Meeting Minutes

Board of County Commissioners
Hyde County

October 17, 2011

Chairwoman Sharon Spencer called the Regular meeting of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners to order at 6:00 PM on Monday, October 17, 2011 in the Hyde County Government Center, Multi-Use Room, and the Ocracoke School Information Highway Room using electronic conferencing equipment. The following members were present on the mainland: Commissioners Anson Byrd, Sharon Spencer, Dick Tunnell and Barry Swindell; Attorney Fred Holscher; County Manager Mazie Smith; Deputy Clerk to the Board Lois Stotesberry; and members of the public. The following members were present on Ocracoke: Deputy Clerk to the Board Jamie Tunnell-Carter and members of the public. Commissioner Darlene Styron was absent.

Following the pledge of allegiance and opening prayer by Commissioner Tunnell the meeting was called to order.

Agenda:

Chairwoman Spencer asked for any changes to the October 17, 2011 meeting Agenda as presented by the Clerk.

Commissioner Swindell moved to approve the agenda as presented by the Clerk with the addition of Item 10 (a) – Flu Vaccine/Administration Fee Schedule Update for FY2011-2012. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote:

Ayes – Byrd, Spencer, Swindell and Tunnell
Nays – None
Absent - Styron

Consideration of Minutes:

Chairwoman Spencer asked for approval of meeting minutes.

Commissioner Swindell moved to approve the October 3, 2011 Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes as presented by the Clerk. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote:

Ayes – Byrd, Spencer, Swindell and Tunnell
Nays – None
Absent - Styron

Public Comments:

Chairwoman Spencer called for comments from the public.

Norma Yanez, Government Contracts Manager, Waste Industries, LLC requested that the Board postpone award of the Hyde County Solid Waste Removal Contract and allow the bidders to make presentation to clarify assets they can provide to the County.

A. B. Swindell, Consultant, Waste Industries, LLC stated that he wants the best price for the County as a native citizen and part-time resident.

There being no further comments from the public, Chairwoman Spencer continued the meeting.

Resolutions/Proclamations:

A Resolution of The Hyde County Board of Commissioners Opposing Regulatory Action In The Strategic Habitat Area of The Pamlico Sound and Atlantic Ocean

Grants Technician Kris Cahoon-Noble reported that the NC Division of Marine Fisheries has proposed an SHA (Strategic Habitat Area) to prioritize aquatic areas for protection, enhancement and restoration in waters surrounding Hyde and other coastal counties. She stated that while it's worthwhile to designate areas of environmental significance, staffers in the Hyde County Office of Economic Development and Planning feel the designation could lead to additional regulations for fishermen resulting in significant loss of income and jobs. Fishing-related industries account for a large portion of jobs in Hyde County and further regulatory action would have a severe negative impact on Hyde's economy.

The SHA proposal is to be presented to the Marine Fisheries Commission for discussion and possible action during their next meeting on November 2 – 4, 2011 at Fort Macon State Park Coastal Education and Visitor Center, 2300 East Fort Macon Road, Atlantic Beach, NC. Ms. Noble reported that public comments will be accepted until the end of the month for this meeting. Ms. Noble will forward a copy of the meeting Agenda to the Board.

County Manager Smith and the Commissioners thanked Ms. Noble and Megan Shaw for attending the Public Workshop on Strategic Habitat Areas in The Pamlico Sound System and for staying on top of this issue.

Commissioner Swindell moved to adopt "A Resolution of The Hyde County Board of Commissioners Opposing Regulatory Action In The Strategic Habitat Area of The Pamlico Sound and Atlantic Ocean" and to send the resolution to the Marine Fisheries Commission along with public comments regarding the proposed SHA waters. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote:

Ayes – Byrd, Spencer, Swindell and Tunnell
Nays – None
Absent – Styron

CLERK'S NOTE: A copy of "A Resolution of The Hyde County Board of Commissioners Opposing Regulatory Action In The Strategic Habitat Area of The Pamlico Sound and Atlantic Ocean" is attached herewith as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

Proclamation of National Domestic Violence Month

County Manager Smith reported that October is National Domestic Violence Month. This month provides an excellent opportunity for our County to demonstrate its support to ending domestic violence and to support the numerous victims who are among us. She asked the Board to adopt a proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Month in Hyde County.

