

**PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
MAY 2, 2016**

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners met today in a regular meeting on Monday, May 2, 2016 in Courtroom C in the Pasquotank County Courthouse.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph S. Winslow, Jr., Chairman
Cecil Perry, Vice-Chairman
Dr. William R. Sterritt
Frankie Meads
Bettie J. Parker

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeff Dixon
Lloyd E. Griffin, III

OTHERS PRESENT: Rodney Bunch, County Manager
R. Michael Cox, County Attorney
Lynn Scott, Clerk to the Board
Patrice Stewart, Tax Administrator

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Joe Winslow. Vice-Chairman Cecil Perry gave the invocation and Commissioner William Sterritt led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Winslow welcomed everyone present.

1. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Chairman Winslow asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. Finance Committee Chairman Cecil Perry requested that the agenda be amended to add the following six items recommended by the Finance Committee today to the consent agenda: 1) Approval of Budget Amendment to appropriate funds for remounting EMS Rescue Unit 5, 2) Approval of Budget Amendment to appropriate funds for repairing the A-B Concourse Walkway at COA, 3) Approval to use \$20,000 of unspent funds in the current 2015-16 budget for the repair design of Concourse A-B at COA, 4) Approval of resolution proposing to accept the bid by Mr. Arthur White in the amount of \$6,200 for surplus property located at 538 Crooked Run Road and start the upset bid process, 5) Approve County Manager sending a letter of intent to the Board of Education stating that that County will fund the J.C. Sawyer roofing project in the amount of \$451,772, and 6) Approval to hire Maintenance Superintendent at Page Grade 24, Step 6 - \$47,672.

Motion was made by Cecil Perry, seconded by Frankie Meads to amend the agenda to add the six additional items recommended by the Finance Committee to the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

2. BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW:

The Clerk swore in the members of the Board of Commissioners to serve as the Board of Equalization and Review for 2016. Chairman Winslow convened the Board of Equalization and Review.

Attorney Mike Cox explained that the Board of E&R is required to meet two times this year. He stated that tonight's meeting will be recessed and reconvened at its May 16th meeting. He informed the Board members that the hearing is quasi-judicial and those who speak will need to be sworn in. He reminded the Board that they are sitting as judges and should keep their contact with the public limited.

Attorney Cox swore in Tax Administrator Patrice Stewart, as well as Mr. Douglas Smith and Mr. Jinchun Yuan.

Chairman Winslow called on Mr. Douglas Smith. Mr. Smith said he lives at 126 Brock Ridge Road and is a Pasquotank County tax payer, but the house that is in question is located at 1324 North Road Street. He explained that his wife, Sandra Smith inherited the home in 2014 when his mother-in-law passed away. They cleared the estate and paid everything off. He said in his opinion the house is way over appraised on taxes.

Mr. Smith explained that the car business next to the lot is listed for \$83,000 and their bungalow and garage is listed for less than \$3,000. He said he asked the tax administrator if he were to tear down the house and garage would it bring his assessment down to the price of a vacant lot. He stated that he was told it would still be an improved lot. He went on to say that the vacant lot on the other side of his wife's property is assessed at \$19,000. He asked how a vacant lot can be assessed at \$19,000, a car business for \$83,000 and a bungalow built 50 years ago be assessed at \$80,000. He asked if the county appraiser can come out to the home and inspect it and reevaluate it and he was told the next revaluation will be in 2022.

Mr. Smith stated that the house has been there for many years and businesses were built around it and it was annexed by the City. He noted that Burger King and Arby's have both closed near the property. He asked if anyone on the Board would like to purchase the property for the tax assessed amount. He said they pay \$1,500 a year in taxes and he feels that is way too much.

Commissioner Sterritt questioned the size of the lot. Mr. Smith answered, the lot is ½ acre. He said his mother-in-law was living there almost two years ago before she passed away. He said he had the current turned off last month.

Tax Administrator Patrice Stewart stated that the parcel that is in question is owned by Ms. Sandra Smith. The primary site is assessed at \$78,400 and the building value is \$2,200. She said that is because it is located in a General Business Area and is considered an "improved lot". All the lots that are developed in that area are assessed accordingly. She said the vacant lot Mr. Smith is referring to has not been developed and therefore it is assessed differently. She gave an example. If an acre of farmland does not have anything on it, the land would be assessed at market value, but if the same acre were to be developed the value of the property would more than triple. She said if the house is torn down there is a possibility that an adjustment can be made, but she will have to get documents from the City stating that they could no longer build on the property due to its size. She said at this time the Tax Office would not recommend changes to the assessment based on the facts. If the Board would like her to relook at the property, she said she would be happy to do so. The Board asked her to see if she can look into this one last time and see if anything has been missed.

Chairman Winslow called on Mr. Jinchun Yuan to address the Board. Mr. Yuan explained that he is here to have the assessed value of his residence at 1935 Rivershore Road reduced to a realistic market value. He said he bought the home a year ago. It was listed for \$270,000 and they purchased the home for \$230,000. At the end of the year, he said he realized that the house was taxed at \$460,000, which is twice the amount the home was appraised for and twice as much as he purchased the home for.

Mr. Yuan stated that the previous owner rented the house out for about nine years to three or four different tenants and the house was very badly damaged. He shared pictures of damage to the home from the roof leaking, which included water damage on the floor, counter, ceiling, wall, and several windows. He said there are tiles falling off in the bathroom and there is damage on the outside of the house as well.

Mr. Yuan stated that two different appraisals have been performed on the home. The first appraisal was for \$270,000 and the other was for \$265,000. He said this would equate to more than a 100% error in his tax assessment.

Commissioner Parker asked when the pictures were taken and Mr. Yuan said they were taken today. He said they bought the home in the condition it is currently in. Commissioner Sterritt asked Mr. Yuan if he has had the roof repaired and he said yes he has. He was informed from a contractor that all the windows need to be replaced. Commissioner Meads asked Mr. Yuan when the home was built and Mr. Yuan said he believes it was in 1987. Commissioner Meads said the window damage is probably just due to their age. Mr. Yuan said some of the renters ran cable lines under the windows, allowing water to come in under them.

Commissioner Sterritt asked Mr. Yuan if he has hired an attorney. Mr. Yuan answered, not yet. He said he knew there was damage to the house when he bought it, but he was shocked when he found out what the tax value was.

Commissioner Perry asked what the house would be worth if all the necessary repairs were made. Mr. Yuan said he does not know. Commissioner Perry said the house looks like it would

cost a lot more than \$225,000. Mr. Yuan said he saw the potential and that is why he bought it, but noted that it is in very bad condition and will probably take years to repair.

Commissioner Meads asked if the water damage was due to flooding or rain and Mr. Yuan said it was due to rain. Commissioner Meads also asked the owner if he has ever inspected under the home. Mr. Yuan said he has not been under the home.

Ms. Stewart said Mr. Yuan came in and spoke with the County's property appraiser and they performed a comparison of the two appraisals. She noted that during a non-revaluation year their hands are limited in what they can do. She said she cannot accept another appraisal that is dated beyond January 1, 2014. She said Mr. Yuan's appraisal is from last summer. She stated that they did make a minor change in the number of bathrooms, which reduced the assessment by \$1,100. She said her hands are pretty much tied in a situation like this because they are not allowed to use the homeowner's appraisal. If she called the Department of Revenue, their first question would be when was the appraisal performed. At this time, from what she has seen so far and what they know about the case, they would not be able to make any changes based on what was heard tonight.

Attorney Cox reminded the Board that a decision does not have to be made tonight, but they can if they choose to. He stated that the County is in a non-appraisal year and appeals must meet certain criteria which include:

- (1) Correct a clerical or mathematical error.
- (2) Correct an appraisal error resulting from a misapplication of the schedules, standards, and rules used in the county's most recent general reappraisal.
 - (2a) Recognize an increase or decrease in the value of the property resulting from a conservation or preservation agreement subject to Article 4 of Chapter 121 of the General Statutes, the Conservation and Historic Preservation Agreements Act.
 - (2b) Recognize an increase or decrease in the value of the property resulting from a physical change to the land or to the improvements on the land, other than a change listed in subsection (b) of this section.
 - (2c) Recognize an increase or decrease in the value of the property resulting from a change in the legally permitted uses of the property.

Chairman Winslow said the Board has decided they would like to read and study up on the laws before making a decision. He said they will delay action on the appeals until the next meeting.

Motion was made by Joe Winslow, seconded by Cecil Perry to recess the Board of Equalization and Review until the next regular meeting on May 16, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

The Board considered the following consent agenda:

a. Approval of Minutes of April 1, 13, and 18, 2016 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.	Aggregate Transportation	563.84	474.82
2.	Clarence Leenell Spellman		133.73

Refunds:

		County	City
1.	William Jeffrey & Valerie Sword Mitchell	226.48	190.72

Solid Waste Fee Releases:

	Owner's Name	Parcel ID	Reason for Release
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		Number	
1.	Mary E. Walker	P95-27	Vacant

c. Approval of Budget Amendment

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

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Increase	010.0400.4437.00	Revenue for Services	79,000.00
Decrease	010.4370.5251.00	Gas & Oil	21,000.00
Increase	010.4370.5500.00	Capital Outlay	100,000.00

COA

Increase	010.0110.4111.15	Ad Valorem Taxes	87,182.00
Increase	010.5920.5636.00	Education-Capital Outlay	87,182.00

d. Approval to Use Unspent COA Funds

The Finance Committee has recommended that the Board approve the use of \$20,100 in unspent funds in the current 2015-16 budget for the repair design of Concourse A-B at COA.

e. Adoption of Resolution Accepting Bid for Surplus Property

The Finance Committee has recommended that the Board adopt the following resolution which proposes to accept a bid from Arthur White in the amount of \$6,200 for 0.937 acres off of Crooked Run Road in Newland Township that the County acquired as a result of a tax foreclosure sale. Once the Board proposes to accept the bid, it would be advertised for upset bids.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING UPSET BID PROCESS
FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT
538 CROOKED RUN ROAD
2016-12**

WHEREAS, the County of Pasquotank owns certain property located at 538 Crooked Run Road and more particularly described in Deed Book 1246, Page 700; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes §160A-269 permits the County to sell property by upset bid, after receipt of an offer for the property; and

WHEREAS, the County has received an offer to purchase the property described above, in the amount of \$6,200, submitted by Arthur White; and

WHEREAS, Arthur White has paid the required five percent (5%) deposit on his offer;

THEREFORE, THE PASQUOTANK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLVES THAT:

1. The Board of Commissioners authorizes the sale of the property described above through the upset bid procedure of North Carolina General Statute §160A-269.

2. The County clerk shall cause a notice of the proposed sale to be published. The notice shall describe the property and the amount of the offer, and shall state the terms under which the offer may be upset.

3. Any person may submit an upset bid to the office of the County clerk within ten (10) days after the notice of sale is published. Once a qualifying high bid has been received, that bid will become the new offer.

4. If a qualifying higher bid is received, the County clerk shall cause a new notice of upset bid to be published, and shall continue to do so until a 10-day period has passed without any qualifying upset bid having been received. At that time, the amount of the final high bid shall be reported to the Board of Commissioners.

5. A qualifying higher bid is one that raises the existing offer by not less than ten percent (10%) of the first \$1,000.00 of that offer and five percent (5%) of the remainder of that offer.

6. A qualifying higher bid must also be accompanied by a deposit in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid; the deposit may be made in cash, cashier's check or certified check. The County will return the deposit of any bid not accepted, and will return the deposit on an offer subject to an upset if a qualifying higher bid is received. The County will return the deposit of the final high bidder at closing unless the bidder requests the amount be credited towards the purchase price. In the event the high bid is accepted by the County and the high bidder refuses to close on the property for any reason the bid will be retained by the County.

7. The terms of the final sale are that

- the Board of Commissioners must approve the final high offer before the sale is closed, which it will endeavor to do within thirty (30) days after the final upset bid period has passed, and
- the buyer must pay with cash, cashier's check or certified check at the time of closing.

8. The County reserves the right to withdraw the property from sale at any time before the final high bid is accepted and the right to reject at any time all bids.

Adopted this 2nd day of May, 2016.

f. Approval to Send Letter of Intent to Board of Education

The Finance Committee has recommended the Board approve the County Manager sending a letter of intent to the Board of Education stating that the County will fund the J.C. Sawyer roof project in the amount of \$451,672.

g. Approval of Item Related to Personnel

The Finance Committee has recommended approval to hire a Maintenance Superintendent above the hiring rate based on his experience and qualifications. It is recommended that the individual be placed on Grade 24, Step 6 of the County's pay schedule, \$47,162.

Motion was made by Cecil Perry, seconded by Bettie Parker to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NC MEDICAID EXPANSION:

Mr. Bunch stated that Keith Rivers approached the Board during public comments at their last meeting asking them to consider a resolution supporting Medicaid Expansion in North Carolina. He said he asked Battle Betts, Jr., Director of Policy, Planning, and Finance at Albemarle Regional Health Services to review the resolution. He stated that Mr. Betts supports the document as presented.

**RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING MEDICAID EXPANSION
2016-11**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Institute of Medicine estimates that more than 17 percent of Pasquotank County residents, or more than 7,000 people, are uninsured; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Health Policy estimates that expanding Medicaid would extend guaranteed health coverage to 1,197 people with low incomes in Pasquotank County; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services estimated that accepting Medicaid expansion would extend insurance coverage to more than 500,000 North Carolinians and save the state approximately \$65 million over 8 years; and

WHEREAS, the private economic forecasting company Regional Economic Models, Inc. projects that expanding Medicaid would create or save more than 43,000 jobs by 2020 with 85 in this county; and

WHEREAS, the American Academy of Actuaries estimates that refusing Medicaid expansion will increase private insurance premiums by more than 2 percent; and

WHEREAS, tax firm Jackson Hewitt estimates that refusing Medicaid expansion will cost North Carolina employers between \$80 million and \$120 million in fees once the employer mandate is fully implemented; and

WHEREAS, the *New England Journal of Medicine* states that the expansion of Medicaid coverage may reduce mortality among adults; and

WHEREAS, *Health Affairs* states that gains in access to care, financial well-being, physical and mental health, and longevity would be expected with Medicaid expansion; and

WHEREAS, Cone Health system estimates that the cost of treating uninsured patients in 2013 exceeded \$63.4 million; and

WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act provides federal funding for states to expand Medicaid to all citizens earning less than 138 percent of the federal poverty level; and

WHEREAS, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation, since 2007 North Carolina's Medicaid program, working through Community Care of North Carolina, has experienced the slowest rate of annual growth in the nation.

WHEREAS, the Pasquotank Board of Commissioners believes all residents should have access to quality, affordable health coverage;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY, the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners:

- 1) The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners urges the North Carolina General Assembly and the Governor to accept federal funds to expand Medicaid in North Carolina.
- 2) This resolution shall be effective on and after its passage, and shall be shared with the citizens of Pasquotank County.

This the 2nd day of May, 2016

Motion was made by Cecil Perry, seconded by Bettie Parker to adopt the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Meads said he would like to hear more from individuals who may be against the Medicaid Expansion so that he is more informed and knows more about where the money will come from. He said he feels he does not know enough about it to vote on it at this time. Commissioner Perry said he believes this will be a benefit to North Carolinians. Chairman Winslow stated that he would also like a little more time, because he has seen how it impacts the County budget, but there has been some controversy over it and he wants to understand why. Commissioner Sterritt said we need to be mindful of who the expansion will help. He stated that a lot of people will be hurt if this does not come back, especially the underserved, unemployed, homeless, and needy people. Commissioner Meads said we can't keep taxing the people that are trying to make a living and give to the ones that do not work, because it increases the numbers that receive help from the government. He said there are a large number of people that will not take a job because they can make more money not taking a job. Commissioner Perry noted that there are a lot of reasons why people are not working. He said a lot of people worked for free and did not get paid. Some people have the opportunity to learn what is necessary to survive and others may not. He said that does not mean that they do not want the same things, but everyone has not had the same opportunities. He thinks Mr. Meads' comments are very insulting to many people. Commissioner Meads said he is in favor of helping people that help themselves.

Commissioner Parker indicated that this topic has been out for quite some time. She stated that it is an expansion because there is a set of people who make a certain amount of money that will be falling short of getting aid. She explained that it is for individuals that do not actually make enough money to pay for medical expenses, but they make too much to get Medicaid. She said they are looking at a special set of people that fall into this category. She said she has been following this for the past three years and feels she is on top of it. She said there are states that have rejected it, but there are many more states who have accepted it, including Virginia. Many states that rejected it in the beginning have gone back and reconsidered it and are now supporting the expansion.

Chairman Winslow said he does not like to make a decision unless he is informed. He said he needs to have more information before he votes, because he wants to be fully behind it or against it. He said right now he knows some of the benefits, but does not know the cons.

Commissioner Perry called for the question, seconded by Bettie Parker. The original motion carried by a three to two vote, with Commissioner Winslow and Meads voting against the motion.

5. **ADOPTION OF PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 2016 TO BE OLDER AMERICANS MONTH IN PASQUOTANK COUNTY:**

The Board has been requested to proclaim May 2016 to be Older Americans Month.

**PROCLAMATION
OLDER AMERICANS MONTH 2016**

Whereas, Pasquotank County includes a thriving community of older Americans who deserve recognition for their contributions and sacrifices to ensure a better life for future generations; and

Whereas, Pasquotank County is committed to helping all individuals live longer, healthier lives in the communities of their choice for as long as possible; and

Whereas, since 1965, the Older Americans Act has provided services that help older adults remain healthy and independent by complementing existing medical and health care systems, helping prevent hospital readmissions, and supporting some of life's most basic functions, such as bathing or preparing meals; and

Whereas, these programs also support family caregivers, address issues of exploitation, neglect and abuse of older adults, and adapt services to the needs of Native American elders; and

Whereas, we recognize the value of community engagement and service in helping older adults remain healthy and active while giving back to others; and

Whereas, our community can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages by:

- Promoting and engaging in activity, wellness, and social inclusion.
- Emphasizing home- and community-based services that support independent living.
- Ensuring community members of all ages benefit from the contributions and experience of older adults.

Now therefore, the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim May 2016 to be Older Americans Month. We urge every resident to take time this month to celebrate older adults and the people who serve and support them as powerful and vital individuals who greatly contribute to the community.

Dated this 2th day of May, 2016

Motion was made Cecil Perry, seconded by William Sterritt to adopt the proclamation declaring May 2016 as Older Americans Month in Pasquotank County. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **ADOPTION OF PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 8 – JUNE 19, 2016 AS VULNERABLE ADULT AND ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH:**

The Albemarle Commission Area Agency on Aging has requested that the Board proclaim May 8 – June 19 as Vulnerable Adult and Elder Abuse Awareness Month. The Board has been requested to adopt the following proclamation which will be read during the opening ceremony for the annual awareness walk that will be begin at the Courthouse on June 15 at 10:00 AM.

**PROCLAMATION
VULNERABLE ADULT AND ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH
IN THE COUNTY OF PASQUOTANK, MAY 8 - JUNE 19, 2016**

WHEREAS, each year, more than two million vulnerable and older adults are victims of abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and research has shown that older adults who are abused, neglected and exploited are three times more likely to die within ten years than those who are not; and

WHEREAS, according to national statistics, elder abuse is grossly under reported because vulnerable and older adults who are being abused find it very difficult to tell anyone due to shame and fear; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 there were over 24,000 reports of abuse, neglect or exploitation of vulnerable and older adults made to North Carolina's 100 county departments of social services not only by doctors and other professionals but by family members and concerned citizens in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Pasquotank County's vulnerable and older adults of all social, economic, racial and ethnic backgrounds may be targets of abuse, neglect or exploitation, which can occur in families, long-term care settings and communities; and

WHEREAS, protecting Pasquotank County's vulnerable and older adults is a community responsibility and all citizens are charged under North Carolina General Statute (GS 108A-102) to report suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation to the Pasquotank County Department of Social Human Services; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina enacted the nation's first elder abuse law in 1973; and

WHEREAS, May 8, 2016 through June 19, 2016 is Vulnerable Adult and Elder Abuse Awareness Month in North Carolina and this time frame ties the awareness period to both the Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day holidays, in the hopes of reinforcing the spirit of respecting and valuing, not just parents, but all elders; and

WHEREAS, we all have a responsibility to support the safety, welfare, and dignity of Pasquotank County's vulnerable and older adults;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners, hereby proclaims May 8 – June 19, 2016, as "ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH" in the County of Pasquotank, and commend its observance to all citizens, asking them to wear purple Elder Abuse Awareness ribbons, and we further do hereby proclaim June 15, 2016 "NATIONAL ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY"; and urge all citizens to work together to help protect elder adults from abuse, neglect, and exploitation because it is imperative that we refuse to tolerate the indignity of Elder Abuse.

Dated this 2th day of May, 2016

Motion was made Cecil Perry, seconded by William Sterritt to adopt the proclamation declaring May 8 – June 19, 2016 as Vulnerable Adult and Elder Abuse Awareness Month in Pasquotank County. The motion carried unanimously.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER:

Mr. Bunch reported that County Assembly Day is scheduled for May 18.

Mr. Bunch stated that he received a report last week from our Lobbyists, Henri and Joe McCleese regarding aquatic week control. He said he asked them to stay on alert for information regarding 911 Funds.

Mr. Bunch reported that the Wind Farm Tour has been rescheduled for Monday, May 9th at 2:00 PM.

Mr. Bunch said we need to schedule another budget meeting once we receive our revenue numbers.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Sterritt reported that he met with the Board of Social Services this morning. He informed the Board that Mr. William Gibbs who was a state appointment to the board passed away yesterday. He said the Social Services Board is requesting that the Personnel Committee meet to discuss longevity bonuses and interpret “years of service”. He stated that the board is unanimous in contacting Representatives Steinburg and Hunter to meet with them to discuss N.C. Fast. He said there have been continuous problems with the program for the last four years.

Commissioner Meads reported that he attended a Fishing Regulation meeting in Edenton last week. He explained that if the Bill passes it will put another inspection on local fishermen. He said the goal of the Bill was to better inspect fish that consumers purchase in stores. He said Mr. Nixon said if passed, the Federal regulation will put small businesses like his out of business.

Commissioner Meads stated the he received a call recently regarding water not draining properly by the Weeksville Lions Club.

Commissioner Parker reported that she brought greetings on behalf of the County at the N.C. Masters Barber Conference fundraiser. Next Wednesday, she will be attending the Northern Regional Advisory Board meeting.

Commissioner Perry reported that Daybreak was sold for \$10 million. The sale maintained employment for the ten people who work for Daybreak previously.

Commissioner Perry stated that Currituck and Gates Counties received funds from the State for mosquito spraying. They will take samples and send them to the State for analysis.

Commissioner Perry said he attended the Solid Waste/Landfill Committee meeting. He stated there will be an increase in their proposed budget. The main reason for the increase is to purchase a Yard Dog. He also attended the JCPC meeting.

Chairman Winslow attended the Northeast Alliance meeting where they discussed economic development through energy. On Thursday, he attended the Southeast Energy Conference at NCSU. He spoke on economic development, as related to the impact of wind turbines in Pasquotank County.

Chairman Winslow thanked staff and Board members for their efforts in the City/County water dispute. He thanked them for their professionalism.

9. REPORTS FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Attorney Cox reported that he gave a presentation at the Southeast Energy Conference in Raleigh as well.

Chairman Winslow asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was made by Cecil Perry, seconded by William Sterritt to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK TO THE BOARD