

**PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
JULY 9, 2012**

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners met today in a regular meeting on Monday, July 9, 2012 in Courtroom C in the Pasquotank County Courthouse.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Randy Keaton, County Manager
Rodney Bunch, Assistant 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 Lloyd Griffin who gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

1. PRESENTATION OF PINS TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR YEARS OF SERVICE:

Chairman Griffin called on the following county employees to receive pins in recognition of their years of service to Pasquotank County:

Employee	Department	Years of Service
Tom Campbell	Cooperative Extension Service	30 years
Randy Keaton	County Manager's Office	25 years
Walter Meads	Emergency Medical Services	10 years

The Board congratulated the employees and thanked them for their service.

2. UPDATE ON COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN:

Chairman Griffin recognized Mr. Mark Eatman with the N.C. Department of Transportation, Transportation Planning Branch to give an update on the Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Mr. Eatman explained that the Comprehensive Transportation Plan was started about a year ago and addresses transportation needs 20 to 30 years into the future. He said it is multi-modal and includes highways, pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation, and rail. He stated that it is non-fiscally constrained and therefore does not have state funding tied to the projects. He noted that the plan does not make a promise to build roads and does not determine a pinpoint location for roads. He stated that a CTP goals and objectives survey has been conducted to find out what people think transportation should be like. He said a lot of coordination has been done with Camden County on the U.S. 158 highway corridor and also bicycle and pedestrian recommendations. He said other things they have been working on are the Elizabeth City Travel Demand Model and Capacity Deficiencies. Mr. Eatman explained that as laid out in the Strategic Highway Corridor Plan, U.S. 158 through Pasquotank County, Camden County and into Currituck County needs to be an expressway, meaning it should be a four-lane divided road, without traffic signals, with limited access, and a higher speed limit. He said currently U.S. 158 goes through the middle of Downtown Elizabeth City. He said the options are: 1) to improve the existing U.S. 158 to expressway standards which would cause a lot of problems if it were put through the downtown area; 2) to construct the U.S. 158 expressway on a new location; or 3) to request modification of the Strategic Highway Corridor Plan. Mr. Eatman said the committee as well as Camden County felt that a new location bypass would be the best option. He presented a map showing the preferred location for the bypass as the most northern route of the three alternatives.

Vice-Chairman Jeff Dixon commented that he does not see how the Board can support this route because a tremendous amount of potential business, gas purchases, and sales tax revenue that

would normally flow through Elizabeth City would be diverted elsewhere. He said it would have a big economic impact.

Commissioner Joe Winslow said it appears to him that the most pressing issue would be to establish a corridor that would provide access between the city and the hospital in case the Knobbs Creek Bridge were out.

Chairman Griffin noted that it would be better to go through Parsonage Street and tie into Elizabeth Street. He said that millions of dollars are currently being spent on that road and he believes it would be better to put the expressway there. Mr. Eatman said the problem would be that even more money would have to be spent to build this road to expressway standards. He said the work being done on the road right now is to repair existing problems. He asked everyone to keep in mind that this plan is looking 20 to 30 years out.

Commissioner Bill Trueblood stated that it seems the new expressway would be a corridor to go to Dare County. Mr. Eatman responded that it would be a corridor that spans from Dare County across all of Northeastern North Carolina.

Mr. Eatman presented a Travel Demand Model which looks at existing traffic counts and tries to estimate traffic to match observed data and compares volume with capacity of roads. He provided a map of Pasquotank County showing which roads are currently near capacity and which roads are over capacity, and a map showing projected volumes and capacities in 2040. He explained that the committee is working on draft recommendations and will hold public involvement sessions in the fall of 2012. They will bring back to the county and the city a draft Comprehensive Transportation Plan in the fall and will bring back a final plan in late 2012 or early 2013 for the Board to adopt.

County Manager Randy Keaton stated that back when the route for the Elizabeth City Bypass was being considered about 20 years ago, there was a consideration of linking one of the routes and doing exactly what is being proposed now to link Camden County. He said the inner route would have crossed over Main Street Extended, cut through about the same area now being proposed, and tie into U.S. 158 going across into Camden County.

