

Meeting Minutes

Board of County Commissioners Hyde County

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

After an appreciation reception for Soil & Water Board members Billy Williams and Hyatt Cahoon, Chairman Earl Pugh, Jr. called the Regular Meeting of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, in the Hyde County Government Center, Multi-Use Room, and the Ocracoke School Commons Room using electronic conferencing equipment.

The following members were present on the mainland: Chairman Earl Pugh, Jr., Dick Tunnell, Ben Simmons and Barry Swindell; Attorney Fred Holscher; County Manager Bill Rich; Clerk to the Board Lois Stotesberry; and, members of the public.

Public Information Officer Teresa Adams and members of the public were present on Ocracoke.

Commissioner John Fletcher was absent due to recent surgery on his leg.

Chairman Pugh reported Mr. Fletcher is doing well.

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

Agenda:

Commissioner Swindell moved to approve the September 6, 2016 Hyde County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Agenda as presented by the Clerk with addition of Items of Consideration – Item No. 11. Delegates to Southern Albemarle Association and Item No. 12. Drainage Issues. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Fletcher.

Consideration of Minutes:

Commissioner Swindell moved to approve the August 1, 2016 Hyde County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes as presented by the Clerk. Mr. Tunnell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Fletcher.

Public Hearing:

Proposals to Purchase Hydeland Home Care Agency

Commissioner Simmons moved to open public hearing to hear comments related to the proposals to purchase the assets utilized in the operation of Hydeland Home Care Agency (the “Proposals”). Mr. Tunnell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Fletcher.

Hearing no comments from the public, Commissioner Simmons moved to close public hearing on proposals to purchase Hydeland Home Care Agency. Mr. Swindell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Fletcher.

Presentations:

Special Recognition of Billy Williams and Hyatt Cahoon

J. W. Spencer, Chairman, Hyde County Soil & Water Board, recognized Mr. Billy Williams and Mr. Hyatt Cahoon for their dedicated service to the S&W Board and to the citizens of Hyde County.

Commissioner Dick Tunnell commended Mr. Williams and Mr. Cahoon and presented plaques in recognition of their service on the Hyde County Soil & Water Board.

Mr. Billy Williams and Mr. Hyatt Cahoon have been community leaders and have volunteered countless hours striving to make a positive difference in their community. Mr. Williams and Mr. Cahoon were two of the founding members and remain active members of the Swan Quarter Watershed Steering Committee that was appointed by the Hyde County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Williams served as Contracting Officer on the project and Mr. Cahoon represented individual landowners. Their input has and continues to be invaluable to the operation and maintenance of the Swan Quarter Watershed.

The original Swan Quarter Watershed Work Plan was signed on February 2, 1965 by J.C. Morris, Chairman and H.W. Cohoon, Secretary of the Pamlico Soil and Water Conservation District (now Beaufort, Hyde, Washington, Tyrrell and Dare Districts). The project was authorized by Congress a few years earlier as a result of five hurricanes that caused severe damage to the area between 1954 to 1960. The original project was ambitious in scope with 17.7 miles of dike, 3 pumping plants, 16 tidegate structures, and 19.1 miles of channel improvement. The watershed included 11,440 acres with 7,293 of that in cropland.

The West, Quarter, Double and Bay Supplement to the Swan Quarter Watershed Project were published in 1984 with a smaller and less grand scope. This part of the original project would protect cropland east of Swan Quarter. Funding for the West Quarter and Double Bay Project was approximately \$6,000,000.00 and encompassed Phase I through VII. A Corps of Engineers permit was issued in February 1986. Work would finally begin on the project in 1987 with salt water intrusion on cropland as the main motivation for its need. By 1995, after a total of seven contracts (phases), six miles of dike and six major tidegate structures were installed this portion of the project was complete.

After suffering from flooding as the result of six hurricanes in the mid to late 1990's local citizens redoubled their efforts to see the project completed. A CAMA permit was issued in December 2002 and a Corps of Engineers' permit in January 2003. Phase VIII began in June 2003 which took up construction of the dike where it was stopped in the mid 90's with the purpose of moving towards Swan Quarter. With additional funding and all needed land rights and permits in hand two additional phases are "on the drawing board" and work is well on its way to complete this much needed project. The total funding amount for Phase VIII through Phase XI has been \$4,681,938.00. The final phases number XII –XIII of the Swan Quarter Watershed that extends to the intersection of Hwy 45 and Hwy 264 was completed in June of 2011. (Historical data provided by Debbie Cahoon, S&W District Technician/ Education Coordinator)

National Park Service Update

Dave Hallac, Superintendent, Outer Banks Group, accompanied by Mark Doudle, Deputy Superintendent, presented update on National Park Service (NPS) issues. Mr. Hallac commended Emergency Services Director Justin Gibbs for a job well done during Hurricane Hermine. He reported the NPS fire break will be mowed within 30 days; annual ORV permit fees were revised; sound side beach access available with no permit required; and, at this time NC DOT will not increase the right-of-way on Highway 12.

CAC Quarterly/ Annual Visit Action Report (tabled)

FY16-17 Rural Operating Assistance Program Grant Application

Beverly Paul, Director, Hyde County Transit, reported the Rural Operating Assistance Program is a public transportation funding grant that Hyde County has been a recipient of since the creation of Hyde County Transit in 1987. Ms. Paul presented Certified Statement – FY2017 Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) application for Board of Commissioner approval of funding allocations totaling \$95,950.00 (13% increase from previous year).

Commissioner Swindell moved to approve FY16-17 Rural Operating Assistance Program Grant Application. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Fletcher.

Clerk's Note: A copy of "Certified Statement – FY2017 Rural Operating Assistance Program" is attached herewith as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

Commissioner Swindell moved to appoint Interim Health Director Luana Gibbs to serve on the Hyde County Transit Board. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Fletcher

Hurricane Hermine Update

Justin Gibbs, Emergency Services Director, presented update on Hurricane Hermine.

Chairman Earl Pugh, Jr., issued/signed Proclamation – State of Emergency for Hyde County with Mandatory Visitor Evacuation for Ocracoke Island on September 1, 2016 at 4:45pm and Proclamation – Termination of Mandatory Visitor Evacuation for Ocracoke Island on September 4, 2016 at 9:38am.

Mr. Gibbs reported Hyde County remains under a State of Emergency at this time. He thanked state and local partners for their assistance during Hurricane Hermine.

Clerk's Note: A copy of "Proclamation – State of Emergency for Hyde County - Mandatory Visitor Evacuation for Ocracoke Island - Hurricane Hermine" is attached herewith as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference.

Clerk's Note: A copy of "Proclamation – Termination of Mandatory Visitor Evacuation for Ocracoke Island - Hurricane Hermine" is attached herewith as Exhibit C and incorporated herein by reference.

Employee Recognition

County Manager Bill Rich thanked Justin Gibbs, Emergency Services Director, for dedicated service to Hyde County and commended his excellent emergency management during Hurricane Hermine (September 1-4, 2016). Justin spun the "Wheel of Thanks" and won a \$25.00 Gift Certificate to R. S. Spencer True Value in Engelhard.

Chairman Pugh thanked state and local partners who worked to protect citizens and property.

Public Comments:

Leslie Lanier, Ocracoke - suggests an "official statement" be made for evacuations.

Hearing no further comment from the public, Chairman Pugh continued the meeting.

Items of Consideration:

Project Budget Ordinance – Slocum Drainage Project

Kris Cahoon Noble, Assistant County Manager/Planner, reported that pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the NC General Statutes a loan agreement between Hyde County Government and Tideland Electric Membership Corporation was entered into on August 2, 2016 in the amount of \$60,000.00, 0% interest rate, 8-year term, for the purpose of assisting the landowners doing business as Slocum Drainage. In turn, a Loan Agreement between Hyde County and the landowners (dba) Slocum Drainage was entered into on August 29, 2016 in the amount of \$60,000.00 at 0% interest and an 8-year term.

Commissioner Simmons moved to approve "Slocum Drainage Project – Project Budget Ordinance". Mr. Tunnell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Fletcher.

Clerk's Note: A copy of "Slocum Drainage Project – Project Budget Ordinance" is attached herewith as Exhibit D and incorporated herein by reference.

Resolution In Favor of Joining In On Complaint Against NMF

Commissioner Swindell moved to adopt "A Resolution Of Support Of The Opposition Against The Supplement Process To Restrict Southern Flounder Fishing". Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Fletcher.

Clerk's Note: A copy of "A Resolution Of Support Of The Opposition Against The Supplement Process To Restrict Southern Flounder Fishing" is attached herewith as Exhibit E and incorporated herein by reference.

Appointments:

BHM Regional Library Board Member Reappointment

Gail Blake, Director, Hyde County Public Library, recommended reappointment of Betty Burleson as one of three Hyde County representatives to the BHM Regional Library Board for another six (6) year term. Betty was first appointed to the Library Board by the Hyde County Board of Commissioners in March of 2010.

