

**PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
SEPTEMBER 16, 2013**

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners met today in a regular meeting on Monday, September 16, 2013 in Courtroom C in the Pasquotank County Courthouse.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sheri Small, Finance Officer
R. Michael Cox, County Attorney
Karen Jennings, Clerk to the Board

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Jeff Dixon. Commissioner Lloyd Griffin gave the invocation and Vice-Chairman Joe Winslow led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Dixon welcomed everyone.

1. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Chairman Dixon asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. Vice-Chairman Joe Winslow requested that the agenda be amended to add the following items recommended by the Finance Committee at its meeting today to the consent agenda: 1) Approval to donate surplus fire equipment to the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools and the Perquimans County School System; and 2) Approval for the Maintenance Superintendent to move forward with soliciting bids to replace the HVAC piping at the Health & Social Services Building.

Motion was made by Joe Winslow, seconded by Gary White to approve the amendments to the agenda as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

2. ADOPTION OF SCHEDULE OF VALUES FOR 2014 REVALUATION:

The Board considered approval of the Schedule of Values for the 2014 Revaluation. A public hearing on the Schedule of Values was held at the September 3 meeting.

Motion was made by Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Joe Winslow to adopt the Schedule of Values for the 2014 Revaluation as proposed.

Commissioner Griffin noted that at today's work session Pearson Appraisal advised that some modifications will still need to be made to the neighborhood maps and these modifications should be completed in about six weeks.

The motion to adopt the Schedule of Values carried unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

The Board considered the following consent agenda:

- a. Approval of Minutes of September 3, 2013 Commissioner Meeting
- b. Approval to Donate Surplus Fire Equipment to the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools and the Perquimans County School System

The Finance Committee has recommended that the Board authorize the donation of several items of old unused fire equipment to the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools and the Perquimans County School System for use in the fire technology courses at Pasquotank County High School and Perquimans County High School. The following resolution will declare the property surplus and authorize the donation:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DONATION OF SURPLUS FIRE EQUIPMENT TO
ELIZABETH CITY-PASQUOTANK PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PERQUIMANS COUNTY
SCHOOL SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. 160A-280 provides that a county may donate to another governmental unit any personal property, including supplies, materials, and equipment, that the governing board deems to be surplus, obsolete, or unused; and

WHEREAS, new fire technology courses are being taught at Pasquotank County High School and at Perquimans County High School, however funding to purchase equipment is extremely limited; and

WHEREAS, the Pasquotank County volunteer fire departments have received requests from the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools and the Perquimans County School System for the donation of old fire equipment that is no longer used; and

WHEREAS, the Pasquotank County volunteer fire departments have discontinued use of the following fire equipment that will no longer pass tests for use in actual firefighting, and would like to offer it to the schools for use in their fire technology courses:

- 2 ladders
- 1 section of 2½" fire hose
- 13 sections of 1½" fire hose
- 3 sections of 1¾" fire hose
- 4 sets coats & pants fire gear

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners that the above-mentioned property be declared surplus and be donated to the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools and the Perquimans County Schools for class instruction for their fire technology courses.

THIS the 16th day of September, 2013.

c. Approval for Maintenance Superintendent to Move Forward to Solicit Bids to Replace the HVAC Piping at the Health & Social Services Building

The Finance Committee has recommended that the Board authorize the Maintenance Superintendent to move forward with soliciting informal bids to replace rusted and corroded piping for the HVAC systems at the Health & Social Services Building.

Motion was made by Joe Winslow, seconded by Cecil Perry 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.	Ralph Eugene Butler, Jr.	15.44
2.	Elizabeth Whidbee Boone	28.83
3.	Andrew Tobigson Sanders	63.36
4.	Cheryl Suzette Sutton	50.59
5.	Samuel Bernard Smith, Jr.	16.80
6.	Debbie Forbes Baum	26.16
7.	Keith Chandler Brown, Jr.	63.74
8.	Walter Neal Brazell, Jr.	37.67
9.	Walter Neal Brazell, Jr.	23.25
10.	Walter Neal Brazell, Jr.	7.25
11.	Romano Watson Rumbawa	29.39
12.	David Wayne Twine	43.34
13.	Shelley Lane Cox	41.17
14.	Sarah E. Hess	16.93
15.	Sarah Elizabeth Hess	17.98
16.	Tammy Lynn Iclerl	61.81
17.	Angela Rena Godfrey-Dawson	18.17
18.	Sherman D. & Jennifer Underwood	15.07
19.	Alexander Edward Kaczor	45.99
20.	Michael Ian McKinney	96.53
		88.29

21.	Emmylou Divina Smart		44.30
22.	Anthony Dean Cater	22.44	17.92
23.	Word of Truth Church	4.71	8.53
24.	Jesse Lee Raynor	87.17	
25.	Jessica Williams Christopher	99.32	
26.	Jason Christopher Hurdle	11.53	9.21
27.	Tasha Renee Felton		38.12
28.	Aaron Hickman	42.40	33.31
29.	Ryan Graham Frere	75.70	
30.	Ryan Graham Frere	4.84	
31.	Bobbie Johnson Thomas	16.06	12.82
32.	Sharon Margaret Foley	15.87	
33.	Marian Hopkins Greico	30.01	23.96
34.	Richard Aaron Ghormley	40.24	37.13
35.	Cynthia Ferebee Bryant	3.47	2.77
36.	Joshua Wayne Fields	12.83	
37.	Karis Jeanie McDonald	40.24	32.13
38.	Scott Jerome Morrison	5.70	4.55
39.	Holly Susan Shipman	18.79	
40.	Russell Quentin Clark	82.46	
41.	Todd Zachary Zelenkewich	6.20	
42.	Michael Dean Garza	25.17	
43.	Jeffrey Brian Jomp	25.30	
44.	Steven Howard Thompson	55.92	
45.	Faithway Church of Jesus Apostolic Faith	61.74	48.51
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47.	William Daniel Sawyer	57.54	
48.	Ronald Harrison Lowe	27.22	21.73
49.	Theratha Sutton Hughes	19.72	15.74
50.	James Louis Riley, Sr.	28.77	22.97
51.	David Junior Bright	9.77	7.80
52.	Jamie Johnson	118.48	
53.	Magen Michelle Gilbert	28.02	27.37
54.	James Edward Holly	10.17	
55.	Christopher Omar Green	14.26	11.39
56.	Maurice Harwood Oliver	3.35	7.67
57.	Larry Royal Albertson	14.01	
58.	Stephen Michael Oleksiak	88.97	
59.	Stephen Michael Oleksiak	70.43	
60.	Neil Macklin Kirkpatrick	7.01	5.59
61.	John Trulock Taylor	35.34	
62.	Melissa Luann Finner	60.45	53.26
63.	Brian Marshall Sowers	7.25	
64.	Brian Marshall Sowers	4.65	
65.	Melburn Ralph Dayton	90.83	
66.	Gregory Edward Russell	48.05	
67.	Latoria Lakesha Dance	19.34	15.44
68.	Maryann Turek Taylor	15.07	
69.	W.A. Manning Electric	37.48	29.92
70.	Adam Jordon Scheetz	41.29	
71.	Grace Mae Powell	21.39	17.08
72.	Brian Patrick Kilroy	17.98	
73.	Brian Patrick Kilroy	75.95	
74.	Frederick Donald Baum	4.40	
75.	Margaret Susan Wotherspoon	26.60	
76.	Paul Edward Finken Keller	9.98	7.97
77.	Captolia Wynn Newby	25.23	20.15
78.	Michael Curles Ott		68.76

4. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE:**

Commissioner Cecil Perry stated that the Appointments Committee needs to find one more person to serve on the Joint Animal Control Board in addition to Commissioner Gary White who was appointed at the last meeting. It was suggested that either Commissioner Sterritt, who

previously served on the SPCA Board, or Commissioner Meads, who currently serves on the SPCA Board be appointed to the Animal Control Board. Commissioner Meads agreed to accept the appointment.

