

**Hyde County Board of Commissioners' Meeting  
January 3, 2006  
Minutes**

The Hyde County Board of Commissioners held its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2006 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, led with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda**

Upon motion made by Charles Spencer, seconded by Jane Hodges, with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the agenda as amended. Budget Revision and Nathan Sears – New Courthouse were added.

**Public Comments**

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

Dr. Womble School Superintendent updated the Board on the Construction of the Ocracoke School Bldg. A two-story building will be constructed. The first floor will be finished and the seconded floor will be unfinished. The School will borrow \$300,000 from the State Literary Fund as approved by the Board of Commissioners March 2004.

**Approval of Minutes December 5, 2005**

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 December 5, 2005 minutes as submitted.

**Budget Revisions and Transfers**

Upon motion made by Jane Hodge, seconded by Charles Spencer with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the Budget Revisions as submitted.

Budget Revisions:

<u>Dept</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Line Item Account Name/Explanation</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Hurricane Ophelia	10.5252.0132	Emergency Protective Measures	6,103.98	
	10.5252.0202	Aux Deputies	912.50	
	10.5252.0220	Overtime	974.68	
	10.5252.0230	Overtime-Dispatcher	1,312.80	
	10.5252.0500	FICA tax Expense	236.44	
	10.5252.0600	Group Insurance Expense	358.13	
	10.5252.0700	Retirement Expense-Local	64.86	
	10.5252.0710	Retirement Expense-Law	46.58	
	10.5252.1821	Supplemental Retirement-Law	48.74	
	10.5252.3300	Dept Expense-Ins Replace	500.00	
	10.5252.0007	FEMA Disaster Pay-Ophelia		10,558.71
		Adjust Budget Received Funds – FEMA Ophelia PW #46-0 St of NC CK #644995 Dated 12/21/05		

**Cindy Carawan, Director Elections – Voting Equipment**

Upon motion made by Charles Spencer, seconded by Nathan Sears with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board accepted the recommendation of the Board of Elections and approved the purchase of certified voting equipment with HAVA Election Funds.

**Nick Montanez, Brennan Associates – Update Government Center and Public Safety Center**

Mr. Montanez recapped the project and the bid process. Bids received were approximately 12.3 Million Dollars place project around three million dollars over budget. Mr. Montanez summarized possible cost cutting solutions. After Mr. Montanez gave his overview Chair Emmert opened the floor for questions. Reporter Nikie Mayo asked Mr. Montanez how many other projects his firm was working on was over budget. Mr. Montanez stated none at present. Reporter Mayo asked if their firm had ever completed a project in Eastern North Carolina. Mr. Montanez stated they had not.

**Nathan Sears – Courthouse Project**

Mr. Sears made a motion to hold public hearings regarding the Government Center in the communities. Alice Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion failed 2 to 3. Commissioners Spencer, Emmert and Hodges cast the opposing votes.

Mr. Sears made a motion to put the issue of the Government Center on the next voting ballot for the citizens to determine. Alice Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion failed 2 to 3. Commissioners Spencer, Emmert and Hodges cast the opposing votes.

Mr. Sears made a motion to search for land to relocate the Government Center. Alice Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion failed 2 to 3. Commissioners Spencer, Emmert and Hodges cast the opposing votes.

### **Manager's Business**

County Manager Kevin Howard presented several items to the Board.

1. **Hyde County 2006 Holiday Schedule** – Presented for information only
2. **Holland Consulting Contract Hurricane Isabel Hazard Mitigation Grant** – Upon motion made by Jane Hodges, seconded by Charles Spencer with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved contract with Holland Consulting Planner for the administration of the grant for Hurricane Isabel Hazard Mitigation.
3. **Appointment to Albemarle RC&D Board** – Upon motion made by Bea Emmert, seconded by Jane Hodges with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board appointed Brook Dunbar to the Albemarle RC&D Board.
4. **Invitation to Bell Island Pier Ribbon Cutting** – Bell Island Pier Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held Thursday, January 5, 2006 at 11:00 AM.
5. **Courthouse Asbestos Abatement** – Upon motion made by Bea Emmert, seconded by Charles Spencer with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Courthouse Asbestos Abatement contract was awarded to NEO Corporation the low bidder.

Quantum Company	\$16,255
NEO Corp	\$15,000
Atlantic Environmental	\$17,800

### **Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting – January 17, 2006**

The next regularly scheduled Board of Commissioner meeting will be January 17, 2006 in the Ocracoke School Gymnasium.

### **Informational Items**

- E-Mail From Thomas Gardner RE: Rescue
- Monitoring Visit Summary for CDBG Number 04-C-1232

### **Additional Information**

- Budget Revision
- Resolution To Recommend the Purchase of Voting Equipment
- Voting Equipment Action Alert
- Asbestos Removal Recommendation
- Memo Re: Cost Saving Options for Pricing Hyde County Government Center
- Memo Re: Cost Saving Options for Pricing Hyde County Public Safety Center
- Memo Re: Acquisition of 21 Residential Properties for HMGP-1448-0088
- Letter From Vance Holloman Re: Hyde County Audit for year ended 6/30/05

### **Recessed Meeting**

The meeting recessed to reconvene on Monday, January 9, 2006 at 9:00 AM in the Board of Education Conference room at O.A. Peay School.

### **Reconvened**

The meeting reconvened on January 9, 2006 at 10:30 AM in the Board of Education Conference room at O.A. Peay School.

Board members present were:

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Jane Hodges, Vice-chair	Nathan Sears	

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Chair Emmert called the meeting to order and Charles Spencer led with prayer.

### **Government Center and Public Safety Center Projects.**

County Manager Kevin Howard gave an overview of cost for the Government Center and Public Safety Center Projects. Costs saving cuts as recommended by the County Manager were reviewed by the Board to either accept or reject but no action was taken.

### **Recessed Meeting**

The meeting recessed at 4:30 PM to reconvene on Wednesday, January 11, 2006 at 4:30 PM in the Board of Education Conference room at O.A. Peay School

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**Government Center and Public Safety Center Projects.**

County Manager Kevin Howard gave a recap of cost and available funds for the Government Center and Public Safety Center Projects.

Mr. Sears stated citizens wanted the County to clean up the old facility and utilized as in previous years or to relocate the new facility.

After much discussion Jane Hodges made a motion to award A.R. Chesson contract for Government Center and Easter Construction contract for Public Safety Center with deducts included as presented by the County Manager and to move forward with projects based on costs and revenues as recommended by the County Manager.

Charles Spencer seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 3 to 2. Commissioners Sears and Armstrong cast the opposing votes.

FOR COMPLET DOCUMENTATION – SEE MINUTE DOCKET FOLDER.

**Worker’s Compensation Appeal Hearing**

Jane Hodges recommended Kevin Howard attend the appeal hearing for a pending worker’s compensation claim on Tuesday, January 17, 2006. It was agreed the manager would attend.

**Next Board Meeting January 17, 2006 Ocracoke School Gymnasium.**

**Adjournment**

Upon motion made by Bea Emmert seconded by Charles Spencer with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board adjourned the meeting at 5:35 PM.

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