Meeting Minutes

Board of County Commissioners
Hyde County

March 5, 2012

Chairwoman Sharon Spencer called the regular meeting of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners to order at 6:37 PM on Monday, March 5, 2012 in the Hyde County Government Center, Multi-Use Room, and the Ocracoke School Commons Room using electronic conferencing equipment. The meeting was temporarily delayed due to technical difficulties. The following members were present on the mainland: Commissioners Anson Byrd, Sharon Spencer, Barry Swindell and Dick Tunnell; Attorney Fred Holscher; County Manager Mazie Smith; and, members of the public. The following members were present on Ocracoke: Commissioner Darlene Styron; Deputy Clerk to the Board Lois Stotesberry; and, members of the public.

Presentation of Colors:

Hyde County Girl Scout Troop 2758 presented the United States and North Carolina flags and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Tunnell conducted opening prayer.

Scouts Halley Reynolds and Jessica Cahoon presented cookies to the commissioners.

The meeting was called to order.

2012 Girl Scout Week Proclamation:

Manager Smith read the 2012 Girl Scout Week Proclamation. The commissioners applauded the Girl Scouts.

Commissioner Byrd moved to proclaim the week of March 11-17, 2012 as Girl Scout Week in Hyde County. Mr. Tunnell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote:

Ayes –Byrd, Spencer, Styron, Swindell and Tunnell
Nays – None

Clerk's Note: A copy of "2012 Girl Scout Week Proclamation" is attached herewith as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

UNC Chapel Hill Volunteers:

Twelve University of Chapel Hill students volunteered to assist Hyde County with Hurricane Irene disaster recovery projects during Spring Break.

Alice Keeney, Planner/Developer, reported that the group had assisted with ceiling tile repairs at the Engelhard Medical Center; lawn maintenance at the Government Center; and, cleaned up the Swan Quarter Park grounds. The students are scheduled to work at Davis Community Center in Engelhard on Wednesday.

Chairwoman Spencer commended the group for its volunteer service to Hyde County.

Agenda:

Chairwoman Spencer asked for any changes to the March 5, 2012 meeting Agenda as presented by the Clerk.

Commissioner Swindell moved to approve the agenda with addition of Item 20. (a) – Approval of a Temporary Position at the Engelhard Airport. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote:

Ayes – Byrd, Spencer, Styron, Swindell and Tunnell
Nays – None

Consideration of Minutes:

Chairwoman Spencer asked for approval of meeting minutes.

Commissioner Tunnell moved to approve the February 20, 2012 Commissioners regular meeting minutes as presented by the Clerk with correction on page 8 – line 7 – Commissioner Tunnell moved to release $102,787. Ms. Styron seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote:

Ayes – Byrd, Spencer, Styron, Swindell and Tunnell
Nays – None

Public Comments:

Chairwoman Spencer called for comments from the public.

There being no comments from the public, Chairwoman Spencer continued the meeting.

Introduction of New Employee:

Jane Hodges, Airport Manager, introduced Doug Gibbs as the temporary Assistant Airport Manager. Doug will assist with administrative duties and inspection of the facilities and runway while serving a four month internship. His position is being funded by the Vocational Rehabilitation Program.

Mr. Gibbs thanked Manager Smith and the Commissioners for the opportunity.

Items of Consideration:

Hyde County Hotline Overview

Kathy Ballance, Director, reported that Hyde County Hotline has been an independent 501(c)3 nonprofit organization since July 1, 2011. The agency consists of three full-time and one part-time professional staff members and two part-time employees. The agency provides crisis intervention and advocacy services for victims and survivors of domestic abuse and sexual victimization in Hyde County. Ms. Ballance reported that the agency received 551 crisis line calls and served 155 victims of domestic violence and 14 sexual assault clients in 2011. Hotline provides victim services including 24-Hour Crisis Line, Court and Hospital Accompaniment, Therapeutic Counseling and Support Group, Medical and Legal Advocacy, Access to Shelter, Community Outreach and Schools Programming, Prevention Education, Transportation, Referrals and other related services.

