

Meeting MinutesBoard of County Commissioners
Hyde County

Monday, April 7, 2014

FY2014 Board of Equalization and Review

Linda Basnight, Tax Administrator, conducted the Board of Equalization and Review (E&R) meeting beginning at 4:00pm and ending at 6:00pm on Monday, April 7, 2014. Commissioners Swindell, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Fletcher; County Manager Bill Rich, Attorney Fred Holscher and Clerk to the Board Lois Stotesberry attended the meeting on the mainland and PIO Sarah Johnson attended on Ocracoke. Minutes of the Meeting were transcribed by Linda Basnight, Tax Administrator, and are available in the Hyde County Tax Office upon request. The next and final Board of Equalization and Review meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 21, 2014 beginning at 6:00pm in the Hyde County Government Center, Multi-Use Room, and the Ocracoke School Commons Room using electronic conferencing equipment.

Commissioners Meeting

Following the Joint Meeting of the Hyde County Board of Education and Board of Commissioners at 3:00pm and the Board of Equalization and Review Meeting at 4:00pm, Chairman Barry Swindell called the Regular Meeting of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners to order at 6:00pm on Monday, April 7, 2014, in the Hyde County Government Center, Multi-Use Room, and the Ocracoke School Commons Room using electronic conferencing equipment.

The following members were present on the mainland: Commissioners Earl Pugh, Jr., Dick Tunnell, Benjamin Simmons, III, John Fletcher and Barry Swindell; Attorney Fred Holscher; County Manager Bill Rich; Clerk to the Board Lois Stotesberry; and, members of the public.

The following members were present on Ocracoke: Public Information Officer Sarah Johnson and members of the public.

Following opening prayer, pledge of allegiance and "Amazing Grace" sung by Desiree Richter, the meeting was called to order.

Agenda:

Chairman Swindell asked for any changes to the April 7, 2014 amended meeting Agenda.

Commissioner Pugh moved to approve the amended agenda as presented by the Clerk with addition of Item of Consideration No. 2. c. Appointment – Ocracoke Planning Board. Mr. Tunnell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Fletcher, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Consideration of Minutes:

Commissioner Fletcher moved to approve the March 10, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners as presented by the Clerk with corrections made on page 7 – line 24 – Commissioner Pugh Swindell moved to approve; page 9 – line 26 & 27 – meeting on Monday, March April 7, 2014, beginning at 4:00pm and ending at 6:00pm, and its last Board of Equalization and Review meeting on Monday, March April 21, 2014; and, page 12 – line 7 – Tunnell announced Commissioner Dawson Pugh is the new Blacklands Farms Chairman. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Fletcher, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Employee Recognition:

Manager Rich complimented Delia Mooney, EMT-B, for her dedicated service to Hyde County. Delia spun the Wheel of Thanks and won a \$25.00 Gift Certificate from Swan Quarter Supply.

Presentations:**NPS Lifeguard Services On Ocracoke Island – 5 Days/\$10,000 Plan**

Catherine F. Jordan, Director of Outreach, Betty Jo Shephard, Congressional Staffer, and Lee Slade, Constituent Services Representative, attended the meeting on behalf of Representative Walter B. Jones' Office, Senator Richard Burr's Office and Senator Kay Hagan's Office respectively. Chairman Swindell thanked the representatives for their interest in Hyde County.

Manager Rich reported that Cape Hatteras National Seashore Superintendent Barclay Trimble has budgeted \$85,000 to cover Lifeguard Services five (5) days/week at three beach locations: Ocracoke, Buxton and Coquina Beach running from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The park service plans to contract five days per week with Mirek Dabrowski of Surf Rescue Service. Mr. Dabrowski is a former NPS and Nags Head lifeguard. Surf Rescue Service currently provides lifeguard services in Duck, Southern Shores and the Swimming Hole on Roanoke Island.

According to Superintendent Trimble, Hyde County will be responsible for providing lifeguard services on Ocracoke the other two (2) days/week at a cost of approximately \$10,000 for the season. At the last Ocracoke Civic and Business Association (OCBA) meeting Superintendent Trimble suggested OCBA fund the lifeguards.

Transformation Zone Implementation

Lori Gibbs, Hyde County Implementation Coach, reported that the Transformation Zone is an initiative of the Race to the Top's Early Learning Challenge Grant. The goal is to see that every child in the four Transformation Zone counties (Beaufort, Bertie, Chowan and Hyde) starts school ready to face the challenges of the curriculum and to succeed in school and in life. It prepares our children for success by approaching the outcome from different directions—improving the quality of childcare, increasing parental supports and helping families make books ever-present in the home. Ms. Gibbs presented strategies and explained efforts to implement the Transformation Zone in Hyde County.

Proclamations**Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Lisa Woolard, Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children asked the Commissioners to proclaim April, 2014 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" and called upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, other elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in Hyde County.

Commissioner Fletcher moved to proclaim "Child Abuse Prevention Month – April 2014". Mr. Pugh seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Fletcher, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Clerk's Note: A copy of "Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month – April 2014" is attached herewith as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

Week of The Young Child

Lisa Woolard, Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children asked the Commissioners to proclaim April 6 – 12, 2014 as "Week of The Young Child" in Hyde County, NC and to encourage all citizens to work to make a good investment in early childhood.

Commissioner Tunnell moved to proclaim "Week of The Young Child – April 6 – 12, 2014". Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Fletcher, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Clerk's Note: A copy of "Proclamation – Week of The Young Child – April 6 – 12, 2014" is attached herewith as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference.

Public Comments:

Chairman Swindell called for comments from the public.

Mainland Hyde County residents Eunice Williams, Scranton; Janet Russ, Fairfield; Mike Adams and Robert Gibbs, Jr., Engelhard spoke of Pungo District Hospital (PDH) Emergency Room visits that saved many county residents lives. They stated that PDH is a vital part of Hyde County communities and asked that the Board of Commissioners support efforts being made to save the Hospital.

Ocracoke residents Bob Chestnut, Connie Leinbach, Jim Boreland, Leslie Lanier, Lida Jones, Mickey Baker, Sundae Horne, (unidentified woman) and Darlene Styron oppose the National Park Service's (NPS) plan to discontinue lifeguard services on Ocracoke Island and the NPS proposed 5-days/\$10,000 plan. They discussed concern for swimmers safety and the economic impact that having no lifeguard on the beach would have on their businesses.

At a recent Ocracoke Civic and Business Association (OCBA) Meeting funding needed for lifeguard services on Ocracoke beaches was discussed. The NPS has budgeted \$85,000.00 which will cover five days/week of lifeguard services running from Memorial Day, May 24th to Labor Day, September 1st. The NPS suggests Hyde County fund the approximately \$10,000.00 needed to pay for lifeguard services on the other two days of the week. The Ocracoke Occupancy Tax Board will consider funding the \$10,000.00 if the Board of Commissioners and citizens agree.

Chairman Swindell asked that representatives Jordan, Shepheard and Slade work on the lifeguard issue when they return to Raleigh.

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

Items of Consideration:

Resolutions:

Resolution In Support of National Park Service To Create A Daily Rate For Beach Passes And Provide Better Access To Beaches On Ocracoke

Commissioner Fletcher reported the National Park Service (NPS) owns 100% of the ocean front in Hyde County and 80% of sound front on Ocracoke Island. Over the past several years NPS has implemented rules and regulations which negatively impact the tourist business on the island and tourist friendly access to the beaches of vehicles and persons. Mr. Fletcher asks the NPS to create inexpensive rates for beach passes and provide better access to beaches on Ocracoke.

Commissioner Fletcher moved to adopt "Resolution In Support Of National Park Service To Create A Daily Rate For Beach Passes And Provide Better Access To Beaches On Ocracoke". Mr. Tunnell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Fletcher, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Clerk's Note: A copy of "Resolution In Support Of National Park Service To Create A Daily Rate For Beach Passes And Provide Better Access To Beaches On Ocracoke" is attached herewith as Exhibit C and incorporated herein by reference.

Resolution In Support Of Pungo District Hospital

Belhaven Mayor Adam O'Neal presented the need for Pungo District Hospital (PDH). Mayor O'Neal made reference to thirteen (13) people injured by a tornado that hit Pantego and Ponzer earlier in the afternoon. Mr. O'Neal reported that Pungo lost \$1.8 million in 2012 and \$1 million in 2013. He

believes Pungo District Hospital can survive financially if it is run right. He stated closing the hospital would handicap the town of Belhaven and surrounding areas. Mayor O'Neal wants Hyde County to be a part of saving Pungo District Hospital.

Commissioner Simmons referenced a personal experience at Pungo that had a positive outcome and a relative's experience that did not. Mr. Simmons stated the hospital needs proper equipment to run as it should.

Commissioner Pugh moved to adopt "Resolution In Support Of Pungo District Hospital". Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Fletcher, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None

Clerk's Note: A copy of "Resolution In Support Of Pungo District Hospital" is attached herewith as Exhibit D and incorporated herein by reference.

Appointments:

Appointments – Hyde County Board of Health

Wesley Smith, Health Director, reported that at the quarterly meeting held on March 18, 2014 the Hyde County Board of Health recommended the appointment of the following individuals to their first (1st) three (3) year term of office on the Board of Health: (1) J. W. Spencer (replacing Kathy Spencer as "Public Member") and (2) Doreen Holloway (replacing Willie Shaw as "Public Member"). The first three year term of office for both of these Board members will expire in April of 2017.

Commissioner Pugh moved to appoint J. W. Spencer and Doreen Holloway to their first, three-year term on the Hyde County Board of Health, to expire in April of 2017. Mr. Swindell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Fletcher, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Appointment – Swan Quarter Dike Committee

Commissioner Tunnell requested Board approval allowing the Swan Quarter Dike Committee to nominate and appoint a Chairman and Secretary to serve on this Board.

Commissioner Tunnell moved to allow the Swan Quarter Dike Committee to nominate and appoint a Chairman and Secretary to serve on this Board. Mr. Pugh seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Fletcher, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Appointment – Ocracoke Planning Board

Commissioner Fletcher moved to appoint Benjamin ^{Hart}~~Arden~~ to serve on the Ocracoke Planning Board. Mr. Pugh seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Fletcher, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Request for Funding – Hyde County Hotline

Kathy Ballance, Director, Hyde County Hotline, presented update on the progress made by Hotline since its beginning in 2009. Ms. Ballance reported that Hotline currently employees ten (10) people. In FY12-13 Hotline served 121 victims of domestic abuse in person, answered 517 crisis calls, provided 423 shelter nights (includes 12 children under the age of 14 who accessed safe shelter with their mothers), served 40 victims of sexual victimization in person and answered 91 crisis calls.

Hotline raises approximately \$33,000 a year. Donations, the Hotline Thrift Store and its annual Winter Gala fundraiser generate these funds. The funds are used for grant match requirements. Most of the grants awarded to Hotline require a 20% match.

Ms. Ballance asked the County to support Hotline by including \$10,000 in its FY14-15 budget for grant match requirements. If funds are awarded to Hotline, they will be used toward North Carolina

Council for Women grants that specifically address domestic violence and sexual assault and the Governor's Crime Commission grant that also specifically addresses victims of crime.

ABC Board Financial Report

Meredith Nicholson, Chairman, Hyde County ABC Board, presented Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss reports as of February 28, 2014.

The ABC Board requests a County loan of \$10,000 to the ABC Board to cover payment of: 1) settlement of state retirement funds that had not been withheld from employees nor matched by the Board and remitted to the state, and 2) amount due to the Employment Security Commission for unemployment benefits paid to previous employees. Penalties and interest total approximately \$1,000.

Commissioner Tunnell moved to approve a loan in the amount of \$10,000 necessary to pay these two bills added to the current ABC Board loan balance of \$13,250 for a total of \$23,250 to be paid in full in ten years; and, if the ABC Board cannot negotiate penalties and interest accrued on these debts the issue will be turned over to County Attorney Fred Holscher to handle. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Fletcher, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

GovDeals – Surplus Items

Finance Officer Corrinne Gibbs requested approval to sell the listed surplus items on GovDeals.

- 4) HP95 tri-color ink cartridge for \$15.00 each
- 2) HP94 black twin pack & black/tri-color ink cartridge pack for \$20.00 each
- 1) HP78 tri-color ink cartridge for \$15.00
- 1) EPSON tri-color ink cartridge for \$22.00 each
- 5) HP94 black ink cartridge for \$10.00 each
- 1) HP 12C financial calculator for \$15.00
- 1) Ford New Holland Backhoe 555C A303124-ROTPS#455C555C655C for \$3,000.00
(This item is no longer in use in the Solid Waste Department)

Commissioner Fletcher moved to declare the listed items surplus and advertise them for sale on GovDeals. Mr. Pugh seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Fletcher, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

West Quarter/Swan Quarter Watershed Assessment

Daniel Brinn, Tar-Pamlico River Basin & NCACSP Tech, reported the assessment for the West Quarter SSD is based on proximity to the dike and is \$1.00, \$0.66 and \$0.33 per acre respectively. This assessment amount has remained unchanged since its adoption in August 1987 (Minute Docket Book 16, Page 268). The income from this assessment for 2012 was \$3907.30. The assessment for 2013 was \$3,950.56.

Mr. Brinn reported that on Friday, March 14, 2014, five members of the Swan Quarter Watershed Steering Committee met to discuss the current assessment rate for West/Quarter/Double & Bay. After some discussion, J. W. Spencer made a motion to make recommendation to the Commissioners to combine Tier 1 & 2 of the Assessment area and increase the rate to \$7.00 per acre and in Tier 3 increase the rate to \$3.00 per acre. Tony Carawan seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Commissioner Tunnell moved to combine Tier 1 and Tier 2 in the assessment area and increase the rate to \$7.00 per acre and increase the rate in Tier 3 to \$3.00 per acre. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Fletcher, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Hyde County EMS Treatment and Transport Billing Rate Adjustments

Justin Gibbs, Emergency Management Director, requested rate adjustments in EMS treatment and transport billing to align the locally assessed rates with those allowed by Medicaid and Medicare.

The adjusted rates are as follows:

HCPCS Code	Level of Service	Definition	Current Rate	Adjusted Rate*
A0429	Basic Life Support (BLS)	Basic Life Support (BLS) is transportation by ground ambulance vehicle and the provision of medically necessary supplies and services, including BLS ambulance services as defined by the State. The ambulance must be staffed by an individual who is qualified in accordance with State and local laws as an emergency medical technician-basic (EMT-Basic). These laws may vary from State to State or within a State. For example, only in some jurisdictions is an EMT-Basic permitted to operate limited equipment onboard the vehicle, assist more qualified personnel in performing assessments and interventions, and establish a peripheral intravenous (IV) line.	\$750	\$419.24
A0427	Advanced Life Support - Level 1 (ALS1)	Advanced life support, level 1 A(ALS1) is the transportation by ground ambulance vehicle and the provision of medically necessary supplies and services including the provision of an ALS assessment or at least one ALS intervention.	\$750	\$497.85
A0433	Advanced Life Support - Level 2 (ALS2)	Advanced life support, level 2 (ALS2) is the transportation by ground ambulance vehicle and the provision of medically necessary supplies and services including (1) at least three separate administrations of one or more medications by intravenous push/bolus or by continuous infusion (excluding crystalloid fluids) or (2) ground ambulance transport, medically necessary supplies and services, and the provision of at least one of the ALS2 procedures listed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manual defibrillation/cardioversion • Endotracheal intubation • Central venous line • Cardiac pacing • Chest decompression • Surgical airway • Intraosseous vascular access 	\$750	\$720.57
A0425	Mileage		\$10.60/mile	Miles 1-17 = \$10.85/mile Miles ≤ 18 = \$ 7.23/mile

*A twenty percent adjustment will be applied to each bill to ensure that the County is reimbursed at the CMS allowable rate.

Commissioner Pugh moved to approve the Adjusted Treatment and Transport Billing Rates to align the locally assessed rates with those allowed by MCD and MCA. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Fletcher.

Hyde County EMS – Colleton Software Agreement for Medical Billing Services Renewal

Renewal of the Colleton Software Agreement for Medical Billing Services is tabled until the next regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting on Monday, May 5, 2014.

Recycling Grant & Hyde County's Ranking In North Carolina

Clint Berry, Utilities Director, stated that in a recent report by NCDENR it was announced that North Carolina recorded the lowest per-capita rate for solid waste disposal in 2013 since measurement began in 1991, continuing a steady downward trend in disposal per person that started in 2006. The per capita recovery rate for common household recyclables helps compare the relative effectiveness of residential recycling services, while total recycling measures broader community effort. Communities ranked high on each list offer examples of the most effective recycling programs in North Carolina.

Hyde County ranked 22nd in Total Public Recycling Per Capita Recovery and 29th in Common Household Recyclables Per Capita Recovery.

The Hyde County Board of Commissioners commends Utilities Director Clint Berry for his participation in recycling grant programs and his excellent recycling performance.

Update On GC, PSC and ECB

Clint Berry, Utilities Director, presented update on the Government Center (GC), Public Safety Center (PSC) and East Carolina Bank (ECB) building. Mr. Berry reported the in-line gutter system in the Government Center needs repair. He is accepting bids to fix the gutters, slope and line them with an interior coating to create one seamless gutter. REI Engineers will develop a scope of work to repair the existing roof on the Public Safety Center and bid will be put out for the project. Bid will be put out to rehab the East Carolina Bank building and DSS will move in the building once the project is completed.

Mowing Contract

Clint Berry, Utilities Director, reported three years ago after the reduction in workforce, the Maintenance Department lost two employees. The three year contract for mowing of twelve yards will expire in March and it was put out for bids. Five bids were received for the mowing contract.

Hyde County Bid Tabulation for Mowing 3-27-14						
Location	Current	John Sadler	Kane Cox	Joe Williams	Hunter Sutton	Richard Woolard
Health Department Complex 1129 Main St. Swan Quarter						
ABC Store 20121 US Hwy 264	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$50.00
Senior Center 160 Juniper Bay Rd.	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$75.00
EMS Station 162 Juniper Bay Rd.	\$20.00	\$35.00	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$60.00
Fairfield Adapt Center 69 Church St.	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$50.00	\$70.00	\$45.00	\$150.00
Ponzer Community Building US Hwy 264	\$50.00	\$70.00	\$60.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$150.00
Engelhard Airport US Hwy 264	\$80.00	\$45.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$140.00	\$300.00
Engelhard Water Tower Water Tower Rd.	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$80.00
Fairfield Water Tower Water Tower Rd.	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$80.00
Daniels Booster Pump Station North Lake Rd.	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$35.00
Scranton Booster Pump Station Hwy 264	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$35.00
New Holland Booster Pump Station Hwy 264	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$35.00
Total	\$515.00	\$480.00	\$610.00	\$660.00	\$780.00	\$1,450.00

Commissioner Tunnell asked that a weed eater be used on ditch banks instead of Round Up.

Commissioner Pugh abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

Commissioner Fletcher moved to award the Mowing Contract to John Sadler, the lowest bidder. Mr. Tunnell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Fletcher, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Pugh.

ECB Building Foundation

Commissioner Simmons, in response to citizens concerns, investigated the East Carolina Bank building foundation. Mr. Simmons spoke with R. S. Spencer, former owner, who said the building was built on pilons. He also spoke with Hudson Brothers Construction Company who inspected the

building's foundation for ECB in the past and said the foundation was found to be adequate. Mr. Simmons reported the rubber seals in the tidegates need to be replaced. Clint Berry, Maintenance Director, will take care of this.

County Land Sales

Commissioner Fletcher moved to allow the County Manager to declare the property surplus and then sell it at public auction. Mr. Pugh seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Fletcher, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Commissioner Swindell moved to have Justin Gibbs, GIS, make maps of the property and to table discussion of sale of surplus county owned property to the May 5th meeting. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Fletcher, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Ocracoke Health Clinic

Cheryl Ballance, Administrative Director of the Ocracoke Health Clinic, reported to Manager Rich and EM Director Justin Gibbs that Clinic hours of operation will go from 24-hours a day/7-days a week to no services on nights and weekends.

Justin Gibbs, EM Director, recommends implementation of an on-call schedule for EMS in order to provide coverage on nights and weekends.

Set Spending Freeze

Corrinne Gibbs, Finance Officer, reported that in order to complete the FY2014-2015 Hyde County Budget, a spending freeze needs to be set. Ms. Gibbs recommends \$100 for all county departments through the end of FY2013-2014. Request exceeding the \$100 will be reviewed by the County Manager and approved as he deems necessary. The Health Department and the Department of Social Services will not be affected by the freeze.

Commissioner Fletcher moved to set a \$100 spending freeze for all County departments except Health and DSS through the end of FY2013-2014. Mr. Tunnell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Fletcher, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

FY2014-2015 Budget Calendar

Corrinne Gibbs, Finance Officer, reported that every year a Budget Calendar has to be set for preparation of the budget. Department budgets will be reviewed with the finance officer and county manager. He will present the draft FY2014-2015 Hyde County Budget Resolution and Budget Ordinance for Board of Commissioner approval before the end of this fiscal year. If necessary, a second Board meeting will be held in May.

FY2013-2014 Audit Contract

Manager Rich reported the Hyde County FY2013-2014 Contract To Audit Accounts with Andrew Harris, CPA, is due for renewal. Mr. Harris expects to begin his audit on approximately June 1, 2014 and to issue his reports no later than October 31, 2014. His fee for these services will be at his standard hourly rates, not to exceed \$24,875.

Commissioner Tunnell moved to renew the Hyde County FY2013-2014 Audit Contract with Andrew Harris, CPA. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Fletcher, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Consideration Of Legalized Marijuana and Slot Machines On Ferries

Commissioner Fletcher will discuss these issues at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on May 5, 2014 beginning at 6:00pm.

Interim Department of Social Services (DSS) Director

Manager Rich requested Board approval to extend the Interim DSS Manager position filled by Suzanne Johnson through June, 2014 at the same salary increase per month.

Commissioner Fletcher moved to extend the Interim DSS Manager position through June 2014 at the same salary increase per month. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Fletcher, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Budget Revisions

BR# or IDT#	Department	Account #	Transfer	Line Item Account Name/ Explanation
BR26-14	Health	Triple P Program	\$15,680.00	Hyde County Health Department has received additional funds from the WCH/Children and Youth Branch of the NC Division of Public Health to provide Triple P training to an additional nine (9) practitioners in the Hyde/Beaufort Collaborative in order for them to provide Triple P services to children from birth to five years of age. This additional funding is for the period of March 1, 2014 through May 31, 2014. While this revision does increase the budget for the Triple P Program, there will be no expense locally to the County of Hyde.
BR27-14		WIC	\$ 100.00	Transferring \$100.00 from Travel line in WIC Program into Department Supplies line to purchase education materials for Child Health Fair in April. This revision <i>DOES NOT</i> increase the budget for the WIC program.
BR28-14		Child Health	\$ 500.00	Hyde County Health Department has received additional funds in the amount of \$500.00 from the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children for a mini-grant to the Hyde County LICC in support of the 2014 Child Health Fair, to be held April 25, 2014 at Davis Center in Engelhard. The funds will be used to purchase equipment (2 bouncy houses) to engage the children actively during the Health Fair. While this revision does increase the budget for Child Health, there will be no expense locally for the County of Hyde.
	Social Services	Administration	\$10,000.00	Funds transferred from Contract Services to Social Services Administration to cover unexpected utilities. Does not increase the budget.
		Contract Social Worker	\$10,000.00	Funds transferred from Contract Interpretation to Contract Social Worker to cover contract social worker. Does not increase the budget.
		Part-time Employee	\$10,000.00	Funds transferred from DSS Salaries to DSS Part-time to cover part-time employee that was originally budgeted as full-time. Does not increase the budget.
		LIEAP-Additional Allocation	\$10,000.00	Funds transferred from LIEAP to Social Services Administration to cover additional allocation. Does increase the budget.
	Solid Waste	Administration	\$ 2,282.84	Funds transferred from Longevity and Site Improvements-Mainland lines to Computer Support, Equipment Maintenance, Advertising, Motor Oil Disposal and Equipment lines to cover costs. Does not increase the budget.
	Planning	Administration	\$ 1,000.00	Funds transferred from Economic Development Consult Services to Printing and Promotions. Does not increase the budget.
	Administration	ABC Board	\$10,000.00	Funds from Fund Balance Appropriated to ABC Board Loan. The \$10,000.00 loan is added to the current ABC Board loan balance of \$13,250 for a total of \$22,250 to be paid in full in ten years.

Commissioner Pugh moved to approve the ten (10) budget transfers as presented. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Fletcher, Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Management Reports:

Commissioner Tunnell – reported that he attended the Federal Dredging meeting, Dike meeting and Pantego Creek, LLC meeting.

Commissioner Pugh – reported that he attended the Albemarle Commission meeting and the meeting with Belhaven Mayor Adam O’Neal and Dr. Charles Boyette.

Commissioner Simmons reported that he inspected the ECB building in response to questions about the foundation. He attended the West/Quarter Dike meeting.

Commissioner Fletcher – reported that he attended the Ocracoke Civic and Business Association (OCBA) meeting.

Chairman Swindell – reported that he attended the Board of Health meeting and the meeting with Belhaven Mayor Adam O’Neal and Dr. Charles Boyette.

County Manager Rich – congratulated Commissioner Tunnel on the birth of his grandson, Aaron Alexander Carter. Mr. Rich announced that he has joined the Beaufort-Hyde Community Foundation and presented update on various projects on-going in Hyde County.

- Meeting with Senator Jerry Tillman, Lobbyist Joe McClees, Dr. Randolph Latimore, Superintendent
- (5) Days/\$10,000 Plan
- Ferry Tolling – Ed Goodwin
- FEMA Gardens – Grapes, Blueberries, Marajuana
- Beaufort-Hyde Community Foundation – Manager Rich
- County Administration Course – UNC-School of Government
- Animal Control

Mr. Rich also presented his March 2014 meetings calendar.

Tornado Update:

EM Director Justin Gibbs reported that a tornado touched down in Eastern Beaufort County and Western Hyde County at 4:00pm today. The home of Bud and Kathy Clayton on Highway 45 in the Ponzer community was damaged and is uninhabitable. Several homes on Beach Ridge Road in Beaufort County were damaged. Mr. Gibbs will send a report on the event to the State and will get help for the Claytons. He asked that we pray for the people who were involved in the tornado.

Public Comments:

Chairman Swindell called for comments from the public.

Connie Leinbach, Ocracoke – asked what would be grown on the County gardens.

Manager Rich reported that he recommends we grown blueberries or Muscatine grapes on these properties.

Darlene Styron, Ocracoke – offered her prayers to the victims of the tornado.

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

Closed Session (none)

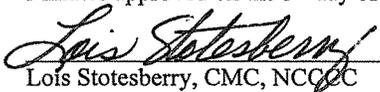
Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:50p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Minutes approved on the 5th day of May, 2014.


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


Barry Swindell
Chair, Hyde County Board of Commissioners

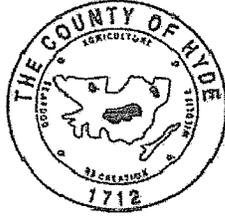
Attachments:

Exhibit A: “Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month – April 2014”

Exhibit B: “Proclamation – Week of The Young Child – April 6–12, 2014”

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For Beach Passes And Provide Better Access To Beaches On Ocracoke”

Exhibit D: “Resolution In Support Of Pungo District Hospital”



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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PROCLAMATION
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH
APRIL 2014

Whereas, children are vital to our state's future success, prosperity and quality of life as well as being our most vulnerable assets;

Whereas, all children deserve to have the safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities they need to foster their healthy growth and development;

Whereas, child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life o a community;

Whereas, communities that provide parents with the social support, knowledge of parenting and child development and concrete resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children ensure all children grow to their full potential;

Whereas, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hyde County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim April as "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH," and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, other elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in Hyde County.

Adopted this the 7th day of April, 2014 in Hyde County, North Carolina.



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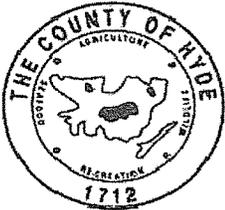
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**PROCLAMATION
WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD
APRIL 2014**

Whereas, the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children and other local organizations, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are celebrating the Week of the Young Child, April 6th-12th, 2014; and

Whereas, these organizations are working to improve early learning opportunities, including early literacy programs, that can provide a foundation of learning for children in Hyde County, NC; and

Whereas, child care providers, teachers, parents, and others who make a difference in the lives of young children in Hyde County, NC deserve thanks and recognition; and

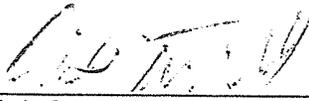
Whereas, public policies that support early learning for all young children are crucial to young children's futures;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hyde County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim April 6th- 12th as the Week of the Young Child in Hyde County, NC and encourage all citizens to work to make a good investment in early childhood.

Adopted this the 7th day of April, 2014 in Hyde County, North Carolina.



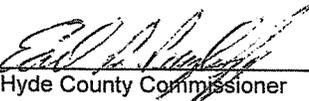
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Resolution In Support Of National Park Service To Create A Daily Rate For Beach Passes And Provide Better Access To Beaches On Ocracoke

WHEREAS, the National Park Service, here in after the NPS, owns 100% of the ocean front in Hyde County North Carolina and 80% of sound front on Ocracoke Island; and,

WHEREAS, Sixty percent of Hyde County's revenue is produced by Ocracoke Island giving the County a vital interest in how the NPS manages its portion of the island; and,

WHEREAS, the NPS over the past several years has implemented rules and regulations which negatively impact the tourist business on the island, and tourist friendly access to the beaches of vehicles and persons; and,

WHEREAS, beach passes for vehicles on the beach cost \$50.00 for a week and \$120.00 for a year. there is no provisions for a day pass so a visitor for a day or a weekend must pay \$50.00; and,

WHEREAS, NPS rules fall heavy on Ocracoke Island because there is no privately owned ocean beach front as on other outer bank islands where vacation homes are located; and,

WHEREAS, disabled persons cannot get to the ocean waters without buying a beach pass for a vehicle; and,

WHEREAS, the NPS does not provide emergency medical rescue or fire protection for persons on its beaches and airport which it charges people a fee to visit by vehicle; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hyde County Board of Commissioners request the NPS to:

- A. Create a daily rate for a short time beach pass,
- B. Designate a small area on the beach where handicapped people can go in a vehicle without purchasing a pass,
- C. Create an area on the North and South ends of the Island where vehicles are permitted 24-hours a day,

- D. The NPS remit to Hyde County 20% of beach pass revenue to help defray the County's cost of providing emergency medical services and fire protection to NPS beaches and airport,
- E. The NPS open sound side beaches as a safe place for young children to go swimming.

Adopted this the 7th day of April, 2014, in Hyde County, North Carolina.

ATTEST: Lois Stotesberry
Lois Stotesberry, Clerk to the Board

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Resolution In Support Of Pungo District Hospital

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hyde County Board of Commissioners supports Pungo District Hospital continuing to stay open at its current location at 210 East Water Street, Belhaven, NC 27810.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we agree to study all business plans presented to the Hyde County Board of Commissioners and to cooperate with Belhaven and Beaufort County in their effort to successfully create an entity and budget to keep the Hospital open.

Adopted this the 7th day of April, 2014, in Hyde County, North Carolina.

ATTEST: Lois Stotesberry
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