

Minutes

Board of County Commissioners Hyde County

March 16, 2009

Chairman Tom Davis called the Regular meeting of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 PM on Monday, March 16, 2009 in the Hyde County Government Center, Multi-Use Room. The following members were present: Anson Byrd, Gene Ballance, Tom Davis, Sharon Spencer, and Barry Swindell. Also present were County Manager Carl Classen; County Attorney Sid Hassell; Clerk to the Board Lois Stotesberry; and members of the public.

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

Agenda:

Chairman Davis asked for any changes to the March 16, 2009 meeting Agenda as presented by the Clerk. Commissioner Swindell moved to hear Item III. A. – Special Presentation – EMS Issues before Item II. A. Public Comments. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Ballance, Byrd, Spencer, Swindell, and Chairman Davis; Nays – None; Absent or Not Voting – None.

Consideration of Minutes:

Chairman Davis asked for approval of meeting minutes.

Commissioner Swindell moved to approve the March 2, 2009 meeting minutes with corrections made on page 2, line 11 stating *bow hunters*, and page 5, line 24 noting *It appeared the tombstone was a part of debris from an old building demolished*. Ms. Spencer seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Ballance, Byrd, Spencer, Swindell, and Chairman Davis; Nays – None; Absent or Not Voting – None.

Special Presentation:

Citizen Concerns – David Fletcher

Mr. Davis introduced Mr. David Fletcher who at the Monday, March 2, 2009 Commissioners meeting requested to be put on the next Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda.

David Fletcher, Lake Landing, reminded the Board that he is still concerned about tires that are not load rated to fit County ambulances; of the December 5, 2008 letter written by EMS Director David Warren informing staff that time off was to be approved prior to the date needed; Mr. Warren is on the mainland only two to three days a week; and asked if housing was provided on the mainland for EMT's. Mr. Fletcher asked for a show of hands of EMS employees present and for those who had been told to attend.

Mr. Fletcher stated that the truck drivers who helped EMT-I Amanda Schmitt during the Mattamuskeet Farms accident have never been thanked properly by Emergency Services Director David Warren. Mr. Fletcher requested the County send a plaque thanking the volunteers.

Mr. Fletcher also asked if three new part-time EMT's were hired and questioned the legality of hiring without advertising in the newspaper.

County Manager Carl Classen confirmed three part-time EMT's were hired.

Mr. Fletcher ended his presentation by reporting that a Hyde County EMT in training had administered oxygen to a patient who was hyperventilating; that Viper Radios do not allow the EMT to contact Pungo District Hospital or the Medical Director; and that a \$200,000 EMS station is not necessary during bad economic times.

Emergency Services Director David Warren

Mr. Warren reported that Jane Hodges, Emergency Management – Code Enforcement Administrative Technician/Deputy Emergency Manager/Administrative Assistant to Emergency Services Director/EMT-I, thanked one of the December 5, 2008 volunteers during a phone call to the Inspections office. Mr. Warren instructed Ms. Hodges to ask for contact information for the other men but she stated he would pass the message on.

Mr. Warren utilized the newly installed electronic conferencing equipment to confirm load rating on the Firestone tires used on Hyde County ambulances. The Firestone tires purchased on State contract cost \$81.20 each. Mr. Warren stated the tires met safety guidelines with a front tire surplus of 1,160 pounds and a 430 pound rear tire surplus.

Mr. Warren reported protocol for treating a patient who is hyperventilating calls for placing an oxygen mask on the patient (without oxygen flow) to help calm the patient.

Mr. Warren reported the new radios work best when a Viper Tower is near and VHF radios reach approximately 30 miles. He stated the only time an EMT needs to contact Pungo District Hospital or the Medical Director is when standing orders do not apply. In 2004, Dr. Boyette wrote the Hyde County Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's).

Emergency Services Update

Emergency Services Director David Warren stated he appreciates constructive criticism and he believes Mr. David Fletcher's concerns were warranted based on the limited information he had been given.

Mr. Warren reported the goal of the EMS/ES Department is to provide the same professional level of service to all Hyde County citizens and visitors. Presently, there are three levels of care (Ocracoke, Ponzer, rest of County) depending on where service is needed. Currently, until the Mattamuskeet EMS station is finished, response times depend solely on where crew members are located at the time of a call, sometimes as much as 15 minutes away from each other resulting in 10 – 50 minute response from initial 911 call.

