

**Hyde County Board of Commissioners' Meeting
December 19, 2005
Minutes**

The Hyde County Board of Commissioners held its regular meeting on Monday, December 19, 2005 at 7:00 PM in the Board of Education Conference room at O.A. Peay School.

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:

Nikie Mayo, The Coastland Times
Doug Gibbs, The Washington Daily News

Chair Emmert called the meeting to order. Kevin Howard led with prayer. Bea Emmert led the pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion made by Nathan Sears, seconded by Charles Spencer, with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the agenda as amended. Nathan Sears – Cellular Phone Service, Rural Development Loan Grant, and Acquisition of Property – closed session were added.

Public Comments

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

- Agenda placement of public comment section
- Number of cancer patients in County and concern for health of citizens
- Possibility of having a second public comment time at end of meeting

Budget Revisions and Transfers

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 Budget Transfers and Revisions as submitted.

Budget Revisions:

<u>Dept</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Line Item Account Name/Explanation</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
E911	74.7200.1100	E911 Wireless Service & charges	12,000	
E911	74.7200.1101	E911 Wireline Service & Charges	8,000	
E911	74.7200.4500	Wireless Enhanced Phase II	4,000	
E911	74.7200.7420	E911 Wireless Equipment	6,000	
E911	74.7200.7421	E911 Wireline Equip & Charges		5,000
E911	74.3990.0000	Fund Balance Appropriated		25,000
		Mid Year Update for E911		
		Service harges higher than anticipated		
		Install lines for CAD fire dept faxing		
		Increase Aerial Project consulting fees		
		Generator for Ocracoke Emer 911 Point		
		Approved by Board in Radio Plan		

Budget Transfers:

Solid Waste	10.5750.3100	Gas, Oil, tires	2,500	
	10.5750.2020	Salaries Parttime		2,500

Doug Causey, USDA Rural Development – Engelhard Water Treatment Plant

Mr. Causey presented Letter of Conditions regarding the Engelhard Water Treatment Plant. The letter is not considered a loan approval or representation as to the availability of funds. Funds are as follows:

- RUS loan not to exceed \$1,420,000
- RUS Grant not to exceed \$2,000,000
- Rural Economic Development Center, Inc, Supplemental Grant of \$800,000
- Hyde County Revolving Loan Fund Grant of \$194,600
- Hyde County Contribution of \$1,000
- Total Project Cost \$4,415,600

Upon motion made by Jane Hodges, seconded by Nathan Sears with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board adopted the Resolution Agreeing to Finance the Engelhard Water Treatment Plant with Revenue Bonds and approved the Letter of Conditions along with all associated documentation.

FOR COMPLETE DOCUMENTATION—SEE MINUTE DOCKET FOLDER.

Nathan Sears – Recognition of Senator Marc Basnight

Mr. Sears suggested honoring Senator Basnight for his role in securing funds for the new county courthouse. Bea Emmert stated if Basnight was honored, Congressman Jones should also be honored. County Manager Kevin Howard will research options and costs.

Manager's Business

County Manager Kevin Howard presented several items to the Board.

1. **Public Records Policy** – Upon motion made by Charles Spencer, seconded by Nathan Sears with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board adopted the public records policy. Modifications will be made to fit Hyde County.
2. **Hyde County Take Home Vehicle Policy** – Upon motion made by Jane Hodges, seconded by Bea Emmert, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board adopted the Hyde County Take Home Vehicle Policy as submitted. Motion carried with a vote of 4 to 1. Nathan Sears cast the opposing vote.

FOR COMPLETE POLICY – SEE MINUTE DOCKET FOLDER.

3. **Resolution Requesting the United States Navy Include in the Ongoing Supplemental Environmental Impact Study Two Additional Alternative Sites Within the Cherry Point Marine Core Air Station Geographic Area** -- Upon motion made by Charles Spencer, seconded by Bea Emmert, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board adopted the Resolution Requesting the United States Navy Include in the Ongoing Supplemental Environmental Impact Study Two Additional Alternative Sites Within the Cherry Point Marine Core Air Station Geographic Area. Motion carried with a vote of 4 to 1. Nathan Sears cast the opposing vote.

FOR COMPLET RESOLUTION – SEE MINUTE DOCKET FOLDER.

4. **Rehabilitation Award** – Rehabilitation Bids were received for Unit #6 in the FY05 CDBG-RS Program. Upon motion made by Jane Hodges, seconded by Charles Spencer with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rehabilitation Award went to Low Bidder Gilbert Everett Builder.

Stephen W. Davis	\$62,670
Gilbert Everett Builder, Inc	\$53,525
B and B Construction	\$74,260

Public Hearing To Receive Comments Re: Borrowing \$2,650,000 for New Courthouse

Upon motion made by Alice Armstrong, seconded by Charles Spencer with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board opened the Public Hearing to receive comments on borrowing \$2,650,000 for the New Courthouse construction.

Comments received as follows:

- Objection to borrowing money
- Support in borrowing money
- Room for expansion considered

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.

Resolution Authorizing The Filing of an Application for Approval of a Financing Agreement Authorized by North Carolina General Statute 160A-20

Upon motion made by Jane Hodges, seconded by Bea Emmert BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board adopted the Resolution Authorizing The Filing of an Application for Approval of a Financing Agreement Authorized by North Carolina General Statute 160A-20. The motion carried with a vote of 3 to 2. Commissioners Sears and Armstrong cast the opposing votes.

Manager's Business Continued

5. **Jury Commission Pay for Services** – Mr. Howard presented a request from Clerk of Court Sharon Sadler to increase Jury Commissioners pay from \$75 to \$100. No action was taken.
6. **Letter to Request DOT for No Parking Signs** – Upon motion made Charles Spencer, seconded by Jane Hodges with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved County Manger Kevin Howard sending a letter to NC DOT requesting placement of No Parking Signs along Main Street in front of County Offices.
7. **Budget Planning Retreat** – Mr. Howard informed the Board he was planning a Budget Planning Retreat in February.
8. **Bids Government Center and Public Safety Center** – Mr. Howard informed the Board that bids were over projected amount and that the Architects were working on cuts for review by the Board.
9. **Nationwide Retirement Solutions Amended Plan** – tabled

Closed Session – Personnel, Pending Litigation, Land Acquisition

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 for Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition at 8:30 PM.

Kevin Howard left the closed session at 8:55 PM. Kevin Howard returned to closed session at 9:50PM.

Upon motion made by Alice Armstrong, seconded by Charles Spencer with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board came out of closed session at 10:18 PM.

Blue Water Litigation

Upon motion made by Jane Hodges, seconded by Charles Spencer with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved intervening in the Blue Water Litigation (ORV use on Cape Hatteras National Seashore) and authorized up to \$500 to defray legal expenses associated with same.

County Manager Kevin Howard Salary Increase

Upon motion made by Jane Hodges, seconded by Charles Spencer with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved a 2% salary increase for County Manager Kevin Howard.

Nationwide Retirement Solutions Amended Plan

Upon motion made by Alice Armstrong, seconded by Charles Spencer with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the Nationwide Retirement Solutions Amended Plan as presented.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting – January 3, 2006

The next regularly scheduled Board of Commissioner meeting will be January 3, 2005 in the Board of Education Conference room at O.A. Peay School.

Informational Items

- Memo to Sheriff Requesting Reports
- Energy Forum Information
- Hyde Focus on Aging
- Democratic Party Plan of Organization
- Local Government Law Bulletin
- Public School Funding in the Summer
- Cape Hatteras National Recreational Seashore ORV Plan

Adjournment

Upon motion made by Charles Spencer, seconded by Alice Armstrong with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:25 PM.

Clerk _____ Chairman _____
Hyde County Board of Commissioners