

**PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
AUGUST 17, 2020**

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners met today in a regular meeting on Monday, August 17, 2020 in Courtroom C in the Pasquotank County Courthouse.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Dixon, Chairman
Lloyd E. Griffin, III, Vice-Chairman
Cecil Perry
Frankie Meads
Charles H. Jordan
Sean Lavin
Barry Overman

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Sparty Hammett, County Manager
Lynn Scott, Clerk to the Board
Mike Cox, County Attorney
Shelley Cox, Planning Director

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Jeff Dixon. He welcomed those in attendance. Vice-Chairman Lloyd Griffin gave the invocation and Frankie Meads led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

1. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Chairman Dixon asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. Finance Committee Chairman Lloyd Griffin requested the agenda be amended to add the following items recommended by the Finance Committee today: 1) Approval of Tax Releases and Refunds; 2) Approval of Late Property Tax Exemption or Exclusion Applications; 3) Approval of Budget Amendments; 4) Approval to Purchase Voting Equipment; 5) Approval of Bid for Transfer Station Floor Repairs; 6) Approval of Request to Reclassify Vacant Sheriff's Office Position; 7) Approval of Coronavirus Relief Fund Plan; and 8) Approval of Nonprofit Grant Program.

Motion was made by Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Cecil Perry to amend the agenda to add Items #1-8 to the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

2. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR GENERAL NUISANCES:

Chairman Dixon declared the meeting to be a public hearing on proposed ordinance for general nuisances.

Chairman Dixon explained that the Special Projects Committee has recommended approval of proposed amendments to the County Public Health Nuisances Ordinance to address the accumulation of rubbish, trash, or junk, and the obstruction of drainage ways. Additionally, it amends the height for growth of weeds and grass from 24" to 18".

Planning Director Shelley Cox said currently the County has a grass ordinance which was adopted last year that sets a height of 24" before the County can go in and enforce the ordinance. What they have found is 24" is so high that by the time they go through the process of getting the complaint in, researching it, and sending out a letter giving the property owner a couple of weeks to get it taken care of, the grass is so overgrown that it is extremely expensive for the County to have to go in with a bush hog. Many of the grass contractors do not like mowing these properties because they are afraid there will be something in the grass they cannot see, and will damage their equipment. Based on conversations with the County's Code Enforcement Officer, she is recommending that the Board reduce the height to 18" instead of 24".

In addition, staff is proposing to have an ordinance which will allow them to enforce the accumulation of rubbish and junk, and severe situations where there is so much junk on a property that it creates a health issues, such as fire or breeding grounds for snakes and rodents. She said her office receives a lot of these complaints, and at this point there is not a whole lot that they can do about it. She stated that it is not their intent to become yard police and send out notices to everyone in the County, but to use the ordinance in extreme situations where there is a public health or safety concern.

Finally, they are proposing to add in a provision that would give staff some power or authority if someone obstructs a drainage way or ditch that blocks water and causes property damage downstream. This would allow them to do something about it. She explained that state law currently has something stating that you cannot obstruct a drainage way, but staff felt that having something locally would be important as well, and give them a little bit more teeth at enforcing those types of situations.

Ms. Cox said the recommendations went before the Special Projects Committee in July. The Special Projects Committee voted to move forward with the recommendations to the full Board. She noted that the County Attorney has some concerns about enforcement of the changes.

There being no comments, the public hearing was closed.

County Attorney Mike Cox stated that he has a couple of concerns. He is worried that this could bring a flood of complaints. Additionally, he has concerns with enforcement. He would like to see something added regarding the number of feet the rubbish is from another residence. Many years ago there was a citizen who rode around the County all day looking for violations.

Vice-Chairman Griffin asked how we would handle culverts which are too small and impeding drainage. Ms. Cox stated that this ordinance is really directed at someone intentionally going out and putting something in a ditch, such as boards or concrete. The issues with culvert sizes and long term problems need to be addressed by the Drainage Advisory Committee. She said this gets our foot in the door for the immediate problems. She noted that a lot of time these situations involve neighbors feuding. Unfortunately, they see this often. This will give staff the authority to do something about situation where someone is intention blocking the ditch.

