

**PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
NOVEMBER 5, 2007**

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners met today in a special meeting on Monday, November 5, 2007 in the Commissioners' Board Room in the Pasquotank County Courthouse.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Chairman Cecil Perry who welcomed everyone present.

1. DISCUSSION REGARDING OLD ELIZABETH CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING:

Chairman Perry recognized Mr. Ken Henshaw, Chairman of the Elizabeth City State University Foundation Board. Mr. Henshaw explained that the foundation has had the opportunity to look at the old Elizabeth City Middle School Building and has been presented with the idea of obtaining that site for the foundation. He said they have spent some time studying the building and looking at the opportunities it could afford the university as well as the region. He stated that this would be significant for two reasons: it would probably be the largest gift the university has ever received; and it would provide an opportunity to bring the university into a downtown setting. He stated that in considering how to best use the building for the university as well as for the community it was determined the building could be used for educational purposes, for economic development, and entrepreneurship. He said the most significant part is the potential for research lab centers that could also expand into business incubators related to research and development, such as pharmacy and nursing. He stated that other uses of the building could include a facility to train teachers and a health and wellness center.

Mr. Henshaw explained that it is the foundation's request that the county consider donating the building to the Elizabeth City State University Foundation so they can explore these opportunities in downtown Elizabeth City. He stated that the building will need a lot of renovation work which would take some time. The foundation would apply for grants to assist with the renovations. Mr. Henshaw stated that no local funds would be used for the renovation work.

Chairman Perry asked if the gymnasium would still be available for use by the Parks & Recreation Departments. Mr. Henshaw said there is the opportunity for collaboration with the Parks & Recreation Departments as well as the Boys & Girls Club for use of the gymnasium.

When asked about the foundation's timeline, Mr. Henshaw stated that it would take a couple of months to gear up. Chancellor Willie Gilchrist said Elizabeth City State University needs space right now and could probably occupy the space very quickly. He stated that they have received a \$750,000 grant from Glaxo-Smith-Klein for a drug information center and there is currently no space for this program. He said if a portion of the space could get renovated fairly quickly, the program could move into it immediately. Another grant for \$450,000 has been received from the Kate B. Reynolds Foundation and this program is currently housed in the wellness center and would be relocated. Dr. Gilchrist also explained that this facility would house wet labs to support ECSU's pharmacy program. He referred to several other programs that could be housed

at this facility as well. He said there is also an opportunity for collaboration with College of The Albemarle and Albemarle Hospital.

Mr. Henshaw stated that this would be a very significant gift if the Board votes to approve it. After lengthy discussion, the Board requested that the Elizabeth City State University Foundation submit a written proposal for the Board's consideration.

2. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE LOCATION OR EXPANSION OF A BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY:

Chairman Perry asked for a motion that the Board enter Closed Session to discuss the location or expansion of a business or industry.

Motion was made by Matt Wood, seconded by Jeff Dixon that the Board enter Closed Session to discuss the location or expansion of a business or industry. The motion carried unanimously.

Upon the end of Closed Session;

Motion was made by Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Matt Wood that the Board return to Regular Session. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Jimmie Harris, seconded by Lloyd Griffin to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Cecil Perry. The Rev. Charles E. McKenzie, Pastor of City Road United Methodist Church, gave the invocation and Vice-Chairman Lloyd Griffin led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Perry welcomed everyone present.

1. COMMENTS REGARDING ABANDONED RAILROAD TRACKS:

Chairman Perry recognized Mr. Tommy Wilkins who said since November of last year he has been working to find out about inactive railroad crossings. He stated that one of the things he has recently heard is that the railroad has authorized the paving over of inactive crossings. He said the railroad crossing on Peartree Road, which was probably one of the roughest crossings, was paved over today. Mr. Wilkins said his concern is that school buses still have to stop at inactive crossings as long as the tracks are exposed across the highway, even though there may be signs indicating the tracks are out of service. He asked the Board to encourage the Department of Transportation to continue paving over inactive railroad crossings.

2. PRESENTATION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECONDARY ROADS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR 2007-2008:

Chairman Perry called on Mr. Jerry Jennings, Acting Division Engineer for the N.C. Department of Transportation, to present the Secondary Roads Improvement Program for 2007-2008. Mr. Jennings reported that DOT just this week obtained permission from Chesapeake & Albemarle Railroad to address all of the inactive railroad crossings. He said they will be focusing on those from Ehringhaus Street southward. He stated that some preliminary work has already been done at the crossing on Peartree Road in preparation for the resurfacing. He said the tracks will all be overlaid so the rails will not be exposed. He noted that it will take longer to pave over the crossing on Halstead Boulevard due to the fact this highway is five lanes of traffic, has curb and gutter and the track is at a skew. Mr. Jennings said at this point their focus will be primarily on the two lane routes while planning for the Halstead Boulevard route. He added that the advance warning signs and pavement markers will be moved. He said the signals are owned by the railroad and discussions are being held with the railroad company about how to best address those. He stated that he is pleased there is finally some movement on this issue.

Mr. Jennings explained that the secondary roads program is evolving from its original intent. He said when the program began more than twenty years ago, its purpose was to pave dirt roads. He stated that fortunately this program has been very successful and there are not many unpaved roads remaining. There has been an evolution of the secondary roads program from paving dirt roads to improving existing paved roads. Mr. Jennings said there have been amendments to the General Statutes that allocate these funds to reflect these changes, and now a portion of the monies have to be used for paved road improvements and the remaining funds can be used for paved road improvements provided there are no unpaved roads left. He stated that in Pasquotank County all of the eligible unpaved roads have either been completed or are already funded. The

remaining unpaved roads are on hold because right of way is not available. These roads will remain on the hold list until right of way becomes available and they will be paved at that time.

Mr. Jennings then outlined the secondary roads program for 2007-2008 as follows:

Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Allocations						\$400,177.19
SR No.	Local Name	Length	From	To	Proposed Improvements	Estimated Construction Cost
					Countywide Surveys	\$25,000.00
					Spot Stabilization	55,000.00
					Contingency & Overdrafts	20,177.19
SR 1354	Millpond Road	2.00	SR 1101	SR 1469	Widen & Strengthen (18' to 22')	300,000.00
Total New Project Funding for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Allocation						\$400,177.19

Commissioner Trueblood asked the status of paving Harris Road. He said he understands that all of the property owners have agreed to provide right of way. Mr. Jennings stated that Harris Road was funded in last year's program and is currently in the right of way process. He said assuming there are no right of way difficulties and all of the agreements are followed thru and signed, work could probably begin in the spring of 2008.

Commissioner Harris asked the status of resurfacing Firetower Road and Lamb's Grove Road. He said the roads have been ground, however they have been left rough. Mr. Jennings stated that these roads will be added to the list for consideration for resurfacing funds next year.

Commissioner Dixon thanked the Department of Transportation for the quick fix of the stoplights on Halstead Boulevard at Elizabeth City State University and for installing stoplights at Forest Park Road. He said he knows of at least one active railroad crossing in the county on Okisko Road that does not have an electrical signal. He asked if it might be possible to move the electrical signals from inactive crossings to the active crossings that do not have them. Mr. Dixon also asked the status of the study of the second connector road. Mr. Jennings responded that the second connector road is currently in the draft Transportation Improvement Plan for 2009-2015 that has just been released. He noted that the draft plan will be available for public comment and there will be TIP meetings later this winter. Mr. Dixon stated that the county has recently approved several subdivisions in the Main Street Extended area and has required the developers to set aside right of way in preparation for the connector road, although it is still not known where the connector road will go. Mr. Jennings stated that a definitive route for the connector road has not been determined, although there have been studies to look at different alternatives.

County Manager Randy Keaton asked if DOT has spending authority to pave Sandy Road. Mr. Jennings said there is spending authority, however there is a right of way issue on one corner at the Mill Pond Road end and this is currently going through the condemnation process.

Mr. Keaton asked the status of the right of way for sight triangles at the intersection of Mill Pond Road and U.S. 158. Mr. Jennings said this right of way issue has been resolved and the grading work will be done as soon as the crops are harvested.

Mr. Keaton stated that he had provided information to DOT regarding an old abandoned bridge across Knobbs Creek that appears to be blocking drainage. Mr. Jennings responded that DOT researched its records and has found no record of that bridge or roadway ever being state maintained. He said DOT has no authority to do anything with regard to this roadway.

