

**PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
FEBRUARY 2, 2015**

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners met today in a regular meeting on Monday, February 2, 2015 in Courtroom C in the Pasquotank County Courthouse.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joseph S. Winslow, Jr., Chairman
Cecil Perry, Vice-Chairman
Jeff Dixon
Lloyd E. Griffin, III
Dr. William R. Sterritt
Frankie Meads
Bettie J. Parker

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Joe Winslow. Commissioner Lloyd Griffin gave the invocation and Commissioner William Sterritt led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Winslow welcomed everyone attending tonight's meeting.

1. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Chairman Winslow asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. Vice-Chairman Cecil Perry requested that the agenda be amended to add the following recommendations from the Finance Committee to the consent agenda: 1) Approval of request from the Board of Education to transfer current expense funds to capital outlay; and 2) Approval of request to declare vehicles as surplus. It was requested that the agenda also be amended to add consideration of the EMS contract with Camden County to new business.

Motion was made by Cecil Perry, seconded by Frankie Meads to add the two items recommended by the Finance Committee to the consent agenda and to add consideration of the EMS contract with Camden County to new business. The motion carried unanimously.

2. COMMENTS FROM JOHN WOODARD:

Chairman Winslow called on Mr. John Woodard to address the Board. Mr. Woodard stated that the Board has already voted on the Desert Wind Project, however there will be a forum on February 10 at 6:30 PM in Courtroom A to discuss wind energy. He said a physicist by the name of John Droze who is particularly knowledgeable in the field of wind energy will be the moderator for the forum. He invited all of the Commissioners to attend.

3. COMMENTS FROM DON McCABE:

Chairman Winslow recognized Mr. Don McCabe. Mr. McCabe stated that over the last couple of years he has noticed a certain enmity beginning to develop between the Board of Commissioners and the City Council. He said all of a sudden the quarterly joint meetings have ceased and he asked if there is a reason. He stated that he always felt these meetings were very informative and they brought the two groups together. Chairman Winslow stated that he and the Mayor are in the process of planning a joint meeting at this time and it is just a matter of finding the time when both parties can meet. He said the Board has had a lot of other things on its schedule recently and has not been able to meet with the City Council.

4. CONSIDERATION OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANT FOR LOT 14, SECTION A IN THE PASQUOTANK COUNTY COMMERCE PARK:

County Attorney Mike Cox stated that he has drafted a proposed restrictive covenant for Lot 14, Section A in the Pasquotank County Commerce Park. He noted that Billy Gregory came to the Board in December on behalf of a client who wanted to convert the Electronics Keyboard building in the Commerce Park to a conference center and a place to have social events. He stated that there are already restrictive covenants for the Commerce Park however this use is not permitted outright in the Commerce Park. He said the Board has the discretion to allow

additional uses if plans and specifications are submitted. He stated that the purchaser's name is Sifka House Business Organizational Trust and the Trustees are Dorothy Breedlove, Sherry McDaniel and Michael McDaniel. The proposed restrictive covenant addresses the concerns voiced by members of the Board at its December 15 meeting. Mr. Cox stated if the Board has other recommendations or concerns with regard to penalties or revocations they can be included in the covenant. He noted that the restrictive covenant would be on the property and would stay with the property if it ever changed hands.

Commissioner Frankie Meads said he has a problem with paragraph 3 which states that the owner shall not allow parking in any space other than a designated parking space and that there shall not be any parking along the roadside. He suggested that the covenant recommend that the owner not allow parking along the roadside rather than state there shall not be any parking along the roadside. He said there will be situations when delivery trucks, for instance, might have to park on the roadside to make deliveries. County Attorney Mike Cox stated that parking is addressed somewhat in the Commerce Park Restrictive Covenants and on-street parking is restricted. Other members of the Board expressed concerns that the shoulders of the streets would have to be continuously maintained if parking were allowed on the roadides. It was noted that with trucks and other large vehicles that could be expected in the Commerce Park, parking on the shoulders would cause problems. Mr. Billy Gregory stated that he does not have a problem with the parking requirement in the proposed restrictive covenant. He said the parking for the building can be redesigned to provide 84 parking spaces onsite which should be adequate for the number of people they would expect at any event. He noted that the purchaser does not expect that the occupancy will ever exceed 200 people. He added that he has also spoken with Gateway Bank about allowing any overflow parking to use its parking lot on Saturdays and Sundays if necessary.

