

AGENDA

HYDE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 14, 2018

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION & REVIEW – Re-convenes at 5:00 p.m. in the Hyde County Government Center, Multi-Use Room, and the Ocracoke Community Center using electronic conferencing equipment.

BUDGET WORKSHOP will begin immediately following the re-convened Board of E&R meeting, at 5:15p.m. (or as soon thereafter as possible) in the Hyde County Government Center, Multi-Use Room, and the Ocracoke Community Center using electronic conferencing equipment.

CALL TO ORDER

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1) May 7, 2018 – Regular Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC HEARINGS (none)

INTRODUCTIONS (none)

PRESENTATIONS (none)

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) Proposed FY2018-2019 Hyde County Budget

BUDGET MATTERS (none)

MANAGEMENT REPORTS

The Commissioners, County Manager and Assistant 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 (discussion and possible action if required)

ADJOURN

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Department Reports (none)

Informational Items

- 1) Granville County – Resolution Supporting a Statewide Referendum on a Bond Issue for School Facility Needs
- 2) Washington County – Resolution Opposing The Reduction In The Number of Judges In The Second Judicial District
- 3) Chowan County – Board of Commissioners Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education Joint Resolution Supporting a Statewide Referendum On a Bond Issue for School Facility Needs

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Hyde County Board of Commissioners and Hyde County Board of Equalization & Review

The May 7, 2018 recessed Board of Equalization & Review meeting will re-convene on Monday, May 14, 2018 beginning at 5:00p.m., in the Hyde County Government Center, Multi-Use Room, Swan Quarter and Ocracoke Community Center utilizing electronic conferencing equipment.

Immediately following the Board of E&R meeting, the Hyde County Board of Commissioners will conduct a Budget Workshop meeting, beginning at 5:15p.m. (or as soon thereafter as possible), in the Hyde County Government Center, Multi-Use Room, Swan Quarter and Ocracoke Community Center utilizing electronic conferencing equipment.

The Budget Workshop will recess and re-convene on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 beginning at 6:00p.m., in the Hyde County Government Center, Multi-Use Room, Swan Quarter and Ocracoke Community Center utilizing electronic conferencing equipment.

**Lois Stotesberry, CMC, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners**

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**RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING A STATEWIDE REFERENDUM
ON A BOND ISSUE FOR SCHOOL FACILITY NEEDS**

WHEREAS, based on information from the school districts and counties, the Department of Public Instruction reported in 2016 that North Carolina's public schools need about \$8.1 billion to pay for new school facilities, maintenance and renovations; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 report, also known as the Statewide Facility Needs Survey, found that 118 new schools are needed across North Carolina. Fifty are needed immediately, and sixty-eight are needed in three to five years; and

WHEREAS, school security has increased as a priority and school facilities need significant renovations to accommodate current school security best practices and enhancements; and

WHEREAS, besides new construction, 1,560 schools need renovations to comply with safety and building code requirements and to address deferred maintenance, 459 schools need additions for new classrooms; and

WHEREAS, a priority goal of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners is to support legislation to provide state assistance to meet school construction needs caused by increased enrollment and mandated reduction in class size, through a statewide referendum on a bond issue; and

WHEREAS, the Statewide Facility Needs Survey also showed that construction costs are increasing, from a base of \$136 per square foot in 2005 to \$194 per square foot in 2015 and interest rates and construction costs are still rising; and

WHEREAS, deteriorating facilities, which distract from learning, impacts achievement and we need to ensure public school facilities are conducive to study; and

WHEREAS, counties in both urban and rural areas are faced with high costs for renovations and repairs to update and make the older buildings safe; and

WHEREAS, counties have limited options to raise revenue to pay for school construction; and

WHEREAS, because counties lack sufficient sources of funding for school facilities, the state has responded in the past by approving statewide school construction bonds to address needs nearly once per decade; and

WHEREAS, a statewide bond is urgently needed to help address the staggering shortfall in funding for construction, repairs, and renovations at public school facilities throughout North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Granville County has school capital needs of over \$26 million; and

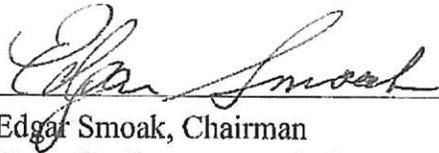
WHEREAS, it is estimated that Granville County could receive \$14,416,160 toward the shortfall of school capital needs; and

WHEREAS, the NC School Bond - HB 866/SB542- would invest \$1.9 billion to begin addressing these critical needs all across the state.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Granville County Board of Commissioners and the Granville County Board of Education urge the North Carolina General Assembly to call for a statewide referendum on the November 2018 ballot which is referred to as the Public School Building Bond Act (HB866/SB542) so that school districts across North Carolina are better able to meet urgent facility needs.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the General Assembly representing Granville County and to all 100 counties in North Carolina.

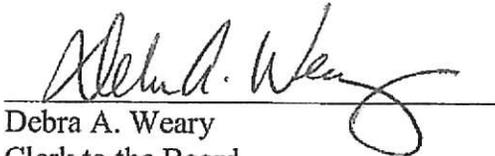
Adopted this the 7th day of May 2018.