Mr. Warren stated State Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) discourages three levels of care in Hyde County. In Eastern North Carolina 89 out of 100 County EMS Departments provide Paramedic level care; 9 departments employ EMT-Intermediate level care; and 2 departments employ Basic level care.

Medical Director Charles O. Boyette, MD

Medical Director, Doctor Charles O. Boyette advised that every possible aspect of Hyde County EMS should be upgraded to include equipment, paramedic training for EMT's, first responder training for volunteer firefighters, and a central location constructed. He reported that EMT's complete approximately 200 hours of training and paramedics 1000. Dr. Boyette stated the County must do what it can to assist those in need by providing the highest level of care possible.

Chairman Davis thanked Dr. Boyette for his time and support of Hyde County EMS. Mr. Davis asked if anyone had questions for Dr. Boyette. There being no questions, Chairman Davis continued the meeting.

Public Comments:

Chairman Davis called for comments from the public.

David Fletcher, Lake Landing, thanked the EMT's for their support.

Franklin Swindell, Engelhard, believes the new EMS station is wrong and Engelhard EMT's should stay where they are due to the cost of fuel and additional length of time for ambulances backtracking; asked why the cost of the new station is fluctuating; and stated he is tired of hearing EMT's who earn \$27,000 to \$28,000 gripe.

Lindsey Mooney, Fairfield, stated he has been a member of the Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department for 25 years and believes Hyde County has grown to need a central location over the years; EMT's should be at the EMS station when on duty where they will be better supervised

and directed to duties; Ocracoke EMS personnel are doing a great job; and reported Fairfield Volunteer Firefighters will attend the First Responder class at Swan Quarter Volunteer Fire Department next Tuesday.

Jeffrey Stotesberry, Chief, Swan Quarter Volunteer Fire Department (SQVFD), stated current EMS services in Hyde County are not acceptable and that it is time to move to the next level; gave report on several 9-1-1 calls he attended with Paramedic David Warren where lives were saved because of his care. In response to an e-mail written to the County Manager, Chief Stotesberry and Emergency Services Director David Warren gave the Commissioners a list of volunteers (43 total) from the Engelhard, Swan Quarter, and Ponzer Fire Departments who have agreed to attend training and become first responders.

Janet Russ, Fairfield, stated the citizens of Fairfield got their own EMS Unit 25 years ago, not from the County. She also reported Belhaven doesn't have a central location; questioned costs associated with a new building and equipment; and asked the Board to consider how Mattamuskeet EMS Station will disturb the school.

Wayne Pugh, President, Ponzer Volunteer Fire and Rescue (PVFRD), stated Commissioner Spencer never asked how many Ponzer citizens wanted the class. He asked Ponzer citizens in attendance how many plan to take the First Responder class. Fourteen (14) PVFRD members responded. Mr. Pugh stated Ponzer backs Mattamuskeet EMS Station 100%.

Daniel Edgar, Engelhard, thanked EMS Director David Warren for his efforts to improve Hyde County EMS. Mr. Edgar reported that he is not from Hyde County and believes the current EMS system is a joke compared to others he has seen. Mr. Edgar also stated a couple years ago he had a heart attack and chose to have his wife drive him the Outer Banks Hospital rather than trust Hyde EMS.

Vickie Armstrong, Ponzer, stated she waited one and one-half hours after placing a 9-1-1 call for Roberson McKinney, her uncle who was in respiratory distress, before Belhaven EMS arrived. Ms. Armstrong supports the new Mattamuskeet EMS Station and paramedic services in Hyde County.

Cleve Gibbs, Chief, Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department (FVFD), stated the first 15 minutes of a rescue call is critical but the next 45 minutes are lifesaving. Mr. Gibbs grew up in Engelhard. He stated Engelhard is really covered by a local unit only 50% of the time, and current EMS units have to backtrack.

Jimmy Midgette, Engelhard, stated he has roots in Hyde County and has returned to live in the county. Mr. Midgette requested help (dirt) from the County to build up his property.

Chairman Davis instructed Mr. Midgette to call County Manager Carl Classen to discuss his request.

