

**PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
OCTOBER 1, 2018**

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners met today in a regular meeting on Monday, October 1, 2018 in Courtroom C in the Pasquotank County Courthouse.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cecil Perry, Chairman
Dr. William R. Sterritt, Vice-Chairman
Lloyd E. Griffin, III
Joseph S. Winslow, Jr.
Frankie Meads
Charles H. Jordan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeff Dixon

OTHERS PRESENT: Sparty Hammett, County Manager
R. Michael Cox, County Attorney
Shelley Cox, Planning Director
David Smithson, Water Superintendent
Lynn Scott, Clerk to the Board

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Perry. Commissioner Jordan gave the invocation and Vice-Chairman Sterritt led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Perry welcomed and thanked everyone for coming and taking part in tonight's meeting. He acknowledged a young man in attendance that opened and held the door for him to enter the courtroom this evening. He encouraged him to keep doing it, and people will notice.

1. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

Chairman Perry asked if there were any amendments to the agenda. Vice-Chairman Sterritt requested that the agenda be amended to add the following items to the Consent Agenda: 1) Approval of Agreement to Delay Health Insurance Coverage; and 2) Approval of Bid for Tower Modifications at South Mills Site. He requested that the Board add a Closed Session at the end of the meeting per [NCGS 143-318.00(a)(3)] To Protect the Attorney/Client Privilege and [NCGS 143-318.00(a)(5)] Acquisition of Real Estate.

Motion was made by Bill Sterritt, seconded by Lloyd Griffin to amend the agenda to add Items 1 and 2 to the Consent Agenda and to add a Closed Session at the end of the meeting per [NCGS 143-318.00(a)(3)] To Protect the Attorney/Client Privilege and [NCGS 143-318.00(a)(5)] Acquisition of Real Estate. The motion carried unanimously.

2. RECOGNITION OF CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS EMPLOYEES:

County Manager Hammett said he is excited to announce that several of our Central Communications employees received recognition at the North Carolina Public Safety Communications 2018 Conference in September. He noted that our department won four of the eighteen awards presented. The following employees received recognition:

- Communications Team of the Year was awarded to Shift A – Pamela Brown, Crystal Owen, and Tara Battle;
- Line Supervisor of the year was awarded to Pamela Brown;
- NENA Hall of Fame inductee was awarded to Pamela Collins – this award is given to NENA members that have performed outstanding service to the chapter over a period of years through strong commitment and dedication to strengthening the field of public safety communications; and
- Communications Leader of the Year was awarded to Kylie Felton

Central Communications staff praised Director Kylie Felton for being an exceptional leader, adding that she has gotten training back on schedule and has brought morale up in the department.

The Board thanked staff for their hard work and dedication, and congratulated them on being honored.

3. INTRODUCTION OF NEW FOREST RANGER:

Chairman Perry called on Erik Alnes, Pasquotank County Ranger. Mr. Alnes introduced himself and said he is very excited to be here.

4. PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH:

The local Region R Long-Term Care Ombudsman has requested the Board proclaim October as National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month and to adopt the following proclamation:

**National Long-Term Care
Residents' Rights Month 2018
Proclamation**

Speak Up: Know Your Rights and How to Use Them

Whereas, there are more than 1.6 million individuals living in 16,000 nursing homes; and 1 million individuals living in 50,000 board and care/assisted living facilities in the U.S.; and

Whereas, the federal Nursing Home Reform Act of 1987 guarantees residents their individual rights in order to promote and maintain their dignity and autonomy; and

Whereas, all residents should be aware of their rights so they may be empowered to live with dignity and self-determination; and

Whereas, we wish to honor and celebrate these citizens, to recognize their rich individuality, and to reaffirm their right to vote and participate politically, including the right to have a say in their care; and

Whereas, individuals and groups across the country will be celebrating Residents' Rights Month with the theme –“Speak Up: Know Your Rights and How to Use Them”– to emphasize the importance of residents being informed about their rights; being engaged partners in achieving quality care and quality of life; and feeling confident in speaking up about what is important to them.

Now, therefore, I, Cecil Perry, Chairman of the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 2018 as National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month, in Pasquotank County, and encourage all citizens to join me in these important observances.

Signed this 1st day of October, 2018.

Motion was made by Joe Winslow, seconded by Frankie Meads to adopt the proclamation for National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month as proposed. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PUBLIC HEARING ON SOLAR FARM MORATORIUM:

Chairman Perry declared the meeting to be a public hearing to hear comments on the proposed moratorium, and he asked if anyone would care to address the Board regarding a (60) day moratorium on all new solar farm applications.

Planning Director Shelley Cox stated that staff is recommending that the Board adopt a sixty (60) day moratorium for new solar farm projects. She said the purpose of the moratorium is to allow staff time to research potential impacts of large scale solar farms on the community and to prepare a potential text amendment which would go before the Planning Board, and ultimately to the Board of Commissioners.

H.V. Cole of North Road Street said he has been around eastern North Carolina for about forty years. He was raised on a hundred acre tobacco farm in Kentucky. He said he joined the Navy and ended up here. He stated that the property in question is some of the best farm land he has ever laid his eyes on. He said he can certainly understand why a farmer would be willing to sell 2,000 to 3,000 acres of his land to a developer for a solar farm, because farmers are lucky if they break even these days. He doesn't want the Board to deny farmers the right to sell their land. He suggested the County buy the land. He even volunteered to help pay for it. He went on to say he hates to see the prime land turned into a solar farm.

At the absence of further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Joe Winslow to approve the following ordinance imposing a sixty (60) day moratorium on all new solar farm applications. The motion carried unanimously.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE PASQUOTANK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE, PROCESSING OR
CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR SOLAR FARMS PURSUANT TO
N.C. GEN. STAT. §153A-340(h)**

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Pasquotank, North Carolina, at its regularly scheduled October 1, 2018 meeting, after due advertisement as by law required, conducted a public hearing and heard from the interested public and county officials for the purpose of gathering information and taking appropriate action within the confines of applicable law regarding imposition of a moratorium on the acceptance, processing or consideration of applications for solar farms. From the same, the Board of Commissioners makes the following findings of fact, conclusions and legislative determination:

I. STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM NECESSITATING A MORATORIUM; THE COURSES OF ACTION ALTERNATIVE TO A MORATORIUM CONSIDERED AND THEIR INADEQUACY ~ NCGS §153A-340(h)(1)

- A. Pursuant to Section 7.01 Table of Permitted Uses within the Pasquotank County Zoning Ordinance solar farms are permitted with a conditional use permit in A-1 (Agricultural), A-2 (Agricultural), C-1 (Commercial), I-1 (Industrial), and I-2 (Industrial) zoning districts.
- B. It is anticipated the county may receive an application to construct a new large scale solar farm (being approximately 3,000 to 3,500 acres) in areas designated "Agricultural" or "Industrial" in the near future.
- C. A solar farm may be incompatible with the surrounding land uses and the Pasquotank County-Elizabeth City 2004 Advanced Core Land Use Plan (hereinafter "Land Use Plan"). According to the Land Use Plan:

1) (Section 4.3.1 A):

The County's goals and policies to support the continued use of land in Agricultural classified areas for active agricultural and forestry purposes and discourage traditional urban growth and development in such areas. Over time, Agricultural areas are not expected to evolve into more intensely used areas.

2) (Section 4.2.1 B):

Policy 10 Safeguard areas suitable for industrial development from encroachment by competing land uses.

- D. A new large scale solar farm in the "Industrial" zoning districts of Pasquotank County could potentially reduce the county's industrial zoned land by

potentially fifty percent (50%). This property is needed for future expansion of business and/or industry and could generate potential jobs for county residents.

- E. A large scale solar farm along the edge or in close proximity to U.S. 17 (which is in the planning stages of becoming Interstate 87) may impact the esthetics of the area. Issues such as setbacks, screening or overall size of solar farms may need to be considered as outlined in Section IV of this ordinance.
- F. In addition, the Land Use Plan's "Pasquotank County Policy Statements" (Section 4.2.1) includes the following policy:
 - Ensure that land use and development activities provide a balance between economic development needs and protection of natural resources and fragile environments.
- G. A large scale solar farm may be incompatible with the County's Land Use Plan.
- H. In addition, after further consideration it is not necessary or apparent that the use of land for solar farms to the extent developed in the county and that which is anticipated is in the best interest of the County.
- I. The County needs a period of time to develop amendments to the Pasquotank County Zoning Ordinance to properly reflect land development patterns as set forth in the plan.
- J. Modification regarding the use of land for solar farms will require an amendment(s) to the Zoning Ordinance which process will be compromised and futile if additional solar farm approval is sought prior to the time required to address the concerns set forth herein.
- K. An alternative to considering a moratorium would be to take no action and not provide adequate notice to potential solar farm applicants and the general public of the county's intent to amend the county's solar farm regulations.

