

**PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2017**

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners met today in a regular meeting on Monday, September 18, 2017 in Courtroom C in the Pasquotank County Courthouse.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cecil Perry, Chairman  
Dr. William R. Sterritt, Vice-Chairman  
Jeff Dixon  
Lloyd E. Griffin, III  
Joseph S. Winslow, Jr.  
Frankie Meads  
Bettie J. Parker

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**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 Chairman Cecil Perry. Commissioner Lloyd Griffin gave the invocation and 4-H'er Mikayla Quintero, who represented Pasquotank County at the Commissioners Youth Conference in Winston Salem, led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the 4-H Pledge. Chairman Perry thanked everyone for attending.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CONFEDERATE MONUMENT ON COURTHOUSE PROPERTY:**

Chairman Perry recognized Joseph Persico of 406 W. Church Street who expressed his disappointment in the Board for not having a conversation regarding removal of the confederate monument on public grounds at their last meeting. He stated that the Board's constituents are obviously passionate about the statue, because they keep coming to meetings. He said the Board has time to talk about golf carts on private roads tonight, but do not have time to talk about an issue that affects peoples' lives every day. It makes no sense to him. He stated that the Board was not voting to move the statue or to destroy it, but were voting to have a conversation.

Chairman Perry recognized Keith Rivers of 104 Grandview Drive who said we need to quit pitty-patting around this issue. He does not understand why it would be so difficult to adopt a resolution to move something that is so offensive to so many people. He said we do not have to hide from this, because we all know how the county is structured. He said the way the system is designed now minorities do not have a lot of say in the things that the Board does. He said when he looks at the President of the United States of America, who says he is not a racist, but so far he has not seen any of his actions to prove otherwise. He stated that he has put people into office and into positions, who we know support white supremacy. He went on to say that the one thing we all know is the statue is offensive to a large segment of people. He asked why business owners don't put confederate flags or monuments at their businesses. He said they will not do it because they want the dollar.

Mr. Rivers stated that he is a retired navy chief petty officer. He noted that there is not a military installation that will allow a confederate flag to come through their gates. He remembers a time when a commander at the Coast Guard Base apologized to him for a group of individuals displaying a confederate flag. They informed him that they did not stand for such. He said they are not asking for the statue to be removed from private property, but off of public property. He noted that they pay taxes and a courthouse is supposed to stand for justice. He noted that most minorities already know that they are behind the power curve when they come to the courthouse and then they have to walk by and look at a monument. He said this Board should take the first step and adopt the resolution so when the time comes we can move the monument to its appropriate place. He said the monument is almost as disrespectful as when they were asking about restructuring of the board and a board member made the statement "if you all run the right person, we will vote for them". He said the Board's words can say one thing, but their actions say another. He stated that you can say you are not a racist, but if your actions do not prove it, his mama always told him actions speak louder than words. He asked the Board to take the higher moral ground and to show the people of this community that they elected the right persons. He said the Board has a duty do serve all, whether the majority or the minority. He

said if you vote against the resolution, make sure you put a confederate flag in your yard and on your car, because that is what you are saying if you do not vote for a resolution to remove the monument. He knows the Board will do the right thing and take the higher moral ground.

Chairman Perry recognized Matthew Jarvis of 1704 Weeksville Road who said he is here tonight representing the students at ECSU, as well as the young people in this city and county. He asked that the Board move forward from what happened in 1865. He urged the Board to go along with what the city council has already done and sign a resolution requesting that the state legislature make a way for us to be able to move the monument. If not, he said the courthouse will be filled with about 100 students and they will have to organize.

Chairman Perry thanked the public for their comments and asked the Board if they had comments. No comments were made. He said everyone knows that he supports sending a resolution asking that the monument be relocated.

**2. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

Chairman Perry asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. Commissioner Sterritt requested that the agenda be amended to add the following items to Consent Agenda: 1) Approval of Pay Grade/Step for Assistant Emergency Medical Services Director; and 2) Authorization for Ronny Jennings to purchase cell phone.

Motion was made by Bill Sterritt, seconded by Frankie Meads to approve the amendments to the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

After discussion;

Motion was made by Joe Winslow, seconded by Frankie Meads that when a cell phone is sold to a retiring county employee, the phone number associated with the phone stay with the county. The motion carried unanimously.

