

**Hyde County Board of Commissioners' Meeting
May 1, 2006
Minutes**

The Hyde County Board of Commissioners held its regular meeting on Monday, May 1, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the Mattamuskeet School Cafeteria.

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:

Doug Gibbs, The Washington Daily News

Vice-Chair Hodges called the meeting to order, Steve Bryan offered prayer and Ms. Hodges led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion made by Bea Emmert, seconded by Alice Armstrong, with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the agenda as amended. County Planner Alice Keeney's monthly report was removed and the property exchange issue was moved to closed session time. Contract negotiations was added to the closed session issues.

Public Comments

The meeting was opened to receive public comments.

Janet Russ asked if the County Manager had an itinerary on a weekly basis for department heads and/or reports. County Manager Kevin Howard responded he had monthly meeting and had contact by phone on a regular basis.

Approval of Minutes April 17, 2006

Upon motion made by Alice Armstrong, seconded by Charles Spencer, with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the April 17, 2006 minutes as submitted.

Budget Revisions and Transfers

Upon motion made by Charles Spencer, seconded by Bea Emmert, with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the following budget transfers and revisions:

Transfers:

(FO USE)						
IDT #	DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT #	LINE ITEM	ACCOUNT NAME / EXPLANATION	DEBIT	CREDIT
28	Tax Adm	104600.0200		Salary		\$3,000.00
		104600.7400		Equipment	\$3,000.00	
30	Coop Ext	106050.1100		Telephone	999.00	
		106050.4500		Services Rendered		200.00
		106050.3200		Office Supplies		400.00
		106050.3300		Departmental Supplies		399.00
				Above mentioned Transfer Due to Telephone Budget Exceeding 2005/06 allocations		
29	Planner	104900.4504		Swan Quarter Landing Project	\$1,600.00	
		109990.0001		Contingency		\$1,600.00
				Result from Board Action – To Pay Hood Richardson, PA for Survey, etc		

Revisions:

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BR #	DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT #	LINE ITEM	ACCOUNT NAME / EXPLANATION	DEBIT	CREDIT
	Home Health	505800.2100		Rent	\$2,400.00	
		503480.0134		Medicaid-EDS		\$2,400.00
	Health	105760.3100		Gas, Oil, Tires, etc	902.73	
		105760.3200		Office Supplies	200.00	
		103480.0024		Food & Lodging - DENR		1,102.73

Clint Berry, Hyde County Water Department – Approval Final Plat Hyde County Water Treatment Plant & Well Sites

Upon motion made by Nathan Sears, seconded by Charles Spencer with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the Final Plat for the Hyde County Water Treatment Plant and Well Sites.

Clint Berry, Hyde County Water Department – Approval Purchase of Property

Upon motion made by Nathan Sears, seconded by Charles Spencer with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOVLED THAT the Board approved sending a letter to Dark Woods LLC stating intent to purchase property for Water Treatment Plant.

Hugh. A Sorrell, PLS – Variance to Hyde County Subdivision Ordinance

Upon motion made by Charles Spencer, seconded by Nathan Sears with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board granted Mr. Pete Neal a variance to the Hyde County Subdivision Ordinance. Minimum lot width should be 100 feet. The parcel size is only 70 feet wide.

H.E. Whitchard, Jr. – South Oak Subdivision Final Plat Approval

Upon motion made by Alice Armstrong, seconded by Nathan Sears with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the South Oak Subdivision Final Plat as presented.

Steve Bryan, Hyde County Chamber of Commerce – Annual Report & Contract Renewal

Mr. Bryan updated the Board on activities of the Chamber and requested renewal of the contract. Upon motion made by Nathan Sears, seconded by Alice Armstrong, with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved renewal of the Chamber contract to promote economic and community development and travel and tourism under the same terms as the 2005/06 contract.

Jay Etheridge, ABC Board

Mr. Etheridge presented several issues to the Board.

1. **Mixed Beverage Referendum** -- Upon motion made by Charles Spencer, seconded by Nathan Sears, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved requesting a mixed beverage referendum. The motion carried with a vote of 4 to 1. Commissioner Emmert cast the opposing vote.
2. **\$20,000 Financial Support for ABC Store** – Upon motion made by Charles Spencer, seconded by Nathan Sears BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved loaning the Hyde County ABC Store \$20,000 for operating costs with the stipulation that Commissioners Spencer and Hodges would attend the ABC Board meetings for at least the next six months to monitor actions of ABC Board. The motion carried with a vote of 3 to 2. Commissioners Emmert and Hodges cast the opposing votes.

Earl Pugh, Jr. – Approval of Final Plat Revision of Lot #2 Lake Landing Township

Upon motion made by Nathan Sears, seconded by Alice Armstrong with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the final plat revision of lot #2 for Lake Landing Township as requested by Mr. Earl Pugh, Jr.

Linda Mayo, Health Director – Residency Waiver

Upon motion made by Charles Spencer, seconded by Nathan Sears with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board granted a residency waiver for the position of a communicable disease/adult health nurse under the Hyde County Health Department.

Manager’s Business

Mr. Howard presented several issues to the Board.

1. **Airport Property Scope of Work Change Order** – Upon motion made by Charles Spencer, seconded by Nathan Sears with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOVLED THAT the Board approved the airport property scope of work change order as presented.
2. **Employee Health Insurance** – Upon motion made by Alice Armstrong, seconded by Charles Spencer, with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board authorized contracting directly with Blue Cross Blue Shield for Employee Health/Life Insurance and adding a dental coverage benefit.
3. **E911 Communications Report** – Mr. Howard presented his report on the E911 Communications Center and listed three options:
Option 1 - Dispatch remains with Sheriff’s Department with recommended changes being enacted.
Option 2 - Dispatch moved into another county department
Option 3 - Dispatch set up as own department with department head answering to County Manager.
Mr. Howard recommended that E911 dispatch remain with Sheriff’s department and gradually move to option 3 over a period of 3 to 5 years. Mr. Howard stated that no matter what decision was made he expected a more professional attitude from the employees under his office and hoped that whoever holds the office of Sheriff and each other organization would expect the same from those within their department. As a result of Mr. Howard’s recommendation no action taken, E911 will remain as is.
4. **Deputy Tax Assessor/Collector/Mapper Job Description/Qualifications** – Bea Emmert made a motion to approve the Deputy Tax Assessor/Collector/Mapper Job Description/Qualifications as presented and to advertise the position. Jane Hodges seconded the motion. Motion failed with a vote of 2 to 3. Commissioners Armstrong, Sears and Spencer cast the opposing votes.
5. **Reinstatement of Previous County Time for Terine Holloway and Julia Collins-Brickhouse** – Bea Emmert made a motion to deny the reinstatement of time. Alice Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 5 to 0.
6. **Insurance Coverage Presentation** – Michael Kelly with the NC Association of County Commissioners will conduct an Insurance Coverage Presentation targeting Workers Comp and Liability/Property areas on May 10th at 10AM in the Hyde County BOE Meeting Room.
7. **Hyde County Airport Farm Lease Agreement** – Upon motion made by Charles Spencer, seconded by Alice Armstrong with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the Airport Farms Lease Agreement with Eric Cahoon as presented.

Closed Session – Litigation, Contract Negotiations

Upon motion made by Charles Spencer, seconded by Alice Armstrong with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board entered into closed session for litigation and contract negotiations.

Upon motion made by Bea Emmert, seconded by Alice Armstrong with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board came out of closed session.

Lee Knot Land Valuation

Upon motion made by Charles Spencer, seconded by Bea Emmert with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved valuation of Lee Knot property at \$600,000 on Ocracoke Island.

Larry Sadler – Swan Quarter Watershed Project

Upon motion made by Charles Spencer, seconded by Bea Emmert BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved giving an additional \$8,500 to Larry Sadler for property right of way located within the Swan Quarter Watershed Project. Total amount paid \$11,500. Motion carried with a vote of 4 to 0. Jane Hodges abstained.

2006 Clean Water Bond Resolution

Upon motion made by Alice Armstrong, seconded by Charles Spencer with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board adopted the 2006 Clean Water Bond Resolution.

Informational Items

- Hyde Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting Minutes March 28, 2006
- Letter from Vicki Armstrong Re: Ponzer Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department
- Letter from DCA Re: Program Amendment CDBG#05-C-1383
- Letter from NC Ferry Division Re: Ferry Schedule
- Action for Children Information
- Economic and Revenue Outlook

Adjournment

Upon motion made by Jane Hodges, seconded by Charles Spencer with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:17 PM.

Clerk _____ Chairman _____
Hyde County Board of Commissioners