

**PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
JULY 9, 2018**

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners met today in a regular meeting on Monday, July 9, 2018 in Courtroom C in the Pasquotank County Courthouse.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cecil Perry, Chairman
Dr. William R. Sterritt, Vice-Chairman
Jeff Dixon
Lloyd E. Griffin, III
Joseph S. Winslow, Jr.
Frankie Meads
Charles H. Jordan

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Sparty Hammett, County Manager
R. Michael Cox, County Attorney
Lynn Scott, Clerk to the Board
Melissa Stokely, DSS Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Perry. Commissioner Jordan gave the invocation and Commissioner Sterritt led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. The Board observed a moment of silence for the team and coach stuck in the cave in Thailand. Chairman Perry welcomed and thanked everyone for coming and taking part in tonight's meeting.

1. COMMENTS FROM MONTROSE HINTON:

Chairman Perry recognized Ms. Montrose Hinton of 1521 Millpond Road to address the Board. Ms. Hinton stated that she is a retired educator who has lived in Elizabeth City all her life. She asked the Board to consider putting an allotment in their budget for a park in the Newland area. She presented a petition with over 300 signatures of citizens living in the northern part of the County who support building a park in Newland. She explained the many benefits of having a park. She stated that her group is researching possible locations.

2. COMMENTS FROM EARL ROUNTREE:

Chairman Perry recognized Earl Rountree of Sunbury to address the Board. Mr. Rountree addressed the proposed amendments to the animal control ordinance to provide for animal welfare provisions. He said, "The PETA people are behind this," and he feels the changes will "cause more harm than good."

3. COMMENTS FROM BOBBY HARRIS:

Chairman Perry recognized Bobby Harris of Camden to address the Board. Mr. Harris said he feels like there are already enough laws on the books to cover for animal cruelty. He feels there is a hidden agenda behind the amendments to the ordinance.

Commissioner Winslow asked if Mr. Harris can agree with the majority of the amendments. Mr. Harris said he can live with it, but he does not like it. He is afraid there is more to come.

4. COMMENTS FROM JOHN MORSE:

Chairman Perry recognized John Morse. Mr. Morse stated that he is a member of the Albemarle Houndsmen Association, the Southside Hunt Club and serves as Chairman of the Virginia Hunting Dog Alliance. He said he has spoken with Ms. Hinton regarding a park in the northern part of the county and informed her that the Southside Hunt Club would like to partner with her on her endeavor. He stated that it has been said that the amendments do not have anything to do with hunting, but they do. He said the ordinance was "not produced in a vacuum" and that "there are deeper powers behind this type of legislation." He said the groups behind these changes are all undoubtedly against hunting. Therefore, it is hard for him and his colleagues to set back and see an organization that is anti-hunting gain influence at every level in government and hunters not represent themselves.

5. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Chairman Perry asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. Vice-Chairman Sterritt requested that the agenda be amended to add the following items recommended by the Finance Committee to the Consent Agenda: 1) Approval to Hire Commercial Recycle Technician for Solid Waste Department at Grade 8, Step 8 - \$26,763; 2) Approval to Use Leftover Debt Proceeds from the Financing of 2017-18 Vehicles and Equipment; and 3) Approval to Add Additional Attorney and Law Firm to Opioid Litigation, and add the following item to New Business: 4) Request to Retire Deputy Weapon and Badge for Retired Sheriff's Department Employee.

Motion was made by William Sterritt, seconded by Lloyd Griffin to amend the agenda to add Items 1-3 to the Consent Agenda and Item 4 to New Business. The motion carried unanimously.

6. ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR ANIMAL WELFARE PROVISIONS:

At the June 4, 2018 meeting, the Board held a public Hearing on amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance to provide for animal welfare provisions and voted to approve it by a five to two vote. Since upon the first reading all members of the Board must be present and need a unanimous vote in order for a police power ordinance to be approved, the Board could not give final approval to the ordinance. On June 18, 2018, the Board tabled adoption of the amended animal control ordinance pending further review by the Special Projects Committee. The Board can vote to adopt the ordinance at tonight's meeting by a simple majority vote. The proposed ordinance is as follows:

