

CURRITUCK COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA
September 24, 2013
Special Meeting

The Currituck County Board of Commissioners met jointly with the Camden County Board of Commissioners and Board of Education at Camden County Middle School at 7:00 PM. Currituck Commissioners present were Chairman O'Neal and Commissioners Gilbert and Petrey. County Manager Dan Scanlon, School Superintendent Allison Sholar, Assistant Superintendent Sandy Kinzel and Clerk to the Board Mary Gilbert were also in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to hear a presentation from Elizabeth City Mayor Joe Peel and Pasquotank County Chairman Jeff Dixon regarding a proposed regional Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) School.

Camden County Chairman Garry Meiggs called the meeting to order, introduced his board, and asked other chairmen to introduce their members and staff.

Mayor Peel described a STEM School and explained he was looking for the regional counties' support. If supportive, each county would appoint two representatives to serve on the design team for the school. Representatives should be appointed within two weeks. He hoped to have the school opening by the next school year.

Elizabeth City State University had agreed to house the school for the first two years. Various agencies had also expressed support. Mayor Peel emphasized the purpose of the school would be to train to create a skilled workforce capable of filling local positions with businesses who now have to hire outside the region. The plan is to keep local young people in the region.

Following Mayor Peel's presentation, Chairman Dixon explained they are requesting that each of the five counties in the region designate the STEM School as one of their proposed projects for a GoldenLeaf grant, the application deadline for which is coming up October 15, 2013.

A question and answer period followed. No action was taken.

Chairman Meiggs thanked Mayor Peel and Chairman Dixon for giving them their proposal information first hand, thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting.