

PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
JUNE 5, 2023

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners met today in a regular meeting on Monday, June 5, 2023 in Courtroom C in the Pasquotank County Courthouse.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles H. Jordan, Chairman
Barry Overman, Vice-Chairman (*departed at 6:35*)
Lloyd E. Griffin, III
Sean Lavin
Jonathan Meads
Sam Davis, III
Clifford Shaw

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Sparty Hammett, County Manager
John Shannon, Assistant County Manager
Mike Barclift, Management Fellow
R. Michael Cox, County Attorney
Sheri Small, Finance Director
Shelley Cox, Planning Director
Ellen Owens, Cooperative Extension Director
Lynn Scott, Clerk to the Board

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Charles Jordan. Chairman Jordan welcomed those in attendance. Vice-Chairman Barry Overman gave the invocation and Commissioner Sean Lavin lead in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

1. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Vice-Chairman Barry Overman requested that the agenda be amended to add the following items recommended by the Finance Committee to the Consent Agenda: 1) Approval of Request for Occupancy Tax Funds; 2) Approval of Debris Management Contract with Phillips and Jordan; 3) Approval of Industrial Waste & Disposal Services Agreement with Waste Management; 4) Approval to Purchase Items Identified in Solid Waste Operational Study; and 5) Approval of Amendment to Utilities Policy for Leak Adjustments.

County Manager Sparty Hammett requested that the agenda be amended to add the following items from today's Finance Committee to the Consent Agenda: 6) Approval of Budget Amendments; and 7) Approval of ARP Project Ordinance Amendment.

Motion was made by Barry Overman, seconded by Sean Lavin to amend the agenda to add Items #1-7 to the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

2. PRESENTATION OF PLAGUE TO FAMILY OF FORMER COMMISSIONER BILL STERRITT:

Chairman Jordan called on Patricia and Brooks Sterritt to come forward to accept a plaque and name plate in memory of their late husband and father, Commissioner William "Bill" Sterritt, thanking him for his many years of outstanding and dedicated service to the residents of Pasquotank County. Chairman Jordan stated that Dr. Sterritt was dedicated to all the citizens of Pasquotank County and was very enthusiastic about what he did and the Board will miss him. Ms. Sterritt and her son thanked the Board for having them come tonight, and Brooks assured the Board that his dad would have loved the plaque, and thanked them for their service to the community.

3. PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION FOR LOCAL FOODS WEEK:

Chairman Jordan called on Cooperative Extension Director Ellen Owens to come forward to accept the following proclamation, proclaiming June 11-17 and hereafter the third full week of June as Local Foods Week in Pasquotank County:

Coastal North Carolina Local Foods Week 2023
Proclamation

Whereas Coastal North Carolina Local Foods Week is being celebrated throughout the region June 11-16, 2023 in order to bring greater awareness of the nutritional, economic, and social benefits of local foods in North Carolina; and

Whereas Healthy eating is vital to building a healthy regional food system in Pasquotank County and addressing obesity and related chronic illnesses can be strengthened through greater consumption of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and other locally produced foods; and

Whereas Pasquotank County is home to community gardens, farmers markets, many food related businesses and numerous community organizations which address issues related to food production, nutrition, and food business development for Pasquotank County residents; and

Whereas agriculture generates more than \$64 million dollars in cash receipts each year in Pasquotank County, providing a large share of the economic output in the county; and

Whereas Pasquotank County is supportive of numerous community initiatives to develop, expand, and strengthen a local food system which is accessible, resilient, environmentally compatible, and socially just; and

Whereas both consumers and farmers benefit from the expansion of a local food system which includes direct sales of food products from farmers to consumers, development of value-added food products by local businesses in Pasquotank County, and institutional purchases of locally produced foods directly from farmers.

Whereas consumers can make a substantial positive impact on local, regional, and state economies by purchasing food from local farms and producers, Pasquotank County encourages citizens to commit to purchasing local foods during the week of June 11-17.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim June 11-17 and hereafter the third full week of June as Local Foods Week in Pasquotank County and urges citizens of our community to support local agriculture and purchase more high-quality, locally produced foods, and learn about the benefits of agriculture and local foods in Pasquotank County.

Adopted this the 5th day of June, 2023.

Ms. Owens thanked the Board. She stated that the Extension is creating a Facebook campaign for the Coastal Food Policy Council and urged the Board to follow the page during the week of June 11-17. They will be issuing some challenges to citizens about eating more healthy fruit and vegetables, buying more locally produced food, and understanding the importance of agriculture.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

The Board considered the following consent agenda:

a. Approval of Minutes of May 15, 2023 Commissioner Meeting

b. Approval of Tax Releases and Refunds

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

Tax Refunds

		County	City
1.	Paolo Annicchairico	117.24	
2.	Faith & Victory Christian Center	233.92	
3.	Faith & Victory Christian Center	454.30	
4.	Faith & Victory Christian Center	454.30	
5.	Faith & Victory Christian Center	454.30	
6.	Nathaniel Griffin	193.39	
7.	John Thomas Jernigan, Jr.	183.16	
8.	Corey Allen Stanhope	142.35	151.81

9.	Courtney Robert Stanhope	159.38	135.57
10.	Cory Allen Stanhope	243.01	248.54
11.	Bruce Emanuel Wells	156.28	148.72

Solid Waste Fee Releases

		Parcel ID #	Reason for Release
1.	Faith & Victory Christian	P141-88B	Vacant
2.	Francina Jeffers	50-B-10	Vacant
3.	Francina Jeffers	32-G-3	Vacant
4.	Linwood & Flora Turner	59-B-12	Vacant
5.	Selma White	35-C-34	Vacant
6.	Selma White	35-C-33B	Vacant
7.	Selma M. Kyles White	35-A-28	Vacant

c. Emergency Medical Services Apprenticeship Program

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of establishing the Emergency Medical Services Apprenticeship job classification at Pay Grade 12, with a salary range of \$30,367 to \$42,406.

d. Approval of County Attorney Providing Legal Services to the Albemarle District Jail

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of a contract allowing the County Attorney to provide legal services on behalf of the Albemarle District Jail for \$7,400 per year.

e. Approval of Fireworks Permit Request

Dr. Dan Terryberry has requested permission to do two fireworks displays in the Newbegun Land Subdivision on two separate dates (June 10, and July 1, 2023). All of the required paperwork has been submitted and approved for the permits. Following North Carolina General Statutes, the Board of Commissioners must approve the fireworks displays before the permits can be written. Fire Marshall Timmy Chesson has recommended approval of the request.

f. Approval of Request for Occupancy Tax Funds

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of sending a letter of support for River City Community Development Corporation's application to receive \$5,000 of Tourism Development Authority Funds to fund the 2023 Juneteenth festival.

g. Approval of Debris Management Contract Extension with Phillips and Jordan

The Finance Committee has recommended an extension of the contract with Phillips and Jordan Inc. for debris management in the aftermath of storms until July 1, 2024. The extension would make the service available through the 2023 hurricane season, and allow time to issue a Request for Proposals and award the new contract for debris management services prior to the 2024 hurricane season.

h. Approval of Industrial Waste & Disposal Services Agreement with Waste Management

The Solid Waste Department's current agreement with Waste Management for the disposal of Municipal Solid Waste at their Waverly, Virginia site expired on April 30, 2023, and staff has been working with Waste Management on a new agreement. The proposed 5 year renewal agreement has a base disposal cost of \$30.03 per ton, a disposal fuel surcharge (currently at 11.01% - fluctuates weekly) and a 4.2% environmental fee will be added to the base disposal cost. The proposed rate would be \$34.59/per ton starting July 1, 2023 with all fees included. A Consumer Price Index (CPI) based on the Water, Sewer, and Trash collection index will apply starting July 1, 2024, and be applied to the base rate annually. The current cost is \$32.91 per ton, and the proposed increase is lower than expected. The Finance Committee has recommended approval of the 5 year renewal agreement with Waste Management for Industrial Waste and Disposal Services.

i. Approval to Purchase Items Identified in Solid Waste Operational Study

Below is a list of some of the items that were identified as priority convenience site needs during the Solid Waste Operational Study and the associated costs:

- 9 Glass Recycling Roll-off Dumpsters (1 at each Convenience Site, 1 trade-out container, and 1 for the new Downtown Recycling Site) - \$93,277
- Providence Site – Center Compactor - \$30,221.25

- Weeksville Site – Center Compactor - \$30,221.25
- Coast Guard Site – Center Compactor and Concrete Pad - \$70,221.25
- Landfill Site – Center Compactor and Concrete Pad - \$70,221.25
- **Total Cost - \$294,162 + \$5,838 Contingency = \$300,000**

Funds are available in the Convenience Site Department budget for the purchases. The Solid Waste Committee recommended approval of the list with an initial cost estimate of \$230,520, and the actual cost of the items is substantially higher. The Finance Committee has recommended approval of the listed capital items at a total project cost not to exceed \$300,000 and its associated budget amendment.

Decrease	065.7425.5570.01	Site Improvement	214,162.00
Increase	065.7425.5500.00	Capital Outlay	214,162.00

j. Approval of Amendment to Utilities Policy for Leak Adjustments

Utilities staff is able to use the current Leak Adjustment Policy to address most leak adjustments for customers; however, there are some exceptional circumstances that cannot be adequately addressed with the existing policy. Staff recommended adding items (d) and (e) to address excessive bills that result when leaks are not identified by citizens in one billing period:

(d) If the bill amount exceeds \$1,000.00 for up to three (3) consecutive months, then the combined months of water usage will be added together and treated as one bill, and then the adjusted bill shall be calculated the same as in Paragraph (a) of this policy.

(e) Adjustments to bills made due to leaks require written proof of repairs made to correct the cause of the leak.

Staff is in the process of a comprehensive update of the Utilities ordinance, and it will be brought to the Utilities Committee by September. The Finance Committee has recommended approval of the amendment to the Adjustment of Overcharges policy effective January 1, 2023.

k. Approval of Budget Amendments

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

Retirement Adjustment

Decrease	010.4195.5182.00	Non-Departmental	94,710.00
Increase	010.4120.5182.00	County Manager	10,760.00
Increase	010.4130.5182.00	Finance	8,040.00
Increase	010.4135.5182.00	IT	5,300.00
Increase	010.4140.5182.00	Tax	9,225.00
Increase	010.4150.5182.00	County Attorney	8,400.00
Increase	010.4170.5182.00	Elections	3,100.00
Increase	010.4190.5182.00	Public Buildings	12,205.00
Increase	010.4310.5182.00	Sheriff's Office	14,000.00
Increase	010.4315.5182.00	School Resource Officers	2,500.00
Increase	010.4325.5182.00	Central Communications	10,000.00
Increase	010.4330.5182.00	Emergency Management	2,700.00
Increase	010.4340.5182.00	Central Fire	720.00
Increase	010.4350.5182.00	Inspections	2,300.00
Increase	010.4915.5182.00	GIS	4,700.00
Increase	010.4960.5182.00	Soil & Water	760.00

Salary/Wages Adjustment

Decrease	010.4195.5182.00	Non-Departmental	58,731.00
Increase	010.4130.5121.00	Salaries and Wages	4,400.00
Increase	010.4130.5181.00	FICA	337.00
Increase	010.4150.5121.00	Salaries and Wages	6,750.00
Increase	010.4150.5181.00	FICA	520.00
Increase	010.4170.5121.00	Salaries and Wages	6,000.00
Increase	010.4170.5181.00	FICA	460.00
Increase	010.4315.5121.00	Salaries and Wages	9,400.00

Increase	010.4315.5181.00	FICA	720.00
Increase	010.4340.5126.00	Part-time	1,090.00
Increase	010.4340.5181.00	FICA	84.00
Increase	010.4350.5121.00	Salaries and Wages	2,450.00
Increase	010.4350.5126.00	Part-time	4,500.00
Increase	010.4350.5181.00	FICA	540.00
Increase	010.4380.5121.00	Salaries and Wages	950.00
Increase	010.4380.5122.00	Overtime	2,000.00
Increase	010.4380.5126.00	Part-time	2,100.00
Increase	010.4380.5181.00	FICA	390.00
Increase	010.4915.5121.00	Salaries and Wages	2,150.00
Increase	010.4915.5181.00	FICA	165.00
Increase	010.4960.5121.00	Salaries and Wages	12,750.00
Increase	010.4960.5181.00	FICA	975.00

County Manager

Decrease	010.6900.5991.00	Contingency	21,070.00
Increase	010.0220.4532.00	Other Grants	12,500.00
Increase	010.4120.5121.00	Salaries and Wages	31,185.00
Increase	010.4120.5181.00	FICA	2,385.00

