



COUNTY OF DARE, NORTH CAROLINA

District 1: Roanoke Island & Mainland; Dist 2: Nags Head, Colington, Kill Devil Hills; Dist. 3: Kitty Hawk, Southern Shores, Duck; Dist. 4: Chicamacomico, Avon, Buxton, Frisco, Hatteras; Dist. 5: At Large

THE DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

April 19, 2010—5:00 P.M.

Dare County Administrative Building
PO Box 1000, Manteo, North Carolina 27954

Commissioners Present:

Chairman Warren Judge, Dist. 3; Vice-Chairman Burrus, Dist. 4; Virginia Tillett, Dist. 1; Richard Johnson, Dist. 1; Max Dutton, Dist. 2; Mike Johnson, Dist. 2.; Jack Shea, Dist. 5

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present:

County Manager Bobby Outten, Dave Clawson — Finance Director, Dorothy Toolan — Public Information Officer, Katie VanLear—Clerk to the Board

Action:

Children & Youth Partnership for Dare County Proclamation— **Adopted**

Road Request: Cliffs of Colington Subdivision— **Approved**

Road Request: Shallow Point Drive—**Approved**

Resolution 10-04-15 in Support of Terminal Groin Legislation—**Adopted**

Public Hearing: Federal Transportation Transit Assistance Program Grant Public Comment—**Held and Resolution Adopted**

Consent Agenda — **Approved**

1. Approval of Minutes (3.15.10—Workshop, 4.5.10—Workshop, & 4.5.10—Regular Meeting)
2. Resolution 10-04-16 of the Dare County Board of Commissioners to Postpone Dare County's Property Revaluation from January 1, 2011 to January 1, 2013
3. Emergency Food and Shelter Budget Amendment
4. Agreement to Provide Accounting Services to Wanchese Community Center District

Earth Day 2010 Proclamation — **Adopted**

Resolution 10-04-17 Supporting Open and Accessible Beaches on the CHNSRA — **Adopted**

Budget Workshop — **Held**

LAND OF BEGINNINGS

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At 2:00 p.m., the budget workshop convened and immediately recessed to follow the regular meeting.

Chairman Warren Judge called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., invited Rev. Ted Bishop, All Saints Episcopal Church, to share a prayer, and then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ITEM 1 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 1) Perry White, Chairman of the Dare County Republican Party, spoke to the Board in support of the resolution for terminal groins. He distributed a similar resolution passed by the Republican 3rd District Convention as well as a resolution unanimously passed regarding open access to beaches. He requested the Board adopt the resolution regarding terminal groins before them today (Item 5).

ITEM 2 – CHILDREN & YOUTH PARTNERSHIP FOR DARE COUNTY (C&YP)

Loretta Michael, Executive Director for the Children & Youth Partnership for Dare County, gave the Board an update on the C&YP. She recognized staff and Board members in attendance and shared a video “Change the First Five Years and You Change Everything.” She shared how the CY&P is working to change statistics and raise awareness of the importance of this time of a child’s life. Carla Heppert spoke to the Board regarding a program entitled “Raising a Reader” and shared how the program is being implemented to reach goals such as parents reading to children to build literacy skills. Amelia Cruz shared her personal experience with the “Raising a Reader” program. Bonnie Brumeloe spoke about the Preventing Obesity by Design program partnership, shared statistics of obesity in children and the program’s goals to help decrease the percentages of children who are obese. Ms. Michael noted other various programs offered by CY&P and shared other program highlights from 2008 through 2009. She announced two (2) events: 1) KidsFest on Friday, April 23rd, and 2) Kindergarten Kickoff on May 4th and May 6th. Commissioner Shea stated he feels the statement “a mind is a terrible thing to waste” is extremely applicable to the portion of the presentation on reading and encouraged everyone to help children reach their full potential as they grow up. He then thanked Ms. Michael for all of the work the Children & Youth Partnership is doing. County Manager Outten read a proclamation declaring April 2010 as the Month of the Young Child.

MOTION

Commissioner Shea motioned to adopt the proclamation.
Commissioner Dutton seconded the motion.
VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 3 – ROAD REQUEST – CLIFFS OF COLINGTON SUBDIVISION WHICH INCLUDES: CLIFFS OF COLINGTON TRAIL, COLINGTON LANE, COLINGTON COURT, COLINGTON WOODS TRAIL AND COLINGTON RIDGE (Att. 1)

County Manager Outten presented a petition by the Cliffs of Colington to request their subdivision’s roads be added to the State’s system of maintenance. He noted Mr. Greg Ball is a resident there and submitted the request. He was in attendance to answer any questions. Mr. Ball stated at a meeting of the Home Owner’s Association, there was a unanimous vote for the request. He noted NCDOT directed him to get the signature of the President of the Home Owner’s Association and then submit the request to the Board of Commissioners.

MOTION

Commissioner Shea motioned to approve the petition to recommend to NCDOT that the roads as detailed be added to the State system of maintenance.
Vice-Chairman Burrus seconded the motion.
VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 4 – ROAD REQUEST: SHALLOW POINT DRIVE (Att. 2)

County Manager Outten presented a petition to request Shallow Point Drive in Avon be added to the State’s system of maintenance. County Manager Outten clarified the location of the street and what is currently maintained by the State.

MOTION

Commissioner Shea motioned to recommend to NCDOT that Shallow Point Drive be added to the State system of maintenance.
Vice-Chairman Burrus seconded the motion.
VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 5 – RESOLUTION 10-04-15 IN SUPPORT OF TERMINAL GROIN LEGISLATION

County Manager Outten announced the CRC has completed its study and found that terminal groins, in combination with beach nourishment, can be effective in protecting beaches and this information will be going to the legislature for action. He explained this resolution supports legislation that allows the County to use terminal groins in certain situations. Commissioner Shea shared his support of terminal groins and any action that can be taken to help preserve our beaches.

MOTION

Commissioner Shea motioned to adopt Resolution 10-04-15 in Support of Terminal Groin Legislation.

Vice-Chairman Burrus and Commissioner Dutton seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

5:30 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING (Att. 3)

ITEM 6 – FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT PUBLIC COMMENT

AT 5:38 P.M. THE DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE INPUT CONCERNING: FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT.

County Manager Outten conducted the Public Hearing and invited the public to speak.

No one came forward.

County Manager Outten closed the hearing at 5:38 p.m.

ITEM 7 – CONSENT AGENDA (Att. 4)

Commissioner Tillett motioned to approve the Consent Agenda:

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Vice-Chairman Burrus and Commissioner Dutton seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

ITEM 8 – COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

Commissioner Dutton offered his accolades to Ms. Loretta Michael and the Children & Youth Partnership. He stated the program has been in place for fifteen (15) years and he appreciates the growth pattern it has taken. He appreciated all that is being done for our youth.

Commissioner Tillett noted Ms. Bornfriend from Frisco requested she announce the upcoming 12th Annual Inter-Tribal Powwow. She encouraged everyone to attend on Saturday and Sunday April 24th and 25th at the Frisco American Museum & Natural History Center. She then requested nominations for the Dare County Citizen for Dare Days and asked one of the Commissioners to volunteer to make the presentation. She also noted she attended many subcommittee meetings last week where each group requested the County not cut the budget for their programs (Parks and Recreation, JCPC, Dare County Library and Older Adult Services).

Vice-Chairman Burrus announced the dedication of the field last Saturday in Buxton to Morris "Dick" Burrus. He stated there were three-hundred (300) people in attendance with eighty-four (84) children playing. He noted the number of kids is up from the thirties last year. He stated there was lots of food, fun and a Hit, Pitch and Run Competition. He then appreciated Tim White who spent a lot of time to renew the program in Hatteras and get the activities restarted in that area. Mr. Burrus noted he had the opportunity to go out with Coastal Federation, Marine Fisheries and NOAA to review the oyster reefs in Stumpy Point, Ocracoke and at Hatteras. He noted NOAA is working to get more money to complete the project and explained if it was able to be completed, and in conjunction with the barges and all other things going well, the Sound would be about thirty (30) years ahead in the process. He stated this was a shovel ready project and was implemented with money through NOAA and the stimulus Recovery Act package. He noted the project went well and finished ahead of schedule despite weather conditions. He hopes they will receive more money to keep people working. He stated Ms. Michaels does a great job with the Children & Youth Partnership. He shared he had been involved with projects regarding the renovations to playgrounds and he stated how important it is for young people to spend time outside. He encouraged everyone to attend the Powwow this weekend and assured everyone would have a good time.

Commissioner Shea reiterated the issue of making sure all children have opportunity to reach their potential. He encouraged everyone to attend the Public Hearings on the DEIS and to send in written comments to the Park Service. He explained how vital the issue is to everyone and noted the final regulation would be in place for ten

(10) to fifteen (15) or more years. He asked everyone to make their comments known and to support the issue of public access to public beaches.

