

**PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
MAY 15, 2006**

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners met today in a regular meeting on Monday, May 15, 2006 in Courtroom C in the Pasquotank County Courthouse.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Marshall Stevenson (*Out of town*)

**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. Larry Brown, Pastor of Faith and Victory Christian Center Church, gave the invocation and Vice-Chairman Lloyd Griffin led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**1. COMMENTS BY ALEX LEARY:**

Chairman Perry asked if anyone would care to address the Board regarding any issue. He recognized Mr. Alex Leary, a member of the Museum of the Albemarle Board of Directors. Mr. Leary stated that on behalf of the Board of Directors he would like to thank the Board of Commissioners for all of its support of the Museum of the Albemarle. He said the museum is a showcase for the tremendous rich history and accomplishments of Northeastern North Carolina that everyone can be proud of. He asked for the Board's continued support of the Museum of the Albemarle.

**2. REQUEST FROM NIXONTON VFD CHIEF ROGER FERRELL:**

Chairman Perry recognized Mr. Roger Ferrell, Chief of the Nixonton Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Ferrell explained that he has written a letter to the North Carolina Department of Transportation requesting that the driveway at the fire department be re-paved. He said two-thirds of the driveway is over 20 years old and the remainder is 15 years old and is in dire need of repair. He added that it actually needs to be torn up and re-paved. He provided a copy of the letter to the Chairman and County Manager and asked for the Board's support of the request.

**3. PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION FOR EMS WEEK:**

Chairman Perry called on EMS Director Jerry Newell to accept a proclamation declaring the week of May 14-20 as Emergency Medical Services Week. He read and then presented the following proclamation to Mr. Newell:

**PROCLAMATION  
EMS WEEK**

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators and others; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; and

Now, therefore, the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 14-20, 2006 as

### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK**

With the theme, EMS: Serving on Health Care's Front Line, and I encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

#### **4. DISCUSSION REGARDING CHILD CARE SUBSIDIES:**

Chairman Perry recognized Ms. Donna Riddick to address the Board regarding Department of Social Services child care subsidies. Ms. Riddick stated that she would like to express her concern regarding the lack of funds for the child care subsidy program that is administered by the Department of Social Services. She thanked the Board for the assistance provided by the county recently to ensure the children in this program would have adequate child care. She stated that parents breathed a sigh of relief knowing they could go to work and not have to worry about who they could find to take care of their children. Ms. Riddick said this sigh of relief, however, was short-lived because parents are faced with the same problem again since there is still not enough money to provide the assistance to every family in the county that needs it. She stated that she was recently told by the Director of the Department of Social Services that \$250,000 is currently needed to make the program work. As a result the Department of Social Services is implementing a new policy to take effect on June 1, 2006 which provides if parents are not working at least 30 hours per week they will be terminated from the program. Ms. Riddick advised that already as of April 23 child care services were terminated for some parents who were attending school to make a better life for themselves and their children. She stated that according to a recent report 684 families with well over 1,000 children currently are receiving child care assistance. She said it is not known how many families will be affected by this new policy, so the crisis continues and the threat of no child care assistance for the working poor is real. Ms. Riddick suggested that there be more community awareness of this problem that will impact businesses, schools, and families. She said it is important that state legislators understand the needs of the community and she asked for the Board's support as the parents meet with state officials.

