

Meeting Minutes

Board of County Commissioners
Hyde County

December 12, 2012

Special Meeting

Chairman Barry Swindell called the special meeting of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners to order at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 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 Anson Byrd, Earl Pugh, Barry Swindell and Dick Tunnell; Attorney Fred Holscher; Clerk to the Board Averi Simmons; Deputy Clerk Justin Gibbs; and, members of the public. The following members were present on Ocracoke: Commissioner John Fletcher; Deputy Clerk/PIO Megan Shaw; and, members of the public.

Following opening prayer by Commissioner Byrd and pledge of allegiance, Chairman Swindell called the meeting to order.

Agenda:

Chairman Swindell asked for any changes to the December 12, 2012 meeting Agenda as presented by the Clerk. Commissioner Byrd moved to approve the agenda as presented by the Clerk.

Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote:

Ayes – Byrd, Fletcher, Pugh, Swindell and Tunnell Nays – None

Public Comments:

Chairman Swindell called for comments from the public.

Fred Westervelt – Ocracoke, welcomed the new Commissioners and asked that they take into account all the needs of Ocracoke and the mainland. He also asked that the Board be transparent and accountable.

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

Closed Session

Commissioner Byrd moved to enter into closed session in accordance with §143-318.11 (1-9). Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote:

Ayes - Byrd, Fletcher, Pugh, Swindell and Tunnell Nays – None

The Board entered closed session at 6:12 p.m.

Commissioner Pugh moved to return from closed session. Mr. Tunnell seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes – Byrd, Fletcher, Pugh, Swindell and Tunnell Nays – None

The Board returned from closed session at 6:35 p.m.

Commissioner Fletcher made a motion to appoint Commissioner Swindell as Interim County Manager at a rate of \$50.00 per hour plus expenses. Commissioner Swindell asked to abstain from

1 voting as this decision would affect him financially. Commissioner Byrd moved to allow
2 Commissioner Swindell to abstain from voting. Mr. Tunnell seconded the motion. The motion
3 passed on the following vote:

4 Ayes – Byrd, Fletcher, Pugh, Swindell and Tunnell Nays – None

5 Commissioner Fletcher then restated his motion appointing Commissioner Swindell as Interim
6 County Manager. Mr. Byrd seconded that motion. The motion passed on the following vote:

7 Ayes – Byrd, Fletcher, Pugh, and Tunnell Nays – None Abstain - Swindell

8 **Items of Consideration:**

9 **Authorization for Signature on Checks**

10 Due to a change in personnel, an additional signatory needed to be designated. Chairman Swindell
11 stated he felt the new signatory should be a full-time employee. He then suggested Justin Gibbs be
12 that new signatory. Commissioner Fletcher suggested Lois Stotesberry.

13 Commissioner Fletcher made a motion to appoint Lois Stotesberry as a signatory on checks. Mr.
14 Tunnell seconded that motion. The motion passed on the following vote:

15 Ayes – Byrd, Fletcher, Pugh, Swindell and Tunnell Nays – None

16 **Public Comments:**

17 Chairman Swindell called for comments from the public.

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

19 Commissioner Byrd moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Tunnell seconded the motion. The motion
20 passed on the following vote:

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22 Ayes – Byrd, Fletcher, Pugh, Swindell and Tunnell Nays – None

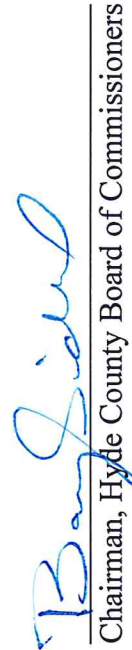
23 The meeting adjourned at 6:42p.m.

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25 Respectfully submitted:

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27 Minutes approved on the 4th day of February, 2013.

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31 Averil Simmons, Deputy Clerk
32 Hyde County Board of Commissioners

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35 Chairman, Hyde County Board of Commissioners

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