

**Hyde County Board of Commissioners
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET**

Meeting Date: March 2, 2015
Presenter: Kris Cahoon Noble
Attachment: Yes

ITEM TITLE: Ocracoke Public Comment on Tourism Plan

SUMMARY: Attached are public comments received following the Ocracoke Occupancy Tax Board meeting held on February 12, 2015 at the Ocracoke Community Center. Another public input meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2015 at 7:30 pm to receive further public comment.

RECOMMEND: NO ACTION REQUIRED

Motion Made By: ___ Barry Swindell
___ Dick Tunnell
___ Ben Simmons
___ John Fletcher
___ Earl Pugh, Jr.

Motion Seconded By: ___ Barry Swindell
___ Dick Tunnell
___ Ben Simmons
___ John Fletcher
___ Earl Pugh, Jr.

Vote: ___ Barry Swindell
___ Dick Tunnell
___ Ben Simmons
___ John Fletcher
___ Earl Pugh, Jr.

Ocracoke Occupancy Tax Board
February 12, 2015 7:30PM
Ocracoke Community Center

Board members present: Clayton Gaskill, Trudy Austin, and David Styron
Members absent: Frank Brown & Marlene Matthews
About 35 community members present

Ocracoke Tourism Promotion Presentation by Kris Noble

- Review of presentation given to BoC on 2/2/15
 - Available on the Office of Planning & Economic Development webpage:
http://hydecountync.gov/departments/planning_and_economic_development.php
- Public Comment (not in sequential order)
 - Concern about taxing only one segment of the population (lodging facilities & overnight visitors) – George Chamberlain
 - Concern from lodging about staying competitive if the tax increase goes through, especially as a “mom & pop” business – George Chamberlain
 - What about other sources of revenue? – George Chamberlain
 - Should the OT Board set aside funds for tourism – George Chamberlain
 - If you stay on Ocracoke, you don’t have to shop on Ocracoke and online shopping often doesn’t require sales tax so an increase in sales tax would hurt retail – Alan Sutton
 - Concern about having two boards and the small number of people to volunteer – Alan Sutton
 - Concern about Commissioners making a decision without adequate community support and/or OT Board support – Darlene Styron
 - There needs to be outreach to lodging owners – Janey Jacoby
 - Why not test an executive director position for a couple years by using OT Board’s reserve funds? – Bob Chestnut
 - It is possible to create a TDA without increasing the occupancy tax? – Bob Chestnut
 - Confusion over the School of Government interpretation of the original Ocracoke occupancy tax legislation, may want to contact Roy Cooper regarding this – David Styron
 - Concern about increased paperwork for lodging businesses – Bob Oakes
 - Recommendation to pursue websites and digital ads over print. If dead set on print media, try co-operative advertising. – Bob Oakes
 - Special events and festivals are very successful at boosting overnight stays
 - This needs a full time person and the funding to back them up – Sundae Horn
 - A healthy OT reserve is important – Peter Vankevich
 - Already tried to get a land transfer tax and a food/beverage tax, but were stopped by lobbyists – Linda Scarborough & David Styron
 - Will advertising make an impact despite larger travel issues?
 - There needs to be more contact with the rental agencies – Bob Oakes
 - Getting turn out for public meetings is difficult, turn out for tonight’s meeting is representative – Sundae Horn
 - Will RFPs end up costing more money?
 - The OT Board has the ability to allocate funding to hire and executive director and implement the marketing program

- How will you track results? – Bob Oakes
- July numbers have been down too, we need to market for July – Bob Chestnut
- What about sales tax? We have the ability to increase sales & use tax by \$0.0025 but don't have any support. – Darlene Styron
- If the executive director position is a Hyde County employee that reports to the TDA, who would they *really* be working for? – Darlene Styron
- Is \$50K for a qualified executive director realistic?
- No official statement or decision made by the Board, will continue to discuss with other Board members

From Finley Austin:

Based on my many years in business and public policy I would submit there is a 3rd option that should be on the table:

Option 3 - use a portion of the OT reserve (don't raise taxes) to hire a consultant to perform and manage many of the suggestions under Option 1. Pay them a enough base to attract bidders, but to keep out-of-pocket expenditure to a minimum offer as incentive a pre-determined fraction of or percentage of increased OT revenues in 2016. I'd have to look carefully at the numbers to determine how much and whether to bench mark it against previous year or an average. This could also be scaled (e.g., .5% for the first \$10K, 1% for the next...). If it works the OCBA can renew the contract or negotiate a new one. If it doesn't work the contractor can be dropped and someone or something else tried.

As to Option 2: They can always start a new gov entity (the reverse can prove difficult). If they go this route then there should be clear metrics that must be met or the new entity should be dissolved. And there should be a sunset so even if metrics are met "Do we still need this?" should be asked every few years. And it should require proactive reauthorization.

Additionally, in my business experience this level of primarily descriptive analysis, while useful, would not support raising taxes or forming a new entity. Before undertaking such big steps, contracting would be utilized if the manpower and/or expertise was not available to do needed activities (e.g., improve the website, etc.). Even then, it should be clear what is expected to be derived.

For a new entity to be considered, they would need to provide a detailed business plan (including budget, metrics and expected ROI with modeling of the numbers) for the new entity. Moreover, from a public policy perspective, a pilot and sunset would seem to offer a prudent course allowing for easy correction, if needed, and if Option 2 is seriously considered.

In any case, if they want to raise the tax they should spell-out clearly the upsides (quantitative and qualitative) to be derived, as well as the potential downside risks (if it negatively impacts visitor numbers what is the breakeven point for OT revenues? Under higher taxes fewer visitors may still support greater OT revenues, but then what does that spell for other businesses?). This can be modeled to allow scenario comparisons.

My thoughts. Feel free to convey them if you wish to whomever you wish.

Best regards,
Finley

From Al & Linda Scarborough:

Rosemary Johnson

From: Kris Noble <knoble@hydecourtync.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 7:43 AM
To: rjohnson@hydecourtync.gov
Subject: Ocracoke Public Comment on Tourism Plan -

Please print and put into a file for review all messages with subject: Ocracoke Public Comment on Tourism Plan.

From: Bill Rich [<mailto:brich@hydecourtync.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 9:57 AM
To: Kris Noble
Subject: FW: Fireworks

FYI

From: Wayne Clark [<mailto:hubertwayneclark@gmail.com>]
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Cc: jeanmincey@yahoo.com; 'Bill Rich'
Subject: Fireworks

2/21/15

Frank/Trudy/Clayton

As a Lodging Owner who provides the Business that generates the Occupancy Tax and that provides the method of collection; all without compensation, **I am not in favor** of spending thousands of occupancy tax dollars on a 30 minute fireworks display. As for my business, drawing crowds in July makes no sense as we are fully occupied. The money would be much better spent as to a Spring and/or Fall Advertising Campaign or supporting an Off Season Event when occupancy is in question.

The 4th of July Events that post dated the tragedy are sufficient in my view.

Please consider this in your decision making.

Frank, please e-mail me the e-mail addresses of Marlene and David so I can contact them?

Respectfully,

Wayne

From Fred Westervelt:

To all who choose to read this, Greetings...

Please forgive this intrusion, but we are approaching weighty decisions which will affect us all, and we must be sure that all are up to speed and participatory in their outcome. So....

Thursday's meeting on this topic, spearheaded by Kris Noble's (aided by Sarah Johnson) informative presentation focusing on Occupancy Tax, was spirited, broadbased and quite lengthy for such on the Island. I was disappointed that the crowd was not larger, and that no Commissioners attended. Perhaps this speaks relevant volumes- it's not really convenient to get here.

Enough of the preamble, on with the show. Tourism at its simplest involves attracting visitors, facilitating their journey, providing them a safe and enjoyable stay, and encouraging them to return. If there is a deficiency in this four point approach it is in travel access- we all agree that is the most frequently addressed choke point. But that is for another time.

As life on our sandbar has morphed into the 21st century the needed services and their costs have increased, Seldom is the ambience of Ocracoke faulted, leaving aside the restrictions to beach access, fishing and Nature's occasional unfriendliness. Rather, it seems it is the earning power of our facilities and services that are perceived as falling short of overall Hyde County needs and wants, even tho' after all the allocations of O.T. monies our thoughtful O.T Committee has managed to squirrel away nearly 3/4 of a million dollars in reserve funds for the inevitable rainy day.

The purpose of this proposal is to create a costly Hyde County based Office of Marketing, or some such, to direct tourism and its advertising. At present Ocracoke's relevant activities are volunteer based (see OCBA, criticized because of personnel turnover (read elections, the American way)). Individual businesses market according to their perceptions and budgets. Perhaps they simply need advice from the pros as well, which would seem less imperious, and less costly.

To be brief, I believe we should look more broadly for added funding, rather than hit the lodgers further. I know, the O.T is 5% or more elsewhere, but we are not elsewhere. Meals and beverage come to mind (think Dare County) and spreads out the burden logically to a larger clientele. Is our Sales and Use Tax properly structured? A glance at mainland farming might be lucrative. Perhaps there are State funding sources worthy of study. Surely a major push in support of the seemingly overwhelmed DOT.might bolster tourist numbers with benefit. All this requires broad public involvement, thought and input. With due credit, "If we do not hang together, we shall hang separately".

The moment of truth fast approaches. Think on this, talk it up, let your Government know how you feel. In the words of my favorite bumper sticker- "Preserve Ocracoke".