Commissioner Meads feels that amending the grass height restriction to 18” would be very difficult. With the recent rain the County had, grass can grow 2’ in less than two weeks. He asked how we will write the ordinance so that everyone interprets it the same. He said it is very expensive to mow vacant lots. If a vacant lot is not in a development, and it is several hundred feet from another residence, he does not feel that we should include it in the ordinance. He feels there needs to be more details in the ordinance, so that it can be interpreted the same by everyone reading it. Ms. Cox said if staff goes out to assess a complaint and there are only a few sprigs that are taller than 18” or 24”, they will not send a letter. If the whole yard is grown up, staff will send a letter. Once staff sends a letter, the owner is generally given two weeks to correct the problem. Within those two weeks, there is usually a day or two that they will be able to mow it due to weather.

Ms. Cox noted that the ordinance is based on a “complaint only” basis. Nine times out of ten, maybe even more, the complaints they receive are from within neighborhoods.

Commissioner Overman said the Special Projects Committee believed the issue to be a public nuisance, not a general maintenance ordinance. If staff receives a complaint, it gives them the opportunity to investigate to determine if it is truly a nuisance. If it is truly creating a nuisance, it can be abated. He said maybe there does need to be some clarification to the determination of whether it meets 18” or not, but holistically we are talking about a whole lot grown up beyond 18”, not just sprigs or weeds. He said the whole purpose of creating nuisance abatements is to make the county look better, not just to exist to make the neighbors happy and others unhappy.

Chairman Dixon asked how many appeals have been received. Ms. Cox said her office has not had any appeals for grass. She said their Code Enforcement Officer is very reasonable in how he enforces this. He works with people. If there is a situation where there has been extreme weather, they understand. If someone’s lawnmower is broke down, they understand. They are not here to penalize people, we are here to help the County and neighborhoods not fall into blight.

Motion was made by Charles Jordan, seconded by Cecil Perry to adopt the following amendment to the County’s Public Health Nuisances Ordinance to regulate: the growth of weeds and grass, accumulations of rubbish, and the like; and obstruction of drainage ways:

**AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
NUISANCES ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE
ACCUMULATION OF “RUBBISH” AND DRAINAGE WAYS**

WHEREAS, Pasquotank County has a Public Health Nuisances Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the accumulation of rubbish, trash or junk can be a public health and safety issue; and

WHEREAS, the obstruction of drainage ways can also be a hazard to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, Pasquotank County annually receives numerous complaints regarding the accumulation of rubbish and the like and obstructive drainage ways; and

WHEREAS, Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners finds that the accumulation of rubbish and the like and obstructive drainage ways are dangerous and prejudicial to the public health and safety of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Pasquotank County has decided to regulate the accumulation of rubbish and the like and obstructive drainage ways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Pasquotank that the Public Health Nuisances Ordinance is amended as follows:

Section 1 of the General Nuisances Ordinance is amended as follows:

Section 1. CERTAIN CONDITIONS DECLARED NUISANCES

The existence of any of the following conditions on any lot, whether improved or not, or other parcel of land within the county limits is hereby declared to be dangerous and prejudicial to the public health or safety and to constitute a public nuisance:

(A) *Growth of weeds and grass.* The uncontrolled growth of noxious weeds or grass causing or threatening to cause a hazard detrimental to the public health or safety. In no event may the grass or weeds on any portion of a lot located in a platted subdivision and not used for active farming or woodlands exceed the height of 24 **18** inches.

(B) Accumulations of rubbish, and the like. Any accumulation of rubbish, trash, or junk causing or threatening to cause a fire hazard, causing or threatening to cause the accumulation of stagnant water or causing or threatening to cause the inhabitation therein of rats, mice, snakes, or vermin of any kind which is or may be dangerous or prejudicial to the public health.

(C) Obstruction of drainage ways. The placement of rubbish, trash, yard debris, soil, vegetation, or other items impeding the flow of water and/or causing or threatening to cause the obstruction of drainage ways.

Section 2. This amendment is effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 17th day of August, 2020.

Commissioner Meads asked Commissioner Jordan if he would be willing to amend his motion to not include changing the height restriction for grass. Commissioner Jordan said his motion is to approve the amendment as presented by staff, which reduces the height from 24” to 18”.

