

**PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
NOVEMBER 19, 2012**

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners met today in a regular meeting on Monday, November 19, 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. He welcomed everyone present including Board of Education Chairman Mark Small.

1. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Chairman Griffin asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. Vice-Chairman Jeff Dixon requested that the agenda be amended to add the following items recommended by the Finance Committee to the agenda: 1) Approval of 2011-12 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report; 2) Approval to fill vacant receptionist position at Social Services Department; and 3) Approval to relocate Board of Elections Office to Edgewood Center. County Attorney Mike Cox requested to add approval of an amendment to a confidentiality agreement related to the Hospital RFP.

Motion was made by Jeff Dixon, seconded by Cecil Perry to amend the agenda to include the four items listed above to the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

The Board considered the following consent agenda:

- a. Approval of Minutes of October 30 and November 5, 2012 Commissioner Meetings
- b. Approval of Tax Releases and Refunds

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of the following tax releases and refunds:

Releases:

	County	City
1. Ryan David McClain	160.46	
2. SPCA of Northeastern NC	1,190.40	
3. Nellie L. Spain	178.74	87.62
4. McIntosh Aviation LLC	204.60	
5. Luke Thomas Piecuch	155.99	121.99
6. Alexander Graham Bell	119.04	94.28
7. Dimitri Gary Simtloff	106.70	
8. Timothy William Frank	146.13	
9. Todd Whitcomb	138.82	109.11
10. Jolee Stephen Goldsmith	129.02	
11. Jolee Stephen Goldsmith	127.84	
12. Isabelle J. Dunstan Heirs	156.86	
13. Randal Gregory Park, Jr.	100.32	

14.	Lenton Ruben Griffin	223.20
15.	William Edward Perry	137.70
16.	Navin LaPatrick Griffin	217.01
17.	Navin LaPatrick Griffin	120.58
18.	Kenneth Louis Bull	63.86
		52.90

Refunds:

1.	Isabelle J. Dunstan Heirs	139.15
2.	Isabelle J. Dunstan Heirs	148.01
3.	Isabelle J. Dunstan Heirs	153.07
4.	Isabelle J. Dunstan Heirs	156.86
5.	Sarah Johnson James	210.10
6.	Sarah Johnson James	223.47
7.	Sarah Johnson James	231.11
8.	Sarah Johnson James	236.84
9.	Sarah Johnson James	236.84
		171.90
		171.90
		177.63
		177.63
		189.09

Solid Waste Releases:

Owner's Name	Parcel ID Number	Reason for Release
Pauline B. & Edward Lee White, Jr.	P12-21C	Vacant
Leona Loretta Taylor	50-N-23A	Vacant-Mobile home not livable
George Evans Heirs	P92-18	Dwelling not livable
Edward B. Holloman & Jo Ann Jezard	P142B-58	No one lives at residence
Lou Carnell Ricks	P108-40	Vacant
Julieue Johnson Estate	55-F-23-24	House demolished

c. Approval of Request for Dues from U.S. Highway 17 Association

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of the payment of dues in the amount of \$1,000 to the U.S. Highway 17 Association with the money to come from Occupancy Tax funds.

d. Approval of Surplus Property for Sale on GovDeals

There are a number of old filing cabinets that were in the file rooms for the Clerk of Court's Office that are surplus and need to be sold. No other departments have expressed an interest in the filing cabinets. It is requested that the Board surplus these cabinets so they can be sold on GovDeals.com

e. Approval of Petitions and Adoption of Resolutions for Addition of Roads to the State System for Maintenance

The developers of Small Acres, Newbegun Land and Carolina Dunes have submitted petitions requesting the addition of the following roads to the state system for maintenance:

- Flint Trail and Shard Trail in Small Acres
- Eyrie Lane, Beverly Drive, William Drive, and Gaston Drive in Carolina Dunes
- Maggie Lane, Courthouse Lane, Lister Chase, Enfield Court, Blackstock Court, Broomfield Trail, Airship Drive, and Blimpview Drive in Newbegun Land.