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PASQUOTANK COUNTY
ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE
FOR ANIMAL WELFARE PROVISIONS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §153A-121 a county may by ordinance define, regulate, prohibit, or abate acts, omissions or conditions detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of its citizens and the peace and dignity of the county; and may define and abate nuisances; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Pasquotank finds that various amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance are necessary to promote the public health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of the County of Pasquotank and to ensure the peace and dignity of the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Pasquotank as follows:

Section 1. The Pasquotank County Animal Control Ordinance shall be amended as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 2. PUBLIC NUISANCE ANIMAL, STRAY ANIMALS, RABIES, IMPOUNDING AND ADOPTION shall be amended as follows:

2.1 Public nuisance animal.

Public nuisance animal. Any animal that unreasonably annoys humans, endangers the life or health of persons or other animals, or substantially interferes with the rights of citizens, other than their owners, to enjoyment of life or property. The term **PUBLIC NUISANCE ANIMAL** shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Any animal that damages any property other than that of its owner;

(2) Any animal that makes disturbing noises, including but not limited to continued and repeated howling, barking whining or other utterances causing unreasonable annoyance, disturbance or discomfort to reasonable persons of ordinary sensibilities in close proximity to the premises where the animal is kept or harbored;

(3) Any animal in heat that is not confined so as to prevent attraction or contact with other animals as more particularly set forth in Section 67-2 of the North Carolina General Statutes;

(4) Any animal whether or not on the property of its owner, that without provocation, molests, attacks or otherwise interferes with the freedom of movement of persons in a public right-of-way;

(5) Any animal that chases motor vehicles in a public right-of-way; and/or

(6) Any animal that attacks domestic animals.

(7) Any animal that defecates, urinates or causes a breach of the peace on the property other than the animal owner's property.

(8) Any animal that agitates or attacks another domestic animal or livestock while not on the property of the owner.

(Ord. passed 11-18-91; Am. Ord. 94-3, passed 6-20-94; Am. Ord. 98-2, passed 5-4-98, Am. ord. 12-19-05)

2.2 Stray animals.

Stray animals. Any animal that is wandering at large or lost and does not have an owner or one who appears to be wandering at large and is not claimed by any person. Any stray animal impounded is dealt with as provided in Section 2.7.

2.3 Keeping animals.

It shall be unlawful for any person in the county knowingly and intentionally to harbor, feed, keep in possession by confinement, or otherwise, any animal which does not belong to him or her, without the permission of the owner, unless he or she has, within 24 hours from the time the animal came into his or her possession, notified the Sheriff's Department.

2.4 Rabies vaccinations; biting animals.

(A) Every animal which has bitten anyone or which shows symptoms of rabies shall be confined, and the facts immediately shall be properly reported to the Sheriff's Department or designee by its owners or person having the animal in charge, and thereupon shall be securely quarantined at the direction of the Sheriff's Department for a period of ten days, and shall not be released from the quarantine except by written permission of the Sheriff's Department.

(B) The biting animal and its records of vaccination and registration shall be inspected by the Sheriff's Department who will then observe the following policy.

(1) A properly vaccinated and registered animal may be confined on the owner's premises provided, however, that the Sheriff's Department determined that the owner has an adequate means of confinement upon his or her own premises and the animal is subject to observation by the Sheriff's Department at any time during the ten-day period.

(2) An animal not properly vaccinated or registered, belonging to an owner, shall immediately be confined in a veterinary hospital or the County Animal Shelter, in which case the expense shall be borne by the owner for the ten days of confinement. The animal shall not be vaccinated during confinement.

(3) A stray animal shall immediately be confined in the County Animal Shelter for a ten-day period.

(a) Except as provided above, when any animal has bitten a human, it shall be unlawful for the owner of the animal to refuse an investigation by the Sheriff's Department; and the Sheriff's Department shall have the prerogative to place the animal in supervised quarantine at a place or places of his or her choosing. If rabies does not develop within ten days, the animal may be reclaimed upon payment to the County Animal Shelter for the care and feeding of the

animal. The reclaim fees will be pre-set and will be posted in the office of the County Animal Shelter. The reclaim fees will be fixed by the Board of Commissioners. The owner must then have the animal properly vaccinated and listed for taxes with the County Assessor.