Landfill Operations

Increase	065.0230.4319.00	Scrap Tire Disposal Fees	17,700.00
Increase	065.0230.4321.00	Solid Waste Disposal Fees	5,600.00
Increase	065.0230.4370.00	State Grants	11,500.00
Increase	065.0350.4742.00	Tipping Fees-Charge	200,000.00
Increase	065.0350.4742.01	Tipping Fees-Cash	50,000.00
Increase	065.0375.4741.00	Scrap Metal	15,000.00
Increase	065.0500.4831.00	Interest Earned	90,000.00
Increase	065.0600.4930.00	Insurance Proceeds	20,550.00
Increase	065.0991.4991.00	Fund Balance Appropriated	378,000.00
Decrease	065.7420.5991.00	Contingency	10,000.00
Increase	065.7420.5122.00	Overtime	60,000.00
Increase	065.7420.5251.00	Gas & Oil	35,000.00
Increase	065.7420.5353.00	Maintenance- Vehicles	20,550.00
Increase	065.7420.5381.00	Tire Disposal	205,000.00
Increase	065.7420.5440.00	Contracted Services-Hauling	233,800.00
Increase	065.7420.5440.03	Contracted Services-Waverly	244,000.00

Sites

Increase	065.0375.4745.12	Solid Waste Fees-'12	1,200.00
Increase	065.0375.4745.13	Solid Waste Fees-'13	2,100.00
Increase	065.0375.4745.14	Solid Waste Fees-'14	2,500.00
Increase	065.0375.4745.15	Solid Waste Fees-'15	3,100.00
Increase	065.0375.4745.16	Solid Waste Fees-'16	3,700.00
Increase	065.0375.4745.17	Solid Waste Fees-'17	6,000.00
Increase	065.0375.4745.18	Solid Waste Fees-'18	9,500.00
Increase	065.0375.4745.19	Solid Waste Fees-'19	5,600.00
Increase	065.0375.4745.20	Solid Waste Fees-'20	2,500.00
Increase	065.0375.4745.22	Solid Waste Fees-'22	31,860.00
Increase	065.7425.5121.00	Salaries and Wages	35,000.00
Increase	065.7425.5181.00	FICA	2,600.00
Increase	065.7425.5182.00	Retirement	4,260.00
Increase	065.7425.5251.00	Gas & Oil	6,000.00
Increase	065.7425.5352.00	Maintenance-Equipment	10,200.00
Increase	065.7425.5353.00	Maintenance-Vehicles	10,000.00

Conventional Plant

Increase	060.0220.4532.00	Other Grants	150,000.00
Increase	060.7130.5440.00	Contracted Services	150,000.00

Conventional Plant

Increase	060.0550.4839.00	Miscellaneous Revenue	75,500.00
Increase	060.7130.5357.00	Maintenance-Lines	75,500.00

Reverse Osmosis Plant

Increase	063.0600.4930.00	Insurance Proceeds	26,330.00
Increase	063.7135.5358.00	Maintenance-Wells	26,330.00

Reverse Osmosis Plant

Increase	063.0350.4713.00	Sale of Water	89,400.00
Increase	063.7135.5351.00	Maintenance-Building	10,000.00
Increase	063.7135.5352.00	Maintenance-Equipment	49,900.00
Increase	063.7135.5357.00	Maintenance-Lines	29,500.00

Reverse Osmosis Plant

Increase	063.0350.4713.00	Sale of Water	59,930.00
Increase	063.7135.5121.00	Salaries and Wages	43,928.00
Increase	063.7135.5181.00	FICA	3,360.00
Increase	063.7135.5182.00	Retirement	5,342.00
Increase	063.7135.5183.00	Health Insurance	7,300.00

1. ARP Project Ordinance Amendment

The Finance Office has requested approval of the following ARP Project Ordinance Amendment:

Law Enforcement

Decrease	033.4300.5180.00	Benefits	279,275.00
Increase	033.4300.5121.00	Salaries	279,275.00

Utilities

Decrease	033.4120.5121.00	Salaries	84,467.00
Decrease	033.4120.5180.00	Benefits	24,029.00
Decrease	033.4130.5121.00	Salaries	110,372.00
Decrease	033.4130.5180.00	Benefits	33,477.00
Increase	033.7130.5121.00	Salaries	213,979.00
Increase	033.7130.5180.00	Benefits	38,366.00