The Board will need to adopt resolutions requesting that the Department of Transportation add these roads to the state system.

f. Approval of FY 2011-12 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of the FY 2011-12 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report as presented at the Finance Committee meeting today.

g. Approval to Fill Vacant Receptionist Position at Social Services Department

The Finance Committee has recommended approval to fill a vacant front desk receptionist position at the Department of Social Services due to a retirement.

h. Approval to Relocate Board of Elections Office

The Finance Committee has recommended that the Board approve the relocation of the Board of Elections Office to Edgewood Center. East Carolina Farm Credit, the current landlord, has expressed the need for additional offices for their own use, and the Elections Office has

outgrown the available parking at the current location during one-stop voting. There would be some cosmetic renovation costs and possibly some improvements to the parking lot needed. The county should save approximately \$20,000 per year in rent by relocating the offices to Edgewood Center.

i. Approval of Amendment to Confidentiality Agreement

The County Attorney provided an amended Confidentiality Agreement related to the Hospital RFP. The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners, the Albemarle Hospital Authority Board of Commissioners, and RegionalCare Hospital Partners entered into a Confidentiality Agreement on October 9, 2012, however it is requested that WakeMed be included as a party to the agreement. The amended Confidentiality Agreement would be signed by all four parties.

Motion was made by Joe Winslow, seconded by Gary White 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. Herbert Anthony McCalla		83.63
2. William I. Jr. & Rebecca Gainey	5.46	
3. Mary Louise Carroll	42.78	32.09
4. Northeast Insurance Agency, Inc.	21.77	16.33
5. Cassie Seymour	6.30	4.72
6. Quelisha Daneen Robinson	28.83	26.62
7. Roxanne Allison Brooks	36.34	27.25
8. Debrah Norman Huteo	27.84	
9. Jesse Kessel Carpenter	5.27	
10. Alice Jordan Cartwright	11.54	
11. Jeanette Catherine Henne	5.64	
12. Bryan Alan Henne	85.75	
13. Louise Burnham Mallory	3.20	2.40
14. Nikolai Nitiolae Vick Kovalev	45.95	
15. Elton Leroy Holley	12.37	9.28
16. Donna Ambrose Heath	7.44	
17. Charlotte Young Pureza	8.44	
18. David Ross Disbennett	7.01	5.59
19. John Wayne Dozier	12.96	
20. Daniel Wayne Humphrey	12.03	
21. Randal Gregory Park, Jr.	83.20	
22. Leslie Michele Dominesey	16.68	
23. Winston Carl Trueblood	28.28	22.58
24. Brinkley Nicole Thompson	7.44	
25. Sybil Baccus & Randy Hall	97.96	
26. Lisa M. & Donald L. Jones, Jr. Etal	78.12	62.37
27. James Olan Delong	52.70	42.08
28. James Cornelous Sharpe	2.55	2.03
29. Daniel A. Navs, Jr.	90.64	72.98
30. Sheen Davis Tate	3.26	2.45
31. Joseph Ray Hyder, Jr.	18.26	13.70
32. Natalie Diggs Redd	46.35	37.01
33. Zeth Merritt Devore	94.12	80.14
34. Myron Isaac Simmons	29.02	23.17
35. Gayle Louise MacWhinnie	3.14	2.35
36. Andre Dante Magrioni III	8.50	
37. Jonathan Toby Perry	13.64	
38. Richard Thurston Harvey	28.83	
39. Richard Thurston Harvey	39.31	
40. Ashley Leigh Sanders	10.48	
41. Christopher Leo Eason	14.73	
42. Connie Melissa Barbieri	12.34	

43.	Nancy Herman Thomas	70.44	
44.	Kenneth Louise Bull	63.86	52.90
45.	Joyce Evonne Johnson	9.58	7.19
46.	Jeffrey Bruce Foster II	39.12	34.34
47.	Jerry Stephen Speakman	19.10	
48.	John Wesley Johnson	7.94	10.95
49.	Paul Kechere Nwamara	52.33	39.25
50.	John Allen South, Jr.	74.52	60.89
51.	Robert Allen Roane	34.35	
52.	George Clay Manos, Jr.	15.54	
53.	Deborah Elaine Johnson	2.79	2.10
54.	William Allen Johnson	5.83	4.38
55.	Jaclyn Amber Young	75.89	65.59
56.	Lynn Newbern Nash	35.03	
57.	Wendy Michelle Mariah Crawley	7.57	5.68
58.	Wendy Michelle Mariah Crawley	4.65	3.49
59.	Denitia Charnelle Griffin	43.84	
60.	Tremayne Darryl Lumden	17.74	14.16
61.	Tynasha Donnette Wilson	1.52	1.14
62.	Wesley Sean Goodman	98.39	
63.	Jeanette Marie Hentze	24.90	
64.	Wesley Felton, Jr.	21.70	16.28
65.	Phyllis Gibbs Brickhouse	11.23	
66.	Dwight Eugene Berry, Jr.	13.85	
67.	Stanley Skinner	63.36	50.58
68.	Kenneth Douglas Holley, Jr.	7.26	5.44
69.	Jeffrey Allen Webb, Sr. & Robin Mooney	13.20	10.53
70.	New Life Family Center		36.00
71.	Christopher Floyd Roberts	52.20	
72.	Chelsea Anne Smith	23.94	19.11
73.	Michael Scott Hall	92.01	74.01
74.	Mamie T. Hill	17.36	13.86
75.	Erik Ryan Henderson	10.29	
76.	Thomas Kelly Felton	23.38	17.53
77.	Arnthony Lee Eckenrode	28.40	
78.	Lauffenburger Revocable Living Trust	11.47	
79.	Christopher Lynn Pendergrass	53.13	
80.	Christopher Lynn Pendergrass	71.24	
81.	Tara Hogan Clark	2.61	
82.	Stephanie H. Carpenter	32.74	

