REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HYDE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2020

Following opening prayer by Commissioner Simmons; and, Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Pugh called the Regular Meeting of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners to order at 6:00p.m., on Monday, April 6, 2020 in the Hyde County Government Center Multi-Use Room and the Ocracoke Community Center.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the April 6, 2020 Hyde County Board of Commissioners meeting was live streamed via the Hyde County Facebook page. The video is available on Facebook and on the County’s YouTube channel for download to a personal device.

The following members were present on the mainland: Chairman Earl Pugh, Jr.; Commissioners Ben Simmons, Shannon Swindell and James Topping; County Manager Kris Cahoon Noble; Attorney Franz Holscher; Clerk to the Board Lois Stotesberry; IT Director Donnie Shumate; and, Sheriff Guire Cahoon.

Vice-chairman Tom Pahl and Emergency Manager Justin Gibbs attended via live stream from Ocracoke.

Superintendent Dave Hallac and Health Director Luana Gibbs also attended via live stream.

Everyone wished Chairman Pugh a happy birthday.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA:
Commissioner Simmons moved to approve the Monday, April 6, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda as presented by the Clerk with addition of Public Hearing on the Hyde County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Commissioner Swindell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Simmons, Swindell and Topping; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

After discussion on March 2, 2020, Commissioner Pahl withdrew motion to adopt Proclamation County of Hyde Designating The Month of April 2020 As North Carolina 811 Safe Digging Month. The proclamation was tabled until the April 6 Board of Commissioners meeting.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Proclamation to Designate the Month of April as “North Carolina 811 Safe Digging Month” was further continued to the May 4, 2020 Board of Commissioners meeting. Manager Noble will invite “North Carolina 811” to present at the May 4 meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:
March 2, 2020 – Regular Meeting Minutes
Commissioner Pahl moved to approve the March 2, 2020 regular meeting minutes as amended on page 1-line 28 to further amend the January 6, 2020 regular meeting minutes as previously amended on page 3 line 13-14 – Section 34.1 be changed. and on page 7 line 33-34 – Plans to be more diligent in his role as a county commissioner in 2020; on page 2-line 48 – Tom Payne Cain and on line 51 – do not support proposed changes resolution to the Second Amendment; and, on page 3-line 45 – Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Simmons, Swindell and Topping; Nays – None Pahl and Topping. Commissioner Swindell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Simmons, Swindell and Topping; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

March 18, 2020 – Special Called Meeting Minutes
Commissioner Swindell moved to approve the March 18, 2020 regular meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Simmons, Swindell and Topping; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

PUBLIC HEARING:
Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance
Commissioner Pahl moved to further continue public hearing on the Hyde County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance to the May 4, 2020 Board of Commissioners meeting in order to receive as much public comment as possible. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Simmons, Swindell and Topping; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

PRESENTATIONS:
National Park Service 2019 Year In Review
NPS Superintendent Dave Hallac presented overview of visitation patterns and park activities at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Fort Raleigh National Historical Site and the Wright Brothers National Memorial during 2019.
Superintendent Hallac reported the highest number (3.25 million) visitors seen in the past sixteen years at the Eastern North Carolina National Seashore in 2019. He reported Hurricane Dorian recovery efforts are ongoing.

COVID-19 Update
Luana Gibbs, Health Director presented update on COVID-19. Ms. Gibbs reported ten out of 90 counties have no confirmed cases of coronavirus which includes Hyde County. She recommended everyone remain vigilant - stay home and be safe.

Hurricane Dorian Recovery Efforts
Emergency Manager Justin Gibbs presented update on Hurricane Dorian recovery efforts. Mr. Gibbs reported the temporary housing program is moving forward. Twenty-three trailers are set up; one is ready to use; ten need electrical service; four need inspection; one needs electricity and three are waiting for meter installation. He also reported debris removal is near completion.

Manager Noble reported roadside debris collection on Ocracoke has ended. She recommended citizens use containers if the item is too large for the county convenience site.

Tax Report
Emergency Manager Justin Gibbs presented the March 2020 TR-407 Daily Distribution Report. Mr. Gibbs reported total collections in March 2020 are down from March 2019 by $75,854.34.