Motion was made by Cecil Perry, seconded by Bill Sterritt to appoint Commissioner Frankie Meads as the county's second representative on the Joint Animal Control Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Perry stated that the Appointments Committee would like to nominate Carolyn Eason to serve on the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee to replace Gladys Griffin who has resigned.

Motion was made by Cecil Perry, seconded by Joe Winslow to nominate Carolyn Eason to replace Gladys Griffin on the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee. The appointment will be finalized at the next meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

5. CALENDAR:

The Clerk reviewed the calendar of upcoming meetings and events.

6. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Lloyd Griffin stated that Secretary of Transportation Tata was in town last week. He said everyone needs to become more involved as the state has transitioned the disbursement of transportation funds and it has become more competitive. He said the RPO Committee, which he chairs, has become a strong arm of transportation for the ten-county region, and Pasquotank County is well-represented at the meetings of the committee.

Commissioner Griffin reported that the Building & Grounds Committee met today. He said there are a couple of projects for which bids need to be solicited to try to eliminate the workload on maintenance staff who are stretched pretty thin. Current projects include piping for the HVAC system at the Health & Social Services Building; the EMS Administration Building which should be completed by mid-October; the old middle school building; the maintenance building behind the Courthouse; the scale house at the landfill; and temperature control and ventilation for the enclosed spaces at the Public Safety Building. Commissioner Griffin said with the help of outside contractors these projects should move along a little faster.

Vice-Chairman Joe Winslow advised that the Albemarle District Jail Commission met this morning and everything seems to be going smoothly. He said the average daily population for the past month was 85 from Pasquotank County, 21 from Perquimans, 11 from Camden, 3 from Chowan, and 46 federal prisoners for a total of 166.

Commissioner Cecil Perry added that the Jail Commission is basing its budget on an estimate of 30 federal prisoners and the number is consistently above 30 and is currently at 46. He said this is having a positive effect on the Jail's budget.

Commissioner Perry asked when the Personnel Committee will be meeting again. The Clerk advised that the next meeting is scheduled for October 9 at 2:00 PM.

Commissioner William Sterritt reported that the Recreation Advisory Committee met recently and he has yet to attend a meeting of the committee and get any satisfaction from anyone. He said he is not sure the county is getting its \$800,000 worth. He stated that he has previously mentioned a dangerous situation at the Sawmill Park boat ramp area. He said there is erosion between the shore and the dock and someone could fall and get hurt. He stated that he asked the Recreation Advisory Committee if the area could just be bulkheaded to make it safer and to prevent further erosion. He said the Recreation Director responded that it would be up to the county to come up with the money to do that. He stated that the walking trail at Fun Junktion needs to be repaired and he was told that the county would also have to pay for those repairs. Commissioner Sterritt said he thought this was a joint program and it appears that there is no cooperation from the city to do the repairs. He further noted that recreation equipment such as paddleboats and canoes at the landfill had been sold as surplus and he asked who authorized that the equipment be sold.

Commissioner Griffin stated that the Solid Waste Director has consulted with the Parks & Recreation staff and there is a plan to use some of the crushed rock at the landfill to repair the walking trail.

Commissioner Frankie Meads stated that he looked at the Sawmill Park boat ramp and saw the area that is washed out. He said it is on the creek and it has taken ten years for this washout to occur. He stated that the biggest issue he saw is where the rail comes up on part of the pier and boats have hit the post and bent it inward. He said this would be easy to fix.

Commissioner Sterritt said this ramp is the starting and ending place for boats and there is not a lot of continuous boat traffic and a lot of wave action. He said regardless of how long it took for the washout to occur, the dock needs to be bulkheaded to look right and be safe. He asked if the county has to pay to have it fixed or if it is part of the joint budget.

Chairman Dixon explained that he believes the joint agreement was written so that the county would continue to maintain any issues on parks in the county, and the city would maintain any issues with parks in the city limits. Any new projects would be a joint responsibility.

