

**PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**  
**MARCH 17, 2014**

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners met today in a regular meeting on Monday, March 17, 2014 in Courtroom C in the Pasquotank County Courthouse.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Rodney Bunch, County Manager  
R. Michael Cox, County Attorney  
Sheri Small, Finance Officer  
Karen Jennings, Clerk to the Board

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Jeff Dixon. Commissioner Lloyd Griffin 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 is very much in favor of a STEM school and thinks it would be great for the area, but he also knows there is a lot of controversy. He stated there recently has been so much misrepresentation regarding the school situation and he has heard much propaganda at various meetings and in a recent letter to the editor that was completely wrong. Mr. Rountree said the STEM charter school is a public school under the N.C. Department of Public Instruction, not a private school.

**2. COMMENTS FROM JOHN WOODARD:**

Chairman Dixon recognized Mr. John Woodard to discuss the Northeastern High School roof project. Mr. Woodard stated that he has talked to the architect who provided the specifications for the roof. He said the product that has been spec'd for that roof is not a Cadillac, but a Mercedes Benz. He stated that there are a lot of things that can be done in places such as Wake County with the tax base and the population base they have, but these things cannot be done in Pasquotank County. He said if Pasquotank County had a more vibrant economy maybe it could spend some extra money to do what the architect says. He stated that something should be done with the roof that is more cost effective in the short run in order to buy some time to figure out a long term strategy. He said there are alternative products that can be utilized that will provide the same warranty that would be provided by the product the architect spec'd. He asked that the Board consider this when voting on the project tonight.

**3. PUBLIC HEARING ON WHETHER THE BOARD SHOULD APPROVE A PROPOSED INSTALLMENT FINANCING AGREEMENT TO FINANCE THE COST OF CERTAIN REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS:**

Chairman Dixon declared the meeting to be a public hearing on whether the Board should approve a proposed installment financing agreement in an amount not to exceed \$870,000 to finance the cost of a fire alarm system at Northside Elementary School in the amount of \$106,130, a section of roof at Northeastern High School in the amount of \$543,714, and new HVAC piping at the Health & Social Services Building in the amount of \$225,000. He asked if anyone would care to address the Board regarding the proposed installment financing. At the absence of comments, the public hearing was closed and he asked for comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Lloyd Griffin stated that he cannot understand when the Board of Commissioners asked the School System to go back and look at different proposals for the roof project why the proposal continues at the same amount without any alternative plans. He stated that although the

Board of Commissioners does not make the decision for the Board of Education, it is charged with the financial obligation on behalf of the taxpayers of Pasquotank County. He said he is concerned that the Board of Education did not heed the Board's request.

Commissioner Frankie Meads stated that before he became a Commissioner he spoke with the School Superintendent about the extravagant cost of putting a roof on the NHS gym at that time. He said he thought the roof estimate was around \$550,000, however it is his understanding that the final cost was bid at around \$350,000. He noted if the School System can save this money by doing a second bid, he believes more time needs to be spent looking at what the county is paying for. He stated that there is at least one roof product that can be painted on and it is guaranteed for 20 years. He pointed out that the county is \$448 million short on property valuation this year and most people cannot afford a tax increase. He said the county needs to be frugal with the taxpayers' money. He suggested that the Board request the Board of Education to go back and look at this again.

Commissioner Gary White stated that he agrees with Commissioner Griffin, however the Board is at the mercy of the Board of Education to get the job done.

Chairman Dixon asked what the repercussions would be if this were sent back to the School Board. County Manager Rodney Bunch said it would slow down the process. He added that the financing proposal is only good for 45 days, so if there were delays the proposal would most likely be void. Finance Officer Sheri Small explained that Local Government Commission approval is required for the loan and the current plan calls for the LGC to consider the application at its May meeting. The application must be received by the LGC at least 28 days prior to the meeting which would be early April.