Mr. Eatman explained that the CTP is just the first attempt and nothing is set in stone. He said other branches may come up with different alternatives for U.S. 158.

3. COMMENTS FROM JAMES MORRIS:

Chairman Griffin called on Mr. James Morris. Mr. Morris stated that lately he has made a lot of trips to the landfill and has observed a lot of things. He said one thing he has seen is that the drainage system at the transfer station is not working and the pumps keep burning up. He stated that until it is redesigned in the proper manner it would just be wasting money to keep buying pumps.

4. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Chairman Griffin asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. Vice-Chairman Dixon requested that the following items recommended by the Finance Committee at its meeting today be added to the agenda: 1) Approval of request to fill vacant positions at the Social Services Department and the Water Department; 2) Approval of guidelines for one-time payment to employees; 3) Approval of bid for replacement of 911 phone system; 4) Approval of contract with Bill Diehl to update hydraulic study of Water System; 5) Approval to hire an experienced Real Property Appraiser above the hiring rate. Commissioner Joe Winslow requested that the agenda be amended to discuss the county's drainage fee requirement as it relates to the Motion Sensors project.

Motion was made by Jeff Dixon, seconded by Gary White to amend the agenda to include the six items listed above. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Jeff Dixon, seconded by Bill Trueblood to move items #1 through #5 to the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

The Board considered the following consent agenda:

- a. Approval of Minutes of June 25, 2012 Commissioner Meetings

b. Approval of Petition for Addition of Becca Drive, Wiley Drive, and Sylvan Court to the State System for Maintenance

The developers of Copperfield Subdivision have submitted a petition requesting the addition of Becca Drive, Wiley Drive and Sylvan Court to the state system for maintenance. Becca Drive is .4 mile in length and has 25 homes; Wiley Drive is .4 mile in length and has 11 homes; and Sylvan Court is .1 mile in length and has three homes. The Board will need to adopt a resolution requesting that DOT add the roads to the state system if they meet the NCDOT standards.

c. Approval of Requests to Fill Vacant Positions

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of a request from the Social Services Department to fill a vacant Family and Children Medicaid position, and a request from the Water Department to fill two technician positions and two operator positions.

d. Approval of Guidelines for One-Time Payment to Employees

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of the following guidelines for the \$500 one-time payment for employees that was approved when the budget was adopted:

1. The full amount of the payment would be made on November 15.
2. Regular part-time employees working at least 15 hours per week would receive \$250.
3. Employees must have been county employees prior to July 1, 2011 to receive the full payment. Employees hired between July 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011 would receive \$250. Employees hired in 2012 would not be eligible for the payment.

e. Approval of Bid for Replacement of 911 Phone System

The Finance Committee has recommended that the Central Communications Department be authorized to piggyback on the bid received by the City of Havelock and purchase a new Patriot Sentinel phone system from Wireless Communications at a cost of \$159,673.17 to be paid from the 911 surcharge fund. The phone system is manufactured by the same company as the current system and is next generation compliant.

f. Approval of Contract with Bill Diehl to Update Hydraulic Study for Water System

The Finance Committee has recommended that the Board approve a contract with Bill Diehl in the amount of \$15,000 to update the hydraulic study he performed for the Water System several years ago.

g. Approval to Hire Real Property Appraiser above the Hiring Step

The Finance Committee has recommended that the Board authorize the hiring of an experienced Real Property Appraiser for the Tax Department above the hiring rate at Grade 14, Step 8 on the county's salary schedule.

