

the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Byrd, Fletcher, Pugh, Tunnell and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Commissioner Byrd moved to come out of closed session at 7:45 p.m. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Byrd, Fletcher, Pugh, Swindell and Tunnell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Manager Rich reported that Vantage South Bank has made a “good will” offer to give the East Carolina Bank Processing Building in Engelhard to Hyde County. Mr. Rich reported the 11,500 sq. ft. building has 51 offices and is a state of the art facility. He will work with Utilities Director Clint Berry to assess the building. Commissioners and department heads are invited to tour the facility.

Reports:

Commissioner Tunnell – reported that he the Highway 12 and Ferry Toll meetings on Ocracoke; Mid-East Housing meeting; Hyde County Recreation Committee meeting; and, LPAN meeting with the Health Department.

Commissioner Byrd – reported that he also attended the Highway 12 and Ferry Toll meetings on Ocracoke and that he spoke with Mr. Shoemaker, Governor Pat McCrory’s personal assistant, about both issues. Mr. Byrd reported that NCWR has requested authority to control permit baiting which will take permitting out of Legislative hands. He also reported that the Legislature is going to pass legislation approving Sunday hunting.

Manager Rich was instructed to draft resolutions ~~opposing~~ supporting NCWR control of permit baiting ~~and but opposing~~ Sunday hunting in Hyde County.

Commissioner Fletcher – reported that he has been contacted by many Ocracoke citizens about the chipper and front end loader at the Ocracoke Convenience Site.

Commissioner Pugh – reported that he attended “Coffee with Experts” at Mattamuskeet Senior Center; Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting; Highway 12 and Ferry Toll meetings on Ocracoke; and, the Albemarle Commission meeting.

Chairman Swindell – reported that he also attended the Health Department training. Mr. Swindell discussed water meter issues that had been reported to him.

After discussion, Commissioner Swindell moved to adjust water bills for John Bull and Allen Ballance to a rate of three (3) times the normal monthly rate; and, directed County Manager Rich to draft a letter to Tideland EMC and to call Paul Spruill, Tideland EMC, CEO & General Manager, to discuss Tideland’s responsibility for damages caused by Mastec while contracted by Tideland. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Byrd, Fletcher, Pugh, Swindell and Tunnell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

County Manager Rich – reported Deputy Clerk/PIO Megan Shaw had resigned her position with Hyde County. Mr. Rich thanked Megan for work done and thanked Assistant Clerk Rachel Cobb for operating the electronic equipment on Ocracoke. The position was posted and Sarah Johnson of