Commissioner White asked if the county has ever been involved in school building improvements. Mr. Bunch said the Board of Education has always handled these projects. Commissioner Meads asked if the county could ask the Board of Education to re-bid the roof project.

Ms. Small noted that the roof bid came in at \$501,080 and there was a \$42,638 cost for professional services. She stated that eight roofing bids were received ranging from \$483,225 to \$683,060 and one of the bids was rejected because it was non-compliant.

Commissioner White added that the county has a lot of money invested in public structures and they have to be maintained. He stated that the problem is that the General Assembly has enacted legislation that requires an architect to draw the plans for capital improvement projects above a certain cost.

Vice-Chairman Joe Winslow stated that this is the Board of Education's problem and the Board's only problem is whether or not it is going to fund this project. He said it is the Board of Education's responsibility to obtain bids and get them to come in at the lowest rate possible.

Chairman Dixon reminded everyone that there are \$13 million in needs behind this \$500,000 that will have to be addressed. He said the needs get larger and larger. He stated that it has taken six years to try to get the roof repaired because it has been band-aided so many times and there is still a lot more of the NHS roof that has to be replaced. He said the HVAC system at Northeastern High School also needs to be replaced and this will not be inexpensive.

Motion was made by Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Frankie Meads to move discussion of the roof project to New Business and continue to debate it then and take any action. The motion carried unanimously.

*(Continued in Item 12)*

#### **4. 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 to the Consent Agenda: 1) Approval to release motor vehicle taxes for Angie Figueroa; 2) Approval of request to declare items as surplus; 3) Approval of request to extend contract for operation of Child Support Program; 4) Approval of settlement with MEB General Contractors.

Motion was made by Joe Winslow, seconded by Gary White to amend the agenda to add the items recommended above to the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

**5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

The Board considered the consent agenda. Commissioner Griffin stated that Vice-Chairman Winslow needs to be recused from considering the tax releases and refunds, so this item will be pulled off of the consent agenda and considered separately.

*a. Approval of Minutes of February 14, February 17, February 27, and March 3, 2014 Commissioner Meetings*

*b. Approval of Budget Amendment*

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

Public Buildings			
Decrease	010.4950.5600.34	Grant-SHIIP	150,000.00
Increase	010.4190.5351.02	Repair & Maintenance - Old ECMS	150,000.00

*c. Consent to Dissolution of Interlocal Agreement for Camden County Property*

The Board has been requested to consent to East Carolina Behavioral Health signing a Dissolution of the Interlocal Agreement between the Hospital Authority, Camden County and Pasquotank County for joint ownership of the Camden Medical Park property. A local act transferred Albemarle Mental Health Center's interest in the property to East Carolina Behavioral Health.

*d. Approval of \$1,250 for RC&D Grant-Writing Costs*

The Finance Committee has recommended that the Board agree to provide \$1,250, one-half of the cost of grant-writing for a Clean Water Management Trust Fund grant to begin cleanup and water quality work on the Upper Little River Project. The total grant-writing cost is \$2,500 and Perquimans County has agreed to pay its one-half of the cost. The grant request amount is anticipated to be around \$150,000.

*e. Approval to Hire Deputy Sheriff to Replace Animal Control Officer*

The Finance Committee has recommended that the Board authorize the Sheriff's Department to hire a Deputy Sheriff to replace an Animal Control Officer who has resigned. Sheriff Cartwright informed the Finance Committee that quite often a Deputy has to be sent to respond to a call along with an Animal Control Officer when it involves a crime, a dangerous dog violation, or when an animal has to be put down. By having a sworn Deputy available only one person would have to respond to these calls.

*f. Approval to Hire a Paramedic above the Hiring Range*

The Finance Committee has recommended that the Board approve the hiring of an experienced Paramedic above the hiring range due to his extensive and valuable paramedic experience. It is recommended that he begin full-time employment effective April 1, 2014 at Grade 19, Step 4.