Commissioner Trueblood thanked DOT for the timely manner in which the roadside mowing was done this year. He asked however if trash and debris could be picked up before the mowing is done to prevent trash from being strewn along the roadsides. He added that it would also look much better if they could use a weedeater to trim the grass around the road signs. Mr. Jennings said in order to do this it would entail a full crew going ahead of the mowers to do that work which would be a matter of funding. He said on the U.S. 17 corridor the contract will include a hand mowing of the median guiderail and the guardrail along the corridor, but this would be cost-prohibitive on the secondary roads. He noted that any bags of trash or large items should certainly be picked up before the mowing is done and the mowers should be doing a better job of picking up these items.

Vice-Chairman Griffin asked the status of Sandy Road. Mr. Jennings said the road has been funded and there is one right of way issue still being resolved at the Mill Pond Road end. He stated that there are still some utilities along the road that have to be relocated as well. Vice-Chairman Griffin asked if it might be possible to use funds designated for the paving of Sandy Road and move it to other needed projects. Mr. Jennings explained that there is a process that must be used if the Board chooses to skip a road in priority. It would require that the Board hold a public hearing specifically for that purpose after which it could request that a road be skipped.

Commissioner Dixon explained that at River Road Middle School traffic backs up onto River Road in the afternoons when parents are waiting to pick up their children from school. He said there is a short turn lane, however a longer one or a storage lane is needed. He also asked if there will be some improvements to River Road by the developers of the new subdivisions in the area. Mr. Jennings said there are some improvements planned at the entrances to these developments including turn lane improvements at those locations however there are no plans for a traffic signal along River Road. He stated that there are plans at River Road and Halstead Boulevard to configure the traffic signal to add a protected left into River Road. He said the problem with traffic backing up for a fifteen or twenty minute period each afternoon when parents are picking up their children is a problem that is occurring at a lot of the schools because more parents pick up their children as opposed to the children riding school buses.

Commissioner Stevenson stated that some time ago the county had requested a left turn signal at the River Road and Weeksville Road traffic light. Mr. Jennings said funding has been approved to upgrade the signal and it should be done fairly soon. Commissioner Stevenson asked if a left turn signal will also be provided for traffic coming from the Coast Guard Base turning left onto Pitts Chapel Road. Mr. Jennings said the focus was on traffic turning left onto River Road because of the much higher traffic volume. He stated that he would follow-up to determine whether the signal design calls for a protected left onto Pitts Chapel Road.

Vice-Chairman Griffin asked if the light going into Elizabeth City State University from Halstead Boulevard is on a pressure switch or a timer because he has noticed sometimes that traffic is stopped when there is no trigger from either side. Mr. Jennings stated that there are loops in the pavement on each approach. He said he would verify that there is not a malfunction of this signal.

Vice-Chairman Griffin asked if there is a signal planned at the intersection of Edgewood Drive and Halstead Boulevard. Mr. Jennings said this will be installed by the developers of Food Lion and the Weeksville Crossing Shopping Center.

Chairman Perry asked whether the state or the city is responsible for improvements to Roanoke Avenue. He said he drives on this street quite frequently and this is one of the worse roads in the community. Mr. Jennings stated that the state is responsible for maintaining Roanoke Avenue. He said the city has a lot of utilities under the pavement which contribute to the condition of the road. Mr. Keaton said the city has recently let a contract for the drainage work on Roanoke Avenue. Mr. Jennings added that DOT is very much aware of the need for resurfacing and hopes to be able to address it in an upcoming funding cycle. Mr. Keaton said the county had previously asked about the possible use of Small Urban Funds to widen a portion of Roanoke Avenue from the railroad track out to Halstead Boulevard so it will be the same width as the remainder of the Roanoke Avenue. Mr. Jennings said this is not funded, but this is something Mr. Stan White, Transportation Board Member, can consider in his upcoming year's allocation.

Mr. Wood asked if the paving project on Southern Avenue will continue on to Parkview Drive. Mr. Jennings said he believes the short section of Parkview Drive is on the program for next year.

At the absence of further comments and questions, the Board thanked the Department of Transportation staff for all they do for Pasquotank County.

Motion was made by Bill Trueblood, seconded by Matt Wood to approve the Secondary Roads Improvement Program for 2007-2008 as presented by the Department of Transportation. The motion carried unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Chairman Perry asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. It was requested that the agenda be amended to add the following recommendations from the Finance Committee to the consent agenda: 1) Approval of increase in SPCA fee schedule; 2) Approval of contract with Site Solutions for design of the River Road Soccer Complex; 3) Approval to hire a deputy for the Sheriff's Department above the hiring range; and 4) Approval of sale of surplus vehicle to the Gates County Rescue Squad.

