

Hyde County Board of Commissioners' Meeting
July 16, 2007
Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Charles Ray Spencer on July 16 2007 at 7:00 PM in the O.A. Peay School Conference Room. Board Members present were Charles Spencer, Chair; Alice Armstrong; Gene Ballance; Tom Davis; and Barry Swindell.

Also present were Carl Classen, Interim County Manager, Sid Hassell, County Attorney, and Connie Burleson, Clerk.

Chairman Spencer called the meeting to order and Barry Swindell offered prayer.

Approval of Agenda

After consideration, Ms. Armstrong moved to approve the agenda as submitted, to which Mr. Davis seconded. Hearing no further discussion, Chairman Spencer called for a vote. The motion passed upon the following vote: Aye – Commissioners Armstrong; Balance; Davis; Swindell; and Chairman Spencer; No – None; Absent or Not Voting –None.

Approval of Minutes July 2, 2007

After consideration of amendments by Chairman Spencer, Mr. Swindell moved to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2007 Board of Commissioners Meetings as amended, to which Mr. Ballance seconded. Hearing no further discussion, Chairman Spencer called for a vote: Aye – Commissioners Armstrong; Balance; Davis; Swindell; and Chairman Spencer; No – None; Absent or Not Voting –None.

Public Comments

Solid Waste Jamin Simmons: Mr. Jamin Simmons stated his interest in providing Solid Waste Services for the County. He requested copies of Annual Tonnage Report and the agreement with Bertie County Landfill.

Public Comments: Chairman Spencer asked for comments from the public. David Mason commented on his experience with Albemarle Mental Health. Hearing no further comments, Chair Spencer continued with the meeting.

Appointments – NC Center on Volunteerism

Issued was tabled to allow time to advertise for volunteers.

Department of Crime Control and Public Safety Grant Award

After discussion, Mr. Davis moved to authorize the Chair, County Manager, Clerk, Attorney and any other necessary County officials to sign and execute the agreements as necessary, directed the County Manager, after consultation with the Sheriff, to make any necessary budget amendments to pay the local share of the grant and to report such action to the County Commissioners at their next meeting following such action, to which Barry Swindell seconded. Hearing no further discussion, Chairman Spencer called for a vote: Aye – Commissioners Armstrong; Ballance; Davis; Swindell; and Chairman Spencer; No – None; Absent or Not Voting –None.

Inspections – Definition of Farm Structures

Discussion no action was taken.

Commissioners Reports

Commissioner Swindell updated the Board on the Solid Waste Committee and asked Board members submit names for appointment to the committee. Mr. Swindell also stated concern that inmate labor was not being better utilized.

Commissioner Armstrong relayed a request on behalf of Leona Pugh to establish a 45 mph zone in the Gull Rock Community.

Commissioner Ballance stated concerns of citizens related to the Solid Waste Availability Fee increase.

Commissioner Spencer discussed Animal Control, status of the Senior Center and Albemarle Mental Health.

Commissioner Davis requested information from the Manager regarding plans to relocate in the new facilities related to moving arrangements.

Manager's Business

Solid Waste Committee: Meetings will be held on the First and Third Mondays of the month.

Albemarle Commission Nutrition Contract: After discussion, Ms. Armstrong moved to authorize the Chair, County Manager, Clerk, Attorney and any other necessary County officials to sign and execute the Albemarle Commission Nutrition Contract as necessary, to which Mr. Davis seconded. Hearing no further discussion, Chairman Spencer called for a vote: Aye – Commissioners Armstrong; Ballance; Davis; Swindell; and Chairman Spencer; No – None; Absent or Not Voting –None.

Albemarle Commission Home and Community Care Block Grant Contract: After discussion, Mr. Davis moved to authorize the Chair, County Manager, Clerk, Attorney and any other necessary County officials to sign and execute the Albemarle Commission Home and Community Care Block Grant as necessary, to which Mr. Ballance seconded. Hearing no further discussion, Chairman Spencer called for a vote: Aye – Commissioners Armstrong; Ballance; Davis; Swindell; and Chairman Spencer; No – None; Absent or Not Voting –None.

Agreement for CDBG Administration Services with the Eastern Carolina Council: After discussion, Mr. Davis moved to authorize the Chair, County Manager, Clerk, Attorney and any other necessary County officials to sign and execute the Agreement for CDBG Administration Services with Eastern Carolina Council, to which Mr. Swindell seconded. Hearing no further discussion, Chairman Spencer called for a vote: Aye – Commissioners Armstrong; Balance; Davis; Swindell; and Chairman Spencer; No – None; Absent or Not Voting –None.

Department of Environment and Natural Resources Forestry Services Contract: After discussion, Mr. Davis moved to authorize the Chair, County Manager, Clerk, Attorney and any other necessary County officials to sign and execute the Department of Environmental and Natural Resources Forestry Services Contract, to which Ms. Armstrong seconded. Hearing no further discussion, Chairman Spencer called for a vote: Aye – Commissioners Armstrong; Balance; Davis; Swindell; and Chairman Spencer; No – None; Absent or Not Voting –None.

Greater Hyde County Chamber of Commerce Contract: After discussion, Mr. Swindell moved to authorize the Chair, County Manager, Clerk, Attorney and any other necessary County officials to sign and execute the Greater Hyde County Chamber of Commerce Contract, to which Ms. Armstrong seconded. Hearing no further discussion, Chairman Spencer called for a vote: Aye – Commissioners Armstrong; Balance; Davis; Swindell; and Chairman Spencer; No – None; Absent or Not Voting –None.

Refuge Mowing Agreement: The Board agreed to move forward with processing documents.

Consistency Submission for Revised Designation of Piping Plover Critical Habitat: Mr. Davis moved to submit stating the County’s objection to the project as proposed and to include comments on the project. After discussion, Mr. Davis withdrew his motion. Mr. Ballance moved to object to the project as proposed and to attach comments related to the project, to which Mr. Davis seconded. Hearing no further discussion, Chairman Spencer called for a vote: Aye – Commissioners Armstrong; Balance; Davis; Swindell; and Chairman Spencer; No – None; Absent or Not Voting –None.

Subdivision Ordinance: Mr. Classen requested guidance from the Board on the direction they wanted to take concerning the Subdivision Ordinance.

Courthouse Complex Courtroom Judges Bench: Mr. Davis moved to accept the judge’s bench as constructed then re-construct after the County accepts the building if necessary, to which Ms. Armstrong seconded. Hearing no further discussion, Chairman Spencer called for a vote: Aye – Commissioners Armstrong; Balance; Davis; Swindell; and Chairman Spencer; No – None; Absent or Not Voting –None.

Public Safety Center: Move in date of early September.

Swan Quarter Dike Project: Moving forward with Oyster Creek Road Crossing.

Light Duty Positions: Forms in place for employee and medical doctor to complete.

Closed Session -- Personnel

After consideration, Mr. Davis moved to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussion on personnel [NCGS 143-318.11(a) (6)], to which Mr. Swindell seconded. Hearing no further discussion, Chairman Spencer called for a vote. The motion passed upon the following vote: Aye – Commissioners

Armstrong, Ballance, Davis, Swindell, and Chairman Spencer; No – None; Absent or Not Voting – None.

With no further discussion, Mr. Davis moved to come out of closed session, to which Mr. Swindell seconded. Hearing no further discussion, Chairman Spencer called for a vote. The motion passed upon the following vote: Aye – Commissioners Armstrong, Ballance, Davis, Swindell, and Chairman Spencer; No – None; Absent or Not Voting – None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Connie Burleson, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

Approved this __ day of August, 2007:

Charles Spencer, Chairman,
Hyde County Board of Commissioners

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