Commissioner Swindell moved to adopt "Proclamation – Domestic Violence Month October 2011". Mr. Byrd seconded the motion.

Hyde County Hotline Director Kathy Ballance thanked the Board for their support.

The motion passed on the following vote:

Ayes – Byrd, Spencer, Swindell and Tunnell
Nays – None
Absent – Styron

CLERK'S NOTE: A copy of "Proclamation – Domestic Violence Month October 2011" is attached herewith as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference.

Solid Waste Hauling Contract

Commissioner Byrd moved that the Solid Waste Committee meet with bidders for the solid waste hauling contract on Monday, October 24 at noon to learn more about the assets of each company. Mr. Swindell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote:

Ayes – Byrd, Spencer, Swindell and Tunnell
Nays – None
Absent - Styron

Utilities Director Clint Berry requested that utility bills be reduced for Ocracoke trash pickup. This comes as a result of the costs for said pickup being absorbed into the County's quarterly budget.

Commissioner Swindell moved to approve billing for Ocracoke trash fees be reduced to residential $14; small business $20; and, large business $70 during the two month extension. Mr. Tunnell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote:

Ayes – Byrd, Spencer, Swindell and Tunnell
Nays – None
Absent - Styron

Utility Relocation Agreement

Utilities Director Clint Berry reported that NCDOT will be replacing bridge No. 34 on SR 1148, locally known as Sladesville Road, over Smith Creek in Scranton. Approximately 300 feet of six inch water line needs to be relocated, which will be paid for by NCDOT.

Commissioner Swindell moved to approve the Utility Relocation Agreement North Carolina State Highway Project No. 45347.2.3. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote:

Ayes – Byrd, Spencer, Swindell and Tunnell
Nays – None
Absent - Styron

Ocracoke Square Revitalization Project

Grants Technician Kris Noble reported that The Ocracoke Foundation, Inc. (OFI) has instituted a "Community Square Revitalization" project to address water quality in Ocracoke's harbor and to purchase and protect the heart of the village's historic commercial district. The Community Square is at the center of commerce and social activity and is at risk for private development. The structures within Community Square date back to 1900 and are on the National Register of Historic Places. Losing Community Square to private residential development would deprive the community of eleven locally owned businesses, approximately 25-30 jobs as well as public access to Silver Lake Harbor. This project also will provide a wastewater treatment system to the property that is currently considerably underserved. No bathroom facilities, other than portable toilets, currently exist in Community Square. This seriously hampers activities that businesses can participate in and profit from and provides a deep environmental concern for the surrounding Silver Lake Harbor.

The General Assembly has appropriated funds for the Rural Center to assist local governments in meeting water and wastewater needs in the form of Planning Grants to prepare to apply for construction project assistance and in pursuing other efforts to address critical public health and/or environmental needs. The County of Hyde must apply for these funds on behalf of OFI. A dollar for dollar local match is required and will be provided by the OFI.

Ocracoke Foundation member Gene Ballance asked for Commissioners support to save Ocracoke Square. He reported that the Square is the only place on the Island where you can take a photograph of Ocracoke Lighthouse that it is regularly used by tourists and local citizens.

Mr. Ballance presented a brief history of the Ocracoke Foundation stating that the foundation was originally formed for the purpose of the Ocracoke Fish House Project. Once completed the Ocracoke Community Square would become a for-profit subsidiary steered by the Ocracoke Foundation and the property taxes would be paid to the County by business owners.

Grants Technician Kris Noble reported that the NC Rural Center Planning Grant is a dollar-for-dollar grant and that Ocracoke Foundation has committed to making the match amount up to $40,000. Before accepting the grant funds Hyde County would be required to hold public hearing(s). Hyde County would not be obligated to accept the grant funds.