Glen Hockney, Middletown, stated he is working on a project to clean up contaminated bays in Hyde County. Mr. Hockney asked why his property taxes that were reduced in 1993 and 2001 have been raised again. He asked the Board to investigate why Pearson Appraisal Services was selected.

County Manager Carl Classen stated a Request for Proposal (RFP) was done and Pearson Appraisal was selected through a public process in accordance with State law.

Chairman Davis declared recess at 8:55 PM.

There being no further public comment, Chairman Davis continued the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Public Hearing:

Talent Enhancement Demonstration Grant

Commissioner Swindell moved to open a Public Hearing to receive public comments prior to application for a \$75,000.00 Talent Enhancement Demonstration Grant offered through the State of North Carolina Office of Rural Development Programs for developing capacity. Mr. Ballance seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Ballance, Byrd, Spencer, Swindell, and Chairman Davis; Nays – None; Absent or Not Voting – None.

Kris Noble, Grant Technician reported that the grant would be used to develop capacity to undertake future grant related activities that Hyde County has been previously unable to carry out. The Talent Enhancement Demonstration Grant must result in a future Community Development Block Grant application within 24 months of the grant award.

Hearing no comments from the public, Commissioner Ballance moved to close Public Hearing. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Ballance, Byrd, Spencer, Swindell, and Chairman Davis; Nays – None; Absent or Not Voting – None.

After discussion, Commissioner Swindell moved to approve application for a \$75,000.00 Talent Enhancement Demonstration Grant through the State of North Carolina Office of Rural Development Programs. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Ballance, Byrd, Spencer, Swindell, and Chairman Davis; Nays – None; Absent or Not Voting – None.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Local Law – Hunting/Trespassing

Commissioner Byrd reported that bow hunters who trespass on “No Hunting” property are not regulated under current local laws and cannot be fined by wildlife Resources Commission (WRC).

Commissioner Byrd moved to ask the General Assembly to change the trespass law to apply to hunting, fishing and training dogs. Ms. Spencer seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Ballance, Byrd, Spencer, Swindell, and Chairman Davis; Nays – None; Absent or Not Voting – None.

Resolution – First Amendment to Resolution Establishing Albemarle Regional Solid Waste Management Authority (ARSWMA)

According to information provided by Solid Waste Authority staff, the sole purpose of the Amendment is to remove Camden County’s name from the Resolution establishing the Authority.

Commissioner Swindell moved to approve Resolution providing for the First Amendment to Resolution Establishing Albemarle Regional Solid Waste Management Authority (ARSWMA). Ms. Spencer seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Ballance, Byrd, Spencer, Swindell, and Chairman Davis; Nays – None; Absent or Not Voting – None.

CLERK’S NOTE: A copy of “First Amendment to Resolution Establishing Albemarle Regional Solid Waste Management Authority (ARSWMA)” is attached herewith as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

Appointments:

Hyde County Child Fatality Prevention Team (CFPT)

Wes Smith, Director of Hyde County Health Department, is reorganizing the County Child Fatality Prevention Team (CFPT). Article 14, 7B-1407 provides for representatives from 1) an emergency medical services provider or firefighter, 2) a parent of a child who died before reaching the child’s eighteenth birthday.

Commissioner Byrd moved to appoint Ms. Crystal Edgar – emergency medical services provider, and Ms. Carol Evans – parent of a child who died before reaching the child’s eighteenth birthday to the County Child Fatality Prevention Team (CFPT). Mr. Swindell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Ballance, Byrd, Spencer, Swindell, and Chairman Davis; Nays – None; Absent or Not Voting – None.

Albemarle Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RPO)

The County Manager presently represents Hyde County on the Albemarle Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC), a group that typically meets concurrently with the Albemarle Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RPO). The RTAC is supposed to make recommendations to the RPO, which then submits comments on transportation projects to

NCDOT. In fact, since the two groups typically meet together, recommendations are usually made jointly.

Commissioner Swindell moved to approve a single appointment of County Manager Carl Classen to both the Albemarle Regional Planning organization (RPO) and to the Albemarle Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC). Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Ballance, Byrd, Spencer, Swindell, and Chairman Davis; Nays – None; Absent or Not Voting – None.

Other Matters:

Budget Revisions and Transfers

County Manager Carl Classen reported to the Board that in accordance with the FY2007-08 Budget Ordinance several budget transfers were made administratively and he requested approval of the following:

A. Tax Department Pick-Ups and Releases

Tax Administrator Linda Basnight presented a list of tax bills recommended for releases.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
1998	Payne, Alton W.	4.98	Oyster bed reclaimed by State
1999		5.12	
2000		4.87	
2001		6.27	
2002		4.53	
2003		4.99	
2004		4.80	
2005		4.56	
2006		Pate, Charles	
2007	12.06		
2008	11.10		
2008	Evans, III William Graham	62.25	Bought for salvage vehicle for \$ 3,000 in 2005
2007		53.49	
2001	Simmons Quressa	65.20	Hurricane Floyd Destroyed mobile home
2002		60.22	
2003		43.08	
2004		41.17	
2005		38.65	
2006		36.13	
2007		34.11	
2008		29.59	
2000		Gibbs, Tinker (Tommie)	
2001	Gibbs, Annette Simmons	131.85	Double Billed
1998	Mann, Thomas Edward	17.89	Also billed on 8017714
1999		12.90	

2000		4.76	
2008	Ellixson, Graham	22.66	Single wide-storm damaged
2008	Carawan, Willie Mack	5.43	Appraisal submitted
2008	Flowers, Phillip K.	77.87	Incorrect acreage billed
	TOTAL	939.42	

Commissioner Swindell moved to approve the tax bill releases as presented and listed above. Mr. Ballance seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Ballance, Byrd, Spencer, Swindell, and Chairman Davis; Nays – None; Absent or Not Voting – None.

B. Budget Amendment – Department of Social Services – Demands and Training Needs

Department of Social Services (DSS) Director Gloria Spencer has requested transfer of (\$8,600.00) to cover increased DSS demands and training needs.

Commissioner Ballance moved to authorize the DSS budget transfer of \$8,600.00. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Ballance, Byrd, Spencer, Swindell, and Chairman Davis; Nays – None; Absent or Not Voting – None.

C. Budget Amendment – Health Department – 2007-2008 Food & Lodging Funds

Health Director Wesley Smith has requested transfer of (\$1,926.10) to reflect Performance-Based Distribution of 2007-2008 Food and Lodging Fees Funds from the Division of Environmental Health for achieving 100% compliance rate with mandated inspections of food and lodging establishments.

Commissioner Ballance moved to authorize the Health Department budget transfer of \$1,926.10. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Ballance, Byrd, Spencer, Swindell, and Chairman Davis; Nays – None; Absent or Not Voting – None.

D. Budget Amendment – Health Department – Contract PDH – Chest X-Rays

Health Director Wesley Smith has requested transfer of (\$1,026.00) initial funding by Division of Public Health, EPI Section, General communicable Diseases Control Branch, to support TB program staff. The ultimate goal of the North Carolina TB program is to eliminate tuberculosis disease as a public health threat by reducing the number of new cases of TB and by controlling the spread of TB into the general population. This initial funding was not included in the Health Department’s budget for fiscal year 2008/2009.

Commissioner Ballance moved to authorize the Health Department budget transfer of \$1,026.00. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Ballance, Byrd, Spencer, Swindell, and Chairman Davis; Nays – None; Absent or Not Voting – None.

E. Budget Amendment – Administration – Increase Utility Fees Due to Lightning Strike

County Manager Carl Classen has requested transfer of (\$4,000.00) to cover increased utility fees due to Engelhard Airport lightening strike.

Commissioner Ballance moved to authorize the Administrative budget transfer of \$4,000.00. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Ballance, Byrd, Spencer, Swindell, and Chairman Davis; Nays – None; Absent or Not Voting – None.

F. Budget Amendment – Administration – Airport Repair Due to Lightning Strike

County Manager Carl Classen has requested transfer of (\$4,400.00) to cover Engelhard Airport repair due to lightening strike.

Commissioner Ballance moved to authorize the Administrative budget transfer of \$4,400.00. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Ballance, Byrd, Spencer, Swindell, and Chairman Davis; Nays – None; Absent or Not Voting – None.