*g. Approval to Release Motor Vehicle Taxes for Angie Figueroa*

The Finance Committee has recommended that the Board release taxes and accrued interest for Angie Figueroa in the amount of \$134.09 for county taxes and \$105.59 for city taxes. Ms. Figueroa had received a notice for delinquent motor vehicle taxes for tax year 2012, however she showed proof that she paid Virginia Beach taxes for the time period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013.

*h. Approval to Declare Items as Surplus*

The Finance Committee has recommended that the following items from the Nixonton Volunteer Fire Department be declared surplus and sold on GovDeals.com:

- 10 sections 100' of 4" hose
- 1 section 50' of 4" hose
- 2 sections 25' of 4" hose
- 2 - 4" x 4½" NST adapters
- 3 - 4" x 5" NST adapters
- 4 - 4" x 2½" adapters
- 1 - 4" cap

i. Extension of Contract for Operation of Child Support Program  
 The Finance Committee has recommended that the Board approve extension of the contract with Young Williams to operate the county's Child Support Program. Young Williams has operated the program since 2010 when the state shifted the responsibility for operation of child support services to counties. The current contract will expire June 30, 2014 and Young Williams has proposed a one-year contract with three one-year renewals. The contract amount is \$568,980 for the first year, \$578,937 for the second year, \$589,069 for the third year, and \$599,377 for the fourth year. The Finance Committee has recommended approval of the contract extension contingent upon the other counties in the eight-county consortium also renewing their contracts with Young Williams.

j. Approval of Settlement with MEB General Contractors  
 The Finance Committee has recommended that the Board approve a settlement with MEB General Contractors for the RO plant construction project. It is recommended that the county pay MEB \$90,000 to settle all outstanding claims against the county including the claim for final payment, claim for delay, and claim for sales tax change order.

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

**6. APPROVAL OF TAX RELEASES AND REFUNDS AND SOLID WASTE FEE RELEASES AND REFUNDS:**

Motion was made by Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Gary White to recuse Vice-Chairman Joe Winslow from considering the tax releases and refunds due to a conflict. The motion carried.

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

Releases:	County	City
1. Iris G. Pope	116.55	
2. John Dana Meacham	171.43	141.87
3. Michael Anthony Grafton	104.53	
4. Athena Fried	143.89	118.06
5. Tyler Matthew Rosario	160.65	131.23
6. Ryan Joseph Downey	194.99	
7. Sarah Hawkins Ownley		107.86
8. Lynette Darcy Baker	105.77	
9. Eben Esras Wilson	107.54	
10. Marion Deloatch Barnett	125.81	103.85
11. John Vigilant	75.33	65.14
12. John Vigilant	122.82	103.06
13. Dionne Liaquan Cooper	147.96	
14. Annie C. Finck	773.34	553.41
15. Jennifer Lea Simoni	181.23	
16. Ronald Steven Perva	107.60	84.55
17. Eliezar Muniz	137.02	114.40
18. Troy Juno Ward	166.38	
19. Richard Earl Hebbard	129.33	102.00
20. Catherine Foulk Gainey	121.95	
21. Christopher Blake Barcliff	150.89	118.55

Refunds:	County	City
1. Earldine D. Jordan	253.89	195.30
2. Earldine D. Jordan	263.18	201.81
3. Earldine D. Jordan	269.08	201.81
4. Earldine D. Jordan	269.08	214.83
5. Earldine D. Jordan	273.42	214.83
6. John P. Hooser	314.96	
7. John P. Hooser	314.96	

