

CURRITUCK COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA
July 21, 2014

The Board of Commissioners met in the Historic Courthouse Conference Room at 6:00 PM for a work session to hear a presentation on the possible creation of a single stormwater district for Moyock Township. Mike Doxey with Currituck County Soil and Water Conservation presented. Mr. Doxey, along with County Engineer Eric Weatherly, presented a slide show discussing current levels of service options, area needs, demands, and economic feasibility. Mr. Doxey put forth recommendations and cost projections for maintenance, easements, personnel. At the close of the work session, Commissioners directed Mr. Doxey to begin holding public education meetings with Moyock Township residents to obtain their input, thoughts and feedback with regard to the creation of a district. Mr. Doxey agreed and Chairman O'Neal closed the work session.

The Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 PM for its regularly scheduled meeting at the Historic Courthouse in the Board Meeting Room with the following members present: Chairman Paul O'Neal, Vice-Chair Paul Martin, Commissioners Aydlett, Gilbert, Griggs, and Petrey.

Chairman O'Neal called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and announced that the Board had met in a work session at 6:00 PM to discuss Moyock stormwater.

A) Invocation

Reverend Kimberly Ferebee of Elder Baptist Church gave the invocation.

B) Pledge of Allegiance

Reverend Kimberly Ferebee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C) Approval of Agenda

Chairman O'Neal amended the agenda, naming the GOP recommendation for replacement of the District 4 seat, as the first item on Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Aydlett moved to approve the agenda with amendment. Commissioner Griggs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED AGENDA

Work Session

6:00 PM Moyock Stormwater

7:00 pm Call to Order

- A) Invocation-Reverend Kimberly Ferebee, Elder Baptist Church
- B) Pledge of Allegiance
- C) Approval of Agenda
- D) Public Comment

Please limit comments to items not appearing on the regular agenda; please limit comments to 3 minutes.

New Business

A) Consent Agenda:

1. GOP Executive Committee Nominee to fill District 4 Vacancy-Amended
2. Approval of July 7, 2014, BOC Minutes
3. Budget Amendments
4. Tax Settlements
5. Board of Equalization & Review Approval of Minutes for July 7, 2014
6. New Job Description - Temporary Clerical Staff
7. Petition to NCDOT for State Maintenance of Vincent Dr. (East), Beechwood Shores
8. Amendment to the Salary & Compensation Resolution
9. Knotts Island VFD-Airpacks Purchase
10. Resolution to modify rate on \$9,500,000 of the Mainland Water Revenue Bonds issued 9/1/2008.
11. Resolution Stating Need for Additional Highway Patrol in Currituck County
12. Surplus Resolution-Ford Van

B) Commissioner's Report

C) County Manager's Report

D) Public Comment

Chairman O'Neal opened the Public Comment period.

Stacy Joseph, Moyock, Currituck County Senior Center Coordinator, spoke about Seniors Helping Seniors, a program that brings activities from the center into homes of seniors who wish to participate. Ms. Joseph stated the many benefits, one being that homebound seniors now have a chance to participate and socialize with peers. Senior citizens interested in volunteering may contact Ms. Joseph at the Senior Center.

With no one else signed up to speak, Chairman O'Neal closed the public comment.

New Business

Mr. Cameron Tabor of the Currituck Republican Party approached and read a letter written and signed by their Chairman, Mr. Brian Innes, nominating Mr. Paul Beaumont as their candidate to fill the District 4 seat, left vacant at the July 7, 2014 meeting, upon the resignation of Kevin McCord. Mr. Tabor announced that Mr. Beaumont would be the Republican candidate on the ballot for the upcoming November election.

Chairman O'Neal reviewed Board procedures for acceptance or denial of the nominee. Commissioner Aydlett thanked the GOP Executive Committee and made a motion to accept the nomination effective the first Board of Commissioner meeting in August. Commissioner Gilbert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Paul Beaumont thanked the Executive Commission for the vote of confidence and stated he looks forward to the opportunity to work with County leaders.

A) Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Griggs noted the Rate Modification of the Mainland Water revenue bonds on the Consent Agenda and highlighted the fact that the marked reduction in the interest rate results in significant savings for the County.

Chairman O'Neal pointed to the Highway Patrol resolution, noting that Currituck County has not been fully staffed with highway patrol since 2007. He stated he has corresponded with Senator Cook and State Representative Steinberg, and that they are working to help get us our full contingency.

Commissioner Aydlett motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Gilbert seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

B) Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Aydlett reported he had received a picture via email showing a horse tour operator atop a vegetative dune on private property. He requested that the Planning Director, Ben Woody, investigate and notify appropriate personnel to begin citing violators. Mr. Aydlett stated that Don Cheek, Manager of Corolla Light Resort, is having issues with trash collection, as is the Currituck Club community, and requests the County Manager investigate the reports. Mr. Aydlett also explained that NC Ferry tolling was carried over to the next session of the state legislature and for now there will continue to be no tolls on the NC Ferry system.

Commissioner Aydlett reported there are so many boats being trailered to the Brumsey's Landing boat ramp to either put in or take out that the vehicles with trailers are blocking the road and residents' access to their driveways. He stated the ramp cannot handle the weekend user capacity.

Chairman O'Neal indicated the problem may be that there are too many regular vehicles using the road for parking, leaving less access for boaters. Commissioner Aydlett stated that those vehicles are parked in a Currituck County public parking facility, and if the Board wants to address that separately they can. His opinion is the capacity is too heavy, the ramp is no longer sufficient and there is no solution other than to add another boat ramp.

Commissioner Petrey asked Commissioner Aydlett to please find out when the picture of the horse tour on the dune was taken and he would see if he can get some answers.

Chairman O'Neal visited the Port of Hampton Roads with the Currituck, Pasquotank, Dare and several other Chambers of Commerce to discuss port operations and the Foreign Trade Zone that was recently signed off on by the Governor. He explained there are two issues holding up the trade zone, one being a territory and customs issue, the second being the Port Authority needing to amend their Charter to include Northeastern North Carolina. Commissioners Petrey and Aydlett offered their assistance and asked that a meeting be scheduled, to include port officials, in an effort to move forward with meeting the necessary requirements. Chairman O'Neal spoke of the channel depth and capacity this port will handle and the business opportunities that will be available to us. Commissioner Griggs suggested a possible accommodation between field offices could be worked out. Chairman O'Neal stated they are working on that now but anticipates slow movement.

Chairman O'Neal remarked about the traffic in Currituck County, and Lower Currituck in particular, and its residents literally being held hostage, and emergency services would not be able to get in or out based on the gridlock. People are speeding down the back roads now with GPS available. Business are not able to operate on Saturday and this would not be tolerated in any other part of the state. The Commissioners discussed their own experiences dealing with traffic issues.

Chairman O'Neal asked about special event signage, and asked if we have reviewed the rules. Mr. O'Neal noted that non-profits put a lot of money back into the County and recommends the staff look at simplifying the requirements for special event signage. Planning Director Ben Woody stated he would review.

C)County Manager's Report

No report

Adjourn

There being no further business, Commissioner Aydlett moved to adjourn. Commissioner Gilbert seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

S. Paul O'Neal

Paul R. Martin

O. Vance Aydlett, Jr.

Marion J. Gilbert

Leeann Walton
Clerk to the Board

David L. Griggs

H.M. "Butch" Petrey