Edgar Smoak, Chairman
Granville County Board of Commissioners



Dr. G. Thomas Houlihan, Chairman
Granville County Board of Education



Debra A. Weary
Clerk to the Board



Dr. Alisa McLean, Superintendent
Granville County Public Schools

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

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RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF JUDGES IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, on January 11th, 2018, the Joint Select Committee on Judicial Reform and Redistricting was established to study judicial reform proposals by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6(a), Rule 31 of the Rules of the Senate of the 2017 General Assembly, and Rule 26(A) of the Rules of the House of Representative of the 2017 General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has proposed three different plans to redistrict the judiciary; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Plan A would keep four judges in the Second Judicial District, and proposed Plans B and C would reduce the number of judges in the Second Judicial District from four to three; and

WHEREAS, the Second Judicial District is comprised of the following five counties: Beaufort, Martin, Washington; Tyrrell and Hyde; and

WHEREAS, the geographical area of the Second Judicial District is the largest in the State of North Carolina covering over 3,900 square miles; and

WHEREAS, judges are already required to travel between 28 to 79 miles one way, to get to the various courthouses within the Second Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, the Second Judicial District has had four judges since 2001, and the number of felonies and traffic matters has steadily increased and doubled over the past seventeen years; and

WHEREAS, the swiftly developing Opioid Crisis has further contributed to a shocking increase in the number of criminal cases being dealt with in the Second Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, the indirect and tragic impacts of the Opioid Crisis upon the children and families within the affected communities has even further contributed to an equally shocking increase in the number of abuse, neglect and dependency cases requiring additional judicial time to be spent both in and out of the courtroom by judges within the Second Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, the Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Act will go into effect December 1, 2019, and requires the Second Judicial District to add court sessions to accommodate the increased number of juvenile cases to be dealt with as a result; and,

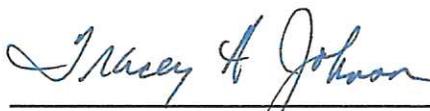
WHEREAS, any reduction in the number of judges in the Second Judicial District will immediately cause a reduction in the number of court sessions and result in crowded courtrooms, longer court days, case delays, and will negatively impact the clerks, bailiffs, law enforcement, attorneys, judges, and most importantly the general public served by our court system; and

WHEREAS, we conclude it is not in the best interest of our citizens or the Second Judicial District to lose any of the four judge positions that have been assigned to that district for almost two decades, due to the immediate and significant detrimental impact such loss would have upon our citizen's access to justice in a prompt and effective manner; and

NOW THEREFORE, THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. That this resolution in opposition to any reduction in the number of judges in the Second Judicial District is adopted, and that it be transmitted to the North Carolina General Assembly through the duly elected members of that body representing those counties within the Second Judicial District in order to respectfully request that the number of judges in the Second Judicial District not be reduced for the reasons stated herein.

ADOPTED this the 7th day of May, 2018.



Tracey A. Johnson, Chair
Washington County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Julie J. Bennett, CMC, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board





CHOWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS EDENTON-CHOWAN SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Chowan County Board of Commissioners and Edenton-Chowan Board of Education Joint Resolution Supporting a Statewide Referendum on a Bond Issue for School Facility Needs

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County Manager*

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Paul Clifton

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Joan White

*Dr. Rob Jackson
Superintendent*

WHEREAS, based on information from the school districts and counties, the Department of Public Instruction reported in 2016 that North Carolina’s public schools need about \$8.1 billion to pay for new school facilities, maintenance and renovations; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 report, also known as the Statewide Facility Needs Survey, found that one hundred and eighteen new schools are needed across North Carolina with fifty needed immediately and sixty-eight needed in three to five years; and

WHEREAS, besides new construction, 1,560 schools need renovations to comply with safety and building code requirements and to address deferred maintenance, 459 schools need additions for new classrooms; and

WHEREAS, a priority goal of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners is to support legislation to provide state assistance to meet school construction needs caused by increased enrollment and mandated reduction in class size, through a statewide referendum on a bond issue; and

WHEREAS, a legislative priority of the North Carolina School Boards Association is to support legislation to provide a significant one-time infusion of dollars in the form of a statewide bond to handle the staggering backlog of public school infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, the Statewide Facility Needs Survey also showed that construction costs are increasing, from a base of \$136 per square foot in 2005 to \$194 per square foot in 2015 and interest rates and construction costs are still rising; and

WHEREAS, deteriorating facilities, which distract from learning, impact achievement and public school facilities need to be conducive to study; and

WHEREAS, counties in both urban and rural areas are faced with high costs for renovations and repairs to update and make older school buildings safe; and

WHEREAS, counties have limited options to raise revenue to pay for school construction; and

WHEREAS, because counties lack sufficient sources of funding for school facilities, the state has responded in the past by approving statewide school construction bonds to address needs nearly once per decade; and

WHEREAS, a statewide bond is urgently needed to help address the staggering shortfall in funding for construction, repairs, and renovations at public school facilities throughout North Carolina because outstanding needs are estimated to exceed \$8.1 billion; and

WHEREAS, Chowan County has school capital needs of over \$44 million; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that Chowan County could receive \$13.5 million toward the shortfall of school capital needs; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina School Bond – HB 866/SB 542 – would invest \$1.9 billion to begin addressing these critical needs all across the state.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chowan County Board of Commissioners and Edenton-Chowan Board of Education urge the North Carolina General Assembly to call for a statewide referendum on the November 2018 ballot which is referred to as the Public School Building Bond (HB866/SB542) so that school districts across North Carolina are better able to meet urgent facility needs.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that copies of this joint resolution be transmitted to the members of the General Assembly representing Chowan County and to all 100 counties and to all 115 school systems in North Carolina.

Adopted this 8th day of May 2018

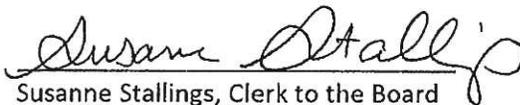


Jeffrey Smith, Chairman
Chowan County Board of Commissioners



Gene Jordan, Chairman
Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education

Attest:



Susanne Stallings, Clerk to the Board
Chowan County Board of Commissioners



Dr. Rob Jackson, Secretary
Edenton-Chowan Schools Board of Education