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

The Board considered a recommendation made by the Appointments Committee at the last meeting to appoint Phil Mays to replace Sabrina Parrish as the hotel/motel representative on the Tourism Development Authority. His application has been provided to members of the Board. Chairman Perry asked if there were any further nominations for the board. There being none;

Motion was made by Jeff Dixon, seconded by Joe Winslow to approve the appointment of Phil Mays to the Tourism Development Authority. The motion carried unanimously.

**4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

The Board considered the following consent agenda:

*a. Approval of Minutes of September 5 and 8, 2017*

*b. Approval of Tax Releases and Refunds*

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

**Tax Releases**

		County	City
1.	Donald L. & Roberta C. McCabe	130.90	111.35
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3.	Grady Luther Starks & Judith Starks (2016)	202.16	210.23
4.	Grady Luther Starks & Judith Starks (2017)	204.82	210.23
5.	NWJ Properties LLC		1,765.23
6.	Nations Mortgage LLC	640.65	458.48
7.	Perry Enterprise Group LLC	599.83	510.25
8.	Sylvia Parsons	264.11	
9.	Arthur Lewis & Lillie Pearl Riddick (2017)	137.06	
10.	Arthur Lewis & Lillie Pearl Riddick (2017)	109.34	
11.	Arthur L. & Lillie Riddick	257.18	
12.	Zack D. Jr. & Lescelles D. Robertson	89.62	331.43

13.	North East Dev LLC	198.66	
14.	Peter C. Yalden & P. Susan Thomson	226.38	192.57
15.	Roosevelt Walker & Eula W. Bryant Heirs	221.76	
16.	Water Street Properties	193.27	277.18
17.	Michael Stacey White	1,278.20	1,087.30
18.	McPherson Investment Co. LLC	4,805.57	4,443.79
19.	Odessa Lee Etheridge	763.85	563.28
20.	James R. Hurdle	676.06	
21.	Lloyd E. Jr. & Mary H. Griffin	4,188.80	3,563.20
22.	J. Winton Sawyer Heirs	281.82	239.73
23.	Dennis B. & Eboni P. Stallings	287.99	244.97
24.	Rose C. Spence	415.50	
25.	Robert D. White	177.87	
26.	Carolina Coastal Plastic Surgery	517.83	440.49
27.	Petsense	199.05	169.32

Tax Refunds

		County	City
1.	Brandon Michael Bove	393.84	

Solid Waste Fee Releases

		Parcel ID #	Reason for Release
1.	Hubert Ambrose	P12A-71	Vacant
2.	Carrie J. Bernard	P132A-222	Vacant
3.	Carrie J. Bernard	P132A-114	Vacant
4.	William H. Carroll	P78-42	Vacant
5.	Timothy A. & Carla W. Dewald	P12A-31	Vacant
6.	Harold S. & Ann Chambers	P35-56	Vacant
7.	Edward Bailey Hollomon	P142B-58	Vacant
8.	Novella Johnson	P145-23	Vacant
9.	Novella Johnson	44-H-1	Vacant
10.	Novella Johnson	44-B-42	Vacant
11.	Novella Johnson	44-H-3	Vacant
12.	Novella Johnson	44-H-2	Vacant
13.	Captain Medina Dukes Jones	26-H-6	Vacant
14.	Captain Medina Dukes Jones	P58-34	Vacant
15.	Herman Meads	P58-50	Vacant
16.	Roscoe & Linda T. White	P10-8	Vacant
17.	George & Margaret M. Halstead	P95-46	Vacant
18.	Sterling S. & Shirley B. Griffin	P80-84A	Vacant
19.	Sam T. Williams Heirs	P77-3	Vacant

c. Approval of Budget Amendments

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

Friends of the Library

Increase	024.0500.4831.00	Interest Earned	35.00
Increase	024.0600.4611.03	Book Sales	900.00
Increase	024.0600.4611.04	Membership Dues	650.00
Increase	024.0600.4611.05	Fundraisers	100.00
Increase	024.0600.4833.00	Donations	100.00
Increase	024.0991.4991.00	Fund Balance Appropriated	3,889.00
Increase	024.6110.5191.00	Audit Fees	100.00
Increase	024.6110.5231.00	Promotion/Education	100.00
Increase	024.6110.5232.00	Library Material	750.00
Increase	024.6110.5261.00	Departmental Supplies	700.00
Increase	024.6110.5272.00	Fundraiser Expenses	150.00
Increase	024.6110.5325.00	Postage	50.00
Increase	024.6110.5499.00	Miscellaneous Expense	590.00
Increase	024.6110.5500.00	Capital Outlay	3,234.00

Special/Caswell Center

Decrease	010.6900.5991.00	Contingency	125.00
Increase	010.6600.5615.03	Caswell Center	125.00

Commerce Pk/Cap Reserve

Increase	010.0700.4981.21	Transfer from Capital Reserve	24,846.00
Increase	010.4920.5440.00	Contracted Services	24,846.00
Decrease	021.8200.5960.05	Reserve-Commerce Park	24,846.00
Increase	021.8200.5980.10	Transfer to General Fund	24,846.00

*d. Approval of Late Property Tax Exclusion Application*

The Finance committee has recommended approval of an application for property tax exclusion in the amount of \$4,503 that was submitted by Stockbridge at Tanglewood Residential Property Owners Association on July 26, 2017.

*e. Approval of Fee Schedule for Golf Carts Permits*

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of the following fee schedule for golf carts:

PASQUOTANK COUNTY  
Sheriff's Office  
Fee Schedule

Golf Cart Permits

Annual Fee.....	\$25.00
Late Listing Fee (for sticker).....	\$50.00
Non-Compliance.....	\$150.00

*f. Approval of Fee Schedule for Courthouse Use*

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of the following fee schedule for for use of courthouse courtrooms and meeting rooms:

PASQUOTANK COUNTY  
County Manager's Office  
Fee Schedule

Courthouse Use Fee.....	\$50.00 1 <sup>st</sup> hour
.....	\$25.00 each additional hour

\$50 first hour deposit must be submitted with the completed application to the County Manager's Office. Any time over the first hour will be invoiced by the Sheriff's Office to the responsible party.

*g. Approval of Lease with Albemarle Area United Way*

The Finance Committee has recommended approval to enter into a lease for county owned property at 1413 Parkview Drive with Albemarle Area United Way. The proposed lease is for a five-year term beginning October 1, 2017. The rent for the term of the lease will be \$450 per month.

*h. Approval of Pay Grade/Step for Assistant Emergency Medical Director*

The Finance Committee has recommended Pay Grade 25, Step 6 at \$50,177 for the appointment of Josh Smith to the position of Assistant EMS Director beginning October 1, 2017.

*i. Authorization for Ronny Jennings to Purchase County Cell Phone*

The Finance Committee has recommended Ronny Jennings, Assistant Water Superintendent, be allowed to purchase his county cell phone for \$1 upon this retirement September 30, 2017. The number attached to the phone will remain property of the County.

Commissioner Griffin requested he be recused from considering approval of Tax Release #21 due to a conflict of interest.

Motion was made by Frankie Meads, seconded by Joe Winslow to recuse Lloyd Griffin from considering Tax Release #21 due to a conflict of interest. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Joe Winslow, seconded by Jeff Dixon to approve Tax Release #21 on the consent agenda. The motion carried 6 to 0.

Motion was made by Joe Winslow, seconded by Jeff Dixon to approve the consent agenda as amended, with the exception of Tax Release #21, which was approved previously. The motion carried 7 to 0.

**5. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF GOLF CARTS ON PUBLIC STREETS:**

The Board considered the following ordinance:

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF  
GOLF CARTS ON PUBLIC STREETS**

**WHEREAS**, the County may regulate golf carts on any public street, road, or highway as authorized by the North Carolina General Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the County desires to allow golf carts on certain public streets, road and highways within the county subject to the regulations and restrictions contained herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners approves the Ordinance Regulating the Use of Golf Carts on Public Streets as follows:

**§1.01 PURPOSE, INTENT AND FINDINGS.**

(A) Pursuant to G.S. § 153A-245. Pasquotank County may by ordinance regulate the operation of golf carts as defined in G.S. § 20-4.01(12a) on any public street, road or highway where the speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less within the county that is located in any unincorporated areas of the county or on any property owned or leased by the county.

