 6 with an increase to Step 7 after completion of the six-month probationary period.

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

**8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

The Board considered the following consent agenda:

*a. Approval of Minutes of July 24, July 31, and August 7, 2006 Commissioner Meetings*

*b. Approval of Budget Amendments*

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

**School Capital Projects**

Increase	040.0200.4840.02	Sales Tax Refund	45,750.00
Increase	040.8900.5980.40	Transfer to School Board	45,750.00

**School Capital Projects**

Increase	040.0500.4831.00	Interest Earned	152,832.00
Increase	040.8910.5580.14	PCHS Stadium Project	152,832.00

**School Capital Projects**

Decrease	040.8900.5580.08	ECMS	114,828.00
Increase	040.0200.4840.02	Sales Tax Refund	33,807.00
Increase	040.0500.4831.00	Interest Earnings	8,956.00
Increase	040.8910.5580.14	PCHS Stadium Project	157,591.00

**School Capital Projects**

Increase	040.0500.4831.00	Interest Earnings	61,380.00
Increase	040.8900.5580.13	Northeastern High School	61,380.00

**School Capital Projects**

Increase	040.0500.4831.00	Interest Earnings	75,289.00
Decrease	040.8900.5580.13	Northeastern High School	25,611.00
Increase	040.8900.5980.21	Transfer to Capital Reserve	100,900.00

**Capital Reserve Fund**

Increase	021.0700.4981.40	Transfer from Sch Cap Projects	100,900.00
Increase	021.8200.5960.01	Capital Reserve (unallocated)	100,900.00

**Capital Reserve**

Decrease	021.8200.5980.10	Transfer to General Fund	437,073.00
Increase	021.8200.5960.01	Capital Reserve	437,073.00

**General Fund**

Increase	010.0991.4991.00	Fund Balance Appropriated	437,073.00
Decrease	010.0700.4981.21	Transfer from Cap. Reserve	437,073.00

*c. Approval of Tax Releases*

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

		County	City
1.	Herbert Dan Coker	188.49	
2.	Kristian Richard Entwistle	143.14	
3.	James Oliver Byrd, Jr.	149.52	
4.	Ryan Alfred Garron	163.30	
5.	Ryan Garron	104.33	
6.	Ryan Alfred Garron	118.52	
7.	Nelson Rudolph Reithmaier	123.82	
8.	Joshua Potter Riddick	104.08	
9.	Ryan Matthew Polin	176.48	
10.	Joseph Enrique LeFebre	165.14	
11.	Christopher Michael Chilton	103.40	
12.	Shawn Derrick Etheridge	187.74	
13.	William Isaac Gainey, Jr.	141.37	
14.	Roman Andrey Hrynyszak II	130.79	
15.	Aaron Brant Mohler	140.03	116.69
16.	Aaron Brant Mohler	187.91	154.88
17.	Richard T. Raymond, Jr.	122.98	
18.	Burome Vincent Brumfield	105.50	
19.	Burome V. Brumfield	171.36	
20.	Stephen Wayne Prevate	208.49	
21.	Roy Lee Spence	102.78	
22.	Donald Howard Turek	105.17	
23.	Mark Alan Robert	128.52	107.51
24.	Jonathan Edward Sullivan	163.88	

*d. Approval of Higher Starting Salary for Administrative Assistant*

The Board considered approval of a starting salary above the hiring rate for an Administrative Assistance in the County Manager's Office due to her twelve years of experience. It is recommended by staff that she begin at Grade 13, Step 5, and move to Step 6 after successful completion of the probationary period.

Motion was made by Bill Trueblood, seconded by Hank Krebs to approve the consent agenda as presented. 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.	Edward W. & Brenda Murphy		96.00
2.	William Guy Murphy		96.00
3.	Willard G. & Ann Simpson		96.00
4.	Willard G. & Ann Simpson		96.00
5.	Virginia Woodhouse		36.00
6.	Ronald W. Gower	72.00	
7.	Ronald W. Gower	48.48	
8.	BB&T Leasing	17.86	14.88
9.	Henry V. Gibbons	14.40	12.00
10.	Josephine Ives Sharber	50.40	
11.	Kenneth D. Swartz	84.96	70.80
12.	K-Sun Properties	66.72	
13.	Alton W. Barclift, Jr.	24.48	
14.	Thomas B. Cox, Jr.	2.11	
15.	Sheri S. Bulman	96.00	
16.	Randy Allen Griggs	53.76	
17.	Dwayne Cuffee	20.16	16.80
18.	John Kenney King & Todd White	21.60	18.00
19.	Roy S. King & Francis K. King	12.96	10.80
20.	Mark William Schomers	12.96	10.80
21.	Allen G. & Sandra Decker	36.00	30.00
22.	Charles R. & Lori Meads	81.60	
23.	Jo Andrew Cousins	15.36	
24.	Jason Lee Creef	7.73	6.17
25.	Michael John Poreda	9.79	7.81
26.	Michael Ray Lane & Teresa Sanders	56.21	
27.	Ruth Joy Hoffler Thomas	86.88	72.40
28.	Ralph R. Romaine	35.04	29.20
29.	Mary Lou and Lyma Sawyer	58.08	
30.	Gary Lynn and Norma N. Cook	3.36	
31.	Albert Dennis Alvarez	15.84	
32.	James Walter Forbes, Sr.	49.92	41.60
33.	Kenneth A. & Affie Bateman	2.88	
34.	Margaret B. Barham	4.80	
35.	Arelion Murray Berry	.96	
36.	Arelion M. & Marjorie Berry	62.88	
37.	Arelion M. Berry	1.44	
38.	Joseph D. Berry, Lf Est	13.92	
39.	Eura Hall	47.04	39.20
40.	Clarence H. and Lilli Davis	29.76	24.80
41.	Maurice K. Berry Jr. & Mark C. Berry	19.68	
42.	Malachi D. Burgess, Jr. & Jennifer P. Burgess	53.76	
43.	Doris A. Burns	46.08	38.40
44.	Eddie N. Moore, Jr.	35.04	
45.	James & Gayle Bond	3.36	
46.	David Andy Bartley	31.20	
47.	ADP Commercial Leasing, LLC	3.56	
48.	Windy Hail Lerret	45.78	
49.	Windy Hail Lerret	16.80	18.40
50.	Albemarle Grain Equipment Co.		22.76
51.	Benjamin Marshall Gallop	39.70	
52.	Warren D. & Linda Weeks	18.04	
53.	George M. Munden	25.68	
54.	Beverly Clax	68.18	
55.	Janice T. & William Jones	99.84	83.20

56.	Eileen M. Nix Lf Est.	93.60	78.00
57.	Hubert McGee, Jr. and Bev McGee		10.00
58.	Jean T. Poston	51.84	43.20
59.	Rose Harbor, LLC	32.16	26.80
60.	William P. Rzepka	23.04	
61.	Curtis E. & Jacqueline Sawyer	15.36	12.80
62.	Rose Harbor, LLC	35.04	29.20
63.	Donnie L. Stokes	13.71	
64.	Jacqueline Z. Sawyer	52.80	44.00
65.	William E. Scott, Jr.	6.72	
66.	Travis W. & Margaret Sawyer	36.00	
67.	C. Kentwood Turner	8.16	
68.	Earline B. Price	7.20	6.00
69.	George Jason White	20.12	
70.	Gearv Edwin Crist III	5.56	
71.	Willie Ruby Moore	58.83	
72.	S&D Coffee Inc.	5.28	4.40
73.	William Gibbs	5.34	4.26
74.	James Harrell Miley	22.05	
75.	Brian Keith Miller	5.21	
76.	Wayport, Inc.	4.28	3.56
77.	Adelaida Maramba Turner	25.62	20.44
78.	Coastal Carolina Home Health	20.42	16.29
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80.	Milton Henry Sawyer, Jr.	29.15	
81.	Johnnie Junior Riddick	12.94	
82.	Ruby Wood	54.72	45.60
83.	William E. Peele	49.44	41.20
84.	Frances W. Thompson Etal	23.52	
85.	Bettye W. Murphy	54.24	45.20
86.	William H. Riddick	52.53	
87.	George A. & Judith Overman	82.08	
88.	Angela Manning	20.64	
89.	Robert W. & Evelyn Taylor	75.84	
90.	Thomas Joseph Ryan, Jr.	75.36	62.80
91.	Frances W. Thompson Etal	97.92	
92.	Crowder & Laura Riddick		96.00
93.	Harvest Point Homeowners	60.96	
94.	Matthew Stephen McCuiston	18.98	
95.	Moises Plata	23.18	18.49
96.	Mark Anthony Eichler	12.52	14.98
97.	Rodriguez Dominic Alexander	89.54	
98.	Warren Russell	11.12	
99.	Warren Russell	10.69	
100.	Warren Russell	10.41	
101.	Warren Russell	9.93	
102.	Charlene Mitchell Thornton	6.09	
103.	Sara Campbell Smith	8.57	
104.	Edward Lee Cartwright, Jr.	12.69	
105.	Paul B. Searles	94.67	
106.	Hugh Bancloft Johnson	3.49	
107.	Danielle Rae Crail	31.46	25.10
108.	Samuel Bernard Smith, Jr.	89.04	
109.	C. Fletcher Bailey		96.00
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111.	Gloria Jean Kranis	4.16	3.32
112.	Gary Eure	5.43	
113.	Bernard Trevillian, Jr.	11.52	9.60
114.	Nancy A. Easterday	52.80	44.00
115.	Roland & Mildred Williams	88.32	
116.	Murdly Hicks	72.00	
117.	O'Conner Revocable Trust	20.64	
118.	Michael Scott Doleski	99.29	

119.	Michael Scott Doleski	4.16	
120.	Michael Scott Doleski	40.66	
121.	First Portland Corp.	31.30	
122.	First Portland Corp.	14.72	

Refunds:

1.	Warren & Lisa Enterprises, Inc.	97.44	
2.	Warren & Lisa Enterprises, Inc.	99.12	

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
Isaiah F. Jackson & W.T. Jackson III	P15-8	Unoccupied since 1990
Nancy W. Sample	P79-10	Unoccupied since 1997
W.W. Carter Heirs	P120-101	Unoccupied since 2000
Edwin James Forbes	10-L-189 & 190	Unoccupied since 2003
Hazel T. Godfrey	P8A-36	Unoccupied since 1989
Timothy A. Dewald	P12A-31	Unoccupied since 2002
Dr. Fletcher Bailey	P90-33	Unoccupied more than 10 years
John R. & Olivia Etheridge	P93-26	Unoccupied for six years
Harry W. Reed III	P127-10	Unoccupied for three years
Mary E. Walker	P95-27	Unoccupied since 2003
J.E., O.E. & D.W. McPherson	53-A2, B, C1	Unoccupied for five years
Hawthorne L. Proctor, Jr.	P80-11A	Unoccupied since Oct. 1995
Donald & Linda Perry	64-E-10	Unoccupied since 2003
Percy E. Cartwright, Jr.	P33-19	Unoccupied since 1985

**9. APPROVAL OF FIRE CONTRACT WITH CITY OF ELIZABETH CITY:**

The Board considered a proposed contract with the City of Elizabeth City for fire protection services. This contract would update the previous contract to include the new six-mile fire district boundaries. All other items in the contract are the same as in previous years. The payments to the city are based on 5% increases as in previous contracts.

Motion was made by Matt Wood, seconded by Lloyd Griffin to approve the proposed fire contract with the City of Elizabeth City. The motion carried unanimously.

**10. REPORTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER:**

County Manager Randy Keaton explained that a letter has been received from Time-Warner Cable explaining that Time-Warner has acquired Adelphia Cable. Time-Warner has advised that they intend to abide by the county's existing franchise. Mr. Keaton said he intends to meet with representatives of Time-Warner in the near future to discuss their plans.

Mr. Keaton asked that the Building and Grounds Committee schedule a meeting with the Board of Elections to look at their office space needs. A meeting was scheduled for Friday, August 25 at 12:00 noon to review the options with the Board of Elections.

**11. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:**

Commissioner Stevenson reported that the Appointments Committee met today and voted to make the following recommendations:

**Workforce Development Board** – Nominate Kenneth H. Roberts to replace Jo Ann Austin who has resigned. This nomination will be finalized at the September 5 meeting so that Board members can review Mr. Roberts' application.

**Criminal Justice Partnership Advisory Board** – Reappoint Melissa Stokely and Clyde Nixon to three year terms expiring 9-30-09.

**Health Board** – Reappoint Marshall Stevenson to three year term expiring 10-31-09.

**Intercounty Transit Authority** – Reappoint Marshall Stevenson to three year term expiring 10-31-09.

**Board of Zoning Adjustment** – Reappoint Wayne White and James G. Pike to three year terms expiring 11-30-09.

**Solid Waste Commission** – Reappoint Lloyd Griffin and Matt Wood to two year terms expiring 11-30-08.

**Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee** – Reappoint Rita M. Jordan to three year term expiring 12-31-09.

**Albemarle Commission** – Reappoint Lloyd Griffin to one year term expiring 12-31-07.

**Albemarle Hospital Authority** – Accept the recommendations of the Hospital Board and appoint Sue Weimar to replace Mack Nixon; appoint Sonja Hibbard to replace Milton Tadlock; and appoint Commissioners Cecil Perry and Jeff Dixon to replace Commissioners Bill Trueblood and Matt Wood. All appointments are for three year terms expiring December 31, 2009.

**District Jail Commission** – Reappoint Cecil Perry and James Adams to two year term expiring 12-31-08.

**Economic Development Commission** – Reappoint Matt Wood, Bill Trueblood, and Cecil Perry to two year terms expiring 12-31-08.

**EMS Board** – Reappoint Bill Trueblood and Jeff Dixon to two year terms expiring 12-31-08.

**Local Emergency Planning Committee** – Recommend the following individuals for appointment to a two year term expiring 12-31-08:

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Recommended Members</b>
Board of Commissioners	Cecil Perry
Volunteer Fire Depts	Jimmie Harris
Ham Radio Association	Jeff Madre
Albemarle Hospital	Joe Martello
Elizabeth City Police Dept	Frank Koch
Elizabeth City Fire Dept	William Pritchard
Intercounty Transit Authority	Herb Mullen, Jr.
Cable TV	Wilber Haynes
Rescue Squad	Allison Chandler
Sheriff's Department	Randy Cartwright
Emergency Medical Service	Jerry Newell
Emergency Management	Christy Saunders
Central Communications	Ed Conran
County Planning	Rodney Bunch
Coast Guard Fire Dept	Bob Willis
Public Utilities	Eric Weatherly
Fire Marshal	Barry Overman
Operator of Tier II Facility	John Gregory

**Newland Water Management & Watershed Improvement Advisory Board** – Reappoint Richard Parker and Linwood Williams to three year term expiring 12-31-09.

**Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee** – Reappoint Betty Joe Layden to three year term expiring 12-31-09.

**Redevelopment Commission** – Reappoint Lloyd Griffin, Bill Trueblood, and Rodney Bunch to three year terms expiring 12-31-09.

Motion was made by Marshall Stevenson, seconded by Matt wood to make the appointments to boards and committees as recommended by the Appointments Committee with the exception of Kenneth Roberts to the Workforce Development Board which will be on the next agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

## **12. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Matt Wood asked for feedback from the Board as to whether the AEDC should continue discussions with Currituck County about Currituck joining the Albemarle Economic Development Commission. He said he feels if perhaps the AEDC were expanded it might be able to request some direct funding. He said up to this point discussions have been for Currituck County to come in as a full partner. He stated that it may be necessary to restructure the AEDC board such that Pasquotank County and the City of Elizabeth City would each lose one member so that Currituck County could have these two seats on the board.

Motion was made by Matt Wood, seconded by Hank Krebs to request the Chairman to write a letter to the AEDC with a copy to the city supporting the concept of Currituck County joining the Albemarle Economic Development Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Lloyd Griffin reported that at the Albemarle Commission meeting last week there was discussion about the Thoroughfare Plan and a question was raised as to whether DOT will fund the Thoroughfare Plan update and how it would impact Camden and Perquimans Counties. The County Manager said it was his understanding that DOT would fully fund the Thoroughfare Plan if the city and county requested it. Vice-Chairman Griffin stated that Albemarle Commission will also send a letter to DOT in support of the Thoroughfare Plan including these counties.

Commissioner Bill Trueblood stated that the County Manager has advised that DOT representatives will present the DOT Secondary Roads Program at the September 18 meeting. He suggested that Board Members submit their questions for DOT to the County Manager so he can send them to DOT in advance of the meeting so that DOT officials can be prepared with the answers to the questions. Commissioner Trueblood said one of the issues he has with DOT is the roadside mowing as in previous years. He said the mowing has only been done twice this year.

Commissioner Marshall Stevenson suggested that the DOT County Road Maintenance Supervisor also be asked to attend the September 18 meeting.

Commissioner Jeff Dixon stated that he received a call from someone who said ditching had been scheduled for her neighborhood about three weeks ago, however DOT said there was an equipment breakdown. He asked what could break down on the ditcher.

Commissioner Dixon asked if DOT is responsible for alligatorweed control. The County Manager said DOT is responsible for spraying for alligatorweed along roadways. The Division of Water Resources is responsible for spraying for alligatorweed along waterways.

Commissioner Dixon asked if the County Manager could provide an update on the Board's prior requests to DOT and DOT's response, if any, to the requests.

Chairman Perry said he had been contacted by individuals regarding the retention pond behind the Health & Social Services Building. He asked who is responsible for keeping the area around the pond clean. The County Manager said it is the county's responsibility and he had requested the Maintenance Superintendent to have the area inside the fence mowed and cleaned up.

Commissioner Hank Krebs reported that an Educational Summit was held last week at the Coast Guard Base. He said the Superintendents and Boards of Education from the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools and Camden County Public Schools were in attendance along with representatives from the Coast Guard. He stated that they discussed ways to improve the communication between the educational community and the Coast Guard Base. He said they established a committee and will be meeting again in a couple of months. He added that they should also be able to provide some information to the AEDC that will help them when meeting with industrial clients.

Commissioner Krebs said he took one of Congressman Butterfield's aides on a tour of AEDC and met with Stan Walz, Tony Stimatz, and Ray White. He stated that they also went to the Coast Guard Base and then to Blackwater. He said they look forward to putting together a proposal to address some of the issues with the potential losses of jobs at the base, and to possibly acquire federal monies for the proposed Aviation Center.

Commissioner Krebs asked if he should contact the Fire Marshal to find out what happened regarding the recent burn in Pine Lakes. Assistant County Manager Rodney Bunch said he had discussed this with the Fire Marshal who advised him that small community stores have the authority to issue burning permits. When an individual applies for a burning permit, the issuer does not visit the sites for which permits are requested and only issues permits based on the information given to them by the applicant. The Fire Marshal acknowledged that the permit should probably have not been issued and he tried to work with the contractor who was burning until it came to a point that he had to order that the fire be put out. Commissioner Krebs said he would like to have a better explanation of what happened and would also like to know what could be done to prevent something like this from happening again in the future. Mr. Bunch said he would have the Fire Marshal give Mr. Krebs a call.

Commissioner Krebs stated that it appears the Northeast Commission is back in full swing with the appointment of an Executive Director and it appears things have not changed. The County Manager noted that he still has not received a response regarding recent appointments made to the Commission Board.

Commissioner Krebs said during the Stormwater Management Committee meeting, it was requested that a letter be sent to DOT Division Engineer Anthony Roper regarding flooding on U.S. 17 North near Alliance Nissan. He said he has been informed by DOT that they cannot do anything to address the flooding until a letter is sent to DOT from the county.

Commissioner Krebs stated that he is hearing complaints from the public about the Mental Health Board. He said from what he has heard the top four employees there are making a total salary of over \$800,000 annually, and one employee with only a high school education is making \$200,000. He stated that he cannot see any justification in spending taxpayer money this way.

Chairman Perry reported that he recently attended the NACo Annual Conference in Chicago. He said the most important thing he learned was that all counties have the same types of problems, and that Pasquotank County is in good shape compared to many counties. He stated that he also attended a pre-conference seminar on how to speak so people will listen. Chairman Perry encouraged other Commissioners to attend the NACo Conference next year in Richmond, Virginia.

Chairman Perry reported that he, COA President Lynne Bunch, and Economic Developer Ray White participated in a television program entitled *On the Record* and discussed economic development.

The County Manager reminded everyone that this Saturday from 12:00 PM until 6:00 PM is Employee Appreciation Day at Meads Pool.

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 Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Hank Krebs to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

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CHAIRMAN

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CLERK