Commissioner Swindell moved to reappoint Betty Burleson to serve another six year term on the BHM Regional Library Board. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Fletcher.

Ocracoke Occupancy Tax Board Appointments

Bill Rich, County Manager, reported Ocracoke Civic and Business President Rudy Austin has requested the Hyde County Board of Commissioners vacate/rescind Commissioner Fletcher's appointments to the Ocracoke Occupancy Tax Board (made at the June 6 meeting) and approve appointment of Bob Chestnut and Stephanie O'Neal for two year terms each.

Commissioner Swindell moved to vacate/rescind Commissioner Fletcher's appointment of himself, continue appointment of Stephanie O'Neal and to appoint Robert F. (Bob) Chestnut to serve a two year term on the Ocracoke Occupancy Tax Board (expires June 2018). Mr. Tunnell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Fletcher.

Schedule of Values, Schedules and Rules

Linda Basnight, Tax Administrator, presented proposed Schedule of Values, Standards and Rules to be used in the revaluation to become effective January 1, 2017; and, proposed Present Use Value Schedule of Values, Standards and Rules to be used in the revaluation to become effective January 1, 2017.

NCGS 105-317 requires that the proposed schedule of values be submitted to the Board of Commissioners and that a copy be placed in the Assessor's Office for public inspection. Public Notice will be posted.

Commissioner Swindell moved to accept the proposed schedules of values and set the date for public hearing for October 3, 2016 meeting for adoption of proposed Schedule of Values, Standards and Rules to be used in the revaluation to become effective January 1, 2017; and, adoption of proposed Present Use Value Schedule of Values, Standards and Rules to be used in the revaluation to become effective January 1, 2017. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Fletcher.

Accounting Clerk IV Move From Home Health to Health Department

Luana Gibbs, Interim Health Director reported the Accounting Clerk IV is an approved position for Hydeland Home Health, and subsequently is available to Health Department. Once Hydeland Home Health sells, the Health Department plans to absorb this position for management of accounts receivables, as well as coding. Ms. Gibbs reported that funding for this position is provided for FY 16-17 at 100% through the surplus Hydeland Home Care fund balance after sale of said entity. Beginning in FY 17-18 the Health Department will fund 50% of this position and requests 50% of salary funding through Hydeland Home Care surplus fund balance.

Commissioner Swindell moved to approve 100% funding of Accounting Clerk IV in Hyde County Health Department through Hydeland Home Care fund balance FY16-17 and to approve 50% funding of Accounting Clerk IV in Hyde County Health Department through Hydeland Home Care fund balance beginning FY17-18. Mr. Tunnell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Fletcher.

Animal Control Update

Bill Rich, County Manager, reported on August 16 the Tyrrell County Board of Commissioners met and discussed Hyde County's proposal for a partnership on animal control. Tyrrell County Commissioners voted to accept animal control calls for vicious/bites and rabid animals. A \$35.00 fee will be accessed per hour plus mileage plus all applicable shelter fees. Hyde County will be responsible for collecting reimbursables. Hyde County will also be responsible for making decisions in regards to warrants upon consultation with Tyrrell County Animal Control.

No action required.

Revolving Loan Request – Marcy Brenner & Lou Castro, DBA Coyote Den/MRB Publishing, LLC

Kris Cahoon Noble, Assistant County Manager/Planner, reported Marcy Brenner and Lou Castro (dba) Coyote Den and MRB Publishing, LLC have been in business since 2001. They are performing songwriters and music instructors. From 2008-2014 they were members of the performing folk music group Molasses Creek.

Brenner and Castro conducted their business from home for several years. During the summer of 2015 they created a show entitled "Coyote Plus One", which ran for 16 weeks and was performed in the Ocracoke Community Center. When the center decided to not allow "for-profit" events they began to search for a venue that could accommodate an audience. They found a lease opportunity when the Williams House in Community Square became available and it is now home to their business operations. The Williams house contains a 40-seat listening room for live music concerts, the upstairs has two rooms from which they conduct music lessons and utilize a writing/green room for performing nights. They have had enjoyed substantial success since going out on their own, thanks to their website, social media and community support.

Ms. Noble reported they wish to expand into the rest of their building and create a box office/lobby/retail area to market their music store items, their own merchandise and to advertise local music events. They have raised over 25% of the total project costs (\$20,125.00) through an Indiegogo crowd funding campaign. She reported they have requested a \$15,000.00 unsecured 5-year term at 4.00% interest loan to complete the renovations and for operating capital. Monthly payments will be \$276.25. The loan request and all supporting documentation was reviewed and approved by the Revolving Loan Committee in mid-August.