Vice-Chairman Cecil Perry stated that the issue of security was previously discussed. He said something needs to be written that will guarantee there is security for certain types of events. Mr. Gregory said the potential owners are not opposed to that at all. He stated however that a uniformed officer might cheapen some events.

Commissioner Bettie Parker pointed out that the proposed covenant requires that all laws must be obeyed and if law enforcement is called for any disturbance that event will immediately end and all persons will vacate the building. She asked if some type of security should not already be there rather than waiting until there is a disturbance. Mr. Gregory stated that it was previously discussed to require that security would be provided whenever alcohol is served, however that language is not included in the draft covenant. He noted that if alcohol is served by the people renting the building, they will have to have a license and insurance, however they should also be responsible to pay for an officer onsite. He added that the potential buyers are not opposed to this at all. He stated that all rental agreements he has reviewed for this area include language providing that if law enforcement has to be called the event will be shut down. He said the buyers also are not opposed to requiring security onsite anytime alcohol is served.

Commissioner Jeff Dixon stated that this issue will be addressed in the rental agreement anytime the building is leased and he does not have a problem with it.

Chairman Winslow said if this is included in the rental agreement that solves the problem as far as he is concerned.

Mr. Gregory stated that the purchasers plan to spend a lot of money purchasing and renovating this facility and they plan to have a "class act".

Motion was made by Frankie Meads, seconded by Jeff Dixon to approve the proposed restrictive covenant for Lot 14, Section A in the Pasquotank County Commerce Park with a change in the not to exceed number of attendees per event from 250 to 200.

After further discussion regarding parking and enforcement County Attorney Mike Cox stated that he will include a statement that the Commerce Park Restrictive Covenants also apply to this parcel of property and any enforcement or penalty provision allowed in the restrictive covenants will also be utilized for this parcel. He requested authority to clean up the draft, add the names and signature lines, and correct any grammatical errors.

The motion to approve the restrictive covenant as amended including the additions recommended by the County Attorney carried unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

The Board considered the following consent agenda:

- a. Approval of Minutes of January 9 and January 12, 2015 Commissioner Meetings
- b. Approval of Tax Releases & Refunds and Solid Waste Fee Releases
- The Finance Committee has recommended approval of the following tax releases & refunds and solid waste fee releases:

Releases:

| | County | City |
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| 1. First South Leasing LLC | 377.72 | |
| 2. Tortillas & Tienda Diana | 146.63 | 118.66 |
| 3. Rent A Center | 1,243.82 | 1,006.51 |
| 4. Jeffrey S. Klein | 104.58 | |
| 5. Fred L. & Frances Meads | 412.14 | |

Refunds:

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| 1. Stephanie James Bateman | 411.16 | |
| 2. Divine Jacqueline Bembury | | 107.03 |
| 3. Joseph Paul Gregory | | 396.02 |
| 4. Robert Earl & Judy S. Hewitt | 601.92 | |

Solid Waste Releases:

| | Owner's Name | Parcel ID Number | Reason for Release |
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| 1. | Myrtle M. Best | P35-50 | Vacant 2+ years |
| 2. | Nolan M. Bundy | P6-5 | House uninhabitable |
| 3. | Harold S. & Ann Chambers | P35-6 | House uninhabitable |
| 4. | Steven R. Harris | P11-9 | Vacant since 2001 |
| 5. | Mary Foskey | 61-A-13 thru 16 | Vacant since 2012 |
| 6. | Mary Foskey | 5-A-2 | Vacant since 2012 |
| 7. | Mary Foskey | 29-C-17 | Vacant 7+ years |
| 8. | Harrell Griffin Heirs | P48-4 | Vacant since 2008 |
| 9. | Rufus A. Jackson | P8-13 | House uninhabitable |
| 10. | Richard T. & Barbara A. McCombe | P88A-67 | House uninhabitable |
| 11. | Meads Home Builders, Inc. | 55-A-45 | Vacant 2+ years |
| 12. | Gracie Meads Heirs | P35-59 | Vacant since 2007 |
| 13. | Joseph M. Jr. & Judith M. Monks | 34-6-6A | Billed additional fee in error |
| 14. | Bobbie G. Moore | 76-H-14A | Vacant 4 years |
| 15. | Bobbie G. Moore & Miles O. Harris | P120-193 | Vacant 10 years |
| 16. | William Alvin Norfleet | P120-179 | Vacant since 2006 |
| 17. | Donald & Linda Perry | P119-114 | Vacant since 2010 |
| 18. | Horace C. Pritchard, Sr. Etal | P141-24A | Vacant since 2006 |
| 19. | Horace F. Pritchard | P140-183 | Vacant 2+ years |
| 20. | Jeff Overton, Jr. | P67-44 | Vacant since 1994 |
| 21. | Alan Eugene Stewart | P111-2 | Vacant 10+ years |
| 22. | Mary E. Walker | P95-27 | Vacant since 2003 |
| 23. | James R. & Carolyn Waters | P36-73 | Vacant 3+ years |
| 24. | Judy White | P110-53B | Vacant since 2010 |
| 25. | Cynthia & Timothy Williams | 19-E-50 | Vacant 2+ years |
| 26. | Verlin E. Williams | P80-4A | House uninhabitable |

c. Approval of Budget Amendments

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

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| Increase | 011.0240.4536.00 | LJEAP | 45,910.00 |
| Increase | 011.5400.5688.03 | LJEAP | 45,910.00 |

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| Increase | 011.0240.4548.00 | Crisis Intervention Payments | 30,570.00 |
| Increase | 011.5400.5688.00 | Crisis Intervention Payments | 30,570.00 |

d. Approval of Request from Board of Education to Transfer Current Expense Funds to Capital Outlay

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of a request from the Board of Education to transfer \$114,000 of the Schools 2014-15 current expense appropriation to capital outlay. The funds will be used for the purchase of surveillance cameras for all buses. The S.A.F.E. Schools Fund will provide an additional \$60,000 toward the purchase and installation of the cameras. The Finance Committee has also recommended approval of the following budget amendment to transfer the funds:

Public Schools

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| Decrease | 010.5910.5630.00 | Education - Current Expense | 114,000.00 |
| Increase | 010.5910.5636.00 | Capital Outlay | 114,000.00 |

e. Approval to Declare Vehicles as Surplus

The Finance Committee has recommended that the Board declare the following vehicles as surplus so they can be sold on GovDeals.com. The vehicles are no longer drivable and are being stored at the old school bus garage.

| Make & Model | Vehicle Identification Number |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2001 Ford Crown Victoria | 2FAFP71W91X128988 |
| 2002 Ford Crown Victoria | 2FAFP71W02X137421 |
| 2001 Ford Crown Victoria | 2FAFP71W01X128992 |
| 2005 Ford Crown Victoria | 2FAHP71W75X139003 |
| 2006 Ford Crown Victoria | 2FAHP71W56X145478 |
| 2004 Dodge Intrepid | 2B3HD46V84H701535 |
| 2004 Dodge Intrepid | 2B3HD46V74H702482 |
| 2004 Dodge Intrepid | 2B3HD46V44H702441 |
| 1999 Ford Crown Victoria | 2FAFP71W0XX191440 |
| 1998 Ford Crown Victoria | 2FAFP71W9WX132322 |
| 2002 Ford Crown Victoria | 2FAFP71W22X137419 |
| 2002 Ford Crown Victoria | 2FAFP71W92X137420 |
| 2003 Ford Crown Victoria | 2FAHP71W23X192270 |
| 2003 Ford Crown Victoria | 2FAHP71W63X192269 |
| 2007 Ford Crown Victoria | 2FAHP71W37X131449 |
| 1997 Dodge Van | 2B7KB31Z9VK595597 |
| 1994 Plymouth | 1P3AA46K0RF314162 |
| 1994 Plymouth | 1P3AA46K0RF314131 |
| 1996 Jeep | 1J4FJ27S1TL247504 |
| 1996 Chevrolet Blazer | 1GNDT13W8TK131157 |

Commissioner Frankie Meads requested that he be recused from considering the solid waste fee releases due to a conflict of interest.

Motion was made by Jeff Dixon, seconded by Cecil Perry to recuse Commissioner Frankie Meads from considering the solid waste fee releases. The motion carried.

Motion was made by Cecil Perry, seconded by Jeff Dixon to approve the consent agenda as amended. The motion carried.