Chairman Dixon reminded the Board that the ordinance needs a unanimous vote of the full Board at the first meeting presented in order to pass. If there is not a unanimous vote of the full Board at the first meeting presented, the ordinance must be placed on the next agenda and will only have to receive a simple majority to pass.

The motion carried 5 to 2, with Commissioners Meads and Griffin voting against the motion.

3. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

The Board considered recommendations made by the Appointment Committee at the last meeting to appoint Dean Schaan and Linea Johnson to the Tourism Development Authority and Treva Gregory to the Pasquotank County Library Board. Their applications for appointment were provided to members of the Board at the last meeting. Chairman Dixon asked if there were any further nominations for the TDA or Library Board. There being none:

Motion was made by Cecil Perry, seconded by Sean Lavin to approve the appointments of Dean Schaan and Linea Johnson to the Tourism Development Authority and Treva Gregory to the Pasquotank County Library Board. The motion carried unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

The Board considered the following consent agenda:

a. Approval of Minutes of August 3, 2020 Commissioner Meeting

b. Approval of Tax Releases and Refunds

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

Tax Releases

		County	City
1.	Mary C. Russell	331.34	
2.	Blinn Augustus Buell III	291.83	
3.	Armell V. & Kelly M. Balmaceda	1,786.40	
4.	Jennie V. Freshwater	610.69	
5.	Thomas Feilding Cage,	160.16	136.24
6.	Mildred Swain Cartwright	999.46	
7.	Stuart H. & Andy A. Hampton	1,032.57	878.36
8.	Lee Cunningham	516.67	
9.	John M. & Stella T. Duhaime	1,496.11	
10.	Nathan R. & Rhonda L. Forbes	941.71	
11.	Tyler J. & Tammie A. Gagnon	1,357.51	
12.	Genesis Property Group LLC	1,446.06	1,230.09
13.	George K. Gordon Sr.	137.05	118.37
14.	Jeraldine C. Gregory	465.93	337.65
15.	William R. Gregory		1,476.36
16.	Paul Douglas & Victoria A. Whitehurst Harris	611.38	520.07
17.	Scott E. Hartley	636.02	
18.	Patrick W. & Pamela C. Hagan	415.50	
19.	Robert J. & Desiree E. Hooper	1,494.57	
20.	Jack O. & Annie I. Horton	666.05	566.58
21.	Michael A. & Megan A. Hurst	579.81	
22.	Martha A. Johnson	110.98	94.32
23.	McPherson Investment Co. LLC	189.11	159.17
24.	MEG Investment LLC	457.38	
25.	David K. & Jennifer L. Mann	1,366.75	
26.	May Family Living Trust	1,432.20	
27.	Irene McClain	420.61	
28.	Mary B. Merrill	1,290.52	
29.	Steven R. & Karen L. Parsons	1,372.14	
30.	Karl E. & Teresa B. Savacool	1,075.69	915.04
31.	Shelton Stryer	1,617.77	
32.	Jonathan M. Twine	821.59	
33.	Village I Inc.	1,658.58	1,410.87
34.	Salvatore Viola	415.50	
35.	Anne B. Williams	518.21	440.82
36.	Erik A. & Caitlin G. Wilson	197.12	
37.	Otho I. Winslow Jr. Life Est.	386.63	
38.	Ronald E. Jr. Kristal K. Swope	1,621.62	

39.	Dave & Amanda G. Spence	1,039.50	884.25
40.	Weatherly Lofts LLC	4,707.01	4,004.02
41.	Vanderbilt Mortgage (2018)	122.47	
42.	Vanderbilt Mortgage (2019)	120.18	
43.	Joseph Thomas & Lyn Mathis Jenkins	2,920.00	2,489.00
44.	Terrance Dale Patrick Jr.	288.00	36.00
45.	David A. Hamilton	2,225.30	
46.	David A. Hamilton	1,105.72	
47.	David A. Williams Etal	1,408.34	
48.	Stephanie J. Brooks	405.03	258.05
49.	Meads Family Investments LLC	6,107.64	5,195.46
50.	Florine B. & Dallas Barnes	135.52	
51.	David A. Williams Etal	28.49	
52.	Steven B. & Elizabeth A. Campbell	2,544.89	1,717.42
53.	Walter & Patricia Godfrey & Tesheena A. Godfrey-Edmondson	841.62	
54.	Saint Stephens Missionary Baptist Church		36.00
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56.	Gordon Dale Meads	144.00	
57.	Patrick A, Chapman	1,134.00	