Commissioner Swindell moved to approve a \$15,000.00, unsecured, 5-year term, 4.00% interest loan to Marcelle (Marcy) R. Brenner and Rene Louis (Lou) Castro (dba) Coyote Den/ MRB Publishing, LLC with monthly payments of \$276.25 as per the approval and recommendation of the Revolving Loan Committee. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Fletcher.

Manager Rich reported a remaining balance of \$185,000.00 in the Revolving Loan Fund; \$270,000.00 (+/-) in the Golden LEAF fund for a total of approximately \$455,000.00 is available for approved loan(s).

David's Trash Contract

Bill Rich, County Manager, and James Blount, Hyde County Solid Waste Supervisor, met with Daniel Bergevin, owner of David's Trash Service to discuss the county's contract with David's Trash. Mr. Rich reported service provided by David's Trash is inadequate and request for proposal was put out.

Norma Yanez, Government Contracts Manager for Waste Industries, discussed the informal proposal. Ms. Yanez reported Waste Industries has new containers and new trucks available. She noted the request for proposal is for a service contract with no low bid concerns.

No action taken.

Organization and Training for Ocracoke Planning Board and Ocracoke Board of Adjustments

Kris Noble, Assistant Manager/Planner, reported she and Bill Rich, County Manager, will attend the Ocracoke Planning Board meeting on Thursday, September 8 and the Ocracoke Board of Adjustments on Friday, September 9. They will be coordinating organization and training for the two boards.

No action taken.

Book Signing

Bill Rich, County Manager, reported there will be a book signing ceremony for the book "North Carolina's Blacklands Treasure" at the NC Estuarium on September 7, 2016 at 5:00pm. The book signing is part of the Blackland Farm Managers Association's recognition of the book's author Phillip McMullan, Jr. and contributors, Cy Rich, Jr., (Manager Rich's brother), Joe Landino, Steve Barnes and Paul Lilley.

No action required.

FY16-17 Selling on GovDeals for Scrap – Utilities Department

Commissioner Tunnell moved to approve sale of 1 – diesel generator, 1 – chipper, 1 – backhoe, 1 – Ford Ranger and 3 – Econoline Vans from the Hyde County Utilities Department. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Fletcher.

Delegates to Southern Albemarle Association 2016

Commissioner Swindell moved to approve the list of Hyde County Delegates to Southern Albemarle Association 2016. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Fletcher.

Drainage Issues

Earl Pugh, Jr., Chairman, reported on points made by Governor McCrory during his recent visit to Tyrrell County to discuss Hurricane Hermine damage to Tyrrell and surrounding counties.

Commissioner Simmons reported on drainage district concerns and pumping issues.

Justin Gibbs reported four pumps are in place in Hyde County.

Budget Transfers:

Bill Rich, County Manager presented the following budget transfers for Board of Commissioner approval.

Health Department

BR03-17 – Adult Health	\$1989.35
BR04-17 – Vidant Healthy Hyde Grant	\$7496.71
BR05-17 – Farmer's Market	\$ 950.15
BR06-17 – Food & Lodging	\$ 50.00
BR07-17 – Private Water Wells	\$ 300.00
BR08-17 – Project Direct Legacy	\$4301.00

Commissioner Swindell moved to approve Health Department Budget Revisions BR03-17 through BR08-17 as presented. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Fletcher.

Management Reports:

Commissioner Ben Simmons – attended a DSS meeting where making up funds was discussed, attended Governor McCrory and Commissioner Troxler's visit to Tyrrell County on Sunday, and discussed water issues in Hyde County.

Commissioner John Fletcher was absent.

Commissioner Barry Swindell – met with Davis Ventures group, Manager Rich and Commissioner Pugh to discuss the future of the Davis building, and attended the FEMA flood mapping meeting.

Commissioner Dick Tunnell – thanked NPS representatives for update and attended Governor McCrory’s visit with farmers.

Chairman Earl Pugh, Jr. – received a thank you letter from Hyde County Hotline for funding received and relayed invitation to Davis Center Prayer Breakfast on the 17th.

County Manager Bill Rich – presented review of meetings and events he attended in August. Mr. Rich’s August calendar was provided. Mr. Rich will send a thank you letter to citizens and organizations that assisted during Hurricane Hermine.