Motion was made by Jimmie Harris, seconded by Jeff Dixon to amend the agenda to add the four additional items to the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Wood also asked that the agenda be amended to include the following two items: 1) Discussion regarding Nags Head Parcel; and 2) Discussion regarding Commerce Park Restrictive Covenants.

Motion was made by Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Matt Wood to amend the agenda to include the two items listed above under old business. The motion carried unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION REGARDING NAGS HEAD PARCEL:

County Attorney Mike Cox explained that the offer for the Nags Head parcel now stands at \$7,025,000. This offer was made by R.V. Owens III or Assigns. He stated that a second bidder has indicated that he is no longer interested in the property at this time. He explained that the Board has two options at this point: to propose to accept the offer, thereby starting the upset bid process; or to do nothing. He said if the Board would like to begin the upset bid process, it could pass a resolution stating that it proposes to accept the offer. Commissioner Trueblood suggested that the bidder be contacted and informed that the county would be willing to begin the process at \$7.5 million.

Motion was made by Bill Trueblood, seconded by Matt Wood to begin the process for the sale of the Nags Head parcel if a minimum bid of \$7.5 million is received. The motion carried unanimously.

5. DISCUSSION REGARDING AMENDMENT TO COMMERCE PARK RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS:

Mr. Cox provided the Board with a copy of a draft amendment to the Commerce Park Restrictive Covenants to clarify the two year extension provision. He reviewed the draft with the Board and said if the Board concurs with the amendment, it will be sent to the property owners for a comment period as required by the covenants and then back to the Board for final approval. Commissioners Griffin and Dixon asked to recuse themselves from considering the amendment due to a conflict of interest.

Motion was made by Matt Wood, seconded by Bill Trueblood to excuse Commissioners Dixon and Griffin from considering the amendment to the Commerce Park Restrictive Covenants. The motion carried unanimously.

After some discussion;

Motion was made by Matt Wood, seconded by Bill Trueblood to direct staff to send to the property owners in the Commerce Park the draft amendment to the restrictive covenants for their comments. The motion carried.

6. RPC CONTRACTING:

Commissioner Stevenson asked the status of the RPC Contracting parcel. Mr. Cox advised that a legal ad appeared in the newspaper today and a public hearing will be held at the next meeting on the purchase of the property.

7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

The Board considered the following consent agenda:

a. Approval of Minutes of October 15 and October 29, 2007 Commissioner Meetings

b. Approval of Tax Releases and Refunds

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

Releases:

		County	City
1.	Frank H. Ives	161.75	
2.	Eddie Lee Richardson	103.49	91.24
3.	Joel Robert Allen	115.73	
4.	US of America	284.50	170.89
5.	US of America	964.50	334.89
6.	Keith Francis Vecchiarelli	102.58	90.48

Refunds:

1.	Ardissa Whitehurst Heirs	229.00	
2.	Ardissa Whitehurst Heirs	219.84	

c. Approval of Budget Amendments

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

Nixonton VFD

Increase	010.0500.4831.00	Interest Earned	172.00
Increase	010.4347.5352.00	Maintenance-Equipment	172.00

Jail

Increase	010.0600.4980.00	Jail-Perquimans/Camden	99,056.00
Increase	010.4920.5700.19	Debt Service-Jail	99,056.00

d. Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Removal of Books in the Register of Deeds Office for Repair, Restoration, and Rebinding

The Board needs to adopt the following resolution authorizing the removal of certain public record books kept by the Register of Deeds for the purpose of repair, restoration, and rebinding. Funds for the restoration are budgeted in the Register of Deeds budget.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REMOVAL OF CERTAIN
PUBLIC RECORD BOOKS KEPT BY THE REGISTER OF DEEDS
FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPAIR, RESTORATION AND REBINDING**

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. §132-7 provides that books of public records should be copied or repaired, renovated or rebound if worn, mutilated, damaged or difficult to read; and

WHEREAS, there is identified certain books of public records maintained by the Register of Deeds in need of repair, restoration and rebinding; and

WHEREAS, Brown's River Records Preservation Services is under contract to provide repair, restoration and rebinding of those certain books of public records.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, that:

Section 1. The Register of Deeds is authorized to remove or cause to be removed to the care and custody of Brown's River Records Preservation Services for repair, restoration and rebinding the following books of public records:

Marriage Licenses from 1896-1898
Marriage Licenses from 1899-1901
Marriage Licenses from 1901-1903
Marriage Licenses from 1904-1905

Section 2. The books of public records listed in Section 1 of this resolution may remain in the care and custody of Brown's River Records Preservation Services for the length of time required to repair, restore or rebind it.