Solid Waste Fee Releases

		Parcel ID #	Reason for Release
1.	Freddie A. & Patricia P. Brewer	33-B-437	Vacant
2.	Patricia Dance Cherry	23-S-30	Vacant
3.	John R. Etheridge Heirs	P63-40-1	Vacant
4.	Family Worship Center EC Inc.	P35-36	Vacant
5.	Federal National Mortgage Assoc. Inc.	P98-44C	Vacant
6.	Jean & Vivian Gibson Ferebee	P112-32	Vacant
7.	James R. & Shirley Q, Griffin	16-S-35	Vacant
8.	Shirley Griffin	P80-84A	Vacant
9.	Steven R. Harris	P11-9	Vacant
10.	Na Tran Jordan	P132A-146	Vacant
11.	Gussie R. Layden	P119-75	Vacant
12.	Tony Lewis	23-R-27	Vacant
13.	Tony Lewis	12-G-16A	Vacant
14.	Tony Lewis	50-L-8	Vacant
15.	Wendy McLean	26-B-32	Vacant
16.	Robert J. McWilliams	10-H-167	Vacant
17.	H T Mullen Jr.	P139-11	Vacant
18.	Pasquotank County	76-A-1	Vacant
19.	Janice Poole & Hattie Poole	P95-21	Vacant
20.	William L. Spellman Life Est.	P99-9	Vacant
21.	Pearl Sutton	P98-12	Vacant
22.	Issac M.& Pearl J. Sutton	P67-29	Vacant
23.	Carl T. Waybright & Carol R. Winkler	P133-5	Vacant
24.	Carl T. Waybright & Carol R. Winkler	P133A-76 & 77	Vacant
25.	Wayne & Carolyn White	P142-12	Vacant
26.	Sam T. Williams Heirs	P77-3	Vacant
27.	Timothy & Carla Dewald	P12A-31	Vacant
28.	Elizabeth White Barnes	33-B-427B	Vacant
29.	Loretta Manning Bartley	P133A-72	Vacant
30.	Tameca Michelle Bowe	39-A-22	Vacant
31.	Deborah Mae Comer Bunch Etal	12-B-17	Vacant
32.	Deborah Mae Comer Bunch Etal	12-B-18	Vacant
33.	Vivian E .Butts Etal	P142-15	Vacant
34.	Linda Davenport	P110-58	Vacant
35.	Dorothy Gallop Gregory	P111-41	Vacant
36.	Annette Griswell Etal	P93-19	Vacant
37.	Janice & Dennis Dance	P63-44A	Vacant
38.	Lindsey Lee James	28-D-7	Vacant
39.	Jeff Overton Jr. Heirs	P67-44	Vacant
40.	Reginald Overton Etal	P99-8	Vacant

41.	C. E. & Blanche Price	50-B-16	Vacant
42.	Charlie Price	P98-3	Vacant
43.	Charlie E. & Blanche Price	32-H-12B	Vacant
44.	Charlie & Blanche Price	55-E-25,26	Vacant
45.	Robert M. & Frances B. Ross	P141-173	Vacant
46.	Doris Rountree	P119A-8	Vacant
47.	George Scott Est	32-H-3	Vacant
48.	Luther Jr. & Judith Williams Life Est.	P80-79	Vacant
49.	Timothy S. & Susan B. Witwer	P143-36,37,38	Vacant
50.	Mary O. & John Gibson Life Estate	P63-4	Vacant
51.	Elizabeth S. Overton	P98-16	Vacant

Solid Waste Fee Refund

		Parcel ID #	Reason for Release
1.	Sherwood L. & Clara H. Spence	P119A-2	Data Entry Error

c. Approval of Budget Amendments

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

Ag Ext

Increase	010.0991.4991.00	Fund Balance Appropriated	2,458.00
Increase	010.4950.5600.34	Grant-SHIIP	2,458.00

Ag Ext

Increase	010.0991.4991.00	Fund Balance Appropriated	5,148.00
Increase	010.4950.5650.00	Local-Grant Expenses	5,148.00