(b) If an animal dies while under observation for rabies, then the head of the animal shall be submitted to the County Health Department for shipment to the State Laboratory of Hygiene for diagnosis.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to kill or release any animal under observation for rabies, any animal suspected of having been exposed to rabies, or any animal biting a human, or to remove the animal from the county without written permission from the Sheriff's Department.

(d) The carcass of any dead animal exposed to rabies shall be surrendered to the Sheriff's Department. The head of the animal shall be submitted to the County Health Department for shipment to State Laboratory of Hygiene for diagnosis.

(e) It shall be unlawful for any person to fail or refuse or surrender any animal for quarantine or euthanization as required herein when demand is made therefore by the Sheriff's Department.

2.5 Nuisance animals.

It shall be unlawful for any person to permit his or her animal to run at large if the animal has been a public nuisance. In such cases, the owner must keep the animal on his or her property at all times unless the animal is under the control of a competent person.

2.6 Injuring animals prohibited.

~~It shall be unlawful for any person injuring a domestic animal by running over, or into the same, or coming into contact with the same, with automobile, motorcycle, bicycle or other vehicle, to fail to make a reasonable effort to promptly notify the owner of the injured animal.~~

2.7 Impounding animals.

Any animal which appears to be lost or strayed shall be confined in the County Animal Shelter in a humane manner for a period of not less than three days for redemption by the owner.

(A) *Adoption or Euthanization.* If an impound animal is not redeemed by the owner within the period specified in this paragraph, or elsewhere in related ordinances or the North Carolina General Statutes, it may be offered for adoption to any responsible adult who is willing to comply with these animal control laws and pays the required adoption fees, as provided hereinafter. An animal adopted by a qualified person, shall not thereafter be disposed of by the owner for a period of six months without the written approval of the County Animal Shelter.

(1) Animals not redeemed within three days after being taken into custody may be placed for adoption or euthanized in a humane manner by the County Animal Shelter. Adoption fees for these animals will be pre-set by the County Board of Commissioners and will be posted at the County Animal Shelter.

(B) *Notifying owner.* Immediately upon impounding an animal, the Sheriff's Department shall make reasonable effort to notify the owner, and inform the owner of the conditions whereby the animal may be redeemed.

(C) *Suspected rabies.* Animals impounded which have been bitten by a rabid animal or appear to be suffering from rabies shall not be redeemed or adopted, but shall be dealt with as provided hereinabove.

(D) *Other diseased or injured animals.* Any animal that is impounded which is badly wounded, diseased or which is sick or diseased or poses a health threat to other animals in the County Animal Shelter (not a rabies suspect) and has no identification shall be euthanized immediately in a humane manner. If the animal has identification, the staff of the County

Animal Shelter shall attempt to notify the owner before euthanizing the animal; but if the owner cannot be reached readily, and the animal is suffering or poses a health threat to other animals in the shelter, the staff of the County Animal Shelter may euthanize the animal at its discretion in a humane manner.

(E) *Public nuisance animals.* The Sheriff's Department or the County Animal Shelter staff may euthanize any public nuisance animal when it poses a threat to the personal safety of any person.

(F) *Redemption procedure for impounded animals.* When any animal has been impounded pursuant to this section at the County Animal Shelter, notice thereof shall be given to the owner. The owner shall be entitled to resume possession of his or her animal, except as already provided for certain animals, upon compliance with the provisions of this section and the payment of shelter fees incurred and proof of rabies vaccination. The redemption fees will be pre-set and will be posted in the office of the County Animal Shelter. The fees will be fixed by the Board of Commissioners.

(G) *Personal safety of shelter workers.* Any animal that is impounded and endangers the personal safety of any shelter staff member may be euthanized at any time. Examples of endangering the personal safety of the shelter staff include, but are not limited to, scratching, biting and/or aggressively attacking shelter staff.

2.8 Abandonment Prohibited.

It shall be a violation of this section for any person to abandon any animal in the county.

2.79 Exemptions.

Hospitals, clinics and other premises operated by licensed veterinarians for the care and treatment of animals are exempt from the provisions of this section.

2.810 County Animal Shelter: Shall mean place of impoundment operated by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Northeastern North Carolina unless another place of impoundment is designated by the Sheriff's Department.