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

| | County | City |
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| 1. Brian Williams | 11.35 | |
| 2. Terrence K. Cooper | 72.20 | 58.20 |
| 3. Edward F. Jr. & Ruth Self | 48.64 | |
| 4. ADP Inc. | 10.87 | |
| 5. Gregory J. Anderson | 32.97 | |
| 6. Claudie J. & Lenora Mackey | 31.97 | |

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| 7. | William Thomas Elliott | 7.98 |
| 8. | James C. Moneymaker, Jr. | 7.61 |
| 9. | Thomas A. Fox | 24.45 |
| 10. | Constance L. Crowder | 1.96 |
| 11. | Ryan Michael McCarthy | 54.67 |
| 12. | Rene Salamone | 49.03 |
| 13. | Wesley C. Newport | 68.92 |
| 14. | Glenn S. & Carrie L. Jones | 24.74 |
| 15. | Commonwealth Financial Partners | 34.18 |
| 16. | Richard Keith Bundy | 5.01 |
| 17. | Donald P. & Susan S. Whitley | 47.57 |
| 18. | Riverview Lease/Loan Holding | 5.34 |
| 19. | Robert Lee Jones, Jr. | 26.24 |
| 20. | Ryan W. Boyce | 30.44 |
| 21. | Robert Morrow, Jr. | 69.97 |
| 22. | Savon Perry | 14.88 |
| 23. | Bright's Const. LLC | 68.17 |
| 24. | Todd Ragsdale | 10.98 |
| 25. | Derek Scott Ross | 4.97 |
| 26. | George R. & Carolyn S. Harrell Lfe Est | 13.68 |
| 27. | Michael C. & Darlene T. Gray Etal | 31.16 |
| 28. | Troy V. & Betty T. Meads | 91.96 |
| 29. | Mail Finance Inc. | 93.63 |
| 30. | Bobby Wayne Carson | 8.86 |
| 31. | William D. Rich | 33.77 |
| 32. | Lawrence N. Sr. & Mary Ruth Jones | 36.00 |
| 33. | Alvin L. Lewis | 4.78 |
| 34. | Tasha Yvonne Overton | 47.68 |
| | | 38.07 |

6. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A FUTURE INTERSTATE DESIGNATION FOR US 64 AND US 17 BETWEEN RALEIGH AND HAMPTON ROADS:

The Board considered a resolution that the Albemarle Commission has requested the Board adopt supporting a future interstate designation for US 64 and US 17 between Raleigh and Hampton Roads. Such designation is expected to spur economic development within the region. Commissioner Lloyd Griffin stated that this is an effort by Secretary Tata to try to move this project forward. He said adopting this resolution will be asking Secretary Tata and the North Carolina delegation to designate this project so those funds can be used to parlay additional federal funds.

Motion was made by Jeff Dixon, seconded by Cecil Perry to adopt the following resolution in support of a future interstate designation for US 64 and US 17 between Raleigh and Hampton Roads. The motion carried unanimously.

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A FUTURE INTERSTATE DESIGNATION FOR US 64 AND US 17 BETWEEN RALEIGH AND HAMPTON ROADS

WHEREAS, the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners is the duly recognized legislative body for the County of Pasquotank; and

WHEREAS, the NC Department of Transportation has asked that the US 64/US 17 corridor from Raleigh to Hampton Roads, Virginia via Rocky Mount, NC and Elizabeth City, NC be designated as a future interstate which would help connect I-40/I-440 in Raleigh to I-64 in Hampton Roads, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Hampton Roads and Raleigh are two of the largest east coast metropolitan regions which are served by a primary interstate route (I-64 in Hampton Roads and I-40 in Raleigh); and

WHEREAS, the future interstate designation would create a secondary primary interstate for both areas and connect these two economic regions; and

WHEREAS, requesting a future interstate designation for the section of US 64/US 17 from Raleigh to Hampton Roads and completing improvements which bring this section of roadway

up to interstate standards is part of North Carolina Governor Patrick McCrory's "25 Year Vision for North Carolina - Mapping our Future"; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Northeastern North Carolina share a common interest with the Hampton Roads region for employment, health care, shopping and recreation; and

WHEREAS, businesses currently 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 Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners believes an interstate highway will enhance safety and promote economic opportunities for their County; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners hereby supports a future interstate designation for US 64 and US 17 between Raleigh and Hampton Roads.

ADOPTED this 2nd day of February, 2015 by the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners.

