

CURRITUCK COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA
September 23, 2013
Special Meeting

The Currituck County Board of Commissioners met in the Cooperative Extension Center Conference Room at 2:00 PM for a Work Session. Present were Chairman O'Neal and Commissioners Aydlett, Griggs, Martin, McCord, and Petrey. Commissioner Gilbert was unable to attend due to work responsibilities.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss advisory boards, planning items, grant agreements with non-profits and other matters as needed.

Airport Advisory Board and Economic Development Board

The board discussed combining the current Airport Advisory Board and Economic Development Board and, if approved, how and when to make it effective, whether to downsize through attrition or appoint a new board.

County Attorney Ike McRee advised repealing the ordinances which created the two boards and adopting a new ordinance creating a board which merges the duties.

Commissioner Aydlett moved to task the County Attorney with drafting an ordinance to repeal the ordinances which created the current boards, consolidating the duties of the two boards and making it effective January 1, 2014. Commissioner Martin questioned staggering the terms. Mr. McRee was to include in the ordinance. Commissioner Petrey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Appointments would be made the first meeting in December.

Mr. McRee was also directed to include language to have advisory boards operate under the same rules of procedure, including two terms of two years each.

Attendance at Advisory Board Meetings

An attendance requirement was discussed .

Commissioner McCord moved to require replacement if three advisory board meetings were missed with unexcused absences. Commissioner Petrey seconded the motion. Motion carried with Commissioner Aydlett voting no.

Agricultural Advisory Board for Farmland Preservation

The purpose of the board was reviewed and discussed; and it was noted that no farmland had been entered into the non-development program to date.

Commissioner Petrey moved to dissolve the Agricultural Advisory Board for Farmland Preservation effective December 31, 2013. Commissioner McCord seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously. A letter of appreciation was to be written to current board members.

Teleconferencing instead of Attending Advisory Board Meetings

County Manager Dan Scanlon related the State recommends that counties adopt a policy either giving or denying permission for advisory board members to participate in meetings telephonically or electronically. Discussion followed, but no action was taken.

Grant Agreements with Non-Profits

There was discussion on taking formalized action to require non-profits with whom the county contracts or provides funding to abide by the Open Meetings Law as well as the Public Records Law. No action was taken; however, staff was to provide a draft for consideration.

Animal Shelter

County Manager Dan Scanlon showed Commissioners two sketches of the proposed animal shelter. The difference between the two concerned the placement of admin offices. He explained the architect was waiting for direction from the Board before continuing with the design.

Commissioner Petrey made the motion to move forward with a single admin area. Commissioner McCord seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning

Ben Woody, Planning and Community Development Director, reviewed multi-family zoning districts and suggested options of how Commissioners could have more oversight over new applications as well as the 251 acres already designated MXR zoning.

Dinner

At 5:00 PM, the Commissioners concluded the work session and joined the Board of Education, Superintendent and Staff for dinner in the Auditorium.

Joint Meeting

Following dinner, the Board of Commissioners and Board of Education met jointly in the Conference Room.

Superintendent Allison Sholar and her staff reviewed federal, state and local funding as well as average daily membership (ADM). The current ADM is higher than last year so more funds should be forthcoming from the State. Although the State increased the education budget, the allotment per student decreased.

Current enrollment at each school was reviewed. At present, no school is overcrowded. No new schools are needed in the near future. All current facilities are up to date and well maintained.

Ben Woody, Planning and Community Development Director, and Donna Voliva, Senior Planner, explained the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance and how the formula used predicts estimated school enrollment for the future based on approved developments.

There was discussion of the renovated tennis courts at the high school, resulting drainage/flooding issues after a heavy rain event, and the need for restroom facilities near the tennis courts and soccer fields.

The success of providing Chrome books to students was discussed as well as further educational uses for them.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.