

**Hyde County Board of Commissioners' Meeting**  
**May 16, 2005**  
**Minutes**

The Hyde County Board of Commissioners held its regular meeting on Monday, May 16, 2005 at 7:00 PM at Davis Ventures in Engelhard.

Board members present were:

Bea Emmert, Chair	Charles Spencer, Vice-chair
W. Mack Carawan, Jr.	Jane Hodges

Staff members present were:

Sid Hassell, County Attorney  
Connie Burleson, Clerk to the Board

Media present were:

Nikie Mayo, The Coastland Times  
Doug Gibbs, The Washington Daily News

Approximately 13 citizens attended including persons bringing business before the Board.

Chair Emmert called the meeting to order, Charles Spencer led with prayer and Bea Emmert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda**

Upon motion made by W. Mack Carawan, Jr., seconded by Jane Hodges with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the agenda as amended. The following issues were added:

John Hughes, Natural Gas Study  
Appointment of Interim Manager  
DOT – Ocracoke Bridge Replacement  
Courthouse Update  
Contract – Kevin Howard  
Recreation Committee Update

**Approval of Minutes**

Upon motion made by W. Mack Carawan, Jr., seconded by Jane Hodges with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the minutes of the April 18, 2005 meeting as submitted. The spelling of the word resolved was corrected in the last paragraph on page one.

**Street Names**

The issue of street names in Wysocking Bay Subdivision was discussed. The names should be included when the subdivision plat is recorded.

**Interim County Manager – Connie Burleson**

Upon motion made by W. Mack Carawan, Jr., seconded by Jane Hodges with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board appointed Connie Burleson as Interim County Manager until June 20, 2005 She will receive an additional \$750 to be divided for the May and June pay periods

**Jackie Robbins, EMS Coordinator – Ocracoke Bridge Replacement**

Ms. Robbins stated there was concern over an alternative means for EMS transporting off Ocracoke Island during the replacement of bridges by NC DOT. This issue was discussed at the August 16, 2004 meeting of the Board of Commissioners with DOT Representatives. DOT Representatives stated they were meeting with the Ocracoke Civic and Business Association to determine the best situation for replacing the bridges as far as dates and closing of roads and an alternative means for EMS transporting off the Island during closure of the road. Upon motion made by W. Mack Carawan, Jr., seconded by Charles Spencer with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved sending a letter to DOT requesting they address the issue of EMS Transporting off the Island during the replacement of Bridges.

**John Hughes, Natural Gas Study**

Mr. Hughes informed the Board about an emerging issue of Natural Gas of the NC Coast. Upon motion made by W. Mack Carawan, Jr., seconded by Charles Spencer with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board agreed to send letters to state and federal representatives requesting they initiate a local study on the issue of Natural Gas off the coast of North Carolina and that North Carolina be included on the list of inventory sites.

**Public Hearing FY 2004 CDBG-Scattered Site Housing Program**

Mr. Reed Whitesell, Holland Consulting Planners gave an overview of the program. The purpose of the hearing was to consider a program amendment to transfer funds from the relocation and clearance activities to the rehabilitation activity in the County's FY04 CDBG-SS Housing Program.

Upon motion made by W. Mack Carawan, Jr., seconded by Jane Hodges with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2004 CDBG-SS was opened to receive public comments.

With no public comments and upon motion made by Jane Hodges, seconded by W. Mack Carawan, Jr., with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Fiscal Year 2004 CDBG-SS Public Hearing closed.

**Public Hearing Relative to Application by Hyde County for Funding Under The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended**

Mr. Reed Whitesell, Holland Consulting Planners gave an overview of the program and requested approval by the Board to apply for Hurricane Isabel Supplemental Assistance. The purpose of the hearing is to obtain views with regard to addressing the housing needs of the County's low-to-moderate income citizens related to Hurricane Isabel.

Upon motion made by W. Mack Carawan, Jr., seconded by Jane Hodges with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Hearing for the Application by Hyde County for Funding Under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended opened.

With no public comments and upon motion made by W. Mack Carawan, Jr., seconded by Jane Hodges with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the public hearing closed.

**Application by Hyde County for Funding Under The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended**

Upon motion made by W. Mack Carawan, Jr., seconded by Charles Spencer with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the grant application for Funding Under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

**Designation of Primary Agent – Connie Burlison for Hurricane Isabel**

Upon motion made by Jane Hodges, seconded by W. Mack Carawan with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board designated Connie Burlison as the Primary Agent for the Hurricane Recovery Act of 2005 Grant.

**Hurricane Isabel Application Follow-up Letter**

Upon motion made by W. Mack Carawan, Jr., seconded by Charles Spencer with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board agreed to send a letter to the NC Redevelopment Center restating our concern over Hyde County's eligibility for assistance under the Hurricane Recovery Act of 2005 for SARF funds.

**Old Courthouse Building Update**

Commissioner Carawan updated the Board on the status of the old historic courthouse. Approximately \$200,000 has been appropriated for repairs to the historic courthouse. Mr. Carawan suggested obtaining a structural evaluation of the building.

**Recreation Committee Update**

Commissioner Spencer updated the Board on the progress of the Recreation Committee. Items of discussion by the Recreation Committee were:

- Resources available
- Long and short term goals
- Funding Sources

**Kevin Howard – Contract**

Upon motion made by W. Mack Carawan, Jr., seconded by Jane Hodges with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the employment contract with Kevin Howard as presented.

**Public Comments**

The meeting opened to receive public comments. No comments were received.

**Closed Session – Economic Development**

Upon motion made by W. Mack Carawan, Jr., seconded by Jane Hodges with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board entered into closed session for economic development at 8:25. Attending the closed session were the four Board members, County Attorney Sid Hassell, Clerk Connie Burlison, County Planner Alice Keeney, Jamin Simmons, Doug Clark, Jay Butler, Gene Fox, and Warren DuBose.

Upon motion made by W. Mack Carawan, Jr., seconded by Charles Spencer with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board came out of closed session at 9:42 PM with no action taken.

**Information Items given to Board**

- Letter From Division of Water Quality Re: NC Prison Facility at Piney Woods Surface Irrigation System
- Letter From Division of Waste Management Re: White Goods Management Account
- Letter From Jim Long, Commissioner of Insurance
- Resolution Adopted by Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners Supporting the Historical Recognition of God as a Foundation of Our National Heritage
- Hyde Animal Control Report for April
- Hyde County Mainland Occupancy Tax Board Minutes for May 2, 2005

**Adjournment**

Upon motion made by W. Mack Carawan, Jr., seconded by Charles Spencer with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board meeting adjourned at 9:42 PM.