(B) Further pursuant to G.S. § 153A-245, Pasquotank County may by ordinance require the registration of golf carts, charge a fee for the registration, specify who is authorized to operate golf carts, and specify the required equipment, load limits, and the hours and methods of operation of golf carts.

(C) The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners desires to allow the use of golf carts within the county in accordance with state law and local law while at the same time preserve and address the interest of public safety associated with such use.

(D) Pasquotank County finds that unregulated use of golf carts on public streets and roads is detrimental to the safety of the citizens of Pasquotank County. This chapter is intended to apply only to Newbegun Land Subdivision. The chapter may be expanded to other areas of the county at a later date or to the entire county.

**§1.02 DEFINITIONS.**

For purposes of this chapter the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

**GOLF CART.** A vehicle designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of 20 miles per hour.

**§1.03 POLICY STATEMENT AND LIABILITY DISCLAIMER.**

This chapter is adopted to address the interest of public safety under which the provisions of G.S. § 153A-245 which provides counties with the authority to regulate the use of golf carts that have not been outfitted and registered as required by state law. Generally, golf carts

(hereinafter "carts") that have not been outfitted and registered are not designated or manufactured to be used anywhere other than golf courses, and Pasquotank County in no way advocates or endorses their operation elsewhere within the county. The county, by regulating such operation, is merely trying to address obvious safety issues, and adoption of this chapter is not to be relied upon as a determination that operation is safe or advisable if done in accordance with this chapter. All persons who operate or ride upon carts do so at their own risk and peril, and must be observant of and attentive to the safety of themselves and others, including their passengers, other motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Pasquotank County has no liability under any theory of liability for permitting carts to operate in the county. The owner and operator of the cart is responsible for any liability involved in using the cart. The county does not encourage cart operation and does not represent that the operation of carts under these rules will render cart operation safe and without risk to the driver and passenger(s) of a cart.

#### **§1.04 RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

(A) Carts that are not equipped and registered as required by the State Motor Vehicle Law may only operate on public streets and roads within the County of Pasquotank as set forth herein and in accordance with these rules and regulations. Operation of carts in violation of these rules and regulations shall be subject to the penalty provisions of §1.99 or, in egregious cases, may constitute reckless driving as defined in the North Carolina General Statutes.

(B) All carts operated on the streets must have a valid permit sticker from the Pasquotank County Sheriff's Office. A yearly fee as established by the Pasquotank County Commissioners on a per cart basis will be charged by the Pasquotank County Sheriff's Office for a permit sticker (see Pasquotank Fee Schedule). There will be no prorated registrations nor will there be any refunds issued. A 31-day re-registration period for all previously registered golf carts will be permitted during the month of January each year for an annual registration charge per the Pasquotank Fee Schedule. Owners re-registering after January 31 of each year will be considered expired until re-registered and not permitted to use the golf carts in the associated areas. Driving a golf cart without a current registration will result in a fine as determined by the Pasquotank County Fee Schedule. A list of all registrations will be maintained by the Pasquotank County Sheriff's Office. The golf cart owner is responsible for maintaining their registration, no notices will be mailed. If a golf cart is purchased during the calendar year, the fee will not be prorated and would be the amount established as per the Pasquotank County Fee Schedule.

(C) Any person who operates a cart on a street in Pasquotank County must adhere to all applicable state laws concerning the possession and use of alcoholic beverages and all illegal drugs, as well as all other state traffic laws.

(D) Any person who operates a cart in Pasquotank County and fails to receive or properly display a Pasquotank County permit sticker will be subject to state law requiring registration and any other applicable laws, in addition to the requirements of this chapter.

(E) Any person who operates a cart in Pasquotank County takes full responsibility for all liability associated with operating the cart.

(F) Carts may not be operated on or alongside a public road or street with a posted speed limit greater than 35 miles per hour.

(G) This chapter is intended to apply to the Newbegun Land Subdivision.

(H) Drivers of carts shall stay to the far right of the traveled portion of the road and yield to the right-of-way to overtake motor vehicles.

(I) Any cart operating between the time of one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise shall be equipped with and have in use headlights.

(J) Carts shall be equipped with at least one operational rear-view mirror and at least two rear reflectors. Red rear reflectors must be at least three inches in width.

(K) Persons are prohibited from standing on a cart while the cart is in operation.

(L) The maximum occupancy of a cart traveling on the street is one person per bucket seat or two people per bench seat.

(M) Children must be properly seated while a cart is in motion and may not be transported in a negligent manner.

(N) If the cart is equipped with seat belts, all passengers are to wear the seat belts at all times the cart is in motion.

(O) A driver must be at least 16 years old and possess a valid state-issued driver's license. Cart operators must carry their driver's license on their person at all times while operating a cart on public streets and roads in the county.

(P) No cart may be operated at a speed greater than reasonable and prudent for the existing conditions, and in no instance at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour.

(Q) No cart may be operated in a careless or reckless manner.

(R) Carts shall not be operated on sidewalks.

(S) Carts shall not be operated on private property without the permission and consent of the property owner, property manager or home owner's association, if applicable.

(T) The Pasquotank County Sheriff's Office's interpretation of the above rules and regulations are final. The Pasquotank County Sheriff's Office will maintain its interpretation in a written and published manner.

#### **§1.05 PERMIT REQUIRED.**

(A) Cart owners must complete the Golf Cart Owner Registration Form and show proof of license to drive to the Pasquotank County Sheriff's Office. The completed forms will be maintained by the Pasquotank County Sheriff's Office. Visible proof of compliance must be attached to a conspicuous place on the cart.

(B) The Pasquotank County Sheriff's Office is hereby authorized to issue a permit for a fee as published by the Pasquotank County Fee Schedule to all appropriate applicants, one per cart. When issuing this permit Pasquotank County Sheriff's Office staff shall require the applicant to sign a statement certifying he or she has read the provisions on the county's ordinance on cart usage as set forth in this chapter.

#### **§1.99 PENALTY.**

(A) A violation and/or repeated violations of this chapter may result in any combination of the following: a fine, loss of privileges (loss of permit sticker) for up to one year and/or revocation of said permit, and/or prosecution in a court of law.

(B) Violation of this chapter shall be a misdemeanor and punished with a fine as published by the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners for each violation, provided, however, that operating a cart under the influence of an impairing substance, alcohol or drugs, on a public road or highway is not a violation of this chapter, but a violation of state law, and is punishable as provided in G.S. Chapter 20.

(C) The Pasquotank County Sheriff's Office retains the right to refuse to issue any permit. The Pasquotank County Sheriff retains the right to revoke any permit for up to 12 months in the event of repeated violations of this chapter or conviction of driving while impaired and/or reckless driving.

#### **§2.01 ADOPTION**

This ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

Attorney Cox explained that the ordinance would allow golf carts to be driven on public roads in Newbegun Land Subdivision. He said the ordinance can be expanded to include other developments in the future if there is a request to do so. He stated that individuals interested in receiving a permit will have to apply in the Sheriff's Office.

There was discussion regarding what the funds generated from the permits can be used for, as well as details of the ordinance.

Motion was made by Jeff Dixon, seconded by Joe Winslow to approve the ordinance regulating the use of golf carts on public streets. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. APPROVAL OF REVISED POLICY ON USE OF COURTROOMS AND MEETING ROOMS:**

The Board considered the revised Use of Courtrooms and Meeting Rooms Policy. Attorney Cox explained that the Special Projects Committee reviewed the proposed changes and is recommending approval. The amendments will allow for fees to be charged for all uses of the courthouse and meeting rooms outside of normal business hours unless the event is sanctioned by the County. The fees will be used to cover security cost during the events.

County Manager Bunch explained that \$50 will be collected by personnel in the County Manager's Office when an individual or group applies and the funds will be turned into the Finance Office. If the applicant uses the facility for more than one hour, security will report to the Sheriff's Office and they will bill for the additional time.

Motion was made by Frankie meads, seconded by Jeff Dixon to approve the revised Policy on Use of Courtrooms and Meeting Rooms. The motion carried unanimously.