7. DISCUSSION REGARDING EMS CONTRACT WITH CAMDEN COUNTY:

County Manager Rodney Bunch explained that the Camden County Manager and two of Camden's Commissioners met with Chairman Winslow and him to review the proposals that were developed to continue providing EMS services to Camden County. He stated that two proposals were discussed: one to provide 12 hour service at one station at a cost of \$400,000; and one to provide two 12 hour service locations at a cost of \$500,000. Mr. Bunch said the Camden County Manager advised that the Camden County Board of Commissioners is interested in the proposal to provide two 12 hour shifts and they proposed paying \$450,000 for that service. Mr. Bunch noted that a response needs to be provided to Camden County.

Commissioner Griffin stated that the hospital pays a portion of the cost of EMS and that payment is based on the quality of service provided. He said in negotiations with Camden County the Board needs to ensure that quality service is maintained and that Pasquotank County does not lose money providing that service.

Commissioner Bettie Parker noted that she believes the county's \$500,000 figure was a round-up number and taking that into consideration she believes if the county was to concede that \$475,000 would be a good figure. She pointed out that Pasquotank County will already be operating as a loss even at \$500,000.

Commissioner William Sterritt stated that he does not have a compelling feeling that the Board should compromise. He added if the county had given Camden a figure of \$550,000, they probably would have come back with a figure of \$500,000. He said he does not feel compelled to change what Pasquotank has shown is a real need.

Vice-Chairman Cecil Perry stated that if staff has calculated the cost at \$500,000 he will support what the staff has recommended. He said the taxpayers of Pasquotank County should not have to pay more so Camden can pay less.

The County Manager added that the Board has previously discussed adding a 3% CPI after the first year of the contract.

Chairman Winslow stated that the Board might consider reducing the \$500,000 figure if there were language in the contract providing for an adjustment if Medicare reimbursements decreased. He said right now Pasquotank County is assuming all of the risk and is only providing Camden a service.

Commissioner Frankie Meads said it appears that Pasquotank County is the loser because it would be increasing its own budget in order to go with option 2. He stated that he would prefer to go with option 1 which Camden initially preferred since it would mean less cost for Pasquotank County. He noted that Camden County wants to cut either option rather than pay the full cost the county has calculated. He stated that Pasquotank County does not need to do any cutting because the options are based on actual costs. He added that Camden might need to find some coverage that it can afford.

Mr. Bunch stated that Camden County prefers option 2 because it will decrease response time. He said Pasquotank County would also be benefitting by option 2 since it would be adding more coverage however it would also be costlier.

Motion was made by Bettie Parker, seconded by William Sterritt to approve option 2 to provide 12 hours of EMS coverage at two stations in Camden County at a cost of \$500,000 per year for two years with a 3% CPI increase in cost the second year. The motion carried unanimously.

8. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER:

County Manager Rodney Bunch reported that the Soil Conservation Service has contacted him to advise that they would like to host another luncheon with the Board in February or March to provide an update on various projects. Members of the Board agreed to schedule the luncheon on a Tuesday or Wednesday in March.

Mr. Bunch said in the meeting with the Mayor and City Manager they asked if the Board would be interested in having another meeting with local legislators to get an update on legislative matters for the current General Assembly Session. The Board agreed to have such a meeting with the date to be determined based on the legislators' schedules.

Mr. Bunch stated that he has received an email from Cerena Eitler with the Department of Defense, who made a presentation to the Board last month on a proposed Joint Land Use Study (JLUS). He said Ms. Eitler has asked if the Board is interested in participating in the JLUS. Mr. Bunch pointed out that Camden County is not interested in participating in the JLUS and he has been trying to get in touch with Currituck County to see if they plan to participate. Chairman Winslow stated that he does not believe Perquimans is interested. Ms. Eitler had previously indicated to the Board that Camden and Currituck are the key counties. It was noted that if Currituck, Camden and Perquimans are not interested in participating, the study may not be feasible. The Board agreed to find out whether Currituck County plans to participate before making a decision on whether to participate in the JLUS. Mr. Bunch stated that whether or not the study goes forward, the Board could add language in its conditional use permit to require a developer to contact the Navy to ensure that a proposed development, particularly wind energy, does not interfere with the Navy's radar systems.

Mr. Bunch advised that he plans to leave Wednesday afternoon to attend a County Managers Conference in Durham for the remainder of this week.

9. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Sterritt reported that he had his first meeting today with the Social Services Board and the new Chair is Myrtle Rivers. He stated that Social Services Director Melissa Stokely has requested that she be invited to meet with the Personnel Committee when it schedules its next meeting. He said there was a lot of discussion at today's meeting regarding employees leaving and going to other counties for higher pay. He stated they are being recruited by Camden County, Chowan County and Currituck County. He said this is very discouraging to the Social Services staff that hires employees and trains them only to have them leave. Commissioner Sterritt stated that there are issues in a lot of county departments who are losing employees due to the pay. He added that a lot of county employees are working two jobs to be able to pay their bills.

Commissioner Parker reported that she attended a meeting of the Library Board on January 13. She said it was announced at that meeting that Neli Fernandez has submitted her resignation from the Board. She said Librarian Jackie King also reported on her efforts to reduce the budget to comply with the request from the Board of Commissioners. She stated that Black History Month at the Library will feature James Gregory who happens to be the first person from Pasquotank County to graduate from North Carolina State University with a degree in Aerospace Engineering, not to mention that he was the first African American to do so. She said Mr. Gregory will be speaking at the Library on February 19 at 6:00 PM. Commissioner Parker stated that the Library Board also discussed the condition of the bookmobile and the likelihood that it will need to be replaced in the not too distant future. She noted that Library Board Chairman Charles Jordan will speak with Sheriff Cartwright to determine whether a surplus vehicle that could be used as a bookmobile can be located. She added that the Library Board's next meeting will be held on April 14 at 5:30 PM.

Commissioner Parker reported that she attended the recent meeting of the Solid Waste/Landfill Committee and took a tour of the landfill. She said she was very impressed, especially with Solid Waste Director Michael Etheridge who reported that he had written 40 grants and 39 of them had been funded.

Commissioner Griffin stated that the Airport Authority met with its local engineer last week trying to facilitate the grant for the runway repair and upgrade project. He said they are working with seven potential bidders.

Commissioner Griffin reported that the transportation group met last week and is trying to get some movement on the passenger ferry from Ocracoke to Hatteras. He said Ed Goodwin from the Governor's Office has gone to the Board of Transportation to try to get support for a passenger ferry during the peak seasons to create a shuttle system from Ocracoke to Hatteras. He added that this will hopefully eliminate the need for new ferries.

Commissioner Griffin said there has been some movement lately about how the state is restructuring some of the program dollars for the Workforce Development Board. He stated that the Director of Workforce Development has been working with the state to make sure they are not losing any of their money and to try to fill employment vacancies.

Commissioner Griffin stated that there is some discussion now about how the Resource Conservation & Development Council could be structured as a part of the Albemarle Commission.

Vice-Chairman Cecil Perry reported that many times the Board does not hear a lot of positive things about what is happening in the community. He said he currently chairs the Landfill/Solid Waste Committee and he went on the same landfill tour that Commissioner Parker mentioned. He stated that what he saw was very impressive compared to 2002 when he first came on the Board of Commissioners. He added that it is a fine looking operation.

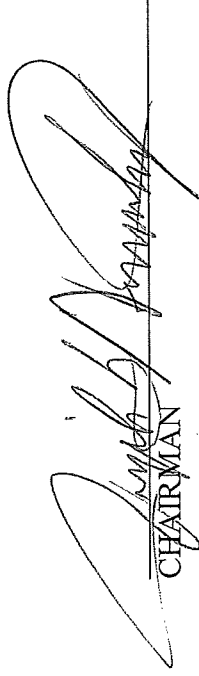
Vice-Chairman Perry stated that Commissioner Parker also mentioned during her comments that James Gregory planned to speak at the Library during Black History Month. He noted that he taught Mr. Gregory in school and invited him to come because he knew he was an outstanding student. He stated that he hopes some of the Commissioners are able to attend the presentation and meet Mr. Gregory because he believes they will be very impressed.

Chairman Winslow reported that he has had a very interesting couple of weeks. He said he attended a workshop for new Board Chairs as well as the Legislative Goals Conference in Pinehurst and also attended training for County Commissioners in Chapel Hill. He stated that many issues were discussed including potential legislation that would impact counties. He added that he enjoyed these workshops and he thanked the Board for sending him.

County Attorney Mike Cox reported that he will be attending the County Attorneys Conference this Thursday and Friday at the School of Government in Chapel Hill. He said he will also be a team leader for a forum on public records at the school for new County Attorneys.

There being no further business;

Motion was made by Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Cecil Perry to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.



CHAIRMAN

Barbara Jensen
CLERK TO THE BOARD