

**PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
NOVEMBER 19, 2018**

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners met today in a regular meeting on Monday, November 19, 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
Shelley Cox, Planning Director
Lynn Scott, Clerk to the Board

County Attorney Mike Cox explained that tonight's public hearing is not about whether solar farms will be allowed in Pasquotank County, nor is it about a specific application. He said it is to receive public comments on three proposed zoning text amendments. He encouraged the Board to not address specific projects. If and when the County gets an application, there will be a quasi-judicial hearing at that time. He advised that there may be a brief recess at the end of public comments. He asked that everyone speak clearly into their microphones, and that the audience respect others. Comments will be limited to three minutes.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Perry. Commissioner Griffin gave the invocation and Vice-Chairman Sterritt led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Perry welcomed and thanked everyone for coming and taking part in tonight's meeting. He asked that everyone be mindful and respectful of one another.

1. COMMENTS FROM SUSAN MATOUSEK:

Chairman Perry recognized Ms. Susan Matousek to address the Board. Ms. Matousek stated that she has been discriminated against by the school system and the courts for many years due to her disability. Recently she was banned from the courthouse. She called for an investigation into her cases in order to avoid potential lawsuits.

2. COMMENTS FROM MARION HARRIS:

Chairman Perry called on Marion Harris who said he would like to thank the Board for the job they do, specifically Dr. Sterritt and Mr. Winslow since they are coming to the end of their terms. He has known each of them and worked with them in various capacities for many years, and both of them do their best to do what is right for the County.

3. PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES TO BILL STERRITT AND JOE WINSLOW:

Chairman Perry called on Commissioners Sterritt and Winslow to receive plaques expressing appreciation for their service as County Commissioners for the last eight years. Tonight will be their last regular meeting with the Board as Commissioners. He said he looks forward to both of them continuing to serve our community in other capacities.

Commissioner Winslow thanked the Board and said it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve the people of Pasquotank County.

Vice-Chairman Sterritt thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting to discuss an important subject. He said his time on the Board has been a nice experience.

Chairman Perry recognized newly elected commissioner Sean Lavin.

4. PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT – ZTA 18-02:

Chairman Perry declared the meeting to be a public hearing to hear comments on proposed zoning text amendments.

Barry Keyes asked for clarification on the purpose of the amendments.

Planning Director Shelley Cox stated that tonight we are reviewing Zoning Text Amendment 18-02 to the Pasquotank County Zoning Ordinance. The first proposal would establish a ½ mile setback from Highway 17 (future I-87) and the Halstead Boulevard Extended Corridor. The purpose of the amendment is to preserve corridors for future commercial and industrial growth. She provided a map showing where the buffer would be located along US 17 from the Perquimans County line to the Camden County line. The second item would establish a maximum project size limit for new solar projects at 250 acres. The amendment was proposed based on the size of projects we already have approved in the County. In addition, a new setback between solar projects is proposed at a minimum one mile between projects. The purpose of the separation is to prevent multiple smaller projects from clustering together into one larger development.

Ms. Cox stated that the Planning Board reviewed this request on November 7, 2018 and recommended approval of the ½ mile setback from Highway 17 (future I-87) and Halstead Boulevard Extended. In addition, they recommended the Board deny the 250 acre maximum size, as well as the one mile separation between projects.

Chairman Perry called on Mr. Phil Donahue of 909 Courthouse Lane who said he is speaking tonight as an individual and not representing a group. He asked the Board to consider lifting the 250 acre cap, dropping the one mile separation, and reducing the setback to ¼ mile. He thanked the Planning Board for listening to the publics' requests. He said the County has a unique opportunity to make us a leader in the State in transitioning clean energy. He challenged the Board to do the right thing and work together to promote renewable energy in our community.

Chairman Perry called on Richard Seymour to address the Board. Mr. Seymour read an article titled, "The Unintended Consequences of Industrial Solar and Wind Facilities". The article discussed the problems associated with decommissioning solar panels and wind turbines, and the effects of reducing agricultural land on a community.