Section 3. This resolution is effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED the 5th day of November, 2007.

e. Approval of Additional Surplus Vehicles to be Sold on Govdeals.com

The following vehicles need to be declared surplus so that they can be advertised for sale on Govdeals.com:

1994 Ford Crown Victoria	2FALP73W5RX136808
1995 Ford Ranger	1FTCR10U2SUB31258
1996 Ford Bronco	1FMEU15H2LB45652
1989 Ford Pickup	1FTHF25H6KNA05382
1989 Nissan Truck	1N6ND11S2KC375600

f. Appointment to Solid Waste Commission

The Appointments Committee has recommended the appointment of James Turner to the Solid Waste Commission to replace David Twiddy.

g. Adoption of Resolution Designating Signatory Parties for Community Development Block Grant

The Board needs to adopt the following resolution designating signatory parties for the upcoming scattered site community development block grant. The proposed resolution designates Cecil Perry, Lloyd Griffin, Sheri Small and Randy Keaton as signatory parties.

WHEREAS, Pasquotank County has been awarded a Community Development Block Grant Scattered Site Housing Grant in the amount of \$400,000 from the North Carolina Department of Commerce Division of Community Assistance to provide funds for scattered site housing emergency repairs; and

WHEREAS, only those persons specifically designated as official signatory parties may sign requisitions for funds from the State for use in this project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners designates the following persons as signatory parties for this scattered site grant identified as Grant Number 07-C-1669:

- Cecil Perry
- Lloyd E. Griffin III
- Sheri Small
- Randy Keaton

ADOPTED this the 5th day of November, 2007.

h. Approval of Increase in SPCA Fee Schedule

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of an amended fee schedule for the SPCA. The present and proposed fees are as follows:

Adoption Fees

Present	Dogs @ \$30.00	Cats @ \$20.00
Proposed	Dogs @ \$45.00	Cats @ \$30.00

County License Fee

Present	Dogs only @ \$10.00
Proposed	Dogs only @ \$15.00

Reclaim fees <Dogs and Cats>

Present	All offenses	@ \$15.00 + \$5.00 per day at the shelter
Proposed	First offense	@ \$18.00 + \$8.00 per day at the shelter
	*Second offense	@ \$36.00 + \$8.00 per day at the shelter
	*Third offense	@ \$54.00 + \$8.00 per day at the shelter
	*Fourth offense	Same as for third offense with action being taken through the courts for animal neglect

i. Approval of Engineering Contract for River Road Soccer Complex

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of an engineering contract with Site Solutions for design of the River Road Soccer Complex for a cost of \$80,500, with additional work being performed on a time and expense basis as needed, and reimbursable expenses not to exceed \$5,000.

j. Approval to Hire Deputy above the Hiring Rate

The Finance Committee has recommended approval to hire a Sheriff's deputy above the hiring rate at grade 17, step 6 due to his years of experience in law enforcement.

k. Approval of Sale of Surplus Vehicle to Gates County Rescue Squad

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of the sale of a 2000 Ford Expedition, VIN # 1FMRU1667YLB10479 to the Gates County Rescue Squad for \$4,000.

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

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

Releases:

		County	City
1.	Scott Anthony Hinton	68.60	56.26
2.	William Randolph Reid	3.53	
3.	Lloyd Henry Banks, Jr.	40.15	
4.	Robert Evan Pitchford	80.98	72.48
5.	Larry Cecil Chesson	1.56	1.30
6.	Alley Richard Leroy	32.79	27.32
7.	James Ludford Ownley	5.00	
8.	Diane Eaves Browning	48.47	
9.	Eric Lee Krahn	60.24	
10.	Carla Dawn Kopp	98.33	
11.	Brandon William Critchfield	19.40	
12.	Linda Darlene Clark	13.48	11.05
13.	Christopher Lynn Pendergrass	94.15	
14.	Brenda Sue Norris	12.48	10.40
15.	Catherine Temple Ambrose	7.35	
16.	Carlton H. Small	11.95	
17.	Eric Scott Forbes	58.71	
18.	Kenneth Alvin Sweatman	3.46	2.88
19.	Thomas Gary Knotts III	24.41	20.34
20.	Daniel Lee Ford	28.04	
21.	DelKar, Inc.	70.95	
22.	Sarah Marie Keener	65.47	59.56
23.	Lindsay Brinson Bundy	23.45	
24.	Paul Arnold Young	25.06	
25.	Stacey Lemoy Blankenship	30.77	
26.	Jerry Todd Wells	21.89	
27.	Kathy Marie Post	44.20	
28.	Roy Anthony Foreman	3.27	2.72
29.	Larry Junior Franklin	7.59	6.32
30.	Ruth E. Roldan	31.68	26.40
31.	Arthur Norris Johnson	58.45	
32.	Lauffenberger Revocable Living Trust	20.25	
33.	Roderick Morris Ansley	62.11	56.76
34.	Joan Mansfield Wood		83.02
35.	Celeste Roxanne Davis	39.70	37.55
36.	Andrew Ferebee, Jr.	19.95	
37.	Walter Worsley	57.40	
38.	Leann Ellen Slater		67.20
39.	William P. McDowell III	7.50	
40.	Quality Builders, Inc.		20.60
41.	Preston William Mann	21.20	17.39

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
Donnie & Cheryl Russell	P7-26A	Unoccupied for 15 years
Nellie Proctor Heirs	P116-11	Unoccupied since 1987

8. ADOPTION OF REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION FOR RO WATER PLANT:

The Board considered a reimbursement resolution declaring the county's intention to reimburse itself from the proceeds of tax-exempt financings in connection with the construction of a reverse osmosis water treatment plant.

Commissioner Perry introduced the following resolution, a copy of which had been made available to each Commissioner and which was read by its title:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF PASQUOTANK, NORTH CAROLINA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO REIMBURSE SAID COUNTY FROM THE PROCEEDS OF ONE OR MORE TAX-EXEMPT FINANCINGS FOR CERTAIN CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

WHEREAS, the County of Pasquotank, North Carolina (the "County"), is a political subdivision organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the County has paid, beginning no earlier than September 6, 2007, and will pay, on and after the date hereof, certain expenditures in connection with acquiring, constructing and equipping facilities for the supply, treatment and storage of water to serve the residents of the County and one or more other units of local government, including the construction of wells, raw water mains, a reverse osmosis water treatment plant, water storage tanks and water treatment process effluent transmission mains and discharge facilities and the acquisition of necessary land, rights-of-way and equipment therefore (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the County (the "Board") has determined that certain moneys previously advanced no earlier than September 6, 2007 and to be advanced on and after the date hereof by the County to pay such expenditures (the "Expenditures") are available only for a temporary period and it is and will be necessary to reimburse the County for the Expenditures from the proceeds of one or more tax-exempt financings in the form of one or more issues of revenue bonds of the County pursuant to Article 5 of Chapter 159 of the North Carolina General Statutes, as amended, or one or more installment financings pursuant to Section 160A-20 of the North Carolina General Statutes, as amended (collectively the "Tax-exempt Financings");

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board as follows:

Section 1. The Board hereby declares the County's intent to reimburse the County with the proceeds of the Tax-exempt Financings for the Expenditures made on and after September 6, 2007, which date is no more than 60 days prior to the date hereof. The County reasonably expects on the date hereof that it will reimburse the Expenditures with the proceeds of the Tax-exempt financings.

Section 2. Each Expenditure was or will be (a) of a type properly chargeable to a capital account under general federal income tax principles (determined in each case as of the date of the Expenditure), (b) a cost of issuance with respect to the Tax-exempt Financings, (c) a nonrecurring item that is not customarily payable from current revenues or (d) a grant to a party that is not related to or an agent of the County so long as such grant does not impose any obligation or condition (directly or indirectly) to repay any amount to or for the benefit of the County.

Section 3. The maximum principal amount of the Tax-exempt Financings expected to be entered into with respect to the Project is \$15,000,000.

Section 4. The County will make a reimbursement allocation, which is a written allocation by the County that evidences the County's use of proceeds of the Tax-exempt Financings to reimburse an Expenditure, no later than 18 months after the later of the date on which the Expenditure is paid or the Project is placed in service or abandoned, but in no event more than three years after the date on which the Expenditure is paid. The County recognizes that exceptions are available for certain preliminary expenditures, costs of issuance, certain de minimis amounts, expenditures by small issuers (based on the year of entering into a financing and not the year of expenditure) and expenditures for construction projects of at least five years.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Thereupon, upon motion of Commissioner Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Matt Wood, the foregoing resolution was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Perry, Griffin, Wood, Trueblood, Stevenson, Dixon, and Harris.