8.	Calvin Eugene Sample, Sr. & Shirley Robert	841.23
9.	Calvin Eugene Sample, Sr. & Shirley Robert	869.99
10.	Calvin Eugene Sample, Sr. & Shirley Robert	891.56
11.	Calvin Eugene Sample, Sr. & Shirley Robert	891.56
12.	Mary H. Williams	511.80
13.	Mary H. Williams	529.38
14.	Mary H. Williams	542.50
15.	Mary H. Williams	542.50
16.	Mary H. Williams	491.20
17.	Reginald Hall	165.31
18.	City Wine Sellar	156.13
19.	Sharon Williams Harris	108.65
20.	Robinson Mfg. Company	245.98
21.	Miguel A. Velasco	416.41
		327.18

## Solid Waste Fee Releases:

Owner's Name	Parcel ID Number	Reason for Release
Walter B. Averill, Jr.	P70-20	Vacant since 1992
Lassiter Construction Co.	P97-26	Vacant 10 years
James R. & Carolyn Waters	P36-73	Vacant 3+ years
James E. Wilson	P35-A-6	House converted to single family dwelling by the city

## Solid Waste Fee Refunds:

Hazel White Heirs	P142-12	Vacant since August 2012
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Motion was made by Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Gary White to approve the tax releases and refunds and solid waste fee releases and refunds as presented. The motion carried.

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

## Releases:

	County	City
1.	Van Dell Dawson	20.52
2.	Ernest F. Felton	17.14
3.	Allison & Graver Berry	18.92
4.	Yvonne Ferebee Mullen	12.28
5.	Pamela Nicole Whidbee	46.62
6.	Lahlahi Ku'vleiawapu Simeona	70.75
7.	Hong Kong Chinese Restaurant of EC	65.40
8.	Kathryn Moss McCarthy	62.94
9.	Thomas Charles Roquski, Jr.	40.45
10.	Carolyn Taylor Elliott	72.20
11.	John Vigilant	75.33
12.	Dionne Liaquan Cooper	6.96
13.	Antoinette Danielle Avent	3.47
14.	Mary V. Midgett	34.44
15.	David Alan Johnson	1.98
16.	David Alan Johnson	14.06
17.	Martha Bundy - Exec	10.08
18.	Monique Letitia Demps	12.83
19.	Linda Mae Miller	27.40
20.	Renoldo Miguel Windham	45.61
21.	Pamela Jean Morton	19.91
22.	Laura Cooke Casey	6.63
23.	Robert Evan Pitchford	3.47
24.	Yvette Parker	3.09
25.	Clarence Edward White, Jr.	86.77
26.	Lawrence Barney Jackson III	18.84
27.	Mark Stout	16.39

28.	Mark Stout	16.98	
29.	Rita Kaye White	4.71	8.76
30.	Jeryl Shirley Carson	28.16	22.13
31.	Mary H. Williams	60.05	
32.	Nora Barringer	66.18	
33.	Melissa Navarro	71.67	62.22
34.	Margaret Louise Jackson	34.40	
35.	Emmanuel Rivera Nelson	32.18	
36.	Krista Lee Mapes	25.26	
37.	Richard Daniel Gaucher	6.90	
38.	Linda Lee Sessor	57.77	
39.	Paul Joseph Christian	66.15	51.98
40.	David Carl King	20.51	16.11
41.	William Bruck Foley	39.38	
42.	Sarah Alexander Williams	19.90	
43.	James Javier Underhill	13.83	
44.	Diana Heckstall Banks	40.15	32.05
45.	Gregg's Shoes, Inc.	7.63	5.99
46.	Ann Wilkerson Anderson	79.17	
47.	William Thomas Ward, IV	2.36	
48.	William Thomas Ward, IV	8.00	
49.	Renee Lynn Tamarelli	6.54	5.22
50.	Renee Lynn Tamarelli	16.62	13.27
51.	Gary Madison Underhill, III	56.39	
52.	Josh George Reagan	92.13	78.56
53.	Marina Edith Decker	20.79	
54.	Matthew Neil Dumont		40.94
55.	Julie Cooper McGuerry	75.02	
56.	Carol Lynn Johns	73.71	
57.	Anthony Joseph Zucconi	60.08	52.97
58.	Brandon Fraser Webb	90.09	
59.	Amber Leigh Scullari	19.84	
60.	Alene Nanette Betts	38.63	
61.	Essie Marie Thompson	13.76	
62.	Troy Juno Ward	71.67	
63.	Christine Jeanette Bravo	49.10	41.83
64.	Christine Jeanette Bravo	43.28	39.55
65.	Johnathan Wesley Bravo	27.34	26.83
66.	Carolyn Diane Spruill	3.04	2.43
67.	Whitney Mills Lawson	5.23	9.11
68.	Felicia Perkins	63.61	49.98
69.	Jesse Alan Smith	53.74	
70.	Latasha Nicole Brothers	30.05	
71.	Reginald Darrell Hall, Jr.	97.84	
72.	Ebere Oriaku	40.19	
73.	Tire Lube and CarCare, Inc.	27.84	22.23
74.	Jessica Mae Gurganus	57.20	45.66
75.	Courtney Lynn Wilday		89.25
76.	Nina Griffin Spence	13.83	11.53
77.	Darlene Marie White	14.24	11.19
78.	Kirk Anthony Bartnik	30.49	
79.	Kirk Anthony Bartnik	33.20	
80.	Kirk Anthony Bartnik	2.17	
81.	Dawn Marie Niehaus	24.68	
82.	Christopher Ryan Mcabee	69.63	60.59
83.	Jacob Risto Naum	20.03	

7. **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ADDITION OF EDGEWOOD COURT TO THE STATE SYSTEM FOR MAINTENANCE:**

The Board considered a petition submitted by the property owners on Edgewood Court in Small Acres requesting addition of the road to the state system for maintenance. Edgewood Court is .1 mile in length and has three occupied homes with street frontage. The Board will need to adopt a resolution requesting addition of the road to the state system.

Motion was made by Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Joe Winslow to adopt a resolution requesting the NC Department of Transportation to add Edgewood Court to the state system for maintenance. The motion carried.

8. **APPROVAL OF MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN PASQUOTANK COUNTY AND THE CITY OF CHESAPEAKE:**

The Board considered approval of a Mutual Aid Agreement between Pasquotank County and the City of Chesapeake for fire, emergency medical and emergency management response. The purpose of the Mutual Aid Agreement is to augment the emergency response capabilities of each respective jurisdiction by way of manpower and/or equipment. An addendum to the existing fire service contract has also been recommended whereby each volunteer fire department agrees to comply with the Mutual Aid Agreement between Pasquotank County and the City of Chesapeake.

Motion was made by Joe Winslow, seconded by Gary White to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement between Pasquotank County and the City of Chesapeake as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

9. **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A RALEIGH TO NORFOLK INTERSTATE:**

The Board considered adoption of a resolution endorsing and supporting the advancement of a future interstate corridor between Raleigh and Norfolk along the existing U.S. 64 and existing U.S. 17.

Motion was made by Gary White, seconded by Joe Winslow to adopt the following resolution in support of a Raleigh to Norfolk Interstate. The motion carried unanimously and the following resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A RALEIGH TO NORFOLK INTERSTATE**

**WHEREAS**, an interstate highway between Raleigh, NC and Norfolk, VA will increase mobility between two significant metropolitan areas in our adjoining states and enhance economic development for citizens and jurisdictions along the chosen route; and

**WHEREAS**, the NC Department of Transportation has asked for the designation of part of the US 64 corridor (between I-440 and I-540) as the Future I-495 corridor, and a proposed interstate highway between Raleigh and Norfolk would be designated Future Interstate 44, Future Interstate 50 or another appropriate designation and would connect I-40/I-440 in Raleigh to I-64 in Hampton Roads; and