Commissioner Swindell moved to: 1) authorize County Staff to submit the Ocracoke Community Square Grant Application to the NC Rural Center on behalf of the Ocracoke Foundation; 2) authorize Board Chair to sign the NC Water/Wastewater Common Application Form; 3) authorize Board Chair to sign the Commitment of Other Funds Form showing a local match being provided by the OFI; 4) issue an Authorizing Resolution by governing Body of the Applicant and authorize Board Chair to sign; and, 5) authorize Board Chair to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the NC Rural Center and the County. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote:
Ayes – Byrd, Spencer, Swindell and Tunnell
Nays – None
Absent - Styron

<u>Engelhard Marine Industrial Park Items</u>

A. Engelhard Marine Industrial Park – Lease Agreement

Grants Technician Kris Noble reported that in 2009, Hyde County transferred 7.2 acres on the Engelhard waterfront to the N.C. Seafood Industrial Park Authority for development as a marine/working waterfront site. The site is now called Engelhard Marine Industrial Park. In an effort to help with the development of the park, Hyde County secured funding in 2010 to construct the site's first building. Due to legal concerns from the NC Department of Justice, a lease is needed between the N.C. Seafood Industrial Park Authority and Hyde County for the building site (Lot 1) for the duration of the construction period. The lease will ensure the avoidance of any adverse possession claims. After construction, the ownership of the building will be transferred to the N.C. Seafood Industrial Park Authority, and what has already been said. The N.C. Seafood Industrial Park Authority approved this new lease on September 19, 2011. The marine/agriculture diesel repair shop tenant is available to begin work.

Commissioner Byrd moved to authorize County Manager and County Staff to enter into lease agreement pending the County Attorney's approval pursuant to the term sheet as presented. Mr. Swindell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote:

Ayes – Byrd, Spencer, Swindell and Tunnell
Nays – None
Absent - Styron

B. Engelhard Marine Industrial Park - Change to Project Ordinance

Grants Technician Kris Noble reported that the original Project Ordinance 2011-05-02 "Wanchese Seafood Industrial Park Project" has been modified to accurately reflect current revenues and expenditures as shown in the amended Project Ordinance 2011-10-01 Engelhard Marine Industrial Park. The total project budget was increased by $30,367.76 consisting of revenues coming from the NC Seafood Industrial Park Authority. Project expenditures have also changed respectively. Expansion of water service now includes sewer service as well. Roadway

improvements and stormwater BMP for the entire site are being postponed at this time; however Hyde County is working cooperatively with the N.C. Seafood Industrial Park Authority for development of the entire site including roadways, stormwater measures and shoreline restoration. Grading and excavation has been modified to include site work and geotechnical testing. There was a considerable difference from the original estimates because of the soil types found on the site and the flood elevations of the site as well. The electrical estimate was reduced through contract negotiations. Wetland delineation and engineering fees are being paid by the N.C. Seafood Industrial Park Authority. The contingency line item was increased slightly.

Adoption of the amended Project Ordinance 2011-10-01 was tabled.

C. Engelhard Marine Industrial Park – Acceptance of Construction Contract

Grants Technician Kris Noble reported that development of the Engelhard Marine Industrial Park is well underway. Design build services for improvements to the Engelhard Industrial Seafood Park that were made possible by a Golden Leaf Grant have been let for bid. On August 22, 2011, bids were opened from three contractors for a metal building to be constructed on the Hyde County Seafood Park property in Engelhard. At that time, all three bids exceeded the project funding amount. Godfrey Construction Company was the apparent low bidder at that time and this was considered an "informal bid" since the project costs were not expected to exceed $500,000. Hyde County staff met with Albemarle & Associates (the selected engineer), Godfrey Construction and the Executive Director of the Wanchese Industrial Seafood Park to modify the scope of work to stay within the project budget. It was agreed that the size of the building would be modified from 5,000 square feet to 3,000 square feet, and that the County would forego all performance and payment bonds in lieu of a 10% retainage held until project completion to reduce the bid by the cost of the upfront payment of the bonds. Engineering fees of $9,000 are also being deleted from this contract and are being paid by the Wanchese Industrial Seafood Park. Concrete aprons skirting the building will be substituted with gravel aprons; however, Wanchese Industrial Seafood Park is currently looking for funds in their budget to change back to concrete if possible. The contract price will be $255,046.25. The tentative date to issue the Notice to Proceed is November 1, 2011.

Commissioner Byrd moved to: 1) authorize the County Manager to enter into the Construction Contract with Godfrey Construction with a contract amount of $255,046.25 after review and recommendation from the County Attorney; 2) authorize county staff to issue a Notice of Award; and, 3) authorize county staff to issue a Notice to Proceed. Mr. Swindell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote:

Ayes – Byrd, Spencer, Swindell and Tunnell
Nays – None
Absent - Styron

County Manager Smith thanked Grants Technician Kris Noble and Planner/Developer Alice Keeney for work done on the Engelhard Marine Industrial Park since 2009.

<u>Public Information/Community Services Officer Position</u>

County Manager Mazie Smith reported that the importance of effective, timely communications serves as the foundation of open, transparent government. She stated that citizens are better able to participate with accurate, up-to-date information are better able to participate in the County decision-making process. Effective communications also underpin the protection of citizens in regard to health and safety issues. This became most apparent during the recent hurricane. Effective communication can also provide the catalyst for economic development and community growth, as well as enable administrators to comply with legally mandated public notice requirements. Of special importance is the maintenance of the County's website. To date, public information has been performed on a part-time, contract basis. It is now evident that the

need for someone to devote their full-time energies to this effort is desired by the public. An employee hired in this role could also coordinate community services and project management of events such as the County's Tri Centennial. She reminded the board that all of the above functions were recognized in their goals for the current fiscal year.

Manager Smith asked that a Public Information Officer be approved. She stated she has identified monies in the current fiscal year budget to pay for the position. She will prepare budget transfers necessary to use funds identified within the existing budget. This will not increase the FY2011-12 budget. Ms. Smith will identify funding to continue the position in the proposed FY2012-13 budget.

Commissioner Swindell moved to approve the Public Information/Community Services Officer Position. He noted that if funding is not available to continue the position in the next fiscal year that Mazie Smith will have to make the necessary cuts. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote:

Ayes – Byrd, Spencer, Swindell and Tunnell
Nays – None
Absent - Styron

Manager Smith reported that departments are short staffed and employees are performing many additional duties.

Chairwoman Spencer reported that it is time for the re-organization meeting as discussed during the FY2011-12 Budget Workshops.

Christening of New Sound Class Ferry "Swan Quarter"

County Manager Mazie Smith reported that the new sound-class ferry "Swan Quarter" will be christened on Monday, November 7, 2011 at the Ferry Division Shipyard in Mann's Harbor, NC. The ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m. North Carolina Transportation Secretary Gene Conti will be the keynote speaker. Senator Stan White, Representative Tim Spear and NCDOT Deputy Secretary and Hyde County native Anthony Roper all are expected to participate. Manager Smith will offer the greetings on behalf of Hyde County. A representative from Elon University, of which the ferry will be affiliated, is also expected to participate.

It is hoped that a dedication ceremony can be held in Hyde County for the "Swan Quarter" as well. Commissioners are encouraged to support this effort by working with local businesses to provide funds for such a ceremony, perhaps as part of the Hyde County Tri Centennial celebration.

No action required.

Flu Vaccine/Administration Fee Schedule Update for FY2011-2012

Health Director Wesley Smith reported that at the quarterly meeting held on September 20, 2011 the Hyde County Board of Health approved an updated Flu Vaccine/Administration Fee Schedule for FY2011-2012, effective September 21, 2011. The revised Flu Vaccine Fee Schedule reflects the Health Department's cost for vaccine, plus the administration fee, which can be no higher than the current allowed Medicaid fee for administration. Local health departments must receive approval of both the Board of Health and Board of Commissioners to revise fee schedules.

Commissioner Swindell moved to approve the updated Flu Vaccine/Administration Fee Schedule for FY2011-2012. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote:

Ayes – Byrd, Spencer, Swindell and Tunnell
Nays – None
Absent - Styron

Budgetary Matters:

Budget Transfers

Cost of Mosquito Spraying: Health Director Wesley Smith presented an update on the vector control program and costs for providing it.