3. APPROVAL OF CHANGE IN JANUARY MEETING SCHEDULE:

The clerk informed the Board that the second meeting in January 2013 falls on the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. In past years the Board has moved the meeting to the following Tuesday or just held one regular meeting in January.

Motion was made by Jeff Dixon, seconded by Gary White to hold only one regular Commissioner meeting in January, 2013 on Monday, January 14. The motion carried unanimously.

4. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR A REDUCED SPEED LIMIT ON NORTHSIDE ROAD:

The Board considered a request that Commissioner Joe Winslow has received from residents on Northside Road to reduce the speed limit from 45 mph to 35 mph from the southern end of Northside Road to the schools on Northside Road. Commissioner Winslow stated that he understands several individuals who live in this area have signed a petition and were supposed to be at tonight's meeting to present their petition, but they are not here.

Motion was made by Joe Winslow, seconded by Gary White to delay action on the request for a reduced speed limit on Northside Road until staff has obtained more information on what would be needed to change the speed limit and until Commissioner Winslow can get more information from the residents along this road. The motion carried unanimously.

5. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION RELATING TO REFINANCING OF 2004 COPS ISSUE:

County Manager Randy Keaton provided a proposed resolution calling for a public hearing on an amendment to the Installment Financing Agreement to refinance a portion of the 2004 COPS Issue.

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Commissioner Lloyd E. Griffin, III introduced the following resolution, a copy of which had been provided to each Commissioner and which was read by its title:

RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON WHETHER THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF PASQUOTANK, NORTH CAROLINA SHOULD APPROVE A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO AN INSTALLMENT FINANCING AGREEMENT TO REFINANCE A PORTION OF THE COST OF A NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL AND PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, the County of Pasquotank, North Carolina (the "County") and the Pasquotank County Public Facilities Corporation entered into an Installment Financing Agreement, dated as of December 1, 2004 (the "2004 Installment Agreement"), to finance pursuant to G.S. §160A-20, as amended, a portion of the cost of constructing and equipping a project consisting of a new middle school (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the County is considering entering into an amendment to the 2004 Installment Agreement and certain related documents pursuant to G.S. §160A-20, as amended, for the purpose of providing funds in an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000, with any other available funds, for the refinancing of all or some portion of the County's obligations under the 2004 Installment Agreement in order to realize debt service savings for the County; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to call a public hearing on such proposed amendment to the 2004 Installment Agreement and to provide for certain related matters at this time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County as follows:

Section 1. A public hearing shall be held at 7:00 P.M. on December 3, 2012 in Courtroom C on the second floor of the Pasquotank County Courthouse on Main Street, in Elizabeth City, North Carolina for the purpose of considering whether the Board of Commissioners for the County (the "Board") should approve such proposed amendment to the 2004 Installment Agreement and certain related documents pursuant to G.S. §160A-20, as amended, for the purpose of providing funds in an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000, with any other available funds, for the refinancing of all or some portion of the County's obligations under the 2004 Installment Agreement in order to realize debt service savings for the County. The County would secure the repayment by it of moneys advanced pursuant to such proposed amendment to the 2004 Installment Agreement by granting a security interest in a portion of the Project and certain related property.