Through collaborative community outreach, Hotline has provided 11 Work First placements, 3 Vocational Rehabilitation placements, and 10 Community Service placements. The Engelhard and Swan Quarter Thrift Stores are also Hotline projects. Most recently a weaving/looming project using donated clothing (damaged/recycled) was started in the Swan Quarter Thrift Store.

Ms. Ballance requested funding assistance from the County in the FY2012-2013 Budget.

Introduction of Strategic Planning Process for Hyde County

Resolution Relating to the Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012, adopted June 27, 2011, directed the County Manager to develop a new Strategic Plan to guide long-range planning and effective asset allocation for the County. The Office of Economic Development and Planning is coordinating with the NC Department of Commerce to update the 2007 Hyde County Economic Development Strategic Plan.

Lee Padrick and Brad Hufford, Division of Community Planning (DCP), reported that this project is presented as an update to the 2007 Hyde County Economic Development Strategic Plan, developed in 2006 as a result of Hyde County's inclusion in the 21st Century Communities program, a program offered by the NC Department of Commerce that was intended to help rural counties be more competitive within the state. The process helped the County develop a vision for the future and a practical "wish list" to help achieve that stated vision.

Mr. Padrick presented a resolution requesting the services of the NC Division of Community Planning in this effort. DCP staff who assists the County on this project will be reimbursed for mileage and meal allowances when the work is completed. Tentative budget presented reflects the use of teleconferencing for a number of the Ocracoke meetings to reduce travel costs. Approximate total charges equal $1,828.

Commissioner Byrd moved to adopt "Resolution Requesting the Services of the NC Division of Community Planning for Hyde County." Ms. Styron seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote:

Ayes – Byrd, Spencer, Styron, Swindell and Tunnell
Nays – None

Clerk's Note: A copy of "Resolution Requesting the Services of the NC Division of Community Planning for Hyde County" is attached herewith as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference.

Mainland Hyde County Occupancy Tax Board

Mark Carawan, Chairman, Mainland Hyde County Occupancy Tax Board, requested Board approval to contribute $2,000 to the Engelhard Development Corporation (EDC) in the FY2012-2013 Hyde County Budget. Funds will be used for Engelhard Seafood Festival expenses. Mr. Carawan reported that the Occupancy Tax Board voted unanimously to not fund the opposition to ferry toll tax campaign.

Commissioner Swindell moved to approve the Mainland Hyde County Occupancy Tax Board request to contribute $2,000 to the EDC. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote:

Ayes – Byrd, Spencer, Styron, Swindell and Tunnell
Nays – None

Extended Care Facility Beds

Chuck White, Director of Facility Services, Meridian Senior Living, reported that Meridian provides care and life services for more than 5,000 residents in 12 states. Their largest presence is in North Carolina, where it manages over 40 facilities, which includes 28 Special Care Units that are specially designed to care for residents with Alzheimer's Disease or related dementias.

Mr. White presented a proposal that would temporarily merge Hyde and Tyrrell County's service areas to develop an adult care home in Tyrrell County. The State Health Coordinating Council

(SHCC) yearly publication report indicates a need for this type facility in the Hyde and Tyrrell County area. A Certificate of Need Application must be filed on March 7, 2012 in order for Meridian Senior Living to claim the Hyde County need determination of thirty (30) adult care beds and Tyrrell County need determination of twenty (20) adult care beds. If approved Meridian Senior Living would like to construct a new adult care facility in Tyrrell County. Mr. White stated that this facility would create fifty (50) new jobs in the area.

Wes Smith, Health Director, recommended contacting Geraldine Weatherly, Director, Cross Creek Health Care Facility (CCHC), to determine whether or not CCHC wishes to apply for the allocated Hyde County adult care beds.

Commissioner Byrd moved to direct the County Manager to: 1) confirm whether or not CCHC wishes to apply for the beds, 2) if not, to adopt "Resolution In Support Of The Certificate Of Need To Service Hyde and Tyrrell Counties". Mr. Swindell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote:

Ayes – Byrd, Spencer, Styron, Swindell and Tunnell
Nays – None

Clerk's Note: A copy of "Resolution In Support Of The Certificate Of Need To Service Hyde and Tyrrell Counties" is attached herewith as Exhibit C and incorporated herein by reference.