II. STATEMENT OF DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL SUBJECT TO THE MORATORIUM AND HOW SUCH MORATORIUM WILL ADDRESS THE EXISTING PROBLEMS ~ NCGS §153A-340(h)(2)

Imposition of a moratorium on the acceptance, processing or consideration of site plan and/or conditional use permit applications involving solar farms will prevent the approval of solar farms as an acceptable use of land in the county. The adoption of the moratorium will allow time for the county to adopt a zoning ordinance amendment that would limit the potential impact a large scale solar farm would have on the county and the future I-87 corridor.

III. DATE FOR TERMINATION AND THE REASONABLE NECESSITY FOR ITS LENGTH TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS GIVING RISE TO THE IMPOSITION OF A MORATORIUM ~ NCGS §153A-340(h)(3)

Regulation to the use of land for solar farms will require amendments to the Pasquotank County Zoning Ordinance. Therefore, time is required to review existing ordinances, draft proposed amendments and process any proposed amendment through relevant county boards or agencies. It is anticipated that 60 days will be required to complete that process. This moratorium will expire on November 29, 2018.

IV. STATEMENT OF ACTIONS AND SCHEDULE FOR THOSE ACTIONS PROPOSED TO BE TAKEN DURING THE EXISTENCE OF A MORATORIUM REASONABLY NECESSARY TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS AND CONDITIONS LEADING TO THE IMPOSITION OF THE MORATORIUM ~ NCGS §153A-340(h)(4)

During the existence of this moratorium the appropriate Pasquotank County staff shall:

- A. Review the Pasquotank County Zoning Ordinance and Land Use Plan to make a determination which amendments to the Zoning Ordinance are advisable to meet and preserve the stated goals as established by the Land Use Plan; and
- B. Process any land use ordinance amendments through the Pasquotank County Planning Board and Board of Commissioners so that public hearings may be held on any amendments prior to the expiration of this ordinance.

V. *IMPOSITION OF MORATORIUM*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF PASQUOTANK that after careful, deliberate and studied contemplation of the above does hereby implement and impose, effective from the date and time of the adoption of this ordinance, to and including the end of November 29, 2018, a moratorium prohibiting the acceptance, processing or consideration by any county employee, or appointed or elected board any application for use of land within the county for a solar farm.

ADOPTED the 1st day of October, 2018.

6. COMMENTS BY H.V. COLE:

Chairman Perry recognized H.V. Cole of North Road Street. Mr. Cole said he is here tonight to voice his concerns regarding the proposed changes to the Water Department Policy. He said if the Board agrees to increase their fees it will hurt two types of the people in the County, the poor and senior citizens. He stated that the Board needs to think about those people who have to choose between water, medicine, electricity, or gas to get to work. He noted that the Water Department is in good financial shape and does not need the extra funds. He urged commissioners to talk to churches and the Salvation Army to learn more about how families in our County are struggling.

7. COMMENTS BY CARLTON ARMSTRONG:

Chairman Perry recognized Carlton Armstrong of 1451 Millpond Road. Mr. Armstrong said he is a lifelong resident of the Newland area, except for his time as a Vietnam Veteran. He noted that he is one of the newest members of the South Mills Water Association. He explained that last winter during the extreme cold, South Mills ran out of water due to residents “dripping” water from their faucets. Camden was unable to sell them water, but luckily Pasquotank County did. He asked why is it that South Mills Water Association can’t always buy water from Pasquotank County when they need it. He said it is rumored that Pasquotank County will not sell South Mills water because Pasquotank County wants to buy South Mills’ infrastructure and take over their customers.