Section 2. The Clerk to the Board shall cause a notice of such public hearing to be published in The Daily Advance once at least 10 days before December 3, 2012, such notice to read substantially as follows:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON WHETHER THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF PASQUOTANK, NORTH
CAROLINA SHOULD APPROVE A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO AN
INSTALLMENT FINANCING AGREEMENT TO REFINANCE A PORTION
OF THE COST OF A NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a public hearing to be held at 7:00 P.M. on December 3, 2012 in Courtroom C on the second floor of the Pasquotank County Courthouse on Main Street, in Elizabeth City, North Carolina for the purpose of considering whether the Board of Commissioners for the County of Pasquotank, North Carolina (the "County") should approve a proposed amendment to the 2004 Installment Agreement hereinafter described and certain related documents pursuant to G.S. §160A-20, as amended, for the purpose of providing funds in an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000, with any other available funds, for the refinancing of all or some portion of the County's obligations under the 2004 Installment Agreement in order to realize debt service savings for the County. The County would secure the repayment by it of moneys advanced pursuant to such proposed amendment to the 2004 Installment Agreement by granting a security interest in a portion of the Project hereinafter described and certain related property.

The 2004 Installment Agreement consists of the Installment Financing Agreement, dated as of December 1, 2004, entered into between the County and the Pasquotank County Public Facilities Corporation to finance a portion of the cost of the Project consisting of the construction and equipping of a new middle school.

Karen S. Jennings
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners
for the County of Pasquotank, North Carolina

Section 3. The Board hereby finds and determines in connection with such proposed amendment to the 2004 Installment Agreement that (a) it is necessary or expedient in order to realize debt service savings for the County, (b) it is preferable to a bond issue of the County for the same purpose because (1) there is not sufficient time to authorize and issue general obligation bonds of the County for such purpose without putting the opportunity to realize debt service savings at greater risk and (2) the Project is not appropriate for refinancing with revenue bonds of the County, (c) the sums estimated to fall due under such proposed amendment to the 2004 Installment Agreement are adequate and not excessive for its proposed purpose because (1) the proposed principal components of such sums are based upon the County's best estimates of the funds needed for such purpose and the sources of funds available to the County for such purpose and (2) interest rates applicable to such proposed amendment to the 2004 Installment Agreement are relatively low currently, (d) the County's debt management procedures and policies are good and its debt will continue to be managed in strict compliance with law, (e) any increase in taxes necessary to meet the sums estimated to fall due under such proposed amendment to the 2004 Installment Agreement will not be excessive because the County expects that it will realize debt service savings in connection with its entering into it and (f) the County is not in default regarding any of its debt service obligations.

Section 4. The County Manager, the Finance Officer and the County Attorney of the County are each hereby designated as a representative of the County to file an application for approval of such proposed amendment to the 2004 Installment Agreement with the Local Government Commission of North Carolina and are authorized to take such other actions as may be advisable in connection with the negotiation of such proposed amendment to the 2004 Installment Agreement and the development of the related refinancing; and all actions heretofore taken by any of such officers or any other officer of the County relating to such matter on behalf of the County are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

Section 5. The Board hereby requests the Local Government Commission of North Carolina to approve such proposed amendment to the 2004 Installment Agreement under Article 8 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as amended.

Section 6. The Board approves or recommends the selection of the following parties and professionals to be on the financing team for such proposed agreement and that their services be utilized to the extent required and where appropriate:

Special Counsel
Non-Profit Corporation
Counsel to Non-Profit Corporation

Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson, P.A.
Pasquotank County Public Facilities Corporation
Trimpi & Nash, L.L.P.

The Board hereby requests the Local Government Commission of North Carolina to approve such parties and professionals as members of such financing team.

Section 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Upon consideration of the foregoing resolution and motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing resolution was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Griffin, Dixon, Perry, Trueblood, Winslow, Sterritt, and White.
Noes: None.

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6. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE INSTALLMENT FINANCING CONTRACT DATED APRIL 25, 2007:

Mr. Keaton stated that the Board also needs to adopt a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a first amendment to the installment financing contract with SunTrust dated April 25, 2007 for the loan to build an addition to College of The Albemarle Building A and renovations to the old library for the Tax, Register of Deeds, and GIS offices. The loan would be modified to reduce the interest rate from 4.32% to 2.76% and would result in a savings of about \$500,000 over the remaining life of the loan.