Chairman Perry called on Matt Wood of 1603 Rivershore Road to address the Board. Mr. Wood recommended the Board keep the ½ mile setback as recommended by the Planning Board. Additionally, he feels it would be appropriate to continue a moratorium on any farm that is over 250 acres until we know more about massive solar farms such as the one we are anticipating coming to Pasquotank County. He noted that the average solar farm in North Carolina is 33.9 acres. The problem he sees is we are talking about a project that is essentially 100 times the size of average North Carolina solar projects.

Chairman Perry recognized Christian Lockamy, Economic Development Director for Elizabeth City and Pasquotank County. He encouraged the commissioners to give thought to the impact of future Interstate I-87 while considering potential changes to the County Zoning Ordinance. He stated that land adjacent to highways zoned industrial or highway commercial, or at least designated that way in a future land use plan, is always a very valuable asset for a community. He said this is where significant investment and job creation takes place. He stated that communities that have a large industrial site along an interstate highway and in close proximity to amenities such as restaurants, grocery stores and pharmacies literally have a goldmine. It takes years and sometimes decades to cultivate and market those sites to potential industry, but when it happens it transforms a community. He asked the Board to consider the economic impact that this interstate will have on our community and translate that understanding into an ordinance amendment that will preserve this corridor for job creation and taxable investment.

Chairman Perry called on Burt Eure of 102 White Hat Road to address the Board. Mr. Eure is a farmer and seed business owner in Perquimans County, but he also owns property in the desert area in Pasquotank County near where the facility would be located. He asked who is responsible for allowing these facilities to locate on North Carolina's best farm lands. He was

mind boggled when he saw the 3,000 acre footprint of the potential solar farm. He hopes the Board approves all three amendments.

Chairman Perry called on Kenny Haines of 1016 Turnpike Road to address the Board. Mr. Haines is a farmer who said he has traveled to 47 states and North Carolina has some of the best farmland out of all those states. He urged the Board to preserve the land for agriculture. He argued that just because the County has plenty of land doesn't mean it should allow less-than-ideal uses of the property.

Chairman Perry called on Doug Gardner of 1020 Bateman Drive who stated that he is here on his own recognizance and not on behalf of any company or any organization. He feels that all three amendments are "deal killers" for a large solar farm. He said the scale of the proposed project is what makes it economical. He said the business community is concerned about a developing pattern of unwelcoming reaction to investment in this area. He feels a large solar plant can attract energy intense technology companies like Google, Amazon, Microsoft, and Facebook.

Chairman Perry called on Jim Sakolosky of 113 Nixonton Loop. Mr. Sakolosky urged the Board to accept the Planning Board's recommendations and eliminate the 250 acre size and the one mile separation requirement from the proposed ordinance. He suggested limiting the offset from future I-87 to an offset only at interchanges, because development along interstate highways usually concentrates at interchanges and not between exits. In addition, he urged the Board to require use of all native plants around solar farms.

Chairman Perry called on Barry Keyes of 930 Small Drive to address the Board. Mr. Keyes stated that he is very much in favor of solar and very much in favor of large solar, because it is economical to build, and it will help create the image of Pasquotank County as a leader and not a follower of clean energy. He said this can attract more business, and we need the taxes. He too suggested limiting the buffer to around interchanges where development would occur.

Chairman Perry recognized City Manager Rich Olson. Mr. Olson said he neither supports nor opposes the amendments. He noted that the City Council sees merit in supporting renewable development in the County whether it is wind or solar. He noted that the City has limited room to grow due to water on the east, flood plain to the north, and drainage related issues on the south. He said the area west of the bypass from the railroad tracks, north to the prison and a mile on either side of the bypass is our future. He noted that it will not be developed overnight and may take many years. He said the City Council would like the Board to take these issues into consideration when they debate this matter.

Chairman Perry recognized Johnnie Walton, City Councilor, to address the Board. Mr. Walton explained that farming is very important in our area, but it is very hard to make it as a farmer. He said what we do today will determine our tomorrow, and the Board will have to own their decision. He compared it to the lottery. He said you can choose the ticket that you know will hit or you can choose the one that will hit in 2050. He asked, "Which one would you take"? He would take the one that is a sure thing.