From George Chamberlain

Economics 101 or- Tourism, Occupancy Tax and the Bible on Ocracoke

Let me state that I am not a professor of Economics nor am I an expert on the Bible. But, after helping to build and operate an Inn on Ocracoke going back to 1998 and being exposed to the good people of Ocracoke and its churches since the 1980's and after listening carefully to the families that have been here since the 1700's, permit me to state a few facts as I see them with the goal of helping Ocracoke and Hyde County to take a proper path towards the future.

To begin, my basic premise is that any tax that targets one segment of tourism is unfair, discriminatory and should be illegal. The fairest tax [if that is at all possible] would be a sales and use tax. You pay a tax on a product if you decide to buy it; otherwise, you don't pay it. There are very few places where a tax is JUST levied on gift shops or JUST restaurants. But some people have no problem placing a tax on JUST the lodging industry. What the heck, it's not your money!

The reasoning in itself is unfair:

The Innkeeper doesn't pay it- they just collect it.

It is done in other markets, why not here?

It is just a small amount therefore it won't make any difference.

The tax will be used for JUST tourism so it benefits the industry.

The tax MAY be used for "the community as a whole" so it benefits all.

Each of the above quick comments could be a full University subject on how to operate an Inn and I do wish to emphasize the point to those NOT in the business of providing lodging that they should consider each point seriously.

Let me explain:

The Innkeeper does pay it. When a room is sold it is sold as a package with tax included. The buyer nor the Innkeeper *cannot* sell the room without including the tax, it is illegal. The buyer cannot purchase a room without considering the total cost, it is not logical. And, in a tourist environment, stays are usually for multiple days and the total amounts of room and TAX is usually substantial and, therefore, must be considered by the buyer as part of their family vacation budget and Innkeeper as to how to correctly price a room considering overhead costs and the market environment.

The Innkeeper must consider the market they are in in order to correctly price a room. What is the "break even cost" of a room? Consider that EACH Innkeeper must take into account such things as:

How much does it cost to clean and maintain any given room?

What overhead costs, direct and indirect, must be considered.

If seasonal, as in Ocracoke, what is the correct price for that season?
What are the other Innkeepers offering for prices and amenities?

Occupancy Tax rates are higher in other areas so why not raise the rates here?

Some lodging owners are dealing with very slim profit margins and are truly “the little guys.” This is where the bible comes in. Rather than comparing Ocracoke lodging with completely different markets consider the saying from the bible about “caring for the least of us” before being assured a place in heaven.

So, ask yourself the following:

Are you comparing Ocracoke lodging to any major chain such as the Hiltons, Holiday Inns, Sheratons, Hampton Inns, and Marriott's?

They are ALL chains with hotels that have thirty, fifty or even a hundred or more rooms and backed by a NATIONAL CHAIN that can drastically reduce costs. Almost all are NOT SEASONAL! Almost all are in markets where customers expect to pay an amount consistent with that chain and, in some cases, the taxes really are lower than in Ocracoke. In summary, you cannot compare our market equally or fairly with others.

An Occupancy Tax is just a small amount and won't make any difference.

Well, it does. It has to be considered as part of the total price of a room cost as mentioned previously. To many travelers, every dime counts; especially when multiple nights are considered and are usually not the same tourist that you might see on Hilton Head Island.

If you think the Occupancy Tax doesn't mean much, why not consider that ALL segments of the businesses in Ocracoke and Hyde County pay a “tourist tax”??

Do we really think that the shops or restaurants would be eager to pay such an additional tax?

Why not just ask the State to raise the Sales and Use Tax? Oh, sorry, that would make too many people upset and, what would we do with all that extra money?

This new tax amount would ONLY be used for tourism.

Sorry to remind those of you that haven't been around very long, but that was the ORIGINAL premise of the current Occupancy Tax. It was later morphed into a tax that could be “used for any purpose” and now, when it is being used for some good in the community but is also being considered for such things as “\$37,500 for a thirty minute fireworks display” and other unworthy subjects, the experts have now come to the conclusion “we need more money for tourism.”

The current tax is used in the community so it benefits all.

I suspect, if you poll the lodging owners on Ocracoke, you will find they are resigned to the current Occupancy Tax and at its current rate. I think you will also find that they agree that funds collected by this tax has done some good in the community. I certainly think so. But we can do a better job.

So let's ask a few questions about the present and the future:

For the Occupancy Tax Board:

Don't we have a reserve fund? Why do we need it? How much is it and have we asked Hyde County for the amount be reduced so as to put more dollars to work?

Can we do a better job of allocating the money collected to serve the community for REAL NEEDS and put aside a specific amount "just for tourism?"

For the County:

Can't we take the "road less traveled" and do the more difficult task of finding other sources of revenue to promote tourism other than just sticking it to the Inn keepers and those guests that chose to stay on Ocracoke for multiple days? Remember, the tourists that stay multiple days spend money in shops, restaurants, go fishing and pay to go on tours.

One of the considerations for the future includes a "passenger only" ferry. If implemented, those tourists will spend money in shops and restaurants, possibly visit the beach and may even go fishing. How many do you think will spend more than just a day on Ocracoke? Very, very few. So why not consider a tax on the "day trippers" as they are called, that clog the roads, use the facilities and look for bathrooms? Or are we expected to require more "Occupancy Tax" money to fill the void?

In summary, if more funds are needed to bring more tourism to Ocracoke, to "expand the seasons", to bring in more tourism dollars and to provide for such truly needed items in the village as an x-ray machine, a building or facility for a morgue [yes, I said a morgue] a professional building, superior public rest room facilities and more, we need to expand our thinking before jumping off a cliff that puts the lodging owners in a bind and lets everyone else walk off thinking what a good job they did by providing more short sighted tax money for suspicious needs. We need to include the State in our thinking and take a more comprehensive look at how to secure the long term future for Ocracoke and Hyde County.

Reasons for supporting an increase of 2% in the occupancy tax

The right for any county or municipality in NC to levy any tax can only be authorized by an act of the legislature. Basically, there are only two taxes which are available to all counties in NC- sales and property. Other such as food and beverage taxes, land transfer taxes, and occupancy taxes must be authorized by acts of the legislature. House Bill 882 was ratified in 2006 giving Hyde County the ability to increase the current occupancy tax.

Why not have a food and beverage tax and/or a land transfer tax rather than increase the Occupancy tax? The General Assembly has not approved these in years due to the strong restaurant and real estate lobbies.

What about the sales tax? Hyde can raise it .25% (one fourth of one cent) this could raise around \$100,000 a year and not necessarily benefit Ocracoke.

The current occupancy tax of 3% is the lowest of any coastal county in N.C. (Indeed, I suspect it may be the lowest of any occupancy tax on the east coast).

Hyde is one of the 10 poorest counties in NC. Dare is one of the 10 richest counties. One thing the rich counties have in common is access to higher occupancy taxes, some have a food and beverage tax, and some have a land transfer tax. Dare has all of these revenue streams.

If we had been collecting the additional 2% tax when it was first authorized by the state in 2006, Ocracoke would have benefited by over 2 million dollars (revenue from the additional 2% is estimated to be in excess of \$250,000 every year). -that is the firehall and the ballfield. Don't be fooled. Business only collect sales taxes and lodgings only collect the occupancy tax. They do not pay the tax.

While 2/3 of the 2% additional tax (approx. \$160,000 after the administration fee) must be used to "promote tourism", 1/3 (approx.\$80,000) can be used for "tourism related expenditures". 90% of the original 3% tax can be used for any purpose for "the direct benefit of the island". What this means is Ocracoke would have access to approximately \$500,000 every year to benefit the island at no cost to over 800 island residents and taxpayers. This is \$500,000 controlled by Ocracoke

Given that Ocracoke's tax will not exceed adjacent counties, it is a poor argument to suggest that people will choose to not stay on Ocracoke. I doubt that anyone vacations on Ocracoke because of the lowest rate and I feel confident that Ocracoke has a lot more to offer than low occupancy tax rates.

How could the expenditure of \$160,000 on promoting tourism benefit all businesses and specifically the lodging industry? What has done the most to fill up motels and cottages during what was once a slow week? Thanks to the dedication and forward thinking of Gary Mitchell and David Tweedie the first weekend of June (Ocracoke Festival) is now a virtual sellout for beds on Ocracoke. What if we had a paid promoter? How long can we expect people to volunteer their time and energy to organize events that fill the motel rooms and restaurant

seats Yes, the increase in occupancy tax can have a direct effect on motel occupancy during the "off season" if only we quit relying on volunteers. There is great potential in the Pirate Festival, Fig Festival, Oyster Roast, Blackbeard Play, Running Events, Fishing Tournaments, Arm wrestling and what creative ideas might be centered around the new ball field? It just needs someone with time to devote to these events.

No one stands to benefit more than the lodging industry. Just one more 3 day weekend with 100% occupancy will more than offset any perceived loss due to an increase in the occupancy tax.

Tourism is the economic engine for Ocracoke. As good hosts we should be obligated to provide 24/7 emergency services, public restrooms, trash disposal, fire and law enforcement protection, access to the waterfront and courteous and helpful assistance. Unfortunately, Hyde County's limited resources do not address many of the needs.