Hyde County Cooperative Extension Report To The People

Mac Gibbs, Director, Hyde County Cooperative Extension, presented the Cooperative Extension "Report To The People". Mr. Gibbs reported that along with crop research and farmer assistance his department started a recycling program for collection of pesticide jugs and saved farmers approximately $45,000 in disposal costs. Mr. Gibbs introduced 4-H Agent Natalie Wayne and FCS Agent Stacey Midgett. Ms. Wayne received state-wide recognition for the Hyde Seek and Discover Camp and Ms. Midgett provides food education and healthy living programs.

Ferry Tolls Opposition Plan

Chairwoman Spencer requested ratification from the Board to approve a contract with lobbyists Joe and Henri McClees.

Commissioner Byrd moved to ratify the Contract for Services with McClees Consulting. Mr. Tunnell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote:

Ayes – Byrd, Spencer, Styron, Swindell and Tunnell
Nays – None

Chairwoman Spencer, Commissioner Styron and Manager Smith met with Mr. & Mrs. McClees; Paul Spruill, Tideland EMC; Randall Woodruff, Beaufort County Manager; and, Ocracoke citizens to discuss ferry toll issues. Ms. Spencer reported that Ocracoke citizens support the Ocracoke Occupancy Tax Board's offer to fund ferry toll opposition.

Third Party Administrator Agreement

Mazie Smith, County Manager, presented the NC Public Employee Deferred Compensation Plan – Employer-Third-Party Administrator Agreement. The State 457-b plan is available to employees at will and at no cost to the County.

Commissioner Byrd moved to approve the NC Public Employee Deferred Compensation Plan – Employer-Third-Party Administrator Agreement. Ms. Styron seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote:

Ayes – Byrd, Spencer, Styron, Swindell and Tunnell
Nays – None

Proclamation of Surplus

Andrea Gregory, Deputy Director of Finance, requested Board approval to list surplus property for sale on GovDeals. Approximately $5,000 worth of surplus items have been sold on GovDeals this fiscal year.

Commissioner Tunnell moved to approve the sale of listed surplus items on GovDeals. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote:

Ayes – Byrd, Spencer, Styron, Swindell and Tunnell
Nays – None

NCDOT Utility Relocation Agreement

Mazie Smith, County Manager, reported that with the replacement of a cross tile on New Lands Road (SR 1306) in Fairfield, NC, the water department will have to relocate 280' of 8" HDPE waterline. This work will be done by a contractor and NCDOT will cover all costs.

Commissioner Swindell moved to approve the NCDOT Utility Relocation Agreement. Mr. Tunnell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote:

Ayes – Byrd, Spencer, Styron, Swindell and Tunnell
Nays – None

Policy to Govern Funding of Non-Profit Agencies

Mazie Smith, County Manager, proposed that the Board adopt a policy that will provide guidelines for allocating funds to non-profit agencies in the budget. The policy includes a checklist of items and information required of agencies requesting funds so that information about said agencies can be kept accurate and up to date. This policy would also make nonprofit agencies more accountable to the public for the funds they are awarded. Requests for funding would only be accepted prior to the passage of the budget in June, except in extreme or emergency situations.

No action taken. The policy will be presented for approval at the next regularly scheduled Commissioners meeting on March 19, 2012.

Policy to Govern Use of Information On Hyde County Government Website

Mazie Smith, County Manager, reported that private websites that provide incomplete or inaccurate information are creating problems when citizens confuse them with the County's official website. Manager Smith proposed that the Board adopt a policy to govern the use of information on the County website.

No action taken. The policy will be presented for approval at the next regularly scheduled Commissioners meeting on March 19, 2012.

Schedule Date(s) for 2012 Board of Equalization & Review Hearings

Linda Basnight, Tax Administrator, reported that each year not earlier than the first Monday in April or later than the first Monday in May the Board of Equalization & Review (E&R) shall convene its first meeting to hear appeals from individual taxpayers as to the value of their property. It is required that a majority (at least 3) members of the Board of Commissioners be present for the Board of E&R hearings. No other business may be conducted during the Board of E&R session.

The Board of Equalization & Review session will be conducted on April 10, 2012 from 5:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.; and, if needed, a second session will be conducted on April 16, beginning at 5:00p.m. in the Hyde County Government Center, Multi-Use Room, and the Ocracoke School Commons Room using electronic conferencing equipment.

Reschedule Date for Budget Planning Retreat

Mazie Smith, County Manager, requested that the Budget Planning Retreat be rescheduled from March 24, 2012 to a week day so that department heads can participate in the agenda.

Commissioner Swindell moved to conduct the Budget Planning Retreat on March 23, 2012, from 8:30a.m. to 5:00p.m. in the Hyde County Government Center, Multi-Use Room, and the Ocracoke School Commons Room using electronic conferencing equipment. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote:

Ayes – Byrd, Spencer, Styron, Swindell and Tunnell
Nays – None

Temporary Assistant Airport Manager Position

Commissioner Swindell moved to approve a four (4) month temporary assistant airport manager position. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote:

Ayes – Byrd, Spencer, Styron, Swindell and Tunnell
Nays – None

Budgetary Matters:

Mazie Smith, County Manager, reported that in accordance with the FY2011-2012 Budget Ordinance, Article XIX, Section I, several budget transfers were approved administratively and requested approval of the following budget transfers:

Health Department - $2,220.00; additional one-time funds received from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The additional funds will assist local health departments with training costs associated with required infection control training. Funds will be used to purchase a new laptop computer for the Infection Control Nurse, as well as pay for online infection control training for six (6) Health Department and Home Health nurses. These funds must be spent by March 31, 2012. This revision will increase the budget for Communicable Disease, but does not require any county match.

Home Health - $2,500.00; funds transferred from Contract Nurse line into Part-Time Salaries line in Home Health program. The Health Department is in the process of converting individuals under contract to part-time employees, to comply with Department of Labor requirements. Also need an additional amount added to the Contract Quality Control line to cover second quarter 2012 expense for mandatory satisfaction surveys for Home Health clients. As this is strictly a transfer between lines, it will not increase the budget for Home Health.

Solid Waste - $20,958.00; grant funds received this fiscal year that were not budgeted for. Transferred to reduce Solid Waste Availability revenue line that will not meet set budgeted amount to offset the grant funds. Does not increase the budget.

Commissioner Byrd moved to approve the Health Department, Home Health and Solid Waste budget transfers. Ms. Styron seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote:

Ayes – Byrd, Spencer, Styron, Swindell and Tunnell
Nays – None

County Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Styron – reported that she attended the Albemarle Rural Planning/NCDOT Drop-In Session. She also attended the Ocracoke Foundation meeting and complimented Robin Payne for work done for the Foundation. She also reported that the Ocracoke Fire Department rating has been (6) for the past 3 to 4 years; the Salt Water Connection meeting is rescheduled to March 15; and the ferry tax meeting went well. Ms. Styron congratulated Doug Gibbs on his internship at the Engelhard Airport and thanked the Chamber of Commerce for its donation for the Ferry Toll lobbyist fees.

Commissioner Swindell – thanked Commissioner Styron for work she has done on behalf of Ocracoke citizens.

Commissioner Byrd – reported that he attended the DSS Board meeting and stated that funds are needed for medical transports next year. Mr. Byrd reported that he has a tremendous work load for the next two and one-half years and asked to be excused from serving on the ECBH and Solid Waste Authority Boards.

No action taken. This request will be presented for approval at the next regularly scheduled Commissioners meeting on March 19, 2012.

Commissioner Tunnell – reported that Albemarle RC&D would like to be on the March 19, 2012 Board Agenda to present a proposal on fees paid to them by the County. Mr. Tunnell thanked the volunteer students from UNC Chapel Hill and commended Mr. Tommy Gilbert of the Methodist Disaster Relief Team for work done in the County.

Commissioner Spencer – reported that she had received compliments on the new trash program. She also reported that she attended the Strategic Planning meeting; Ferry Tax Lobbyist meeting; State of the Region Event and the Last Nail Driven Ceremony for Ms. Evelyn Carawan of Scranton. Ms. Spencer asked citizens to thank the volunteers working in the County if they get the opportunity to talk with them. We are honored and blessed to be the recipients of their charity.

County Manager's Report:

Manager Smith recommended that employees participate in the Adopt-A-Highway Program. She also attended the RPO meeting; Hyde Transit Board meeting; State of the Region Event and Albemarle Rural Planning/NCDOT Drop-In meeting. Ms. Smith asked that everyone pray for EM Director Justin Gibbs who suffered first-degree burns to his hands and face while lighting a grill.

Supplemental Information:

Department Reports

Elections
Tax Department

Other Information

EIC letter regarding Community Service Block Grant Agreement
Letter from Kay Hagan congratulating Hyde County on 300 Years
Laws Governing Lobbying by Local Government Entities
NCDOT Replacement of Bridge #45 over A Canal
ECBH Announces New Director
NC20 letter regarding Sea Level Rise

Calendar Notes

March, 2012

03-05-2012	NCDOT Investment Strategy Summit, Williamston, 9:00 a.m.
03-05-2012	Board of Commissioners Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
03-11-2012	Daylight Savings Time Begins
03-13-2012	ABC Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
03-13-2012	Hyde County Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting, Engelhard
	Governor's Meeting on Economic Vitality for Eastern N.C., Greenville, 8:00 a.m.
03-16-2012	Board of Health Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
03-19-2012	Board of Commissioners Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
03-23-25-2012	Regional Emergency Preparedness Exercise, Ocracoke
03-26-27-2012	NC Coastal Local Governments Meeting, Nags Head

April, 2012

04-02-2012	Networking Reception with Board of Education, 5:00 p.m.
	Board of Commissioners Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
04-06-2012	Easter Holiday (County offices closed)
04-10-2012	ABC Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
04-16-2012	Board of Commissioners Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
04-25-2012	Hyde County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale, Ponzer
04-26-2012	NCACC District Meeting, Williamston, 5:30 p.m.

Employment Anniversaries

March, 2012

03-01-2012	Debbie Cahoon, Soil & Water (9 years)
03-02-2012	Cindy Carawan, Elections/Veteran's Services (11 years)
03-07-2012	Judy Midyette, Home Health (13 years)
03-08-2012	Mattie Roper, Social Services (23 years)
03-13-2012	Jerry Hardison, Inspections (6 years)
03-15-2012	Baron Berry, Utilities (13 years)
03-17-2012	James Shelton, Utilities (20 years)
03-18-2012	Gerry Slade, Utilities (30 years)
03-24-2012	Wesley Smith, Health Department (4 years)

Closed Session:

Commissioner Styron moved to enter into closed session at 8:58 p.m., pursuant to G.S. N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3). Mr. Swindell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote:

Ayes – Byrd, Spencer, Styron, Swindell and Tunnell
Nays – None

Commissioner Swindell moved to come out of closed session at 9:34 p.m. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote:

Ayes – Byrd, Spencer, Styron, Swindell and Tunnell
Nays – None

Commissioner Byrd moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Swindell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote:

Ayes – Byrd, Spencer, Styron, Swindell and Tunnell
Nays – None

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Minutes approved on the 19th day of March, 2012.

Lois Stotesberry, Deputy Clerk
Hyde County Board of Commissioners

Sharon Spencer, Chair
Hyde County Board of Commissioners

Attachments:

Exhibit A: *"2012 Girl Scout Week Proclamation"*

Exhibit B: *"Resolution Requesting the Services of the NC Division of Community Planning for Hyde County"*

Exhibit C: *"Resolution In Support Of The Certificate Of Need To Service Hyde and Tyrrell Counties"*

2012 Girl Scout Week Proclamation

WHEREAS, Juliette Gordon Low founded Girl Scouts of the USA on March 12, 1912; and,

WHEREAS, Girl Scouting has been inspiring and teaching girls in North Carolina for nearly 100 years; and,

WHEREAS, more than 22,000 current Girl Scout girl and adult members of the Girl Scout Council of Colonial Coast and millions nationwide will be celebrating this American tradition; and,