Assistant County Manager Kris Noble – reported on meetings and events she attended in August. Ms. Noble announced the Mattie Arts Fall Festival, Farmer’s Market, Mile-long Yard Sale and the Swan Quarter Volunteer Fire Department Fund Raiser on Saturday, September 24th.

Public Comments:

Chairman Pugh called for comments from the public.

Peter Vankevich – Ocracoke Observer, asked if the new flood maps include Ocracoke.

Tom Pahl, Ocracoke – commended everyone who assisted during Hurricane Hermine and concurs a thank you letter should be sent to all.

Justin Gibbs – reported a Mainland Control Group would be beneficial.

There being no further comment from the public, Chairman Pugh continued the meeting.

Closed Session (none)

Adjourn

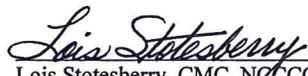
Commissioner Swindell moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes –Pugh, Tunnell, Simmons and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Fletcher.

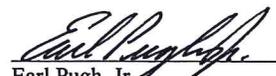
The meeting adjourned at 7:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Minutes approved on the 3rd day of October 2016.

Attest:


Lois Stotesberry, CMC, NCCCC
Clerk, Hyde County Board of Commissioners


Earl Pugh, Jr.
Chair, Hyde County Board of Commissioners



Attachments:

Exhibit A: *“Certified Statement – FY2017 Rural Operating Assistance Program”*

Exhibit B: *“Proclamation – State of Emergency for Hyde County - Mandatory Visitor Evacuation for Ocracoke Island - Hurricane Hermine”*

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Exhibit E: *“A Resolution Of Support Of The Opposition Against The Supplement Process To Restrict Southern Flounder Fishing”*

CERTIFIED STATEMENT
FY2017
RURAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
County of Hyde

WHEREAS, the state-funded, formula-based Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) administered by the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Public Transportation Division provides funding for the operating cost of passenger trips for counties within the state;

WHEREAS, the county uses the most recent transportation plans (i.e. CCP, CTIP, LCP) available and other public involvement strategies to learn about the transportation needs of agencies and individuals in the county before determining the sub-allocation of these ROAP funds;

WHEREAS, the county government or regional public transportation authorities created pursuant to Article 25 or Article 26 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes (upon written agreement with the municipalities or counties served) are the only eligible recipients of Rural Operating Assistance Program funds which are allocated to the counties based on a formula as described in the Program Guidelines included in the ROAP State Management Plan. NCDOT will disburse the ROAP funds only to counties and eligible transportation authorities and not to any sub-recipients selected by the county;

WHEREAS, the county finance officer will be considered the county official accountable for the administration of the Rural Operating Assistance Program in the county, unless otherwise designated by the Board of County Commissioners;

WHEREAS, the passenger trips provided with ROAP funds must be accessible to individuals with disabilities and be provided without discrimination on the basis of national origin, creed, age, race or gender (FTA C 4702.1A, FTA C 4704.1, Americans with Disabilities Act 1990); and

WHEREAS, the period of performance for these funds will be July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 regardless of the date on which ROAP funds are disbursed to the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, by signing below, the duly authorized representatives of the County of Hyde North Carolina certify that the following statements are true and accurate:

- The county employed a documented methodology for sub-allocating ROAP funds that involved the participation of eligible agencies and citizens. Outreach efforts to include the participation of the elderly and individuals with disabilities, persons with limited English proficiency, minorities and low income persons in the county's sub-allocation decision have been documented.
- The county will advise any sub-recipients about the source of the ROAP funds, specific program requirements and restrictions, eligible program expenses and reporting requirements. The county will be responsible for invoicing any sub-recipients for unexpended ROAP funds as needed.
- The county will monitor ROAP funded services routinely to verify that ROAP funds are being spent on allowable activities and that the eligibility of service recipients is being properly documented. The county will maintain records of trips for at least five years that prove that an eligible citizen was provided an eligible transportation service on the billed date, by whatever conveyance at the specified cost.
- The county will be responsible for monitoring the safety, quality and cost of ROAP funded services and assures that any procurements by subrecipients for contracted services will follow state and federal guidelines.
- The county will conduct regular evaluations of ROAP funded passenger trips provided throughout the period of performance.

FY16-17 Rural Operating Projected Services

Total ROAP Allocation - \$95,950 Increased 13% from previous fiscal year.

EDTAP Sub-Allocations – (\$48,334) Increased \$ 6,087 from FY15-16 Allocation

Mattamuskeet Senior Center- \$13,000- Reflects a \$500.00 allocation increase from FY15-16 expenditures. Service changes include increasing service from outlying areas with minimal participation.