#### **5. REPORT ON TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ACTIVITIES:**

Chairman Perry called on Mr. Russ Haddad to present a report on tourism on behalf of the Elizabeth City Area Convention & Visitors Bureau. Mr. Haddad reported that the tourism industry in Pasquotank County is more than a \$38 million industry, compared to just under \$26 million in 1995. He said there has been a 48% increase in tourism over the last ten years. He explained that on July 1, 2005 the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank County Tourism Development Authority was established and on September 1, 2005 the occupancy tax rate increased from 3% to 6%. On November 1, 2005 the Elizabeth City Area Convention & Visitors Bureau opened its new office and visitor center. Mr. Haddad reported that when advertising, the Convention & Visitors Bureau's targeted markets are Hampton Roads and the Outer Banks as primary markets, and Raleigh, Charlotte, Washington, DC, and Myrtle Beach as secondary markets. He provided a list of the magazines and publications in which advertisements are placed, and a list of the publications the Convention & Visitors Bureau has done in the past and that it plans to do in the upcoming months. He said their website, [www.discoverec.org](http://www.discoverec.org), went online in March of this year and should provide all needed visitor information in one place. Mr. Haddad also reported on public relations projects that have involved the Convention & Visitors Bureau within the past year. He listed various memberships, local attractions, meetings, conferences, events, and organizations that the Convention & Visitors Bureau could promote and market to if a conference center were established in the area. Mr. Haddad provided statistics regarding hotel room availability and occupancy. He outlined current and upcoming projects. He said there is a lot going on and he thanked the Board and the Tourism Development Authority for their support.

**6. PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENT TO 2004 CDBG SCATTERED SITE HOUSING PROGRAM:**

Chairman Perry declared the meeting to be a public hearing on an amendment to the 2004 CDBG Scattered Site Housing Program. Ms. Carolyn Morris explained that the proposed amendment would move money from clearance and relocation to rehabilitation. She said the clearance activities have been completed and the last relocation will be completed by June 1. Funds will need to be moved from these two line items into rehabilitation to complete rehab on a house at 313 Burgess Street and a final house at 610 Parsonage Street. Ms. Morris stated that once these two houses have been completed, the grant project will be finished and should be able to be closed out by August. The proposed amendment is as follows:

Activities	Original Budget	September 15, 2005 Amendment	Proposed Amendment	Change
Acquisition	\$ 5,000.00	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ .00
Clearance	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 17,410.00	-\$ 12,590.00
Relocation	\$ 270,000.00	\$ 155,000.00	\$ 121,760.00	-\$ 33,240.00
Rehabilitation	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 220,830.00	+\$ 45,830.00
Administration	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ .00
Total	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 400,000.00	\$ .00

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

Motion was made by Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Hank Krebs to approve the amendment to the 2004 CDBG scattered site housing program as proposed above. The motion carried.

**7. PUBLIC HEARING ON REZONING REQUEST RR06-02:**

Chairman Perry declared the meeting to be a public hearing on Rezoning Request RR06-02 to rezone approximately 6.5 acres located between Peartree Road, Ham Overman Road and Blount Road from A-1 to R-25.

Assistant County Manager Rodney Bunch outlined the uses and zoning of surrounding properties. He said the 1996 Land Use Plan classifies the parcel as "Rural with Services" and the 2004 Draft Land Use Plan classifies the parcel as "Rural Agriculture". He stated that some subdivisions exist in the area of the rezoning request. He said the property is located in flood zone X which is defined as areas of minimal flooding. The current A-1 zoning classification is defined as large, open land areas, and the requested R-25 classification is defined as low-density residential areas or other open areas where similar residential development would be viable. Mobile homes and manufactured homes would not be permitted in the R-25 zone, however manufactured homes, class A, and modular homes would be permitted as well as site built homes. Mr. Bunch noted that if the property should be re-zoned to R-25 and allowed to be developed, the minimum lot sizes would be 43,000 square feet. He stated that as of December 19, 2005 all residential subdivisions are required to provide a 75 foot buffer along all property lines that are adjacent to existing agricultural uses. He said that the county's standards now require all lots to front interior streets and in this case, it would probably be hard to do since the property is located between two state roads, therefore a variance will be requested if the property is allowed to be developed. Mr. Bunch said that staff would note that the 1996 Land Use Plan is the document which has been officially adopted by the Board of Commissioners, however it tends to be outdated. He stated that the 2004 Draft Land Use Plan provides better guidance for current development in the county and he would suggest that it be used in reviewing this request. He noted that the Planning Board reviewed this request on April 28 and voted to recommend approval of Rezoning Request RR06-02, excluding the 1.5 acre tract south of Blount Road. The Planning Board prepared the following recommendation statement:

*This rezoning request is inconsistent with the draft Pasquotank County Land Use Plan Update because the site is not located within the projected growth area but it is compatible with the adjoining residential property (Ivy Trace Subdivision), is consistent with the existing uses in the general area, and due to the size of the tract it is not suitable for many uses other than residential development. Based on these findings, the Board finds that the adoption of the proposed rezoning for this parcel from A-1 Agricultural to R-25 Residential 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.*

Mr. Bunch pointed out the 5-acre tract that was recommended to be rezoned and the 1.5 acre tract that was not recommended to be rezoned.

Chairman Perry asked if anyone would care to comment on the rezoning request. At the absence of comments, the public hearing was closed and Chairman Perry asked for comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Jeff Dixon asked why the Planning Board did not recommend rezoning of the 1.5 acre tract. Mr. Bunch responded that the Planning Board felt that access would be on Blount Road, possibly too close to the intersection with Peartree Road. On the corner of the other parcel, the Planning Board noted during the subdivision review process, it would probably be required that all entrances front Ham Overman Road.

Commissioner Matt Wood stated that he has always supported interior streets in subdivisions because he feels nothing ruins the rural areas more than one acre lots with consecutive driveways down rural roads. He added that if this development comes to the Board for a variance he is not sure that he will be able to vote in favor of it. He noted without the variance the property could not be developed.

Commissioner Hank Krebs stated that he has concerns regarding the rezoning of this piece of property. He said it is not consistent with the Land Use Plan. He explained that he looks at Peartree Road as a dividing line and once residential use is allowed across the road, it will keep going on out from there. He said the entire 6.5 acres could be sold and a house placed on the lot without the property being rezoned. Commissioner Krebs said he agrees with Commissioner Wood that lots should front interior streets. He said he cannot support the rezoning request.

Mr. Gene Meads, developer, explained that these parcels are the very last lots for development in Peartree Place Subdivision. He said these lots were on the sketch plan when it was submitted to the county some 20 years ago. He stated that he would appreciate the Board allowing him to develop this property because there is nothing else he can do with the property because it is not large enough to farm. He advised that the 1.5 acre tract is deep enough so that the driveway could be placed 300 feet down Blount Road and will not be so close to the intersection.

Commissioner Bill Trueblood stated that even though the rezoning would not be consistent with the Land Use Plan, he will support it because he believes this parcel was a part of the original Peartree development, but was not rezoned when the rest of the property was. He suggested that Mr. Meads not remove the pine thicket from the 1.5 acre tract because he believes it is in the long range plan to construct a road from Peartree Road to Body Road and he thinks this property is the outlet. Commissioner Trueblood said he agrees that lots should front interior streets and he believes it would be acceptable for the lots to face Ham Overman Road.

Chairman Perry said he would support the Planning Board's recommendation.

Commissioner Dixon stated that he cannot understand why the Planning Board voted to recommend denial of the 1.5 acre tract. He said he has no problem including this tract in the rezoning.

Vice-Chairman Lloyd Griffin stated that the Board needs to look at long range planning for roads and infrastructure when it considers rezoning requests.

After further discussion;

Motion was made by Matt Wood, seconded by Bill Trueblood to approve Rezoning Request RR06-02, excluding the 1.5 acre tract south of Blount Road, due to the fact that it is compatible with the existing uses in the neighborhood because there is a subdivision across the street from it, and due to the fact that the tract is not suitable for many uses besides residential development.

Discussion followed and Commissioner Krebs said he is concerned that the Board has gone against its Land Use Plan and has set a precedent for future rezoning requests.

Commissioner Wood stated that zoning is a legislative act of the Board and one zoning decision does not bind the Board for any other zoning decision. He said each request should be

considered on its own merit. He stated in this case the odd size and location of the property is not very well adaptable for agricultural use.