Utilities

Increase	033.0500.4831.00	Interest Earned	115,275.00
Increase	033.0991.4991.00	Fund Balance Appropriated	1,448.00
Increase	033.7130.5980.60	Transfer to Water Fund	116,723.00

Motion was made by Sean Lavin, seconded by Clifford Shaw to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION OF PETITION FOR ADDITION OF VINEYARD COURT TO THE STATE SYSTEM FOR MAINTENANCE:

The Board reviewed a petition submitted by NCDOT on behalf of the homeowners on Vineyard Court, in Orchard Cove Subdivision, requesting the addition of Vineyard Court to the state system for maintenance. Staff was notified by DOT that the road now meets their requirements.

Motion was made by Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Sean Lavin to accept the petition from the homeowners and to adopt a resolution requesting the addition of Vineyard Court to the state system for maintenance. The motion carried unanimously.

6. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION OPPOSING SB675 “LAND USE CHARACTERIZATION AND CHANGES:

Planning Director Shelley Cox said staff is asking that the Board consider a resolution opposing SB675 that is currently in the Senate Finance Committee. The Bill was originally filed by Senators Lee, Craven, and Galey. The original version was basically to abolish Extraterritorial

Jurisdictions (ETJ) of cities. The Bill is continuing to follow that trend, but they have also added a maximum lot size that would be established for all communities, no matter city or county, with a maximum square foot lot of 8,700 square feet. They would mandate that communities allow five units per acre. Right now, the minimum lot size is 43,000 square feet. She explained that the reason for that is because of our poor soils and a need for septic systems.

Ms. Cox said she is requesting that the Board adopt a resolution opposing the Bill because she feels like maintaining those larger lot sizes is important to retain the agricultural and rural character of our community. During the citizen survey portion of the Land Use Plan, one of the biggest things that people said they wanted was to retain the community's rural character in Pasquotank County. She said obviously if we start seeing subdivisions in the County that are five units per acre, that rural character is going to change significantly. She explained that we are also mandated, as a coastal community, to limit impervious surface to 24%. When you are talking about an 8,700 square foot lot or smaller, getting to 24% happens very quickly. By the time you put a house on it and a driveway you have already reached the maximum.

Ms. Cox said 8,700 square foot lot sizes are mostly seen in cities where there is centralized sewer. Elizabeth City's lot sizes range from R-6, (6,000 square foot lots) to R-15 (15,000 square foot lots). With centralized sewer, it is a little bit easier to accommodate. With septic systems, it is impossible to accommodate. She noted that it will put the burden on our environmental health services and her staff when they tell people they can't have that many buildings or that much impervious surface on their lot. They will probably have to start requiring surveys for every person that wants to build in the community, because they want to make sure that they don't exceed that 24% maximum built upon area.

Commissioner Meads asked if this moves forward, won't it create additional environmental problems to the ones we currently have in the community and the regulations that the state already has in place. Ms. Cox answered, absolutely. Anytime you increase the impervious surfaces, you increase stormwater runoff and you increase traffic on roads. There are a lot of secondary impacts from something as simple as saying we are not going to allow lots sizes greater than 8,700 square feet.

Ms. Cox said she discuss this with the Planning Board a couple of weeks ago, and the Planning Board was concerned enough about it that they recommended that the Board of Commissioners consider a resolution opposing it. If this Board opposes it, she will send the resolution to the state Planning Association. The state Planning Board is in the process of strongly trying the lobby against this new law. She said the resolution that she is proposing tonight does not hit on the ETJ issue, it is just for the maximum lot size. The ETJ issue is obviously a touchy subject. Cities are generally very against losing their ETJs, because ideally the thought is that they are going to take over those areas by annexing them in the future. She said if the law is adopted, that will mean that every area in the ETJ including Forest Park, Hickory Acres, Bright's Meadows, off of Body Road and other areas will become the responsibility of the County, which means we will need to go through the rezoning process for all of those properties. Our Building Inspectors will have that many more inspections to do in those areas and it will create more work for her office if the ETJ area is relinquished.

Commissioner Griffin asked if there was something else in the Bill about the County losing all control of planning and developers can come in and plan however they want to. Ms. Cox said there have been a lot of different laws proposed this session. A lot of them did not pass with the crossover deadline. She stated that this one did not pass with the crossover, but somehow it stayed in there. She said there has been a movement towards restricting local government control over Planning and Zoning. A lot of the issues that have been proposed haven't passed, but this is one that is concerning to almost every Planner across the state. She felt like it was important enough that she needed to bring it to the Board tonight.

