REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HYDE COUNTY

Monday, April 3, 2017 at 6:00p.m.

After opening prayer by Commissioner Tunnell and Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Earl Pugh, Jr. called the Regular Meeting of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners to order on Monday, March 6, 2017, in the Hyde County Government Center, Multi-Use Room, and the Ocracoke Community Center using electronic conferencing equipment.

The following members were present on the mainland: Chairman Earl Pugh, Jr., Vice-chairman Barry Swindell, Commissioner Ben Simmons, Tom Pahl and Dick Tunnell; County Manager Bill Rich; Assistant County Manager Kris Cahoon-Noble; Attorney Fred Holscher, Clerk to the Board Lois Stotesberry; and, members of the public.

Public Information Officer Teresa Adams, IT Director Donnie Shumate and members of the public were present on Ocracoke.

AGENDA:
Commissioner Tunnell moved to approve the April 3, 2017 Hyde County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Agenda as presented by the Clerk with addition of Items of Consideration No. 9. Amendment to Hyde County Contract to Audit. Mr. Swindell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Pugh, Simmons, Tunnell and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:
Commissioner Pahl moved to approve the March 6, 2017 Hyde County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes as presented by the Clerk. Mr. Tunnell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Simmons, Tunnell and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

PRESENTATIONS:

Update – BCCC Classes at The Hyde Davis Center
Dr. Barbara Tansey, President of Beaufort County Community College and Stacey Gerard, Vice-President of Continuing Education presented update on BCCC classes and activities at the Hyde Davis Center in Engelhard, NC. Dr. Tansey introduced Hyde Workforce & Continuing Education Coordinator Georgia Ballance who was hired December 7, 2016.

Dr. Tansey reported BCCC began serving Hyde County on July 1, 1985 and presented statistics to date:

- **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** for Hyde County Davis Center (HCDC) on September 15, 2016.
- **Community Focus Group** Meeting held at HCDC on February 22, 2017 at 5:30pm with 14 attendees.
- Received approval from NC Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) on February 27, 2017 for the **HCDC Nurse Aide Lab.**
- **Started hybrid EMT-Initial Certification Class** serving students on mainland and Ocracoke on January 28, 2017.
- **Utilized BCCC Mobile Simulator Ambulance** for training in Hyde County on four different occasions.
- **Course offerings** include Law Enforcement in-service, CPR/First Aid, Android Workshop, iPhone/iPad Workshop, EMS Continuing Education, Certified Emergency Vehicle Operator, Introduction to Windows 10, Aerial Introduction (Fire), Emergency Vehicle Driving, Mayday, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Hazmat Training, Pumps Training, Water Shuttle Operations and Water Supplies.
- **Ran six (6) Small Business Center classes** at HCDC, Mattie Arts Center, Magic Bean Coffee Shop and Ocracoke Community Center in partnership with Open Source Ocracoke.
- **Since 01/01/2016 the College has served** 178 curriculum students in 157 different courses. The College has served 850 continuing education students in 74 different courses.

Dr. Tansey also presented goals moving forward:

- **Accept** payments at HCDC using iPad and Square credit card reader/
- **Establish** College for Kids program.
- **Expand** Workforce Program course offerings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Peter Vankevich, Ocracoke – reported the Volunteer Fire Department has new members due to BCCC Continuing Education taught by Bryan Lilly of Washington.

Ken Eachem, Ocracoke – approved seminars on business.

Justin Gibbs, ES Director – commended BCCC and thanked Stacey Gerard for local EMT courses and volunteer firefighter training.

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

ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION:

Resolution Supporting The Hyde County Board of Education's Resolution Against House Bill 265
Bill Rich, County Manager, presented an approved resolution from the Hyde County Board of Education opposing House Bill 265. HB265 calls for the partisan election of Board of Education members in Hyde, Beaufort, Dare, Haywood, Madison and Yancey counties. Mr. Rich confirmed Hyde County supports the Board of Education's position on HB265 and requested the Hyde County Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution supporting the Board of Education's resolution.

Commissioner Pahl moved to adopt "Resolution In Opposition To Partisan Elections for The Hyde County Board Of Education" and to provide our local legislators with a copy of this Resolution. Mr. Tunnell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Clerk's Note: A copy of "Resolution In Opposition To Partisan Elections for The Hyde County Board Of Education" is attached herewith as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

Appointment to ODO Board of Adjustment
Commissioner Tom Pahl recommended the Ocracoke Development Ordinance (ODO) Board of Adjustment (BOA) remove Daniel Wrobleski (per rules of procedure of the (ODO-BOA)) from the Board of Adjustment and appoint B. J. Oelschlegel to complete his unexpired term.

Commissioner Pahl moved to remove Daniel Wrobleski from the Ocracoke Development Ordinance Board of Adjustments. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Commissioner Pahl moved to appoint B. J. Oelschlegel to complete the unexpired term of Daniel Wrobleski (expires 07-05-2017) on the ODO Board of Adjustments. Mr. Swindell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Re-appointment to ODO Planning Advisory Board
Commissioner Pahl recommended the Ocracoke Development Ordinance (ODO) Planning Advisory Board (PAB) re-appoint Ashley Harrell and Corky Pentz to serve a three year term each.

Commissioner Pahl moved to re-appoint Ashley Harrell and Archie (Corkey) Pentz to serve a three year term each on the ODO Planning Advisory Board (expires 04-2017). Mr. Swindell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Re-appointment to Hyde County Health Board
Luana C. Gibbs, Interim Health Director, reported that at the quarterly meeting held on March 21, 2017 the Hyde County Board of Health recommended re-appointment of Ken Collier to his third term in office.

Commissioner Swindell moved to re-appoint Ken Collier to serve his third term on the Hyde County Board of Health. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Mainland Occupancy Tax Board
Bill Rich, County Manager, discussed correspondence received concerning The Greater Hyde County Chamber of Commerce request for funding from the Hyde County Mainland Occupancy Tax Board.

Commissioner Tunnell moved to approve funding $10,000.00 (in increments) to The Greater Hyde County Chamber of Commerce from the Mainland Occupancy Tax Board. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Amendment to Hyde County 2016 Audit Contract

Commissioner Swindell moved to approve the **Amendment to Contract to Audit Accounts** between Hyde County and Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co., P.A. Mr. Tunnell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Budget Transfers:

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

Sheriff

a) Auxilliary Deputy	$ 2,000.00
b) Auto Maintenance	$ 5,000.00

Health

a) BR48-17 – Maternal Health – Contract Interpreter	$ 200.00
b) BR49-17 – Communicable Disease – Postage	$ 125.00
c) BR50-17 – General – Contract Patagonia	$ 1,995.00
d) BR51-17 – Adult Health – Medical Supplies	$ 700.00
e) BR52-17 – Correction to Heneral Health Capital Outlay – Reversal of BR17-17	$ 872.38
f) BR53-17 – Adult Health – New Contract Provider	$ 6,350.40

Soil & Water

a) Public Education	$ 1,000.00

Administration

a) Swan Quarter	$10,000.00
b) West Quarter	$20,000.00

Commissioner Swindell moved to approve the Sheriff Department, Health Department, Soil & Water Department and Administration budget transfers as presented. Mr. Pahl seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Management Reports:

Commissioner Tom Pahl – attended meetings on the passenger ferry/tram project with the community group, National Park Service and Ocracoke Occupancy Tax Board; attended Variance Board, Planning Board, Ocracoke Civic & Business Assoc,. Ferry meeting, Outer Banks Community Foundation and flood map meetings.

Commissioner Ben Simmons – no report.

Commissioner Barry Swindell – attended the Health Board meeting and reported Luana Gibbs, Interim Health Director is doing a good job; is working on the budget process and attended the flood meeting.

Chairman Earl Pugh, Jr. – attended the tram meeting on Ocracoke; Albemarle Commission meeting in Hertford; flood maps public meeting at the Government Center; and the new 911 Center Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in Manteo. He commended Justin Gibbs, ES Director, on his work on the 911 Center project.

Commissioner Dick Tunnell – attended a property meeting with Clint Berry and Bill Rich; and, the S&W District meeting where Nitrogen release into the Tar/Pamlico Rivers was discussed.

County Manager Bill Rich – met with Mike Adams, Clint Berry and an Engineer to assess the Hyde Davis Center gymnasium roof. Mr. Rich will meet with Mike Adams, Thomas Midgett and Willie Shaw to continue discussion on options to repair the Davis Building. He reported closing the second Revolving Loan to Devil's Shoal Oyster Company ($15,000.00) and reported Republic Services owes Hyde County $65,000.00 reimbursement to correct a billing error.

Assistant County Manager/Planner Kris Cahoon Noble – reported she is working on a budget for the Recreation Program and CDBG Infrastructure Grant for installation of sewer system at Hacienda Heights in Engelhard. She plans to attend the 4-H Livestock Show on April 26 and the 2017 NC Legislative Day on April 5 – 7, 2017 in Raleigh, NC.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Thomas Midgette, Engelhard – asks that the Davis Youth Center not be scrapped. Mr. Midgette suggested the County update its phone system so citizens can reach County offices/staff.

HYDE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR THE HYDE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the tradition in Hyde County has been to hold non-partisan elections for seats on the Hyde County Board of Education ("Board"); and

WHEREAS, this non-partisan tradition has fostered a climate of mutual respect and cooperation among all Board members, who have put partisanship aside and made their number one priority the education of our children; and

WHEREAS, the tradition of non-partisan school board elections in Hyde County has worked very well and should not be altered without a compelling justification; and

WHEREAS, under House Bill 265, members of the Hyde County Board of Education and five other North Carolina school boards would be elected on a partisan basis beginning in 2018; and

WHEREAS, under Senate Bill 94, county boards of education statewide would be elected on a partisan basis beginning in 2018; and

WHEREAS, introducing partisanship into Hyde County Board of Education elections could adversely affect what has been a successful and collaborative working arrangement among Board members;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Hyde County Board of Commissioners formally expresses its opposition to partisan elections for the Hyde County Board of Education.

2. That the Chairman of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners provide our local legislators with a copy of this Resolution.

3. That the Hyde County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests that the Hyde County Board of Education be removed from House Bill 265.

Adopted by the Hyde County Board of Commissioners the 3rd day of April, 2017, by vote of five (for) and zero (against).

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

ATTEST:

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