Ocracoke Program - \$10,000- Reflects a \$1,250.00 allocation increase from FY15-16 expenditures. HCT has outposted a vehicle on the island for the Medical Express Program. This will also increase awareness and ridership for other services such as the EDTAP and Rural General Public Programs.

Hyde County Transit – \$25,334- Reflects a \$3,837 allocation increase from FY15-16 actual expenditures. Even though funding has increased for FY16-17, EDTAP funding was depleted by mid-April in the last fiscal year. HCT continued to run the program utilizing the organization's general funds.

Sub-allocations recommendations were based on previous fiscal year's expenditures. Services will include in-county and out-of-county services as was performed for FY15-16.

Rural General Public Program – (\$43,299) Increased \$4,830 from FY15-16 Allocation

Provides in-county and out-of-county transportation for residents. HCT will also apply some of the allocation towards the local match requirements of the Job Access Reverse Commute Grant that will enable residents to get to and from work. New Services will include promoting RGP services on Ocracoke Island.

Employment Transportation Program –(\$4,317) Increased \$66 from FY15-16 Allocation

HCT will utilize these funds for the local match requirement for the Job Access Reverse Commute Grant for residents to get to and from work.

Hyde County Transit performed 15,898 passenger trips in FY15-16. Overall 20% increase from previous fiscal year.

Senior Services 60+/Disabled	6,974	44%
Rural General Public	5,551	35%
Employment	1,145	7%
Medical Access	1,228	8%
Community Services	988	6%
Private Pay	<u>12</u>	
Total	15,898	

- The county will only use the ROAP funds to provide trips when other funding sources is not available for the same purpose or the other funding sources for the same purpose have been completely exhausted.
- The county assures that the required matching funds for the FY2017 ROAP can be generated from fares and/or provided from local funds.
- The county will notify the Mobility Development Specialist assigned to the county if any ROAP funded services are discontinued before the end of the period of performance due to the lack of funding. No additional ROAP funds will be available.
- The county will provide an accounting of trips and expenditures in quarterly milestone reports to NCDOT – Public Transportation Division or its designee.
- Any interest earned on the ROAP funds will be expended for eligible program uses as specified in the ROAP application. The County will include ROAP funds received and expended in its annual independent audit on the schedule of federal and state financial assistance. Funds passed through to other agencies will be identified as such.
- The county is applying for the following amounts of FY2017 Rural Operating Assistance Program funds:

State-Funded Rural Operating Assistance Program	Allocated	Requested
Elderly & Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP)	48,334	48,334
Employment Transportation Assistance Program (EMPL)	4,317	4,317
Rural General Public Program (RGP)	43,299	43,299
TOTAL	95,950	95,950

WITNESS my hand and county seal, this 6th day of September, 2016.

[Handwritten Signature]

Signature of County Manager/Administrator

Bill Rich - County MANAGER

Printed Name of County Manager/Administrator

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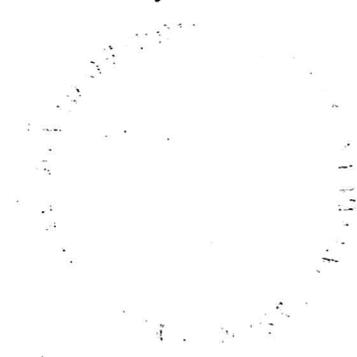
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State of North Carolina County of Hyde

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FY15-16 Rural Operating Assistance Program Summary

The Rural Operating Assistance Program is a public transportation funding grant that Hyde County has been a recipient of since the creation of Hyde County Transit in 1987. The grantor is the North Carolina Public Transportation Division. The grant has three funding components: Elderly & Disabled Transportation Assistance Program, Employment Transportation Program, and the Rural General Public Program.

The Elderly and Disabled Assistance Program (\$41,225.02) serves the needs of county residents that are over the age of 60 or more, and residents who have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity. The EDTAP program requires no local match. This funding program was utilized in FY15-16 to provide the following transportation:

Mattamuskeet Senior Center (\$12,000) – In FY15-16, Mattamuskeet Senior Center utilized their sub-allocation to provide public transportation for their participants to and from the Senior Center as well as senior health fairs and other activities. Hyde County Transit provided 1,249 passenger trips for the Senior Center program.

Ocracoke Program (\$8,750)– In FY15-16, Hyde County Transit sent a vehicle to Ocracoke Island to provide 2 trips per month to the Outer Banks so elderly or disabled residents could obtain their necessary provisions. This is particularly beneficial for the Island residents during the summer months when traffic is at its most congested levels and the families of the elderly and disabled are working long hours during the peak season. In FY15-16, Hyde County Transit performed 609 EDTAP passenger trips. Ridership increased 33% from the previous fiscal year.