ECPPS

Increase	010.0991.4991.00	Fund Balance Appropriated	2,186,800.00
Increase	010.5910.5636.00	Capital Outlay	2,186,800.00

Emergency Mgmt

Increase	010.0991.4991.00	Fund Balance Appropriated	22,477.00
Increase	010.4330.5636.01	Add'l Funding (Suppl Grant)	22,477.00

Non-Departmental

Increase	010.0240.4380.25	Federal Grants	225,000.00
Increase	010.4195.5693.05	City of Elizabeth City	225,000.00

Non-Departmental

Increase	010.0991.4991.00	Fund Balance Appropriated	250,000.00
Increase	010.4195.5699.00	Small Business Grants	250,000.00

ECPPS

Increase	010.0991.4991.00	Fund Balance Appropriated	50,000.00
Increase	010.5910.5636.01	Add'l Funding – COVID-19	50,000.00

EMS

Increase	010.0240.4380.25	Federal Grants	29,542.00
Increase	010.4370.5121.00	Salaries & Wages	25,154.00
Increase	010.4370.5181.00	FICA	1,925.00
Increase	010.4370.5182.00	Retirement	2,463.00

Sheriff

Increase	010.0240.4380.25	Federal Grants	27,190.00
Increase	010.4310.5121.00	Salaries & Wages	22,040.00
Increase	010.4310.5181.00	FICA	1,686.00
Increase	010.4310.5182.00	Retirement	3,464.00

Emergency Mgmt

Increase	010.0240.4380.25	Federal Grants	1,465.00
Increase	010.4330.5121.00	Salaries & Wages	1,243.00
Increase	010.4330.5181.00	FICA	95.00

Increase	010.4330.5182.00	Retirement	127.00
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SRO's

Increase	010.0240.4380.25	Federal Grants	3,879.00
Increase	010.4315.5121.00	Salaries & Wages	3,146.00
Increase	010.4315.5181.00	FICA	241.00
Increase	010.4315.5182.00	Retirement	492.00

Sheriff

Increase	010.0240.4380.25	Federal Grants	58,008.00
Increase	010.4310.5261.00	Departmental Supplies	31,408.00
Increase	010.4310.5500.00	Capital Outlay	26,600.00

SRO's

Increase	010.0600.4950.00	School Security	53,565.00
Increase	010.4315.5121.00	Salaries & Wages	38,919.00
Increase	010.4315.5181.00	FICA	2,748.00
Increase	010.4315.5182.00	Retirement	7,255.00
Increase	010.4315.5183.00	Health Insurance	6,528.00
Increase	010.4195.8186.00	Workers Compensation	1,115.00

Landfill

Increase	065.0350.4742.01	Tipping Fees-Cash	22,600.00
Increase	035.7420.5570.00	Landfill Improvements	22,600.00

Non-Departmental

Increase	010.0240.4380.20	FEMA Funds	640,547.00
Increase	010.4195.5600.35	HMGP – Elevation	101,648.00
Increase	010.4195.5600.36	HMGP – Acquisition	538,899.00

Non-Departmental

Increase	010.0230.4370.00	State Grants	299,200.00
Increase	010.4195.5600.00	Grant Funds	299,200.00

d. Approval of Late Property Tax Exemption or Exclusion Applications

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of the following late property tax exemption or exclusion applications:

Taxpayer	Reason	Date Requested	Amount
Carol K. Southward	Elderly Exclusion	06-04-2020	\$1,173.37
Sylvia Barkley Deerfield	Disabled Veterans Exclusion	06-30-2020	710.25
Mark E. McQueen	Disabled Exclusion	06-11-2020	710.25
Greater Faith Assembly of Christ	Property Tax Exemption or Exclusion	08-05-2020	2,046.30

e. Approval to Purchase Voting Equipment

The Pasquotank County Board of Elections recommended the purchase of new voting equipment from Elections System & Software (ES&S). The total cost of the voting equipment is \$100,545, which is under the budgeted amount of \$125,000. The Finance Committee recommended accepting the bid from ES&S to purchase voting equipment for \$100,545.

f. Approval of Bid for Transfer Station Floor Repairs

The Solid Waste Committee has recommended accepting the bid from Osbourn Contract Services, Inc. in the amount of \$134,567 for repairs to the transfer station floor. The Finance Committee also recommended accepting the bid from Osbourn Contract Services, Inc. in the amount of \$134,567, which is under the budget amount of \$135,000.