**WHEREAS**, the route for a proposed interstate highway between Raleigh and Norfolk would track existing US 64 from Raleigh to Williamston and existing US 17 from Williamston to Hampton Roads; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens and local governments of US 17 in Martin, Bertie, Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank and Camden Counties all believe an interstate highway will enhance safety, mobility and economic opportunity for their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Northeastern North Carolina share a community of interest with the Norfolk, VA area for employment, health care, shopping and recreation, and businesses now located in Northeastern North Carolina, and those being recruited to Northeastern North Carolina have an interest in a safe, fast highway route to the Port of Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highway 17 Association has just completed an economic impact study quantifying the benefits to Eastern North Carolina if US 17 is fully improved between South Carolina and Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the study, building an interstate highway along US 17 will generate an economic impact in excess of \$3 billion and create over 4,000 recurring jobs in the corridor in all sectors of the regional economy, especially agribusiness, the military and tourism;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners endorses and supports the advancement of a future interstate corridor between Raleigh and Norfolk, along existing US 64 and existing US 17, and encourages the Board of Transportation, the NC Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and the Congress to pursue the project as quickly as possible.

Adopted March 17, 2014 by the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners.

**10. APPROVAL OF LEASE FOR DR. DENUNZIO'S OFFICE:**

The Board considered a proposed lease agreement between Pasquotank County and Dr. Neil DeNunzio for his office in Winfall. The lease is for five years with the option for two one-year extensions if both parties agree. The lease payment is \$2,024 per month.

Motion was made by Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Joe Winslow to approve the lease agreement between Pasquotank County and Dr. Neil DeNunzio as proposed. The motion carried unanimously.

**11. APPOINTMENT OF RODNEY BUNCH AS COUNTY MANAGER AND APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT:**

The Board considered a recommendation from the Finance Committee to appoint Rodney Bunch as County Manager and to approve his employment contract. It is recommended that his annual base salary retroactive to March 1 be \$120,000 and that his contract be effective March 1, 2014 for an initial two-year term that can be extended for successive one-year periods.

Motion was made by Gary White, seconded by Cecil Perry to approve the appointment of Rodney Bunch as Pasquotank County Manager based on an annual salary of \$120,000 retroactive to March 1, 2014, and to approve his employment contract effective March 1, 2014 for an initial two-year term that can be extended for successive one-year periods. The motion carried unanimously.

**12. CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION REGARDING NHS ROOF PROJECT:**

The Board continued discussion of the NHS roof project that is part of the \$870,000 financing on which a public hearing was held tonight.

After lengthy discussion and various proposals on how to address the NHS roof, it was suggested that the Building & Grounds Committee meet with the Maintenance Director at NHS to discuss the roof.

Motion was made by Lloyd Griffin, seconded by William Sterritt to adopt a resolution approving a proposed installment financing agreement with BB&T in the amount of \$870,000 to finance new HVAC piping at the Health & Social Services Building, a fire alarm system at Northside Elementary School, and a section of roof at Northeastern High School, subject to any negative review of the NHS roofing project by the Building & Grounds Committee by the end of this week. The motion carried by a six to one margin with Commissioner Meads voting in opposition and the following resolution was adopted.

**WHEREAS:** The County of Pasquotank (the "County" has previously determined to undertake a project for the purchase of the upgrades of the fire alarm system at Northside Elementary School, phase IV of the roof replacement at Northeastern High School, and for the replacement of the HVAC piping system at the Health and Social Services Building (the "Project"), and the Finance Officer has now presented a proposal for the financing of such Project.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, as follows:**

1. The County hereby determines to finance the Project through Branch Banking and Trust Company ("BB&T"), in accordance with the proposal dated March 14, 2014. The amount financed shall not exceed \$870,000, the annual interest rate shall not exceed 2.29%, and the financing term shall not exceed ten (10) years from closing.
2. All financing contracts and all related documents for the closing of the financing (the "Financing Documents") shall be consistent with the foregoing terms. All officers and employees of the County are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any Financing Documents, and to take all such further action as they may consider necessary or desirable, to carry out the financing of the Project as contemplated by the proposal and this resolution. The Financing Documents shall include a Financing Agreement and Deed of Trust and a Project Fund Agreement as BB&T may request.
3. The Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to hold executed copies of the Financing Documents until the conditions for the delivery of the Financing Documents have been completed to such officer's



satisfaction. The Finance Officer is authorized to approve changes to any Financing Documents previously signed by County officers or employees, provided that such changes shall not substantially alter the intent of such documents or certificates from the intent expressed in the forms executed by such officers. The Financing Documents shall be in such final forms as the Finance Officer shall approve, with the Finance Officer's release of any Financing Document for delivery constituting conclusive evidence of such officer's final approval of the Document's final form.

4. The County shall not take or omit to take any action the taking or omission of which shall cause its interest payments on this financing to be includable in the gross income for federal income tax purposes of the registered owners of the interest payment obligations. The County hereby designates its obligations to make principal and interest payments under the Financing Documents as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for the purpose of Internal Revenue Code Section 265(b)(3).

5. The County intends that the adoption of this resolution will be a declaration of the County's official intent to reimburse expenditures for the project that is to be financed from the proceeds of the BB&T financing described above. The County intends that funds that have been advanced, or that may be advanced, from the County's general fund, or any other County fund related to the project, for project costs may be reimbursed from the financing proceeds.

6. All prior actions of County officers in furtherance of the purposes of this resolution are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed. All other resolutions (or parts thereof) in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed, to the extent of the conflict. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

### **13. CALENDAR:**

The Clerk reviewed the calendar of upcoming meetings and events. She pointed out that a joint meeting with the City Council is planned for March 31 at 6:00 PM in the Education Center at Albemarle Hospital.

### **14. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner William Sterritt reported that he, Commissioner White, and Mr. Bunch attended the ribbon-cutting last Thursday for the improvements to the Mack Sawyer building which now houses showers for boaters and restrooms. He said this is a nice addition to the Downtown area. He noted that the event was sponsored by Elizabeth City-Pasquotank County Recreation Department but unfortunately none of the County Commissioners or County Manager were mentioned during the event.

Commissioner Gary White stated that the Water Committee met last week and talked with staff about a pilot program involving DENR and EPA with regard to water quality. He said after reviewing with staff, it was decided to not participate in the pilot program which is currently in place in Dare County.

Commissioner White reported that he went last Friday with the City Manager to look at Sawmill Park and there was serious deterioration along the creek bank where the boat ramp and pier are located. He said this is dangerous and needs to be looked at. He stated that he asked the City Manager if he had any recommendations for improvements or repairs that could be done. Chairman Dixon suggested that staff investigate the safety issue and if necessary to rope the area off until the problem can be addressed.

Commissioner Cecil Perry reported that there are currently 39 federal prisoners in Albemarle District Jail. He said the jail's budget was based on revenue from 30 federal prisoners.

Commissioner Perry stated that he would like to encourage everyone to attend district and regional meetings. He said these meetings are beneficial and a lot of good information and ideas are exchanged.

Commissioner Frankie Meads stated that he has talked to the County Manager about possibly leasing the 20 acres of land behind the landfill for farming. He said there is probably not a lot of money to be made by leasing the land but it would keep the property from getting grown up. He added that the land would be in much better shape by farming it than leaving it unused. He stated that some of the Board Members said they do not see a problem leasing the farm. The County Manager said he understands this was discussed by the Solid Waste Committee at its last meeting, and if the Board wants to go forward with this he can handle soliciting bids. Chairman Dixon said if he remembers correctly from the Solid Waste Committee meeting, there were some issues regarding monitoring wells in the area. He stated that he also spoke with one of the

farmers who was at the meeting and he said to get the land back in shape for farming it would take a lot of effort by the farmer. Commissioner White stated that there was an issue regarding the possibility of herbicides tainting the groundwater. He added that the landfill contractor is also using the area for excess mulch. Chairman Dixon stated that the Solid Waste Committee did not want to move forward with farming the land, however several Commissioners are not on the Solid Waste Committee and did not hear the discussion. He suggested that the Solid Waste Committee prepare a list of the pros and cons regarding the proposal to lease the tract for farming.