Money from the current occupancy tax has supported Hyde EMS, , OVFD, Ocracoke Child Care, the Community Center, WOVV, Friends of the Library, the Ocracoke Community Park, OPS Museum, various events that attract visitors (Fourth of July, Ocracoke Festival, Pirate Jamboree, British Cemetery Ceremony.....) Having the additional 2% would allow more support for these and other needs as what is now spent for marketing would come from it.

Look at the big picture. Let visitors know what the occupancy tax helps to provide.

Al and Linda Scarborough

February 2015

Rosemary Johnson

From: Kris Noble <knoble@hydecourtync.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 11:24 AM
To: 'Walt Brittle'
Cc: 'Bill Rich'; 'Sarah Johnson'; rjohnson@hydecourtync.gov; jeanmincey@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: Occupancy Tax Increase from 3% to 5% - PLEASE NO!!!

Mr. & Mrs. Brittle,

Thank you for your comments below on the proposal to increase Occupancy Tax on Ocracoke. I hope you were able to review the full marketing research and if not it is available at:

http://www.hydecourtync.gov/departments/planning_and_economic_development.php

I appreciate your input and have noted your suggestions. I agree that charging for beach permits, higher insurance cost and the longer ferry crossing time are all challenges that Ocracoke faces and I believe that a full time island based Director of Tourism could work with federal/state and local representatives to improve existing conditions. I also think the Director of Tourism could work hand in hand to support the Ocracoke Civic & Business Associations activities, programming and events through partnership and coordination. These benefits and so many more could be realized through collaboration. We are not attempting to recreate the wheel but reinforce that wheel to benefit island tourism through a professional presence. With all that being said, I do appreciate your comments as it is not my intention to create division.

Again, thank you for your input and please do not hesitate to contact me with questions, comments and suggestions in the future – Kris

Kristen Cahoon Noble, M.B.A.

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To: knoble@hydecourtync.gov
Subject: Occupancy Tax Increase from 3% to 5% - PLEASE NO!!!

As a property owner of a vacation rental home in Ocracoke my wife and I urge you not to increase the occupancy tax. We list our property on Vacation Rental By Owner and we often get pushback from potential guests who object to

paying the three percent. Furthermore, with park service now charging for beach permits, higher insurance cost and the longer ferry crossing time it is getting harder to attract rentals.

Clearly, we don't see any need for a Full-time Ocracoke Tourism Director, employed by Hyde County. **Leave promotion coordination to the Ocracoke Civic and Business Association and please do not increase the tax!**

Thank you for your serious consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
Walter and Jennifer Brittle
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Ocracoke, NC
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Rosemary Johnson

From: Nick Vrettos <nvrettos@cox.net>
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Subject: Occupancy Tax

Dear Commissioners and County Notables, I have been a property owner and frequent visitor to Ocracoke since 1991 and my observation has been that Ocracoke is a Treasure Island to anyone that has touched its shores, from pirates to residents, tax collectors to visitors, and for a long time, to the Coast Guard. The residents are friendly, hard working people that welcome visitors, the lifeline of tourism for the island.

It had been my intention to own my modest second home on Ocracoke for myself and my family without the necessity of renting it out, but as the years wore on, the exponential increase in taxes and insurance have denied me that option, and so, I continue to rent the place while trying to preserve time there for my family and friends. I have tried to be a good neighbor by donating to the Historical Preservation Society and the new Fire House, but I concede that much more needs to be done and your duties as leaders of the County of Hyde and our local community are manifold.

Ocracoke has been noticed and tourism in previous years has been strong, but in the last couple of years access to Ocracoke has been less convenient, the fees for regulations for beach access are discouraging, and with the proposed increases to occupancy taxes, I feel that my rental market is threatened and the noose around my neck is merely tightening. I have been blessed to own a home on Ocracoke, but the dream is receding like the unwanted currents in the Sound that have clogged our ferry routes.

I live in Williamsburg, Va and the city some time ago enacted a local food tax, and while small, it has become quite noticeable with the ever increasing prices. Thus, I eat next door, in the county with good food and better value. All my life I have been witness to the deleterious effects of toll booths and taxes. You, too, have been exposed to that very same assault and can easily understand my feelings and my situation.

I understand your dilemma, however, but have nothing to offer as solution. My only advice at this time is to urge you to NOT increase the occupancy taxes for fear of upsetting the delicate economic balance of the island. We devote much interest and energy to the ecological balance of the island. The economic balance deserves no less.

I do business with Ocracoke Island Realty. They are major employers on Ocracoke who have made a commitment to the island. They have a vested interest in our welfare. The best advice that I can give you is to consult with them as to how to proceed for they have a finger on the pulse of activity on the island. I hope my plea is not wasted on you as I have often felt ignored when offering sincere and reasonable requests, as though the decision had already been made, my breath wasted.

I do thank you for taking the time to read my email and I hope that you do help us out on the island by NOT increasing occupancy taxes. Thanks with kind regards, Nick Vrettos

Rosemary Johnson

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Subject: Occupancy Tax increase

I am a property owner on Ocracoke Island. I am not in favor of the Occupancy Tax increase. Added expense may be passed on to my renters and this may discourage rentals.

Ron Webb

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy Tab® S

Rosemary Johnson

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Subject: Proposed changes to Ocracoke occupancy tax

We are property owners on Ocracoke Island and rent our property in the warmer months.

We are categorically against increasing the Occupancy Tax on Ocracoke and ask that you do NOT support it.

The OCBA on Ocracoke as well as many businesses and individual property owners like ourselves SUCCESSFULLY spend many dollars on marketing and tourism for Ocracoke. Additional county dollars are NOT needed; an additional county employee is a waste and would be ineffective (what government employee knows anything about marketing and advertising??); and, worst of all, taxes collected would not be used exclusively to the benefit of Ocracoke, though Ocracoke would be paying the tax to the county. Or, rather, the vacationers and tourists and businesses will be paying with increased rental rates to cover the tax. Government has already ruined much of Ocracoke's tourism with beach restrictions, added licensing for recreational activities and beach access, threats to do away with free ferries, etc. Let Ocracoke handle its own marketing; it is a horse of a different color than mainland, rural Hyde County and Ocracoke organizations, businesses and individuals are better at it than any County employee ever could be.

Barbara and Douglas Miller

Rosemary Johnson

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Subject: Increase to Occupancy Tax

Mr. Rich and Hyde County Commissioners,

I am a property Owner on Ocracoke with ownership in (3) rental properties. We built our original property in 1997 on Silver Lake and bought another property in Widgeon Woods shortly thereafter. While our rental rates have increased since the development and purchase of our properties our costs have increased even more. With beach closures, beach driving permits, tax increases, insurance rate increases, declines in recreational fishing (and the corresponding decrease in demand) and the declines in our economy we have a negative cash flow even though we are typically fully rented throughout the prime months of the summer season. There is no shoulder season anymore due to the beach closures, but I can't say that bothers my group as that is the time of year we like to use our house. I know it has had a detrimental effect on the local economy and businesses as now they have a much shorter season in which to make a living.

We cannot tax ourselves into prosperity and I feel this push for additional Occupancy tax is just another overreach by Hyde County, will only increase our cost, create another bureaucracy and offer absolutely no benefit to the Island or its property Owners. As we are already working at a negative cash flow it will just be another challenge to our bottom line that we can ill afford. In short, please do not implement the additional Occupancy Tax as it will just be another burden on an Island and an economy that is already stretched too thin.

Peter E. West

President

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Another public comment

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Subject: Proposed increase in Occupancy Tax

Friends--

I own 166 Pintail Dr and 436 Jackson Circle, both on Ocracoke Island.

I have just received a copy of Bob Oakes letter respecting the proposed increase in Hyde County Occupancy tax.

I have carefully read Mr. Oakes' letter to each of you and I concur with all his comments.

Respectfully,

Zelig Robinson
OFCOUNSEL

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**Hyde County Board of Commissioners
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET**

Meeting Date: March 2, 2015
Presenter: Commissioner John Fletcher
Attachment: No

ITEM TITLE: EMS PROPERTY ON OCRACOKE

SUMMARY: Commissioner Fletcher will discuss the need to purchase property for an EMS Station on Ocracoke Island.

RECOMMEND: Discussion and possible action.

Motion Made By: ___ Barry Swindell
___ Earl Pugh, Jr.
___ Dick Tunnell
___ Ben Simmons
___ John Fletcher

Motion Seconded By: ___ Barry Swindell
___ Earl Pugh, Jr.
___ Dick Tunnell
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___ John Fletcher

Vote: ___ Barry Swindell
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**Hyde County Board of Commissioners
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET**

Meeting Date: March 2, 2015
Presenter: County Manager Bill Rich
Attachment: No

ITEM TITLE: BUDGET CALENDAR – DEPARTMENT ASSESSMENTS

SUMMARY: Manager Rich will discuss the FY2015-2016 Budget calendar and departmental assessments needed to prepare the budget.

RECOMMEND: Discussion.

Motion Made By: ___ Barry Swindell
___ Earl Pugh, Jr.
___ Dick Tunnell
___ Ben Simmons
___ John Fletcher

Motion Seconded By: ___ Barry Swindell
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___ Dick Tunnell
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Vote: ___ Barry Swindell
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**Hyde County Board of Commissioners
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET**

Meeting Date: March 2, 2015
Presenter: Commissioner John Fletcher
Attachment: Yes

ITEM TITLE: UNSIGNED MAIL/MESSAGES

SUMMARY: Commissioner Fletcher will discuss unsigned mail and anonymous messages to the Board of Commissioners.