Mr. Armstrong stated that all of the residents in the Newland area are getting water from South Mills. He said they are still Pasquotank County residents. He asked why they can’t get water from the new reverse osmosis plant when he knows for a fact that Elizabeth City and Perquimans County are getting water from the plant. He said Newland residents are just as good as those people.

Attorney Cox said this issue was discussed at the last Pasquotank County Water Committee meeting and staff plans to discuss the issue further. Commissioner Griffin stated that this issue has been ongoing for at least fifteen years. Developers and homeowners in the Newland area want to build houses on pre-platted, approved lots and they cannot get water from the South Mills Water Association because it does not have enough water pressure. He said there are also developers in the northern end of Camden County who want to build 1,500 homes. He said currently the South Mills Water Association controls the rights. He feels the differences need to be worked out.

Mr. Armstrong stated that they have a lot of new members on their board who would like to sit down and meet with Pasquotank and Camden Counties to discuss their concerns. Commissioner Griffin said the Board understands his concerns and they are very well aware, but the Board

needs to make sure that the Association’s insurance and fire hydrant ratings stay consistent. Mr. Armstrong assured him that they are working on improving the flow rate and they are going to do their best to make sure that Newland residents pay the least amount they can for their property insurance. Chairman Perry assured Mr. Armstrong that the Board will do their best to follow up on the issue.

8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

The Board considered the following consent agenda:

a. Approval of Minutes of September 17, 2018 Commissioner Meeting

b. Approval of Tax Releases and Refunds

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

Tax Refunds

		County	City
1.	Joseph Anthony Armijo	179.79	
2.	Joseph Anthony Armijo	133.84	
3.	Fotoula Reisopoulos	154.42	131.35

Solid Waste Fee Releases

		Parcel ID #	Reason for Release
1.	Wayne E. & Donna W. Bashaw	P139-215	Vacant
2.	Robert G. Brothers Jr.	P123-1C	Vacant
3.	Jose Jaime Vega Flores Etal	P92-20A	Uninhabitable
4.	Glenross Prop. LLC	32-A-23	Vacant
5.	Eudora B. Harvey	P122A-70	Vacant
6.	Eudora B. Harvey	P122A-68	Vacant
7.	Eudora B. Harvey	26-A-34 & 33	Vacant
8.	Eudora B. Harvey	26-A-49	Vacant
9.	Eudora B. Harvey	29-D-24	Vacant
10.	Eudora B. Harvey	26-A-19	Vacant
11.	W. D. & Phyllis Looney	P141-134	Vacant
12.	Herman Ray Meads Jr.	P58-50	Vacant
13.	H. T. Mullen Jr.	P139-11	Vacant
14.	Beatrice Scott	39-D-7,8,9	Vacant
15.	Sam T. Williams Heirs	P77-3	Vacant

Solid Waste Fee Refunds

		Parcel ID #	Reason for Release
1.	Clarence D. & Pamela Bright Lassiter	P133A-58	Vacant

c. Adoption of Resolution Exempting Electronic Transactions from Certain Pre-Audit Requirements

The Finance Committee has recommended adoption of the following resolution allowing the Finance Officer to create a written policy regarding exempting electronic expenditures from certain pre-audit requirements:

COUNTY OF PASQUOTANK
 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY OF PASQUOTANK
 TO ENGAGE IN ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS
 AS DEFINED BY G.S. 159-28

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners that the County of Pasquotank is authorized to engage in electronic payments as defined by G.S. 159-28; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Finance Officer, who is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners, to adopt a written policy outlining procedures for pre-auditing obligations that will be incurred by electronic payments as required by NC Administrative Code 20 NCAC 03 .0409; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Finance Officer, who is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners, to adopt a written policy outlining procedures for disbursing public funds by electronic transaction as required by NC Administrative Code 20 NCAC 03 .0410.