Motion was made by Jeff Dixon, seconded by Cecil Perry to adopt the following resolution approving an amendment to the Installment Financing Contract with SunTrust Equipment Financing & Leasing Corp. to reduce the interest rate from 4.32% to 2.76%. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY OF PASQUOTANK, NORTH CAROLINA

At a duly called meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Pasquotank, North Carolina held in accordance with all applicable legal requirements, including open meeting laws, on the 19th day of November, 2012, the following resolution was introduced and adopted:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FIRST AMENDMENT TO INSTALLMENT FINANCING CONTRACT DATED APRIL 25, 2007

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2007 the County of Pasquotank entered into an Installment Financing Contract with SUNTRUST LEASING CORPORATION ("the original contract") and the original contract has been assigned to SUNTRUST EQUIPMENT FINANCING & LEASING CORP. ("the Bank"); and

WHEREAS, the Bank has agreed to amend the original contract by lowering the interest rate to be paid by the County of Pasquotank and by adopting a new payment schedule to reflect the lower payments, as reflected in the FIRST AMENDMENT TO INSTALLMENT FINANCING CONTRACT dated November 30, 2012, the form of which has been presented at this meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PASQUOTANK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. It is hereby found and determined that the terms of the FIRST AMENDMENT TO INSTALLMENT FINANCING CONTRACT in the form presented to this meeting and incorporated in this resolution are in the best interests of the County of Pasquotank.

Section 2. The FIRST AMENDMENT TO INSTALLMENT FINANCING CONTRACT is hereby approved. The Chairman of the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners and any

other officer of the County of Pasquotank who shall have power to execute contracts on behalf of the County of Pasquotank be, and each of them hereby is, authorized to execute, acknowledge and deliver the **FIRST AMENDMENT TO FINANCING AGREEMENT** together with all associated documents necessary to obtain the lower interest rate ("the Financing Documents") with any changes, insertions and omissions therein as may be approved by the officers who execute the Financing Documents, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by such execution and delivery of the Financing Documents. The Clerk to the Board of the County of Pasquotank and any other officer of the County who shall have power to do so be, and each of them hereby is, authorized to affix the official seal of the County to the Financing Documents and attest the same.

Section 3. The proper officers of the County of Pasquotank be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all papers, instruments, opinions, certificates, affidavits and other documents and to do or cause to be done any and all other acts and things necessary or proper for carrying out this resolution and the Financing Documents.

The undersigned further certifies that the above resolution has not been repealed or amended and remains in full force and effect and further certifies that the **FIRST AMENDMENT TO INSTALLMENT FINANCING CONTRACT** executed on behalf of Pasquotank County are the same as presented at such meeting of the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners excepting only such changes, insertions and omissions as shall have been approved by the officers who executed the same.

Date: November 19, 2012

7. REPORT FROM COUNTY MANAGER:

Mr. Keaton reported that over 100 invitations were mailed out last Thursday to the dedication ceremony for the RO water plant. He said he is working on the program now. The ceremony will be held next Wednesday, November 28 at 11:00 AM.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Several members of the Board complimented and thanked Mr. Mark Small for his work with the Board of Education over the years and his dedication to the people of Pasquotank County. Mr. Small will be leaving the Board of Education at the end of this month.

Commissioner Cecil Perry reported that the Jail Commission met today and Chowan County is still interested in becoming affiliated with the Albemarle District Jail. He said Chowan's proposal is on hold until it can be studied more by the counties and the Jail Commission. He stated that interviews have been held for a new Jail Administrator, however a suitable applicant has not been found. Commissioner Perry said he will not be able to attend the ribbon-cutting for the RO plant next week, however he hopes someone will be able to video the ceremony so that he might see it at a later date. Commissioner Perry added that he would like to compliment Commissioner Sterritt on his comments at an event last week regarding schools during the period prior to integration.

Commissioner Bill Trueblood stated that for all those Commissioners who will still be on the Board when he leaves, he would like to say as Chairman of the Water Committee that the county has a wonderful opportunity at the new RO plant to brag. He asked that the Board not lose sight of the additional work that needs to take place at the Weeksville plant to make sure that the southern end of Pasquotank County also gets some of the good water.

9. PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO BILL TRUEBLOOD:

Chairman Griffin called on Commissioner Bill Trueblood to receive a plaque expressing appreciation for his service as a County Commissioner for the last twelve years. Tonight will be Commissioner Trueblood's last regular meeting with the Board as a Commissioner.