Hyde County Transit (\$21,497) – HCT utilized their sub-allocation to provide in-county as well as out-of-county transportation services for employment access and general transportation needs. In FY15-16, HCT provided 3,829 passenger trips to destinations in-county as well as Belhaven, Washington, Greenville, and the Outer Banks. Ridership increased 53% from the previous year. While our elderly and disabled residents prefer to keep trips as local as possible, they have to access out-of-county transportation services in order to pick-up medications, clothing, and other supplies or that we do not have available within our county.

Rural General Public Program (\$31,987) – In FY15-16, Hyde County Transit utilized funds from this program to serve as local match requirements for the Job Access Reverse Commute Program. HCT provided a total 1,145 passenger trips for employment access in FY15-16. With the remaining funds, Hyde County Transit provided in-county and out-of-county services to residents for 4-H activities, to visit local government offices and organizations, shopping, to attend local community events and meetings, and to provide connection service to other forms of public transportation such as commercial buslines. HCT provided 5,551 passenger trips which represented a 10% increase from the previous year.

Employment Transportation Program (\$4,251)- This program is intended to provide employment transportation service for individuals that are transitioning off the DSS Work First Program and low-income or disadvantaged general public passengers. The program also provides service to the Employment Security Commission, Job Fairs, and certain employment training opportunities. The program funds were utilized to fulfill the local match requirements for the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Grant.



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF HYDE,
NORTH CAROLINA**

**PROCLAMATION
STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR HYDE COUNTY
MANDATORY VISITOR EVACUATION FOR OCRACOKE ISLAND**

HURRICANE HERMINE

September 1, 2016

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Hyde County Ordinances, Chapter 166 A of the General Statutes and Article 36 A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes, I have determined a State of Emergency exists in Hyde County; and,

WHEREAS, I therefore proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency in the County of Hyde with mandatory evacuation of individuals visiting Ocracoke Island effective immediately on September 1, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, I hereby direct all county law enforcement officers, county employees, public safety personnel, and all emergency management personnel, subject to my control, to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of the emergency as may be necessary or convenient; and,

WHEREAS, I specifically authorize and direct all applicable department heads and their employees to take such steps and to make such applications as may be necessary, useful, or convenient to mitigate the effects of damage to life or property of Hyde County and its residents and persons who work in or who are located in Hyde County arising out of Hurricane Hermine, and its related weather conditions; and,

NOW THEREFORE, This proclamation is signed on this date, September 1, 2016, and becomes effective immediately.

ATTEST:

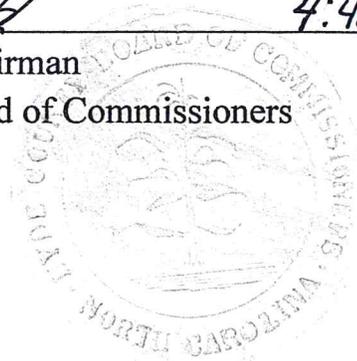


Earl Pugh, Jr., Chairman
Hyde County Board of Commissioners

4:45 PM



Lois Stotesberry, CMC, NCCCC
Clerk, Hyde County Board of Commissioners





**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF HYDE,
NORTH CAROLINA**

**PROCLAMATION
TERMINATION OF THE
MANDATORY VISITOR EVACUATION FOR OCRACOKE ISLAND**

HURRICANE HERMINE

September 4, 2016

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2016 at 4:45PM I proclaimed a local State of Emergency for Hyde County with Mandatory Visitor Evacuation for Ocracoke Island, effective as of 4:45PM on September 1, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, I issue Proclamation – Termination of Mandatory Evacuation for Ocracoke Island on September 4, 2016 effective at 9:38 AM.

WHEREAS, I hereby terminate the Mandatory Visitor Evacuation for Ocracoke Island in Hyde County, North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, I have determined that a State of Emergency still exists; and,

Now therefore, this proclamation is signed on this date, September 4, 2016 at 9:38 AM, and becomes effective at 9:38 AM on September 4, 2016.

ATTEST:

Earl Pugh, Jr., Chairman
Hyde County Board of Commissioner

Justin L. Gibbs
Deputy Clerk, Hyde County Board of Commissioners



SLOCUM DRAINAGE PROJECT
Project Budget Ordinance

Be it ordained by the Hyde County Board of Commissioners, that pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following project budget ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section 1. The project authorized is the SLOCUM DRAINAGE PROJECT, between Hyde County, Tideland EMC and a group of landowners doing business as "Slocum Drainage."