Motion was made by Gary White, seconded by Bill Trueblood to approve the consent agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Releases:

	County	City
1. Evelyn Nash Griffin	67.67	50.73
2. Stephen Edward Sherman	64.05	
3. Juanita Whitehurst White	7.69	5.77
4. Christina Lee Shipp	4.09	3.07
5. Michael Lee Smithson	1.94	1.49
6. William Robertson	17.47	18.94
7. William Brandon Robertson	23.69	23.89
8. Diana Echevarria Etheridge	56.75	
9. William Earl Krimmel III	15.50	
10. John Mark Calhoun	50.72	43.04
11. George William Collins, Jr.	2.67	
12. David J. Manovich	97.90	78.42
13. Charles Frank Baker	27.46	
14. Maybelle Morris Adams	4.84	3.63
15. Judson David Knighten	40.92	
16. Winton Lee Onley	33.60	
17. David Leever Demery	30.75	

18.	Heather Fretz Griffin	71.86	53.89
19.	Michael Ryan Hunley	35.03	26.27
20.	Jacqueline Pearce	9.27	6.95
21.	Johnnie Darrell Gibbs	6.20	
22.	Benjamin Franklin Shipley IV	11.74	14.02
23.	Jeffrey Allen Woodward	13.49	
24.	Troy Kendale Ferebee	3.47	2.60
25.	Matthew Robert Lemessuier	55.37	41.52
26.	Gary H. Ambrose	95.48	
27.	Benita Herimone Powell	53.07	
28.	Raven Gene Atkins, Jr.	55.12	46.34
29.	City Beverage Co.	5.52	
30.	Julian Edwin Aydlott, Jr.	34.38	
31.	Marta Cox Truesdell	17.45	
32.	Michael Allen Slate	26.04	19.53
33.	Jordan Michael Kline	76.14	
34.	Benjamin Franklin, Jr.	14.35	10.76
35.	Clinton Ray Davis	17.61	
36.	Ebony Hockaday Armstrong	10.11	7.58
37.	Harold Lee Turner	35.19	
38.	Paul Edward Goins	27.71	
39.	Paul Edward Goins	4.09	
40.	Shoshana Matthews	6.88	
41.	Sara Elizabeth Leonard	15.07	11.30
42.	Teresa Moore Bonk	5.03	3.77
43.	Thurlis Lee Jackson, Jr.	2.23	
44.	Dustin Kyle Burris	71.36	58.52
45.	Jessica Nicole Burris	22.44	21.83
46.	Irvin Thomas Huggins	10.48	7.86
47.	Jon Charles Horejsi	97.46	
48.	Myra Branch Mock	29.33	
49.	Matthew Joshua Smock	97.84	
50.	Kim Renee Hairsine	50.87	38.15
51.	Robert Joseph Lapolt	55.18	46.39
52.	Michael Alam Lufkin	65.66	54.24
53.	Catherine McPherson Wambles	24.06	
54.	Jasmine Deberanna Hungerman	72.42	
55.	Herbert Taylor Mullen, Jr.	27.84	
56.	Ryan Matthew Drygas	80.04	65.03
57.	Timothy Martin Ussery	12.15	9.11
58.	Godwin Chukureneka Umozurike	19.41	14.55
59.	Nick Eugene Cochran	26.60	
60.	Leon Obrian Byrd	79.30	
61.	James Stacey Stokely	11.75	
62.	Nicholas Jay Becker	8.25	
63.	Hannah Serene Lewis	45.68	
64.	Teddy C. Ryan, Jr.	30.57	
65.	Clyde Lee Santiago-Melendez	36.66	33.18
66.	Wanda Anita Williams	4.93	3.79
67.	Jack Nelson Shrader	4.22	8.16
68.	Jack Nelson Shrader	110.42	87.82
69.	Seth A. Toy	76.14	
70.	Robert Wade Cline	3.10	
71.	Jessica Nicole Taylor	25.17	23.88
72.	Therapy House PLLC	71.93	60.29
73.	Shawn Maurice Harrington	40.35	36.02
74.	Shawn Maurice Harrington	12.16	14.35
75.	Shawn Maurice Harrington	50.03	42.53
76.	Melissa Ann Russell	5.70	
77.	Christopher Ryan McAbee	71.18	58.38

6. DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE TO NCACC ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

The Board considered the designation of a voting delegate to the NCACC Annual Conference which will be held in Wake County in August.

Motion was made by Jeff Dixon, seconded by Cecil Perry to designate Chairman Lloyd Griffin as the voting delegate to the NCACC Annual Conference. The motion carried unanimously.

7. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR 1/4 CENT SALES TAX REFERENDUM:

The Board reviewed two sample resolutions from Cherokee County and Guilford County calling for a referendum on the 1/4 cent sales tax. The Board had previously discussed adding this issue to the November ballot. County Manager Randy Keaton explained that the Cherokee County resolution is very straightforward and includes what is legally required while the Guilford County resolution is more detailed and expresses their Board's plans as to how they want to use the money. County Attorney Mike Cox stated that the Board can indicate in the resolution how it intends to use the funds, but this will not tie the Board's hands. He said once the resolution is adopted, it would be sent to the Board of Elections which is responsible for providing a minimum of 45 days notice before the election. Mr. Keaton asked for direction from the Board regarding the type of resolution that should be drafted for the Board to consider. Members of the Board indicated they would like for the resolution to include the intent and why the Board is asking for the additional sales tax so the voters will understand why the county needs the tax and what it intends to do with it. The County Manager and County Attorney were directed to draft a resolution for the Board to consider that indicates the county's intent for the sales tax. Vice-Chairman Dixon suggested that the Board might need to hold a meeting to discuss how the tax would be used because there are several things the money could be used for including future debt, current debt, and school upgrades. He said it has even been mentioned that some of the money might go to College of The Albemarle. He stated that everyone needs to be on the same page. The County Manager said he would circulate some information to the Board and ask for feedback.

8. DISCUSSION REGARDING DRAINAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR MOTION SENSORS:

Commissioner Joe Winslow stated that an issue relating to the Pasquotank County Drainage Ordinance has been brought to his attention as it relates to the Motion Sensors project. He asked Ms. Marcy Bergman, the owner of Motion Sensors, to express her concerns. Ms. Bergman explained that she is looking for some answers as to why she has been charged such an excessive amount for a stormwater review of her business expansion project by engineers the county has elected to use. Commissioner Bill Trueblood suggested that the Planning Director explain the process of stormwater review.

Ms. Cox stated that currently for commercial projects the county collects a stormwater escrow deposit. For a minor site plan of three acres or less, the amount is \$3,700, and for a major site plan of three acres or more a \$5,400 stormwater escrow deposit is required. Ms. Cox said the stormwater fee schedule states that if the escrow account drops below \$1,000, the applicant is required to replenish to the original fee. She advised that anything left over at the end of the project, once the engineer has done a final inspection to ensure that all the improvements have been installed according to the plans, will be refunded to the applicant. She said up until this project every other commercial project that has come through their office has received a refund of the balance remaining upon completion of the project. She stated that this is the first commercial site plan that she has had that has exceeded the deposit amount. She said this particular site is 5.3 acres and the deposit collected was only \$3,700 which is for a minor site less than three acres, so the correct amount was not paid to begin with. Ms. Cox explained that the county was previously under contract with Patton Harris Rust & Associates which then became Penoni & Associates to pay the engineering fee of \$140 per hour for their review. The county is now contracting directly with Greg Johnson to conduct the stormwater reviews for \$97 per hour. Ms. Cox stated that when she sent the letter to Ms. Bergman informing her of the additional costs, she included copies of all the invoices showing the billable hours. She has also contacted Penoni & Associates to request additional documentation for the hours that were charged.

Assistant County Manager Rodney Bunch explained that when the Board of Commissioners adopted new stormwater standard guidelines a few years back, it set in place the minimum standards. He said the developer has his engineer prepare a site plan and it is submitted to Planning Department staff who send it to the engineer the county has contracted with for drainage reviews. The engineer reviews the developer's plans to determine whether or not they

meet the standards. Mr. Bunch said in this case the engineer spent more time than usual on the project because of the time spent with the developer's engineer communicating design standards. He said these are billable hours that the county has to pay for.