Commissioner Lloyd Griffin reported that at the last transportation meeting the Board voted to send back to the Legislature the opportunity to correct the ferry tolling initiative that placed tolls on the untolled routes. He said since then there has been some discussion regarding how aviation projects would score with the bridges and the road projects. He stated that realistically \$16 million taxiway or runway projects would be competing against bridge and road projects.

Vice-Chairman Joe Winslow reported that members of the Hospital Authority met with Sentara representatives at the Hospital last week and it was a very positive event. He said in the last few days he has talked with several Hospital employees and they have started receiving their checks with Sentara on them and they seem to be very positive and very proud of that.

Vice-Chairman Winslow stated that the NHS roof has been discussed tonight. He said this has been discussed for three years or more. He said in his opinion if the county is going to provide the money to pay for the roof, it needs to have some say as to what kind of roof goes on the building. He stated that there is good, better, and best and the county has been paying for the best roof possible. He pointed out that finally after renegotiating and going back to the school system, the price of the roof for the Northeastern gym dropped from \$550,000 down to \$350,000. He said when the first roof was put on the school it lasted for 30 years. A new improved version came out and it was guaranteed for 20 or 30 years. Vice-Chairman Winslow said this new roof is a much more expensive roof, but it will still only last for that period of time or less. He asked the County Attorney if there is some way when the Board is asked to provide a roof for the school system that it can restrict or ask to look at the architect's specifications and see if there is some type of roof that is adequate that costs less money. He said if there are eight bidders for a project based on the same specifications, they are all going to be high because it is the most expensive roof that can be put on the building. He stated that the problem is not that the county does not want to provide the roofs and repair the roofs, the problem is that every year there is a bid on a roof the price keeps going up. He added that there needs to be some alternative method to ask for those specifications to be lowered so the roof is not as expensive as what has been spec'd for Northeastern High School.

Commissioner Perry referred to information that had been provided in the agenda packet requesting recognition of Franklin Miller, a Vietnam veteran from Elizabeth City who received The Congressional Medal of Honor. Mr. Miller passed away in 2000. The Board agreed to do some type of recognition of Mr. Miller at a future meeting.

Chairman Dixon thanked the Board for its patience at today's work session at COA. He stated that the Board is heading into its budget season and will meet with the Board of Education at its next work session when the Board of Education will be presenting the school system's capital needs. He stated that the county has capital needs as well and he has asked the County Manager to provide an update on those.

Chairman Dixon reported that he attended the Vision 2020 Community Caring event. He said Mayor Peel plans to meet with the Board to present the plan. He stated that the Vision 2020 plans includes some city-county initiatives that he hopes the Board will support going forward to make not only the City of Elizabeth City, but Pasquotank County a better place to live.

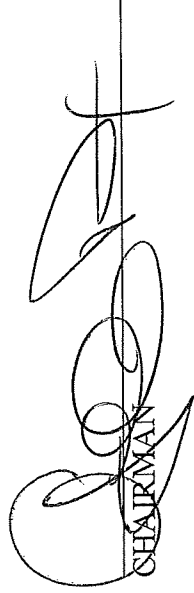
Chairman Dixon stated that he is very relieved that the hospital lease with Sentara has been completed. He said he has had several conversations with the new CEO and he feels very comfortable with the process moving forward. He added that the hospital now has a new CFO, Craig Lewis.

Commissioner White stated that a meeting of the Building and Grounds Committee will be held this Thursday morning to look at the NHS roof.

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 Joe Winslow, seconded by Lloyd Griffin to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

  
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