RECOMMEND: Discussion.

Motion Made By: ___ Barry Swindell
___ Earl Pugh, Jr.
___ Dick Tunnell
___ Ben Simmons
___ John Fletcher

Motion Seconded By: ___ Barry Swindell
___ Earl Pugh, Jr.
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Vote: ___ Barry Swindell
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**Hyde County Board of Commissioners
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET**

Meeting Date: March 2, 2015
Presenter: Justin Gibbs, Emergency Management Director
Attachment: Yes

ITEM TITLE: Hyde County EMS – Disposition Type Breakdown

SUMMARY: EM Director Justin Gibbs has been asked to present statistics for the disposition of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) calls. Mr. Gibbs has prepared a Disposition Type Breakdown for the period beginning 07/01/2014 through 01/30/2015.

RECOMMEND: Discussion.

Motion Made By: ___ Barry Swindell
___ Earl Pugh, Jr.
___ Dick Tunnell
___ Ben Simmons
___ John Fletcher

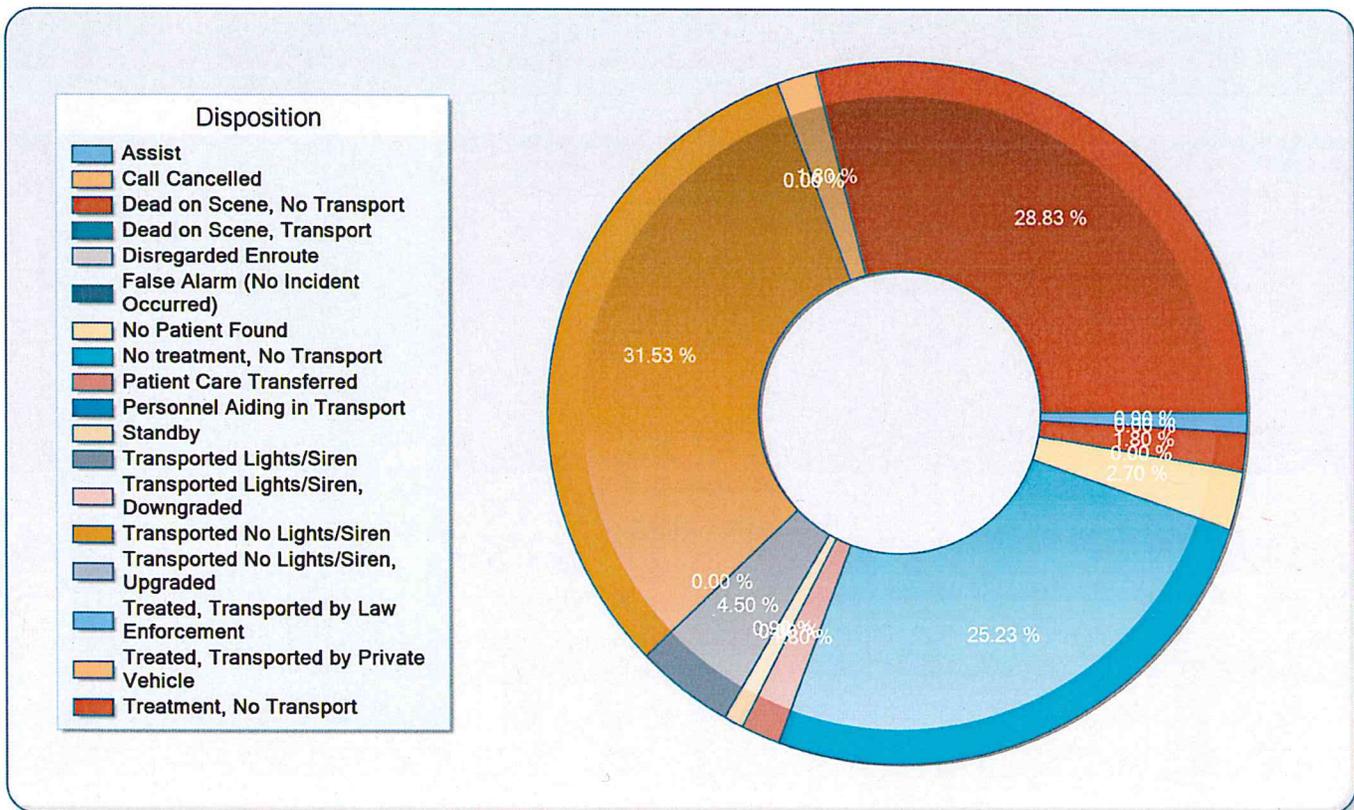
Motion Seconded By: ___ Barry Swindell
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Vote: ___ Barry Swindell
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Hyde County Emergency Medical Services Disposition Type Breakdown

7/1/2014 to 1/30/2015

Disposition Type Breakdown		
Disposition	Calls	Pct
Assist	1	1 %
Call Cancelled	0	0 %
Dead on Scene, No Transport	2	2 %
Dead on Scene, Transport	0	0 %
Disregarded Enroute	0	0 %
False Alarm (No Incident Occurred)	0	0 %
No Patient Found	3	3 %
No treatment, No Transport	28	25 %
Patient Care Transferred	2	2 %
Personnel Aiding in Transport	0	0 %
Standby	1	1 %
Transported Lights/Siren	5	5 %
Transported Lights/Siren, Downgraded	0	0 %
Transported No Lights/Siren	35	32 %
Transported No Lights/Siren, Upgraded	0	0 %
Treated, Transported by Law Enforcement	0	0 %
Treated, Transported by Private Vehicle	2	2 %
Treatment, No Transport	32	29 %
Total	111	100%



Hyde County Board of Commissioners
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET

Meeting Date: March 2, 2015
Presenter: County Manager Bill Rich
Attachment: No

ITEM TITLE: MANAGER'S PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

SUMMARY: Provisions of the Employment Agreement between the County of Hyde and William D. Rich, entered into February 3, 2014, require annual performance evaluation of the Employee as described in Section 7 and 8 of the Agreement.

Section 7 – Salary

Employer agrees to pay Employee for his services rendered pursuant hereto at an annual base salary of \$85,000.00 from July 1, 2014 until June 30, 2015. From July 1, 2015 until June 30, 2018 the annual base salary shall be \$95,000.00. This salary is payable in installments at the same time as other employees of Employer are paid. In addition, Employer agrees to review and consider an increase to said base salary and/or other benefits to Employee in such amounts and to such extent as the Board may determine is desirable to do so on the basis of a performance evaluation and annual salary review of Employee to the adoption of the annual budget.

Section 8 – Performance Evaluation

A. At least sixty (60) days prior to the Employee's anniversary date, the Board and Employee will define such goals and performance objectives as they determine are necessary for the proper operation of the County and the attainment of the Board's policy objectives. The parties shall further establish a relative priority among those various goals and objectives, with the Board having the final say as to the specific goals and objectives as well as to the relative priority thereof. Said goals and objectives shall be reduced to writing and generally shall be attainable within the time limitations specified, the annual operating as well as capital budgets, and the appropriations that can be provided.

B. The Board shall review and evaluate the performance of the Employee at least once annually, 60 (sixty) days in advance of the anniversary date of employment. Said review and evaluation shall be in accordance with specific criteria developed jointly by Employer and Employee. Said criteria may be added to or deleted from as the Board may, from time to time, determine in consultation with the Employee. Further, the Chairman of the Board shall provide the Employee with a summary written statement of the findings of the annual review and provide an adequate opportunity for the Employee to discuss his evaluation with the full Board.

C. In effecting the provisions of this Section, Employer and Employee mutually agree to abide by the provisions of any and all applicable laws.

RECOMMEND: Discussion.

Motion Made By: Barry Swindell
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Motion Seconded By: Barry Swindell
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**Hyde County Board of Commissioners
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET**

Meeting Date: March 2, 2015
Presenter: County Manager Bill Rich
Attachment: Yes

ITEM TITLE: MAURICE BALLANCE ROAD/OCRACOKE COMMUNITY
PARK UPDATE

SUMMARY: Manager Rich will present update on Maurice Ballance Road in Ocracoke Community Park. Attached is a copy of Mr. Rich's February 6 letter to Malcolm Fearing, NC DOT, requesting NC DOT rocking and maintaining Maurice Ballance Road.

RECOMMEND: Discussion.

Motion Made By: ___ Barry Swindell
___ Earl Pugh, Jr.
___ Dick Tunnell
___ Ben Simmons
___ John Fletcher

Motion Seconded By: ___ Barry Swindell
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___ Dick Tunnell
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Vote: ___ Barry Swindell
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COUNTY OF HYDE

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Bill Rich
County Manager

Fred Holscher
County Attorney

Lois Stotesberry, CMC, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board



February 6, 2015

Malcolm Fearing
NCDOT, Division 1
P.O. Box 759
Manteo, NC 27954

Dear Malcolm,

Per our conversation February 6, 2015, I would like to formally petition NCDOT to consider rocking and maintaining Maurice Ballance Road on Ocracoke Island, Hyde County, NC. This road is the entrance to the new Ocracoke Community Park, which among other things will be the baseball and soccer fields for all of Ocracoke as well as a community center and all venues from emergency evacuations to concerts and revivals.