(Ord. passed 11-18-91; Am. Ord. 94-3, passed 6-20-94; Am. Ord. 98-2, passed 5-4-98; Modified Ord. 12-19-05;

Section 2. A new Chapter 5 Pasquotank County Animal Welfare Ordinance shall be added as follows:

5.01 Cruelty to Animals – All animals shall be kept and treated under sanitary conditions and it shall be unlawful for any person to engage in one of the following examples:

A. Cruelty to Animals in General – It shall be unlawful for any person to molest, torture, torment, deprive of necessary sustenance, cruelly beat, needlessly mutilate or kill, wound, injure, poison, abandon, or subject to conditions detrimental to its health or general welfare of an animal, or to cause or procure such action. The words “torture” and “torment” shall be held to include every act, omission, or neglect whereby unjustifiable physical pain, suffering, or death is caused or permitted; but such terms shall not be construed to prohibit lawful shooting of birds, deer and other game for human food; not to prohibit an animal’s owner, a veterinarian, or Director of the Albemarle Regional Health Services, or Sheriff’s Office agents from destroying dangerous, unwanted, or injured animals in a humane manner. As used in this section, the term “animal” includes all domesticated animals.

B. Failure to Provide Adequate Food, Water, Shelter and Veterinarian Care – It shall be unlawful for any person to fail to provide an animal or animals with proper shelter and protection from the weather, sufficient and wholesome food and water to keep animal or animals in good health and comfort, the opportunity for exercise, veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering and humane care and treatment. Also, it shall be

unlawful for any person to maintain his/her animal or animals in their care or on their property in unsanitary or inhumane conditions. By way of example, but not limitation, the following standards may be deemed adequate upon the discretion of an animal control officer upon investigation:

- (1) Adequate food means the provision at suitable intervals, not to exceed twenty four (24) hours, of quantity of wholesome foodstuff suitable for the species and age, sufficient to maintain nutrition in each animal. Such foodstuff shall be served in a receptacle, dish or container.
- (2) Adequate water means access to a supply of clean, fresh water suitable for drinking and provided in a sanitary manner.
- (3) Adequate shelter means that shelter or portion of an outside enclosure which will keep a non-aquatic animal dry and out of the direct sun, at a temperature level that is healthful for the animal. The structure should have dry bedding such as hay or straw for warmth during cold temperatures. For dogs, cats or other small animals, the shelter shall be a wind and moisture resistant structure of suitable size to accommodate the animal (the animal should be able to stand up and turn around in the structure). The enclosure shall be stable and include surrounding walls, a roof and a solid floor with an opening entrance large enough to allow access to the animal. The animal must have access to shaded areas other than the shelter during warm or hot days. If there are dangerous temperatures all animals should be brought inside or provided with adequate shelter.

For all animals, the containment area shall be free of accumulated waste and debris so that the animal shall be free to walk or lie down without coming into contact with any such waste or debris and drainage shall be provided to eliminate excess water or moisture. Shelters that are not adequate include, but are not limited to the following:

- a. Underneath houses, outdoor steps, decks or stoops or underneath motor vehicles;
- b. Inside metal barrels or cardboard box;
- c. Shelters that are prone to flood;
- d. Shelters surrounded by debris, obstructions or impediments that may endanger the animal.
- e. Confinement of the animal in storage rooms, sheds or out buildings without windows and proper ventilation if the Sheriff's Office determines the shelter is inadequate.

It is unlawful to keep an animal in unsanitary and/or inhumane conditions which are detrimental to the animal's health and general welfare, which protects the county against the possibility of transmission of disease.

C. Tethering – Any tethering device shall be designed and placed to prevent choking or strangulation and must be attached to the animal by means of a properly fitting nylon or leather collar. (Use of choke chains, pinch-style, rope and/or wire is not acceptable).

- (1) A tether shall be equipped with a swivel on both ends.
- (2) Such tether device shall not restrain the dog from adequate food, water, shelter and exercise.
- (3) The weight of the tether shall not exceed 10% of the total body weight of the dog but shall be of sufficient strength to prevent breakage.
- (4) The tether device must allow for the animal to lie down comfortably, to move freely without becoming entangled and have access to adequate food, water and shelter.
- (5) Collar should be compatible with the size of the dog.
- (6) Tether shall be attached to a buckle type collar or harness and under no circumstances shall the tether itself be placed directly around a dog's neck.
- (7) All dogs that are tethered must be at least four (4) months old.

D. Luring, Teasing and Molesting – It shall be unlawful for any person to tease, bait or in any way molest any animal. This includes throwing objects over or through fences, poking sticks or any objects at the animal. It shall be unlawful for any person to entice or lure any animal out of an enclosed area or off the property of its owner or keeper.

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E. Abandonment of Animals; Reporting Same – It shall be unlawful for any person to abandon, drop off or leave any animal to fend for itself or to become a nuisance or danger to the public or to other animals. Citizens should report to the Sheriff's Office all abandonments as previously described.

F. Sanctions, Penalties, Fines, Remedies – The Sheriff's Office may undertake one or more of the following when a person fails or refuses to abide by or otherwise violates this Chapter:

- (1) Obtain a magistrate's order to take possession of the animal.
- (2) Immediately seize the animal if the conditions pose an immediate threat to the health or safety of the animal or the public. A notice of seizure describing the exigent circumstances warranting the seizure will be left with the owner or affixed to the premises.
- (3) Issue a written notice of violation directing the owner or possessor of the animal to correct the problem within 72 hours, in lieu of subsection (1) or (2) above, if it is determined by the Sheriff's Office that the animal is not in immediate danger, or the problem which gives rise to the inadequate treatment or abuse can be corrected within 72 hours. If the condition or problem is not corrected within 72 hours, the Sheriff's Office may take action as outlined in subsection (1) or (2) above.
- (4) Obtain a criminal summons or warrant.
- (5) The owner of an animal shall be subject to escalating penalties for each violation of this Chapter, whether the subject animal is the same animal, a different animal or various animals belonging to said owner. Each violation of this chapter shall subject the animals legal owner to the following penalties:
 - a. First Offense - \$50.00 civil penalty;
 - b. Second Offense - \$75.00 civil penalty;
 - c. Third Offense - \$150.00 civil penalty;
 - d. Fourth Offense - \$200 civil penalty.

Commissioner Dixon explained that the Special Projects Committee went back by motion of the Board and reviewed the amendments. He stated that Sherriff Randy Cartwright and District Attorney Andy Womble reviewed the amendments and made suggestions on wording in order to make it enforceable. Minimal changes were made, such as not requiring the shelters to be raised off the ground. He said the committee was told by the Sheriff and the District Attorney that the state laws are vague and an animal cannot be removed from personal property unless the animal is already dead or almost dead. He said the County's ordinance will allow the animal control officer to remove an animal that is being mistreated. He said his family owns a lot of land in the county and they have two hunt clubs that hunt on their land. He noted that they do not charge a lease. He noted that he would be the last one in the room to try to push an ordinance against hunters. He urged fellow commissioners to adopt the ordinance.

Motion was made by Jeff Dixon, seconded by Lloyd Griffin to adopt the amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance to provide for animal welfare.

Commissioner Meads read state law 119A-46, as well as the 4th Amendment to the Constitution. He feels the state law takes better care of animals than the proposed ordinance.

Vice-Chairman Sterritt said the biggest thing we are trying to do in this whole scenario is to give the law enforcement of Pasquotank County authority to enforce the law. As it is right now, they do not have that authority. He does not understand why the hunters are here. He said they are not trying to do anything to hurt the hunters.

Commissioner Winslow said he still feels some of the changes are excessive. He stated that since it went back to committee and the Sheriff, District Attorney, representatives of the Houndsmens Association and the SPCA have all reviewed the amendments and some items have been corrected, he does not want to send it to another committee and he feels this is the best we are going to get.

Chairman Perry thanked the Special Projects Committee for going back and recommending further changes.

The motion to approve the amendments carried six to one, with Commissioner Meads voting in opposition. The motion carried.