In response to the question regarding the sale of paddleboats and other equipment, staff explained that the Solid Waste Department had requested that the items be surplused and sold along with other equipment at the landfill. The Parks & Recreation Department had been consulted and indicated it had no plans to use the equipment. The Board of Commissioners declared the equipment as surplus and authorized that it be sold on GovDeals.com. The equipment was sold and the county was paid for the items. Commissioner Meads noted that the county received a good price for the items.

Commissioner Sterritt stated that further negotiations should be held before the recreation agreement is renewed for an additional term.

Commissioner Gary White reported that the Weeksville Water Plant is six wells down, five due to mechanical failure, and one due to a chemical problem. He said one well had an iron buildup that had to be treated, the pump was replaced and the well is now back in operation; one well has been re-drilled and is producing about 80 gallons of water per minute; one well has been re-drilled and is expected to produce about 80 gallons per minute; another well is being processed right now and estimates on water production are 90 to 100 gallons per minutes. Commissioner White said all of these wells are pending completion and state approval. He said no additional land had to be acquired to re-drill these wells.

Commissioner White stated that everyone is aware of the recent action to increase the salary of the College of The Albemarle President. He said he has tremendous concerns about this and he does not know how the state can reduce its contribution to the community college on one hand and allocate, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, an increase in salary of \$31,000 to the President of College of The Albemarle. He stated that he has heard concerns about this and he does not know how this kind of increase can be justified with the current state of the economy, particularly when a lot of people do not even make \$31,000 a year. Commissioner White said he has spoken with several members of the Board of Trustees and quite a few think the COA Board is too large and is dysfunctional because of its size. He asked if it is not time for the Board of Commissioners to address representatives in Raleigh and reconsider its supplemental contribution to COA. He requested that the rest of the Board consider what he has said today.

7. REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN:

Chairman Dixon outlined the proposed agenda for the September 30 joint meeting with the City Council.

Chairman Dixon said it has already been mentioned by Commissioner Griffin that Secretary of Transportation Anthony Tata was in town this week. He stated that he was very encouraged by Secretary Tata's comments. He said Secretary Tata also mentioned that the Governor is very concerned about tie-ins from various North Carolina communities to communities that are outside of North Carolina, the Hampton Roads area being one of them.

Chairman Dixon explained that he also had an opportunity to meet with President Tom Ross of the UNC System. He said he, the City Manager and the Mayor were able to meet with him and told him that he had the support of the city and the county regarding the issues facing Elizabeth

City State University going forward. He added that ECSU is a huge economic engine for Pasquotank County and it needs to continue to be very viable.

Chairman Dixon said he will be leaving on September 18 to attend a retreat in Asheboro for the NCACC Risk Management Pool.

Chairman Dixon reported that because District I did not have a quorum at the recent NCACC Annual Meeting, a conference call was held last week to elect a District Director for the District I counties. He announced that Tracy Johnson from Washington County was unanimously elected.

Chairman Dixon stated that the loss of Mr. David Twiddy on Sunday was very unfortunate. He said it is unknown at this point what kind of impact his passing will have on the hospital. He noted that Mr. Twiddy cared very much about Albemarle Hospital and wanted what was best for the hospital and the community.

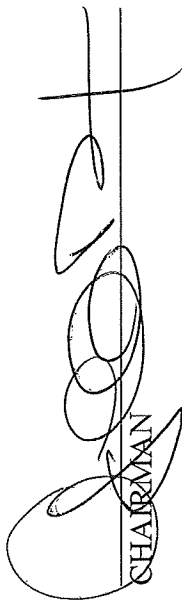
Commissioner Griffin added that the Hospital Authority will have its meeting tomorrow evening and should receive additional updates on the hospital due diligence process moving forward. He advised that Sentara was onsite at Albemarle Hospital last week.

Chairman Dixon thanked the Tax Department and Pearson Appraisal for their hard work in putting information together for the Board. He said this information will help the Board to better answer questions from the public regarding revaluation.

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

Motion was made by Gary White, seconded by Joe Winslow to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.


CLERK TO THE BOARD


CHAIRMAN