Section 2. A Loan Agreement between Hyde County Government and Tideland Electric Membership Corporation was entered into on August 2, 2016 in the amount of \$60,000.00, 0% interest, 8-year term, for the purpose of assisting the landowners doing business as Slocum Drainage.

Section 3. In turn, a Loan Agreement between Hyde County and the landowners doing business as Slocum Drainage was entered into on August 29, 2016 in the amount of \$60,000.00 at 0% interest and an 8-year term.

Section 4 : The following revenues and resources are anticipated to be available to complete the project activities:

TIDELAND ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION
REVOLVING LOAN

Tideland EMC Revolving Loan	\$60,000.00
Total:	<u>\$60,000.00</u>

Section 5 The following amounts are appropriated completion of the project activities:

Project Budget	<u>\$60,000.00</u>
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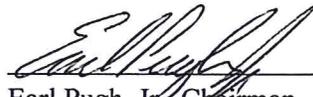
Section 6: The Grant Finance Officer is hereby directed to maintain within the Project Budget sufficient specific detailed accounting records.

Section 7: The landowners doing business as Slocum Drainage shall make payment to Hyde County in an orderly and timely manner.

Section 8: The County shall make payment to Tideland Electric Membership in an orderly and timely manner.

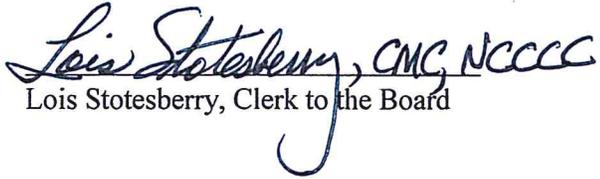
Section 12: Copies of this Project Budget Ordinance shall be made available to the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this program.

Adopted this 6th Day of September, 2016



Earl Pugh, Jr., Chairman
Hyde County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Lois Stotesberry, Clerk to the Board



**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF THE
OPPOSITION AGAINST THE SUPPLEMENT PROCESS TO RESTRICT SOUTHERN
FLOUNDER FISHING**

WHEREAS, during their November 2015 meeting at Jennette's Pier, the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission (NCMFC) approved using a controversial "Supplement Process" to close down most of the state's fishing for southern flounder; and

WHEREAS, the established procedure for responsible fisheries governance is through the use of a Fisheries Management Plan (FMP), which is designed to incorporate peer reviewed science, stakeholder input, and other pertinent facts to establish fisheries policies in a deliberate, open, and transparent way; and

WHEREAS, instead of relying on a thoroughly vetted Amendment Process to the southern flounder Fisheries Management Plan, the NCMFC chose instead to invoke the use of the Supplement Process in spite of the fact that there is no scientific evidence to support such a drastic measure that will have draconian consequences; and

WHEREAS, when the NCMFC adopted the Supplement Process, they violated and misused the statutory authority granted them in NCGS 113-182.1 which requires that the NCMFC provide a position on the supplement based on science from the Division of Marine Fisheries or from independent experts; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission also chose to ignore the will of the people as expressed in resolutions it received prior to their November meeting from the Counties of Bertie, Camden, Carteret, Currituck, Dare, Hyde, Pasquotank, and Tyrrell opposing the use of the Supplement Process to restrict southern flounder; and

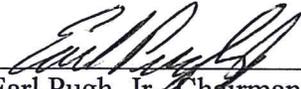
WHEREAS, the arbitrary and capricious action taken by NCMFC at its November 2015 meeting threatens to harm North Carolina's commercial fishermen by depriving them of a traditional source of income that is fundamental to sustaining local economies throughout North Carolina's coastal communities without cause; and

WHEREAS, the Hyde County Board of Commissioners approved a resolution on January 4, 2016 condemning the action of the North Carolina Marine Fisheries to use the Supplement Process to restrict southern flounder fishing; and

WHEREAS, since the NCMFC meeting, a group of commercial fishermen, and the North Carolina Fisheries Association contemplate bringing a complaint against the NCMFC concerning the adoption by the NCMFC of the Supplement Process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hyde County Board of Commissioners are in favor of joining in as a party in the complaint against the NCMFC in the best interests of Hyde County's and surrounding counties fishing industry.

This the 6th day of September, 2016



Earl Pugh, Jr., Chairman

Attest:


Lois Stotesberry, Clerk to the Board