Chairman Perry called on George Hague of 2321 Delia Drive who said he is not here against solar and wind, but we need to take drainage into consideration. He stated that this massive site will flood our farmlands. He noted the importance of farmland to a community. He asked the Board to table this issue until the new Board is seated next month.

Chairman Perry called on Sharon Burtner of 123 Otter Way to address the Board. She believes that solar power is helpful to the environment. She said we have the opportunity to get a lot of money, which is guaranteed to help take care of our children in the future. She asked the Board to not take a gamble and lose this opportunity.

Chairman Perry called on Steve Harris of 2133 Rivershore Road. Mr. Harris thanked Commissioner Sterritt and Winslow for their years of service and everything they have done for the County. He thanked the Board for their continuing service.

Mr. Harris said he likes windmills much better than he like solar, because solar farms take up too much of our land. He feels the best place to put solar panels is on top of buildings. What

bothers him more than anything is that everyone does not have the facts. We have some of the best farmland in North Carolina and in the United States. He noted that there is less productive land in the desert that can be utilized for solar.

Chairman Perry called on Betsy Meads of 2008 Johnson Road who said her family has commuted to Virginia for work for many years. During that time, the “pie in the sky I-87” used to be a four lane road to Norfolk. No one dreamed of the Monitor Merrimac Tunnel. There was not a four lane to Raleigh. There was not a bridge to Hatteras Island. There was not a four lane to the beach. She said I-87 is coming. She also voiced concerns about solar farm decommissioning.

Chairman Perry called on Jay Nemeth of 606 Wade Avenue, Raleigh. Mr. Nemeth said he is with Oakhurst Energy Solutions, based here in North Carolina. He said, at the Planning Board meeting, many of the citizens felt that clean energy for future generations and making sure that Pasquotank remains a leader in renewable energy is their legacy while others felt farming is Pasquotank’s legacy. He said the Board has a difficult decision to make. As a developer, he knows that it does not have to be a one-or-the-other decision. There are a lot of farmers who have leased land for solar development as a way to diversify their income streams. When the lease comes to an end, the land is returned to the landowner who may once again use it for farming.

Mr. Nemeth asked that the Board consider not approving the amendment that requires the ½ mile setback for projects within the 17 Bypass/Halstead Extended Corridor or it will kill their proposed project and force them to go elsewhere to another county.

Chairman Perry called on Phillip Martin of 5301 Alston Avenue, Durham. Mr. Martin stated that he is with Cypress Creek Renewables. He said they are working with Oakhurst Energy to bring a quality, 5 megawatt, project to Pasquotank County. He understands that the Board has the tough task of providing leadership to their constituents and finding the right balance to help growth in Pasquotank County. He explained that Cypress Creek is committed to the communities that they serve and they partner with community organizations that mirror their values, which are agriculture and environmental sustainability, veteran’s initiatives, jobs, local economic development, and STEM education. Mr. Martin asked that solar be given a fair shake and that we respect the personal property rights of landowners in the County.

Chairman Perry asked if there were any further comments regarding Zoning Text Amendment ZTA 18-02. There being none, the public hearing was closed.

Chairman Perry called for a brief, ten minute recess.

Chairman Perry asked that the Board delay the proposed amendments so that he can hear from the developer. He said he is confused and would like to have all the information from the other side. Commissioner Griffin said he would strongly object to that because the Board is not issuing a Conditional Use Permit on the potential applicant, but is here to discuss potential amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. He said meeting with a potential developer would create a conflict, as well as put the Board in jeopardy of lawsuit. He added that the developer could have been here tonight if they chose to. Chairman Perry stated that he feels the opposite and would like to have all the information before he votes for anything. Commissioner Dixon noted that the current moratorium ends on November 29th. Attorney Cox said the purpose for not talking with the developer is, at some point we may be in a quasi-judicial situation with them.

Commissioner Meads stated that we need to use our Zoning Ordinance properly and protect the landowners in the area that are being affected.