Commissioner Lavin said usually when things like this come up, we start with a resolution, but he wants to know what else we can do. He recommended notifying our lobbyist, as well as our local representatives. He noted that it would be extremely detrimental. Chairman Jordan stated that the County's Lobbyist, Jackson Stancil is already aware. He and County Manager Hammett spoke with him about it at Legislative Day.

Commissioner Davis said what if people want to have horses on their properties or other livestock. Ms. Cox said the argument is that we still have the 10-acre exemption subdivision out

there that that people can utilize. Currently, anybody in the County can have a bona fide farm. The way the statues are currently set up, the County cannot regulate the keep and care of farm animals. If you have the current law and you have an 8,700 square foot lot law, and somebody is going to put a couple pigs, chickens, or horses on their lot, that will conflict. Commissioner Davis said you would think all of eastern North Carolina would be all to pieces about this. Ms. Cox said she thinks that all the people that are aware of it are. Unfortunately, some of the smaller communities don't have the staff to follow legislation and pay attention to what is being proposed. She stated that it is alarming for a lot of people and she thinks the word definitely needs to get out, because it's just not good policy.

Motion was made by Barry Overman, seconded by Sean Lavin to approve the following resolution:

Opposition to SB675
“LAND USE CHARACTERIZATION AND CHANGES”

WHEREAS, the use of minimum lot sizes serves to protect the public health and safety, property values, and general character within a community; and

WHEREAS, the Pasquotank County 2023 Land Use Plan's public survey results indicated that preserving rural character, farmland, and managing growth were among the top priorities of Pasquotank County's residents; and

WHEREAS, community goals established within the Pasquotank County 2023 Land Use Plan include the preservation of the community's quiet, rural, agricultural character and focusing urban and suburban growth towards Elizabeth City and other key locations within the county; and

WHEREAS, centralized sewer service is not available within Pasquotank County and residential development is dependent upon on-site septic systems; and

WHEREAS, Pasquotank County has significant soil limitations for septic tank drain fields due to the high clay content of the soil and the high water table; and

WHEREAS, Pasquotank County's minimum lot size was adopted to ensure that residential lots have adequate space to accommodate on-site septic systems; and

WHEREAS, NC Session Law 2008-211 “An Act to Provide for Improvements in the Management of Stormwater in the Coastal Counties in Order to Protect Water Quality” establishes a twenty-four percent (24%) maximum built upon area or less for low-density residential development; and

WHEREAS, smaller lot sizes increase impervious surface coverage, stormwater run-off, and traffic volumes within an area; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 675 would prohibit local governments from establishing a minimum lot size larger than 8,700 square feet for single-family and two-family dwellings and would prohibit communities from having a residential density below five units per acre; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 675, will pre-empt minimum lot size requirements Pasquotank County has in place and will allow subdivisions of land for residential uses to create lot sizes without regard to the planning and zoning efforts of Pasquotank County; and

WHEREAS, the Pasquotank County Zoning and Subdivision regulations reflect a strong commitment to individual property rights while seeking to retain the unique rural character that our residents love and expect; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts this Resolution Opposing Senate Bill 67, which includes restrictions on minimum lot sizes for single-family and two-family dwellings and disregards the desires of Pasquotank County's citizens.

Adopted this the 5th day of June, 2023.

The motion carried unanimously.

7. PRESENTATION OF FY 2023-24 PROPOSED COUNTY BUDGET:

County Manager Sparty Hammett presented the County's proposed budget for FY 2023-24. Mr. Hammett read the budget message indicating the ad valorem tax rate is proposed to remaining at 62¢ per \$100 valuation. The proposed budget will be available for public inspection at the W.C. Witherspoon Library and at the County Manager's Office.

Motion was made by Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Sam Davis to call for a Public Hearing on the proposed County Budget for fiscal year 2023-24 at the June 20, 2023 Commissioner meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

8. REPORTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER:

County Manager Hammett reminded the Board that Monday, June 19th is a County Holiday; therefore the next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, June 20th.

9. REPORTS FROM CLERK:

Clerk to the Board Lynn Scott reminded the Board that the Human Relations Commission is still in need of members.