WHEREAS, throughout its distinguished history, Girl Scouting has welcomed girls and women from every background to join and has inspired them with courage, confidence, and character to make the world a better place; and,

WHEREAS, through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, girls develop the skills and lessons that will serve them throughout their lives so that they may contribute to their communities and to our great state of North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, Girl Scouting takes an active role in increasing girls' awareness of the opportunities in math, science, sports, technology, and many other fields of interest that can expand their horizons; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sharon P. Spencer, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Chariman of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners, do hereby applaud the commitment Girl Scouting has made to support the development of Virginia 's girls in the County of Hyde and proudly proclaim the week of March 11–17, 2012, as Girl Scout Week in Hyde County.

HYDE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NORTH CAROLINA

Approved: 3-5-2012

Resolution Requesting the Services of the NC Division of Community Planning For Hyde County

WHEREAS the Hyde County Commissioners wish to undertake the preparation of a strategic plan to provide direction for the growth of the County; and

WHEREAS the Hyde County Commissioners would like assistance with this project from the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Community Planning; and

WHEREAS the Division of Community Planning (DCP) and the Hyde County Commissioners have reached a mutual agreement on the work to be performed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hyde County Commissioners hereby requests the Division of Community Planning to assist the County with the preparation of a strategic plan, agrees to reimburse the Division of Community Planning for the mileage and meal allowances of the DCP staff who assist the County on this project, and are committed to the implementation of this project when the work is completed.

Adopted this 5th day of March, 2012.

Sharon Spencer
Chairman, Hyde County Commissioners

ATTEST:
Maxie Smith
Clerk

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Adopted this 5th day of March, 2012.

Sharon Spencer
Chairman, Hyde County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Maxie Smith
Clerk

HYDE COUNTY
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Resolution In Support Of The Certificate Of Need To Service Hyde & Tyrrell Counties

Whereas, Hyde County and Tyrrell County are located in rural Northeastern North Carolina; and

Whereas, the ability for Counties in the northeast region of North Carolina to succeed is predicated upon the mutual respect and support of one another's best interests while preserving one's own identity; and

Whereas, like most Counties in rural North Carolina, Hyde County and Tyrrell County have worked to support one another, not only to improve our own Counties, but the northeast region of North Carolina; and

Whereas, Hyde County has a need determination of thirty adult care beds and Tyrrell County has a need determination of twenty adult care beds; and they have had these same need determinations in several of the most recent editions of the State Medical Facilities Plan; and

Whereas, to be successful a Certificate Of Need for an assisted living facility is predicated on securing fifty or more adult care beds; and

Whereas, neither Hyde County nor Tyrrell County has had a need determination equal to or greater than this number; and

Whereas, Hyde and Tyrrell Counties have been approached regarding the building of an adult care facility that would be available to service all the Counties in the region; and

Whereas, in the past, Tyrrell County graciously transferred their adult care bed need determination to Hyde County to help facilitate the building of a long-term care facility in its county; and

Whereas, Hyde County has now graciously agreed to transfer their thirty adult care beds to Tyrrell County to aide in the locating of an assisted living facility in Tyrrell County;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Hyde County Board of Commissioners:

1) *Wishes to encourage other Counties in the region to work in support of each other's efforts, as Hyde County and Tyrrell County, to locate adult care facilities in their counties while maintaining their individual identities.*

2) *Supports the Temporary Merging of Hyde and Tyrrell Counties into one service area for the sole purpose of locating an adult care facility in Tyrrell County.*

3) *Strongly endorses the State of North Carolina to transfer the surplus of thirty beds from Hyde County and any other available surplus beds to Tyrrell County, to assist in the successful location of an assisted living facility in Tyrrell County.*

4) *And more specifically, the Hyde County Board of Commissioners respectfully asks that any and all state agencies be instructed to assist in the transferring of these surplus adult care beds to Tyrrell County in the most expeditious manner in accordance with all regulations.*

This the 5th day of March, 2012

Sharon P. Spencer

Sharon P. Spencer, Chairman

Lois Stotesberry

Lois Stotesberry, Clerk