Commissioner Swindell moved to accept the TR-407 report as presented. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Simmons, Swindell and Topping; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Employee of the Month
Kris Cahoon Noble, County Manager, commended Jan Moore who headed up distribution of eggs donated by Rose Acre Farms; Superintendent Basnight, bus drivers and volunteers from Hyde County School System for their food service to children countywide. Ms. Noble also commended Senior Center staff, Lovie Miller of BRACE, Alice Peck of Life Saving Food Pantry, Corey and Callie Carawan who donated use of a truck for Ocracoke Island distribution.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Mike Nolte, Ocracoke - is a non-resident property owner. He is concerned about the safety and health of Island residents.

Diana Williams, Fairfield – is concerned about non-resident entry into Hyde County. She reported many non-resident visitors are fishing on Lake Mattamuskeet and are hunting.

Dennis Osborne, Midlothian, Virginia – is concerned workers who come to Ocracoke might increase the risk of COVID-19 to Island residents.

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

ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION:
Appointment to Albemarle RC&D
Kris Cahoon Noble, County Manager, reported Hyde County currently holds two vacant seats on the Albemarle Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc. (RC&D).

Commissioner Simmons moved to appoint Currituck Township Commissioner Shannon Swindell as the Board of Commissioners appointee (replacing Dick Tunnell); and, Hyde Soil and Water District Administrator Debbie Cahoon as Hyde S&W representative (replacing Allison Mulligan) on the RC&D Council. Commissioner Pahl seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Simmons, Swindell and Topping; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Manager Noble will invite Brian Lannon, Chairman of Albemarle RC&D to present services provided to Hyde County at a later Board of Commissioners meeting.

Proclamation – Ratify COVID-19 Proclamation Amendments
Emergency Manager Justin Gibbs presented resolution to ratify proclamations enacted by Chairman Pugh on behalf of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners during a declared “State of Emergency – Coronavirus 2019”.

Commissioner Pahl moved to adopt Resolution To Ratify Board Action Related To State of Emergency Declaration Coronavirus-2019 (COVID-19) – April 6, 2020 to incorporate Amendment Number Two – Suspending Public...
Visitation To Government Offices & Limiting Entry By Ocracoke Non-resident Property Owners – March 23, 2020; and, Amendment Number Three – Adopting Gubernatorial Executive Order 121, Further Limiting Entry By Ocracoke Non-resident Property Owners and Prohibiting Visitors From Entering Mainland Hyde County – March 30, 2020. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Simmons, Swindell and Topping; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Clerk’s Note: A copy of “Amendment Number Two – Suspending Public Visitation To Government Offices & Limiting Entry By Ocracoke Non-resident Property Owners – March 23, 2020” is attached herewith as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

Clerk’s Note: A copy of “Amendment Number Three – Adopting Gubernatorial Executive Order 121, Further Limiting Entry By Ocracoke Non-resident Property Owners and Prohibiting Visitors From Entering Mainland Hyde County – March 30, 2020” is attached herewith as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference.

Clerk’s Note: A copy of “Resolution To Ratify Board Action Related To State of Emergency Declaration Coronavirus-2019 (COVID-19) – April 6, 2020” is attached herewith as Exhibit C and incorporated herein by reference.

Hyde County Mowing Contract
Commissioner Swindell moved to recuse Chairman Pugh from participation in the Hyde County Mowing Contract due to one of the bidders being a family member. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Simmons, Swindell and Topping; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Pugh.

Kris Cahoon Noble, County Manager, reported bids were sent out and the two that came back were from John and Tammy Investments, LLC for a monthly total of $1345.00 and EM’s Mowing Service/Ray’s Trucking and Main Street Lawn Maintenance for a monthly total of $1275.00. Ms. Noble reported this is a three year contract.

Commissioner Simmons moved to award the Hyde County Mowing Contract to EM’s Mowing Service/Ray’s Trucking and Main Street Lawn Maintenance. Commissioner Topping seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Simmons, Swindell and Topping; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Pugh.

Award of Solid Waste Hauling Services Agreement Contract
Kris Cahoon Noble, County Manager, reported in February the County Manager’s Office issued a Request for Proposals for Solid Waste Hauling Services in an effort to seek bids from companies to provide hauling services from six convenience sites (5 on Hyde County mainland and 1 on Ocracoke Island) to various locations. A mandatory pre-bid conference was held and a selection committee ranked the five proposals received. After compiling the rankings Republican Services of North Carolina, LLC based in Aulander, N.C. was selected and interviewed. The selection committee recommended that Republican Services be awarded the contract for Solid Waste Hauling Services.