Vice-Chairman Sterritt said the one thing that needs to happen tonight as far as he is concerned is the Board needs to do away with the 250 acre limitation amendment. Otherwise, we will never have any solar farms in this county. He asked if this figure was just plucked out of the air. Commissioner Griffin said we currently have two projects in Pasquotank County that are in the range of 250 acres. Commissioner Meads stated that Perquimans County has several smaller solar farms. Commissioner Griffin added that there are two smaller potential farms looking at

locating in Pasquotank County at this time. He noted that the developer and the attorney for the large scale farm are in attendance and could have spoken if they had chosen to.

Motion was made by Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Joe Winslow for approval of the ½ mile setback from Highway 17 Bypass, Future I-87, and Halstead Boulevard Extended. This amendment is consistent with the following policies within the Pasquotank County Elizabeth City Advanced Core Land Use Plan:

- Section 4.2.1 B. Pasquotank County Land Use Compatibility Policy 10
“Safeguard areas suitable for industrial development from encroachment by competing land uses.”
- Section 4.2.1 B. Pasquotank County Land Use Compatibility Policy 1
“Ensure that land use and development activities provide a balance between economic development needs and protection of natural resources and fragile environments.”

This amendment is reasonable and in the public interest because the proposed text will ensure the preservation of agricultural land and commercial/industrial property adjacent to the Highway 17/Future I-87 corridor, and Halstead Boulevard Extended.

Vice-Chairman Sterritt stated that any motion that Commissioner Griffin makes is going to be negative and kill the project. He said the Board does not even need to listen to it.

Commissioner Winslow said if the Board does not adopt this, they are killing the future of our children and our grandchildren. He said he has lived in Pasquotank County his whole life and he believes in the people of Pasquotank, and he is tired of people having to go to Norfolk to get a decent job. We must reserve land for the future of this area, and bring jobs. He said it does not mean we deny solar. Chairman Perry and Commissioner Winslow exchanged words.

Commissioner Winslow called for the question.

The motion for approval of the ½ mile setback from Highway 17 Bypass, Future I-87, and Halstead Boulevard Extended passed by a five to two vote with Commissioners Dixon, Griffin, Winslow, Meads, and Jordan voting in favor, and Chairman Perry and Vice-Chairman Sterritt voting against the motion. The following Zoning Text Amendment was approved:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PASQUOTANK COUNTY
ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING SETBACKS FROM
HIGHWAY 17/FUTURE I-87 AND HALSTEAD BOULEVARD
EXTENDED FOR SOLAR FARMS (ZTA 18-02)**

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. §153A, Article 18, Part 3 provides that a county may enact a zoning ordinance to promote the health, safety, morals or general welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Pasquotank County has adopted a Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to amend Article 9, Section 9.04-29 (“Solar Farms”) of the Zoning Ordinance to address issues dealing with buffering of Solar Farms; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Staff recommends approval of the proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2018, the Pasquotank County Planning Board voted to recommend that the Board of Commissioners approve the proposed text amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners held a duly-noticed public hearing on November 19, 2018 to consider amending the Zoning Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR PASQUOTANK COUNTY THAT:

Section 1. The Zoning Ordinance is amended by rewriting Section 9.04-29 Solar Farms as follows:

9.04-29 Solar Farms - Solar farms are permitted in districts as designated in the Table of Permitted Uses, subject to the following requirements:

- a. Structures shall not exceed twenty-five (25) feet in height, as measured from grade at the base of the structure to its highest point;
- b. All structures and security fencing shall meet the following setbacks:
 1. 150' front property line setback;
 2. 50' side and rear property line setback;
 3. 150' setback from adjacent residential property lines or residential zoning districts;
 4. 100' minimum setback from CAMA designated navigable water bodies and Army Corps of Engineers wetlands. Any other additional setback required by the Army Corps of Engineers or CAMA shall also apply.
 5. One-half (1/2) mile setback from Highway 17/Future I-87 and Halstead Boulevard Extended.
- c. All exterior sides of the security fence shall be screened with a landscape buffer that meets one of the following criteria:
 1. Existing on-site mature vegetation at a minimum height of ten (10) feet and depth of fifty (50) feet remains between the security fence and adjacent property including rights-of-way; or
 2. A single row of evergreens in combination with mature vegetation, installed at a height of five (5) feet achieving opaqueness and a minimum height of ten (10) feet in five years; or
 3. A double row of off-set evergreens absent existing mature vegetation, installed at a height of five (5) feet achieving opaqueness and a minimum height of ten (10) feet in five years; or
 4. A berm combined with evergreen vegetation installed at a height of five (5) feet achieving opaqueness and a minimum height of ten (10) feet in five years.
- d. Solar farms shall be developed in accordance with an approved site plan that includes the following information:
 1. The location of the solar farm facility (including the arrangement of any existing or proposed buildings, structures, or panels);
 2. The distance from any proposed solar farm facility or structure to the surrounding property lines;
 3. Any existing or proposed signs, fencing, lighting, construction and permanent parking areas, driveways, landscaping, vegetative screening or required buffers. All parking must be located outside of the state right-of-way;

4. Horizontal and vertical (elevation) to-scale drawings with dimensions of proposed solar collector structures
- e. Solar energy components must have a UL listing and must be designed with anti-reflective coating(s).
- f. Landscape buffers, ground cover, security fences, gates, and signage must be maintained in good condition until the solar farm is dismantled and removed from the site. Grass, weeds, and other ground cover must not exceed 12 inches in height at any time.
- g. An engineered drainage plan meeting the minimum requirements of the Pasquotank County Stormwater Design Manual shall be required with the submittal of the Conditional Use Permit application. Solar farms are required to be constructed according to their approved drainage plan.
- h. Decommissioning:
 1. A decommissioning plan shall be required as part of the Conditional Use Permit application. This plan shall be prepared by a third party engineer and must be signed off by the party responsible for decommissioning and all landowners of property included in the project. The following items are required to be addressed or included in the decommissioning plan:
 - a. A description of any agreement (e.g. lease) with all landowners regarding decommissioning;
 - b. The identification of the party currently responsible for decommissioning;
 - c. The type of panels and material specifications being utilized at the site;
 - d. All costs for the removal of solar panels, buildings, cabling, electrical components, roads, fencing, and any other associated facilities down to 36 inches below grade;
 - e. All costs associated with the grading and re-seeding of disturbed earth from the project.
 2. Prior to the issuance of the building permit, the decommissioning plan shall be recorded by the applicant in the Pasquotank County Registry of Deeds.
 3. The decommissioning plan and estimated cost of removal shall be updated every 5 years or upon change of ownership of either the property or the project's owner. Any changes or updates to the plan shall be recorded in the County's Registry of Deeds.
 4. The owner of the solar farm shall provide a bond, cash escrow, or irrevocable letter of credit in favor of the County in an amount equal to one and a quarter times the estimated decommissioning cost. Should the solar farm owner elect to use a letter of credit, it shall be issued by a federally chartered bank with a branch office in northeastern North Carolina in favor of Pasquotank County. The institution issuing the guarantee shall provide to the county a notice no less than 90 days in advance of any renewal, cancellation, termination, or expiration of the guarantee. The bond or letter of credit shall remain in full force and effect until any necessary site restoration is completed to restore the site to a condition comparable to that which existed prior to the issuance of the Conditional Use Permit.

5. Solar farms shall have 12 months to complete decommissioning of the facility if no electricity is generated for a continuous period of 12 months. For purposes of this section, this 12 month period shall not include delay resulting from force majeure.
6. The decommissioning bond shall be drawn and paid for an amount equal to the estimated removal costs of the solar facility in the event the responsible party fails to decommission the solar facility pursuant to the requirements of this section and the Conditional Use Permit.

Section 2. This ordinance is effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 19th day of November, 2018.

After brief discussion;

Motion was made by Jeff Dixon, seconded by Bill Sterritt to deny the proposed 250 acre maximum size limit for solar farms and the one (1) mile minimum separation for solar projects as proposed by the Planning Board. These amendments are inconsistent with the Land Use and Development Goal (Table 44) noted within the Land Use Plan to “Promote diversified economic development”. In addition, this denial is reasonable and in the public interest because the proposed text would limit potential tax revenue that large scale solar farms could provide to the county in the future.