Commissioner Krebs noted there are over 40 uses allowed for property in an agricultural zone.

The motion carried by a four to two margin with Commissioners Griffin and Krebs voting against approval of the rezoning request.

**8. PUBLIC HEARING ON REZONING REQUEST RR06-03:**

Chairman Perry declared the meeting to be a public hearing on Rezoning Request RR06-03 to rezone +/-3.3 acres located on the southeastern side of the intersection of U.S. Highway 17 and Northside Road from A-1 to C-1.

Engineer Joe Anlauf with Quible & Associates pointed out that this property is currently surrounded by areas that are zoned commercial and this rezoning request is consistent with the future land use plan.

Mr. Bunch outlined the uses of the properties in the vicinity of the rezoning request. He said the Draft Land Use Plan classifies this property as commercial and the request is consistent with the Draft Land Use Plan. He stated that the Planning Board heard the request on April 28 and after making findings of fact voted to recommend approval. The recommendation statement from the Planning Board is as follows:

*This rezoning request is consistent with the Pasquotank County Draft Land Use Plan Update because the site is located in a projected commercial district and is compatible with the surrounding commercial land uses. As a result, the adoption of the proposed rezoning of this parcel from A-1 Agricultural to C-1 Commercial is reasonable and in the public interest. Motion is to recommend approval of the proposed amendment and to adopt the staff report which addresses plan consistency and other matters.*

Chairman Perry asked if anyone would care to comment on Rezoning Request RR06-03. At the absence of comments, the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Hank Krebs, seconded by Matt Wood to approve Rezoning Request RR06-03 based on consistency with the Draft Land Use Plan and compatibility with the surrounding properties. The motion carried.

**9. PRESENTATION OF COUNTY PROGRAM AWARD BY NCACC FOR OPERATION EVACUATION REGISTRATION:**

Chairman Perry welcomed and recognized Mr. Robert Hester with the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. Mr. Hester explained that he is here tonight to present an Outstanding County Program Award. He said this awards program was started in 1991 to honor counties for their support of excellence. He stated that the intent is to recognize and share information with other counties about programs that involve uniquely innovative approaches, processes, solutions, or ideas to address a county or multi-jurisdictional issue and/or to prevent a future problem from developing. Entries are judged in three categories: general government, human services, and public education and participation. The judging is done by the presidents of association affiliates and county commissioners. Mr. Hester said this year there were fifty entries and nine winners, three in each of the categories. He stated that the entry by the Pasquotank County Emergency Management Department for Operation Evacuation Registration was selected to receive an award. He explained that hurricanes have wreaked havoc along the southeast coast and prompted officials in Pasquotank County and in Camden County to assess the region's ability to handle an emergency that would require a mass evacuation of citizens. As a result, the Pasquotank County Emergency Management Department developed the Operation Evacuation Registration Program to identify which citizens might need special assistance in the event an evacuation was ordered. The program also solicited citizens with special skills, such as foreign language interpreters, who would be willing to volunteer their services in the event of an emergency. All of this information was then collected and is held in a database. Mr. Hester said numerous outside organizations have contributed to the success of this program including the Junior ROTC and Civil Air Patrol who helped disseminate information about the program to citizens. He stated that this program is an excellent way for local governments to help citizens better prepare for an emergency and volunteer to help their community survive a natural disaster. He said NCACC will try to help sell this program to all of the counties, particularly those in

eastern North Carolina. Mr. Hester presented the award plaque to Chairman Perry and Emergency Management Director Christy Saunders. Chairman Perry thanked Mr. Hester for the award and thanked Mrs. Saunders for her work in implementing the program.

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

Chairman Perry asked for any amendments to the agenda. Commissioner Matt Wood stated that there are several items, including a resolution and four recommendations from today's Finance Committee that need to be added to the agenda.

