

**PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
JANUARY 13, 2014**

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners met today in a regular meeting on Monday, January 13, 2014 in Courtroom C in the Pasquotank County Courthouse.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Dixon, Chairman
Joseph S. Winslow, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Cecil Perry
Dr. William R. Sterritt
Gary G. White
Frankie Meads

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lloyd E. Griffin, III

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rodney Bunch, Interim County Manager
R. Michael Cox, County Attorney
Karen Jennings, Clerk to the Board

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Jeff Dixon. Commissioner Frankie Meads gave the invocation and Vice-Chairman Joe Winslow led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Dixon welcomed everyone present.

1. COMMENTS FROM EARL ROUNTREE:

Chairman Dixon recognized Mr. Earl Rountree to address the Board. Mr. Rountree stated that he would first like to apologize to Pasquotank County and especially to Commissioner Gary White because several months ago it was leaked to the press that Gates County did not pay its \$15,000 for the DA's office. He said he and Commissioner White got into quite a discussion over that. He stated that Commissioner White was 100% right, and a number of people in Gates County including some county employees felt like Gates County should have paid Pasquotank County the \$15,000. He noted that the new County Manager was young and had not been there very long and he may have been getting some input outside of Gates County that influenced his thinking. Mr. Rountree stated that their word should have meant something and he is embarrassed that Gates County promised Pasquotank County something it did not get.

Mr. Rountree stated that he wanted to see the STEM school happen and is disappointed with the way it has gone. He said he personally would like to see it because a STEM school is needed in the Northeast to teach children science, technology, engineering, and mathematics over and above what they are getting in the public schools so they will be challenged. He stated that the STEM school would educate future doctors, lawyers and engineers. He added it should not be about politics, but about educating the children.

2. PRESENTATION OF PINS TO EMPLOYEES FOR YEARS OF SERVICE:

Chairman Dixon called on the following county employees to receive pins in recognition of their years of service to Pasquotank County.

Employee	Department	Years of Service
Lisa Whidbee	EMS	20 years
Lynn Weeks	Cooperative Extension	20 years
Tobie McPherson	Sheriff/Central Communications	20 years
Gail Holley	Social Services Department	10 years
Jimmy Riddick	Solid Waste Department	10 years
Tony Reid	Solid Waste Department	10 years

The Board congratulated and thanked the employees for their service.

3. ADOPTION OF PROCLAMATION FOR "PURPLE HEART COUNTY":

Chairman Dixon read the following proclamation proclaiming Pasquotank County a "Purple Heart County". He then presented the proclamation to Lenny Lazzara, Daniel Serik, and several other veterans from Chapter 639 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

**PROCLAMATION
PROCLAIMING PASQUOTANK COUNTY A
“PURPLE HEART COUNTY”**

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest decoration in present use and was initially created as the Badge of Military merit by General George Washington in 1782; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to any member of the United States Armed Services wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chartered by an act of Congress, is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives, and most importantly, make sure we never forget; and

WHEREAS, Pasquotank County residents have been engaged in every war against a declared enemy fought by the United States, including the war for the nation’s independence; and

WHEREAS, Pasquotank County is home to many veterans and active duty service men and women; and

WHEREAS, Pasquotank County recognizes the commitment and increasing sacrifices required of military families; and

WHEREAS, Pasquotank County pledges its ongoing commitment and support to the men and women who so honorably serve our nation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners declares Pasquotank County to be a “Purple Heart County” in the State of North Carolina.

ADOPTED, this 13th day of January, 2014.

Mr. Lazzara thanked the Board for proclaiming Pasquotank County as a “Purple Heart County”. He stated that they hope each of the 100 counties in the state will adopt similar proclamations.

4. PUBLIC HEARING ON REZONING REQUEST RR 13-01:

Chairman Dixon declared the meeting to be a public hearing on Rezoning Request RR 13-01. Planning Director Shelley Cox outlined the request. She explained that RR 13-01 is a request to rezone .92 acres from A-1 (Agricultural) to C-1 (Commercial). The property owner is First Citizens Bank & Trust Company and the tract is located on Northside Road near the intersection of U.S. 17. The surrounding land uses are vacant and residential and those properties are zoned C-1 (Commercial) and A-1 (Agricultural). The tract is currently zoned A-1 (Agricultural) and the A-1 district is defined as large, open land areas. The regulations of this district are designed to retain the open characteristics of the land. The C-1 proposed district is defined as certain areas that are designed to serve both non-residents and residents using the major state and county roads that run through the county. This district is designed to accommodate retail or service establishments customarily patronized by transient traffic as well as non-transient traffic. Ms. Cox stated that the land use classification of this property is commercial and this request is consistent with that classification. There is an existing on-site septic system and water is provided by the Pasquotank County Water System. This area is not located within the 100 year flood zone. Ms. Cox advised that the adjoining property owners have been notified of this rezoning request, a sign has been posted on the property, and legal advertisements have been published in *The Daily Advance*. She explained that access to the property is currently provided by two driveways on Northside Road. The site includes a 2,118 square foot commercial building that was built in 1971 and which was previously used as a bank. Ms. Cox stated that staff is recommending approval of this rezoning request and has included in the Board’s packet a consistency statement that is required in accordance with General Statutes. She advised that the Planning Board reviewed this request on December 19 and recommended approval of the rezoning request and of the staff-recommended consistency statement.

Chairman Dixon asked if anyone would care to comment on the rezoning request. He recognized Ms. Victoria Rogers who said she is the owner of the old Morgan House at Morgan's Corner. She said her house is an historic home and was in the first group of properties the State of North Carolina put on the National Registry. She stated that she is concerned with what is going on in the area. She said because of mail problems she did not receive a letter from the Planning Department about the Planning Board meeting until after the meeting or she would have been there. She stated that she did not even see signage on the property and she and her son go up and down the highway several times a week. She said she has now made a point to read the small rezoning sign on the property and it would not catch anyone's eyes. She stated that everyone thought it was a real estate sign. She added that she thinks the county should do a better job of signage, considering the mail situation. She suggested more signs and colorful, larger, eye-catching signs. Ms. Rogers said the lot at the corner of Northside Road and U.S. 17 has previously been considered for development, however there was no access to U.S. 17 and it appears everything would have to access Northside Road which would place a large load on Northside Road. She said the commercial zoning of this tract being considered will have an impact on Northside Road. She stated when she called the Planning Department after receiving the notice of tonight's public hearing, she was told there was nothing for her to be concerned about. She said as a taxpayer she expects that somebody engage with her when she has concerns about what is going on in the area and she thinks citizen participation should be encouraged. She asked if anyone has looked into the possible impact on her historic house and she asked that consideration be given to the need to protect the house.

Chairman Dixon asked if there were any further comments regarding Rezoning Request RR 13-01. There being none, the public hearing was closed and Chairman Dixon asked Mrs. Cox to respond to Ms. Rogers' comments.

Mrs. Cox explained that in North Carolina there is no state standard for rezoning signs. She said the signs the Planning Department uses now are the same signs that are used for all rezonings. She agreed they do look like real estate signs. She said she has been researching larger and brighter signs, but with budget constraints she has been trying to be conservative and has not ordered new signs. She added that she hopes in the near future to be able to get some brighter signs. She said on this parcel of less than one acre, they felt that one sign was sufficient. She stated if it were a site with multiple road frontages they would post a sign on each road frontage. Mrs. Cox advised that tonight's rezoning is only for the .92 acre parcel that is owned by First Citizens Bank and she is not aware of any additional plans for using the adjacent property. She noted that the rezoning is not for a specific use of the property and if the property is rezoned to commercial, any of the uses allowed in the commercial district would be allowed at this site. Chairman Dixon stated that he believes in the future there will be huge impacts on the intersection of Northside Road and U.S. 17 which will probably take up more land at some time. He asked Mrs. Cox whether she has had any communications with DOT regarding its plans for this area. Mrs. Cox said she has had some communication with a right-of-way agent that was working on the project, and the last she was told is that DOT does not have any firm plans as to the future design of this intersection, and there are also funding changes in DOT that could potentially impact that project as well.

Vice-Chairman Joe Winslow said this property has previously been classified as agricultural. He asked if it has always been classified as agricultural from the time zoning was implemented. He noted that it has been used as commercial property. Ms. Cox said when zoning was first adopted in Pasquotank County this parcel was classified as agricultural as well as all adjoining property. Vice-Chairman Winslow stated that the rezoning would just be designating as commercial a parcel of property that has always been used as commercial.

Commissioner Cecil Perry asked how the property surrounding this tract is classified. Mrs. Cox responded that the property on one side is classified as agricultural, the property on the other side is classified as commercial, and the property across the street is classified as commercial. Commissioner Perry asked how complicated it would be to rezone the agricultural property to commercial if someone requested it. Mrs. Cox said it would require a rezoning application and a review by the Planning Board and the Board of Commissioners as well as a public hearing.

Motion was made by Frankie Meads, seconded by Gary White to approve Rezoning Request 13-01 based on staff's recommendation and the following consistency statement in accordance with NCGS 153A-341:

RR 13-01 is a request to rezone a .92 acre parcel from A-1, Agricultural to C-1, Commercial. This request is consistent with the Commercial classification of this property as shown on the Future Land Use Classification map within the Pasquotank County – Elizabeth City Advanced Core Land Use Plan (adopted January 9, 2012).

The rezoning request is reasonable and in the public interest because the property has previously been utilized for a commercial use and is located near a major highway interchange. In addition, a majority of the property in the immediate vicinity around this parcel is zoned commercial.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Dixon stated that some kind of change is needed in the notification process and he suggested that the Planning Department work on a plan and bring a recommendation to the Board. Mrs. Cox advised that there are state requirements regarding the notification process which the Planning Department follows. She said that two letters were mailed out regarding this rezoning request, one before the Planning Board meeting and one before the Commissioner meeting. She stated that staff will review the process and the signage and bring back information for the Board.

Vice-Chairman Joe Winslow said if Ms. Rogers has any additional concerns after this property has been rezoned she should let staff or Commissioners know about them.

Interim County Manager Rodney Bunch noted that the county went a step beyond the state requirement to send first class notices to adjoining property owners, and actually sends notices to the next adjoining property owners as well.

5. PUBLIC HEARING ON REZONING REQUEST RR 13-02:

Chairman Dixon declared the meeting to be a public hearing on Rezoning Request RR 13-02. Planning Director Shelley Cox explained that this is a request from Linwood and Fannie Williams to rezone 72.56 acres on Mill Pond Road from A-1 (Agricultural) to R-25A (Residential). In the surrounding area, properties are either vacant, agricultural, or residential, and an A-1 zoning district surrounds the area, however there is an existing residential subdivision that abuts the tract requested for rezoning.

Mrs. Cox stated that the current A-1 classification is defined as large, open land areas and the regulations of this district are designed to retain the open characteristics of the land. The proposed R-25A district is defined as low-density residential areas and additional open areas where similar residential development will be a viable land use. The minimum lot size is 43,000 square feet. Mobile homes, manufactured homes, and manufactured Class A homes are not permitted in the R-25A residential district. The Land Use Plan classifies this site as “Rural Agriculture” and approximately 50% of the county is classified as “Rural Agriculture”. That classification is intended to delineate lands where the predominant land use is scattered, very low density residences dispersed among farm land and open spaces. Land uses within the Rural Agriculture designated areas are generally compatible with the A-1 zoning classification, and the county’s goals and policies support the continued use of land in the Rural Agricultural areas for scattered, low density residential development and agricultural and forestry purposes. Mrs. Cox stated that development of this property will require individual septic systems and Albemarle Regional Health Services has already performed a preliminary evaluation of this property. They found that overall the soils were classified as unsuitable which is very common in Pasquotank County because of the poor soils. The site can however be reclassified to provisionally suitable with the installation of groundwater lowering devices, such as ditches and drain tiles, and sand backfill trenches. Mrs. Cox said provisional systems are very common in Pasquotank County. She stated that she spoke with the gentleman from Albemarle Regional Health Services who did the evaluation and asked if he had any concerns. She said he told her that he was not aware of any problems with the septic systems on Linwood Drive, which is directly adjacent to this property, and those lot sizes are significantly smaller than 43,000 square feet. She stated that the property is served by the South Mills Water System instead of the Pasquotank County Water System, and according to their superintendent they have the capacity to serve this proposed residential development. She said the area requested for rezoning is not within the 100 year flood zone. Letters were sent to adjoining property owners, a sign was posted on the property, and an advertisement was placed in *The Daily Advance*.

Mrs. Cox explained that access to this property is provided directly onto Mill Pond Road and it is located adjacent to an existing subdivision, Oak Ridge, which contains 32 lots. Oak Ridge Subdivision is currently zoned A-1, however it was developed prior to the county's adoption of zoning. Under the current Subdivision Ordinance regulations, it is anticipated that a residential subdivision developed on this parcel would contain approximately 65 lots. Ten percent of the land area would be utilized for streets, agricultural buffers, and stormwater retention. There is a 10.9 acre tract in the immediate area that is zoned R-25A. A preliminary subdivision plat was previously approved for that property, however a final plat was never submitted for the development and the approval has since expired. Mrs. Cox said if this rezoning is approved, all uses permitted in the R-25A district would be allowed at this location, subject to any conditions required by the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance. She stated that the Land Use Plan was written with the intent of concentrating new residential development into the area of the county immediately north of Elizabeth City between the U.S. 17 Bypass and Northside Road. The idea was to guide new residential development to areas with supporting infrastructure and to preserve the existing rural, agricultural environment in both Newland and Weeksville. Mrs. Cox pointed out that staff acknowledges that the proposed rezoning of this property is not consistent with the adopted Land Use Plan, but they also are aware that economic conditions and population growth rates within Pasquotank County have changed substantially since the Land Use Plan was originally developed in the mid 2000's. In addition, the proposed rezoning is immediately adjacent to an existing residential development and in the vicinity of another area that is zoned for residential uses. Mrs. Cox stated that the Planning Board met in December and voted to recommend approval of the request. She said staff is recommending approval of the rezoning request and adoption of the consistency statement.

Chairman Dixon asked if anyone would care to speak for or against Rezoning Request RR 13-02. There being no comments, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Gary White asked where the cutoff is between the South Mills Water System and the Pasquotank County Water System. Mr. Bunch stated that the cutoff is near the intersection of U.S. 158 and U.S. 17. He said the South Mills Water System was in place before the Pasquotank County Water System was built.

Motion was made by Cecil Perry, seconded by Joe Winslow to approve Rezoning Request 13-02 based on staff's recommendation and the following consistency statement in accordance with NCGS 153A-341:

RR 13-02 is a request to rezone a 72.56 acre parcel from A-1, Agricultural to R-25A, Residential. This request is not consistent with the Rural Agriculture classification of the property as shown on the Future Land Use Classification map within the Pasquotank County-Elizabeth City Advanced Core Land Use Plan (adopted January 9, 2012). However, the rezoning is reasonable and in the public interest because the property is located next to an existing residential subdivision and there is R-25A zoning in the immediate vicinity of this parcel.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Chairman Dixon asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. Vice-Chairman Joe Winslow requested that the agenda be amended to add the following items recommended by the Finance Committee at its meeting today to the agenda: 1) Approval of FY 2012-13 audit report; 2) Approval of resolution to reduce the Sheriff's Salary to \$58,971; 3) Approval of farm rent for tract in South Mills; and 4) Approval of a proposal from Hyman & Robey for construction inspection and administration services for the ECMS renovation project.

Motion was made by Gary White, seconded by Frankie Meads to amend the agenda to add the first three items recommended above by the Finance Committee to the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Joe Winslow, seconded by Gary White to amend the agenda to add the fourth item recommended above by the Finance Committee to New Business. The motion carried by a six to one margin with Commissioner Frankie Meads voting against the motion.

7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

The Board considered the following consent agenda:

a. Approval of Minutes of December 16, 2013 Commissioner Meetings

b. Approval of 2012-13 Audit Report

The Finance Committee has recommended that the Board approve the 2012-13 audit report as presented by Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co., P.A., the county's auditors, and the Finance Officer at today's Finance Committee meeting.

c. Adoption of Resolution to Reduce the Sheriff's Salary

The Finance Committee has recommended that the Board adopt the following resolution to reduce the Sheriff's salary to \$58,971 for the purpose of establishing a starting salary, should an inexperienced person be elected to office, and also for determining the filing fee for the office of Sheriff.

RESOLUTION TO REDUCE THE SHERIFF'S SALARY

WHEREAS, Section 153A-92 of the North Carolina General Statutes provides that the board of commissioners shall fix or approve the schedule of pay, expense allowances, and other compensation of any county officers and employees, whether elected or appointed; and

WHEREAS, Section 153A-92(b)(2) of the North Carolina General Statutes provides that during the year of a general election, the board of commissioners may reduce the salary, allowances or other compensation of an officer to be elected at the general election; and

WHEREAS, the office of Sheriff is up for election during the 2014 general election and the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners wishes to set the salary for the position of Sheriff at \$58,971, the starting salary for this position within the county's pay grade and classification schedule; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners that:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 153-92(b)(2) of the North Carolina General Statutes the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners gives notice of its intention to reduce the salary for the position of Pasquotank County Sheriff from \$73,124 annually to \$58,971 annually.

Section 2. The reduction in salary set forth in Section 1 of this resolution shall take effect at the time a candidate for Pasquotank County Sheriff elected in the general election on November 4, 2014 takes office.

Section 3. The filing fee for the office of Sheriff shall be based on an annual salary of \$58,971.

ADOPTED the 13th day of January, 2014.

d. Approval of Farm Rent for South Mills Tract

The Finance Committee has recommended that the Board approve a contract with Steve Dail to lease a 2.46 acre tract of farmland owned by Pasquotank County off of Horseshoe Road in South Mills for \$95 per acre per year for a three-year period. Mr. Dail has previously leased the property for \$85 per acre per year and has agreed to increase the rental amount to \$95 per acre.

Motion was made by Joe Winslow, seconded by Gary White to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Releases:

	County	City
1. Connee D. Anderson & Thomas R. Wright	23.31	18.32
2. Lauffenburger Revocable Living	9.45	
3. Travis Duane Steed	25.52	
4. Latosha Renae Small-Oliver	48.11	38.41
5. Robert Earl Lee	3.97	3.17
6. Franklin Lee Foster	20.52	
7. Mary Parker McLendon	95.54	69.92
8. Bryan Alden Manning	81.34	69.94
9. Crystal Marie Ustick	56.23	
10. Joe Richard Stephens, Jr.	32.00	

11.	Novilla Whidbee Turner	20.27	16.19
12.	Scott Ryan Osborne	95.00	79.65
13.	Milton Robert Linscott	50.27	44.50
14.	Thuy Kim Nguyen	41.11	32.30
15.	Anthony Edward Siciak II	99.57	
16.	Anthony Edward Siciak II	99.57	
17.	B. Culppeper Jenette, Jr.	93.87	73.76
18.	W.A. Manning Electrical	11.35	9.06
19.	Quinton Leo Boyd	54.62	
20.	Raymond Bruce Horst	11.34	
21.	Samuel Lee Beamon, Jr.	76.23	
22.	Deborah Lynn Hall	80.33	63.11
23.	Delton Wayne Stuck	11.09	
24.	Delton Wayne Stuck	33.33	
25.	Delton Wayne Stuck	4.16	
26.	Nathan Craig Thompson	88.10	75.34
27.	Gene Wyman	16.13	
28.	James Edward Holley	4.51	
29.	Dorothy Weeks James	34.34	
30.	George Arthur Waters	65.10	
31.	Cheryl Lee Plowe	13.02	
32.	Nancy Doralie Morewitz	65.75	52.49
33.	Billy Lee Rountree	16.57	13.02
34.	Christopher Smith	7.50	
35.	Robert Charles Munsey, Jr.	20.95	
36.	Northshore Investments LLC	60.97	48.67
37.	Dana Martin Overman	56.67	
38.	Daniel Kochan	12.50	
39.	Daniel Kochan	12.21	
40.	Daniel Kochan	11.59	
41.	Daniel Kochan	10.60	
42.	Theresa Dawn Zollars	89.46	
43.	Henry Lennart	5.95	
44.	William John North	11.66	9.31
45.	Richard Eugene Kelley	30.50	
46.	Glenna Louise Fagan	49.27	38.71
47.	Thomas S. Nixon, Jr.	3.15	2.48
48.	Angela Joy Morris	14.05	
49.	Charles Allen Hall, Jr.	36.98	
50.	Albert Roosevelt Williams, Sr.	12.57	9.88
51.	Michael Neil Arbogerst	23.06	18.12
52.	Brandon Lee McEntyre	80.10	68.95
53.	William Henry Sharpe, Jr.	64.11	51.18
54.	Audrey Ruth Ansink	4.84	
55.	Michael Gerard Jordan	10.35	
56.	Michael C. Jordan	6.14	
57.	Brandon Steven Aycock	95.98	76.73
58.	Mildred Thornton Tice	37.17	
59.	Albamarle Business Concepts	47.50	37.32
60.	Holly Michelle Clow	53.88	
61.	Jayesh J. Kinariwala	4.79	3.76
62.	Reina Xiomara Merino	9.32	7.33
63.	Jessica Diane Nortman	73.90	
64.	Warren Junious Ellis	7.56	5.94
65.	Candy Jean Gonzalez	31.00	
66.	Shawn Maurice Harrington	43.96	40.10
67.	Shawn Maurice Harrington	59.33	52.37
68.	Jeremy Landon Clipse	40.24	
69.	Colter Paul Blackford	40.36	
70.	Dorsey Herman Johr	4.59	

Refund:

1.	Time Land Development, LLC	County	City
		21.72	

8. APPOINTMENT TO ELIZABETH CITY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

At the last meeting the Board accepted a recommendation from the Appointments Committee to nominate Joda Ann Bollard for appointment to the Elizabeth City Board of Adjustment. Chairman Dixon stated that the Board can approve the appointment or can nominate someone else for the position. He asked if there were any other nominations.

Motion was made by Joe Winslow, seconded by Frankie Meads to close the nominations for the Elizabeth City Board of Adjustment. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Frankie Meads, seconded by Joe Winslow to appoint Joda Ann Bollard to the Elizabeth City Board of Adjustment to replace Claudie Mackey. The motion carried unanimously.

9. APPOINTMENT OF FRANKIE MEADS TO RC&D COUNCIL:

Chairman Dixon stated that Commissioner White has asked to step down from the Albemarle Resource Conservation & Development Council, and it has been recommended that Commissioner Meads be appointed to replace him.

Motion was made by Gary White, seconded by Joe Winslow to appoint Commissioner Frankie Meads to the RC&D Council to replace Commissioner Gary White. The motion carried unanimously.

10. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION AND ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR ECMS RENOVATION PROJECT:

The Finance Committee has recommended that the Board approve a contract with Hyman & Robey for construction inspection and administration services for the ECMS Renovation Project in the amount of \$9,760.

Motion was made by Joe Winslow, seconded by Cecil Perry to approve a contract with Hyman & Robey in the amount of \$9,760 for construction inspection and administration services for the ECMS renovation project. The motion carried by a six to one margin with Commissioner Meads voting against the motion.

