

**PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
OCTOBER 15, 2012**

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners met today in a work session on Monday, October 15, 2012 in the Community Room at the W.C. Witherspoon Memorial Library.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lloyd E. Griffin, III, Chairman

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

The work session was called to order at 3:30 PM by Vice-Chairman Jeff Dixon.

1. COMMENTS FROM NORMAN WATTS:

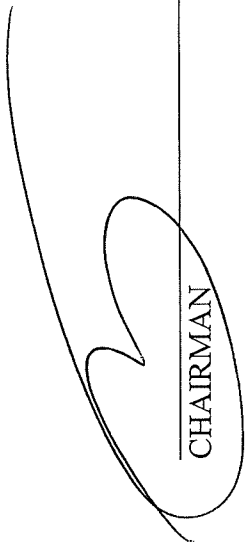
Vice-Chairman Dixon recognized Mr. Norman Watts, President of the local chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police. Mr. Watts stated that he wants to provide an update on the preparations in the old Elizabeth City Middle School for FOP's annual fundraiser, "Fright Nights". He stated that "Fright Nights" has really grown a lot over the past six or seven years since it began. He said they are attracting people from as far away as Richmond and Greenville and it is as much as they can do. He explained that FOP is working very closely with the fire department which has already done a preliminary inspection and will be coming back on Thursday for a final inspection. He said they go to great lengths to make the show as safe as possible and they normally have a lot of uniformed police officers who volunteer on their off-duty time. He noted with this show of force they have very few problems and have had a 100% satisfaction rate on security.

Mr. Watts stated that last year about 5,300 individuals went through the haunted house and they grossed about \$41,000 however they have expenses of around \$15,000 every year. The remainder of the money goes to the FOP account and is spent on the programs they do throughout the year, notably "Shop with a Cop" and the "Back to School" program. Mr. Watts explained that FOP has a strong bond with the Police Athletic League and last year they provided funds to PAL totaling \$5,400. Mr. Watts thanked the Board for its support. He added that every year the building is open, money is going back into the community.

2. REVIEW OF EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS POLICY:

County Manager Randy Keaton explained that the proposed External Communications Policy was first presented to the Board last year as an Emergency Management tool. He said the policy covers several areas including social media and sets guidelines as to who the county's spokespersons are and how information is delivered to the media. Mr. Keaton reviewed each section of the proposed policy and answered questions from the Board. It was noted that the members of the Board of Commissioners are listed as County spokespersons, however the Board requested that the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners be specifically listed as a spokesperson. Mr. Keaton stated that this change and a few corrections will be made and the policy will be placed on the next agenda for the Board's approval.

Motion was made by Gary White, seconded by Bill Trueblood to adjourn the work session. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.



CHAIRMAN

Karen Jamney
CLERK TO THE BOARD