Malcolm, the Ocracoke Community Park has been funded totally from donations and Occupancy Tax money. We need and request the help of the State in providing an entrance way (road) which will accommodate the Park. We have a 50' right-of-way and would be happy to entertain a joint maintenance arrangement where the State would rock and maintain 20' and the Park Association would maintain the shoulders for parking, bike and pedestrian access. I believe Maurice Ballance was subdivided prior to 1975 so hopefully this would give you the flexibility in making this happen.

Respectfully yours,

Bill Rich, County Manager

Cc: Vince O'Neal, Ocracoke Community Park Committee
John Fletcher, Commissioner

BUDGET MATTERS

- a) BR25-15 – Health – WIC**
- b) BR26-15 – Health – Immunization Action Plan**
- c) DSS – Overtime**
- d) DSS – LIEAP Funds**

**Hyde County Board of Commissioners
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET**

Meeting Date: March 2, 2015
Presenter: David Howard, Health Director
Attachment: Hyde County Health Department Budget Revision 24-15 FY 2014-15

ITEM TITLE: WIC Program Budget Revision FY 2014-15

SUMMARY: Additional funds in the amount of \$200.00 were received from NC Department of Public Health for use in providing WIC services. This revision does increase the WIC program budget by \$200.00, no local appropriations are required.

RECOMMEND: APPROVE ATTACHED BUDGET REVISION FOR FY 2014-15
EFFECTIVE MARCH 2, 2015.

Motion Made By: ___ Barry Swindell
___ Earl Pugh, Jr.
___ Dick Tunnell
___ Ben Simmons
___ John Fletcher

Motion Seconded By: ___ Barry Swindell
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Vote: ___ Barry Swindell
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**Hyde County Board of Commissioners
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET**

Meeting Date: March 2, 2015
Presenter: David Howard, Health Director
Attachment: Hyde County Health Department Budget Revision 24-15 FY 2014-15

ITEM TITLE: Immunization Action Plan Program Budget Revision FY 2014-15

SUMMARY: Funds available from the CDC Immunization grant to NC Department of Public Health (NC DPH) beginning Jan. 1, 2015 are less than what had originally been allocated from the CDC Immunization grant, therefore a temporary reduction has been made via a revised Agreement Addendum. The revised Agreement Addendum with NC DPH states as additional revenues are received from CDC to NC Public Health they will be forwarded to Hyde County to meet the expected allocations to cover base activity costs through May 31, 2015. This revision decreases the IAP program budget.

RECOMMEND: APPROVE ATTACHED BUDGET REVISION FOR FY 2014-15
EFFECTIVE MARCH 2, 2015.

Motion Made By: Barry Swindell
 Earl Pugh, Jr.
 Dick Tunnell
 Ben Simmons
 John Fletcher

Motion Seconded By: Barry Swindell
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Vote: Barry Swindell
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**Hyde County Board of Commissioners
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET**

Meeting Date: March 2, 2015
Presenter: Gloria Spencer, DSS Director
Attachment: Yes

ITEM TITLE: LIEAP FUNDS RECEIVED

SUMMARY: Hyde County DSS has received an additional \$15,000.00 in LIEAP Funding. It has been loaded into the LIEAP System. DSS has not received the funding authorization yet and needs Board approval of the budget revision to prevent the funds from reverting back to the State.

RECOMMEND: Approve.

Motion Made By: ___ Barry Swindell
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Motion Seconded By: ___ Barry Swindell
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Vote: ___ Barry Swindell
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North Carolina
Department of Health
and Human Services

Energy Programs
NC DHHS Division of Social Services

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County Fund Listing ([Download into Excel](#))

County: Hyde **Reporting Year:** 7/01/2014 To 6/30/2015

County Fund Listing		Print Report		
LIEAP Funding				
<u>County</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Adjust.</u>	<u>Balance</u>
HYDE	\$49,566.00	\$34,500.00	\$0.00	\$15,066.00
Total	\$49,566.00	\$34,500.00	\$0.00	\$15,066.00
County	Amount	Expenditures	Adjust.	Balance
LIEAP Funding				
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**Hyde County Board of Commissioners
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET**

Meeting Date: March 2, 2015
Presenter: Chairman, Vice-Chair, Commissioners and Manager
Attachment: No

ITEM TITLE: MANAGEMENT REPORTS

SUMMARY: This is a time for each Commissioner to give reports on their work representing the County.

Additionally, Commissioners may wish to bring up issues they wish to have followed up by the Board or by the County Manager.

The County Manager will give an oral update on various projects and other administrative matters.

RECOMMEND: Receive reports. Discussion and possible action as necessary.

Motion Made By: Barry Swindell
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Motion Seconded By: Barry Swindell
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Vote: Barry Swindell
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Hyde County Board of Commissioners
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET

Meeting Date: March 2, 2015
Presenter: Citizens
Attachment: No

ITEM TITLE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

SUMMARY: The public is invited to use this time to make comments to the County Commissioners on items discussed during this meeting and/or matters not discussed earlier in the meeting.

RECOMMEND: Receive comments.

Hyde County Board of Commissioners
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET

Meeting Date: **March 2, 2015**
Presenter: **Board of Commissioners**

ITEM TITLE: **CLOSED SESSION**

SUMMARY: The County Manager may request entering Closed Session
in accordance with **NCGS143A-318.11 (a)**

- 1) To prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law.
- 2) To prevent the premature disclosure of an honorary award.
- 3) To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege.
- 4) To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses.
- 5) To establish or instruct the public body's staff or agent in negotiating the price or terms of a contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase; or compensation and terms of an employment contract.
- 6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee.
- 7) To plan, conduct, or hear reports concerning investigations of alleged criminal misconduct.
- 8) To formulate plans by a local board of education relating to emergency response to incidents of school violence.
- 9) To discuss and take action regarding plans to protect public safety.

RECOMMEND: Enter into Closed Session if required.

Motion Made By: <input type="checkbox"/> Barry Swindell	Motion Seconded By: <input type="checkbox"/> Barry Swindell	Vote: <input type="checkbox"/> Barry Swindell
(Enter) <input type="checkbox"/> Earl Pugh, Jr.	<input type="checkbox"/> Earl Pugh, Jr.	<input type="checkbox"/> Earl Pugh, Jr.
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<input type="checkbox"/> John Fletcher	<input type="checkbox"/> John Fletcher	<input type="checkbox"/> John Fletcher

Motion Made By: <input type="checkbox"/> Barry Swindell	Motion Seconded By: <input type="checkbox"/> Barry Swindell	Vote: <input type="checkbox"/> Barry Swindell
(Exit) <input type="checkbox"/> Earl Pugh, Jr.	<input type="checkbox"/> Earl Pugh, Jr.	<input type="checkbox"/> Earl Pugh, Jr.
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Hyde County Board of Commissioners
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET

Meeting Date: **March 2, 2015**
Attachments: **Yes**

ITEM TITLE: **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

Department Reports

- 1) Tax Department (requires signature)
- 2) Mattamuskeet Senior Center
- 3) Inspections
- 4) Human Resources
- 5) Social Services

Informational Items

- 1) UNC-SOG – Michael R. Smith Letter
- 2) UNC-SOG – School of Government Foundation – Invest in North Carolina’s Future
- 3) Ocracoke School Earns “A” on State Report Card
- 4) Albemarle RPO Letter
- 5) NCDOC CDBG Final Closeout Letter
- 6) Tyrrell County – Resolution Endorsing Passage of NC WRC Resolutions Requesting Removal of Red Wolf Release and Reintroduction Onto Private Lands Programs In The Red Wolf Recovery Area Located in Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington Counties, North Carolina
- 7) Cherokee County – Resolution Supporting the Display of The National Motto “In God We Trust” In The Commissioners Board Room of The Cherokee County Courthouse, Murphy, NC
- 8) Gaston County – Resolution To Support The Display Of The National Motto “In God We Trust: In A Prominent Location On The Exterior Of The Gaston County Courthouse
- 9) Alamance County – Resolution Restoring the Allocation of Lottery Funds to Counties for School Capital Needs
- 10) NCACC – Blueprint For Our Future – Invitation

**NORTH CAROLINA
HYDE COUNTY
HYDE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

From: Linda M. Basnight Tax Administrator

This is to report all tax collections by the Hyde County Tax Office Employees during the month of January, 2015.