Ms. Bergman stated that she owns Motion Sensors, an electronics manufacturing company in Elizabeth City, and the business has been in operation since 1993. She said they are now at the point where they need to expand their facility for the third time. She stated that new jobs will go along with this expansion and their business has been a success story for Pasquotank County. She said in order to expand, they looked at just adding onto the building, but it did not make sense so they decided to purchase additional land and will be adding an 80 foot by 120 foot metal structure. She said this is not extraordinarily complicated. Ms. Bergman stated that she is concerned that the stormwater escrow deposit established by Pasquotank County is open-ended. She said she recently received a letter from Ms. Cox advising her that she needed to add another \$1,000 to her account. She pointed out that the engineering costs for her entire project have totaled \$12,000 and the engineer that Pasquotank County has hired to review the stormwater, not to design it, has now charged one-third of that \$12,000 with more to come. She asked why the excessive fees are being approved by the county and passed on to her. She said she has to pay the engineering firm she chose to design the project, and she has to pay to build it, and she asked why she has to pay another third of the cost on top of that for somebody to review it.

Ms. Cox explained that the Technical Review Committee reviewed the plans and had several concerns about the drainage plan that had been submitted, as did engineer Greg Johnson. The plan was sent back to Ms. Bergman's engineer to redesign some things to make sure that the project meets the county's guidelines. She said it was a two to three month process with Mr. Johnson and Pennoni & Associates reviewing the drainage calculations. She stated that also during that time there were concerns expressed about the landscaping requirements the county has. She said the original site area has actually changed somewhat because they decided to cut out a lot on the corner which changed some of the drainage configurations.

Commissioner Winslow stated that what concerns him is the fact that the review fee is open-ended. He suggested there might need to be an exemption for a very small building or building addition. Ms. Cox stated that the \$3,700 fee is a minimum requirement for three acres or less, however this project is 5.3 acres. She said there is no maximum cap because it all depends on the job the developer's engineer does in meeting Pasquotank County's stormwater requirements. She added if a project is submitted that meets all of the requirements and the county's engineer can review it and see that it meets the county's requirements, then the developer will get most of the stormwater escrow back.

Commissioner Bill Trueblood gave some history as to why the drainage regulations were originally implemented. He said there were many concerns at that time about what was happening with development and how it was impacting properties downstream. He stated that the Board determined it was a good idea to implement the regulations in order to make sure that whoever was there first was not impacted by whoever was there second. He said the Board felt that drainage post-development should be the same as it was pre-development and that water should not be dumped on downstream properties. He stated that they learned that the engineers hired by a developer were doing a fine job, but they were working for their client. As a result the county decided that verification was needed on what the engineer said. Commissioner Trueblood said the terminology came up "checking the checker". He said the Board felt that so many property owners were being affected by this that it needed to be addressed.

Vice-Chairman Jeff Dixon said he thought the intent of the drainage review was for subdivisions which were being constructed en masse just a few years ago, not for individual businesses. He said these 100 acre subdivisions were having huge impacts on people downstream and upstream, but he does not think the intent was for businesses that are trying to expand and create jobs such as Ms. Bergman's to have all this extra expense. He stated that the subdivision developers were creating a burden on the county by impacting schools and drainage. He said a business is not doing that and is trying to improve and create jobs and is paying taxes to Pasquotank County. Vice-Chairman Dixon explained that his business was hit for a total of \$26,000 in review fees when it added on a 10,000 square foot building. He suggested that the county try to be in line with the city's fees. He said when the stormwater reviews and fees were implemented he was on the Board and he agreed that another set of eyes needed to look at the stormwater plans for a large subdivision, but he believes a five acre business falls into a separate category from a 100 acre subdivision.

Commissioner Winslow noted that he probably has more drainage problems in the district he represents in Providence and Newland townships than all of the other Commissioners combined. He said he does not believe the issue is having the drainage checked, but the cost of having it checked. He stated that a small business cannot pay the significant fees this could lead to if there were unknown issues. He said there must be some way to control the cost of the review for a small business. He stated that the business owner has to have some general idea as to what it may cost rather than an open-ended cost. He said this is not protecting the taxpayer building a building and he believes the county has some obligation to the person building that building.

Mr. H.C. Pritchard stated that the county's engineer has charged \$140 an hour for 29½ hours of work on this project. He said the county could hire an engineer on staff cheaper than this and save the taxpayers of the county.

Assistant County Manager Rodney Bunch explained that two different reviews are going on. He said the state's review is completely different from the county's as the state is reviewing to make sure the project meets their standards. The county's standards exceed state standards, so if a project meets the county's standards, there should be no reason for the state to not approve a project, but they still have to review it. Mr. Bunch said when these fees were implemented, this was a difficult process with more than a year spent on it establishing design standards and coming up with fees. He stated that it was done to the best of the county's ability to estimate what the cost would be on these site plans and this is how the figures of \$3,700 and \$5,400 were established to collect and put in an escrow account. He said it is hoped all of the money would not be spent on every project. He stated when the fee was implemented the Board wanted the developer paying the fees for development, not the taxpayer. He added that there is no one on the county's staff qualified to review the plans and determine if they meet the design standards for stormwater. He said prior to the county hiring PHR&A, the Soil Conservation Service had someone on staff who reviewed subdivision plans which was a free service to the county, however this is no longer available and the county had to come up with a new way to review stormwater and allow development to continue. Mr. Bunch stated that he agrees through the county's current review process that the stormwater review is the most expensive part. He said Ms. Bergman wants this project to move forward and when the project came into the Planning Department, staff reacted as quickly as possible to get the review process started. He noted that the city's extraterritorial zone goes through the property and part of the project would be in the city's jurisdiction. He stated that county staff met with city staff in reviewing the project because it is served by city electricity. He said they tried to decide how best to work with the applicant to make it easier on the business rather than having them deal with two different local governments. He stated that the agreement was for the county to do it all to keep them from having to work with two governments.

Vice-Chairman Dixon said he is not disputing what staff is doing, and the question is having this other set of eyes. He stated that the county does not have a lot of oversight over how long it takes the engineer to scrutinize the plans. He said there is no criticism for county staff, but he believes the Board has created something that was unintended for small businesses. He stated that commercial businesses are having to go through a lot of different processes to get their projects approved.

Commissioner Gary White asked if this project would be just a building addition. Ms. Bergman responded that it will be a separate structure situated 20 feet behind the existing structure. He asked if the property owner had to comply with any stormwater regulations when he first built there. Ms. Bergman said the building was originally built in 1993 and she is not sure what the regulations were at that time. Mr. Bunch said when this development on Pitts Chapel Road was done, they barely went through a review process.

Ms. Cox noted that although the fee schedule shows that the escrow account has to be replenished to the original amount that is not what they are asking Ms. Bergman to do at this point. She said this project is for all intent and purposes complete on paper at this time and the review has been completed. The only thing they are waiting for is for them to obtain a building permit, build the building, and for the county to do the final inspection. Ms. Cox stated that they have asked Ms. Bergman to replenish the amount to \$1,000, as right now the account is \$500 short to pay the bills that PHR&A has sent. She said she feels the \$1,000 would be sufficient to pay the outstanding invoices and recover any final expenses. She said right now there is a \$465 negative balance in the escrow account based on the bills that have been sent to her. She added that at the end of the project, there will be an additional cost for the engineer to ensure that everything has been installed according to the plans. She said this charge should be fairly negligible.

Ms. Bergman said she can understand the purpose behind this process, however she feels like the 30 hours charged to her company for engineering services is excessive for a review. She said she has provided \$3,700 and does not feel that her company should have to pay anything at this point in time. She stated that the county selected the contractor they are dealing with and has managed all relationships with this contractor and it is not someone she has any face to face exchange with. She said if there was an issue with her engineer, it should have been discussed long before now.

Chairman Griffin said he also questions why it would take 30 hours to review a three acre parcel and a 10,000 square foot building. He suggested that the Board consider sending out an RFP for stormwater review services because he questions whether the county is getting what it is paying for or if it is being overcharged. He said it seems that the county is here to help businesses, not to hurt them and he asked where fair ends and gouging begins.

Mr. Bunch suggested before the Board makes any decisions, that it give staff and engineer Greg Johnson a chance to talk to the Board in a work session and review his process with the Board.

Motion was made by Joe Winslow, seconded by Jeff Dixon to request engineer Greg Johnson to come before the Board and justify the fees that have been charged for the Motion Sensors project and to explain the fee structure, and for the Board to determine if there may be an alternate way to limit the fees or exempt some small businesses from the fee.