*a. Adoption of Resolution Supporting State Assumption of County Share of Medicaid*

Commissioner Wood said the first item to be added to the agenda is approval of a proposed resolution which has been provided to the Board supporting the state assumption of the county share of Medicaid.

Motion was made by Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Matt Wood to adopt the proposed resolution supporting state assumption of county share of Medicaid. The motion carried and the following resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION  
SUPPORTING STATE ASSUMPTION OF  
COUNTY SHARE OF MEDICAID**

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina is the only state that requires its counties to pay a fixed percentage of the state's Medicaid services costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the counties' share of Medicaid reimbursements has increased 85 percent since 2000 and is expected to total approximately \$488 million in FY 07; and

**WHEREAS**, counties are not allowed to set Medicaid policy, eligibility criteria, service options or provider rates; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that in FY 07 Pasquotank County will spend \$2,891,260 or approximately 7.8% percent of its expenditures for services to Medicaid eligible citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, in Pasquotank County 10.3 cents of tax rate goes to support Medicaid and 23.6 percent of the population is Medicaid eligible; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Instruction's School Planning Section 2006 Long Range Facility Plans recently identified \$9.7 billion of school facility needs over the next five years; and

**WHEREAS**, the county Medicaid mandate is compromising some counties' ability to meet the demands for new classroom space and classroom improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the state has a budget surplus for 2006-07 of more than \$2.4 billion; and

**WHEREAS**, bills have been introduced in the House and Senate that would provide \$65 million of Medicaid relief for counties in 2006-07;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners urges the North Carolina General Assembly to include County Medicaid Relief when it adopts its budget for 2006-07.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the member of the General Assembly representing Pasquotank County and to all 100 counties in North Carolina.

Adopted this the 15th day of May, 2006.

*b. Waiver of Tipping Fees for Potato Festival*

Commissioner Wood stated that the Finance Committee has recommended that the county waive the landfill tipping fees for this year's Potato Festival as has been done in previous years. The Solid Waste Commission has also recommended approval of the waiver.

*c. Approval of Contract for Demolition of Estech Building*

The Finance Committee has recommended that the Board award a contract to Parks Land Development to demolish the Estech Building based on their low bid of \$16,100. The price includes complete demolition of the structure, separation of the wood from the concrete, loading

and hauling the debris to the landfill, digging up the footing of the building, and installing sand and grading the area of the demolition.

*d. Approval of Purchase of John Deere Gator for Parks & Recreation Department*

The Finance Committee has recommended that the Board approve the purchase of a John Deere Gator for the Parks & Recreation Department at a cost not to exceed \$5,482. The Gator will be owned and maintained by Pasquotank County but it will be provided to the Camden Babe Ruth League for their use during baseball and softball season.

Motion was made by Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Bill Trueblood to approve items b, c, and d as recommended by the Finance Committee. The motion carried.

*e. Approval of Pay Adjustment for Part-Time Deputies*

The Finance Committee has recommended the approval of an adjustment in pay for part-time deputies to step 2 of the appropriate pay grade for each position.

Motion was made by Matt Wood, seconded by Lloyd Griffin to approve the pay adjustments for part-time deputies to step 2 of the appropriate pay grade for each position. The motion carried by a five to one margin with Commissioner Krebs voting against the pay adjustments.

**11. DISCUSSION REGARDING WATER PRESSURES IN NEWLAND AREA:**

Vice-Chairman Lloyd Griffin said he would like to point out that water customers in the Newland area of Pasquotank County who are served by the South Mills Water System cannot meet the new fire protection standard of 500 gallons per minute. Commissioner Dixon said this has been discussed by the Water Committee, and the Water Superintendent has been asked to look into this matter, particularly since there is potential commercial growth in that area. He stated that this issue will be discussed again by the Water Committee.