CURRENT TAX

DEPOSITS	COUNTY WIDE	MOSQUITO TAX	SOLID WASTE	WEST QUARTER	INTEREST
\$1,142,682.03	\$1,113,851.47	\$7,069.17	\$0.00 Res \$0.00 Comm	\$14,981.51	\$2,989.14
	2014				
	\$ 3,790.74				

CURRENT DMV

DEPOSITS	COUNTY WIDE	MOSQUITO TAX	INTEREST
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

DELIQUENT DMV

2013	COUNTY WIDE	\$62.98
	MOSQUITO	\$0.03
2012	COUNTY WIDE	\$94.92
	MOSQUITO	\$0.00
2011	COUNTY WIDE	\$0.00
	MOSQUITO	\$0.00
2010	COUNTY WIDE	\$18.25
	MOSQUITO	\$0.00
2009	COUNTY WIDE	\$0.00
	MOSQUITO	\$0.00
2008	COUNTY WIDE	\$0.00
	MOSQUITO	\$0.00
		\$0.00
2007	COUNTY WIDE	\$0.00
	MOSQUITO	\$0.00
2006	COUNTY WIDE	\$0.00
	MOSQUITO	\$0.00
2005	COUNTY WIDE	\$0.00
	MOSQUITO	\$0.00
2004	COUNTY WIDE	\$0.00
	MOSQUITO	\$0.00
2003	COUNTY WIDE	\$0.00
	MOSQUITO	\$0.00
2002	COUNTY WIDE	\$0.00
	MOSQUITO	\$0.00
		\$0.00
INTEREST		\$36.69
		\$0.00
		\$212.87

DELIQUENT TAX

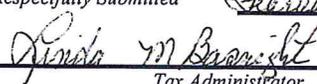
2013	\$11,200.94
2012	\$5,296.79
2011	\$1,951.16
2010	\$220.26
2009	\$604.45
2008	\$302.29
2007	\$0.00
2006	\$139.31
2005	\$9.74
2004	\$369.13
2003	\$0.00
2002	\$0.00
2001	\$0.00
SQWS	\$0.00
MOSQUITO TAX	\$161.64
SOLID WASTE RES	\$27.60
SOLID WASTE COMM	\$0.00
INTEREST	\$3,186.52
WEST/QUARTER	\$1.00
LEGAL FEES	
	\$23,470.83

2015 Prepayments

Gaskins, Annie	200628	\$300.00
Payne, Vickie	203906	\$52.47
Gurganus Sue	200962	\$30.00
Spencer, Edward Lee	203464	\$50.00
Garrish Janie	200579	\$10.00
Gregory, Hilda	207411	\$8.68
Vieyra, Daniel	200643	\$84.03
Brooks, Samuel	204171	\$3.74
Gouyer, Pamela D.	200655	\$250.00
Mitchell Dunbar	201425	\$4,445.80
Merrick, Joannah	203538	\$3.94
Adams, Joseph	208664	\$3.54
		\$5,242.20

OVERPAYMENT

Williford Charles	203832	2,744.66
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Respectfully Submitted February 2, 2015

 Tax Administrator

 Chairman of Commissioners

MATTAMUSKEET SENIOR CENTER

Manager's Monthly Report

February, 2015

Participants on Meals-On-Wheels	Swan Quarter	Fairfield	Engelhard	Mattamuskeet Village	Total
	6	6	6	3	21
Total Meals-on-Wheels Served	357				
Congregate Meals Served	215				
Participants served for Congregate	17				
Attendance to center for activities, (crafts, exercise, meals, meetings, etc.)	246				

Attendance does not include:

Dance Class every Monday; Girl Scouts every Tuesday. Cub Scouts Thursdays, Various Meeting, etc

No. Permits Issued	2014		2015	
	<u>Mainland</u>	<u>Ocracoke</u>	<u>Mainland</u>	<u>Ocracoke</u>
Residential:	0	0		
Commercial:	0	0		
Other:	13	5		

<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Mainland</u>	<u>Ocracoke</u>	<u>Mainland</u>	<u>Ocracoke</u>	
Site Visits	2	7	4		8 Site Visits
Investigations	0	0	0		0 Investigations
Inspections	12	14	22		8 Call Returned
Conferences	4	0	0		0 Inspections
ODO/Plan Reviews	4	0	3		0 Conferences
School	8 hrs		6		ODO/Plan Reviews
ODO Meeting		1			1 School
					ODO Meeting

Damage Assessment Mainland

Miles Driven:

Fees Collected from January 2013 to December 2013 \$ 32,158.57 January 2014 to December 2014 \$ 44,568.35

Fees Collected since July 1, 2014 \$ 20,238.36

Fees Collected this Month \$ 3,106.80

County Projection for 2014/2015

July 01, 2013 to December 31, 2013

Building Permit Fees Collected	\$ 6,596.16	New Residential/Commercial Construction		
		Renovations, Docks, Bulkhead, etc	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 5,403.84
Inspection Fees Collected	\$ 12,402.20	Electrical, HVAC, Plumbing, insulation	\$ 12,000.00	\$ (402.20)
Penalties Collected	\$ 515.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 485.00

Human Resources Dept. Report – February 2015:

- Verified information for vacation/sick leave for employees and calculated annual leave overage to be transferred to sick leave (vacation hours over 240 accrued by 12/31 must be rolled over to sick leave for the new calendar year). Calculated and added the extra days for years of service to veteran employees' leave.
- Completed monthly payroll
- Compiled Human Resources newsletter for employees
- Mailed copies of W-2's to IRS and North Carolina Dept. of Revenue
- Completed and processed monthly vouchers to pay employees' insurances, tax garnishments, child support payments, retirement, etc.
- Daily Tasks - Assisted employees as necessary concerning hours worked, salary, insurance, benefits, retirement, deposit changes, etc.
- Documented and Logged one Workers Compensation Claim
- Enrolled four new full-time employees & three part-time employees
- Scheduled drug testing for employees for 1st quarter of year and new safety sensitive employees.
- Participated in the CHA Stakeholders Survey
- Participated in the Hyde County Injury Prevention Coalition Meeting

Respectively submitted,

Tammy Blake

Hyde County DSS Programs
Month of JANUARY 2015

	Active Cases	Applications Taken	Reviews/Redetermination	Other Changes	
Income Maintenance Programs					
Medicaid and Food Stamps	995	13	167	32	
Long Term Care MAA & MAD	40				
Food Stamps		23	57	10	
Work First	14	1	2		
Total					
Medicaid Transportation Program					
	Transported	Gas	Vouchers	Active Cases	Calls
Medicaid	34	73	1	285	95
Dialysis	0	0	0	0	0
Title III	1	8	1	49	12
Total	35	81	2	334	107
Child Protected Services					
	Reports	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Recommendations for Svcs	Inter-County
	5	0	5	4	1
Adult Services (Ongoing)					
	Active CAP Cases	At Risk/SA In Home			
	12	7			
Crisis Intervention					
	Applications Taken	Approved	Denied		
	3	3			
Medication Assistance					
	Applications Taken	Approved	Denied		
	4	7			
Daycare Services					
	Mainland	Ocracoke	out of county		
Cases	2			3	
Children	6			5	

Reviews/Redetermination processed monthly
Cap cases have daily, weekly and monthly contacts
Reviews done every six months

Hyde County DSS Programs
Month of JANUARY 2015

	Requested	Approved	Denied		
Fishing License					
Christmas Cheer					
LIEAP					

Reviews/Redetermination processed monthly
Cap cases have daily, weekly and monthly contacts
Reviews done every six months

Child Support Services
Services and Activities Report
For the period
February, 2015

In the November 2014 DSS board report a situation involving a non-custodial parent and his bank account was brought to your attention. This matter was in regards to a substantial amount of money frozen in the non-custodial parent's bank account and the non-custodial parent was refusing to accept legal notice to release the funds. I am happy to report that on December 18, 2014 \$10,000 was posted to the non-custodial parent's account and was paid towards arrears owed in two cases. Those arrears were owed to the mothers of the children in both cases.

During the month of December Tyrrell County collected \$1,280.05 in funds received from bank account levies, while Washington County collected \$11,782.22.

Since the beginning of this fiscal year Washington County has collected \$12,874 in Financial Institution Data Match (FIDM) levies. This administrative process assists in collecting funds that may be overlooked if not for the process of bank account matches.

**HYDE COUNTY
CHILD SUPPORT UNIT
FY 2014-2015
STATISTICAL REPORT**

	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	YTD Totals	2013-2014
total caseload	189	187	187	186	183	185	186						186	
regional rep case reviews	3	3	3	3	3	3	3						21	
supervisor caseload-IV-E or problematic	2	2	0	0	0	0	0						1	
ESTABLISHMENT														
paternity tests performed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	9
ENFORCEMENT														
income withholding collections	\$13,117	\$13,508	\$13,533	\$15,315	\$13,132	\$13,435	\$12,500						\$94,540	\$162,674
interstate collections	\$1,982	\$2,236	\$2,645	\$2,967	\$2,324	\$3,089	\$2,424						\$17,668	\$42,699
court collections	\$1,150	\$2,640	\$1,700	\$400	\$1,730	\$350	\$2,000						\$9,970	\$12,041
tax intercept collections	\$1,583	\$350	\$1,805	\$1,700	\$3,456	\$5,564	\$2,140						\$16,598	\$29,137
unemployment insurance collections	\$178	\$164	\$145	\$7	\$16	\$437	\$860						\$1,807	\$3,334
incentive collections*	\$15	\$6	\$40	\$359	\$388	\$374	\$374						\$1,555	\$5,393
IV-E foster care collections	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0						\$0	\$0
total collections	\$22,676	\$27,419	\$24,678	\$26,705	\$23,935	\$28,419	\$23,979						\$177,811	\$308,551
customers serviced while in the local office	6	2	0	7	5	2	3						25	34

*incentives consist of :TANF Share, IV-E Share, SFHF Share, Incentive, Settlement funds, Tax Intercept Fees, Paternity Test Fees, and Legal Fees



December 10, 2014

Sarah Johnson
30 Oyster Creek Rd, PO Box 188
Swan Quarter, NC 27885

Dear Sarah:

With the Pamlico Sound splitting its center, Hyde County is a little different from most communities in North Carolina. Just ask Bill Rich, who grew up on his family's Hyde County farm. When he became county manager last year, residents were excited to have their unique community in the hands of someone who was deeply familiar with its history and also fully invested in its future.