Noes: None.

9. APPROVAL TO PURCHASE AUDIO/VIDEO EQUIPMENT AND CHAIRS FOR COURTROOM C:

Assistant County Manager Rodney Bunch reviewed a proposal for audio and video equipment for use in Courtroom C during Commissioner and committee meetings and a proposal for the purchase of chairs. He provided a sample lapel microphone that would be worn by Commissioners and staff during the meetings. The audio would be tied into a laptop computer. The proposal includes two 58-inch plasma screens, one on each side of the Courtroom, and a recessed ceiling projection screen in front of the jury box with a projection system. A document camera will also be provided for viewing of documents on the plasma and projection screens. Vicom Corporation has submitted a cost proposal for the audio and video equipment in the amount of \$37,405.37. A laptop would also need to be purchased which would be an additional cost. Mr. Bunch said a proposal has also been submitted by A&O Church Furniture, Inc. for replacement of ten chairs for Commissioners and staff. The cost of the chairs is \$812.04 each. Mr. Bunch stated that some additional work will need to be done in Courtroom C to accommodate the new equipment and he would estimate that the total cost of this project including audio and video, laptop, and chairs will be just under \$50,000. After discussion;

Motion was made by Matt Wood, seconded by Jeff Dixon to accept the proposal submitted by Vicom Corporation for audio and video equipment, and the proposal submitted by A&O Church Furniture, Inc. for ten chairs, and to allocate \$50,000 as a budget for this project. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Perry asked if something can be done so that the front doors of the Courthouse will close correctly. The County Manager stated that hinges were ordered and when the doors were removed to replace the hinges it was discovered there was a mechanism in the bottom of the doors that used to close them before the closers were added at the top of the doors. He said part of the hinges that were ordered worked correctly and part of the hinges did not and were sent back. New hinges are being manufactured for the other doors.

10. REPORTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER:

County Manager Randy Keaton provided the Board with a copy of a letter from Representative Bill Owens in response to the county's letter opposing the location of an outlying landing field. He said Representative Owens stated in his letter that as long as the local boards of commissioners oppose an OLF in their counties, he will also oppose it.

Mr. Keaton stated that the first county cars sold on Govdeals.com were picked up by the buyer today. He said there are more county vehicles posted on the site. He added that a link to the Govdeals.com web site is posted on the county's web site, and an ad has been placed in *The Daily Advance* informing the public how to bid on the cars. He stated that he also hopes to dispose of some surplus furniture on Govdeals.com. Mr. Keaton said Lynn Scott and Mike Etheridge are working together to prepare the vehicles for sale.

11. REPORT FROM ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER:

Assistant County Manager Rodney Bunch reported that a public information meeting will be held with the Riverview Acres residents on November 14 at 7:00 PM at Soundneck Volunteer Fire Department to provide an update on the potential dredging project. He said the grant did not get funded in the recent funding cycle, but will be reconsidered in the spring of 2008.

12. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Bill Trueblood noted that the Stormwater Management Committee will have its next meeting on November 14 at 3:00 PM. He requested that the full board attend that meeting because Mr. Greg Johnson will be presenting the draft stormwater manual. Following this meeting the Board agreed to have a closed session to conduct the County Attorney's evaluation.

Vice-Chairman Lloyd Griffin reported that the Airport Authority will have an environmental assessment public information meeting this Wednesday evening at the Courthouse.

Commissioner Jeff Dixon advised that he will not be present for this Wednesday's meeting of the Water Committee and has requested that Commissioner Trueblood chair the meeting.

Commissioner Dixon explained that a letter was sent to the Tourism Board requesting a \$30,000 appropriation to hire a person to oversee the conference center property acquisitions, with \$15,000 from the city's reserve fund and \$15,000 from the Tourism Board's operating budget. He said there was a lot of discussion by the Tourism Board and a motion made to fund the position with \$10,000 each from the city, the county, and the Tourism Board. He said a letter will be forthcoming to the county making this request for funds. When asked who this person would report to, Commissioner Dixon noted that the Convention & Visitors Bureau would hire an additional staff member who would be loaned back to the city to oversee this project.

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 Matt Wood, seconded by Jimmie Harris to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK