

**PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
AUGUST 15, 2016**

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners met today in a regular meeting on Monday, August 15, 2016 in Courtroom C in the Pasquotank County Courthouse.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cecil Perry, Vice-Chairman  
Jeff Dixon  
Dr. William R. Sterritt  
Frankie Meads  
Bettie J. Parker

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Joseph S. Winslow, Jr., Chairman  
Lloyd E. Griffin, III

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Rodney Bunch, County Manager  
R. Michael Cox, County Attorney  
Lynn Scott, Clerk to the Board

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

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

Vice-Chairman Perry read the following list of names of county employees that recently completed ten and twenty years of service to Pasquotank County. Although these individuals were unable to attend tonight's meeting, the Clerk to the Board will provide each employee a Pasquotank County lapel pin recognizing their years of service.

<b>Employee</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Years of Service</b>	<b>Date Hired</b>
Glenn Ward	EMS	20 year	4-16-1996
Nykea Bailey	DSS	10 year	4-17-2006
Gayle McCullen	Personnel	10 year	5-22-2006

**2. INTRODUCTION OF NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF BLACK COUNTY OFFICIALS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**

Vice-Chairman Perry asked Commissioner Parker to introduce Ms. Mattie Banks, a local resident who recently received a \$1,000 scholarship offered through the North Carolina Association of Black County Officials.

Commissioner Parker said the scholarship was awarded to Ms. Banks on behalf of the North Carolina Association of Black County Officials. She stated that there were only two recipients in North Carolina who received the scholarships. She reported that Ms. Banks is an honor graduate of Pasquotank County High School. She is a North Carolina Scholar who will be attending East Carolina University in the fall and plans to major in nursing. She was treasurer of the National Honor Society her junior year and president her senior year. She is a member of the History Honors Society. She volunteered at the Albemarle Food Bank, nursing homes and local elementary schools. She played an active role in the fundraiser, Pennies for Patients and March of Dimes. She also served as captain on both her volleyball and basketball teams.

Commissioner Parker presented Ms. Banks a certificate of excellence for outstanding academics and leadership, as well as a check for \$1,000.

Ms. Mattie Banks stated that she is honored to be here tonight. She thanked the Board for the opportunity to receive the scholarship award and said she would like to especially acknowledge Commissioner Parker for nominating her for the award and scholarship. She said she was lost for words when she received the phone call informing her.

The Board congratulated Ms. Banks and her family.

**3. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

Vice-Chairman Perry asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. No amendments to the agenda were requested.

**4. APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:**

The Appointments Committee recommended at the last meeting that Curtiss Albany be appointed to the Board of Zoning Adjustment to fill a seat vacated by a resignation. Commissioners had previously been provided copies of his application for review prior to tonight's meeting.

Motion was made by Jeff Dixon, seconded by Bettie Parker to appoint Curtiss Albany to the Board of Zoning Adjustment. The motion carried unanimously.

**5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

The Board considered the following consent agenda:

a. Approval of Minutes of August 1, 2016 Commissioner Meeting

b. Approval of Tax Releases, Refunds and Solid Waste Fee Releases

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

**Tax Releases**

		<b>County</b>	<b>City</b>
1.	Delisha Moore	103.22	
2.	BID Ventures LLC	499.32	430.34
3.	Stephen M. Orozo	141.88	93.64
4.	William E. Perry	145.92	
5.	William Edward Perry	487.16	
6.	Eyeball Inc	322.60	189.93
7.	Thomas E. Taylor Heirs	775.56	
8.	DBW Ventures LLC	930.24	847.00
9.	Billie J. Reid	506.16	436.23
10.	Curtis E. & Gladys U. Jennings	257.64	
11.	Cecilia C. Austin	243.96	
12.	Barbara H. Owney	526.90	
13.	Glenn A. Goin Jr. & Rose C. Spence	411.00	
14.	Rick Gardner Co. Inc.		1,508.47
15.	Gary F. Chapman	1,488.00	924.00
16.	C A Perry & Son Grain Co. LLC	218.65	
17.	Jordan Company Inc.	329.16	283.68
18.	Carden Graphics LLC		135.85
19.	Richard Speight III & Kristen Bunn	399.00	343.88
20.	John F. & Sandra E. Dominique	1,056.76	924.75

**Tax Refunds**

		<b>County</b>	<b>City</b>
1.	Cecilia C. Austin (2014)	243.96	
2.	Cecilia C. Austin (2015)	243.96	
3.	Billie J. Reid (2011)	429.04	321.78
4.	Billie J. Reid (2012)	429.04	342.54
5.	Billie J. Reid (2013)	435.96	342.54
6.	Billie J. Reid (2014)	506.16	409.59
7.	Billie J. Reid (2015)	506.16	426.24

**Solid Waste Fee Releases**

	<b>OWNER'S NAME</b>	<b>PARCEL ID #</b>	<b>REASON FOR RELEASE</b>
1.	Mary Anderson	P140A-57	Vacant
2.	Carrie J. Bernard	P132A-114	Vacant
3.	Carrie J. Bernard	P132A-222	Vacant
4.	Domestic & Overseas Investing Co. Inc.	11-G-19	Vacant

5.	Domestic & Overseas Investing Co. Inc.	57-A-201	Vacant
6.	Isaiah F. Jackson & William T. Jackson	P15-8	Vacant
7.	Ronald & Mary M. Morris	39-C-6	Vacant
8.	James Poole Heirs	P64-60	Vacant
9.	Jordan Thornton Heirs	P112-62	Vacant
10.	Earl Grover Sr. & Audrey White	P110-54A	Vacant
11.	Earl Grover Sr. & Audrey White	P110-54	Vacant
12.	J. Winton Sawyer Heirs	31-B-9	Vacant
13.	Lillian E. McPherson Shilling Etal	P11-38	Vacant
14.	Sandra E. White	P122A-103	Vacant
15.	Wayne O. White	P142-12	Vacant

c. Approval of Family Subdivision Request FS 16-04 by Ophelia Meads

Staff recommends approval of Family Subdivision Request FS 16-04 by Ophelia Meads. Ms. Meads is requesting to create a 1.0 acre gift lot for her granddaughter, Brandy Meads Wooten, in accordance with Article 5, Section 303 of the Pasquotank County Subdivision Ordinance. A total of 143.57 feet of road frontage is provided to the parcel off of Salem Church Road. Documentation that the plat qualifies as a family subdivision has been provided and an improvement permit has been issued for a septic system. Staff advises that the request meets the minimum requirements for a family subdivision and recommends approval.

Motion was made by Jeff Dixon, seconded by Frankie Meads to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. REPORTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER:**

County Manager Bunch reported the following:

McClees Consulting – Lobbyist Joe and Henri McClees dropped by Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> to meet with Mike Cox and I to inquire about topics of interest for them to work on next year at the General Assembly. We will have follow up meetings within the next couple of months.

Sale of Surplus Items – the following items were recently sold on Govdeals.com:

Description	Buyer	Sold Amount
12 Vinyl/Fabric Chairs	Annie Horton – Elizabeth City	\$5.00
Printer Cartridges	Eric Wagner – Washington State	\$26.00
		<b>\$31.00</b>

Community Meeting on Race Relations – Local pastors Reverend Michael “Hipp” Barclift and Reverend Chip Broadfoot organized and led the first community meeting to begin a dialogue concerning racial relations and what can be done, as a community, to improve them. Chairman Winslow and I, along with approximately 30 other participants attended. Attendees represented faith-based, business, education, non-profits and law enforcement. Captain John Young, EC Police Department, informed attendees of the many initiatives by the EC Police Department to work with the community to improve relationships. We were divided into four groups and all were asked to consider what we see in our community that needs improvement and how we might begin to work to improve relationships. Attendees agreed that this is not merely a law enforcement problem. The group believes that to better racial relationships will require a collective effort by churches and business leaders. The group plans to meet again in the very near future and will ask additional individuals to attend.

Amazon Wind Project – Craig Poff emailed me this morning to inform me that the last of the 104 wind turbine foundations was poured this past weekend. The turbine erection is speeding up with additional cranes, night shifts and favorable weather conditions.

Kickoff Meeting – Feasibility Study for Upgrading US13/US17 to Interstate Standards: Thursday, August 25, 2016, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM, Council Chambers, Elizabeth City Town Hall. Please let the Clerk to the Board know if you can attend and she will register you.

**7. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Sterritt attended the Community Relations Commission meeting on Monday. He stated that he has invited two members of the CRC to come to the County Commissioners meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup> to provide an update on their activities.

Commissioner Meads recently volunteered to serve at the annual Coast Guard Day. He stated the turnout was great and it was a nice event.

Commissioner Dixon reported that the charter school has added two additional grades. Currently, there are 240 students enrolled. They have outgrown the Gilchrist Building and are now being housed in Moore Hall. He said they continue to get great reviews from the students.

Commissioner Parker attended the NCACC Conference from August 11<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>. She said it was very interesting and she really enjoyed herself. She went to many sessions and shared a couple with the Board. She said not only was Mattie a winner at the conference, but she herself was a winner also. She stated that four people out of approximately five hundred won a basket full of goodies and she happened to be the first name drawn.

Vice-Chairman Perry attended the NCACC Conference as well. He said he attended a breakfast sponsored by the Wooten Company and received information regarding available funding. He attended a session regarding mental health and jails. He stated that 4-H members from all over North Carolina participated in the conference. He said they voted on new officers and Commissioner Fred McClure from Davidson County was voted in as the new President of the NCACC.

Commissioner Parker said Dyhmel Ferebee, a local youth from the Boys and Girls Club, represented Pasquotank County at the conference. She said she attended the youth breakfast and it was very exciting and inspiring that a young man and his mother from our county were there participating.

Motion was made by Jeff Dixon, seconded by Bettie Parker to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

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CHAIRMAN

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CLERK TO THE BOARD