Local leaders such as Bill work tirelessly to make North Carolina communities strong, safe, and vibrant places in which to live or visit. And like Bill, many new managers quickly come to appreciate the expertise offered by the School of Government; experienced managers come to count on it.

"Without the School of Government," Bill says, "my staff and I couldn't do our jobs as effectively, and our residents—and thousands of visitors to Hyde County—wouldn't have access to the critical services and high quality of life our community offers. **The School of Government makes government work—and it makes working in government great.**"

As state funding to the School has been steadily cut year after year, we have come to rely heavily on private support to provide the level of service that makes us the premier local government training center in the nation. Thousands of North Carolina residents like you have invested in the School of Government, ensuring that our state has the leadership that it needs—in its town halls, county offices, school districts, courtrooms, and beyond.

Private support for the School of Government makes an impact across the state.

- Our economic development program has helped scores of local leaders find innovative strategies for leveraging their communities' strengths in the wake of the recent recession.
- Thousands of public officials, including Bill Rich, attend our comprehensive Municipal and County Administration course to become more knowledgeable about the broad functions of government and better prepared to act quickly and effectively as public issues arise in their own jurisdictions.

Bill and other leaders around the state are committed to making their communities the best they can be, and they rely on the School of Government to accomplish their goals. **They know that the School is truly one of our state's most valuable resources.**

As the year comes to a close, please consider making a gift to the School of Government. Your investment in the School is an investment in North Carolina's future.

Thank you,

Mike
Michael R. Smith

*Many thanks for your
consideration.*

"The School of Government makes government work—and it makes working in government great."

—Bill Ricks, Hyde County Manager

Yes, I/we want to join Bill Ricks and invest in North Carolina's future.

Name _____
This is a joint gift with my spouse. Spouse's name _____
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HYDE COUNTY news

Ocracoke School earns 'A' on state report card

By MARY HELEN
GOODLOE-MURPHY

Ocracoke is the only school in four northeastern North Carolina counties to capture an 'A' in the state's school grading system.

Some 152 students attend the island school in grades pre-kindergarten through 12.

Grades are calculated using 80 percent of the achievement score and 20 percent of the school's growth score. Schools with grades 3-8 are required to report performance in reading and math.

Mattamuskeet High School, serving students 6 through 13 earned a 'D' while Mattamuskeet Elementary earned a 'C.'

• Ocracoke (PK-12): School Performance A.

Achievement 86 ($86 \times .80 = 68.8$); Growth 86.8 ($86.8 \times .20 = 17.36$). School Performance 86 (69+17). EOG Reading B (80). EOG Math A (86). This school exceeded growth.

• Mattamuskeet Early College High School (6-13): School Performance D.

Achievement 40 ($40 \times .80 = 32$); Growth 65.0 ($65 \times .20 = 13$). School Performance 45 (32+13). EOG Reading D (46). EOG Math F (36). This school did not meet growth.

• Mattamuskeet Elementary (PK-5): School Performance C.

Achievement 52 ($52 \times .80 = 41.6$); Growth 80.3 ($80.3 \times .20 = 16.06$). School Performance 57 (41+16). EOG Reading C (59). EOG Math C (56). The school met growth.



Lloyd E. Griffin III
TAC Board Chair
Rhett White
TCC Board Chair

Angela M. Welsh
Director

February 3, 2015

Hyde County Board of Commissioners
Hyde County
30 Oyster Creek Rd
PO Box 188
Swan Quarter, NC 2788

Commissioners,

During the past year, the Albemarle Rural Planning Organization (ARPO) has been involved in the following projects on the County's behalf. The ARPO continues as a merger team member in the merger process for the Ocracoke Island "hot spot" (TIP No. R-3116 A) which begins just south of the Hatteras ferry terminal and continues 4 miles southward on Ocracoke Island. The merger process provides a forum for appropriate agency representatives to discuss and reach consensus on ways to facilitate meeting the regulatory requirements of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act during the NEPA/ Section 404 decision making phase of transportation projects.

The ARPO has also been involved in transportation project prioritization on behalf of the County. In June of 2013, the Strategic Transportation Investments bill (HB817) was signed in to law by Governor Patrick McCrory. The Strategic Transportation Investments is a new way to prioritize and fund transportation projects, for all modes of transportation, to ensure they provide the maximum benefit for our state. The new formula took affect on July 15, 2013; it is data driven and required local input from both NCDOT Division 1 and the ARPO.

In November of 2013, ARPO staff, TCC and TAC members began soliciting new projects for prioritization as well as working to develop local point assignment methodology. The information was presented to the ARPO TCC and TAC at their January 10, 2014 meeting and tentatively approved by both Boards at their March 10, 2014 meeting. The public was also given 30 days to comment on the local point assignment methodology. The ARPO held another 30 day public comment period for the public to comment on the actual project point assignments once they were computed. The ARPO submitted the projects to the Strategic Prioritization Office of Transportation (SPOT) office in August and the Draft STIP was released in December of 2014.

The ARPO also took part in the ferry tolling public hearing on February 24, 2014 in Ocracoke.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela Welsh". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Angela Welsh
Albemarle Rural Planning Organization Planning Director

Lois Stotesberry

From: Bill Rich <brich@hydecourtync.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 1:14 PM
To: lstotesberry@hydecourtync.gov
Subject: FW: ARPO 2014 report for Hyde County
Attachments: Hyde.pdf

For next month's information.

From: Angela Welsh [<mailto:awelsh@albemarlecommission.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 9:47 AM
To: brich@hydecourtync.gov
Subject: ARPO 2014 report for Hyde County

Bill,

Attached is a letter regarding projects the ARPO was involved in on behalf of Hyde County for the year 2014. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

Angela

Angela M. Welsh, CFM, NCLID
Albemarle Commission
Albemarle Rural Planning Organization
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Department of Commerce
Community Assistance
Community Development & Planning Division



Pat McCrory, Governor
Dr. Patricia Mitchell, CECD, Assistant Secretary

John E. Skvarla, Secretary
Melody Adams, Acting Director

February 2, 2015

The Honorable Barry Swindell, Chair
Hyde County Board of Commissioners
P.O. Box 188
Swan Quarters, North Carolina 27885

Subject: Final Closeout
CDBG Number: **10-C-2182 (SSH)**

Dear Chair Swindell:

Congratulations on the completion of your project. We appreciate your cooperation during the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and commend you on your community improvement efforts.

This letter is to notify the county that the above referenced grant is officially closed. Please note that all financial records, supporting documents and other records pertinent to the community development program must be retained by the county for a minimum of five (5) years from the date of this letter.

We congratulate you once again and look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melody Adams".

Melody Adams
Acting Director

MA/VMA

cc: Ms. Kris Noble, Director of Planning
Mr. Chris Hilbert, Holland Consulting Planners
Ms. Toni Moore, Finance Officer, CA

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2015 the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission adopted a resolution entitled "*Resolution Requesting that the United States Fish and Wildlife Service Remove Red Wolves Released Onto Private Lands in the Red Wolf Recovery Area Located in Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington Counties, North Carolina*"; and

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2015 the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission adopted a resolution entitled "*Resolution Requesting that the United States Fish and Wildlife Service Declare the Red Wolf (Canis rufus) Extinct in the Wild and Terminate the Red Wolf Reintroduction Program in Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington Counties, North Carolina*"; and

WHEREAS, the Tyrrell County Board of Commissioners by unanimous vote endorsed the passage of the resolutions adopted by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tyrrell County Board of Commissioners hereby endorses the resolutions heretofore set forth.

Adopted this 3rd day of February, 2015.

Leroy Spivey, Chairman
Tyrrell County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Penny Rhodes Owens, CMC, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board

Tyrrell County Board of Commissioners

Post Office Box 449
Columbia, North Carolina 27925
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February 5, 2015

Mr. Dan Ashe, Director
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1849 C Street, NC, Room 3331
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Mr. Ashe,

Enclosed please find a Resolution that was adopted by the Tyrrell County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2015.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Penny Rhodes Owens
Clerk to the Board

Enclosure

Cc: Secretary Sally Jewell
US Department of Interior

Honorable G. K. Butterfield
US House of Representatives

Honorable Pat McCrory
Governor of North Carolina

Secretary Donald van der Vaart
NC DENR

Honorable Richard Burr
US Senate

Honorable Bob Steinburg
NC House of Representatives

Honorable Thom Tillis
US Senate

Honorable Paul Tine
NC House of Representatives

Honorable Walter B. Jones, Jr.
US House of Representatives

Honorable Bill Cook
NC Senate

Gordon S. Myers
Executive Director NCWRC

A RESOLUTION OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTING THE DISPLAY OF THE NATIONAL MOTTO "IN GOD WE TRUST" IN THE COMMISSIONERS BOARD ROOM OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MURPHY, NC.

WHEREAS, "In God We Trust" became the national motto of the United States on July 30, 1956, shortly after our nation led the world through the trauma of World War II; and

WHEREAS, the words have been used on U.S. currency since 1864; and

WHEREAS, the same inspiring slogan is engraved above the entrance to the Senate Chamber, as well as above the Speaker's dais in the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, in both war and peace, these words have been a profound source of strength and guidance to many generations of Americans; and

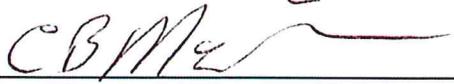
WHEREAS, the County desires to display this patriotic motto in the Commission chambers, as a way to solemnize public occasions and express confidence in our society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cherokee County, North Carolina Board of Commissioners does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. That the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners, does hereby determine that the historic and patriotic words of the national motto, "In God We Trust", shall be permanently and prominently displayed in the Commissioners Boardroom of the Cherokee County Courthouse in Murphy, NC.