7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

The Board considered the following consent agenda:

a. Approval of Minutes of June 18, 2018 Commissioner Meeting

b. Approval of Tax Refund

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

Tax Refund

		County	City
1.	Donald Roy Ekstrom	271.64	

c. Approval of Financial Support for River City Outlaws

The Finance Committee has recommended that the Board mirror the City of Elizabeth City's contribution of \$3,000 for funding the Adult Semi Professional Football team. If funding is approved, an application for tourism funds will need to be submitted.

d. Approval of Family Subdivision Request FS 18-01 by Helen Banks for Marjorie Banks Jones

Staff recommends approval of Family Subdivision Request FS 18-01 by Helen Banks. Ms. Banks is requesting to create a 3.31 acre gift lot for her daughter, Marjorie Banks Jones, in accordance with Article 5, Section 303 of the Pasquotank County Subdivision Ordinance. A total of 331' feet of road frontage is provided to the proposed parcel off of Harris Road in Salem Township. A birth certificate has been provided as documentation that the plat qualifies as a family subdivision. Staff advises that this request meets the minimum requirements for a family subdivision and recommends approval.

e. Approval of Family Subdivision Request FS 18-02 by Helen Banks for Vera Banks Riddick

Staff recommends approval of Family Subdivision Request FS 18-02 by Helen Banks. Ms. Banks is requesting to create a 3.11 acre gift lot for her daughter, Vera Banks Riddick, in accordance with Article 5, Section 303 of the Pasquotank County Subdivision Ordinance. A total of 417' feet of road frontage is provided to the proposed parcel off of Harris Road in Salem Township. A birth certificate has been provided as documentation that the plat qualifies as a family subdivision. Staff advises that this request meets the minimum requirements for a family subdivision and recommends approval.

f. Approval of Family Subdivision Request FS 18-03 by Helen Banks for Jill Banks Moore

Staff recommends approval of Family Subdivision Request FS 18-03 by Helen Banks. Ms. Banks is requesting to create a 1.08 acre gift lot for her daughter, Jill Banks Moore, in accordance with Article 5, Section 303 of the Pasquotank County Subdivision Ordinance. The parcel to be created will be a corner lot that includes 418' feet of road frontage along Harris Road and 111' of road frontage along Soundneck Road in Salem Township. A birth certificate has been provided as documentation that the plat qualifies as a family subdivision. Staff advises that this request meets the minimum requirements for a family subdivision and recommends approval.

g. Approval to Hire Commercial Recycle Technician above the Hiring Rate

The Finance Committee has recommended Board approve the hiring of a Commercial Recycle Technician for the Solid Waste Department above the hiring rate at Grade 8, Step 8 - \$26,763 due to the applicant's experience.

h. Approval to Use Leftover Debt Proceeds from the Financing of 2017-18 Vehicles and Equipment

The County borrowed \$490,000 from Xenith Bank in February 2018 for the purchase of the bookmobile, patrol cars and equipment, an ambulance remount, an animal control truck and an

inspections department vehicle. After all of these have been purchased, there is approximately \$28,500 left in unspent loan proceeds. The bank has agreed to add the quick response vehicle for Emergency Medical Services to the collateral. This will reduce the amount the County will need to borrow in the 2018-2019 year. The Finance Committee has recommended approval of the request.

i. Approval to Add Additional Attorney and Law Firm to Opioid Litigation

The Finance Committee has recommended the law firm of Ward and Smith and Attorney Harold Seagle be added to the attorneys representing the County in the opioid litigation.

Motion was made by Jeff Dixon, seconded by Lloyd Griffin to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

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

		County	City
1.	Patricia Kay Fain	42.21	
2.	Audrey Lorraine Fox	3.77	3.20
3.	Dora Maxine Brooks Staten	24.86	20.93
4.	Jordan Leigh Eisenhardt	10.32	
5.	Jordan Leigh Eisenhardt	9.91	
6.	John Ronald Walton	3.81	
7.	Andrew L. Rosewall	4.95	
8.	Elite Appliance Repair Serice	8.47	
9.	A & B Landscaping	46.71	39.73
10.	Herbal Pharmacy	33.97	26.13
11.	Tan Van Le	51.41	
12.	Tan Van Le	50.32	
13.	Two Bees and a Bucket	3.33	
14.	Tan Van Le	76.48	
15.	Thieu Minh Doan	37.33	
16.	Thieu Minh Doan	58.22	
17.	Thieu Minh Doan	53.06	45.14
18.	Donavan Brad Coker	68.59	57.76
19.	Donavan Brad Coker	4.79	4.03
20.	Donavan Brad Coker	66.50	57.31
21.	Donavan Brad Coker	4.32	3.67
22.	Daniel Reilly	45.73	38.90

8. APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO RETIRE DUTY WEAPONS AND BADGES FOR RETIRED SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES:

The Board considered a request from Sheriff Randy Cartwright to retire the duty weapons and badges and award them to Investigator Willie Sam Keith and Sergeant Todd Wagner who have retired from the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's Department has a policy that allows sworn law enforcement officers who retire to receive their badges at no cost and to receive their service side arms at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners according to a price schedule based on their years of service. Investigator Sam Keith retired with over 30 years of service and Sergeant Wagner retired with over 28 years of service. According to the schedule, retiring officers with more than 20 years of service would pay \$0 for their duty weapons.