11. APPROVAL TO DECLARE ITEMS SURPLUS:

The Manager stated that the EMS Department has requested that the Board declare several items surplus so they can be sold on GovDeals.com. The items are as follows:

- 8 - Iron Duck Breath Saver D Airway Management Bags
- 7 - Iron Duck Ultra Soft Box Trauma Bags
- 2 - XP-1 Style Extrication Vests

Motion was made by Gary White, seconded by Cecil Perry to declare the items above as surplus so they can be sold on GovDeals.com. The motion carried unanimously.

12. REPORT ON VARIOUS PROPERTY ISSUES FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY:

County Attorney Mike Cox advised that Donnie Russell has submitted a bid on a small parcel of surplus property in Mount Hermon Township. He stated that Mr. Russell's bid is in the amount of \$600 which should cover the back taxes and advertising costs. He said the Board can propose to accept the bid and advertise for upset bids.

Motion was made by Cecil Perry, seconded by Joe Winslow to propose to accept a bid in the amount of \$600 from Donnie Russell for a surplus lot in Mount Hermon Township identified as P7-31 and to advertise for upset bids. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cox reported that Ms. Elizabeth Brower has offered to donate to the county a parcel of land that adjoins the Providence Volunteer Fire Department and Providence Recycling Center. He said that he and Mr. Bunch looked at the property last week and it appears that at least two and possibly three other people are using the parcel for ingress and egress. He stated that he believes there would be some title problems with the property. Mr. Bunch added that there are a couple

of structures on the property that are questionable and he and the County Attorney agree there are too many potential problems with the property for the county to accept it. The Board agreed to send a letter to Ms. Brower thanking her for her offer to donate the property to the county, but declining the offer.

13. CALENDAR:

The Clerk reviewed the calendar of upcoming meetings and events.

14. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Frankie Meads stated that a letter was sent to the Chairman that he believes should be thoroughly discussed at the Solid Waste Committee meeting. He said there are some issues that are not being handled properly. Chairman Dixon suggested that staff review the letter with the Solid Waste Director.

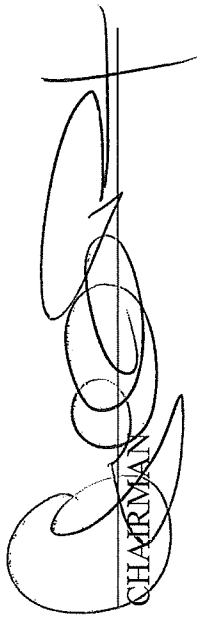
Vice-Chairman Joe Winslow stated that he was recently looking at Facebook and on the ECNC page someone had put together a Facebook message about Elizabeth City and what it was like to grow up in Elizabeth City. He said this was done by an individual who apparently did it on his own, and everyone needs to see it. He said it really promotes Elizabeth City and what it was like growing up in Elizabeth City. He stated that something similar should probably be done about Pasquotank County because there is a lot to be positive about in this area. Chairman Dixon stated that the Elizabeth City Convention & Visitors Bureau website has just been upgraded and contains promotional information and blogs. He encouraged everyone to subscribe to *Our State* magazine because from time to time Elizabeth City is mentioned in it.

Commissioner William Sterritt stated that he and Mr. Bunch attended the Recreation Advisory Board meeting last Thursday. He reported that there is still a problem at Sawmill Park and the Recreation Director has not been able to find anyone who would be willing to repair it. He said if the county wants to keep this area open, it will be looking at bulk heading which should have initially been done. He said with the bulk heading and a reinforced ramp, boaters in the Weeksville area will be able to launch a boat with no problem. Commissioner Sterritt added that this is going to end up as a budget item for recreation payable by the county. He stated that someone needs to take the leadership and have a contractor look at the area and provide estimates on the cost of bulkheading. Mr. Bunch said he would try to determine what needs to be done and obtain a cost estimate.

Commissioner Frankie Meads stated that he appreciates the fact that this year the county's debt has been reduced by \$3.5 million. He said there is more work to be done on reducing the debt but he is thankful the county is headed in the right direction.

Chairman Dixon 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 Gary White, seconded by Joe Winslow to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.


CHAIRMAN


CLERK TO THE BOARD