Commissioner Trueblood thanked the Board and said he would like to thank all of the 40,000 people of the county for the opportunity to serve. He stated that it has been a very rewarding twelve years. He said on behalf of him and his wife, Shirley, he would like to thank the members of Board for all they have done.

Finance Officer Sheri Small said she would like to thank Commissioner Trueblood for his years of service to Pasquotank County and she thinks the county has lost a very valuable asset.

EMS Director Jerry Newell stated that Commissioner Trueblood has been on the EMS Board ever since he became director and EMS has come a long way with his help. He thanked Commissioner Trueblood for his guidance.

Clerk to the Board Karen Jennings stated that she would miss working with Commissioner Trueblood as he has always been very positive. She said he has been a friend to Pasquotank County.

County Attorney Mike Cox stated Commissioner Trueblood was on the Board when he was interviewed and hired as County Attorney. He said it has been a pleasure to work with him.

Assistant County Manager Rodney Bunch stated that before Commissioner Trueblood became a Commissioner he was a member of the Planning Board and helped that Board an awful lot. He said he appreciates all of his help.

County Manager Randy Keaton stated that Commissioner Trueblood has the unique ability to always see the positive in everything. He added that Commissioner Trueblood has always been responsive to requests for information and has always given good feedback. He said Commissioner Trueblood has always been one to get all of the information and make a sound judgment and then explain why he made that judgment or came to that decision. He added that Commissioner Trueblood came on as Chairman of the Board during a difficult time and led the staff well and always offered encouragement. He noted that everyone is sad that he will be leaving.

Commissioner Joe Winslow stated that he has only been on the Board for two years and in that two year period of time he found Commissioner Trueblood very involved with the Board in every issue. He said anything he participated in he gave it his all. He stated that Commissioner Trueblood always studied the issues in order to make the best decisions and he appreciates every attempt he made to help him. He added that Commissioner Trueblood will be missed.

Commissioner William Sterritt said it has been an enlightening experience for him to be around Commissioner Trueblood and learn about county government. He noted that Commissioner Trueblood was a solid citizen in the community long before getting elected to the Board of Commissioners.

Vice-Chairman Jeff Dixon stated that a lot of people have what they call two dads. He said he has his real dad who also served on the Board of Commissioners, and he has his Commissioner dad who is Bill Trueblood. He said when he was first elected to the Board Commissioner Trueblood took him under his wing and worked with him to update him on the issues. He thanked Commissioner Trueblood for always being positive and said he appreciated the opportunity to serve with him.

Commissioner Cecil Perry stated that he would like to compliment Commissioner Trueblood for his service and dedication to the Board of Commissioners. He said Commissioner Trueblood has worked as hard as anyone to make Pasquotank County what it is.

Commissioner Gary White said that Commissioner Trueblood has been his mentor over the last 23 months and it has been a pleasure sitting beside him and serving with him. He stated that Bill Trueblood has given as much to the people of this county as he has to the Weeksville Lions Club which is a tremendous amount. He said he would personally like to thank him for all he has done.

Chairman Griffin stated that Commissioner Trueblood has given so much time to the county as a County Commissioner by participating in all of the meetings. He said Commissioner Trueblood served two terms on the Planning Board and three terms on the Board of Commissioners so he has committed 20 years of service to Pasquotank County. He stated that he has also served on various other boards as a result of being a County Commissioner, such as the EMS Board, Hospital Board, Solid Waste Commission, Water Committee, Economic Development

Commission and always gave his all. He thanked Commissioner Trueblood for his time, his commitment, and his friendship and told him he will be missed.

Mr. Mark Small noted that he has had a rewarding experience as a member of the Board of Education and he can attribute a lot of that to Commissioner Trueblood.

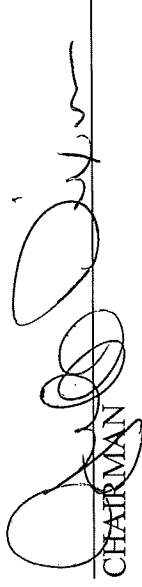
Commissioner Trueblood stated that it is a reward to be elected, but it is even more of a reward to be able to say he represented all 40,000 people in the county. He said he considers this a part of his legacy.

Chairman Griffin stated that tonight is his last night as Chairman and he will pass the gavel to someone else at the next meeting.

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

Motion was made by Bill Trueblood, seconded by Lloyd Griffin to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.


CLERK TO THE BOARD


CHAIRMAN