Revaluation Meetings

This matter was deferred after review at the March 2 Commissioners meeting pending an idea of how many property tax value appeals might be filed. The number of appeals indicated to-date is relatively low but more are anticipated. However because of this low number, staff feels only two hearings need to be scheduled initially with a second week E&R Board meetings, if necessary, beginning on Monday, April 20. Adjournment would be Tuesday, April 28.

- **Monday, April 6** 6:30 PM Government Center/Electronic Meeting
Organizational Matters
- **Tuesday, April 7** 1:30 PM – 8:00 PM Government Center/Electronic Meeting
- **Thursday, April 9** 1:30 PM – 8:00 PM Ocracoke Community Center
- **Tuesday, April 28** 1:30 PM Government Center/Electronic Meeting
Adjournment

Appellants have been historically scheduled 10-15 minutes each to state their case and present evidence. Five minutes would be set aside between each appeal. The length of time will be adjusted based upon the number of appeals received.

Commissioner Byrd moved to approve Board of Equalization and Review to convene at 6:30 PM on Monday, April 6 and adjournment on April 28, and to direct the Tax Administrator to advertise and make public notice as required. Mr. Swindell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Ballance, Byrd, Spencer, Swindell, and Chairman Davis; Nays – None; Absent or Not Voting – None.

NCHFA-SFR and CDBG-SS Contract Awards

Chris Hilbert, Holland Consulting Planners requested approval of contract award for unit located at 649 Goshen Back Road, Engelhard to low bidder, Gilbert Everett Construction; and for unit located at 4668 Sladesville-Credle Road, Scranton to low bidder, Billy Earp Construction.

Commissioner Byrd moved to approve NCHFA/CDBG Contract Awards based on bids as submitted. Mr. Swindell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Ballance, Byrd, Spencer, Swindell, and Chairman Davis; Nays – None; Absent or Not Voting – None.

Engelhard Water Treatment Plant – Selection of Bond Counsel

At the February 16 Commissioners meeting, staff was directed to solicit proposals for bond counsel service in regards to the USDA financing for the Engelhard Water Treatment Plant project. The Request for Proposal (RFP) was advertised in the *Washington Daily News* and sent to a list of legal firms supplied by the Local Government Commission that regularly provide bond counsel services.

The following firms responded and were ranked:

1. Mary Nash Rusher for Hunton & Williams
2. Tom Lee for Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice
3. Jeffrey Poley for Parker Poe
4. Bob Jessup for Sanford Holshouser
5. Joseph Krolikowski for Kilpatrick Stockton

Commissioner Swindell moved to accept the list of firms as ranked by the County Manager. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Ballance, Byrd, Spencer, Swindell, and Chairman Davis; Nays – None; Absent or Not Voting – None.

Swan Quarter Dike – Project Agreement – Amendment No. 2 and Amendment No. 9

Jane LaBounty, State Administrative Officer, USDA/NRCS, has requested administrative amendments No. 2 and No. 9 to the Swan Quarter Dike Project – Project Agreement. The amendments clarify the forms the County must use when seeking reimbursement and quarterly reporting to NRCS in regards to the Swan Quarter Dike Project.

Commissioner Spencer moved to approve Swan Quarter Dike – Project Agreement – Amendments No. 2 and No. 9. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Ballance, Byrd, Spencer, Swindell, and Chairman Davis; Nays – None; Absent or Not Voting – None.

Commissioner Swindell moved to excuse Mr. Davis from the Cornelle Subdivision and Subdivision Variance discussion. Mr. Ballance seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Ballance, Byrd, Spencer, and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or Not Voting – None.

Approval of Subdivision Variance & Subdivision for Cheryl Cornelle & Richard Cornelle

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelle have subdivided their property in the past, as they have been dividing their property for future estate purposes and now request permission to divide their 11.65 acre parcel, which is in their name into three parcels. Parcel B1 will consist of 4.59 acres; Parcel B2 will consist of 4.59 acres; and Parcel B3 will consist of 2.16 acres and is their primary residence.

The division of this property requires a variance as 30' private roadway does not meet the requirements of the subdivision ordinance. The Cornelle's have presented divisions of property in the past and do not plan to divide this property in the future.

With the exception of the width of the private road, the lot division of Parcel B1, Parcel B2, and Parcel B3 meets the requirements of the Hyde County Subdivision Ordinance.

