

Hyde County Board of Commissioners' Meeting
April 3, 2006
Minutes

The Hyde County Board of Commissioners held its regular meeting on Monday, April 3, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the Mattamuskeet School Cafeteria

Board Members present were:

Bea Emmert, Chair	Charles Spencer	Alice Armstrong
Jane Hodges, Vice-chair	Nathan Sears	

Staff members present were:

Kevin Howard, County Manager
Sid Hassell, County Attorney
Connie Burlison, Clerk to the Board

Media present were:

Doug Gibbs, The Washington Daily News

Chair Emmert called the meeting to order, led with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion made by Charles Spencer, seconded by Nathan Sears, with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the agenda as amended. Approval of the Ocracoke EMS Vehicle Contract was removed.

Public Comments

The meeting was opened to receive public comments. Comments were received on the following topic:

Geraldine Lucas – Stated the decisions the Board has made concerning Liquor by the Drink and the location of the new courthouse shows they are not representing the citizens of Hyde County and the Board should be accountable to the citizens.

Barbara Gibbs – Request answer from Charles Spencer concerning stopping the courthouse project

Charles Spencer – stated he could not support the request to stop the courthouse project largely due to cost. He does not feel it would be beneficial to stop the project. It would be putting the County in a financial bind.

Frank Swindell – request costs to stop contracts

Charles Spencer – 2.5 Million dollars to stop project. Mr. Spencer stated he has enjoyed attending the meeting but would like to discuss other issues.

Bobby Mayo – The Board knew before signing the contracts there were issues concerning the courthouse location.

Jane Gibbs – Against location of new courthouse, feels citizens should have decided issue, need newsletter to update citizens on issues in county.

Frank Swindell – 900 signatures on petition and petition was not acknowledged.

Wayne Hodges – stated he knew FEMA has recommended against construction of courthouse in same location. Requested cost of insurance on new facility

A.S. Lumsden – Where are funds coming from for project? Will new furniture be purchased?

Janet Russ – Request minutes be read prior to approval

A.S. Lumsden – stated minutes need more details

Janet Russ – asked if minutes were available in brail and if county was exempt to Americans Disability Act.

Approval of Minutes March 20, 2006

Upon motion made by Charles Spencer, seconded by Alice Armstrong, with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the March 6, 2006 minutes as submitted.

Public Hearing – Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) Grant for 2006/07

Beverly Paul gave an overview of the grant and requested approval of the certified statement from the Board.

Upon motion made by Charles Spencer, seconded by Jane Hodges, with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board opened the Public Hearing at 7:30 PM to receive comments on the ROAP Grant application.

Public comments: Hyde Transit very helpful to citizens of county
Charges and if same for all citizens

Upon motion made by Charles Spencer, seconded by Jane Hodges, with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board closed the Public Hearing at 7:40 PM.

Upon motion made by Jane Hodges, seconded by Nathan Sears with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved Bea Emmert, Chair to signing the ROAP Grant Application Certified Statement.

Jacob Crandall, NRCS – Swan Quarter Watershed Project

Mr. Crandall updated the Board on the Swan Quarter Watershed Project and total funds available at \$3,147,306.67.

Contract Officer and Alternate Contract Officer

Upon motion made by Bea Emmert, seconded by Charles Spencer, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board appointed Billy Williams Contract Officer and Kevin Howard Alternate Contract Officer for the Swan Quarter Watershed Project. The motion carried with a vote of 4 to 0. Jane Hodges abstained.

Swan Quarter Watershed Project Agreement Amendment #6

Upon motion made by Bea Emmert, seconded by Charles Spencer, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the Swan Quarter Watershed Project Agreement Amendment #6. Motion carried with a vote of 4 to 0. Jane Hodges abstained.

Operation and Maintenance Agreement

Upon motion made by Charles Spencer, seconded by Bea Emmert, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the Operation and Maintenance Agreement as submitted. Motion carried with a vote of 4 to 0. Jane Hodges abstained from voting.

Easements --Assurance Relating to Real Property

Upon motion made by Charles Spencer, seconded by Bea Emmert, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved signing the Assurances Relating to Real Property pertaining to the Swan Quarter Watershed Project. Motion carried with a vote of 4 to 0. Jane Hodges abstained from voting.

Budget Revisions and Transfers

Upon motion made by Jane Hodges, seconded by Charles Spencer, with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the following budget transfers and revision:

Transfers:

(FO USE)	LINE ITEM	ACCOUNT NAME /	DEBIT	CREDIT
IDT #	DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT #	EXPLANATION	
24	SOIL & WATER	106060.1500	MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$ 200.00
		106060.1101	CELL PHONE	\$ 200.00
			TO COVER ADDITIONAL CHARGES DUE DISTR CONSV BEING HIRED - DARE CO HAS SINCE PICKED UP COST	
25	SOCIAL SERVICES	106140.0044	200 % OF POVERTY	\$2,500.00
		106100.1401	TRAVEL-JOBS	\$2,500.00
			TO COVER MORE CLIENTS ELIGIBLE FOR 200% OF POVERTY	
26	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	105250.1100	PHONE & DATA	\$ 200.00
		105250.1400	TRAVEL	\$ 400.00
		105250.1500	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$ 500.00
		105250.3100	GAS, TIRES, OIL	\$ 100.00
		105250.3300	SUPPLIES	\$ 500.00
		105250.7400	EQUIPMENT	\$ 500.00
			TO COVER ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES VARIOUS LINES	
	Health	50.5800.4513	Contract – Occupational Therapist	1,200
		50.5800.4511	Contract – Biomedical Waste Disposal	1,200

Revision:

(FO USE)	LINE ITEM	ACCOUNT NAME /	DEBIT	CREDIT
BR #	DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT #	EXPLANATION	
	Health	10.5910.4500	Contract – PME Operators	\$20,000
		10.3480.0035	Public Management Entity Fees	\$20,000

Beverly Paul – Mattamuskeet Senior Center

Ms. Paul made a request on behalf of the Mattamuskeet Senior Center Board that the Board of Commissioners consider making the Senior Center a Department within local government. Jane Hodges made a motion for the County to make the Senior Center a local government department after review by the County Attorney. Nathan Sears seconded the motion. Jane Hodges rescinded her original motion. The issue will be discussed at the next Board meeting on April 17, 2006.

Tom Murphy, Lynn Bryan & John McCord, UNC Coastal Studies Institute

Representatives from the UNC Coastal Studies Institute made a presentation to the Board and requested support from the Board. Currently a study of mud is being conducted on Lake Mattamuskeet.

H.E. Whitchar, Jr. – South Oak Subdivision Preliminary Plat Approval

Upon motion made by Jane Hodges, seconded by Bea Emmert with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the South Oak Subdivision Preliminary Plat as submitted.

Hank Rogers, Greenville Timberline, LLC – Revision to The Preserve Phase I Final Plat

Upon motion made by Jane Hodges, seconded by Nathan Sears with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the Revision to The Preserve Phase I Final Plat as submitted.

Alice Keeney, County Planner

Ms. Keeney presented her monthly report.

Highlights as follows:

- Rose Acres – Monitoring Progress
- Alligator River Recycling – Monitoring Progress
- Swan Quarter Service Group – Grant Application due April 28, 2006
- Hyde County awarded STEP Demonstration Grant
- 21st Centuries Community Project
- Land Use Plan Update

Tony Spencer, EM Coordinator

Mr. Spencer presented several items to the Board.

1. **Macon Smithwick Subdivision** -- Upon motion made by Nathan Sears, seconded by Jane Hodges, with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the Macon Smithwick Subdivision contingent upon approval from Steve Trowell, CAMA.
2. **Waiver of Building Permit Fees Ponzer Volunteer Fire Department** – Upon motion made by Nathan Sears, seconded by Jane Hodges with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board waived the permit fees for Ponzer Volunteer Fire Department.
3. **Ocracoke 4X4 EMS Vehicle** – Upon motion made by Charles Spencer, seconded by Jane Hodges with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved adding the Ocracoke 4X4 EMS Vehicle to the County Insurance Policy until the Lease Agreement with the Ocracoke Health Center is executed.

Charles Spencer – Hyde County ABC Store

Upon motion made by Bea Emmert, seconded by Charles Spencer with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board appointed Kevin Howard, Charles Spencer and Jane Hodges to serve on a committee to research the status of the Hyde County ABC Store along with the members of the ABC Board.

Manager’s Business

Mr. Howard presented several issues to the Board.

1. **Designation of Agents for Grant #1490-DR-NC** – Upon motion made by Jane Hodges, seconded by Charles Spencer with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board appointed Kevin Howard Primary Agent and Connie Burleson Secondary Agent for Grant #1491-DR-NC.
2. **Joint Jail Facility Tyrrell County** – Upon motion made by Jane Hodges, seconded by Charles Spencer with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved Kevin Howard researching a joint effort with Tyrrell County for jail facilities.
3. **E911 Communications** – Will present at May 1, 2006 Board meeting.
4. **Ocracoke School Addition Funding** – Upon motion made by Charles Spencer, seconded by Nathan Sears with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved a budget revision of \$338,000 for the Ocracoke School Addition from General Fund Balance to be disbursed only after the Board of Education expends all other available funds.

Informational Items

- Minutes Hyde County JCPC January 19, 2006 Meeting
- Letter from NC Wildlife Resources Commission Re: Beaver Management Assistance Program
- Minutes Safety Committee Meeting/Safety Program
- 2006 District Meetings Schedule
- Resolution Opposing the Inclusion of National Forest Land Within the Boundaries of Buncombe county in the Secure Rural Schools Land Sales Initiative
- Resolution Child Protection Amendment
- Resolution Supporting State Assumption of county Share of Medicaid
- Notice of Board’s Intention to Authorize Exchange Of Real Estate
- Resolution Authorizing Exchange of Property
- Tax Department March 06 Tax Report

Adjournment

Upon motion made by Charles Spencer, seconded by Nathan Sears with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:04PM.

_____ Clerk _____ Chairman
Hyde County Board of Commissioners