**12. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

The Board considered the following consent agenda:

*a. Approval of Minutes of April 27, May 1, May 4, May 8, and May 10, 2006 Commissioner Meetings*

*b. Appointment to Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee*

The Appointments Committee has recommended that Ginger Parrish be appointed to the Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee. Her application has been provided to the Board Members since the last meeting and the appointment can be finalized.

Motion was made by Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Bill Trueblood to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried.

**13. TAX RELEASES:**

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

Releases:

		County	City
1.	Frederick Earl Melton	33.31	26.57
2.	Albemarle Equip Solutions		12.74
3.	Franklin Paul McDonald	10.40	
4.	Cynthia Beatrice Moore	19.07	15.21
5.	The Bradford Corp.		62.22
6.	Carlton Lerose Cooper		8.35
7.	Stefan Klaus Neher	9.37	
8.	Rosemary Moore McPherson	9.71	
9.	Ryan Randall Erickson	62.75	55.05
10.	Ella Williams Icenhour	12.02	
11.	Patrick H. Fonte	61.74	54.25
12.	Glen Keith Icardi	6.80	
13.	Walter Acevedo, Jr.	43.18	39.44
14.	Noe Lobez Olan	85.83	

15.	Willard Thomas Meads	27.22	
16.	Derek Antonion Butts	20.56	16.02
17.	Paul Arnold Young	44.23	
18.	Alonzo Young Green		8.35
19.	Christopher Michael Brown	6.79	10.29
20.	Christopher Michael Brown	65.53	56.05
21.	Billy Norman Brown	6.93	
22.	Teresa Blanton Meads	47.04	
23.	Michael Anthony Locke	86.52	74.01
24.	Karl Offo Poulson	5.30	
25.	Garland Max Singletary	59.10	47.14
26.	Debra Taylor Griffin	17.90	
27.	Elie McKinley Beamon		65.23
28.	Elie McKinley Beamon		74.88
29.	Edgar Griffin	58.30	
30.	Steven Scot Garrett		25.37
31.	Yvette Jenise Lee	18.40	
32.	Stacy Langdon McNeer	60.06	
33.	Jonathan William Burris	19.15	20.28

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

OWNERS NAME	PARCEL ID NUMBER	REASON FOR RELEASE
Eldon & G.M. Riddick	P89A-56	Unoccupied since Dec. 1999
Zachariah Lewis	P30-36	Unoccupied since 1994

**14. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS REQUESTING THE ADDITION OF ROADS TO THE STATE SYSTEM FOR MAINTENANCE:**

The Board reviewed petitions for the addition of several roads to the state system for maintenance. The roads are as follows:

- The final .1 mile section of Dances Bay Road in Dances Bay Colony Subdivision. There are three occupied homes on this portion of the road.
- Spud Drive located in Dances Bay Colony Subdivision. The road is .1 mile in length and has three occupied homes having street frontage.
- Danielle Drive located in Halls Creek Square Subdivision. The road is .8 mile in length and has 25 occupied homes.
- Lisa's Way and Chip Drive in Oak Stump Subdivision. Lisa's Way is .38 mile in length and has 25 occupied homes. Chip Drive is .27 mile in length and has 16 occupied homes.

Motion was made by Bill Trueblood, seconded by Hank Krebs to adopt resolutions requesting that the North Carolina Department of Transportation add Dances Bay Road, Spud Drive, Danielle Drive, Lisa's Way and Chip Drive to the state system for maintenance. The motion carried.

**15. REPORTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER:**

County Manager Randy Keaton provided Board Members with a copy of a letter from the North Carolina Department of Transportation regarding the intersection improvements at Rabbit's Corner. As a result of accidents since the intersection opened, DOT plans to make some improvements which will include installing an overhead flasher, an additional stop sign and stop ahead sign, and an increase in the size of the intersection warning signs. Commissioner Trueblood said he would also suggest the installation of rumble strips at the intersection. Vice-Chairman Griffin added that DOT should also look at the intersection of Morgan's Corner Road and U.S. Highway 17. Chairman Perry noted that another concern to forward to DOT is that there is no sign on Old Hertford Highway to direct traffic to Woodville.