An amendment to the motion was made by Bill Trueblood, seconded by Gary White to add to the motion to authorize the county to pay the \$465 negative balance in the Motion Sensors account out of the \$10,000 that has been appropriated in this year's budget for drainage in order to resolve this situation. The amendment to the motion carried unanimously.

The amended motion carried unanimously.

9. RESOLUTION REGARDING DOMINION BOULEVARD PROJECT:

Chairman Griffin advised that earlier today he spoke with Economic Developer Wayne Harris who is going to attend a meeting in Chesapeake, Virginia regarding the replacement of the Steel Bridge on Dominion Boulevard and the roadway widening project. He stated that a resolution has been drafted supporting the project, but opposing the proposed tolls because of the economic impact on those who commute back and forth to Virginia daily. He said if approved the resolution will be delivered by Mr. Harris to the Chesapeake City Council meeting tomorrow night.

Motion was made by Joe Winslow, seconded by Jeff Dixon to adopt the following resolution supporting the Dominion Boulevard Bridge Replacement and Roadway Widening Project, but opposing the proposed tolls. The motion carried unanimously and the following resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
DOMINION BOULEVARD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
AND ROADWAY WIDENING PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the traffic congestion on Dominion Boulevard in Chesapeake, Virginia in the vicinity of the "Steel Bridge" is a safety hazard and inconvenience to both automobile and maritime traffic; and

WHEREAS, Dominion Boulevard is one of the most heavily traveled two-lane roads in Virginia with a traffic count of up to 33,000 vehicles a day; and

WHEREAS, Dominion Boulevard is also a major transportation link for hurricane evacuation of those living in the Outer Banks and parts of Northeastern North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Pasquotank County has a workforce that travels this highway daily, as well as consumers who travel it on a regular basis to shop or receive medical care in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chesapeake's plan to replace the "Steel Bridge" with a fixed-span, high-rise bridge and widen the roadway will address safety and capacity deficiencies for both road and maritime traffic and will open up pathways for interstate commerce; but

WHEREAS, the imposition of tolls may produce the unintended consequence of diverting traffic onto other, already-congested toll-free routes in Chesapeake and impose a financial hardship on working people in Chesapeake and Northeastern North Carolina who will have to traverse the bridge on a regular basis;

NOW THEREFORE, the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners commends the City Council of Chesapeake for undertaking these much needed improvements but asks that Council carefully consider the issues of traffic diversion and financial hardship on select citizens in determining how the project will be financed.

ADOPTED this 9th day of July, 2012 by the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners.

10. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner William Sterritt reported that the members of the SPCA are very appreciative of the fact that the county has provided more support for them this year.

Commissioner Bill Trueblood stated that he wants to apologize for what he just did in regards to Motion Sensors, however he feels that is the only way this issue would be resolved. He said as hard as the Board fought to get this \$10,000 in the budget, he does not want to give up any of it.

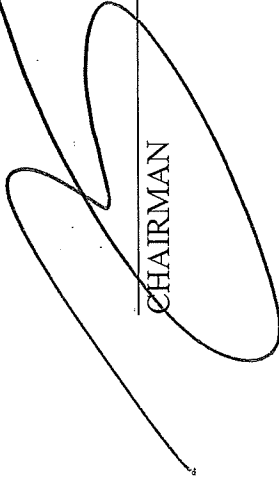
Commissioner Gary White said he will speak with Mr. Bunch later regarding the stormwater review and how the fees were established.

Commissioner Cecil Perry reported that the Appointments Committee will meet on Monday, July 16 at 12:00 noon. He asked if anyone has questions regarding ECBH that they let him know. He said they are in the process of planning a retreat to discuss procedures.

Chairman Griffin reported that the initial meeting of the Hospital RFP Joint Task Force will be held tomorrow at 5:30 PM. He also said the Health Insurance Pool will meet tomorrow at 12:00 noon.

Chairman Griffin asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being no further business he asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was made by Gary White, seconded by Jeff Dixon to adjourn the meeting.
The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.


CHAIRMAN


CLERK TO THE BOARD