10. REPORT FROM MANAGEMENT FELLOW:

Management Fellow Mike Barclift stated that the NCACC has a Strategic Member Services (SMS), which is a cohort of people like himself that work directly for them. He is the first person in this group who has been hired by a County. He said there is some incredible talent in the bullpen and the process is to recruit new ones in. After two years, they find counties to get these younger people into local government that have a lot of talent and drive and want to do that kind of work. He has told them about the counties in northeast North Carolina and he is going to continue to work them to try to get more exposure.

11. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Chairman Jordan invited his fellow Board members to participate in local Ribbon Cuttings, as he thinks it is very important for Board members to be seen in our community.

Vice-Chairman Overman attended the Sentara Update. They are meeting their deadlines and should announce their new president soon. He attended the TDA meeting. They have received several good applications to fill their director's position, and have started the interviewing process, in hopes of hiring someone in the next couple of months. He attended the Public Safety Committee meeting. A lot of good information was shared. He attended the Potato Festival. The weather was perfect. He volunteered at the Food Bank. He encouraged his fellow Board members to volunteer. The Food Bank and their volunteers pack food boxes for senior citizens in all fifteen counties that they serve on the 1st Saturday and every Thursday of the month. It was a great opportunity to see what Food Bank is doing for our community.

Commissioner Griffin participated in the Potato Festival. He said it was great to see so many commissioners attend. He attended the Moonshine and Motorsports event. He attended the Sentara update where he learned that their new office building will be open in a month or so. He attended the Albemarle Commission meeting and the Airport Authority meeting.

Commissioner Lavin attended the EDC meeting. They are reviewing their goals, including where they want to go and what they want to target. He attended the Northeast Workforce Development Board meeting where he received some great updates. He attended the Potato Festival. He attended the NEAAAT 8th grade ceremony at COA, and the NHS graduation at Elizabeth City State University. He participated in the Memorial Day wreath laying event at Westlawn Cemetery. Lastly, he attended the River City Skippers game. The River City Skippers is a new collegiate league baseball team in town. They played their first home games Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night and won all three, which makes them currently undefeated at home. He thinks it will bring a lot of people to the area.

Commissioner Shaw attended the Potato Festival on May 19th. He attended a tour of the festival with Tim Williams, the Coordinator of the event. Also on May 19th, he attended Superior Court Judge J.C. Cole's Portrait Unveiling in Courtroom A, along with Commissioners Jordan, Davis,

and Griffin. On May 24th, he attended the JCPC meeting. On May 25th, he attended the TDA meeting. On May 31st, he attended the Happy Daisy Garden Center Ribbon Cutting. On June 1st his attended his first Animal Control Board meeting. On June 3rd, he attended an appreciation service for the Southern Inside District at Keystone Barber Shop. He has spoken with a lot of constituents in neighborhood over the last couple of weeks.

Commissioner Davis attended the Potato Festival. He attended and spoke at the ribbon cutting for Tooley's Tavern. He attended Judge Cole's portrait unveiling. He attended a ribbon cutting in Camden for the new housing subdivision by the Camden County Office. He attended the DSS meeting. He attended his grandchildren's first and third grade graduation ceremonies.

Commissioner Meads went to Raleigh last week for Emergency Preparedness Training and received a certificate. He attended the Health Board meeting. They are working on a process to notify each resident when they perform annual septic inspections. He attended the Solid Waste/Landfill Committee meeting. Lastly, he attended the Tooley's Tavern ribbon cutting.

Chairman Jordan attended the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting, the Pasquotank County High School Graduation Ceremony, the Solid Waste/Landfill Committee meeting, the City Center Discussion, J.C. Cole's portrait unveiling, the Potato Festival where he made remarks on behalf of the Board, Clayton Homes Ribbon Cutting, Trillium Governing Board, Legislative Day in Raleigh where he and the County Manager met with many representatives about our county's needs, Tooley's Tavern Ribbon Cutting, New Hollywood Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony, Happy Daisy Ribbon Cutting, Ribbon Cutting for new subdivision in Camden, meeting at the YMCA, and an event at Ft. Bragg where General Pete Proctor received notoriety.

There being no further business before the Board;

Motion was made by Sam Davis, seconded by Lloyd Griffin to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

CHAIRMAN

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