Mr. Keaton stated that the resolution the Board adopted tonight regarding Medicaid was submitted to the county by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. The NCACC has requested that those attending County Assembly Day in Raleigh this Wednesday come to Raleigh earlier and go to the General Assembly and meet with legislators to personally discuss with them the need for Medicaid relief for counties.

Mr. Keaton reported that Commissioners have been provided copies of information from Hobbs Upchurch regarding the environmental assessment for the RO discharge permit. He stated that Hobbs Upchurch has indicated that most of the comments can be addressed easily.

Mr. Keaton said the Maintenance Superintendent has informed him that the contractors for the building projects ran into a problem today when making the tie-in for the sand filter on Poole Street. He said the city has a water line that is apparently at the same elevation and the water line will need to be relocated. He stated that a slight change order will be needed, however the amount of the change order is not known at this time. He said the contractor needs to keep moving forward because the street is open. He will come back to the Board at a later date with the exact figures for the change order.

**16. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Hank Krebs noted that the county should be receiving a yearly update from the Newland Water Management Committee regarding maintenance on the dike. He asked that the County Manager follow up on this.

Commissioner Krebs provided a copy of a Land for Tomorrow resolution that he requested be included on the next agenda for discussion. He said the resolution urges the General Assembly to enact legislation authorizing a general obligation bond referendum in November 2006 to increase conservation spending in North Carolina by \$200 million per year for five years.

Commissioner Krebs reported that the National Guard's 725<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster Company will be returning from Iraq on June 7 and will be landing at the airport at the Coast Guard Base in Elizabeth City. He said all Commissioners should receive an invitation to the homecoming. He said that he and several others have been tasked with helping to find ways to celebrate the homecoming. He noted that the homecoming could have happened anywhere, however the General of the National Guard wanted it in Elizabeth City. He asked if the Board would consider providing some funding to assist with the homecoming festivities.

Motion was made by Hank Krebs, seconded by Bill Trueblood to authorize the chairman to approve the expenditure of up to \$500 for festivities related to the National Guard homecoming on June 7. The motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Lloyd Griffin asked how the Tourism Development Authority plans to assist with downtown development since this appears to be a city function. Commissioner Dixon said this would most likely be done through studies regarding a convention center which has been discussed by the Albemarle Economic Development Commission for a number of years.

Commissioner Jeff Dixon said since the last Water Committee meeting, he has learned that the city is getting ready to let bids to run the water line on Halstead Boulevard parallel to the county's line. The Board requested that staff find out exactly where the city's line would be located.

Commissioner Dixon asked Commissioner Krebs if he has attended any meetings of the Military Advisory Committee yet. Commissioner Krebs stated that the chairman came off of the committee in December and a new chairman needs to be appointed before a meeting will be held. He said a meeting will probably be scheduled in Elizabeth City in early August.

Chairman Perry asked that the Board consider scheduling a special meeting for the purpose of evaluating the County Manager and the County Attorney. It was suggested this be done prior to the next work session.

Commissioner Dixon asked if anyone has questions regarding the request made by Ms. Riddick tonight on child care subsidies. He said the Social Services Board made some policy changes at its last meeting to remove the parents who worked part-time. He noted that next to Medicaid, the Department of Social Services' second greatest expense is Child Care Services at \$2 million. Chairman Perry said he believes Ms. Riddick should take her concerns to the Social Services Board. He added that he feels the Social Services Board came up with a good plan.

At the absence of further business, Chairman Perry asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was made by Bill Trueblood, seconded by Matt Wood that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

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CHAIRMAN

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Sheri Bulman, Finance Officer

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM. The Board held a work session on the 2006-07 fiscal year budget. The Board reviewed final budget proposals and gave the County Manager direction for preparing the 2006-07 proposed budget for presentation at the June 5 Commissioner meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

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CHAIRMAN

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CLERK