**7. COUNTY MANAGERS REPORT:**

County Manager Bunch provided the following report:

Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> - Cathy Davison, Albemarle Commission hosted County Managers for lunch. Ms. Davison reported that she made a presentation to the Pasquotank County Commissioners at their August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting requesting support to construct a new facility. Pasquotank County Commissioners suggested she approach Perquimans County to inquire if they would consider building the building and leasing it to the Albemarle Commission rather than the Albemarle Commission borrowing funds for construction. They also suggested she investigate the possibility of leasing vacant space at Port Elizabeth for housing Albemarle Commission staff rather than constructing a new facility. Ms. Davison reported to Managers that Perquimans County was not interested in building a new facility for the Albemarle Commission although they would consider expanding the current building they occupy. Ms. Davison said the Commission did not see how the building could be expanded to meet their needs. County Managers requested Ms. Davison to investigate all possibilities for leasing existing space and report back at a future date.

Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> – Chairman Perry and I attended the Chowan River Watershed (and beyond) Algal Bloom Forum held at the College of the Albemarle Edenton Campus. Speaker participants were from the NC Sea Grant Program, NC State University, NC Division of Water Resources, and Albemarle Regional Health Services. It was explained that water entering the Chowan River Basin actually comes downstream out of Virginia. We need to work with partners in Virginia to clean up our waterways. They acknowledged the algal blooms were also evident in the Upper Little River this year and in the Albemarle Sound near the shoreline beginning at the mouth of the Perquimans River and extending to the mouth of the Pasquotank River. Mark Powell, Albemarle RC&D expressed the need to install filtering systems for outlets draining into our waterways.

The following item was surplus and sold on Govdeals.com:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Buyer</b>	<b>Buyer's City &amp; State</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Aircraft Manuals	Larry Beatty	Elizabeth City, NC	\$5.00
			\$5.00



**8. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Meads reported that the Code Council met. One of the items discussed was the current shortage of code enforcement officers.

Commissioner Parker reported that she attended Hezekiah Brown's book signing. On Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, she attended the League of Women's Voters "night at the movies". On Thursday, she attended the college week activities at the Museum of the Albemarle, as well as the Elected Officials Opioid Abuse Forum.

Commissioner Griffin stated that the Committee of 100 has come up with an initiative to try to recruit more retirees into our community. Commissioner Dixon noted that the City of Elizabeth City has had a presentation by the Committee of 100 on the initiative. The Board directed staff to send a letter to Economic Development Commission Chairman Jeff Dixon to request he ask Committee of 100 Chairman Peter Thompson to come before the Board and explain their request.

Commissioner Dixon thanked County Manager Bunch for his update on the proposed new facility for Albemarle Commission. Staff was instructed to send a letter to Cathy Davidson, Director of Albemarle Commission informing her of the Board's position/concerns with construction of the new facility. He thanked staff and the health department for organizing the Opioid Forum and said without them it would not have gone off as well as it did. He praised the speakers and said it was a real education for him. He thanked the Board for attending and for giving the Special Projects Committee the opportunity to help facilitate the event. He said he would like to push for a clinic in Pasquotank County that can serve all of northeastern North Carolina.

Vice-Chairman Sterritt complimented Commissioner Dixon for spearheading the Opioid Forum. He said as he understands it, the next step will be a community forum. He reported that the Community Relations Commission is in the process of arranging a community forum for members of the community about the issue of the monument. He reported that the CRC has selected a recipient for the Witherspoon Harris Award, Ms. Julie Robinson, who has been involved with the Spanish speaking element in Elizabeth City for many years. A date will be forthcoming for the event.

Chairman Perry thanked everyone that was involved in the Opioid Forum. He said he learned a lot and feels that everyone who attended did as well. He thanked the Board for attending the event. He asked where we go from here with this issue. He feels it should be moved out into the community. Commissioner Dixon said a report is forthcoming from the health department about the forum and once we receive it, the committee can meet again and discuss how to move forward. He feels there needs to be collaboration between the City and County on this issue.

Chairman Perry said he feels strongly that the Board needs to have a conversation about moving the confederate monument off of public property. He said the City has sent their resolution over and we need to decide if we are going to accept it one way or the other. Mr. Bunch noted that he has not received a copy of the resolution. Chairman Perry said it is the Board's obligation as leaders of the community to make a decision.

There being no further business;

Motion was made by Jeff Dixon, seconded by Bettie Parker to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

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CHAIRMAN

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CLERK TO THE BOARD