

**PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
OCTOBER 3, 2016**

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners met today in a work session on Monday, October 3, 2016 in the Community Room at the W.C. Witherspoon Memorial Library.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Rodney Bunch, County Manager
R. Michael Cox, County Attorney
Sheri Small, Finance Officer
Lynn Scott, Clerk to the Board

The work session was called to order at 3:00 PM by Chairman Winslow.

1. PRESENTATION BY PASQUOTANK SOIL AND WATER DISTRICT:

Mr. Dwane Hinson, Soil and Water Technician, said the Town of Weeksville and several of its residents asked the Soil and Water District to provide them technical assistance on some drainage needs. He said several citizens have signed a letter requesting the State to clear a drainage ditch that was dug years ago in the Weeksville area and maintained by the State up until a few years ago. He said drainage from the east end of Commander Road to Peartree Road has virtually stopped. He noted the ditches are rapidly eroding, the telephone property has turned into a swamp in the last two years, and farm land is being ruined by water having no way to drain.

Mr. Hinson noted that elevations in Weeksville range from 2-4'. He said they are not attempting to provide flood prevention, but need to establish a rate of drainage removal. He stated that he asked Mr. Johnny Corbett to go into the area and set up some elevations that can be monitored to see if there is a need to replace culverts in the area. He said if issues are noted and culvert replacement or redesign is needed, they will negotiate the cost with NCDOT.

Mr. Hinson said they need to go in and reestablish the drainage rate in the ditches by cleaning out the ditches and spraying to get rid of the noxious weeds. He noted the cleanout will be performed by hand because they cannot get equipment in the area. He said maintenance in this area is extremely important because it is very flat and does not drain.

Mr. Hinson said the proposed budget includes:

\$5,000 - Ditch cleanout (clear-snag)

\$1,200 - Ditch spraying (Alligator weed and other noxious growth) 1st spray in October 2016 and 2nd spray in April 2017

Mr. Hinson stated that the County originally appropriated \$25,000 to be used in special use water management districts on special county projects. He asked that he be able to utilize part of that money to help the people in Weeksville.

After discussion, the Board came to a consensus to allow Mr. Hinson to move forward with the proposed drainage improvements.

2. REPORT FROM COUNTY MANAGER:

County Manager Bunch reported the following:

- The Newland Water Management Advisory Board meets tomorrow night.

- He received two phone calls this afternoon from residents on Tracie Drive. He stated that they plan to attend the October 17th meeting to discuss their concerns with Tracie Drive.
- Robert Boyce, VFD Coordinator has found some potential grants to help the local volunteer fire departments purchase radios.
- A letter of intent was sent to U.S. Department of Education informing them that Pasquotank County intends to apply for the P3 Grant.
- He reminded the Board to return their self-assessment surveys to the Clerk. The Board concurred to hold their retreat the beginning of next year after the Board elects a new chairman and vice-chairman.
- He asked if anyone has feedback on the draft letters to the District Attorney and Public Defender. The Board instructed Mr. Bunch to move forward with sending the letters as written.
- The Grand Opening for the new playground equipment at Fun Junktion is tentatively scheduled for October 20th at 11:00 AM.
- The Chairman received a letter from a property owner thanking the Board for helping get the speed limit reduced on Trinkaloe Road.

The work session was adjourned at 3:48 PM

CHAIRMAN

CLERK TO THE BOARD