Commissioner Swindell moved to award the Hyde County Solid Waste Hauling Services Agreement Contract to Republican Services of North Carolina, LLC. Commissioner Pahl seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Simmons, Swindell and Topping; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

MOA’s Between NCORR and Hyde County
Kris Cahoon Noble, County Manager, reported the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for State Grant Agreement is for an amount of $500,000.00 from the North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency (NCORR) to Hyde County. This agreement shall be effective April 6, 2020 or after approval of the County Attorney and signed by the County Manager. The agreement shall terminate on March 16, 2023 or upon the full expenditure of grant funds and the submission of recipient’s final report, whichever comes first.

The grant fund will be utilized to:

- Contract with experienced individual(s) to assist the County with FEMA programs, reimbursement and managing project documentation. This individual will also assist the county with long-term recovery and funding opportunities for resilient housing and business recovery. This is a 3 year contract position.

- Hire a full time Grant Administrator to work with local government staff, consulting staff, state and federal partners and individual citizen applicants to manage grant funding including but not limited to CDBG DR, HMBP, FMA, Golden LEAF, OSBM and other funding sources.

- Complete an affordable housing study for Ocracoke Village

The MOA for State Loan Agreement is for an amount of $1,000,000.00 from the NCORR to Hyde County. This agreement shall be effective April 6, 2020 or after approval of the County Attorney and signed by the County Manager. The agreement shall terminate on March 16, 2023 of upon the full expenditure of grant funds and the submission of recipient’s final report, whichever comes first.
The grant fund will be utilized to:

- Temporary Cash Assistance to Local Governments

- This principal-only loan does not carry interest charges or administrative fees. Upon signature of this agreement by the parties, the funds will be transferred to recipient according to the agreed upon schedule.

Commissioner Simmons moved to approve MOA for grant funds ($500,000.00) between NCORR and Hyde County pending County Attorney approval; and, approve MOA for loan funds ($1,000,000.00 between NCORR and Hyde County pending County Attorney approval. Commissioner Pahl seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Simmons, Swindell and Topping; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Approval of Job Descriptions into the Hyde County Pay Plan
Kris Cahoon Noble, County Manager, requested commissioner’s approval of two job descriptions and adoption into the County’s Pay Plan.

- Grant Administrator – one time-limited grant funded position as per grant agreement between NCORR and Hyde County. Funding for this position is for 3 years.

- Land Records Manager – performs complex skilled technical work planning, organizing and directing the activities of the land records program and related work as apparent or assigned. Work is performed under the limited supervision of the County Assessor.

Commissioner Pahl moved to approve the Grant Administrator and Land Records Manager job descriptions and to adopt both into the County’s Pay Plan. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Simmons, Swindell and Topping; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Award of CDBG-NR Professional Services Contract
Kris Cahoon Noble, County Manager, submitted two rating sheets by HCP as backup documentation for the recommendation of professional services awards for the CDBG-Neighborhood Revitalization project. Holland Consulting Planners (HCP) recommended award of surveying services to Sorrell Land Surveying and award of legal services to Rodman, Holscher, Peck and Edwards.

Commissioner Simmons moved to award CDBG-NR professional surveying services contract to Sorrell Land Surveying and to award CDBG-NR professional legal services contract to Rodman, Holscher, Peck and Edwards. Commissioner Swindell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Simmons, Swindell and Topping; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Tram Operations Contract
Kris Cahoon Noble, County Manager, presented the Ocracoke Tram System Operations Agreement made between the North Carolina Department of Transportation and Hyde County. Through the Ocracoke Tram project, the NCDOT purchased a Tram System to help facilitate pedestrian route transit activities related to the passenger ferry project. NCDOT entered into a Lease and Operations Agreement with the County on October 15, 2018.

As a result of Hurricane Dorian, the Tram System vehicles were damaged beyond repair. Hyde County is in the process of obtaining replacement vehicles utilizing Golden LEAF Grant funds. This agreement dictates that funds from the auction of the previously damaged vehicles will be used for the operation and service of the tram system. It also binds the County to participate in the project.

The project consists of the operation of a tram system to be operated on Ocracoke Island to provide access between the NCDOT ferry dock on Silver Lake and various stops within or near the Village of Ocracoke. This Agreement supersedes the previous agreement between the division and the county. The tram system shall be operated and maintained by the County through a private contractor. Partial funding for operational and maintenance costs associated with the tram system will be provided for under a separate agreement between the NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division (IMD) and Hyde County in an amount of 50% of all expenses, excepting only the maintenance for the tram stops and the repair of the tram building door. Golden LEAF funding has been applied for to repair/upgrade both.

The County agrees to operate and maintain the tram system for a minimum of three (3) years, if funding is available through Federal, State or local sources. NCDOT and/or the County reserve the right to cancel the Agreement with a thirty (30) day written notice to the other party.

Commissioner Pahl moved to authorize the County Manager and County Attorney to negotiate and enter into the Hyde
County Ocracoke Tram System Operations Agreement subject to possible revisions. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Simmons, Swindell and Topping; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

Revolving Loan Fund Payment Forgiveness Extension
Kris Cahoon Noble, County Manager, reported following the destruction of Hurricane Dorian, RLF Manager Bill Rich, requested the Board forgive loan payments for six (6) months interest free to aid in economic recovery. This extension was granted. Due to COVID-19 crippling the spring economic boost tourism on Ocracoke Island and the mainland many businesses are struggling.

RLF Manager Rich requested an additional 90 day extension on all revolving loan payments interest free effective April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2020 so businesses can continue to recover from these two economically devastating events.

Commissioner Simmons moved to extend Revolving Loan Fund payment forgiveness interest free for all RLF grantees until August 1, 2020 (120 days) so businesses can continue to recover from these two economically devastating events. Commissioner Pahl seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Simmons, Swindell and Topping; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

BUDGET REVISIONS
Health Department
15-20 – Year-end Transfer $3,500.00

Senior Center
Postage $1,000.00

Social Services
Personnel Contract $3,812.00

Commissioner Simmons moved to approve the Health Department, Senior Center and DSS budget transfers as presented. Commissioner Swindell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl, Simmons, Swindell and Topping; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – None.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS:
The commissioners and county manager shared with the public their various activities and ideas for continuous improvement of government services in Hyde County.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (none)

CLOSED SESSION: (none)

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Minutes approved on the 4th day of May, 2020.

Attest:

Lois Stotesberry, CMC, NC CCC
Clerk, Hyde County Board of Commissioners

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

Attachments
Exhibit A: "Amendment Number Two – Suspending Public Visitation To Government Offices & Limiting Entry By Ocracoke Non-resident Property Owners – March 23, 2020"
Exhibit B: "Amendment Number Three – Adopting Gubernatorial Executive Order 121, Further Limiting Entry By Ocracoke Non-resident Property Owners and Prohibiting Visitors From Entering Mainland Hyde County – March 30, 2020"
Exhibit C: "Resolution To Ratify Board Action Related To State of Emergency Declaration Coronavirus-2019 (COVID-19) – April 6, 2020"
STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION
CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19)

AMENDMENT NO. TWO

SUSPENDING PUBLIC VISITATION TO GOVERNMENT OFFICES & LIMITING ENTRY BY OCRACOKE NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY OWNERS

MARCH 23, 2020

WHEREAS, a State of Emergency, as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 166A-19.3(6) and 166A-19.3(19), continues for the County of Hyde; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of that declaration and the proceeding amendment, that prohibited mass gatherings, recommended social distancing and proper respiratory etiquette, restricted bars and restaurants to food take out or delivery services only and prohibited visitation to Ocracoke Island, continue to be enforced; and

WHEREAS, the Hyde County Senior Center and Adult Day Activity Program (ADAP) were closed to the public to protect vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, closure to public visitation is being expanded to include all Hyde County Government Offices on March 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Hyde County State of Emergency Declaration Section Two (2), Mass Gatherings, is amended to close the Hyde County Government Offices to public visitation until further notice; and

WHEREAS, the Ocracoke Deputy Control Group convened a meeting on March 22, 2020 at 2:00 PM and recommended limiting entry by Ocracoke Non-Resident Property Owners; and

WHEREAS, the governing body understands the ongoing recovery efforts on Ocracoke Island are vital to stabilizing living conditions for displaced disaster survivors and restoring normalcy once the public health threat from Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) has diminished; and

WHEREAS, entry by Ocracoke Non-Resident Property Owners will be limited to only those needing to perform critical repairs to their property; and