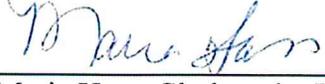
Section 2. The County Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

Passed by a majority vote, the 2nd day of February, 2015, at Murphy, Cherokee County, North Carolina.



C.B. McKinnon, Chairman

ATTEST:



Maria Hass, Clerk to the Board



**RESOLUTION TITLE: GASTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:
TO SUPPORT THE DISPLAY OF THE NATIONAL MOTTO
"IN GOD WE TRUST" IN A PROMINENT LOCATION ON THE
EXTERIOR OF THE GASTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

- WHEREAS, "In God We Trust" became the United States national motto on July 30, 1956, shortly after our nation led the world through the trauma of World War II; and,
- WHEREAS, the words have been used on U.S. currency since 1864; and,
- WHEREAS, the same inspiring slogan is engraved above the entrance to the Senate Chamber as well as above the Speaker's dais in the House of Representatives; and,
- WHEREAS, in both war and peace, these words have been a profound source of strength and guidance to many generations of Americans; and,
- WHEREAS, the County desires to display this patriotic motto in a prominent location on the exterior of the Gaston County Courthouse as a way to solemnize public occasions and express confidence in our society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners do hereby resolve as follows:

1. That the Gaston County Board of Commissioners of Gaston County, North Carolina do hereby determine that the historic and patriotic words of our national motto, "In God We Trust," shall be permanently and prominently displayed on the exterior of the Gaston County Courthouse.
2. Funds raised from private donations shall pay for the cost of construction and installation of said national motto signage and NO County tax dollars will be used.
3. The County Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution at a Rescheduled Meeting of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners of Gaston County, North Carolina held on the 10th day of February 2015.

DO NOT TYPE BELOW THIS LINE

I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

NO. DATE M1 M2 CARPENTER PHILBECK KEISHER WILLIAMS PRICE CBROWN FRALEY VOTE

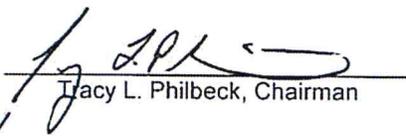
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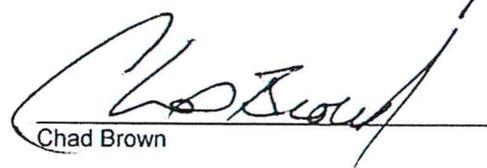
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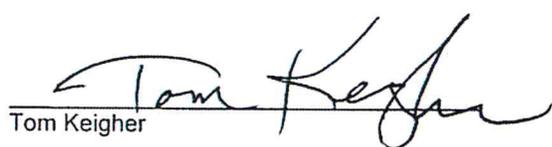
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To Support the Display of the National Motto "In God We Trust" in a Prominent Location on the Exterior of the Gaston County Courthouse

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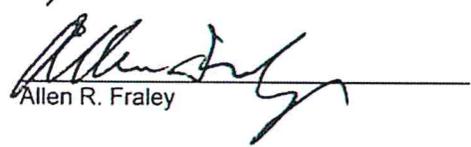

Tracy L. Philbeck, Chairman

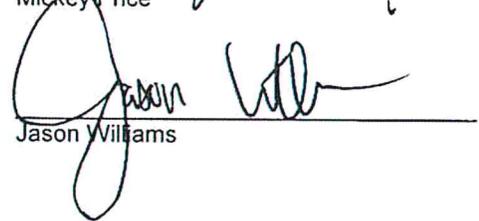

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GASTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BOARD ACTION

REQUESTED ACTION:

To Support the Display Of The National Motto "In God We Trust" In A Prominent Location On The Exterior Of The Gaston County Courthouse

COMMISSION SPONSOR: Tracy Philbeck and Jason Williams

STAFF CONTACT:

BACKGROUND:

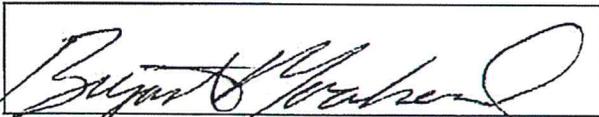
The County desires to permanently display this patriotic motto in a prominent location on the exterior of the Gaston County Courthouse as a way to solemnize public occasions and express confidence in our society. Funds raised from private donations shall pay for the cost of construction and installation of said national motto sign/lettering and NO county tax dollars will be used.

POLICY IMPACT: N/A

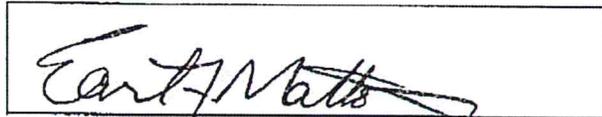
FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS: N/a

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes No N/A

See Attached Budget Change Request for Recommended Sources of Funds, if Applicable.



Bryant Morehead
Interim Financial Services Director



Recommends Approval
Earl Mathers, County Manager

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution

I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

NO.	DATE	M1	M2	Brown	Carpenter	Fraleay	Keigher	Philbeck	Price	Williams	Vote
2015-050	02/10/2015	JC	TK	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	U

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Lois Stotesberry

From: Tory Frink <Tory.Frink@alamance-nc.com>
Sent: Monday, February 02, 2015 12:39 PM
To: County Clerks in North Carolina
Subject: [countyclerks] Alamance County Board of Commissioners Resolution - Restoring the Allocation of Lottery Funds to Counties for School Capital Needs
Attachments: 2-2-15- ACBOC Resolution Restoring the Allocation of Lottery Funds to Counties for School Capital Needs.pdf
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

The Alamance County Board of Commissioners adopted the attached resolution *Restoring the Allocation of Lottery Funds to Counties for School Capital Needs* this morning during its regular meeting. The Board directed that it be shared with all 99 counties and is respectfully requesting that your boards prepare a resolution in support and send to your local legislative delegates. Thank you!

Tory M. Frink, NCCCC

Clerk to the Board/
Executive Assistant to the County Manager

Alamance County Government
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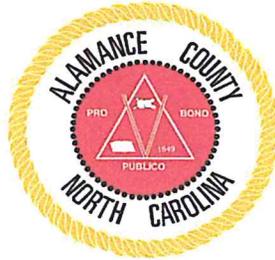


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Alamance County

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
124 West Elm Street
Graham, NC 27253-2865

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Tory M. Frink, NCCCC



RESOLUTION RESTORING THE ALLOCATION OF LOTTERY FUNDS TO COUNTIES FOR SCHOOL CAPITAL NEEDS

WHEREAS, the North Carolina counties are statutorily due 40 percent of net proceeds from the North Carolina Education Lottery; and

WHEREAS, existing school debt service requirements and a renewed focus on capital infrastructure investment demand restoration of county school lottery proceeds from the North Carolina Education Lottery; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Education Lottery provided that lottery proceeds above the appropriated levels were to be shared equally between school construction and university scholarships.; and

WHEREAS, counties recognize the importance of digital learning and have adopted a goal to increase Pre-K funding, however, existing school debt service requirements and a renewed focus on capital infrastructure investment demand restoration of county school lottery proceeds to the counties; and

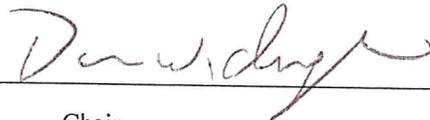
WHEREAS, further losses at \$75 million per year are incurred through the Governor's 2013 proposal to permanently divert to the state's general fund the corporate tax set aside (ADM Fund) for school construction; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alamance County Board of County Commissioners expresses strong support for legislation restoring the statutes that direct 40 percent of lottery proceeds to counties for school construction needs and increasing the appropriation for the 2015-16 fiscal year.

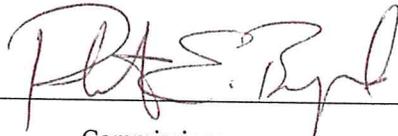
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Alamance County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests the North Carolina General Assembly to increase county lottery funds from 20.8 percent of proceeds to 27

percent for 2015-16 and would achieve full restoration of the 40 percent allocation to counties by 2016-17, and provide that counties receive any lottery revenues that exceed budgeted appropriations each year beginning with the 2015-16 fiscal year.

This 2nd day of February, 2015.



Chair



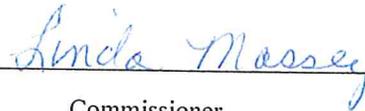
Commissioner



Vice Chair



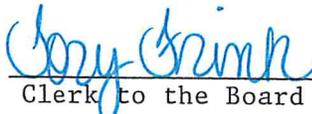
Commissioner



Commissioner

Adopted the 2nd day of February, 2015.

Attested:



Clerk to the Board





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March 10: Southern Human Services Center, 2501 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill (Orange County), 5:30 - 8 p.m.

March 12: Hilton Greenville, 207 Greenville Blvd. SW, Greenville (Pitt County), 5:30 - 8 p.m.

March 17: AB Tech, Enka Campus Conference Center, 1459 Sand Hill Road, Candler (Buncombe County), 5:30 - 8 p.m.

March 24: Conover Station, Community Room 403, Conover Station SE, Conover (Catawba County), 5:30 - 8 p.m.

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