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

Section 1. Authorizes the County of Pasquotank to engage in electronic payments as defined by G.S. 159-28;

Section 2. Authorizes the Finance Officer to adopt a written policy outlining procedures for pre-auditing obligations that will be incurred by electronic payments as required by NC Administrative Code 20 NCAC 03 .0409;

Section 3. Authorizes the Finance Officer to adopt a written policy outlining procedures for disbursing public funds by electronic transaction as required by NC Administrative Code 20 NCAC 03 .0410; and

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage. Upon motion of _____ and seconded by _____ the foregoing Resolution was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____

This the _____ day of October, 2018

d. Approval of Proclamation Declaring September 29, 2018 as Seth E. Perry Day

The following proclamation declaring September 29, 2018 as Seth E. Perry Day in Pasquotank County was presented at a celebration this past weekend honoring the 100th anniversary of his death:

Proclamation

WHEREAS, 100 years ago a generation of Americans were summoned to serve the United States of America during World War I; and

WHEREAS, Many Americans suffered wounds – both physical and mental - that would never fully heal; and

WHEREAS, most of all, we honor the Americans who gave their lives defending countries they had never known and people they had never met. Their legacy lives on in the hearts of the American people; and

WHEREAS, ten decades later, we renew that call to honor and reflect. Now and forever, let us pay tribute to all veterans by upholding the ideals they fought to protect, and by supporting them with the care and respect they so deeply deserve; and

WHEREAS, we salute and pay tribute to the unwavering bravery of Corporal Seth E. Perry, Company K, 119th Infantry, 30th Division. It is believed that Corporal Perry was the only soldier from Pasquotank County to have died in combat during World War I when a portion of his company was threatened with a counter attack. Having previously seen one runner killed in an

attempt to reach them from headquarters with orders to fall back, Corporal Perry volunteered for the dangerous mission. While crossing an open field under heavy fire near Bellicourt, France the 25-year old was mortally wounded; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Perry was posthumously awarded a Distinguished Service Cross of Extraordinary Heroism in Military Operations, which was presented to his Mother Mrs. Mary E. Perry of Okisko, which currently hangs in the Pasquotank County Courthouse.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cecil Perry, as Chairman of the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim September 29, 2018, as:

“Seth E. Perry Day”

in Pasquotank County, and urge our residents to observe this day in honor of Corporal Perry and his service to our country. This the 29th day of September, 2018.

e. Approval of Agreement to Delay Health Insurance Coverage

The Finance Committee has recommended that the Board approve an agreement to delay the health insurance coverage for retired county employee Michael Etheridge. Mr. Etheridge agreed to relieve the County of providing health insurance coverage while employed with his current employer.

f. Approval of Bid for Tower Modifications at South Mills Site

The Finance Committee has recommended that the Board accept the bid from Hightower Communications in the amount of \$158,092 for modifications at the South Mills tower site.

Motion was made by Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Joe Winslow to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Sterritt stated that the Seth E. Perry 10th Anniversary Celebration was a very nice ceremony. He said he and Commissioner Winslow both participated in the event.

9. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT TO ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD:

Clerk to the Board Lynn Scott stated that on September 17, 2018 the Board accepted a recommendation from the Appointments Committee to nominate Bettie Lyons to fill Ann Hoffman's unexpired term on the Animal Control Board. She asked if there were any further nominations.

There being no further nominations;

Motion was made by Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Charles Jordan to appoint Bettie Lyons to fill the unexpired term of Ann Hoffman on the Animal Control Board. The motion carried unanimously.

10. APPROVAL OF FOX HAVEN, PHASE 3, FINAL PLAT:

Northeast Development, LLC has requested Final Plat approval for 36 residential lots in Phase 3 of Fox Haven Subdivision, which is the third and final phase of the development. The property is zoned R-35A and lot sizes are proposed to range from 43,001 square feet to 118,138 square feet. The property is located on the west side of Main Street Extended, approximately 600' north of the intersection of Berea Church Road and Main Street Extended in Providence Township.

Ms. Cox stated that under the current school districting, students generated from the development would attend Northside Elementary, Elizabeth City Middle and Pasquotank County High School. Providence Volunteer Fire Department provides fire protection for this area and fire hydrants have been installed. This area is served by the Pasquotank County water system. Water tap fees in the amount of \$64,800 have been paid by the developer. On-site septic systems are proposed to be utilized at this location. Environmental Health has certified that the proposed sewage system meets the criteria and requirements of ARHS. The area requested for Final Plat is located within Flood Zone X according to FEMA Map 3701847995J effective October 5, 2004.

