

Special Meeting Minutes

Board of County Commissioners Hyde County

January 6, 2009

Chairman Tom Davis called the Special meeting of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners to order at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 in the Mattamuskeet School Cafeteria. The following members were present: Anson Byrd, Tom Davis, Sharon Spencer, and Barry Swindell. Commissioner Gene Ballance and County Attorney Sid Hassell were absent. Also present were County Manager Carl Classen; Clerk to the Board Lois Stotesberry; Hyde County Schools Superintendent Greg Todd; Board of Education members, Willie Shaw; David Tolson, Glen Gibbs, and Thomas Whitaker; and members of the public.

Following a pledge of allegiance to the flag and silent prayer, Commissioner Davis convened the meeting at 5:05 PM.

School Capital Construction Planning

The Hyde County Board of Education Short-Range Capital Improvement Plan for Mattamuskeet Schools and Ocracoke School was presented by Ben Cahoon of Cahoon & Kasten Architects.

After presentation, the Board of Commissioners and Hyde County School Board discussed capital needs for the school system.

Both boards agree the mainland portion of the project is contingent upon Mattamuskeet Lodge Sewer Project funding which will allow use of up to 16 acres of land in the rear of Mattamuskeet School campus.

The School Board recommends initiation of a Hyde County Recreation Program and providing services to the general public such as physical therapy and rehab programs. Other programs discussed include after school programs, and working with Cooperative Extension's 4-H program. Hyde Transit can be utilized for transportation services to and from Mattamuskeet School.

County Manager Carl Classen will ask the Board to approve an Economic Stimulus Plan at its Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting on January 12, 2009.

Architect Ben Cahoon will research "Fire Flow" requirements.

Hearing no objection, Chairman Davis directed the County Manager to work among staff to propose a Youth Program Committee to propose a youth program.

Other Topics

County Manager Carl Classen will meet with other county managers to research the breakdown of Albemarle Mental Health; and will meet with Ocracoke Principal George Ortman to discuss conducting electronic meetings in the Information Highway Room or the Commons Area.

There being no further matters to come before the Commissioners, Mr. Swindell moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Byrd, Davis, Spencer, and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or Not Voting – Ballance.

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Minutes approved on the _____ day of _____, 2009.

Lois Stotesberry, Clerk - Hyde County Board of Commissioners

Tom Davis, Chairman - Hyde County Board of Commissioners