Motion was made by Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Joe Winslow to approve retiring the duty weapons and badges and awarding them to Sam Keith and Todd Wagner according to the Sheriff's Department's policy and fee schedule. The motion carried unanimously.

9. CONSIDERATION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE NC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND PASQUOTANK COUNTY:

The Board considered a Memorandum of Understanding between the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and Pasquotank County. Melissa Stokely, Director of DSS explained that N.C. Gen. Stat. §108A-74 requires counties to enter into an annual written

agreement for all social services programs other than medical assistance. She said the performance standards that DSS will be bound by in the MOA are not reasonable and there are areas that cannot be met, because they are dependent upon people outside of their control. She assured the Board that DSS will do the best they can, but additional staff will be required to even come close to meeting some of the requirements. She said a new policy manual just came out, which has effectively doubled the workload of her child protective services workers. Commissioner Dixon stated that this is probably a precursor to regionalization. Ms. Stokely stated that the directors' association, managers' association, commissioners' association and their lobbyists have been pushing to change the requirements. She hopes that it will be revisited in the future.

Motion was made by Jeff Dixon, seconded by Lloyd Griffin to authorize the County Manager to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between The NC Department of Health and Human Services and Pasquotank County and submit a signing statement that outlines concerns with the MOU. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board briefly discussed facility needs for DSS. Ms. Stokely stated that she is quickly running out of room. She noted that the current facility was designed so that an additional wing can be added where the breezeway is currently located. She said the County would receive their normal state and federal reimbursements if they chose to add a wing. The Board agreed to have the Building and Grounds Committee study the space needs for the building and provide a recommendation.

10. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

Commissioner Charles Jordan presented the following recommendation from the Appointments Committee:

Elizabeth City Board of Adjustments - Reappoint Rwanda R. Farrer. This can be finalized tonight.

Motion was made by Charles Jordan, seconded by Lloyd Griffin to approve the reappointment to boards and committees as recommended by the Appointments Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

11. REPORT FROM COUNTY MANAGER:

County Manager Hammett provided the following report:

The following items were sold on GovDeals.com:

Description	Buyer	Location	Amount
2011 Chevrolet Express G4500 Chassis	Willie Philpot	Opelika, Al	\$4,820.00
Brother Electronic Typewriter	Gordon Spivey	Eliz City, NC	10.00
			\$4,830.00

12. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Jordan reported that he attended the Juneteenth Celebration, Women of Excellence Ceremony, and an event designating Elizabeth City as a retirement community.

Commissioner Griffin attended the Elizabeth City Retirement Community event. He reported on activities at the airport, as well as the Albemarle Commission. He requested DOT provide a presentation on the new interconnects with I-87 and update the Board on the project at a future meeting.

Commissioner Dixon reported that the previous Tourism Director has moved to the west coast and taken a position in Oregon. The Tourism Board is in the process of filling the position. He updated the Board on the Economic Development Director search. Chairman Perry thanked Commissioner Dixon for his hard work on the animal control ordinance.

Commissioner Winslow reported on the NCACC Director's meeting held in Nashville on June 29-30, 2018. He said they talked at great length regarding the mandated DSS Memorandum of Understandings and its problems. He said he learned at the meeting that the federal government

is pushing it on the state. He said they are pushing regionalization of social services departments between counties.

Vice-Chairman Sterritt said he hopes that the Board can do some type of recreational facility for the citizens in the northern part of the county. He noted that it was discussed at the recent Elizabeth City/Pasquotank County Parks & Recreation meeting.

Chairman Perry attended a ribbon cutting for the Albemarle Realtors Association and will be traveling to Nashville next week for the Annual NACo Conference.

Motion was made by Joe Winslow, seconded by Frankie Meads to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

CHAIRMAN

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