

**Minutes**

**Hyde County Board of Commissioners  
Special Meeting**

**April 1, 2008**

Chairman Charles Spencer called a Special joint meeting of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners and the Hyde County Board of Education to order at 4:05 PM on Tuesday, April 1, 2008 in the Information Highway Rooms of Mattamuskeet and Ocracoke schools. The following members of the Board of Commissioners were present: Alice Armstrong; Gene Ballance, Tom Davis, Charles Ray Spencer, and Barry Swindell. Also present was Interim County Manager Carl Classen, School Superintendent Greg Todd, and members of the public.

Board of Education Chairman Thomas Whitaker led a pledge of allegiance.

Chairman Spencer and Board of Education Chairman Whitaker each thanked everyone for attending the meeting and expressed hope for continuing cooperation. They stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss school facilities.

School Superintendent Gregg Todd presented an overview of the facilities planning work done by the Board of Education. He reviewed a list of short term needs and long term needs. Short term needs totaled \$14 million and long term needs totaled \$10 million. Mr. Todd also spoke of how several of the facilities could be used jointly by the Board of Education and the County Commissioners, such as a joint fuel and vehicle maintenance facility and a county recreation program. Mr. Classen reviewed financing options, including discussions with the association of county commissioners. He spoke about alternative financing, such as grants a sewer line extension and recreation facilities, plus he mentioned several debt types and the impact on property taxes at various debt levels.

Commissioners and Board of Education members asked numerous questions of the School Superintendent and the Interim County Manager and they conducted a lengthy discussion on all the issues raised. They focused on alternative building scenarios at both Mattamuskeet and Ocracoke schools along with alternative financing and various ways to jointly use facilities. They discussed the possibility of another State school bond and the need to consult with Senator Basnight and Representative Spear.

Hearing no objection, Mr. Classen was directed to work with Mr. Todd to schedule a follow-up joint meeting in April that would include a tour of the Mattamuskeet School facilities and further discussion on the short and long-term school facilities needs.

Hearing no further discussion, Chairman Spencer adjourned the meeting at 5:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

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Carl Classen, Interim County Manager

Minutes approved on \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 2008.

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Charles Spencer, Chairman,  
Hyde County Board of Commissioners