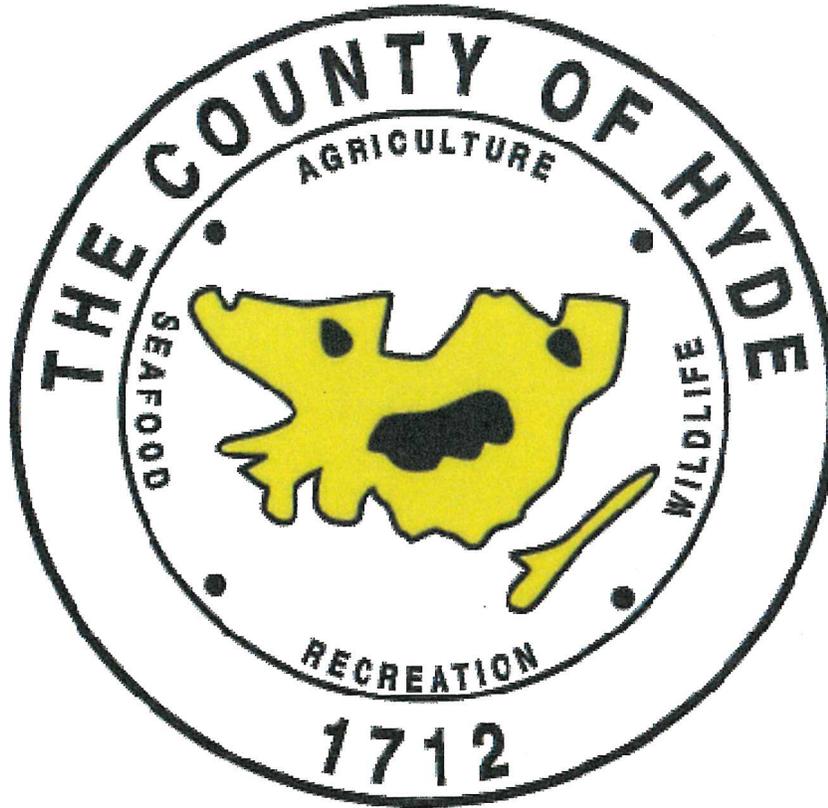


Hyde County Board of Commissioners



**Hyde County Government Center Multi-purpose Room
30 Oyster Creek Road, Swan Quarter, NC**

and

**Ocracoke Community Center
999 Irvin Garrish Highway, Ocracoke, NC**

Hyde County Board of Commissioners
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET

Meeting Date: April 2, 2018
Presenter: Chairman Earl Pugh, Jr.
Attachment: No

ITEM TITLE: OPENING

SUMMARY: Call to Order
Opening Prayer
Pledge of Allegiance

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

Meeting Date: April 2, 2018
Presenter: Chairman Earl Pugh, Jr.
Attachment: Yes

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

SUMMARY: Attached is the proposed Agenda for the April 2, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners.

RECOMMEND: Review, Amend and Approve.

Motion Made By: Earl Pugh, Jr.
 Barry Swindell
 Dick Tunnell
 Ben Simmons
 Tom Pahl

Motion Seconded By: Earl Pugh, Jr.
 Barry Swindell
 Dick Tunnell
 Ben Simmons
 Tom Pahl

Vote: Earl Pugh, Jr.
 Barry Swindell
 Dick Tunnell
 Ben Simmons
 Tom Pahl

AGENDA

HYDE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2018 – 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING

- 1) Abandonment of Vessels In The Navigable Waters of Ocracoke Harbor

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- 1) March 5, 2018 - Public Hearing Meeting Minutes – Offshore Oil Drilling
- 2) March 5, 2018 - Regular Meeting Minutes
- 3) March 13, 2018 - Joint Meeting Minutes – Board of Education

INTRODUCTIONS

PRESENTATIONS

- 1) Hyde County FY17 Audit Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co., CPA
- 2) Dementia Friendly Program Jessica Gibbs
- 3) Senior Tar Heel Legislature Meeting Update Jan Moore

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments are a time for the public to make comments to the County Commissioners. Comments should be kept to three (3) minutes or less and comments should be directed to the entire Board and not to individual members, the staff or to other members of the public. Comments requesting assistance will typically be referred to the County Manager for follow-up or for Board action at a future meeting.

ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

1) Ordinances, Resolutions, Proclamations

- a. Ordinance – Amending Chapter 26 of The Hyde County Code To Prohibit Tom Pahl
The Abandonment of Vessels In The Navigable Waters of Ocracoke Harbor,
Commonly Known As Silver Lake
- b. HMPG 4019-0023-R Project Budget Ordinance Kris Noble
- c. FMA 2016 PJ-04-NC-2016-002 Project Budget Ordinance Kris Noble
- d. FMA 2016 PJ-04-NC-2016-018 Kris Noble

- 2) Greater Hyde County Chamber of Commerce – Appropriation Sharon Gibbs
- 3) Airport Grant Agreement for Funding of Project 6237.57.13.1 Jane Hodges
- 4) Update Health Insurance, Vision and Life Tammy Blake
- 5) Engelhard Sanitary District – Building Permit Fee Waiver Kris Noble
- 6) Mainland Occupancy Tax Board Appropriation Kris Noble
- 7) Albemarle RC&D 2018-2019 Request for County FundsKris Noble
- 8) Executive Summary-Request for Funding Ocracoke Occupancy Tax Board Kris Noble
 - a. Discussion Regarding Ocracoke Occupancy Tax Reserve Funds
- 9) Debris Removal Contract Award Justin Gibbs
- 10) Volunteer Fire Department Contracts Renewal Justin Gibbs
 - a. Fire Protection Services
 - b. Emergency Medical First Responder Services
- 11) Review Ocracoke Tram/ RFP Mgr. Rich
- 12) Permission to Fund Purchase of Land and Build EMS Station Mgr, Rich
 - From The General Fund With Reimbursement From Loan
- 13) Hyde County Courthouse Bell Project 2018 Kris Noble

BUDGET MATTERS

Mainland Occupancy Tax

a. Services \$ 10,000.00

Youth Athletics

a. HCYA \$ 6,683.77

Sheriff's Department

a. Auto Maintenance & Inmate Safekeeping \$ 5,000.00

Department of Social Services

a. Christmas Cheer \$ 1,963.24

Emergency Medical Services

a. Remainder of Fiscal Year Expenses \$89,500.00

Health Department

- a) BR21-18 – BCCCP – Radiology \$ 2,360.00
- b) BR22-18 – PHPR – Travel \$ 400.00

MANAGEMENT REPORTS

The Commissioners, County Manager and Assistant County Manager will share with the public their various activities and ideas for continuous improvement of government services to the citizens.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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.

CLOSED SESSION (discussion and possible action if required)

ADJOURN

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Department Reports

- 1) Tax Department (requires signature)
- 2) Inspections
- 3) **Human Resources**
- 4) IT Department
- 5) **Health Department**
- 6) **Department of Social Services**
- 7) Senior Center
- 8) **Soil & Water**
- 9) Cooperative Extension
- 10) Airport

Informational Items

- 1) Orange County – Resolution Opposing a Change From Election of Judges
- 2) Randolph County – Resolution Supporting A Statewide Referendum On A Bond Issue
For School Facility Needs
- 3) 2018 North Carolina Child Health Report Card
- 4) New Ocracoke Septic System

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

Meeting Date: April 2, 2018
Presenter: Commissioner Tom Pahl
Attachment: Notice of Public Hearing on Abandonment of Vessels

ITEM TITLE: PUBLIC HEARING – ABANDONMENT OF VESSELS IN THE NAVIGABLE WATERS OF OCRACOKE HARBOR

SUMMARY: Both the Ocracoke Planning Board and the Waterways Commission have reviewed the draft abandoned vessels ordinance and recommend Board of Commissioners approval.

RECOMMEND: HOLD PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

Vote: ___ Earl Pugh, Jr.
___ Barry Swindell
___ Dick Tunnell
___ Ben Simmons
___ Tom Pahl

COUNTY OF HYDE

Board of Commissioners

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Franz Holscher
County Attorney

Lois Stotesberry, CMC, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners



March 20, 2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On Monday, April 2, 2018 beginning at 6:00p.m. (or as soon thereafter as possible) the Hyde County Board of Commissioners will conduct public hearing on **“An Ordinance Amending Chapter 26 Of The Hyde County Code To Prohibit The Abandonment Of Vessels In The Navigable Waters Of Ocracoke Harbor, Commonly Known As Silver Lake”** at the Hyde County Government Center, Multi-Use Room, 30 Oyster Creek Rd, Swan Quarter, NC and the Ocracoke Community Center, 999 Irvin Garrish Highway using electronic conferencing equipment.

Citizens will be given the opportunity to provide oral and written comment on the abandonment of vessels in the navigable waters of Ocracoke Harbor at the public hearing. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

Lois Stotesberry, CMC, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

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

Meeting Date: April 2, 2018
Presenter: Lois Stotesberry, Clerk
Attachment: Yes

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

SUMMARY: Attached are meeting minutes of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners:

- March 5, 2018 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes – Offshore Oil Drilling
- March 5, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes
- March 13, 2018 Joint Meeting Minutes – Board of Education

RECOMMEND: Review, Amend and Approve.

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

Motion Seconded By: ___ Earl Pugh, Jr.
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___ Tom Pahl

1 **Offshore Oil Drilling**
2 **Public Hearing Meeting Minutes**

3 **Hyde County Board of Commissioners**

4 **Monday, March 5, 2018**

5 The Hyde County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing at 5:00p.m., on March 5, 2018, at the
6 Hyde County Government Center and the Ocracoke Community Center using electronic conferencing
7 equipment. The purpose of the hearing was to receive citizen's oral and/or written comment on the Draft
8 Proposed Program (DPP) for the Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2019-2024.

9 The following members were present on the mainland: Chairman Earl Pugh, Jr.; Vice-chairman Barry
10 Swindell; Commissioner Dick Tunnell; Assistant County Manager Kris Noble; Clerk to the Board Lois
11 Stotesberry; Deputy Clerk Justin Gibbs; and, members of the public.

12
13 The following members were present on Ocracoke: Commissioner Tom Pahl, County Manager Bill Rich
14 and, members of the public.

15 Commissioner Ben Simmons arrived at 5:30p.m.

16 Commissioner Pahl moved to open public hearing on the Draft Proposed Program (DPP) for the Outer
17 Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2019-2024. Commissioner Swindell seconded the
18 motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Swindell and Tunnell; Nays –
19 None; Absent – Simmons.

20 **Comments**

21 **Ginny Scarborough, Ocracoke** – (Hospitality and tourism) – opposes the offshore oil drilling plan. It is
22 not in the best long-term interest of Ocracoke. She reported North Carolina produces more solar energy
23 than any other state except California.

24 **Bill Jones, Ocracoke** – opposes the offshore oil drilling plan. He reported the sense of community and
25 historic prospective drew him to Ocracoke. This could bring an end to Ocracoke Island.

26 **David Mickey, Ocracoke** – opposes the offshore oil drilling plan. He reported on the impact weakening
27 the rules have on the safety of drilling. He asks that the County share its resolution with the State and
28 Federal agencies.

29 **Connie Leinbach, Ocracoke** – opposes the offshore oil drilling plan. She reported North Carolina has
30 Atlantic currents not calm like the Gulf. We have plenty of oil in our reserves.

31 **Susan Dayton, Ocracoke** – opposes the offshore oil drilling plan. Drilling will devastate the economy
32 on Ocracoke Island. She reported 30 counties and 90 governments have passed a resolution in opposition
33 to offshore drilling. Two counties, Carteret and Brunswick, approved drilling. Brunswick has since
34 rescinded its resolution of support for offshore drilling. Two years ago she talked with members of the oil
35 industry and asked what the risks are. She was told spills go along with the industry. She said Hyde
36 County depends on Ocracoke dollars. She asked if a spill occurs what would happen to the county.

1 **Bill Jones, Ocracoke** – after researching the number of oil rigs existing on the East Coast and finding
2 none, he reported we would be moving into new territory.

3 **Darlene Styron, Ocracoke** – opposes the offshore oil drilling plan. Oil drilling would be devastating to
4 the North Carolina coast and the community. Ernest, her husband, runs a charter fishing business and
5 also is a commercial fisherman. This is too big of a risk to take no matter the amount of money made.

6 **Susan Dayton, Ocracoke** – stated there would be far reaching repercussions in the ocean, more so than if
7 on land.

8 **Darlene Styron, Ocracoke** – asked what would happen to the mainland without Ocracoke dollars.

9 **Commissioner Tom Pahl, Ocracoke** – lived in Texas on a barrier island after an oil spill. He reported
10 people bought goo off packets to clean oil from their feet after walking on the beach. Commissioner Pahl
11 reported 50 people attended the first meeting on offshore oil drilling. He stated drilling is a threat to
12 commercial fishermen. Thirty families on Ocracoke are fishermen. Fishing is the character of the Island.

13 It is essential to the success of the island. He reminded listeners the ocean is fragile and environmental
14 repercussions of offshore oil drilling will follow in the event of there is a spill.

15 Commissioner Pahl moved to close public hearing on the Draft Proposed Program (DPP) for the Outer
16 Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2019-2024. Commissioner Swindell seconded the
17 motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Swindell, Simmons and Tunnell;
18 Nays – None; Absent – None.

19 Respectfully submitted:

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21 Minutes approved on the ____ day of _____, 2018.

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23 Attest:

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26 _____
27 Lois Stotesberry, CMC, NCCCC
28 Clerk, Hyde County Board of Commissioners

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26 _____
27 Earl Pugh, Jr.
28 Chair, Hyde County Board of Commissioners

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1 Regular Meeting Minutes

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3 **Board of County Commissioners**
4 **Hyde County**

5
6 **Monday, March 5, 2018**

7 After a moment of silence in remembrance of David Spencer (husband of Merita Lewis Spencer, Register of Deeds)
8 opening prayer by Chairman Pugh and Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Earl Pugh, Jr. called the Regular Meeting of
9 the Hyde County Board of Commissioners to order at 6:00p.m., on Monday, March 5, 2018, in the Hyde County
10 Government Center, Multi-Use Room, and the Ocracoke Community Center using electronic conferencing
11 equipment.

12 The following members were present on the mainland: Chairman Earl Pugh, Jr.; Vice-chairman Barry Swindell;
13 Commissioners Ben Simmons and Dick Tunnell; Assistant County Manager Kris Noble; Attorney Franz Holscher;
14 Clerk to the Board Lois Stotesberry; Deputy Clerk Justin Gibbs; and, members of the public.

15 The following members were present on Ocracoke: Commissioner Tom Pahl; County Manager Bill Rich and
16 members of the public.

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18 **Consideration of Agenda:**

19 Commissioner Swindell moved to approve the March 5, 2018 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Agenda as
20 presented by the Clerk with addition of Proclamations – Child Abuse Prevention Month and Week of the Young
21 Child; Budget Revision 20-18; and Inspections Report. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on
22 the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Swindell, Tunnell and Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

23
24 **Consideration of Minutes:**

25 **January 9, 2018 – Joint Board of Commissioners and Board of Education Meeting**

26 Commissioner Pahl moved to approve the February 5, 2018 Hyde County Board of Commissioners and Board of
27 Education Joint Meeting Minutes as presented by the Clerk with inclusion of Board of Education members present.
28 Mr. Tunnell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Swindell, Tunnell
29 and Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – none.

30 **February 5, 2018 – Regular Meeting**

31 Commissioner Swindell moved to approve the February 5, 2018 Hyde County Board of Commissioners Regular
32 Meeting Minutes as presented by the Clerk. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following
33 vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Swindell, Tunnell and Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – none.

34 **Public Hearing:**

35 **Closeout of Hyde County FY2016-2017 CDBG Commerce Fellows Grant**

36 Commissioner Swindell moved to open public hearing on Closeout of Hyde County FY2016-2017 CDBG Commerce
37 Fellows Grant. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl,
38 Swindell, Tunnell and Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – none.

39 Kris Noble, Assistant County Manager, reported on July 25, 2016, Hyde County was awarded a CDBG Commerce
40 Fellows Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00. The primary purpose of the Commerce Fellows Program is to provide
41 funding to local governments to provide holistic community development training opportunities for local government
42 administrators. Six management representatives from Hyde County participated in courses through the UNC School
43 of Government using the funding provided by the CDBG grant. Ms. Noble reported all training is complete and
44 CDBG funds have been exhausted.

1 Hearing no oral and/or written comments on the County’s use of CDBG funds, Commissioner Simmons moved to
2 close public hearing on Closeout of Hyde County FY2016-2017 CDBG Commerce Fellows Grant. Mr. Pahl
3 seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Swindell, Tunnell and Simmons;
4 Nays – None; Absent or not voting – none.

5 **Introduction:**

6 **District Resource Specialist for Hyde Soil & Water Conservation District**

7 Debbie Cahoon, District Technician/Education Coordinator, on behalf of the Hyde District Board of Supervisors and
8 Staff, introduced Allie Mulligan the new District Resource Specialist. Allie comes to the District with a BS in
9 Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Biology with a minor in Plant Biology from North Carolina State University,
10 College of Natural Resources. She is expected to graduate in the fall with a PhD in Coastal Resources Management
11 from East Carolina University. She is here to assist the District in putting conservation on the ground and assist the
12 County of Hyde in addressing their resource concerns.

13 **Presentations:**

14 **2017 Outer Banks National Park Service Year In Review**

15 Dave Hallac, Superintendent, accompanied by Mark Doudle, Deputy Director, with the National Park Service
16 presented review of the activities of the National Park Service in 2017. Superintendent Hallac reported:

17 **Staff**

- 18 • 79 Staff Year-Round
- 19 • 100 Seasonal Staff Each Summer
- 20 • 352 Volunteers
- 21 • 22,600 Hours

22
23 **Visitation**

- 24 • Total: 3.12 Million Visits

25
26 **Interesting Facts**

- 27 • 5 Visitor Centers
- 28 • 65,000 Overnight Camping Stays In 4 Campgrounds
- 29 • 39,000 Off Road Vehicle Permits
- 30 • Over 200 Public Toilets
- 31 • 2 Water Treatment Plants
- 32 • 60 Septic Systems
- 33 • 84 Parking Lots
- 34 • 230 Buildings
- 35 • 3 Airstrips

36
37 **Budget**

- 38 • \$14.6 Million
- 39 • \$9.6 M Base Funding
- 40 • \$2.7 M Off-Road Vehicle Permits
- 41 • \$2.3 M Camping and Lighthouse Fees
- 42 • \$250 K in Other Fees and Donations

1 Commissioner Pahl thanked Superintendent Hallac and reported the Board of Commissioners is pleased with the work
2 he has done and the National Park Service’s relationship and partnership with Ocracoke.

3 **Dates for 2018 Board of Equalization and Review**

4 Linda Basnight, Tax Administrator, reported each year the Board of Commissioners is required to hold Board of
5 Equalization and Review. In accordance with GS 105-322(e) the first meeting cannot be held before the first Monday
6 in April or later than the first Monday in May and must adjourn on or before the third Monday following the first
7 meeting. A majority of the commissioners must be present.

8 Commissioner Simmons moved to conduct the first Board of Equalization and Review Meeting on Monday, May 7,
9 2018 prior to its regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting, from 5:00p.m. to 6:00p.m.; and to conduct and
10 adjourn the last Board of Equalization and Review Meeting on Monday, May 14, 2018 prior to the Hyde County
11 Board of Commissioners Budget Workshop with Department Heads, beginning at 5:00p.m. Mr. Swindell seconded
12 the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Swindell, Tunnell and Simmons; Nays –
13 None; Absent or not voting – none.

14 **Recognition:**

15 Bill Rich, County Manager, commended Daniel Brinn for his contribution to the “Canal Snag & Clear Program”
16 during his tenure with the Soil & Water Conservation District. Daniel spun the “Wheel of Thanks” and received a
17 gift certificate to Swan Quarter Supply.

18 Daniel thanked Manager Rich and the Commissioners for recognizing him and the S&W Board and its staff. He
19 reported 13-miles of canal have already been snagged.

20 **Public Comments:**

21 **Peter Vankevich, Ocracoke** - complimented the Ocracoke basketball team.

22 There being no further comments from the public, Chairman Pugh continued the meeting.

23 **Items of Consideration:**

24 **Resolution Requesting NC Ferry Be Named The Ocracoke Express**

25 Bill Rich, County Manager, reported the Hyde County Board of Commissioners supports the tradition of naming North
26 Carolina ferries after towns and regions of coastal NC. Mr. Rich requested approval of a resolution to name one of the
27 two passenger ferries the Ocracoke Express. The name Ocracoke Express was selected from an Ocracoke School
28 contest to name the ferry. Passengers will be transported between Hatteras and Ocracoke Island.

29 Commissioner Pahl moved to adopt “A Resolution Requesting That A North Carolina Ferry Be Named The “Ocracoke
30 Express”. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl,
31 Swindell, Tunnell and Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – none.

32 *Clerk’s Note: A copy of “A Resolution Requesting That A North Carolina Ferry Be Named The “Ocracoke Express” is
attached herewith as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.*

33
34 **Resolution Requesting NC Ferry Be Named The Rodanthe**

35 Bill Rich, County Manager, requested approval of a resolution to name one of the two passenger ferries the
36 Rodanthe. Passengers will be transported between Hatteras and Ocracoke Island.

1 Commissioner Pahl moved to adopt “A Resolution Requesting That A North Carolina Ferry Be Named The
2 “Rodanthe”. Mr. Swindell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl,
3 Swindell, Tunnell and Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – none.

4 *Clerk’s Note: A copy of “A Resolution Requesting That A North Carolina Ferry Be Named The “Rodanthe” is
attached herewith as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference.*

5
6 **Resolution Opposing Offshore Oil Drilling**

7 Kris Noble, Assistant County Manager, reported on February 20, 2018, North Carolina Secretary of Environmental
8 Quality Michael Regan met with citizens of Hyde County in Swan Quarter at the Government Center and
9 simultaneously in Ocracoke at the Community Center via telecommunications equipment in an effort to receive
10 public comment on the Draft Proposed Program for the Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for
11 2019-2014. The Hyde County Board of Commissioners is in opposition to offshore drilling, including exploratory
12 drilling and seismic testing.

13 Commissioner Swindell moved to adopt “Resolution Expressing The Hyde County Board of Commissioners’
14 Continued Opposition To Offshore Drilling And Seismic Testing”. Mr. Tunnell seconded the motion. The motion
15 passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Swindell, Tunnell and Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not voting
16 – none.

17 *Clerk’s Note: A copy of “Resolution Expressing The Hyde County Board of Commissioners’ Continued Opposition To
Offshore Drilling And Seismic Testing” is attached herewith as Exhibit C and incorporated herein by reference.*

18
19 **Resolution Creating Ocracoke Township Tourism Development Authority**

20 Kris Noble, Assistant County Manager, reported this resolution retroactively creates the Ocracoke Township
21 Tourism Development Authority pursuant to General Assembly of North Carolina Session 2005; Session Law
22 2006-128/House Bill 882. The Hyde County Board of Commissioners voted to enact an additional 2% occupancy
23 tax and create the Ocracoke Township Tourism Development Authority in October 2018. The State Treasurer
24 requires a formal resolution be adopted.

25 Commissioner Pahl moved to adopt “Resolution To Levy An Additional 2% Occupancy Tax and Create The
26 Ocracoke Township Tourism Development Authority” with typographical corrections made on page 2 in the last
27 paragraph. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl,
28 Swindell, Tunnell and Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – none.

29 *Clerk’s Note: A copy of “Resolution To Levy An Additional 2% Occupancy Tax and Create The Ocracoke Township
Tourism Development Authority” is attached herewith as Exhibit D and incorporated herein by reference.*

30
31 **Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month April 2018**

32 Kris Noble, Assistant County Manager, presented proclamation supporting child abuse prevention month. The Board
33 of Commissioners call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, other elected leaders
34 and businesses to increase their participation in its efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and
35 strengthening the communities in Hyde County.

36 Commissioner Simmons moved to adopt “Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month April 2018”. Mr. Swindell
37 seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Swindell, Tunnell and
38 Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – none.

1 *Clerk's Note: A copy of "Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month April 2018" is attached herewith as Exhibit E*
2 *and incorporated herein by reference.*

3 **Proclamation – Week of The Young Child April 2018**

4 Kris Noble, Assistant County Manager, presented proclamation supporting week of the young child. The Board of
5 Commissioners proclaims April 15th – 22nd, 2018 as the Week of the Young Child in Hyde County, NC and encourage
6 all citizens to work to make a good investment in early childhood.

7 Commissioner Swindell moved to adopt "Proclamation – Week of The Young Child April 15th – 22nd, 2018". Mr.
8 Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Swindell, Tunnell and
9 Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – none.

10 *Clerk's Note: A copy of "Proclamation – Week of The Young Child April 15th – 22nd, 2018" is attached herewith as*
11 *Exhibit F and incorporated herein by reference.*

12 **Appointment to JCPC**

13 Kris Noble, Assistant County Manager, reported Superintendent Dr. Randolph Latimore requests appointment of Ms.
14 Nancy Leach, Assistant Director of Student Services for Hyde County Schools and Mrs. Ramona Armstrong,

15 Principal of Mattamuskeet Early College High School (MECHS) to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC).
16 Members removed are Major D. Coleman and Dr. Linda Mayo Willis.

17 Commissioner Swindell moved to appoint Nancy Leach and Ramona Armstrong to serve on the Juvenile Crime
18 Prevention Council. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh,
19 Pahl, Swindell, Tunnell and Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – none.

20
21 **Appointment to Mainland Occupancy Tax Board**

22 Kris Noble, Assistant County Manager, reported on February 27, 2018, the Hyde County Mainland Occupancy Tax
23 Board met. The members of the Board voted to recommend Brooke Dunbar of the Currituck Township to serve on
24 the Mainland Occupancy Tax Board.

25 Commissioner Swindell moved to appoint Brooke Dunbar to serve on the Mainland Occupancy Tax Board. Mr.
26 Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Swindell, Tunnell and
27 Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – none.

28 **Water Line Relocation**

29 Clint Berry, Utilities Director, reported the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will be replacing
30 bridge #35 on Sladesville-Credle Road. There is a conflict with the existing water line that crosses the canal.
31 NCDOT will need to relocate the water line and will pay for all expenses. The project will be paid by the County
32 and then reimbursed from NCDOT.

33 Commissioner Swindell moved to approve water line relocation for bridge #35 on Sladesville-Credle Rd. and to sign
34 three project contracts: 1) from Green Engineering for the design and permitting, 2) from NCDOT for the
35 preliminary engineering and 3) from NCDOT for the construction. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion
36 passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Swindell, Tunnell and Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not
37 voting – none.

1 **Revolving Loan Requests**

2 Bill Rich, County Manager, reported Hyde County currently has 16 revolving loans with a total of \$900,000.00
3 outstanding balance. Mr. Rich reported the County received loan payments totaling \$11,000.00 per month. All
4 borrowers are current on their loan payments.

5 Mr. Rich reported the Revolving Loan Committee met on February 28 and unanimously approved three loan requests
6 as presented contingent upon final approval by the Hyde County Board of Commissioners.

7 **Revolving Loan Request for Seabreeze of Ocracoke**

8 Bill Rich, County Manager, reported Darlene Styron is requesting a revolving loan in the amount of \$14,625.00 to
9 purchase a 32 KW generator for her business Seabreeze of Ocracoke (dba) Sweettooth/Fig Tree Bakery. This will
10 allow her to stay open during periods of power outage and continue to generate revenue and retain her employees.
11 Ms. Styron will also be injecting personal funds for renovations that will be made when the generator is installed.
12 Sweettooth/Fig Tree Bakery offers a variety of confections, fudge, chocolates, hard candies, homemade goodies,
13 milkshakes and ice cream along with gift baskets made to order. The business has been serving Ocracoke Island and
14 visitors for 19 years. Darlene Styron is President of the corporation and Ernest Doshier is Secretary.

15 Commissioner Swindell moved to approve a loan to Darlene Styron in the amount of \$14,625.00 at 3% interest for a
16 period of 5 years. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl,
17 Swindell, Tunnell and Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – none.

18 **Revolving Loan Request for Ryan Marshall**

19 Bill Rich, County Manager, reported Ryan Marshall is requesting a revolving loan in the amount of \$48,000.00 to
20 purchase the Pat's Service Station property from Pat Spencer. Mr. Marshall plans to open the new business, "Ryan's
21 Garage" by April 2. Ryan's Garage will be a full-service station to include gasoline sales, selling and repairing tires,
22 major and minor motor vehicle repairs (oil changes, brakes, transmissions, spark plugs, engine repair and
23 replacement and inspections). Mr. Marshall is a lifelong resident of Hyde County and has been a practicing
24 automobile mechanic since 2004. Mr. Marshall will also be injecting personal funds for part of the purchase,
25 insurance, licenses, etc. Security for the loan will be the building and attachments.

26 Commissioner Simmons moved to approve a loan to Ryan Marshall in the amount of \$48,000.00 at 3% interest for a
27 period of 15 years. Mr. Tunnell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl,
28 Swindell, Tunnell and Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – none.

29 **Revolving Loan Request for Wococcon Oyster Company LLC**

30 Bill Rich, County Manager, reported Wocococon Oyster Company is requesting a \$60,000.00 revolving loan to pay
31 off the existing Golden Leaf revolving loan in the amount of \$30,000.00 and purchase a refrigerated truck with the
32 remaining \$30,000.00. The company has grown by leaps and bounds since its beginnings in March 2017. They
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34 surpassed their projected sales by 205% and preceded their initial sales date by two months. There is a demand for
35 Wococcon oysters outside of Ocracoke Island and the owners wish to grow their business by selling to outside
36 patrons, necessitating the purchase of the refrigerated truck.

37 Commissioner Pahl moved to approve a loan to Wococcon Oyster Company, Inc. in the amount of \$60,000.00 at a
38 rate of 3% interest with payments for the first year being interest only payments in the amount of \$150.00 per month,
39 followed with 60 principal and interest payments of \$1,078.12 monthly until paid in full. Mr. Tunnell seconded the
40 motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Swindell, Tunnell and Simmons; Nays –
41 None; Absent or not voting – none.

1 **Mainland Occupancy Tax Board Funding Recommendations**

2 Kris Noble, Assistant County Manager, reported on February 27, 2018, the Hyde County Mainland Occupancy Tax
3 Board met. The members of the Board had voted in a prior meeting to allocate \$10,000.00 to the Hyde County
4 Chamber to prepare and print a mainland map. The map has been prepared and the first printing is in process. The
5 Board recommends earmarking the remaining funds of approximately \$3,800.00 to the Chamber for subsequent
6 printings of a brochure they have created. The Board also recommends an allocation in the amount of \$2,000.00 to
7 be given to the Octagon House for needed repairs.

8 Commissioner Tunnell moved to allocate \$10,000.00 to the Hyde County Chamber to prepare and print a mainland
9 map; to earmark approximately \$3,088.00 to the chamber for subsequent printing of brochures; and, to allocate
10 \$2,000.00 to be given to the Octagon House for needed repairs. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion
11 passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Swindell, Tunnell and Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not
12 voting – none.

13 **Budget Transfers:**

14 Bill Rich, County Manager, presented the following budget transfers for Board of Commissioner approval.

- 15 • **Aviation – Fuel** \$4,431.00
- 16 • **DSS – Social Security Received** \$ 967.50
- 17 – LIEAP \$6,000.00
- 18 • **Health – BR-19-18 – Ocracoke Clinic Expenses** \$4,370.00
- 19 – BR -20-18 – Equipment \$7,900.00
- 20 • **Soil & Water - Cell Phone** \$1,000.00
- 21 - Equipment \$4,500.00

22 Commissioner Swindell moved to approve departmental budget transfers as presented. Mr. Simmons seconded the
23 motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Pugh, Simmons, Tunnell and Swindell; Nays –
24 None; Absent or not voting – none.

25 Commissioner Swindell commended Clint Berry and Kerry Campbell for keeping the lights on in the government
26 offices on Friday.

27 **Management Reports:**

28 **Chairman Earl Pugh, Jr.** – attended the Airport Board meeting and met with Lobbyist Joe and Henri McClees and
29 members of the Hyde County Board of Education to discuss State mandates.

30 **Vice-chair Barry Swindell** – commended Kerry Campbell for his continued dedication to the County.

31 **Commissioner Ben Simmons** – asks that drainage be kept at the forefront. Mr. Simmons commended all valued
32 county employees.

33 **Commissioner Tom Pahl** – attended the Waterways Commission meeting and the Public Hearing with Secretary
34 Regan on Offshore Oil Drilling. Mr. Pahl is drafting an Ordinance to control derelict boats on Silver Lake and will
35 present it to the Board of Commissioners for approval at its next regularly scheduled meeting on April 2nd.

36 **Commissioner Dick Tunnell** – attended NC Farm Bureau Presidents Conference and the Mid-East Housing
37 Authority meeting last week.

1 **Assistant County Manager Kris Noble** – attended the Mainland Occupancy Tax Board meeting where the Chamber
2 of Commerce map and brochure project were discussed. Ms. Noble is working with Margie Brooks and the Swan
3 Quarter Volunteer Fire Department and Ben Cahoon on a project to restore the original Hyde County Bell. She
4 announced Jessie Gibbs of Swan Quarter is working at the Government Center on a 30-hour per week intern program
5 with North East Workforce Development. She reported Hyde County will host Golden Leaf and ECU professors at
6 Harris Steak House on Tuesday.

7 Commissioner Tunnell reported NC State is breaking ground for “Feed America” initiative and recommends Hyde
8 County to be on board for this project.

9 **County Manager Bill Rich** – attended the Wildlife Resources Commission meeting and reported Sunday Hunting is
10 put off for as much as two years and bear season was extended. Mr. Rich presented update on the NCDOT Tram
11 project. He also attended insurance meetings and expects a cut in cost to the county. The county audit will be next
12 month.

13 **Public Comments:**

14 There being no comment from the public, Chairman Pugh continued the meeting.

15 **Closed Session** (none)

16 **Adjourn**

17 Commissioner Swindell moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on
18 the following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Pugh, Tunnell, Swindell and Simmons; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

19 The meeting adjourned at 7:25p.m.

20 Respectfully submitted:

21 Minutes approved on the 2nd day of April, 2018.

22 Attest:

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24 Lois Stotesberry, CMC, NCCCC
25 Clerk, Hyde County Board of Commissioners

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27 Earl Pugh, Jr.
28 Chair, Hyde County Board of Commissioners

29 Attachments:

30 **Exhibit A: “A Resolution Requesting That A North Carolina Ferry Be Named The “Ocracoke Express”**

31 **Exhibit B: “A Resolution Requesting That A North Carolina Ferry Be Named The “Rodanthe”**

32 **Exhibit C: “Resolution Expressing The Hyde County Board of Commissioners’ Continued Opposition To Offshore Drilling
33 And Seismic Testing”**

34 **Exhibit D: “Resolution To Levy An Additional 2% Occupancy Tax and Create The Ocracoke Township Tourism
35 Development Authority”**

36 **Exhibit E: “Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month April 2018”**

37 **Exhibit F: “Proclamation – Week of The Young Child April 15th – 22nd, 2018”**

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Joint Meeting Minutes

**Board of County Commissioners
and
Board of Education
Hyde County**

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Chairman Earl Pugh, Jr. and Chairman Randy Etheridge called the Joint Meeting of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners and Hyde County Board of Education to order at 5:00p.m., on Tuesday, March 12, 2018, in the Hyde County Government Center, Multi-Use Room, and the Ocracoke Community Center using electronic conferencing equipment.

Board of Commissioners: The following members were present on the mainland: Chairman Earl Pugh, Jr.; and Dick Tunnell; Assistant County Manager Kris Noble; Finance Officer Corrinne Gibbs and Clerk to the Board Lois Stotesberry. Commissioner Tom Pahl and County Manager Bill Rich were present on Ocracoke. Commissioners Ben Simmons and Vice-Chairman Barry Swindell and County Attorney Franz Holscher were absent.

Board of Education: The following members were present on the mainland: Chairman Randy Etheridge; Board members Aleta Cox and Myra Chandler; Superintendent Dr. Randolph Latimore and Finance Officer Kenneth Chilcoat. Board member Angela Todd was present on Ocracoke. Kristy Marslender, Kindergarten Teacher also attended the joint meeting on the mainland. Vice-Chairman Thomas Whitaker was absent.

Consideration of Agenda:

After Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Tunnell moved to approve the March 13, 2018 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Agenda as presented by the Clerk. Mr. Pahl seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl and Tunnell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Simmons and Swindell.

Discussion – Board of Education FY 2018-19 Proposed Local Budget:

Superintendent Dr. Randolph Latimore thanked Assistant County Manager Kris Noble and Finance Officer Corrinne Gibbs for their pre-meeting clarifications. Dr. Latimore reported some items on the proposed local budget need to be discussed further to include funding for one 5th grade teacher, art teachers and teachers assistants.

Finance Officer Ken Chilcoat presented the Board of Education Proposed Local Budget (approved March 6, 2018). In FY 2017-18 the Board of Education requested \$1,747,916 and was allocated \$1,627,037. The FY 2018-19 proposed budget requests includes a 9.7% increase (totaling \$174,343) for a total fiscal year request of \$1,801,308.

Mr. Chilcoat discussed the requested increase for instructional services and explained State funding including small county supplement funding. He discussed student transfers to virtual charter schools and private school vouchers. He reported an 11% cut in State funding resulting in a \$56,000 decrease for Hyde County Schools. The State’s FY 2018-19 allocation to Hyde County Schools has not been announced at this time.

Mr. Chilcoat reported the Board of Education would like to continue its bus drivers incentive supplement of \$100/month, upgrade the Library software and repair the O. A. Paey School Gym floor.

Finance Officer Corrinne Gibbs suggested negotiation with BHM Regional Library to fund a full-time Ocracoke Library position. This would allow the Pre-K Teacher Assistant to remain in the classroom.

Mr. Chilcoat reported he has collected elevation certificates needed to negotiate property insurance rates. He will meet with Insurance Agent Will Faircloth to discuss lowering the Board of Education’s flood insurance rates.

1 Dr. Latimore reported North Carolina will not arm its school teachers. A Resource Officer would be armed.
2 His/her job description includes building a rapport with students, monitoring the exterior of school buildings, and
3 assisting with out of control students when requested by the principal.
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5 Dr. Latimore thanked Ms. Noble for the meeting with the Board of Education and Lobbyist Joe and Henri McClees.
6 They will be lobbying for small school funding.
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8 Ms. Noble will look for a Capital Improvement Grant to repair the O. A. Paey School Gym floor.
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10 Dr. Latimore and Chairman Etheridge thanked county representatives and look forward to a continued relationship
11 between the Board of Education and the Board of Commissioners.
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13 **Consideration – Letter of Support:**

14 Kris Noble, Assistant County Manager, reported Laurie Potter, DSS Director, is applying for a \$20,000 *Responding*
15 *To The Opioid Crisis Grant* for Hyde County. Ten thousand dollars will be allotted to staffing and \$10,000 will be
16 used for implementation of the Opioid Program.

17 Commissioner Tunnell moved to sign a letter of support for application to the *Responding To The Opioid Crisis*
18 *Grant*. Mr. Pahl seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Pugh and Tunnell;
19 Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Simmons and Swindell.
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21 **Adjourn**

22 Commissioner Pahl moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Tunnell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the
23 following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Pugh and Tunnell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Simmons and Swindell.
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25 Board member Myra Chandler moved to adjourn the Board of Education meeting. The vote was unanimous.

26 The meeting adjourned at 6:15p.m.
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28 Respectfully submitted:
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30 Minutes approved on the 2nd day of April, 2018.
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32 Attest:
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38 Lois Stotesberry, CMC, NCCCC
39 Clerk, Hyde County Board of Commissioners

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38 Earl Pugh, Jr.
39 Chair, Hyde County Board of Commissioners

40 Attachments: (none)
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**Hyde County Board of Commissioners
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET**

Meeting Date: April 2, 2018
Presenter: Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co.
Attachment: No

ITEM TITLE: FY2015-2016 AUDIT REPORT

SUMMARY: Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Company, Auditors, will be presenting the FY18-19 audit report.

RECOMMEND: RECEIVE REPORT

Motion Made By: Earl Pugh, Jr.
 Barry Swindell
 Dick Tunnell
 Ben Simmons
 Tom Pahl

Motion Seconded By: Earl Pugh, Jr.
 Barry Swindell
 Dick Tunnell
 Ben Simmons
 Tom Pahl

Vote: Earl Pugh, Jr.
 Barry Swindell
 Dick Tunnell
 Ben Simmons
 Tom Pahl

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

Meeting Date: April 2, 2018
Presenter: Jessica Gibbs, Nutrition Coordinator, Mattamuskeet Senior Center
Attachment: Yes

ITEM TITLE: DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COUNTY

SUMMARY: Hyde County is attempting to become a Dementia Friendly County. The Senior Center will reach out to businesses, local government, caregivers, and many others who encounter individuals who exhibit signs of dementia on a regular basis. The Senior Center has had requests for a Dementia Support Group and/or a Caregiver Support Group. This program is working to keep dementia citizens in their home longer and help the community to be more aware of their needs and understand their value.

DEMENTIA STATISTICS

- More than 5 million people currently live with dementia
- 1 in 10 people 65 and older has Alzheimer's Disease
- 15 million Americans provide 18.2 billion hours of unpaid care to people living with Dementia
- 60% of people with Dementia live at home and in the community
- Nearly 90% of people over the age of 65 want to stay in their homes
- 80% believe their current residence is where they will always live

RECOMMEND: Discussion.

Motion Made By: Earl Pugh, Jr.
 Barry Swindell
 Dick Tunnell
 Ben Simmons
 Tom Pahl

Motion Seconded By: Earl Pugh, Jr.
 Barry Swindell
 Dick Tunnell
 Ben Simmons
 Tom Pahl

Vote: Earl Pugh, Jr.
 Barry Swindell
 Dick Tunnell
 Ben Simmons
 Tom Pahl

To whom it may concern:

Our office interacts with patients with dementia numerous times throughout the year. We have a touchline program with the Sheriff's Office where we call the elderly and check on them 2X a day. We try to be very concerned when we get calls from the elderly. Of course there are repeat callers. Some have legitimate concerns but others just need to know that somebody is there for them. We have to be careful of the things we say to them and the tone we use. They call for many reasons, but because they are scared is a very big factor.

There are a few people that we have to communicate clearly with and not change the subject, but ask how their day was and if they needed anything to please give us a call. Speaking clearly and in a calm voice will help those who may be suffering from dementia as well as avoiding distractions. Also understand what you are up against when you talk with them. As we all know, dementia gets worse with time. There have been incidents when they would call our office and request a deputy to go by their residence, because they thought they heard someone outside their door knocking or perhaps knocking on the window. Sometimes we receive calls in the early morning hours as this seems to be our most frequent time for calls of this nature. We would send a deputy and after the deputy checked and told them everything was ok, they were satisfied and it made them feel better.

Hyde County Sheriff Office

Living in Hyde County has taught me many things. One of the most important is how our community cares for each other. I have always enjoyed working with the elderly and I volunteered with the Meals on Wheels program for 7 years. During that time, I was so very lucky to meet some wonderful seniors. I became friends with many of them and watched as Dementia took its toll on their health. However, it wasn't until my grandmother started referring to me as Becky (my mother's name) that it became personal. My sweet grandmother would be heading to the store and find herself lost and scared. It was always a blessing that she could remember my mother's telephone number, but what would have happened if she didn't remember her number? What would happen if she asked someone who didn't understand her condition? Therefore, I feel very passionate about educating the community on Dementia and offering information on how we can help. We here in Hyde County are very blessed to have a close-knit community that would not mind assisting others.

Jessica A Gibbs, Nutrition Coordinator, Mattamuskeet Senior Center

I read this the other day "A person with Dementia is not giving you a hard time. A person with Dementia is Having a Hard Time." When I read this it really struck home with me. As the Senior Center Director I see this everyday. A person with dementia can ask you something and in 15-20 minutes they are asking you the same question. Or you can tell them what time the bus is picking them up the next morning and they will ask you several times later what time the bus is picking them up. I know they can't help it and it requires a lot of patience and biting your tongue.

The community and the County Businesses need to be aware of how Dementia effects people and they need to be aware of how to interact with the dementia person. Dementia does not discriminate with age.

Darlene Berry, Director, Mattamuskeet Senior Center



TODAY
A Dementia Poem By Norman McNamara



Today I put both Coffee and tea in the same cup!
Today I put toothpaste on my face instead of shaving foam!
Today I thought my hankies (2 of) were my socks!!
Today I walked out into the road and nearly got knocked down!
Today I spilt most of my lunch down my new T Shirt (Ruined)
Today I had forgotten most things said to me within seconds!
Today I had my knife and fork in the wrong hands!
Today I couldn't recognise my neighbour's name!
Today I was found outside with no shoes on!
Today, I had to go to bed at 8.30pm, as I couldn't make head nor tail
of the TV
Today, I cried, I do most days (In secret)
Today "I HAVE DEMENTIA"
HOWS YOUR DAY BEEN????

Norman McNamara was diagnosed with dementia five years ago aged 50, but he's still fighting it!

www.DementiaJourneys.com
 Remember Smiles, Love & Laughter

Dementia in Hyde County

Good evening/morning. My name is Jim Turner. I am the preacher at the Fairfield Church of Christ. I have lived in this community for a little over five years and have come to love this community and its wonderful people.

There is a new initiative we are trying to launch in Hyde County that raises awareness on how everyone can become involved within a Dementia community. The Dementia Campaign is created by researchers, care partners, individuals, with hopes to inspire new ideas and local initiatives by sharing stories from the community. We need to acknowledge that Dementia does impact an entire community. Our aim is to make people aware that people can become involved in helping those with dementia. There are care takers, family members, or even members within the community such as yourself which can help very much.

We seek not only seeks to de-stigmatize Dementia, but also encourages care partners, families, and friends to share their experiences so that our county can understand more about dementia. We will be working on including workshops and presentations in the future for learning how Hyde County citizens can become more involved in their community.

The idea of making our community a safer, better place to live for people with dementia is something which needs the enthusiasm and interest of all sorts of people including you. Local stores, transport providers, planners, service providers, health and social care organizations, charities are all potentially affected, all have a role to play in forming a vision about what a dementia-friendly community should look like. The most important stakeholders in this process of course are the people with dementia, and those who care for and support them.

Why is it important for this work? People with dementia have a right to a say in decisions that affect their lives. Involving people with dementia sends an important message about the values inherent in the notion of dementia-friendly communities. We as a community should be conscious of the safety and support needs of people with dementia while we are out and about.

I said all this because I want to introduce my wife Tammy who has dementia. She was diagnosed with this disease a little over two years ago but she has had it for much longer. So I have a personal experience with this disease. Tammy is the love of my life and was my high school sweetheart. When she was diagnosed with this disease I cried because I saw what her Mom went through. Some days are tougher than others. Some days she knows her address while other days she can't remember names or her address now. She has a great memory of her

younger days and where she lived when we met. She can be in a store and get lost even though she has been there many times before. While I know this disease cannot be cured; knowing that she is safe in the community makes me feel a little easier. How would you feel if your wife walked out the door and goes for a walk and because she is confused gets lost and wanders off? Would you not want someone who knows her in the community to help? At the same time knowing the community would help protect her makes it a bit of comfort for me. I love my wife dearly and I know in the future I will need help with her and I hope that you will help this community of Hyde County to be a dementia friendly community. Thank you

Media centre

Dementia

Fact sheet

Updated December 2017

Key facts

- Dementia is a syndrome in which there is deterioration in memory, thinking, behaviour and the ability to perform everyday activities.
- Although dementia mainly affects older people, it is not a normal part of ageing.
- Worldwide, around 50 million people have dementia, and there are nearly 10 million new cases every year.
- Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia and may contribute to 60–70% of cases.
- Dementia is one of the major causes of disability and dependency among older people worldwide.
- Dementia has a physical, psychological, social, and economical impact, not only on people with dementia, but also on their carers, families and society at large.

Dementia is a syndrome – usually of a chronic or progressive nature – in which there is deterioration in cognitive function (i.e. the ability to process thought) beyond what might be expected from normal ageing. It affects memory, thinking, orientation, comprehension, calculation, learning capacity, language, and judgement. Consciousness is not affected. The impairment in cognitive function is commonly accompanied, and occasionally preceded, by deterioration in emotional control, social behaviour, or motivation.

Dementia results from a variety of diseases and injuries that primarily or secondarily affect the brain, such as Alzheimer's disease or stroke.

Dementia is one of the major causes of disability and dependency among older people worldwide. It is overwhelming not only for the people who have it, but also for their carers and families. There is often a lack of awareness and understanding of dementia, resulting in stigmatization and barriers to diagnosis and care. The impact of dementia on carers, family and societies can be physical, psychological, social and economic.

Signs and symptoms

Dementia affects each person in a different way, depending upon the impact of the disease and the person's personality before becoming ill. The signs and symptoms linked to dementia can be understood in three stages.

Early stage: the early stage of dementia is often overlooked, because the onset is gradual. Common symptoms include:

- forgetfulness
- losing track of the time
- becoming lost in familiar places.

Middle stage: as dementia progresses to the middle stage, the signs and symptoms become clearer and more restricting. These include:

- becoming forgetful of recent events and people's names
- becoming lost at home
- having increasing difficulty with communication
- needing help with personal care
- experiencing behaviour changes, including wandering and repeated questioning.

Late stage: the late stage of dementia is one of near total dependence and inactivity. Memory disturbances are serious and the physical signs and symptoms become more obvious. Symptoms include:

- becoming unaware of the time and place
- having difficulty recognizing relatives and friends
- having an increasing need for assisted self-care
- having difficulty walking
- experiencing behaviour changes that may escalate and include aggression.

Common forms of dementia

There are many different forms of dementia. Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia and may contribute to 60–70% of cases. Other major forms include vascular dementia, dementia with Lewy bodies (abnormal aggregates of protein that develop inside nerve cells), and a group of diseases that contribute to frontotemporal dementia (degeneration of the frontal lobe of the brain). The boundaries between different forms of dementia are indistinct and mixed forms often co-exist.

Rates of dementia

Worldwide, around 50 million people have dementia, with nearly 60% living in low- and middle-income countries. Every year, there are nearly 10 million new cases.

The estimated proportion of the general population aged 60 and over with dementia at a given time is between 5 to 8 per 100 people.

The total number of people with dementia is projected to reach 82 million in 2030 and 152 in 2050. Much of this increase is attributable to the rising numbers of people with dementia living in low- and middle-income countries.

Treatment and care

There is no treatment currently available to cure dementia or to alter its progressive course. Numerous new treatments are being investigated in various stages of clinical trials.

However, much can be offered to support and improve the lives of people with dementia and their carers and families. The principal goals for dementia care are:

- early diagnosis in order to promote early and optimal management
- optimizing physical health, cognition, activity and well-being
- identifying and treating accompanying physical illness
- detecting and treating challenging behavioural and psychological symptoms
- providing information and long-term support to carers.

Risk factors and prevention

Although age is the strongest known risk factor for dementia, it is not an inevitable consequence of ageing. Further, dementia does not exclusively affect older people – young onset dementia (defined as the onset of symptoms before the age of 65 years) accounts for up to 9% of cases. Some research has shown a relationship between the development of cognitive impairment and life-style related risk factors that are shared with other noncommunicable diseases. These risk factors include physical inactivity, obesity, unhealthy diets, tobacco use and harmful use of alcohol, diabetes, and midlife hypertension. Additional potentially modifiable risk factors include depression, low educational attainment, social isolation, and cognitive inactivity.

Social and economic impacts

Dementia has significant social and economic implications in terms of direct medical and social care costs, and the costs of informal care. In 2015, the total global societal cost of dementia was estimated to be US\$ 818 billion, equivalent to 1.1% of global gross domestic product (GDP). The total cost as a proportion of GDP varied from 0.2% in low- and middle-income countries to 1.4% in high-income countries.

Impact on families and carers

Dementia is overwhelming for the families of affected people and for their carers. Physical, emotional and economic pressures can cause great

stress to families and carers, and support is required from the health, social, financial and legal systems.

Human rights

People with dementia are frequently denied the basic rights and freedoms available to others. In many countries, physical and chemical restraints are used extensively in care homes for older people and in acute-care settings, even when regulations are in place to uphold the rights of people to freedom and choice.

An appropriate and supportive legislative environment based on internationally-accepted human rights standards is required to ensure the highest quality of service provision to people with dementia and their carers.

WHO response

WHO recognizes dementia as a public health priority. In May 2017, the World Health Assembly endorsed the *Global action plan on the public health response to dementia 2017-2025*. The Plan provides a comprehensive blueprint for action – for policy-makers, international, regional and national partners, and WHO – in areas such as: increasing awareness of dementia and establishing dementia-friendly initiatives; reducing the risk of dementia; diagnosis, treatment and care; research and innovation; and support for dementia carers.

An international surveillance platform, the Global Dementia Observatory, has been established for policy-makers and researchers to facilitate monitoring and sharing of information on dementia policies, service delivery, epidemiology and research.

WHO has developed iSupport, an e-health solution that provides information and skills training for carers of people living with dementia. The first study of the usability and effectiveness of iSupport is taking place in India.

Dementia is also one of the priority conditions in the WHO Mental Health Gap Action Programme (mhGAP), which aims to scale-up care for mental, neurological and substance use disorders, particularly in low- and middle-income countries.

Related links

More about dementia
WHO Mental Health Gap Action Programme (mhGAP)
The Global Dementia Observatory

DEMENTIA



A public health priority

What are the symptoms?

Difficulties with everyday tasks

Confusion in familiar environments

Difficulty with words and numbers

Memory loss

Changes in mood and behaviour



Who is affected?

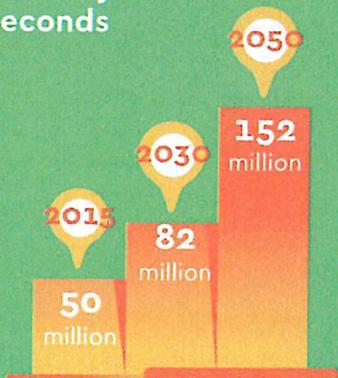


Nearly 10 million new cases every year

One every 3 seconds

50 million people worldwide

Set to triple by 2050



What is the cause?

Conditions that affect the brain, such as Alzheimer's disease, stroke or head injury



What does it cost?

2015



US\$818 billion: estimated costs to society in 2015

2030



US\$2 trillion



Majority of people who will develop dementia will be in low- and middle-income countries



Families and friends provide most of the care

Carers experience physical

The Global Action Plan on the Public Health Response to Dementia 2017 - 2025

Vision

A world in which dementia is prevented and people with dementia and their carers live well and receive the care and support they need to fulfil their potential with dignity, respect, autonomy and equality.

Goal

To improve the lives of people with dementia, their carers and families, while decreasing the impact of dementia on them as well as on communities and countries.

The seven action areas and targets

Dementia as a public health priority



By 2025, 75% of countries have national policies, strategies, plans or frameworks for dementia

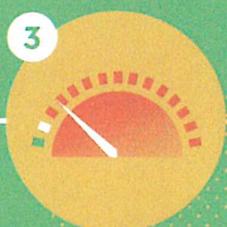
Dementia awareness and friendliness



By 2025, 100% of countries have a functioning public-awareness campaign on dementia

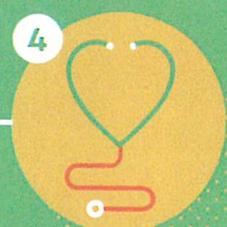
By 2025, 50% of countries have at least one dementia-friendly initiative

Dementia risk reduction



Risk reduction targets identified in the Global action plan for prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases 2013-2020 are achieved

Dementia diagnosis, treatment & care



By 2025, 50% of people with dementia are diagnosed, in at least 50% of countries

Support for dementia carers



By 2025, 75% of countries provide support and training for carers and

Information systems for dementia



By 2025, 50% of countries routinely collect data on core

Dementia research and innovation



Global research output on dementia doubles between 2017 and 2025

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

Meeting Date: April 2, 2018
Presenter: Jan Moore, Senior Tar Heel Delegate
Attachment: Yes

ITEM TITLE: SENIOR TAR HEEL LEGISLATURE

SUMMARY: Hyde County NC Senior Tar Heel Legislature Delegate Jan Moore will present report on the March 13-14, 2018 Senior Tar Heel Legislatures meeting in Raleigh.

RECOMMEND: Discussion.

Motion Made By: Earl Pugh, Jr.
 Barry Swindell
 Dick Tunnell
 Ben Simmons
 Tom Pahl

Motion Seconded By: Earl Pugh, Jr.
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Vote: Earl Pugh, Jr.
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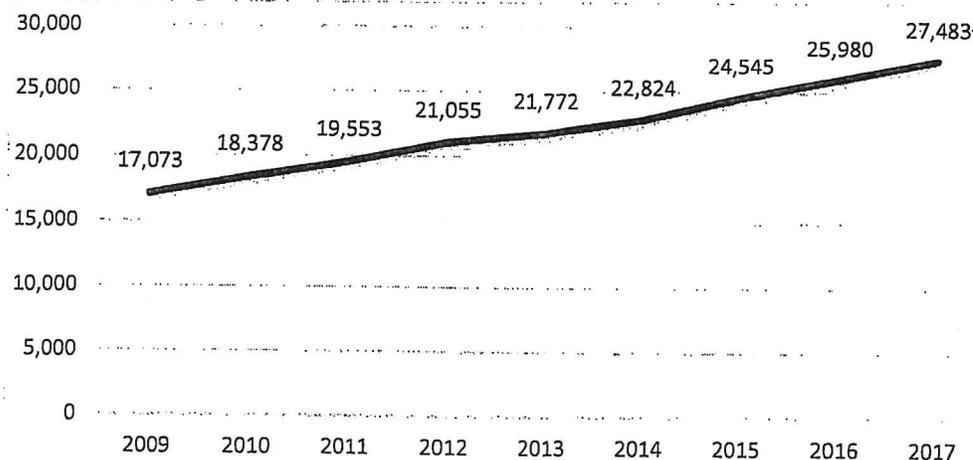
NORTH CAROLINA SENIOR TAR HEEL LEGISLATURE 2018 FACT SHEET

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM

The Senior Tar Heel Legislature recommends that the General Assembly recognize and value its vulnerable and older citizens by making available \$5 million in recurring funds in the State budget to meet the growing need for APS in North Carolina. Funds are needed in order to respond to the accelerated growth in the State's aging population, some of whom may be at risk of becoming victims of abuse, neglect or exploitation. The State of North Carolina has not provided any funding for the APS Program since the 2010-2012 State budget. The only funding for the APS Program is provided by county governments and a decreasing federal Social Services Block Grant.

North Carolina APS Statute, Chapter 108A, Article 6, requires that county departments of social services receive, evaluate and provide protective services to adults 18 and over who are abused, neglected and exploited. The majority of persons receiving Adult Protective Services are older adults. Specifically, 70% were 60 years of age or older, 62% were women and 85% lived alone or with family members.

APS reports have increased over the past eight years. In State Fiscal Year 2008, 15,337 reports were received. In State Fiscal Year 16-17, 27,483 reports were received. Based on this data, the number of reports received over the past nine years has increased by 79 percent.



Due to the aging of the population, APS reports are projected to continue to increase in the coming years. According to U.S. Census Bureau, 15.5% of the total population was 65 and over in 2016. In 2034, 20.5% of the State's population will be 65 and over.¹

The current system is underfunded and understaffed. County Departments of Social Services use Social Service Block Grant funding to partially fund their APS program, however, this resource has decreased in recent years resulting in insufficient staff to handle reports. The total expenditures for APS in SFY 2015-16 was \$22,047,536. Of this total, \$4,259,459 comes from the federal Social Services Block Grant, \$647,035 from the State and \$17,141,040 from counties.

We recommend that the General Assembly make available \$5 million in the state budget to meet the growing need for Adult Protective Services in North Carolina. During State Fiscal Year 2011-2012 of the North Carolina General Assembly, \$2 million was eliminated from the state budget. This was the only state funding allocated to support Adult Protective Services in 53 county Departments of Social Services.

¹ NC State Office of Budget and Management. Population estimates and projections:
http://www.osbm.state.nc.us/ncosbm/facts_and_figures/socioeconomic_data/population_estimates.shtm.

NORTH CAROLINA SENIOR TAR HEEL LEGISLATURE 2018 FACT SHEET

HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT

The North Carolina Senior Tar Heel Legislature requests that the General Assembly increase Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) funding by \$7 million in recurring funds. Investing in home and community-based programs makes social and economic sense. Where social isolation and physical inactivity make seniors at greater risk for depression, suicide, self-neglect, hospitalization and chronic illness, a system of community supports contributes to more positive outcomes. Services like these often help the frailest seniors continue to live at home and prevent more costly interventions.

As of November 2017, there were over 10,500 people waiting for services – primarily waiting for home-delivered meals, in-home personal care services, and help with home management tasks. Funding levels for the block grant and the number of people served have gone down over the last five years, while need as measured by aging demographics has continued to rise. Additional state funds are needed to help serve the age wave of older North Carolinians and reduce the number of people on the HCCBG waiting list.

Quick Facts about the Home and Community Care Block Grant

- The N.C. General Assembly consolidated funding sources when it established the Home and Community Care Block Grant in 1992 and took an important step toward establishing a well-coordinated service delivery system to meet the needs of older adults.
- There are 18 fundable services. Examples of these services include: home-delivered and congregate nutrition, in-home personal care, adult day services, information and options counseling, transportation, home modification/repairs, and respite services to help family caregiver.
- 68% of HCCBG funds are spent on in-home aide services and nutrition programs.
- The typical HCCBG recipient is a 78-year-old women who lives alone and has two or more impairments to activities of daily living (ADL) and/or instrumental activities of daily living (IADL).
- Current funding for the Home and Community Care Block Grant:

State Funding:	\$31,491,220	50%
Federal Funding:	\$24,623,508	40%
Required Local Match:	<u>\$6,140,086</u>	<u>10%</u>
SYF 17-18 TOTAL:	\$62,254,814	100%

NORTH CAROLINA SENIOR TAR HEEL LEGISLATURE 2018 FACT SHEET

Project C.A.R.E: Caregiver Alternatives to Running on Empy

The NC Senior Tar Heel Legislature recommends that the NC General Assembly increase recurring funding for Project C.A.R.E. in 2017-2018 by ten percent (10%) and annually thereafter to meet the expected growth in the number of persons with dementia statewide.

Project C.A.R.E. was designed and tested in North Carolina. It has become a national best practice model for providing care management and respite care services to caregivers of persons with Alzheimer’s disease or related dementias. Alzheimer’s disease, the most common form of dementia, is the sixth leading cause of death in North Carolina and yet there is no cure for the disease. The number of North Carolinians affected with Alzheimer’s dementia, now approximately 160,000, is expected to increase by 31% to 210,000 by 2025. The NC Medicaid costs for caring for individuals with Alzheimer’s in 2017 is approximately \$1.112 billion and is expected to increase by 42% in 2025. The 459,000 unpaid family caregivers of those living with dementia in North Carolina provide care valued at \$6.6 billion a year. Considering these figures, North Carolina must develop methods to both encourage and support caregivers to assist their aging loved-ones to remain at home. Resulting savings in public funds could be substantial with increased support for family caregivers.

Project C.A.R.E is available statewide and uses a family consultant model to provide comprehensive support to caregivers of persons with dementia. The goals of the program are to (1) educate and empower caregivers increasing their awareness and usage of community-based supportive services and resources, and (2) improve quality, access, choice, and the use of respite care. Caregivers are provided family-centered assessments and individualized care plans, guidance, counseling and limited respite care, if financially needy. Through additional appropriations in October 2016, Project C.A.R.E can offer eligible caregivers up to three (3) \$500 respite care vouchers annually as funds are available. Respite care provides caregivers a temporary and intermittent relief from their caregiving role to assist them maintain loved-ones at home longer. Family consultants also link caregivers to existing home and community-based services, entitlement programs, local Alzheimer’s organizations, support groups, and other caregiver-focused initiatives. The program targets low-income (non-Medicaid), rural, and minority individuals caring for a person with dementia at home.

The NC General Assembly appropriated \$550,000 in recurring funding to support Project C.A.R.E. beginning in October 2016. The current total annualized state appropriations for Project C.A.R.E. is \$1,033,333. In SFY 2016-2017, Project CARE served 774 caregivers in 94 counties with care management of which 569 caregivers also received at least 1 respite voucher.

	Number of Family Caregivers Served			
	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Total Appropriation	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$850,000	\$1,033,333
Care Management	203	220	774	800 anticipated
Respite Care (care management clients who also received respite)	n/a	n/a	569	650 anticipated

For additional information, please go to: <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/aging/ncprojectcare.htm>.

NORTH CAROLINA SENIOR TAR HEEL LEGISLATURE 2018 FACT SHEET

SENIOR CENTERS

The Senior Tar Heel Legislature requests that the General Assembly increase funding for senior centers by an additional \$300,000 in recurring funds.

Senior centers are community focal points on aging that provide a wide array of programs and services. They offer an essential link to other community programs and benefits that contribute to the physical, mental, and economic well-being of older adults and support their efforts to remain independent and engaged in their communities. In many areas of the state the senior center is the only place in the community where important services such as nutrition programs and transportation can be accessed. Currently there are 164 senior centers in North Carolina that are either operational or under development in 97 counties. There are three counties without a senior center in existence or under development (Gates, Henderson, and Union).

There are two funding streams for senior centers through the Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS).

Senior Center General Purpose funding provides existing senior centers and developing senior centers with funding that supports operations or development. The state's General Purpose funding has continued to remain level as the number of older adults continues to climb. Senior centers continue to struggle financially to meet the rising costs of operations-maintaining staffing positions, keeping satellite locations open, maintaining facilities and equipment, and providing programs and services to meet the needs of the current seniors in the community as well as the ongoing influx of baby boomers.

General Purpose funding drives the certification program and the certification program drives senior center improvement. Over 60% of the senior centers in the state are certified as Centers of Excellence or Merit. Prior to the implementation of the certification program there was inconsistent quality, performance, and accountability across the state. The certification process brought positive changes by providing a standardized set of measurable indicators of best practice that applied to all senior centers. These positive changes have been documented by the DAAS and they now know that certified centers offer more services and programming and provide cost saving services to the communities they serve. *To ensure these high standards and outcomes this funding needs to be available to senior centers.*

Senior Center Operations is an allowable service through the Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) and is funded at the discretion of counties. The number of centers funded for operations reflect those with full-time programs and the capacity to meet the DAAS Senior Center Operations service standards.

Investing in home and community-based programs, such as senior centers, makes social and economic sense. While accessing community-based services and supports, seniors are able to stay mentally and physically healthy in their own communities as long as possible. If these supports are not available seniors are at risk for depression, suicide, self-neglect, hospitalization and chronic illness. Therefore, maintaining independence in one's home with community support contributes to more positive outcomes, especially when it comes to health. These improved outcomes can, in turn, lead to cost savings over time.

Firearm Accessibility is a Risk Factor for Suicide

Suicide is defined as death caused by self-directed injurious behavior with intent to die as a result of the behavior. Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States and has become a major public health concern.

The highest suicide rate by age (19.7%) was among adults between 45 and 54 years of age with the second highest rate (19.0%) in those 85 years or older (*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Data & Statistics Fatal Injury Report, 2016*). Studies on suicide deliberation have shown that contemplation is short. A study conducted in Utah, indicated that people took only 10 minutes to make the decision to take their life. Therefore, separating the individual from the method and eliminating the means will provide time to get the behavioral health resources the individual needs and time for the thought to diminish.

Research shows that people are utilizing more lethal means for suicide. In 2016, firearms were the most common method of death by suicide, accounting for a little more than half (51.0%) of all suicide deaths (American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, 2016). Every study that has examined the issue to date, has found that within the U.S, access to firearms is associated with increased suicide risks. Not only are firearms more accessible, they are more lethal, quick and irreversible.

The reality of suicide by firearms has caused an unprecedented response by The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF). NSSF is the trade association for the firearms industry. They have started Project 2025. This Project is working to disseminate suicide prevention education to thousands of gun retail stores and ranges, bringing awareness to the issue.

If an individual verbalizes thoughts of suicide; take them seriously. It is especially important that the means and accessibility to the identified method are asked and measures are taken to remove those items from the person's possession. Encourage the identification of a family member or friend to remove items that can be harmful, such as, firearms or stockpiled pills. Taking this step can mean the difference between life and death.

It is imperative that a person expressing suicidal thoughts and behaviors is connected to a behavioral health practitioner or the local emergency room for immediate assistance.

Resources: National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255 provides 24/7; free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals. <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/media-resources/> and <https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/means-matter/means-matter/case-fatality/>



Zone Tool Self-Management for Depression

GREEN ZONE

GREEN ZONES: ALL CLEAR

Your Goals:

- Stable mood
- Sleeping well
- Healthy appetite
- Feeling hopeful
- Able to concentrate

GREEN ZONE ACTION STEPS:

- Having some fun
- Engage in activities you enjoy
- Your symptoms are under control
 - ✓ Continue taking your medications as ordered
 - ✓ Keep all physician appointments

YELLOW ZONE

YELLOW ZONE: CAUTION means your symptoms are starting to Change

The following symptoms maybe early warning signs that your depression is worsening

- Sad mood most of the time
- Not eating/eating too much
- Trouble concentrating
- Not sleeping well/sleeping too much
- Not finding pleasure in normal activities
- Increase in feelings of irritability/anger
- Loss of energy to do chores/activities
- Not taking medications as prescribed
- Missing physician appointments

YELLOW ZONE ACTION STEPS:

- Call your physician if you are going into the YELLOW zone.

Your symptoms may indicate that you need an adjustment of your medications. Begin to use identified coping skills such as talking to a trusted friend or family member, gardening, needlework, watch a funny movie, etc...

Physician Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

RED ZONE

RED ZONES: MEDICAL ALERT

- Overwhelmed by feelings of sadness/despair
- Feeling hopeless and/or helpless
- Thoughts or feelings of killing or harming yourself
- Unable to leave the bed
- Not eating
- Not sleeping
- Stopped taking medications
- Missing physician appointment

RED ZONE MEANS:

This indicates that you need to be evaluated by a physician right away.

Get help immediately if you are in the RED ZONE. Call your physician, go to the nearest emergency room or call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 (TALK)



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PROTECTING AMERICA'S CONSUMERS

Consumer Sentinel Network Data Book 2017: Executive Summary

Overview

During 2017, the Consumer Sentinel Network took in nearly 2.7 million reports, down slightly from 2016:

- Fraud: 1.1 million (42.54% of all reports)
- Identity theft: 371,000 (13.87%)
- Other: 1.2 million (43.59%)

There are fewer debt collection reports in 2017 (23% of all reports) but it is still the top category. Identity theft (14%) and imposter scams (13%) round out the top three reports to Sentinel.

Fraud

There were nearly 348,000 imposter scam reports to Sentinel. One in five of those also reported a dollar loss, totaling \$328 million lost to imposter scams. These scams include, for example, people falsely claiming to be with the government, a relative in distress, a well-known business, or a technical support expert, to get a consumer's money.

Of the 1.1 million fraud reports, 21% indicated money was lost. In 2017, people reported losing nearly \$905 million to fraud – an increase of \$63 million over what consumers reported losing in 2016.

The median loss for all fraud reports in 2017 is \$429. The median losses were highest in these fraud categories:

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|---|---------|
| • Travel, Vacations and Timeshare Plans | \$1,710 |
| • Mortgage Foreclosure Relief and Debt Management | \$1,200 |
| • Business and Job Opportunities | \$1,063 |

Telephone was the method of contact for 70% of fraud reports with a contact method identified. Only nine percent of those people reported losing money to the scammer – but that 9% reported an aggregate loss of \$290 million, and a \$720 median loss.

Wire transfers continue to be the most frequently-reported payment method for fraud, with a reported loss of \$333 million.

Of people who reported their age, those aged 20-29 reported losing money to fraud in 40% of reports filed with the FTC, while people aged 70 and older reported losing money in just 18% of their complaints. But when they

did experience a loss, people aged 70 and older reported much higher median losses than any other age group.

Identity Theft

Credit card fraud tops the list of identity theft reports in 2017. The FTC received more than 133,000 reports from people who said their information was misused on an existing account or to open a new credit card account.

Military

Military consumers filed nearly 114,000 reports in 2017. Of these, more than 50,000 were fraud reports, including 29,859 reports about imposter scams that cost them nearly \$26 million. Identity theft (30,184) was the largest single category of reports from military consumers.

Top States

The states with the highest per capita rates of fraud reports in 2017 were Florida, Georgia, Nevada, Delaware, and Michigan. For identity theft, the top states in 2017 were Michigan, Florida, California, Maryland, and Nevada.



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You're getting a new Medicare card!

Cards will be mailed between April 2018 – April 2019

You asked, and we listened. You're getting a new Medicare card! Between April 2018 and April 2019, we'll be removing Social Security numbers from Medicare cards and mailing each person a new card. This will help keep your information more secure and help protect your identity.

You'll get a new Medicare Number that's unique to you, and it will only be used for your Medicare coverage. The new card won't change your coverage or benefits. You'll get more information from Medicare when your new card is mailed.

Here's how you can get ready:

- Make sure your mailing address is up to date. If your address needs to be corrected, contact Social Security at ssa.gov/myaccount or 1-800-772-1213. TTY users can call 1-800-325-0778.
- Beware of anyone who contacts you about your new Medicare card. We'll never ask you to give us personal or private information to get your new Medicare Number and card.
- Understand that mailing everyone a new card will take some time. Your card might arrive at a different time than your friend's or neighbor's.

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

Meeting Date: April 2, 2018
Presenter: County Manager Bill Rich
Attachment: No

ITEM TITLE: EMPLOYEE/VOLUNTEER/FRIEND OF THE MONTH

SUMMARY: Manager Bill Rich will announce the Employee, Volunteer and/or Friend of the County.

RECOMMEND: Congratulations.

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

Meeting Date: April 2, 2018
Presenter: Citizens
Attachment: No

ITEM TITLE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

SUMMARY: Citizens are afforded an opportunity at this time to comment on issues they feel may be of importance to the Commissioners and to their fellow citizens.

Comments should be kept to (3) minutes and directed to the entire Board, not just one individual Commissioner, staff member or to a member of the audience.

Time for one person cannot be used by another person.

Comments that reflect the need for additional assistance will be directed to the County Manager or referred to a future meeting agenda.

RECOMMEND: Receive comments.

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

Meeting Date: April 2, 2018
Presenter: Commissioner Tom Pahl
Attachment: Yes

ITEM TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26 OF THE HYDE COUNTY CODE TO PROHIBIT THE ABANDONMENT OF VESSELS IN THE NAVIGABLE WATERS OF OCRACOKE HARBOR, COMMONLY KNOWN AS SILVER LAKE

SUMMARY: Commissioner Pahl will present an ordinance to amend Chapter 26 of the Hyde County Code to prohibit the abandonment of vessels in the navigable waters of Ocracoke Harbor.

The Hyde County Code will be amended by adding an Article 1, to Chapter 26, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions.

RECOMMEND: Adopt.

Motion Made By: Earl Pugh, Jr.
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(d) This Article shall not be construed to obligate the County to appropriate funds to implement the provisions herein.

Sec. 26-3. Definitions.

(a) The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this Article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.

Abandoned vessel. A vessel that meets any of the following:

(i) A vessel that is moored, anchored, or otherwise located for more than thirty (30) consecutive days in any one hundred eighty (180) consecutive-day period without permission of the dock owner.

(ii) A vessel that is in danger of sinking, has sunk, is resting on the bottom, or is located such that it is a hazard to navigation or is an immediate danger to other vessels.

Days. Calendar days, where the term is used for computation of time.

Navigable waters. All waters within Ocracoke Harbor that are subject to the ebb and flow of the tide, including rivers, waterways, streams (including intermittent streams), mudflats, sandflats, and wetlands.

Owner. A person, other than a lienholder, having a legal or equitable property interest in or title to a vessel, or the person's legal representative. For the purposes of this Article, when a vessel is determined to have been registered with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, or an agency of another state responsible for registration, such registration shall create a rebuttable presumption that the owner is the last registered owner of record.

Person. An individual, partnership, firm, corporation, association, or other entity.

Vessel. Every description of watercraft or structure, other than a seaplane on the water, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation or habitation on the water.

Sec. 26-4. Abandoned Vessels Prohibited.

(a) It shall be unlawful to abandon a vessel in the navigable waters of Ocracoke Harbor.

(b) The County may remove, or cause to be removed, to a storage facility or area any abandoned vessel found to be in violation of this Article.

(c) When an abandoned vessel is removed, or caused to be removed, pursuant hereto, the County shall notify the Owner in accordance with North Carolina General Statute §20-219.11(a) and (b) to the extent the same may be applicable or adaptable to vessels, and in accordance with any other applicable law.

(d) Regardless of whether the County removes and disposes of abandoned vessels or contracts with another person to do so and/or regardless of whether the County is responsible, or the person who removes the abandoned vessel is responsible, for collecting the fees, including towing fees, associated therewith, all the provisions of Article 7A, Chapter 20 of the North Carolina General Statutes shall apply as adapted to vessels, including the procedures therein

regarding release of the vessel upon the posting of a bond or payment of the fees due, a hearing, and an appeal to District Court from that hearing.

(1) For the purposes of this section, the definitions of North Carolina General Statute § 20-219.9 shall apply as adapted to vessels.

(e) Regardless of whether the County removes and disposes of abandoned vessels or contracts with another person to do so and/or regardless of whether the County is responsible, or the person who removes the abandoned vessel is responsible, for collecting the fees, including towing fees, associated therewith, the sale procedure contained in North Carolina General Statute §44A-4, 44A-5, and 44A-6 shall apply as adapted to vessels with regard to the abandoned vessel removed and stored, except, if the County is responsible for collecting the fees, including towing fees, associated therewith, no hearing in addition to the probable cause hearing is required.

(f) If an abandoned vessel is not purchased at a sale conducted hereunder and if the value of the abandoned vessel is less than the amount of the lien, the County may destroy the abandoned vessel or cause the abandoned vessel to be destroyed.

(g) The Owner of an abandoned vessel shall be responsible for all costs of towing, relocation, removal, storage and disposal of the abandoned vessel, and the restoration of the area surrounding the abandoned vessel, including any costs owed by the County to any third party and the costs incurred by the County with regard to the abandoned vessel. Any vessel towed, removed, relocated or stored pursuant to the authority contained in this Article shall be subject to a lien pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 44A or any other applicable law.

Sec. 26-5. Enforcement Responsibility and Authority.

(a) The County and any law enforcement officer or representative of any governmental agency with territorial jurisdiction is authorized and empowered to enforce this Article. Said authority includes the authorization to board any vessel as may be required to enforce the provisions of this Article or any state or federal law, and such boarding shall not constitute a trespass.

(b) The County or others authorized hereunder may use staff, equipment, and material under its control or provided by any cooperating federal, state, local government or agency; may authorize or contract with any private agent or contractor it deems appropriate; or may authorize or contract with any federal, state, or local government or agency for the removal, storage, and disposal of an abandoned vessel and the restoration of the affected area pursuant to this Article.

(c) The County, its elected officials, and any others authorized hereunder, including any law enforcement officer or any contractor or any employee or agent of the foregoing, acting under the authority of this Article shall be held harmless for any and all claims for any and all damages, including but not limited to damages to the abandoned vessel, unless the damage results from gross negligence or willful misconduct.

Sec. 26-6. Disposal of Abandoned Vessel.

(a) An abandoned vessel, including all cargo, tackle and equipment, removed and stored pursuant to this Article that remains unclaimed after notice and/or any attempted sale shall be deemed forfeited as set forth in North Carolina General Statute § 14-399(g) and may be disposed of in the County's discretion.

(b) Following the sale or disposal of any abandoned vessel previously registered in any state or meeting the requirements for registration prior to operation in North Carolina, the County or its authorized contractor/agent shall provide notice to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and the agency responsible for registration in the state of any previously registered vessel. The contents of the notice shall include the following, if available:

- (i) Vessel registration number;
- (ii) Manufacturer, model, and year;
- (iii) North Carolina title number (if applicable);
- (iv) Hull identification number;
- (v) A description of the reason of being sold or disposed of as an abandoned vessel;
- (vi) Type of disposition or location;
- (vii) Full name and address of the purchaser (if applicable); and
- (viii) Date of sale and sale price (if applicable).

Sec. 27-7. Liability.

The County nor any person may be held to answer in a civil or criminal action to any owner or other person legally entitled to the possession of an abandoned vessel for disposing of the vessel as provided for in this Article.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. Should any provision of this ordinance be declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of any competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any part thereof which is not specifically declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its adoption.

This the ____ day of _____, 2018.

Earl Pugh, Jr., Chairman
Hyde County Board of
Commissioners

Attest:

Lois Stotesberry, County Clerk
Hyde County Board of Commissioners

Lois Stotesberry

From: Bill Rich <brich@hydecourtync.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2018 6:01 PM
To: 'Tim Midgett'; thpahl@earthlinl.net; adtunnell@coastalnet.com
Cc: Lois Stotesberry; Earl Pugh
Subject: RE: Proposed Ocracoke Direlect Vessel Ordinance

Thanks Tim. I will include your letter in the record and agenda for our April 2nd meeting.

Bill

Subject: Proposed Ocracoke Direlect Vessel Ordinance

My wife and I own two homes and a pier along the SW corner of Silver Lake in Ocracoke. Both homes are resort vacation rental cottages, significant income producers that pay the substantial county taxes, and add to the county coffers in occupancy taxes, etc. We want go on record in support of the proposed ordinance for the following reasons.

We have observed for years the rampant use of Silver Lake as an unregulated anchorage for vessels of all types. While most of these vessels are well-kept and routinely used, there are those that are simply a roof over one's head or even worse are apparently abandoned. In particular, there is a gutted remnant of a sailboat that has been moored just off the east end of our pier for a couple of years now. That vessel appears unlivable; as it has been stripped to the point where it could be nothing other than a roof over one's head. The vessel has no electric, water, nor other means to treat or dispose of waste. One can only assume the human waste goes overboard IF anyone ever stays on the boat. Some of these very vessels became floating destroyers as they were blown about in Hurricane Matthew and similar weather events. Look no further than the dock next to mine that was destroyed in Matthew; to some degree as a result of the subject vessel being tossed in the winds and damaging the structure.

Furthermore, that vessel effectively blocks ready access to my docks and has been a hazard to navigation while situated in open, navigable waters. Other than the obvious nuisance and eyesore, the very presence of such a vessel creates a sense of concern for our rent-paying guests. They are rightfully concerned for their respective safety and welfare. This is not the face that Ocracoke needs to put forward; nor does it contribute in a positive, responsible way to the community, the county, nor the state. Simply put, vessels such as these are a way to circumvent regulations, occupancy taxes, ad valorem taxes, and are a burden to the area.

Believe me, we are both involved in tourism-related businesses and truly appreciate our visitors that sustain the industry around here. Absent tourism, these island folks would struggle mightily for financial survival. Our guests are essentially our livelihood!

We thank you for your consideration and assistance in this matter.



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State, county lack protocols for dealing with abandoned vessels



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Looking out on the pristine waters of the Pamlico River, few things can detract from the area's natural beauty like a sunken boat. On the waterfront in Washington, the problem of abandoned and derelict vessels is readily apparent.

Each day, visitors to the Washington waterfront docks and Havens Gardens see sunken and neglected vessels on the river. As it stands, no individual, organization or government agency is responsible for removing ADVs.

According to Washington waterfront docks Dockmaster Rick Brass, these vessels each pose hazards to other boats, the environment and the scenic nature of the Pamlico River.

"Abandoned and derelicts have been a concern for a while," Brass said. "People bring their boats down here and just park them. We get a disproportionate number of boats that have been neglected. If they are neglected for period of time, they become derelict, and they become a hazard to other boaters and to the people who have slips along the river."

In some cases, boats that have been anchored on the south side of Castle Island have been there for months, if not years, due to the simple fact that anchoring on the river is free. Brass says these boats can drag anchor and threaten both boats in navigation and those in slips. On some occasions, he has seen them collide with the railroad trestle and the N.C. Highway 17 bridge.

With a recent nor'easter draining the Pamlico to its lowest levels since 1989, Brass says that the issue has been exacerbated, with some boats not coming back up after resting on the bottom of the river.

Brass says that the Washington Waterfront Advisory Committee, on which he and Washington Director of Planning and Development John Rodman both serve, is currently discussing any possible actions the City of Washington could take to address the issue.

"A logical first step is to do something about putting in some anchoring restrictions," Brass said.

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

For those interested in the overall health of the Tar-Pamlico river, the issue of ADVs presents a variety of challenges. From fuel spills to debris shed during storms, sunken vessels can present a host of environmental challenges. Sound Rivers, the organization that works to guard the health of the Tar-Pamlico and the Neuse rivers encounters such vessels on a regular basis in the course of its work.

"It's a frequent issue and North Carolina doesn't seem to have a way to address it," Pamlico-Tar Riverkeeper Forrest English said. "The Coast Guard may look at it if it's impeding navigation and the Army Corps of Engineers might look at it if it's impeding navigation."

English added that Sound Rivers would be willing to work towards a solution with any state agencies, organizations or local government entities interested in addressing the problem.

COUNTIES EMPOWERED BY STATE

In terms of preventing the abandonment of vessels, the N.C. General Assembly has granted that power to the counties. According to state statute, a county may, "by ordinance prohibit the abandonment of vessels in navigable waters within the county's ordinance-making jurisdiction."

Under the definitions in this section, an abandoned vessel is one which has been moored, anchored or otherwise located for more than 30 consecutive days in any 180-day period without permission of the dock owner, or a vessel that is in danger of sinking, has sunk, is resting on the bottom or is located such that it is a hazard to navigation or is an immediate danger to other vessels.

According to Beaufort County Manager Brian Allgood, there is currently no such ordinance on file for Beaufort County. At least three other coastal counties, including Dare, New Hanover and Brunswick counties have adopted ordinances to address the issue.

In Brunswick County, the most thorough of the three, an extensive ordinance lays out the definition of ADVs and a strict set of regulations to prevent vessels in that county's waters from becoming abandoned or derelict. The ordinance empowers the county sheriff's office to remove the vessel, place a lien on it and charge the owner for all costs associated with the removal. In the most extreme cases, boat owners can be charged with a class three misdemeanor and face combined criminal and civil penalties up to \$200 per day.

While North Carolina legislation grants counties these powers, there is currently no state-wide abandoned and derelict vessel program, state-funded or otherwise. According to the NOAA Office of Response and Restoration, of the 14 states that form the Eastern Seaboard, Florida, South Carolina, Virginia, Maryland and Rhode Island each have state-wide programs for the removal of abandoned vessels. Of these programs, only three receive funding from their respective states.



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SUNK: This powerboat has been underwater at Havens Gardens since a nor'easter left it sitting aground earlier in March. (Matt Debnam/Daily News)

STATE AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

According to North Carolina's littering laws governing the state's navigable waters, it is illegal for any person, firm or corporation to leave a "scrapped vehicle or equipment" in any navigable waters of the state.

However, according to information provided by N.C. Division of Coastal Management Public Information officer Sarah Young, these laws do not apply to ADVs. Young went on to say that the only time the DCM would have a role in the removal of an ADV is if the vessel meets three criteria: It must be located in one of the 20 designated coastal counties, within an area of environmental concern and if it interferes in proposed activity or work (e.g., excavation, dredging, filling or alteration of coastal wetlands).

"DCM is not aware of any regulatory efforts in the works regarding derelict vessels at this time," Young concluded.

According to North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Area Sargent Billy Cain III, the decision to prosecute vessel owners for littering would be at the discretion of the local District Attorney. Cain says he has spoken with local officials previously about the issue, and that currently there is no mechanism in place to remove such vessels.

“We try not to handle them,” Cain said. “Because once we do, they become our responsibility.”

UP FOR GRABS

To become owner of one of the Pamlico’s ADVs, all it takes is up to \$155 in fees and extensive dealings with NCRWC. The NCRWC makes the rules regarding the procedures for taking ownership of abandoned vessels.

According to these guidelines, a person can become the registered and titled owner of an abandoned vessel by:

- Submitting a vessel owner information request form to the NCWRC to obtain the contact information for the last registered owner.
- Prove he/she has made all effort to contact the last registered owner.
- Send a certified letter, with return receipt requested, to the last registered owner.
- Provide the WRC with a written police report stating that the vessel has not been reported missing or stolen.
- Send a notarized statement to the WRC summarizing when and where the vessel was found, attempts to contact the owner, evidence the vessel is abandoned and statements from any other person knowledgeable of the vessel’s history.
- Complete a VL-1 form to request registration and title.

In most cases, however, the cost and effort involved in claiming a vessel, especially one that has sunk, far outweigh the potential benefits. According to Brass, raising and towing a sunken vessel can cost thousands of dollars and returns on scraping an ADV will generally only net hundreds.

With no state-wide program, no state funding and no organization or agencies currently championing the cause of vessel removal, the responsibility for regulating or removing ADVs in North Carolina currently falls at the feet of local governments or private citizens.

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