

**Hyde County Board of Commissioners' Meeting
March 6, 2006
Minutes**

The Hyde County Board of Commissioners held its regular meeting on Monday, March 6, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the Board of Education Conference Room.

Board Members present were:

Bea Emmert, Chair	Charles Spencer	Alice Armstrong
Jane Hodges, Vice-chair	Nathan Sears	

Staff members present were:

Kevin Howard, County Manager
Sid Hassell, County Attorney
Connie Burlison, Clerk to the Board

Media present were:

Doug Gibbs, The Washington Daily News
Jamie Tunnell, The Ocracoke Observer

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

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion made by Jane Hodges, seconded by Charles Spencer, with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the agenda as amended. Bill Caswell, Parents and Teachers for Hyde County Schools was added to the agenda.

Public Comments

The meeting was opened to receive public comments. Comments were received on the following topic:

- New Courthouse Funds and Location
- County Attorney addressed the request to place the issue on a ballot. There is no constitutional or Statutory authority for the issue of location of county buildings to be placed on a ballot. The NC General Assembly would need to pass an act allowing the item to be placed before the voters.
- Community Center Review Board appointments
- Ocracoke School Funds
- Meeting Procedures
- E911 Dispatch
- Intersection at Rose Bay
- Request for additional public comment time later in meeting

Approval of Minutes February 20, 2006

Upon motion made by Charles Spencer, seconded by Jane Hodges, with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the February 20, 2006 minutes as submitted.

Budget Revisions and Transfers

Upon motion made by Nathan Sears, seconded by Charles Spencer, with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the Budget Revisions and Transfers as submitted:

Budget Revisions

(FO USE)	LINE ITEM ACCOUNT NAME /				
BR #	DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT #	EXPLANATION	DEBIT	CREDIT
	Health	10.5974.1200	Postage	\$ 100.00	
		10.5974.1400	Travel	\$ 1,125.00	
		10.5974.3200	Office Supplies	\$ 500.00	
		10.5974.3300	Departmental Supplies	\$ 1,400.00	
		10.5974.4500	Contracted Project Manager	\$ 325.00	
		10.3481.0039	DPH-Office of Minority Health		\$ 3,450.00

Bill Caswell, Parents and Teachers for Hyde County Schools

Mr. Caswell presented a resolution by parents and Community for Hyde County Children requesting the Board of Commissioners increase the appropriation to the Hyde County School System yearly to equal or exceed the State average of the total expenditures approved for education.

George Ortman updated the Board on the Ocracoke School Addition project and cost increase.

Public Comments were received regarding this issue. Ocracoke Classroom size and school conditions.

Jerry Gaines, Montgomery LLC -- Hyde A Way Shores Final Plat Approval

Upon motion made by Jane Hodges, seconded by Charles Spencer with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the Hyde A Way Shores Final Plat as submitted.

Nathan Sears – Board Meeting Location

Upon motion made by Nathan Sears, seconded by Alice Armstrong with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RRESOLVED THAT the Board approved changing the Board of Commissioners' meetings for the Mainland's location from O.A Peay School to Mattamuskeet School Cafeteria effective March 20, 2006.

Manager's Business

Mr. Howard presented several issues to the Board

1. **NC DOT Construction Agreement to Elevate SR 1127 (Landing Road) Related to Swan Quarter Dike Project**—Upon motion made by Charles Spencer, seconded by Jane Hodges with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the NC DOT Construction Agreement to Elevate SR 1127.
2. **Liquor By the Drink** – Alice Armstrong made a motion to have Liquor By the Drink placed on the voting ballot. Jane Hodges seconded the motion. Motion failed with a vote of 2 to 3. Sears, Spencer and Emmert cast the opposing votes.
3. **ABC Board** – County Manager will schedule a meeting time for the ABC Board Chair and ABC Board Auditors to meet with the Board of Commissioners.
4. **E911 Communications Implementation of Change Over** – County Attorney Sid Hassell updated the Board on the E911 Communications change over implementation.

Closed Session – Personnel

Upon motion made by Jane Hodges, seconded by Charles Spencer with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board entered into closed session at 8:05PM for personnel.

Upon motion made by Jane Hodges, seconded by Charles Spencer with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board came of closed session at 8:43 PM.

Manager's Business – Continued

4. **E911 Communications Implementation of Change Over** – Upon motion made by Jane Hodges, seconded by Charles Spencer BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved delaying implementation of E911 Communication change over until a thorough investigation by the County Manager to be completed within 30 days. The motion passed with a vote of 4 to 1. Emmert cast the opposing vote.
5. **Hyde County Community Center Review Committee** – The County Manager requested two commissioners meet with him and suggest policies and procedures to be implementation pertaining to usage of Hyde County Community Centers. Issue will be placed on next agenda.
6. **NC Public School Facility Needs Survey** – Upon motion made by Charles Spencer, seconded by Alice Armstrong with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board reviewed and approved submitting the NC Public School Facility Needs Survey.
7. **Airport Advisory Committee Appointment – Greg Gibbs** ---Upon motion made by Nathan Sears, seconded by Jane Hodges with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOVED THAT the Board appointed Greg Gibbs to fill the unexpired term of Glen Spencer on the Airport Advisory Committee.

Closed Session – Economic Development

Upon motion made by Jane Hodges, seconded by Alice Armstrong with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board entered into closed at 9:15PM for Economic Development.

Upon motion made by Jane Hodges, seconded by Alice Armstrong with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board came out of closed session at 9:48 PM

Informational Items

- Hyde County Historic Courthouse Committee Minutes 2/21/06
- Ocracoke School Building – State Literary Fund
- Invitation to the Greater Hyde County Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting Tuesday, March 14, 2006
- Notice of an Opportunity for a Public Hearing on the Proposed Improvements to the Silver Lake Ferry Terminal on Ocracoke Island
- NC ACC Schedules Best Practices in County Budgeting Workshops
- Letter From Anne Trevvett Re: Ocracoke School Addition
- Salient Corporation Information Re: Managing of Medicaid
- Letter From Tony Spence, Driver and Vehicle Services Re: Schedule for the Driver License Mobile Unit assigned to visit Ocracoke Island
- Letter to Cheryl Balance Ocracoke Health Center Re: Center Audits
- Letters to Volunteer Fire Departments Re: Review of Contracts
- Letter to Engelhard Fire Department Re: Request for Financial Statements

Adjournment

Upon motion made by Jane Hodges, seconded by Alice Armstrong with all Board members voting in favor, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:50PM.

Clerk _____ Chairman _____
Hyde County Board of Commissioners