

**Hyde County Board of Commissioners' Meeting  
August 21, 2006  
Minutes**

The Hyde County Board of Commissioners held its regular meeting on Monday, August 21, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the Ocracoke School Gym.

Board Members present were:

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

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  
Jamie Tunnell, The Ocracoke Observer

Chair Emmert called the meeting to order, Charles Spencer offered prayer and Bea Emmert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda**

Upon motion made by Alice Armstrong, seconded by Jane Hodges, with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the agenda as amended. The following items were added: Contract with Dean Burbage, County mileage reimbursement rate and Sheriff Department Surplus Property. Cingular Wireless Request was removed from agenda.

**Public Comments**

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

Jamie Tunnell—inquired as to way the Board meetings on the Mainland had been held at O.A. Peay School. Response: Mattamuskeet School Cafeteria was not available on the two dates in question. The meeting will resume at Mattamuskeet School Cafeteria in September.

**Approval of Minutes August 7, 2006**

Upon motion made by Jane Hodges, seconded by Alice Armstrong, with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the August 7, 2006 minutes as amended. Under section regarding Arthur Graff Subdivision amendment as follows: Sentence added stating the small number of lots affected and access is already 2/10 mile or 1000' with a 30' right of way. Under section Sheriff Dept Surplus Property add sentence stating Board did not approve sale.

**Approval of Budget Revisions and Transfers**

Upon motion made by Jane Hodges, seconded by Alice Armstrong, with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the following Budget Revisions and Transfers as submitted.

<u>08/21/2006</u>					
(FO USE) BR #	DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT #	LINE ITEM ACCOUNT NAME / EXPLANATION	DEBIT	CREDIT
1	DSS	106091.0026	DAYCARE	\$ 305,929.00	
		103470.0028	COUNTY APPROPRIATION DSS		\$ 305,929.00
			<b>INCREASE BUDGET FOR DAYCARE EXPENDITURES-DSS PER FUNDING AUTHORIZATION 07/01/06 ATTACHED *</b>		
2	SENIOR CENTER	556600.1501	DOT PAVING-PARKING LOT	\$ 10,000.00	
		553980.0000	APPROPRIATION FROM GEN FUND		\$ 10,000.00
			<b>INCREASE BUDGET TO COVER PAVING OF SENIOR CENTER PARKING LOT</b>		
(FO USE) IDT #	DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT #	LINE ITEM ACCOUNT NAME / EXPLANATION	DEBIT	CREDIT
1	DSS	106100.1700	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,500.00	
		106100.1400	TRAVEL		\$ 1,500.00
			<b>PURCHASE TIRES, GENERAL REPAIR ON DSS VAN REIMB ON 1571</b>		
2	GEN APPROP	106938.0000	APPROPRIATION TO SENIOR CTR	\$ 10,000.00	
		109990.0001	CONTINGENCY		\$ 10,000.00
			<b>TRANSFER FROM CONTINGENCY TO SENIOR CTR TO COVER PAVING OF PARKING LOT</b>		
3	INSPECTIONS	105400.4500	CONTRACT BUILDING INSPECTIONS	\$ 15,600.00	
		109990.0001	CONTINGENCY		\$ 15,600.00
			<b>TRANSFER FROM CONTINGENCY TO COVER CONTRACT APPROVED BD MTG 08/07/06 - 6 MONTH ESTIMATED COST (HRLY RATE ONLY)</b>		

## **Zoning**

County Manager Kevin Howard informed the citizens that the Board was reviewing zoning for the Mainland and would visit zoning for Ocracoke in the future.

### Comments from Public

Earl O'Neal – Should not allow what happened on Ocracoke to occur on the Mainland. Ocracoke Development Ordinance helps to handle in a broad sense.

Linda Scarborough – Ocracoke does not currently have zoning.

Leonard Meeker – Ocracoke does not have zoning and it should probably be looked at in the future after reviewing for Mainland.

## **Rudy Austin – Highway 12 Bridge Replacement**

Mr. Austin updated the Board on the status of bridge replacement on Ocracoke Island that should begin this year and requested the Board send a letter opposing road closures. The Board has previously sent letters regarding this issue.

## **Earl O'Neal**

Mr. O'Neal updated the Board on several projects including the following:

Scenic Byway Committee

Transportation – Multi use paths

Parking Lots

Tram Services

## **Jamie Tunnell Resolution to Support Replacement of Oregon Inlet Bridge**

Tabled until September 5, 2006 meeting.

## **Robyn Payne Ocracoke Working Watermen's Association New Ocracoke Fish House**

Ms. Payne updated the Board on the New Ocracoke Fish House and requested endorsement of the Board in securing grant funds.

## **Representative Tim Spears spoke regarding the New Ocracoke Fish House.**

## **William Howard Drainage on Highway 12/Culverts**

Mr. Howard presented a Resolution petitioning the County to assume responsibility as the government of Ocracoke and reimburse property owners 60% of the out of pocket costs for construction of Drainage on Ocracoke. Total cost to Ocracoke residents for Hwy 12 drainage \$17,290.01. The OCBA reimbursed 25% (\$4,322.50) and the Ocracoke Mosquito Control reimbursed 15% (\$2,593.500). The Board tabled the issue so the County Manager could research the issue.

## **Jamie Tunnell NPS Campground**

Ms. Tunnell requested the Board send a letter requesting the NPS Campground remain open through Thanksgiving. The Board agreed by consensus to send the letter.

## **Jamie Tunnell Ferry Schedule**

Ms. Tunnell requested the Board send a letter requesting the NC DOT Ferry Division extends the Ferry schedule for the amount of time that the ferry did not run at the beginning of the season. The Board agreed by consensus to send the letter. The letter will be copied to Senator Basnight and Representative Tim Spear.

## **Manager's Business**

Mr. Howard presented several issues to the Board.

1. **Ocracoke Community Center Contract for Services** – Upon motion made by Jane Hodges, seconded by Alice Armstrong with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the Contract for Ocracoke Community Center Services with April Gibson. FOR COMPLETE CONTRACT SEE MINUTE DOCKET FOLDER COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE.
2. **Hyde County Southern Albemarle Association Representatives** – Upon motion made by Jane Hodges, seconded by Charles Spencer, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the Southern Albemarle Association Representatives. FOR COMPLETE LIST SEE MINUTE DOCKET FOLDER COUNTY MANAGERS OFFICE.
3. **Separation Allowance for Law Enforcement Officers** – Mr. Howard presented the Separation Allowance for Law Enforcement Officers Study to the Board and budget amendments will be presented in the future.
4. **Edenton Construction Contract** – Board took no action. Issue will be discussed on August 22, 2006 when this recessed meeting reconvenes.
5. **Building Inspections Contract Dean Burbage** – 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 Building Inspections contract with Dean Burbage as present. FOR COMPLETE CONTRACT SEE MINUTE DOCKET FOLDER COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE.
6. **County Mileage Reimbursement Rate** – 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 County Mileage Reimbursement Rate to reflecting IRS rate effective September 1, 2006. This means the mileage reimbursement rate will fluctuate and the IRS rate changes. No additional funds were appropriated. Departments will need to work within their current budgets.
7. **Sheriff Department Property Dog, Door Popper and Kennel** – Upon motion made by Jane Hodges, seconded by Charles Spencer with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board declared the German Shepherd K9 Irk assigned to Officer Shane Bryan surplus property and sold

via private sale the K9 Irk to handler Shane Bryan. The Board also approved the private sale of K9 Rex to the Belhaven Police Department for \$6,974. This amount includes \$5,000 for K9 Rex, \$474 for the door popper, and \$1,500 for the Kennel. Funds received from sale will be placed in line item for replacement of same.

**Informational Items**

- Letter to US Fish & Wildlife Services Re: Closure of South Point, Ocracoke
- Letter from Cahoon & Kasten Architects Re: Zoning
- Hyde County Government Center Monthly Report July 2006
- Zoning and Land Use Workshop October, 2006 Greenville

**Recessed**

The meeting recessed to reconvene on Tuesday, August 22, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the office of the County Manager.

**Reconvened**

The meeting reconvened on Tuesday, August 22, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the office of the County Manager.

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**Edenton Construction Contract – Hyde Davis Business Incubator Kitchen Renovations**

Upon motion made by Charles Spencer, seconded by Alice Armstrong with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board awarded the Hyde Davis Business Incubator Kitchen Renovation contract to Edenton Construction for \$188,080 plus \$5.50 per linear feet of tongue and groove ceiling. The project is funded with CDBG-RS Grant.

**Public Safety Center Change Order #5 – Convert generator to Natural Gas and Diesel Fuel**

Upon motion made by Charles Spencer, seconded by Alice Armstrong with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved Public Safety Center Change Order #5 to convert generator to a combination of Natural Gas and Diesel Fuel for Approximately \$13,641.38.

**Closed Session – Personnel**

Upon motion made by Jane Hodges, seconded by Charles Spencer with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board entered into closed session at 7:25 for Personnel.

Upon motion made by Jane Hodges, seconded by Charles Spencer with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board came out of closed session at 8:14 with no action taken.

**Adjournment**

Upon motion made by Jane Hodges, seconded by Alice Armstrong with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

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Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_  
Hyde County Board of Commissioners