g. Approval of Request to Reclassify Vacant Sheriff's Office Position

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of the request to reclassify a vacant Deputy position to an Administrative Assistant in the Sheriff's Office.

h. Approval of Coronavirus Relief Fund Plan

The County recently received the second round of the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) - \$772,902.06, and must submit the CRF Plan to the North Carolina Pandemic Recovery Office by

September 1, 2020. The Finance Committee recommended submitting the following CRF Plan as presented, and directed the County Manager to bring necessary CRF Plan amendments based on changes in guidelines or needs back to the Board for approval.

- Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools Allocation \$250,000
- Pasquotank County Public Safety Salaries \$225,000
- City of Elizabeth City Allocation \$225,000
- TDA Allocation – Tourism Public Relations Plan \$ 20,000
- Actions to Facilitate COVID-19 Compliance \$ 52,902

i. Approval of Nonprofit Grant Program

The Board previously approved a \$100,000 allocation for a Nonprofit Grant Program (NGP), which was increased by \$20,000 at the August 3rd Board meeting using the remaining funds from the \$250,000 Small Business Grant Program. The Finance Committee has recommended moving forward with the \$120,000 Nonprofit Grant Program with the guidelines, as present.

Motion was made by Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Barry Overman to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

5. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Lavin stated that today was the first day of school for ECPPS students. Unfortunately, it did not go as smoothly as they had wanted. He said it just highlights the challenges that not only our school board, administration and teachers are facing, but the parents as well. In addition, he is sensitive to the parents who do not necessarily have any way to juggle their careers, livelihood, and wellbeing, and the demands of trying to educate their children during the day as well. He thinks it is a crisis. He believes we will see a widening education gap between those who can afford to send their kids off or spend time with their kids to make sure that they are educated, and those who have to find other alternatives while they work and provide for their families. He is optimistic that we can pull out of this, but he is worried for the future and the kids of this county.

Commissioner Overman reiterated what Commissioner Lavin hit on. He said internet is a real struggle in sections of our county. We did not realize how bad until the “virtual world” kicked in.

Commissioner Jordan attended the initial meeting of the Drainage Advisory Committee. He feels we are moving in the right direction. There are a lot of problems with drainage in Pasquotank County, and he feels the meeting was very productive. He attended the NEAAAT School tour. He stated that it is a very nice facility. He also attended the NCACC Annual Conference, which was held remotely. There was a lot of discussion regarding broadband and the possibility of doing a statewide survey, as well as looking into grants that can be used for broadband expansion. Ronny Smith from Martin County was elected as the new chairperson.

Commissioner Meads recently took an ethics course. He said he learned the chairman of the board is required to read an ethics disclosure at the beginning of each meeting. He noted that the Building Code Council reads a statement prior to each meeting. He asked staff to research and see if the Board is required to read a statement. Chairman Dixon said he believes it is the individual board member’s responsibility to disclose a conflict. Attorney Cox said state boards and agencies have different rules, but he will look into it.

Commissioner Perry said part of the Board’s obligation as commissioners is to make our county a better place for “all” of us to live. He said all of us have traveled down different paths, and sometime we don’t understand what each individual has been exposed to. In the end, the Board should be in one accord when they vote on something. He said he receives emails often regarding the monument and he thinks there needs to be more discussion amongst the members of the board so everyone understands the reason why each one takes the stand that do. He stated that others have no idea what he has experienced, and he has no idea what they have experienced. Perhaps if you hear his experiences, you would better understand why he thinks the way he does. Talking and understanding other’s problems came be a tremendous advantage. Sometimes individuals are quiet and don’t say anything, but they see things. He has had to raise his children differently. Once you take the opportunity to hear how he thinks, you may think differently.

Commissioner Jordan asked that he be excused.

Vice-Chairman Griffin noted that his monthly meetings will occur starting next week.

Chairman Dixon attended the NEAAAT soft opening. He encouraged the Board to stop in and see the facility. He said it is a fantastic facility. The labs are state of the art.

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

Motion was made by Cecil Perry, seconded by Frankie Meads to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK TO THE BOARD