Ms. Cox said that due to traffic safety concerns, the development has one divided entrance along Main Street Extended. Turn and acceleration lanes have been installed along Main Street Extended by the developer. All stormwater improvements for this development have been installed. The approved stormwater plan is for low density development and limits lots to a maximum 30% impervious surface coverage. A total of 96 lots were originally approved within the development. Twenty nine lots were approved in Phase I and 31 were approved in Phase 2. Phase 3 is the final phase within the development. Ms. Cox stated that staff recommends approval of the Fox Haven, Phase 3, Final Plat.

Motion was made by Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Charles Jordan to approve the Final Plat for Fox Haven Subdivision, Phase 3, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

11. APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO WATER DEPARTMENT POLICY:

Chairman Perry said at the July 9th and September 4th Water Committee meetings, several items were brought to the Committee by staff for consideration in order to bring the Water Department in line with other water departments in our area. The committee voted to approve the changes. The Finance Committee reviewed the following changes at their last meeting and recommended approval:

1. Increase Disconnect Fee from \$25.00 to \$40.00
2. Increase Service Fee from \$10.00 to \$25.00
3. Allow 24 hours to reconnect service after disconnection due to nonpayment
4. Payments after normal business hours are restricted to online credit card payments only
5. Rental deposit increase from \$60.00 to \$100.00

The Board voiced concerns about the effects the increases will have on taxpayers. Commissioner Griffin said he certainly understands the concerns, but at the same time, we must put rates in place that support the actual cost of doing business. He added that we are not raising the cost of water; we are trying to raise the service fees to cover staffing costs. Commissioner Meads suggested implementing the increases over a period of three years. Vice-Chairman Sterritt said the problem with the rates is that the people that are affected are those individuals that can least afford to have their water reconnected. He suggested sending the request back to committee and have them come up with a realistic plan. Commissioner Jordan said we not only need to consider whether we are competitive with other counties, but we also need to consider the residents within the county and listen to them. He feels it would be best for us to take another look at the rates and not consider them tonight.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jordan, seconded by Joe Winslow to send the proposed changes back to the Water Committee for further review.

Chairman Perry said he thinks everyone knows how he feels about increasing the fees. He said human services is one of the Board's responsibilities, and it's not just about making money. He said most of us in the room can afford to pay our water bill, but for those that can't, they certainly cannot afford an additional charge to have it cut back on.

Commissioner Griffin asked for recommendations for the Water Committee to consider so that they can come back with something that the Board will accept. Chairman Perry asked why we need to change anything. Commissioner Winslow said he and Commissioner Griffin are both on the Water Committee. He stated that they can poll the Board tonight and get their ideas, and carry them back to committee. He said when you operate a business you have to charge a reasonable fee for a reasonable service, and make sure it is fair to the residents of the County.

Vice-Chairman Sterritt called for the question. The motion passed with Commissioners Perry, Sterritt, Jordan, and Meads opposing further discussion.

The motion to send the proposed changes back to the Water Committee for further discussion carried unanimously.

12. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Winslow attended the Seth E. Perry 100th Anniversary Celebration this past Saturday. He said he was very happy to be a part of the celebration.

Commissioner Jordan attended the Elizabeth City Downtown meeting.

Commissioner Griffin attended the Airport Authority meeting. He provided an update on ECSU's Growth in Aviation programs.

Vice-Chairman Sterritt encouraged citizens to get out and vote in November. He noted that a candidates' forum is scheduled for October 16th in Courtroom B at the Pasquotank County Courthouse.

Chairman Perry reported that Secretary Hall was in Elizabeth City last Tuesday advocating for Hometown Strong. He said it was very productive and the program has a lot to offer our County.

Chairman Perry asked if there was any further business to come before the Board in Regular Session. There being no further business, he asked for a motion that the Board enter Closed Session to Preserve the Attorney/Client Privilege and Acquisition of Real Estate.

Motion was made by Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Frankie Meads to enter Closed Session to Preserve the Attorney/Client Privilege per [NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3)] and Acquisition of Real Estate per [NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5)].

Upon the end of Closed Session;

Motion was made by Charles Jordan, seconded by Lloyd Griffin that the Board return to Regular Session. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Perry 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 Lloyd Griffin, seconded by Joe Winslow to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK TO THE BOARD