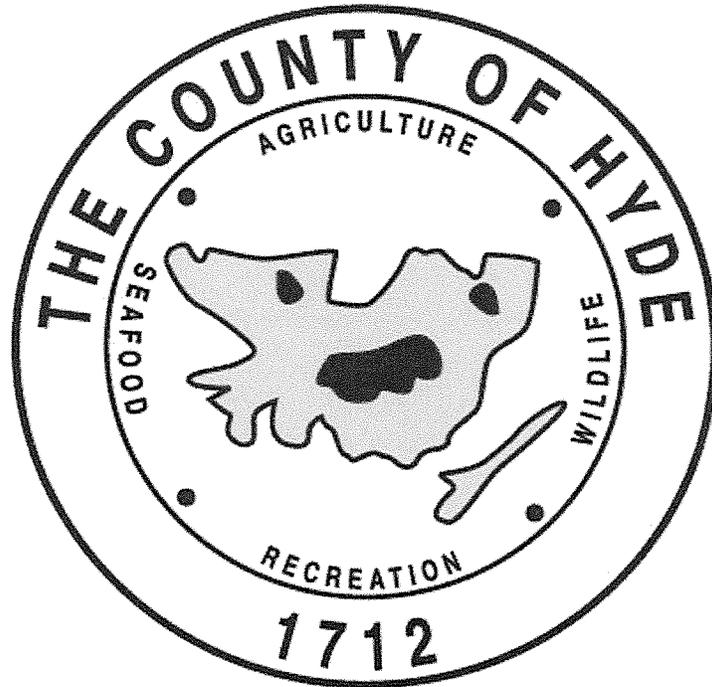


**HYDE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING PACKET**

December 7, 2015



Hyde County Courthouse Multi-purpose Room

30 Oyster Creek Road, Swan Quarter, NC

and

Ocracoke School Commons Area

120 School House Road, Ocracoke, NC

**Hyde County Board of Commissioners
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET**

Meeting Date: December 7, 2015
Presenter: Chairman Barry Swindell
Attachment: No

ITEM TITLE: OPENING

SUMMARY: Call to Order
Opening Prayer
Pledge of Allegiance

**Hyde County Board of Commissioners
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET**

Meeting Date: December 7, 2015
Presenter: Lois Stotesberry, Clerk
Attachment: Yes

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

SUMMARY: Attached are the November 2, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners.

RECOMMEND: Review, Amend and Approve.

Motion Made By: ___ Barry Swindell
___ Earl Pugh, Jr.
___ Dick Tunnell
___ Ben Simmons
___ John Fletcher

Motion Seconded By: ___ Barry Swindell
___ Earl Pugh, Jr.
___ Dick Tunnell
___ Ben Simmons
___ John Fletcher

Vote: ___ Barry Swindell
___ Earl Pugh, Jr.
___ Dick Tunnell
___ Ben Simmons
___ John Fletcher

1 **Regular Meeting Minutes**

2 **Board of County Commissioners**
3 **Hyde County**

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5 **Monday, November 2, 2015**

6 Chairman Barry Swindell called the Regular Meeting of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners to
7 order at 6:00pm on Monday, November 2, 2015, in the Hyde County Government Center, Multi-Use
8 Room, and the Ocracoke School Commons Room using electronic conferencing equipment.

9 The following members were present on the mainland: Commissioners Dick Tunnell, Earl Pugh, Jr.,
10 Ben Simmons and Barry Swindell; County Manager Bill Rich; Special Assistant Hyde County
11 Manager Will Doerfer; Attorney Fred Holscher; Clerk to the Board Lois Stotesberry; and, members of
12 the public. Commissioner John Fletcher was absent.

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

15 Following opening prayer by County Manager Bill Rich and pledge of allegiance the meeting was
16 called to order.

17 **Agenda:**

18 Chairman Swindell asked for changes to the November 2, 2015 Meeting Agenda.

19 Commissioner Pugh moved to approve the November 2, 2015 Meeting Agenda as presented by the
20 Clerk with addition of Item 3.a. Funding Request by Superintendent Dr. Randolph Latimore, Hyde
21 County Schools; Item 9. O'Neal Property; and, NC Building Reuse Grant – Property Budget
22 Ordinance. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes –
23 Simmons, Pugh, Tunnell and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Fletcher.
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25 **Consideration of Minutes:**

26 Commissioner Pugh moved to approve the October 12, 2015 Board of Commissioners Regular
27 Meeting Minutes as presented by the Clerk. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed
28 on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not
29 voting – Fletcher.
30

31 **Introduction:**

32 County Manager Rich introduced Dare County Commissioner Warren Judge.
33

34 **Employee Recognition:**

35 County Manager Rich announced Sarah Johnson, PIO, has resigned her position and will be
36 going back to college. Mr. Rich commended Ms. Johnson for a job well done. He asked Sarah
37 to disregard the gift certificate she won in October and informed her that she will receive a
38 \$50.00 gift certificate to “Jan-San Station” in Asheville, NC.
39

40 **Public Comment:**

41 Chairman Swindell called for comments from the public.
42

1 **Kristy Marslender** – Mattamuskeet Elementary School (MES) Kindergarten Teacher, stated she has
2 21 students in her classroom and an assistant is needed to provide more one-on-one instruction.

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4 **Jean Credle** – MES Kindergarten Teacher, stated many of her students are not reading at grade level
5 and with an assistant more one-on-one instruction would be provided. A good reading foundation will
6 provide the students with skills necessary for future grades and beyond.

7
8 **Tyesha Murray** – parent and MES Substitute Teacher, reported she no longer substitutes because
9 there are too many students for one teacher to see everything that happens. She also requested funding
10 for teacher assistants in elementary grades.

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12 **Darlene Craddock** – from Dare County, volunteers at MES two days a week and believes the students
13 will benefit from teacher assistants in the Kindergarten classrooms.

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15 **Peter Vankevich** – Ocracoke Observer, thanked commissioners for the new lost and found box and for
16 any assistance they may have given the “Blackbeard Pirate Jamboree” on Ocracoke. Mr. Vankevich
17 asked the commissioners to address the derelict boats on Ocracoke.

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

20
21 **Resolution – “Public Transportation 5310 Program”**

22 Beverly Paul, Transit Director and David Howard, Health Director reported they are re-applying for
23 the 5310 Elderly Disabled Program Grant (\$40,000.00) for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. The 90-10 grant is
24 administered through the Health Department with a local match of \$4,000.00 required.

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26 Commissioner Simmons moved to adopt resolution of support for “Public Transportation 5310
27 Program Resolution”. Mr. Pugh seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote:
28 Ayes – Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Fletcher.

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30 *Clerk’s Note: A copy of “Public Transportation 5310 Program Resolution” is attached herewith as Exhibit A and*
31 *incorporated herein by reference.*

32
33 **Ocracoke Development Ordinance (ODO) Board of Adjustments**

34 Appointment to the Ocracoke ODO Board of Adjustments is tabled until the next regularly scheduled
35 Board of Commissioners meeting on December 7, 2015.

36
37 **Hyde-Davis Leases**

38 Kris Cahoon-Noble, Planning and Development Director, presented recap of negotiation of two (2)
39 lease agreements with prospective tenants for the Hyde-Davis Center in Engelhard. Approval to
40 proceed with the negotiation and execution of the leases was tabled at the September Commissioner’s
41 meeting. The leases have been reviewed by the County Attorney and revised accordingly. Ms. Noble
42 continued discussion of the proposed leases.

43
44 **Tenant No. 1 – Beaufort County Community College:** BCCC wants to lease Suite 4 and Suite 6-7-8
45 at the Hyde-Davis Center. The College will use Suite 4 to provide access to online continuing
46 education classes to Hyde County citizens. Suite 4A will be used for the computer lab; Suite 4B will
47 be used for classroom space. Suite 6-7-8 will be used for Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) classes
48 and a laboratory. The leases will be rent-free and will renew in one year with an option to renew for an
49 additional 5-year rent-free term.

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2 **Tenant No. 2 – Beaufort-Hyde-Martin (BHM) Regional Library:** BHM wants to lease Suite 5 at
3 the Hyde-Davis Center. BHM will use the suite to operate a full-service library. The lease will be
4 rent-free and will renew in one year with an option to renew for an additional 5-year rent-free term.
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6 The leases are subject to the review of BCCC and BHM Library. Any requests for modifications to the
7 leases will be negotiated between the county and the individual parties.
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9 Ms. Noble requested approval to proceed with negotiations and execution of the leases.
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11 Commissioner Pugh moved to approve proceeding with the execution of the Beaufort County
12 Community College Lease and to authorize Management to negotiate modifications to the leases if
13 applicable. Commissioner Tunnell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote:
14 Ayes – Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Fletcher.
15

16 Commissioner Pugh moved to approve proceeding with the execution of the Beaufort-Hyde-Martin
17 Library Lease and to authorize Management to negotiate modifications to the leases if applicable.
18 Commissioner Swindell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh,
19 Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Fletcher.
20

21 **Request for Funding Three Teacher Assistant Positions:**
22

23 Superintendent Dr. Randolph Latimore presented Hyde County Schools Board of Education Update.
24 Dr. Latimore announced the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has reported Mattamuskeet Early
25 College High School (MECHS) has the second highest graduation rate in North Carolina at 94.7%. He
26 reported the Hyde County Board of Education has approved his request to request funding for three (3)
27 teacher assistant positions of the Hyde County Commissioners. The positions will be designated one (1)
28 for Ocracoke School and two (2) for Mattamuskeet Elementary School. The positions will be assigned
29 to the early elementary grades. The additional revenue that is being requested is \$111,000.00 based on
30 the average cost for a person in this position being \$37,000.00.
31

32 After additional clarification and discussion the Hyde County Board of Commissioners decided to table
33 the discussion and bring it back at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on December 7, 2015.
34

35 **Surplus Property**

36 Corrinne Gibbs, Finance Officer, requested Board approval to designate a Health Department 2004
37 Ford Taurus as surplus property to be sold on GovDeals with no minimum bid.
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39 Commissioner Tunnell moved to designate the 2004 Ford Taurus from the Health Department as surplus
40 property and to sell it on GovDeals with no minimum bid. Commissioner Simmons seconded the
41 motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes –Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays
42 – None; Absent or not voting – Fletcher.
43

44 **Water Line Installation Project**

45 Clint Berry, Utilities Director, has received authorization from Public Water Supply to proceed with
46 installation of water lines on the four roads requested; 1) Seth Road, 2) Bridgeman Road, 3) Refuge
47 Road and 4) Mapletown Lane. Mr. Berry reported there would be cost savings if the Water
48 Department does the installation versus bidding it out to a contractor.
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1 Commissioner Tunnell moved to authorize the Water Department to install water lines on Seth Road,
2 Bridgeman Road, Refuge Road and Mapletown Lane. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion.
3 The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays –
4 None; Absent or not voting – Fletcher.

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6 **Request to Move NC Hwy 45 to US HWY 264**

7 Further discussion of the benefits to Hyde County from moving NC Highway 45 to US Highway 264
8 has been tabled to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on December 7, 2015.

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10 Assistant Manager Doerfer reported on discussion with NCDOT Division Engineer Jerry Jennings who
11 will investigate additional signage at the intersection of Highway 45 and 264 By-Pass in Swan Quarter.
12 Mr. Jennings indicated re-routing Highway 45 to run with the US 264 By-Pass is unlikely.

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14 **Monthly Activities and Accomplishments Report**

15 Will Doerfer, NCACC/ICMA Management Fellow, presented report of his monthly activity and
16 accomplishments. Mr. Doerfer participated in a radio interview on WOVV with Peter Vankevich and
17 an interview with Connie Leinbach regarding Noise Ordinance; researched total cost of county-wide
18 fuel and maintenance; worked with Human Resources Director Tammy Blake to update the personnel
19 policy; assisted County Planner Kris Noble with Visit NC TRAC; and, researched obtaining an IT
20 contractor. Mr. Doerfer attended Partnership for Sounds in Washington and monthly ferry meetings
21 and met with the Ferry Division senior staff and Transportation Board members. Mr. Doerfer reported
22 on projects he continues working on, both on Ocracoke and the Mainland.

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24 **Hatteras-Ocracoke Vehicle Ferry Toll**

25 Bill Rich, County Manager, presented update on Hatteras-Ocracoke vehicle ferry tolling issues. Mr.
26 Rich reported Currituck County Commissioners stood by Hyde County and voted no to ferry tolling at
27 the RPO meeting in Dare County. Manager Rich recommends ferry tolling stay under advisement but
28 totally on hold until the spring session is finalized.

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30 Warren Judge, Dare County Commissioner, voted yes to ferry tolling but informed the Board that he
31 should have voted no.

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33 **Ocracoke EMS Station Property**

34 Commissioner Pugh moved to approve the Option to Purchase, Contract for Sale and Lease Agreement
35 between Ronnie Van O’Neal, Sr. and Christine O. O’Neal (seller) and the County of Hyde (buyer) for
36 the O’Neal property at 270 Back Road, Ocracoke, NC; to pay the seller \$10,000.00 (non-refundable) to
37 apply to the purchase price for the property; and, to refund the seller for a new installed heat unit.
38 Commissioner Tunnell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh,
39 Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Fletcher.

40
41 **NC Building Reuse Grant-Dare to Hyde Program Budget Ordinance**

42 Kris Cahoon-Noble, Planning and Development Director, requested approval of a project budget
43 ordinance in connection with a grant award to Dare to Hyde, LLC from the North Carolina Department
44 of Commerce/North Carolina Rural Economic Infrastructure Authority in the amount of \$60,000.00.
45 The budget ordinance will authorize Hyde County to accept and administer grant funds to Dare to
46 Hyde, LLC.

1 Commissioner Pugh moved to recuse Commissioner Simmons from voting. Commissioner Tunnell
2 seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and
3 Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Fletcher.

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5 Commissioner Pugh moved to approve the NC Building Reuse Grant-Dare to Hyde Program Budget
6 Ordinance and authorize Hyde County to accept and administer grant funds to Dare to Hyde, LLC.
7 Commissioner Tunnell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh,
8 Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Fletcher.

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10 *Clerk's Note: A copy of "NC Building Reuse Grant-Dare to Hyde Program Budget Ordinance" is attached herewith*
11 *as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference.*

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13 **Budget Revisions:**

14 Commissioner Simmons moved to approve Mainland Occupancy Tax budget revision for \$5,000.00
15 for Hyde County Chamber of Commerce to fund Swan Days. Commissioner Pugh seconded the
16 motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell;
17 Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Fletcher.

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19 **Management Reports:**

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21 **Commissioner Simmons** – attended ferry meetings and continues to spend time with football and
22 farming.

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24 **Commissioner Pugh** – attended the Ferry Division meeting on Ocracoke; the West Quarter Dike
25 meeting with permitting agencies; and, the Golden LEAF meeting.

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27 **Commissioner Tunnell** – assisted Commissioner Simmons in showing Steve Keen (permitting
28 agency) areas in need of drainage in Hyde County.

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30 **Chairman Swindell** – attended the Ferry Division meeting. Mr. Swindell announced Ms. Laurie
31 Potter has been selected as the new DSS Director. He announced the 4-H Rabbit Show will be held
32 next Saturday in the Government Center parking garage.

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34 **Commissioner Fletcher** – absent.

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36 **Manager Rich** – reported he will serve on the Red Wolfe Committee; he closed on the Devil Shore
37 Oyster and Clam fund; and, met with Dave Hallac and Stan Austin National Park System (NPS). Mr.
38 Rich also reported \$450,000.00 available in the Revolving Loan Fund to lend.

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40 **Public Comments:**

41 Chairman Swindell called for comments from the public.

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43 Connie Leinbach, Ocracoke – asked how the Ferry Division will make \$150,000.00 work.
44 Ward Garrish, Ocracoke – questioned whether or not it is legal for the Federal Government to fence a
45 community in with ferry tolling.

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

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49 **Closed Session:** (none)

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Adjourn:

Commissioner Pugh moved to adjourn the November 2, 2015 Board of Commissioners Meeting. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Fletcher.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

SEAL

Minutes approved on the 7th day of December, 2015.

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

Barry Swindell
Chair, Hyde County Board of Commissioners

Attachment:

Exhibit A: *“Public Transportation 5310 Program Resolution”*

Exhibit B: *“NC Building Reuse Grant-Dare to Hyde Program Budget Ordinance”*

AGENDA

HYDE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015 – 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

OPENING

ORGANIZATION

- 1) Administer Oaths of Office – Brandy Pugh, Clerk of Court
- 2) Opening of Organizational Meeting – Barry Swindell, Chairman
- 3) Nomination and Election of Board Chairman
- 4) Chair Takes Over Organizational Meeting
- 5) Nomination and Election of Vice-Chairman
- 6) Appointment of Board Clerk
- 7) Appointment of Deputy Clerk
- 8) Appointment of County Attorney

**Hyde County Board of Commissioners
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET**

Meeting Date: December 7, 2015
Presenter: Chairman Barry Swindell
Attachment: Yes

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

SUMMARY: Attached is the proposed Agenda for the December 7, 2015, Regular Meeting of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners.

RECOMMEND: Review, Amend and Approve.

Motion Made By: ___ Barry Swindell
___ Earl Pugh, Jr.
___ Dick Tunnell
___ Ben Simmons
___ John Fletcher

Motion Seconded By: ___ Barry Swindell
___ Earl Pugh, Jr.
___ Dick Tunnell
___ Ben Simmons
___ John Fletcher

Vote: ___ Barry Swindell
___ Earl Pugh, Jr.
___ Dick Tunnell
___ Ben Simmons
___ John Fletcher

AGENDA

HYDE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015 – 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

OPENING

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- 1) November 2, 2015 – Regular Meeting Minutes

ORGANIZATION

- 1) Administer Oaths of Office – Brandy Pugh, Clerk of Court
 - 2) Opening of Organizational Meeting – Barry Swindell, Chairman
 - 3) Nomination and Election of Board Chairman
 - 4) Chair Takes Over Organizational Meeting
 - 5) Nomination and Election of Vice-Chairman
 - 6) Appointment of Board Clerk
 - 7) Appointment of Deputy Clerk
 - 8) Appointment of County Attorney
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HYDE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015 – 6:15 PM

CALL TO ORDER

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING (none)

INTRODUCTION

- 1) Teresa Adams, PIO
- 2) Laurie Potter, Director DSS

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

PRESENTATIONS

- 1) Tax Collections Update – Linda Basnight

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments are a time for the public to make comments to the County Commissioners. Comments should be kept to three (3) minutes or less and comments should be directed to the entire Board and not to individual members, the staff or to other members of the public. Comments requesting assistance will typically be referred to the County Manager for follow-up or for Board action at a future meeting.

ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION

1) Resolutions

- a. Resolution Establishing Regular Meeting Dates Mgr. Rich
- b. Re-affirmation of Merchant Mariners Resolution Mgr. Rich
- c. Resolution Requesting the ARPO Delay Consideration of Tolling
Ferry Routes Mgr. Rich
(1) Payment of Ferry Expenses Comm. Fletcher

2) Appointment

- a. Ocracoke Development Ordinance Board of Adjustment Comm. Fletcher

- 3) Continue Discussion – Noise Will Doerfer
- 4) Approval of the DSS Board Hiring Laurie Potter as DirectorMgr. Rich
- 5) DSS Overpayment Request Laurie Potter and Linda McCabe
- 6) Hyde County Code – Proposed Changes by OPAB Kris Noble
- 7) OPAB Request Joint Meetings with Ocracoke Board of Adjustment
In support of Triannual Joint Meetings Mgr. Rich
- 8) Continue Discussion – Request for Funding Three Teacher Assistant
Positions Dr. Randolph Latimore
- 9) RLF Request – Michael Casper Kris Noble
- 10) McClees Consulting Contract Renewal Mgr. Rich
- 11) Beach Access/ Kris Noble
- 12)PILT Program FY2015-16 Funding Mgr. Rich
- 13)Dare County Fisheries Meeting Mgr. Rich
- 14)Marine Fisheries/Southern Flounder Mgr. Rich

- 15) Continue Discussion – Request to Move Highway 45 to US 264 Comm. Fletcher
- 16) Monthly Activity and Accomplishment Report Will Doerfer
- 17) Closed Session Minutes – 2011 to 07-2015 Mgr. Rich

BUDGET MATTERS

Health Department

- BR10-16 – Family Planning – State
- BR12-16 – Adult Health – Lab Testing Expense
- BR13-16 – Family Planning – Lab Testing Expense
- BR14-16 – PHPR Program – Contract Employee
- BR15-16 – PHPR Ebola Program – Contract Employee
- BR16-16 – Vidant Healthy Hyde Grant – Contract Employee
- BR17-16 – CC4C – Part-Time Wages and Travel
- BR18-16 – Family Planning – Medical Supplies
- BR19-16 – General Health – Longevity Pay and Travel
- BR20-16 - Adult Health – Interpreter Service

MANAGEMENT REPORTS

The Commissioners and County Manager will share with the public their various activities and ideas for continuous improvement of government services to the citizens.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public is invited to use this time to make comments to the County Commissioners on items discussed during this meeting and/or matters not discussed earlier in the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION:

- 1. In accordance with NCGS143A-318.11 (a)(6) – Personnel Matters

ADJOURN

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Department Reports

- 1) Tax Department (requires signature)
- 2) S&W Newsletter
- 3) Finance
- 4) Social Services
- 5) Senior Center
- 6) Human Resources
- 7) Health Department
- 8) Inspections

Informational Items

- 1) Ann Ehringhaus Letter (11-11-2015)

**Hyde County Board of Commissioners
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET**

Meeting Date: July 6, 2015
Presenter: County Manager, Bill Rich
Attachment: Yes

ITEM TITLE: INTRODUCTION – NEW EMPLOYEES

SUMMARY: Manager Rich will introduce:

1. Teresa Adams, Public Information Officer who will replace Sarah Johnson
2. Laurie Potter, Director Department of Social Services who will replace Gloria Spencer

RECOMMEND: Welcome.

Motion Made By: Barry Swindell
 Earl Pugh, Jr.
 Dick Tunnell
 Ben Simmons
 John Fletcher

Motion Seconded By: Barry Swindell
 Earl Pugh, Jr.
 Dick Tunnell
 Ben Simmons
 John Fletcher

Vote: Barry Swindell
 Earl Pugh, Jr.
 Dick Tunnell
 Ben Simmons
 John Fletcher

Teresa Adams

Teresa Adams has accepted the Public Information Officer (PIO) position.

Teresa resides on Ocracoke and can be reached at: 252-542-0842 or tadams@hydecountync.gov.

Laurie has more than 18 years combined experience in working with Educational and Medical facilities, community organizations, personal and professional business management development teams, and assisting in strategic problem solving. This diverse commitment of experience consisted of many years of leadership opportunities and compassion expressed for those less fortunate. Ms. Potter is an Alumna of East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina where she received a Baccalaureate of Social Work Degree (BS). She later went on to study at the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia where she received a Masters of Social Work Degree with a Certificate in Non Profit Management. (MA)

Ms. Potter's many honors and memberships include but are not limited to, The North Carolina Public Health Association, Phi Kappa Phi International Honor Society, and National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

Having grown up in a family with humble beginnings, Ms. Potter understands the difference between the haves and the have nots. Grounded in a passion to improve lives and communities of individuals who society has neglected, ignored and pushed aside; she believes everyone deserves a chance to become a contributing individual to their family and community.

**Hyde County Board of Commissioners
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET**

Meeting Date: December 7, 2015
Presenter: County Manager Bill Rich
Attachment: No

ITEM TITLE: EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

SUMMARY: Manager Bill Rich will announce the Employee of the Month.
The employee will spin the "Wheel of Thanks."

RECOMMEND: Congratulations.

Motion Made By: ___ Barry Swindell
___ Dick Tunnell
___ Ben Simmons
___ John Fletcher
___ Earl Pugh, Jr.

Motion Seconded By: ___ Barry Swindell
___ Dick Tunnell
___ Ben Simmons
___ John Fletcher
___ Earl Pugh, Jr.

Vote: ___ Barry Swindell
___ Dick Tunnell
___ Ben Simmons
___ John Fletcher
___ Earl Pugh, Jr.

**Hyde County Board of Commissioners
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET**

Meeting Date: December 7, 2015
Presenter: Linda Basnight, Tax Administrator
Attachment: No

ITEM TITLE: TAX COLLECTIONS UPDATE

SUMMARY: Mr. Rich ask me to give an update of the meeting on November 19 With Lonnie Baker, Dynamic Data Services and Joe Echel, Custom Computer Software at which time we discussed the following upgrades to the tax office. 1. Developing a web-site on which taxes due will be shown. 2. Upgrading the tax office tax collection programs to allow the tax office to accept debit/credit card payments, telephone debit/credit card payments and on-line payments.

RECOMMEND: Receive report.

Motion Made By: Barry Swindell
 Earl Pugh, Jr.
 Dick Tunnell
 Ben Simmons
 John Fletcher

Motion Seconded By: Barry Swindell
 Earl Pugh, Jr.
 Dick Tunnell
 Ben Simmons
 John Fletcher

Vote: Barry Swindell
 Earl Pugh, Jr.
 Dick Tunnell
 Ben Simmons
 John Fletcher

Hyde County Board of Commissioners
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET

Meeting Date: December 7, 2015
Presenter: Citizens
Attachment: No

ITEM TITLE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

SUMMARY: Citizens are afforded an opportunity at this time to comment on issues they feel may be of importance to the Commissioners and to their fellow citizens.

Comments should be kept to (3) minutes and directed to the entire Board, not just one individual Commissioner, staff member or to a member of the audience.

Time for one person cannot be used by another person.

Comments that reflect the need for additional assistance will be directed to the County Manager or referred to a future meeting agenda.

RECOMMEND: Receive comments.

**Hyde County Board of Commissioners
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET**

Meeting Date: December 7, 2015
Presenter: County Manager Bill Rich
Attachment: Yes

ITEM TITLE: RESOLUTION TO ADOPT MEETING CALENDAR FOR 2016

SUMMARY: A resolution must be passed by the Board to adopt the official calendar of Board meetings, as directed by General Statute §143-318.12.

“Resolution No. 2015-12-07 – Resolution of The Hyde County Board of Commissioners Establishing Regular Meeting Dates” is attached for Board approval.

RECOMMEND: Discussion and approval.

Motion Made By: ___ Barry Swindell
___ Earl Pugh, Jr.
___ Dick Tunnell
___ Ben Simmons
___ John Fletcher

Motion Seconded By: ___ Barry Swindell
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Vote: ___ Barry Swindell
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Barry Swindell, Chair
Earl Pugh, Jr., Vice-chair
Ben Simmons
John Fletcher
Dick Tunnell

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Bill Rich
County Manager

Fred Holscher
County Attorney

Lois Stotesberry, CMC, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board



Resolution No. 2015-12-07

**RESOLUTION OF THE HYDE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ESTABLISHING REGULAR MEETING DATES**

WHEREAS, pursuant to NCGS 153A-40, the Hyde County Board of Commissioners have elected to adopt a meeting schedule by resolution so that its members and the public may know when Regular meetings of the Board are to be held;

WHEREAS, the Hyde County Board of Commissioners adopted Rules of Procedure on February 4, 2013, calling for Regular meetings on the first Monday of each month, or as otherwise provided;

WHEREAS, nothing in this Resolution shall preclude the Hyde County Board of Commissioners from holding Special or Emergency meetings as such may be allowed by law;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to begin all calendar year 2016 Regular Board Meetings at 6:00 p.m.; and,

WHEREAS, the Hyde County Board of Commissioners utilizes an electronic meeting system for the simultaneous audio and/or video conduct of Regular meetings on both the Mainland and Ocracoke, the sites of such electronic meetings being as follows unless an alternative location is posted on the door of the meeting site:

- "Government Center" means the Multi-Use Room in the Government Center, 30 Oyster Creek Road, Swan Quarter, NC.
- "Ocracoke" means the Commons Area, Ocracoke School, 1 Schoolhouse Road, Ocracoke, NC.
- * means the meeting date is on Tuesday.

WHEREAS, the Hyde County Board of Commissioners, at its Organizational Meeting on December 7, 2015, unanimously moved to call for Regular meetings on the first Monday of each month, or as otherwise provided;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hyde County Board of Commissioners adopts the following schedule for regular Board meetings:

January 4, 2016	July 5, 2016 *
February 1, 2016	August 1, 2016
March 7, 2016	September 6, 2016 *
April 4, 2016	October 3, 2016
May 2, 2016	November 7, 2016
June 6, 2016	December 5, 2016

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk is hereby directed to post a copy of this Resolution on the courthouse bulletin board and to publish a summary in the *Coastland Times* newspaper on or before December 30, 2015.

Duly adopted this the 7th day of December, 2015.

Chair, Hyde County Board of Commissioners

Clerk

ATTEST:

Clerk to the Board

**Hyde County Board of Commissioners
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET**

Meeting Date: December 7, 2015
Presenter: County Manager Bill Rich
Attachment: Yes

ITEM TITLE: REAFFIRM A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA HYDE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN SUPPORT OF ALTERNATE METHOD OF RECOGNITION FOR VETERANS STATUS TO WW II COASTWISE MERCHANT MARINERS

SUMMARY: Mr. J. Don Horton, President, WW II Coastwise Merchant Mariners, requests the Hyde County Board of Commissioners send a letter to Senator Burr to reaffirm continued support of WW II Coastwise Merchant Mariners.

On May 4, 2015, the Hyde County Board of Commissioners adopted "A Resolution of the North Carolina Hyde County Board of Commissioners In Support Of Alternative Method of Recognition for Veterans Status to WW II Coastwise Merchant Mariners".

RECOMMEND: Reaffirm.

Motion Made By: Barry Swindell
 Earl Pugh, Jr.
 Dick Tunnell
 Ben Simmons
 John Fletcher

Motion Seconded By: Barry Swindell
 Earl Pugh, Jr.
 Dick Tunnell
 Ben Simmons
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Vote: Barry Swindell
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A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA HYDE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN SUPPORT OF ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF RECOGNITION FOR VETERANS STATUS TO WW II COASTWISE MERCHANT MARINERS

Findings 1: Some US Merchant Marine Seamen of WW II gained veteran status under a court ruling via Schmacher, Willner, et al, V. Secretary of the Air Force Edward C. Aldridge, Jr 665 F Supp 41(D.D.C 1987). The USCG later **required** they meet certain eligibility requirements.

Findings 2: Some 10,000 to 30,000 **coastwise** seagoing tug and barge merchant seamen have been or may be denied recognition upon application because actions taken by government agencies (prior to P. L. 95-202) have removed required eligibility records from being available to the veteran.

Findings 3: Commandant, USCG Ltr 5739 Ltr of 09 Apr 2010 states, "**The US Government did not issue mariner credentials to females during the World War II.**"

Findings 4: USCG Information Sheet #77 (April 1992) identifies **acceptable forms of documentation** for eligibility meeting the requirements pursuant to Schmacher V. Aldridge, 655 41(D.D.C 1987)

- a. Certificate of Discharge (Form 718A)
- b. Continuous Discharge Books (ship's deck/engine logbooks. (Non-military document)
- c. Company letters showing vessel names and dates of voyages. (Non-military document)

Findings 5: Commandant USCG Order of 20 March, 1944 **relieves masters** of tugs, towboats and seagoing barges **of the responsibility of submitting reports of seamen shipped or discharged on forms 718A.** This action removes item (a) from the eligibility list in Findings 4.

Findings 6: USCG Information Sheet # 77 (April, 1992) further states "Deck logs were traditionally considered to be the property of the owners of the ships. After World War II, however, the deck and engine logbooks of vessels operated by the War Shipping Administration were turned over to that agency by the ship owners, and **were destroyed during the 1970s because they were too burdensome to keep and too costly to maintain.**" This action effectively eliminates item (b) from the eligibility list in Findings 4

Findings 7: Company letters showing vessel names and dates of voyages are highly suspect of ever existing due to the strict orders prohibiting even the discussion of ship/troop movement. Then consider item (c) of Findings 4 should be removed from the eligibility list. USCG Info Sheet # 77, page 2 refers

Findings 8: Excerpts from Pres. Roosevelt's fireside Chat 23: On the Home Front (Oct. 12, 1942): "In order to keep stepping up our production, we have had to add millions of workers to the total labor force of the Nation. "In order to do this, we shall be compelled to use **older men, and handicapped people, and more women, and even grown boys and girls,** wherever possible and reasonable, to replace men of military age and fitness; **to use their summer vacations, to work somewhere in the war industries.**" Underage combatants had served in all of America's wars from the time of the Revolution. The unknown number who served in the Second World War perpetuated that legacy. They served with distinction and valor, and indisputably demonstrated that, despite their age, they could serve as well as those around them.

Findings 9: Post the Revolutionary War; many Acts of Congress were enacted to provide pensions to those veterans applying for support. Thousands of servicemen were without documented service and remained without any viable means to prove service. Excerpts from documents retained at the NARA provide: **Generally the process required an applicant to appear before a court of record in the State of his or her residence to describe under oath the service for which a pension was claimed.** This

establishes precedence for using certified oaths in conjunction with the Social Security documents as alternative documentation.

Findings (10): US CG Official Shipping/Discharge documents (Forms 718A) were obtained from the National Archives and Records Administration, Wash. DC that contained information proving Active Duty (AD) services for some WW II coastwise barge and tug Mariners. Together with information obtained via a FOIA request to the National Maritime Center, research brought forth additional information. **Research conducted between June-August 2013, in concert with the NMC**, using official records of 1172 coastwise mariners and the USCG Merchant Marine Casualties of WW II report of 1950 identified:

WW II Coastwise Mariners Listing: Excel Sheet #1

- 1172 Mariners identified via official USCG Shipping/Discharge Forms 718A
- 84 Mariners may be women according to their feminine sounding names; OR 7.2%
- 1058 Mariners' ages were specified. Ages ranged from 10 to 78.
- 583 Mariners identified within draft age and included those in 4F status; OR 55.1% of known ages.
- 525 Mariners identified at over the draft age of 37; OR 49.6% of known ages.
- 114 Mariners with age not specified; OR 09.7%
- 47 Mariners who served were under the age of 17; OR 4.4% of known ages.
- 16 Mariners KIA with 1 receiving DD Form 1300.

National Maritime Form DD 214 Listing: Excel Sheet #2

- 794 Mariners were identified on NMC Coastwise Mariners listing identifying Active Duty services.
- 291 Mariners on NMC listing had no USCG MMLD numbers listed; OR 36.6%
- 85 Mariners issued DD Form 214 from NMC listing, OR 10.7% of NMC; OR 7.2% of WW II CMM

Merchant Marine KIA & MIA Casualties from all causes = 9521 * (usmm.org)

- 5662 Mariner Casualties from USCG per 1950 Report * (USCG 1950 casualty report)
- 3859 Mariner Casualties from Other Sources * (Additional sources = Art. Moore and US Congress)

Merchant Marine Casualties recognized by all sources = 414

- 344 Mariner Casualties from USCG 1950 Casualty Report * (USCG 1950 casualty report)
- 70 Mariner Casualties from NMC report & not listed on USCG 1950 Casualty List * (NMC DD 1300 Report)
- 1 Mariner in NMC DD 1300 files as having received Form DD 1300 yet 16 identified on WW II CM listing

Rationale: 9521 Merchant Mariners KIA or MIA serving and **only 414** receiving Veteran status.

Findings 11: The USCG cannot provide a **true estimate** of merchant mariners serving in WW II. GAO/HEHS-97-196R refers. Estimates range from 250,000 to 840,000 from recognized historians and GAO audit... None of these historians were aware of these 10,000 to 30,000 coastwise merchant seamen where many served without proper credentials and were not included in above estimates. **Some were elderly handicapped; others women and some were school children** who served in billets, drew wages and paid taxes. They served on the same vessels in the same hostile war zones and performed the same services alongside others who were documented. **Yet, only about 91,000 merchant mariners have been recognized as veterans with just 1192 of these veterans in receipt of compensation or pension benefits the VA refers.** This is a vast disparity in ratio of the other service branches.

Findings 12: DOD and NARA Agreement N1-330-04-1 of Jul, 08, 2004 puts in place a procedure to transfer military personnel files of individuals from all services, (including civilian personnel or contractual groups who were later accorded military status under the provisions of Schmacher, Willner, et al, V. Secretary of the Air Force Edward C. Aldridge, Jr 665 F Supp 41 (D.D.C 1987). This agreement affects military personnel records of individuals **62 years** after separation from service. Action has taken place for all **except** the US Merchant Marine IAW above stated court order. This **inaction** by the **Department of Homeland Security via (COMDT USCG)** has caused many of the mariners to have **gone unrecognized** for their services. Many seafarers have passed without ever gaining recognition or benefits and soon all will be History. National Personnel Records Center estimate there are between 1400 to 2500 Cubic feet of Shipping/Discharge documents being stored at the NARA district offices and NMC yet to be transferred to the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Missouri. NMC cites **about 91,000 out**

of 250,000 to 840,000 have ever received recognition as veterans; and, with many unable to gain access because of age and health condition requiring assistance for others outside family. Had compliance taken place, these records would have been available to all and providing the mariner a chance to being recognized many years ago and enjoying the benefits awarded to them via court order.

Whereas: (1) By court order, Schumacher v. Aldridge 665 F Supp 41 (D.D.C. 1987) **provided for veteran status** to certain US Merchant Marine seamen during WW II (07 December, 1941 to 31 December, 1946) with the same benefits accorded all veterans as administrated by the Veterans Administration. There were **no provisions** for the elderly handicapped, women or schoolchildren to even be considered for their services as mariners serving anywhere within the US Merchant Marine providing an avenue to veteran status.

Whereas: (2) The USCG Information Sheet #77 of Apr. 1992 identifies specific criteria to be used to prove active duty performed by an individual seaman for the purpose of attaining veteran status and findings (5), (6) & (7) identified specific **official government actions** that **removed** these particular documents from the reach of the mariner. This **clearly identifies the requirement** to put in place a method of utilizing **alternative** documentation and other approved methods to replace specific documents removed from use by the government actions cited elsewhere in this document.

Whereas: (3) Women **were removed** from ships at the onset of WW II and not allowed to serve in any capacity by direction of the War Shipping Administrator, Admiral Emory S. Land. The Captains of the Ports (USCG COTP) were given specific directions to **deny** official USCG maritime credentials to any woman requesting them. They **served but without official credentials** in every capacity on most vessels. Families were the sole crew on many barges throughout the WW II and afterwards. Companies **welcomed this** arrangement because **critical** crew replacements were **reduced** considerably. This allowed those barges to move the bulk war materials more quickly and freed the more abled bodied seaman to man the larger seagoing ships taking vital supplies to troops on all the fronts, keeping the enemy from our doors. A **win win** situation vital to war defense. **To date** there is **no law or other avenue** recognizing women as veterans of the US Merchant Marine during WW II

Whereas: (4) President Roosevelt's speech of 12 Oct, 1942 **puts in place the use of elderly and handicapped individuals, school children and women in an effort to support war efforts** by replacing men of military age and fitness, and in stepping up our production of war materials for those on the front lines. Because of this speech, women, the elderly disabled and schoolchildren entered the varied war defense plant services in droves and many found their way into the coastwise barge and tug trades as well.

Whereas: (5) DOD & NARA Agreement N1-330-04-1 of July 08, 2004 **provides for the transfer** of military records to the National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, MO for use as archival records, open to the public. But **inaction by the DHS for the mariner in over 10** years has caused the veteran loss of due access of his records that may have accorded him recognition as a veteran. Recommend Congressional inquiry into delay of WW II Merchant Mariners personnel records.

Whereas: (6) Previously attempted bills, HR 1288 and S-1361, would have provided for **alternative records** to be used in place of **records lost, destroyed or denied** for coastwise seamen affected; and allowed women and school children be recognized for their services rendered for the first time ever. There are **no laws** in place to allow for resolution of this issue.

Whereas: (7) The elderly disabled, children and women have served in every war this nation has ever known. Most have served without recognition but history is replete with actions of young children stepping up to serve, some receiving our highest honors and others serving in our highest ranks of service, congress and the presidency; e.g. President Andrew Jackson (age 13); America's first Admiral, David Glasgow Farragut was appointed a midshipman at (age 9) by President James Madison; Willie Johnson (age 11) was recipient of the Medal of Honor; Albert Cohen of Memphis TN who enlisted at age 11 & KIA age 15. History is filled with children defending this nation and Coastwise Mariners had their fair share of them. **Findings #9 & #10 provide support info.**

Whereas: (8) Although they served gallantly and with honor, actions taken against those that were elderly and disabled, school children and women by denying them official credentials during WW II is considered **discrimination** today.

Whereas: (9) The process used to determine whether an individual performed service under honorable conditions that satisfies the requirements of a coastwise merchant seaman who is recognized as having performed active duty service under the court ruling via Schmacher, Willner, et al, V. Secretary of the Air Force Edward C. Aldridge Jr 665 f Supp 41 (D.D.C.1987). There are no considerations in any **existing** legislation that provides for women who served, under aged schoolchildren or elderly handicapped seaman any avenue to attain veteran status. **Nor** is there a current avenue to use alternative methods of recognition or other actions that have proved effective in past wars for use in lieu of documents that were denied and/or destroyed by several specific official government actions.

The following actions are recommended:

(1) Initiate congressional actions to: Provide sufficient response to support Merchant Mariners' provisions of HR 1288 (with wording intact to insure all coastwise barge and tugboat mariners who served during WW II (regardless of age, gender or disability) are recognized as veterans in accordance with or similar to: court ruling via Schmacher, Willner, et al, V. Secretary of the Air Force Edward C. Aldridge, Jr 665 F Supp 41 (D.D.C 1987, **granting veterans status**

(2) Initiate congressional inquiry into: Delay of WW II Merchant Mariners personnel records movement to National Military Personnel Center.

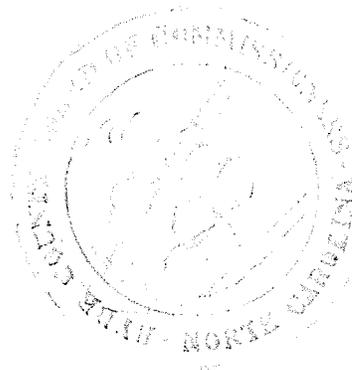
(3) Initiate congressional actions to: Recognize WW II Mariners identified as KIA/MIA as Veterans of this Nation.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Hyde County, North Carolina Board of Commissioners hereby supports these efforts on behalf of the World War II Coastwise Merchant Mariners and urges our Representatives in the Senate (Senators Richard Burr and Thom Tillis) and in the House (Representatives Walter Jones and George K. Butterfield) to fully support and initiate all necessary actions, including full support of HR 1288, "WW II Merchant Mariners Service Act", to pass legislation approving the above findings and recommendations.

Adopted this 04th day of May 2015.


Lois Stotesberry, Clerk
Hyde County, NC Board of Commissioners


Barry Swindell, Chairman
Hyde County, NC Board of Commissioners



Lois Stotesberry

From: Don Horton <jdonhorton@embarqmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 07, 2015 12:16 PM
To: 'Lois Stotesberry'
Subject: BOC Letter of Support for WW II Coastwise Merchant Mariners, Request for
Attachments: #2A USCG Reference Info Paper #77 of Apr, 1992.doc; #8G1Camden Co BOC-Burr Support ltr Response of 03 Nov. 2015.pdf

Ahoy Lois,

Last month I sent two emails to you requesting they be forwarded to the Hyde County Board of Commissioners. Today I am sending another update and request. Would you be so kind as to provide copies of this letter and the other attachment (USCG Info Paper #77 of Apr. 1992) to the members of the board? Thank you for your support in this most historic issue.

Attached is the letter adopted by the Camden Co. Commissioners in response to Sen. Burr's letter to them. I have heard from 2 other counties (Warren and Dare). Both have unanimously approved letters to the Senator. Since I referred to Camden County's letter from Senator Burr, I thought it best I offer their response as testament regarding their support and perhaps your BOC will provide similar support.

By copy of this letter, I respectfully request the Board of Commissioners of Hyde County place my request on their calendar as soon as possible for review and action. This request is for a county letter of support to Senator Burr. This letter will reaffirm your continued support for our WW II Coastwise Mariners as identified within the approved resolution forwarded earlier and hopefully provide clarification of our request for his cosponsorship to S 1775. WW II Coastwise Merchant Mariners.. Thank you.

For this nation to allow one veteran to go unrecognized is tragic. For our members of congress to allow thousands, or even hundreds to go unrecognized is a National disgrace. It is Un-American and totally unacceptable.

Best to all,

Don

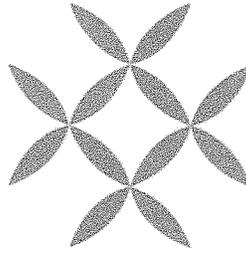
J. Don Horton, President
WW II Coastwise Merchant Mariners
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03 Nov, 2015

The Honorable Richard Burr,
United States Senator
217 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Burr,

On behalf of the Camden County Board of Commissioners, I am writing in response to your letter dated August 26th (attached) which identified reasons you feel you cannot support our request to cosponsor S 1775 WW II Merchant Mariners Service Act. In April of this year our Board adopted a resolution in support of WW II Coastwise Merchant Mariners. A copy is attached for your reference. As you know Mr. Don Horton, president of the WWII Coastwise Merchant Mariners, has spent many years researching this important topic. On November 2nd, the Camden Board of Commissioners had the pleasure of hearing a very detailed presentation by Mr. Horton concerning the status S 1775 as well as reviewing additional documentation pertaining to United States Coast Guard Reference Document #77 and court precedence (Schmacher, Wilner, et al v. Secretary of the Air Force Edward C. Aldridge, Jr., 665 F Supp 41 D.D.C 1987) which supports the recognition of WWII U.S. Merchant Marine Seaman as veterans. Copies of these documents are also attached for your reference.

Upon further review and following Mr. Horton's presentation to the Board, we feel strongly that the findings within our previously submitted April resolution were completely valid. The resolution included a very specific reference, USGG Paper #77 of April, 1992. It clearly identifies the use of non-military records and set the precedence for use of same. Two of three documents listed for use by Mariners to gain veteran status are clearly indicated as non-military documents. It further goes on to state one of the accepted non-military documents, Ship's Logbooks (property of owners), were turned over to the Maritime Administration for safekeeping and storage. Sadly, sometime in the 1970's the Maritime Administration ordered them to be destroyed because they were rarely used for research and too costly to store.

In reviewing the language of S 1775 we could find no mention of changing the law so that specific military discharge and certification documents now used for verifying seagoing or coastwise service would no longer be needed and allowing Social Security records or pay receipts to be submitted in

lieu of those military documents would be setting an unnecessary precedent. We interpret the language as to allow the use of alternative methods of recognition when **NO** documents could be found or when documents were **not** available due to government actions that destroyed, withheld, denied or otherwise removed them from service. An example of this is the agreement between DOD and NARA (N1-330-04-1 of July 08, 2004 to relocate all veteran personnel records, of veterans discharged greater than 62 years, to the Personnel Records Center in ST. Louis, MO. Research indicates as many as 15,000 cubic feet of Merchant Mariner personnel records are stored in boxes and blocked from research due to privacy policies.

There was no mention regarding recognizing the women and school children who served on those barges and tugs. There are no credentials to offer in proving service. The USCG refused to issue credentials to women and children were just ignored. They served and served gallantly. Do we not owe them at least recognition? Recognizing these women and schoolchildren as veterans is probably the single most significant issue of the entire bill and this was not addressed. Alternative methods of recognition would rectify this.

Senator Burr, the Camden County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests that you further review the evidence that Mr. Horton has assembled. Based upon your thoughtful review, we are confident that you will be in a position to give this issue the weight of your full support.

Very respectfully,



P. Michael McLain, Chairman
Camden County Board of Commissioners

**Hyde County Board of Commissioners
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET**

Meeting Date: December 7, 2015
Presenter: County Manager Bill Rich
Attachment: Yes

ITEM TITLE: RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ALBEMARLE REGIONAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO DELAY CONSIDERATION OF TOLLING FERRY ROUTES

SUMMARY: The Hyde County Board of Commissioners is requesting that the Albemarle Rural Planning Organization (ARPO):

1. Refrain from considering tolling ferry routes until the 2016 session of the North Carolina General Assembly has an opportunity to explore and consider alternate funding sources for new and replacement ferry vessel and ferry support vessels.
2. All the members of the ARPO support this endeavor.

RECOMMEND: Approve.

Motion Made By: Barry Swindell
 Earl Pugh, Jr.
 Dick Tunnell
 Ben Simmons
 John Fletcher

Motion Seconded By: Barry Swindell
 Earl Pugh, Jr.
 Dick Tunnell
 Ben Simmons
 John Fletcher

Vote: Barry Swindell
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RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ALBEMARLE REGIONAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO DELAY CONSIDERATION OF TOLLING FERRY ROUTES

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly adopted the Strategic Transportation Investment (STI) law in 2013; and,

WHEREAS, the STI law, also established a method for prioritizing transportation projects, the Strategic Mobility Formula, which is a new way of allocating available revenues based on data-driven scoring and local input.

WHEREAS, the Strategic Mobility Formula funds projects in three categories: Statewide Mobility, Regional Impacts and Division Needs; and,

WHEREAS, the Strategic Mobility Formula dictates that new and replacement ferry vessels and ferry support vessels can only be considered under the Division Needs category; and,

WHEREAS, the Albemarle Rural Planning Organization is within the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Division One and NCDOT Division One hosts more North Carolina ferry routes and vessels than any other Division along the coast; and,

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Ferry Division has determined the costs of ferry vessel replacements for Division One to be \$5,000,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, NCDOT Division One is scheduled to receive roughly \$33,000,000.00, in the Division Needs Category, per year in Strategic Transportation Investment funding to fund Highway, Bicycle and Pedestrian, Aviation, and Ferry projects within its fourteen County region; and

WHEREAS, inclusion of new and replacement ferry vessels and ferry support vessels in the Division Needs category will place an undue financial burden on all NCDOT Division One transportation projects;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Hyde County Board of Commissioners request that the Albemarle Rural Planning Organization refrain from considering tolling ferry routes until the 2016 session of the North Carolina General Assembly has an opportunity to explore and consider alternate funding sources for new and replacement ferry vessel and ferry support vessels.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hyde County Board of Commissioners are requesting that all the members of the Albemarle Rural Planning Organization support this endeavor.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

ATTEST:

Barry Swindell, Chairman

Clerk to the Board

**Hyde County Board of Commissioners
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET**

Meeting Date: December 7, 2015
Presenter: Commissioner John Fletcher
Attachment: No

ITEM TITLE: PAYMENT OF FERRY EXPENSES

SUMMARY: Commissioner Fletcher will discuss payment of ferry expenses.

RECOMMEND: Discussion and possible action

Motion Made By: Barry Swindell
 Earl Pugh, Jr.
 Dick Tunnell
 Ben Simmons
 John Fletcher

Motion Seconded By: Barry Swindell
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**Hyde County Board of Commissioners
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET**

Meeting Date: December 7, 2015
Presenter: Commissioner John Fletcher
Attachment: Yes

ITEM TITLE: OCRACOKE DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

SUMMARY: Effective October 15, 2015, Ocracoke Development Ordinance Board of Adjustments Chairman Jim Borland resigned his position with the Board.

The Hyde County Board of Commissioners thanks Mr. Borland for five years of service on the ODO Board.

RECOMMEND: Appointment.

Motion Made By: Barry Swindell
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Motion Seconded By: Barry Swindell
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Lois Stotesberry

From: Bill Rich <brich@hydecourtync.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 2:25 PM
To: 'Jim Borland'
Cc: 'Lois Stotesberry'
Subject: RE: Variance board, resignation

Thanks Jim. I'll be sure this makes our October agenda so Mr. Fletcher can chose a replacement. Thank you for all your time and years of service and happy travels.

Bill

-----Original Message-----

From: Jim Borland [<mailto:jsborland@centurylink.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 12:54 PM
To: brich@hydecourtync.gov
Subject: Variance board, resignation

Bill, After better than 5 years on this board, I feel it is time to move on and do some traveling. I would therefore tender my resignation, effective October 15th 2015. I have enjoyed my tenure and will be glad to work with mysuccessor. If I need to do anything further please let me know. Jim Borland

Sent from my iPad

**Hyde County Board of Commissioners
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET**

Meeting Date: December 7, 2015
Presenter: Assistant County Manager Will Doerfer
Attachment: Yes

ITEM TITLE: UPDATE - NOISE

SUMMARY: Assistant County Manager Doerfer will present update on noise.

RECOMMEND: Discussion.

Motion Made By: Barry Swindell
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Motion Seconded By: Barry Swindell
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Hyde County Board of Commissioners
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET

Meeting Date: December 7, 2015
Presenter: County Manager Bill Rich
Attachment: No

ITEM TITLE: APPROVAL OF DSS BOARD HIRING LAURA POTTER
AS DIRECTOR

SUMMARY: On July 6, 2015 at its regularly scheduled meeting the Hyde County Board of Commissioners announced Gloria Collins-Spencer's retirement.

Gloria began working as a Hyde County Social Work Trainee on November 22, 1982. In 1984 Gloria was promoted to Social Worker I and in 1985 to Social Worker II. She became Acting Department of Social Services Director in 1987 and in 1989 she was promoted to Director.

The Hyde County DSS Board requests Board of Commissioners approval of hiring Laura Potter to fill the vacant DSS Director position.

The Hyde County Board of Commissioners thanks Ms. Suzanne Johnson for serving as Interim DSS Director since Ms. Spencer's retirement.

RECOMMEND: Approve.

Motion Made By: Barry Swindell
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