Commissioner Richard Johnson – None

Commissioner Mike Johnson – None

Chairman Judge echoed the comments and calls to action by the Commissioners. He stated Saturday's dedication of the ball field was great and expressed his joy in seeing the program revitalized.

MANAGER'S/ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS

County Manager Outten asked the Board to revisit Item 6 in order to address the resolution concerning the public hearing.

MOTION

Vice-Chairman Burrus motioned to approve the Public Transportation Program Resolution.

Commissioner Dutton seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

County Manager Outten presented a proclamation regarding Earth Day 2010.

MOTION

Commissioner Tillett motioned to adopt the proclamation declaring April 22, 2010 as Earth Day in Dare County.

Commissioners Dutton and Shea seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

Mr. Outten stated he received a letter from East Carolina Behavioral Health with regard to the reformation of the Mental Health Center Board and a request to appoint someone to that Board. He noted he would bring information to the Board at the next meeting regarding this appointment. He encouraged the Commissioners to be thinking about who would like to be appointed keeping in mind the meeting will likely be in Craven or Pitt County and require some travel. He hoped to have had a contract for the Board to review, but has not yet received it. Chairman Judge asked Mr. Outten to get whatever information is available on meeting dates, time and locations.

Chairman Judge noted during Public Comment, Perry White made references to two (2) resolutions that the 3rd Congressional District Republican Party supports regarding beach access and terminal groins. He expressed the importance of both issues and their effects on Dare County.

MOTION

Vice-Chairman Burrus motioned to adopt the resolution supporting beach access.

Commissioners Dutton and Shea seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONER RECESSED THEIR REGULAR MEETING AT 5:56 P.M. AND RECONVENED THE BUDGET WORKSHOP AT 6:31 P.M.

County Manager Outten explained the County has been waiting to hear what the State has planned for the budget; however, we are now at a point where the budget has to move forward without this knowledge. He stated he would present the budget and then request guidance from the Board on how to proceed. Once he has this information, a budget would then come before the Board for approval. He hopes to present the Manager's Budget at the first Board of Commissioners meeting in June. He stated at that meeting, a public hearing would be held before the request for approval. He shared expenditures have increased and revenues have decreased creating a gap of 4.16% (\$4,112,815) in the budget. He explained he and the Finance Director have extensively reviewed the budget and noted this is the most accurate account to where the County currently stands. He described actions taken last year to meet budget needs and noted the County is facing more difficult decisions this year which will have an effect on services, programs and employees. He explained they looked at all options to avoid affecting these areas, but unfortunately it is unavoidable. He noted the inability to use the fund balance to help meet the needs of the budget and detailed the decline in revenues, and the increase in expenditures both nondiscretionary and discretionary. He gave options including continuing last year's budget with no new requests and including nondiscretionary expenditures which still leaves the budget short by 3.19% (\$3,124,822). He detailed other possible actions and the resulting gains in funds. He also detailed budget needs for Fiscal Year 2012. He then requested guidance from the Board on how to proceed.

Commissioner Shea noted the need to digest the information and return with suggestions and recommendations. The Commissioners then held discussion and asked for points of clarification on possible actions presented by County Manager Outten. Chairman Judge reiterated the need to think about the information and noted if a tax increase is necessary, there also needs to be a decrease in expenditures. Mr. Outten explained he needs guidance in regards to whether or not to consider a tax increase coupled with shrinkage in Government in the proposed budget. Commissioner Dutton requested more information on funded and unfunded mandates. Chairman Judge thanked three (3) entities: 1) Manns Harbor Community Center, 2) Monday Night Live, and 3) Freedmen's Colony; for not only not increasing their request, but actually reducing it for this year's budget. Chairman Judge then asked Mr. Outten to prepare the budget without a tax increase. He stated the Board would then look at that option after if necessary. Vice-Chairman Burrus warned he does not want to affect medical services and would be willing to raise tax by a penny to keep these types of essential services. He suggested the Board look at this various options. The Board then decided to take the information home and review it. They scheduled another Budget Workshop for Tuesday, April 27, at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room to offer Mr. Outten guidance at that time. He would then return with a proposed budget at the May 17th meeting if possible.

THE DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THEN ADJOURNED THE WORKSHOP AND RECONVENED THE REGULAR MEETING AT 8:22 P.M.

AT 8:22 P.M. THE DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED UNTIL MAY 3, 2010, AT 9:00 A.M.

(SEAL)

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

By: _____
Warren C. Judge, Chairman
Dare County Board of Commissioners

By: _____
Katie VanLear, Clerk

