

## Organizational Meeting Minutes

### **Board of County Commissioners Hyde County**

**Monday, December 3, 2018**

Chairman Pugh called the Organizational Meeting of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners to order at 6:05p.m., on Monday, December 3, 2018, 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, Commissioners Ben Simmons, Tom Pahl and Dick Tunnell; Manager Kris Cahoon Noble; Attorney Franz Holscher; Clerk to the Board Lois Stotesberry; Emergency Services Director/Deputy Clerk Justin Gibbs and members of the public.

Justin Gibbs, ES Director/Deputy Clerk ran the electronic conferencing equipment on the Mainland and IT Director/PIO/Deputy Clerk Donnie Shumate ran the equipment on Ocracoke.

IT Director Donnie Shumate and members of the public were present on Ocracoke.

Chairman Pugh and the Board of Commissioners offered condolences to Commissioner Ben Simmons on the death of his Grandmother Mrs. Gaynelle Simmons.

Following opening prayer by Commissioner Swindell and Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Pugh continued the meeting.

#### Consideration of Agenda:

Commissioner Simmons moved to approve both the December 3, 2018 Organizational Meeting Agenda and the Regular Meeting Agenda as presented by the Clerk. Commissioner 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.

#### Consideration of Minutes:

##### November 5, 2018 – Regular Meeting

Commissioner Swindell moved to approve the November 5, 2018 Hyde County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes as presented by the Clerk with correction on page 3 – line 1 – Commissioner Pahl Tunnell moved to adopt; and on line 25 – Mike Caton to serve a three-year term. 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.

#### Presentations:

##### County Commissioners Barry Swindell and Dick Tunnell Commendation

Chairman Pugh, Commissioners, County Attorney Holscher and County Manager Kris Noble thanked Commissioners Barry Swindell (2007 – 2018) and Dick Tunnell (2010 – 2018) for their dedicated service to the citizens of Hyde County and for serving on numerous County boards and committees throughout their terms in office.

County Manager Kris Noble presented outgoing Vice-chairman Barry Swindell and outgoing Commissioner Dick Tunnell plaques commending their years of service to Hyde County. Daniel Brinn and Natalie Wayne designed and crafted the plaques in the outline of Hyde County.

#### Oath(s) of Office

Hyde County Clerk of Court Brandy Pugh administered “Oath of Office” to newly elected Commissioner Michael Shannon Swindell. Ms. Pugh administered “Oath of Office to newly elected Commissioner James Roger Topping earlier in the day.

#### Nominations and Appointments:

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners Lois Stotesberry called for nomination of Board Chair.

Commissioner Simmons moved to nominate Commissioner Pugh to serve as Chairman of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Pahl seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Pugh, Simmons, Swindell and Topping; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Chairman Pugh remained seated as Chairman of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Tom Pahl moved to nominate Commissioner Simmons to serve as Vice-chairman of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners. The motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Ben Simmons moved to nominate Commissioner Pahl to serve as Vice-chairman of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Swindell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Pugh, Simmons, Swindell and Topping; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Vice-chairman Pahl moved to re-appoint Attorney Franz Holscher to serve a second one-year appointment as the Hyde County Attorney. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Pugh, Simmons, Swindell and Topping; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Vice-chairman Tom Pahl moved to re-appoint Lois Stotesberry to serve as Clerk to the Hyde County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Pugh, Simmons, Swindell and Topping; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Hyde County Clerk of Court Brandy Pugh administered “Oath of Office” to Lois Stotesberry, Clerk to the Hyde County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Tom Pahl moved to re-appoint Justin Gibbs, Rosemary Johnson and Donnie Shumate to serve as Deputy Clerk(s) to the Hyde County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Pugh, Simmons, Swindell and Topping; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Hyde County Clerk of Court Brandy Pugh administered “Oath of Office” to Justin Gibbs, Rosemary Johnson and Donnie Shumate, Deputy Clerk(s) to the Hyde County Board of Commissioners.

The Organizational Meeting adjourned to be followed by the Regular Meeting of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners at 6:25p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Minutes approved on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 2019.

Attest:

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

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

Attachments: (none)