Mosquito Control – BR No. 10-11 - $91,591.00; At the Board of Commissioners Meeting on September 19, 2011, the Board approved the transfer of funds from the County's General Fund Investment Account into the Health Department's Mosquito Control Program to balance that program. Mr. Smith expressed that more frequent spraying (including aerial spraying) due to unprecedented numbers of mosquitoes that resulted after Hurricane Irene, has caused us to exceed our overall Mosquito Control Program budget for the current fiscal year. This budget revision transfers funds from the General Fund Investment Account into the revenue line for Mosquito Control Program. The County should be reimbursed from FEMA and the State of North Carolina because we have exceeded our three (3) prior year average expenditures due to standing water from Hurricane Irene.

Mosquito Control – BR No. 11-12 - $91,591.00; At the Board of Commissioners Meeting on September 19, 2011, approval was received to use funds from the County's General Fund Investment Account to balance the Mosquito Control Program. Budget Revision No. 10-12 reflects the transfer of funds from the General Fund Investment Account into the revenue line of the Mosquito Control Program. This budget revision transfers funds from the Mosquito Control Program revenue line into the various lines that need to be balanced. This transfer will increase the budget for Mosquito Control.

Commissioner Swindell moved to approve Budget Revision No. 10-11 and No. 11-12. Mr. Tunnell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote:

Ayes – Byrd, Spencer, Styron, Swindell and Tunnell
Nays – None
Absent – Styron

County Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Tunnell – reported that while on Ocracoke, he saw the new Ocracoke School Gym and said the floor is beautiful. Mr. Tunnell also discussed requests for better public information with several citizens.

Commissioner Spencer – reported that Commissioner Styron attended the Ocracoke Civic and Business Association meeting and the Ocracoke Health Fair. Ms. Spencer also attended the Ocracoke Health Fair and reported good participation by Ocracoke citizens.

County Manager's Report:

The County Manager reported that the DRC (Disaster Recovery Center) would close on Friday, October 21st and that forty-nine percent of Hyde County citizens have filed claims with FEMA; five trailers have arrived in the County to date; roadside debris pick-up ended today; Debbie Cahoon, Administrative Technician, Hyde County Soil & Water Dept. has applied for stream clean up funds; good turnout at the J. B. Coxwell appreciation dinner; the Ocracoke electronic conferencing equipment was struck by lightning and it will cost $5,710.06 to renew the warranty in order for The SoundSide Group to replace the equipment; renovations at the old O. A. Peay School Building are ongoing and EM Director Justin Gibbs will prepare a Memorandum of

Understanding between the Hyde County Board of Education and Hyde County regarding the use of the kitchen equipment; the Veterans Affairs office helped a Hyde County Veteran (who wishes to remain unidentified) receive $507,383 in retroactive pay. Ms. Smith said.

Manager Smith reported that the deductible is $78,000 on the old Davis School Gym building and that there is extensive damage to the floor and roof. She encouraged the commissioners to consider whether to repair the building or even replace it with an energy efficient multi-purpose building.

Chairwoman Spencer reported that she will meet with CDC (Community Development Corporation) Director Margie Brooks and Davis Ventures Director Mike Adams to discuss the Davis building on Tuesday, October 18 to get a firsthand look at the damage.

Manager Smith gave update on other county buildings that were damaged by Hurricane Irene.

Utilities Director Clint Berry reported that FEMA has a mitigation group who will assess the Davis Building.

Grants Technician Kris Noble reported that based on the FEMA mitigation assessment; grant funding may be available for additional costs associated with repairing the Davis Gym.

Manager Smith announced that EM Director Justin Gibbs and Paramedic Bryan Carter have been invited to be the keynote speakers at the NCEM Fall Conference on October 24, 2011.

EM Director Justin Gibbs reported that Emergency Management officials will conduct a community meeting to discuss issues related to Hurricane Irene recovery at 6:30 p.m. on October 26, in the Hyde County Government Center, Multi-Use Room, and the Ocracoke School Information Highway Room using electronic conferencing equipment. Mr. Gibbs encouraged citizens to attend.

Manager Smith reported that she had been notified that the 2011 tax bills were due in September but not sent out until October.

Justin Gibbs confirmed that it is a North Carolina Statutory requirement to set the September date but that it is not the law to send out tax bills, it is considered a courtesy to tax payers. It is the responsibility of the taxpayer to pay their bills.

Supplemental Information:

Department Reports

Health Department & Animal Control
Social Services
Veteran's Services
EMS
Inspections
Tax Department

Other Information

Disaster Recovery Center Update
Minutes – September 15th Albemarle Commission Meeting

Calendar Notes

October	**Domestic Violence Awareness Month**
10-17-2011	Last Day for Roadside Debris Pickup on Mainland
10-19-2011	Ocracoke Planning Board Meeting, Ocracoke
10-20-2011	Southern Albemarle Association Annual Meeting, Williamston

10-24-2011 NC Emergency Management Annual Conference, Raleigh
10-26-2011 Social Services Advisory Board
10-29-2011 Hyde County Arts and Crafts, Swan Quarter
10-31-2011 Hyde County Airport Advisory Committee Meeting, Swan Quarter

November
11-06-2011 Daylight Savings Time Ends; Board resumes 6 p.m. meeting start time
11-07-2011 Ferry "Swan Quarter" Christening Ceremony, Mann's Harbor

Closed Session: (none)

Commissioner Swindell moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote:

Ayes – Byrd, Spencer, Swindell and Tunnell
Nays – None
Absent - Styron

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Minutes approved on the 7th day of November, 2011.

Lois Stotesberry

Lois Stotesberry, Deputy Clerk
Hyde County Board of Commissioners

Sharon Spencer

Sharon Spencer, Chair
Hyde County Board of Commissioners

Attachments:

Exhibit A – *"A Resolution of The Hyde County Board of Commissioners Opposing Regulatory Action In The Strategic Habitat Area of The Pamlico Sound and Atlantic Ocean"*

Exhibit B – *"Proclamation – Domestic Violence Month October 2011"*

A RESOLUTION OF THE HYDE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OPPOSING REGULATORY ACTION IN THE STRATEGIC HABITAT AREA OF THE PAMLICO SOUND AND ATLANTIC OCEAN

WHEREAS, the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries has proposed a Strategic Habitat Area (SHA) in waters of the Pamlico Sound and Atlantic Ocean with much of the designated area surrounding mainland Hyde and Ocracoke; and

WHEREAS, the County of Hyde has a 300-year history of commercial fishing in proposed SHA waters with targeted species of shrimp, oysters, crabs, southern flounder, red drum, speckled trout and androgynous fish; and

WHEREAS, the County of Hyde is one of the most economically distressed in the state and relies heavily on income from fishing and further regulations would be detrimental to the economy and heritage of the county; and

WHEREAS, DMF studies show waters surrounding the county are relatively free of pollution and water quality alteration factors, and therefore should warrant no further regulatory action towards fishermen;

WHEREAS, a large quantity of land in Hyde County is already federally protected and access to natural resources should not be further limited; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF HYDE:

That the County of Hyde opposes further fisheries regulations in the proposed Strategic Habitat Area waters of the Pamlico Sound. The county supports DMF findings that the proposed SHA areas are ideal habitats for marine life and fish stocks. However, the county does not want SHA designation to further restrict access to marine resources, as commercial and recreational fishing are industries of significant economic importance in Hyde County.

Adopted this date OCTOBER 17, 2011 at THE GOVERNMENT CENTER, SWAN QUARTER, North Carolina.

Sharon P. Spencer

(Signature of Chief Executive Officer)

Chair, Hyde County Board of Commissioners

(Title)

ATTEST:

Maggie Smith

Clerk (Seal)

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF HYDE,
NORTH CAROLINA

PROCLAMATION
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MONTH
OCTOBER 2011

Whereas, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy and dignity, security and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse including abuse to children and the elderly, and

Whereas, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people, but cut across all economic, racial and societal barriers, and are supported by societal indifferences, and

Whereas, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly effecting individuals and society as a whole, here in this community, throughout the United States and the world, and

Whereas, it is battered women themselves who have been in the forefront of efforts to bring peace and equality to the home.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hyde County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim October 2011 as *National Domestic Violence Awareness Month* and urge all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs to work toward improving victim safety and holding perpetrators of domestic abuse accountable for their actions against individual victims and our society as a whole.

Adopted this the 19th day of October, 2011 in Hyde County, North Carolina.

Sharon P. Spencer, Chair
Hyde County Board of Commissioners

Attested by:

Mazie S. Smith, Clerk to the Board
Hyde County Board of Commissioners