WHEREAS, the Hyde County State of Emergency Declaration Section Four (4), Discretionary Travel, is amended to limit entry by Ocracoke Non-Resident Property Owners beginning on March 24, 2020 at 5:00 AM; and

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as the Chairman of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners by the laws of the State of North Carolina and the Hyde County Code of Ordinances, IT IS ORDERED:

SECTION 2. PROHIBITION OF MASS GATHERINGS

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.31(b)(2), which allows for the undersigned to regulate and control the congregation of persons in public places or buildings and with the concurrence of the Board of Commissioners to help protect the health and well-being of Hyde County citizens, I hereby close the Hyde
County Government Offices to public visitation on March 24, 2020 and the resumption of visitation will be reopens before reopening.

SECTION 4. DISCRETIONARY TRAVEL

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.31(b)(1)(d), which allows the undersigned to control ingress and egress to the emergency area, entry by Ocracoke Non-Resident Property Owners is limited until further notice. Only those Ocracoke Non-Resident Property Owners needing to perform critical repairs to their property will be granted entry to the island.

Ingress to and egress from Mainland Hyde County continues unimpeded, at this time, but visitors and non-resident property owners are strongly encouraged to postpone or cancel any discretionary travel until the public health threat from Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) has diminished.

Furthermore, I strongly encourage Hyde County residents to postpone or cancel any discretionary travel from the County of Hyde to limit the spread of Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19).

SECTION 6. APPLICATION

All local government entities and agencies are ordered to cooperate in the implementation of the provisions of the State of Emergency, any amendments to that declaration and the provisions of the Hyde County Emergency Operations Plan (the "EOP").

SECTION 7. DISTRIBUTION

I hereby order this amendment be: (1) distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (2) promptly filed with the Clerk to the Hyde County Board of Commissioners; and (3) distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this amendment.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Amendment is signed on this date, Monday, March 23, 2020, shall become effective at 5:00 AM on March 24, 2020 and remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED:

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

ATTEST:

Lois Stotesberry, CMC, NCCCC
Clerk, Hyde County Board of Commissioners
STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION
CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19)

AMENDMENT NO. THREE

ADOPTING GUBERNATORIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER 121, FURTHER LIMITING ENTRY BY OCRACOKE NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY OWNERS AND PROHIBITING VISITORS FROM ENTERING MAINLAND HYDE COUNTY

MARCH 30, 2020

WHEREAS, a State of Emergency, as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 166A-19.3(6) and 166A-19.3(19), continues for the County of Hyde; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of that declaration and the proceeding amendments, that prohibited mass gatherings, recommended social distancing and proper respiratory etiquette, restricted bars and restaurants to food take out or delivery services only, prohibited visitation to Ocracoke Island and closed the Hyde County Government Offices to public visitation, continue to be enforced; and

WHEREAS, the County of Hyde adopts the State of North Carolina Executive Order 121, which includes the amended prohibition on mass gatherings, the Stay at Home Order, and the section defining Essential Businesses and Operations; and

WHEREAS, the Hyde County State of Emergency Declaration Section Two (2), Mass Gatherings, is amended to prohibit mass gatherings of ten (10) or more people and strongly discourage mass gatherings of less than ten (10) people except for those necessary for essential businesses and operations or comprised by members of the same family; and

WHEREAS, the Ocracoke Deputy Control Group convened a meeting on March 29, 2020 at 2:00 PM and recommended further limiting entry by Ocracoke Non-Resident Property Owners; and

WHEREAS, the governing body understands the ongoing Hurricane Dorian recovery efforts on Ocracoke Island are vital to stabilizing living conditions for displaced disaster survivors and restoring normalcy once the public health threat from Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) has diminished; and

WHEREAS, entry by Ocracoke Non-Resident Property Owners will be further limited to only those possessing a Hyde County issued building permit to perform critical repairs to their property; and

WHEREAS, I prohibit visitors from entering Mainland Hyde County; and

WHEREAS, residents from Beaufort, Dare, Tyrrell and Washington Counties shall be granted entry to Mainland Hyde County for those activities permitted by the State of North Carolina Executive Order 121; and

WHEREAS, the Hyde County State of Emergency Declaration Section Four (4), Discretionary Travel, is amended to adopt the Gubernatorial Stay at Home and Essential Businesses and Operations Sections of Executive Order 121, further limit entry by Ocracoke Non-Resident Property Owners and prohibit visitors from entering Mainland Hyde County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as the Chairman of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners by the laws of the State of North Carolina and the Hyde County Code of Ordinances, IT IS ORDERED:

SECTION 2. PROHIBITION OF MASS GATHERINGS

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.31(b)(2), which allows for the undersigned to regulate and control the congregation of persons in public places or buildings and with the concurrence of the Board of Commissioners to help protect the health and well-being of Hyde County citizens, I hereby amend this section to prohibit mass gatherings of ten (10) or more people.
Furthermore, I strongly discourage mass gatherings of less than ten (10) people except for those necessary for essential businesses and operations, as defined in the State of North Carolina Executive Order 121, or comprised by members of the same family.

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 166A-19.31, a violation of any of the restrictions and prohibitions imposed under this declaration is punishable as a Class 2 misdemeanor in accordance with G.S. 14-288.20A.

SECTION 4. DISCRETIONARY TRAVEL

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.31(b)(1), which allows the undersigned to control movement within the emergency area, I hereby adopt and amend the Hyde County State of Emergency Declaration to include the Stay at Home and Essential Businesses and Operations Sections contained in the State of North Carolina Executive Order 121.

Entry by Ocracoke Non-Resident Property Owners is further limited and only those possessing a Hyde County issued building permit, to perform critical repairs to their property, shall be granted entry to the island.

Visitation to Mainland Hyde County is prohibited until further notice. Residents from Beaufort, Dare, Tyrrell and Washington Counties shall be granted entry for those activities permitted by the State of North Carolina Executive Order 121.

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 166A-19.31, a violation of any of the restrictions and prohibitions imposed under this declaration is punishable as a Class 2 misdemeanor in accordance with G.S. 14-288.20A.

SECTION 6. APPLICATION

All local government entities and agencies are ordered to cooperate in the implementation of the provisions of the State of Emergency, any amendments to that declaration and the provisions of the Hyde County Emergency Operations Plan (the "EOP").

SECTION 7. DISTRIBUTION

I hereby order this amendment be: (1) distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (2) promptly filed with the Clerk to the Hyde County Board of Commissioners; and (3) distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this amendment.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Amendment is signed on this date, Monday, March 30, 2020, shall become effective at 5:00 PM and remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED:

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

ATTEST:

Lois Stotesberry, CMC, NCCCC
Clerk, Hyde County Board of Commissioners
RESOLUTION
TO RATIFY BOARD ACTION RELATED TO STATE OF EMERGENCY
DECLARATION CORONAVIRUS-2019 (COVID-19) – April 6, 2020

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Hyde County, North Carolina desires to ratify the actions taken by the Chairman on behalf of the Board, and;

WHEREAS, during Coronavirus-2019 the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners acted for the Board by adoption of the following proclamation and amendment:

° Proclamation – State of Emergency Declaration for Hyde County Prohibiting Mass Gatherings and Other Recommendations to Limit the Spread of COVID-19 – March 18, 2020

° Proclamation – State of Emergency Declaration for Hyde County – Amendment No. One Prohibiting Visitation to Ocracoke Island – March 18, 2020

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Hyde County, North Carolina desires to ratify the actions taken by the Chairman on behalf of the Board by adoption of the following proclamation amendments:

° Proclamation – State of Emergency Declaration for Hyde County – Amendment No. Two Suspending Public Visitation to Government Offices and Limiting Entry by Ocracoke Non-resident Property Owners – March 23, 2020

° Proclamation – State of Emergency Declaration for Hyde County – Amendment No. Three Adopting Gubernatorial Execution Order 121, Further Limiting Entry by Ocracoke Non-resident Property Owners and Prohibiting Visitors From Entering Mainland Hyde County – March 30, 2020

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Hyde County, North Carolina desires to further ratify the actions taken by the Chairman on behalf of the Board by adoption of the following resolution:

° Resolution to Ratify Proclamations Enacted by Chairman Pugh on Behalf of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners To Further Ratify Board Action Related to State of Emergency Declaration – Coronavirus-2020 (COVID-19) – April 6, 2020

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the actions taken by Chairman Earl Pugh, Jr. on March 18 – April 6, 2020, which are detailed above, are hereby ratified.

Duly adopted the 6th day of April, 2020.

Attest:

Lois Stotesberry, CMC, NCCCC
Hyde County Board of Commissioners

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