Commissioner Byrd moved to approve Subdivision Variance and Subdivision for Cheryl Cornelle and Richard Cornelle upon presentation of a properly executed Mylar which states on its face that the Variance was approved by the Board of Commissioners on March 16, 2009. Ms. Spencer seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Ballance, Byrd, Spencer and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or Not Voting – Chairman Davis.

County Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Spencer read an e-mail she had sent to County Manager Carl Classen expressing her concerns about implementation of a central EMS station and paramedic coverage.

As requested by Ms. Spencer, Emergency Services Director David Warren presented lists of interested volunteers from Engelhard Volunteer Fire Department (13), Swan Quarter Volunteer Fire Department (11), and Ponzer Volunteer Fire and Rescue (19).

Commissioner Spencer also stated she prefers two stations but is not against a central station; Mr. David Fletcher did look at the ambulance tires; and that she has EMS management concerns.

Commissioner Byrd reported Albemarle Mental Health will have a second mobile crisis unit soon, which will serve Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington counties. The mobile crisis unit will take custody of the patient from the sheriff and transport him/her to the hospital, which will end the practice of deputies and/or the Sheriff spending long hours on transports.

Commissioner Ballance stated the Mattamuskeet EMS building is a step in the right direction and reported the Golden LEAF/Ocracoke Fish House project is moving forward.

No other Board or Committee reports were offered so Chairman Davis continued with the Agenda.

County Manager's Report:

Project Reports

County Manager Carl Classen gave updates on the financial status of the County and reported on Electronic Meetings Project in Swan Quarter and Ocracoke; Mattamuskeet EMS Station; Swan Quarter Dike Project; Engelhard Water Treatment Plant; Mattamuskeet Lodge Sewer Project; Swan Quarter Park Project; and Ocracoke NPS Boat Ramp.

Request to Fill Vacancies – Health Department

In accordance with the Budget Ordinance, the County Manager requested filling one part-time Mosquito Spray Operator, and one fill-in part-time Certified Nursing Assistant (CAN) in Home Health which is funded through revenue generated in the Home Health Agency.

Commissioner Swindell moved to approve advertising for one part-time Mosquito Sprayer and Certified Nursing Assistant. Ms. Spencer seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Ballance, Byrd, Spencer, Swindell, and Chairman Davis; Nays – None; Absent or Not Voting – None.

Ocracoke County Government Building – Bid Tab

After review of the bid tab, and especially the residing bid from Mr. Woody Billings regarding installation of Hardiplank Siding, Commissioner Ballance moved to approve replacing the siding with Hardiplank and paint/repair the County Government Building on Ocracoke; and to approve budget amendment for \$23,900 to complete the project. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Ballance, Byrd, Spencer, Swindell, and Chairman Davis; Nays – None; Absent or Not Voting – None.

Engelhard Medical Center – Request for Letter of Support

After discussion, Mr. Byrd moved to send a letter of support of a grant to approve a doctor who will serve Ocracoke, Engelhard, and Columbia. Ms. Spencer seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Ballance, Byrd, Spencer, Swindell, and Chairman Davis; Nays – None; Absent or Not Voting – None.

Closed Session:

Mr. Swindell moved to enter Closed Session in accordance with NCGS §143A-318.11(a)(6) to discuss personnel matters and NCGS §143A-318.11(a)(3) for consultation with legal counsel. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes Ballance, Byrd, Davis, Spencer, and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or Not Voting – None.

The Commissioners entered closed session at 9:56 P.M.

Commissioner Davis moved to return from Closed Session. Mr. Swindell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Ballance, Byrd, Davis, Spencer, and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or Not Voting – None.

The Commissioners re-entered regular session at 10:55 P.M.

There being no further matters to come before the Commissioners, Mr. Swindell moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote:

Ayes – Ballance, Byrd, Davis, Spencer, and Swindell; Nays – None; Absent or Not Voting – None.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Minutes approved on the 6th day of April, 2009.

Lois Stotesberry, Clerk - Hyde County Board of Commissioners

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Tom Davis, Chairman - Hyde County Board of Commissioners

Attachments:

Exhibit A – “First Amendment to Resolution Establishing Albemarle Regional Solid Waste Management Authority (ARSWMA)”