Commissioner Winslow voiced concerns with wildlife getting from Point A to Point B with five miles of panels. He feels there should be some minimum separation between the panels so the wildlife can go between them. He recommends a ½ mile separation.

Commissioner Meads voiced concerns with flooding at the Tanglewood Apartments. He recommends a one mile separation between solar farms. Chairman Perry noted that some commercial and industrial uses can cause more runoff than solar panels. Commissioner Dixon reminded the Board that this is just one step of the process. When the Board considers a Conditional Use Permit, they will discuss drainage, vegetation, etc. at that time.

After brief discussion;

The motion to deny the proposed 250 acre maximum size limit for solar farms and the one (1) mile minimum separation for solar projects carried four to three, with Commissioners Dixon, Jordan, Perry, and Sterritt voting in favor of the motion, and Commissioners Meads, Winslow, and Griffin voting against the motion.

5. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD AND COMMITTEES:

At the last meeting, the Appointments Committee recommended the appointments of Diane Stoll, Carol Mizelle, and Johnnie Johnson to the Pasquotank Joint Community Advisory Committee and Dimples Armstrong and Dr. Travis Burke to the Personnel Appeals Committee.

Chairman Perry asked if there were any further nomination for these positions. There being none;

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

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

The Board considered the following consent agenda:

- a. Approval of Minutes of November 5, 2018 Commissioner Meeting
- b. Approval of Tax Releases and Refunds

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

Tax Releases

		County	City
1.	Timothy S. & Susan B. Witwer	498.19	
2.	Perez & Perez, LLC	849.31	850.08

Tax Refunds

		County	City
1.	Donald Ray & Lawanda C. Daniels		117.04
2.	Darrell Mitchell 2017	392.70	
3.	Darrell Mitchell 2016	387.60	
4.	Robert & Linda Stone		91.05
5.	Orval & Ila Walker	1,114.19	
6.	John & Mui Chin		482.74

Solid Waste Fee Releases

		Parcel ID #	Reason for Release
1.	Dean Robin Brooks	58-G-15	Vacant
2.	Pleasant Banks Flower Lf. Est.	P112-90	Vacant
3.	Louis F. III & Michelle V. Sablon	36-D-6	Vacant
4.	Eugene K. Spellman Heirs	P62-18	Vacant
5.	Florence Thatch	50-N-12	Uninhabitable
6.	Florence Thatch	50-F-304 & 2B	Vacant
7.	Judy White	P110-53B	Vacant

c. Approval of Budget Amendment

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

Reverse Osmosis Plant

Increase	063.0550.4839.00	Miscellaneous Revenue	78,250.00
Increase	063.7135.5357.00	Maintenance Lines	78,250.00

d. Approval of Contract for Installation of Discharge Line Relocation

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of a contract with Enviro-Tech in the amount of \$78,250 to direction bore a 12” waterline so that NCDOT can replace a culvert at the intersection of Dryridge Road and Double Bridge Road. NCDOT will reimburse the County for the full amount after the project is complete.

e. Pasquotank County Northern Park

The Finance Committee has recommended staff continue the search for a site for the Northern Park to coincide with the submission of the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) grant due May 1, 2019 and to reserve \$150,000 as the required dollar-for-dollar match funds toward the grant submittal comprised of \$14,000 from County Park Funds and \$136,000 from Capital Reserve Funds.

f. Former Elizabeth City Middle School Gymnasium

The Finance Committee has recommended authorization to develop a Request for Qualifications to obtain Architectural and Engineering Design Services for the façade improvements at the former ECMS, with the cost to be split equally with the City of Elizabeth City.

Motion was made by Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Joe Winslow to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

7. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Sterritt stated that he had the opportunity to attend Don McCabe's funeral earlier in the week. He praised him for his work in the community. He provided the welcome address at the Downtown Illumination of Lights Ceremony. He reminded the Board that the CRC will meet on the 4th Tuesday.

Commissioner Meads read an article about the efficiency of nuclear and coal.

Chairman Perry asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being no further business;

Motion was made by Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Joe Winslow to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK TO THE BOARD