

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2009

The Pender County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 14, 2009 at the Pender County Public Assembly Room, 805 South Walker Street, Burgaw, North Carolina.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Jimmy Tate, presiding; Vice Chairman George Brown; and Commissioners Norwood Blanchard, F.D. Rivenbark and David Williams.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Rick Benton, County Manager and Clerk to the Board; Trey Thurman, County Attorney; Glenda Pridgen, Deputy Clerk to the Board; other staff and members of the Press and public.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tate called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon and thanked and welcomed all to the meeting.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Brown offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

1. Nomination and Selection of Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Thurman presided over the nomination for Chairman; he opened the floor to accept nominations for Chairman. Mr. Blanchard nominated Mr. Tate, Mr. Brown seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Tate to serve as Chairman of the Board for the next year.

Mr. Thurman deferred and passed the gavel to re-elected Chairman Tate.

Mr. Tate made comments concerning his past year as Chairman. He thanked Mr. Brown for working with him as Vice-Chairman, and thanked all Board members and staff for working with him the past year.

Mr. Tate opened the floor to accept nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr. Brown nominated Mr. Blanchard to serve as Vice-Chairman for the next year, Mr. Williams seconded the motion as it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. Public Hearing and Resolution Authorizing Terms for Development of an Industrial Development Incentive Agreement.

The public hearing opened at 12:06 p.m. and closed at 12:12 p.m. Mr. Benton introduced Scott Satterfield of Wilmington Industrial Development (WID), who in turn introduced Dale Dvorak of Medicia and explained that Medicia is a company interested in coming to Pender County. Mr. Satterfield gave a background of Medicia and facts on how the County will benefit from it; said this is a fantastic opportunity for the County; and said WID knew the Coty Plant in Rocky Point was closing and they had been looking for someone to take over it. Mr. Satterfield said it is not a "done deal" but he is very optimistic about it. Mr. Benton explained: the County adopted an Industrial Development Incentive Grant Program (IDI) that authorizes grants to new and existing companies who meet certain investment and job creation parameters; the purpose of the IDI is to allow the County to remain competitive in recruiting new industry and retaining expansions of existing industry in the County; the Board is considering entering into a performance-based industrial development incentive grant agreement with Medicia (Company); general statutes provides that a public hearing must be held; based on a minimum new capital investment of \$10,000,000 and the creation of 293 full-time W-2 Jobs meeting the wage

standard set forth in the County's IDI policy, the County agrees to provide an industrial incentive grant in the amount of \$195,000 to be paid in annual installments over a five-year period; based upon an additional new capital investment of \$15,000,000 and the creation of a total of 542 full-time W-2 jobs meeting the competitive wage standard set forth in the County's IDI policy, within the five-year period established with the first investment noted above, the County agrees to provide an industrial incentive grant in the amount of up to an additional \$227,500, to be paid in annual installments on anniversary dates within the established five-year period-the amount of the grant will be dependent upon the timing of the additional investment and job creation; the agreement will include clawback provisions that will apply in the event the Company fails to maintain jobs on which grant funds have been based; and the grants to the Company must be used for purposes that leave value in the community, such as employee training costs, infrastructure, improvements to real property, investment in equipment. Mr. Williams said he knows this was not an overnight project and knows a lot of work was put into it; he said jobs that were going to be lost will now be saved. Mr. Tate echoed Mr. Williams' statement. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Rivenbark seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. All Board members agreed they were pleased with the project.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

3. Recognition of C. Heide Trask High School JROTC for their Support of the Electronics Recycling Event held on November 14, 2009 in Rocky Point.

Utilities Director Michael Mack explained Pender County held its second Electronics Recycling Event on November 14, 2009, under the direction of Administrative Assistant Melinda Knoerzer, and the JROTC provided six cadet volunteers and LTC, US Army (Retired) Thomas L. Jones who assisted with the event at the Rocky Point Pavilion. Mr. Mack said the cadet volunteers lifted, carried and stacked electronics from 150 vehicles and the County carried out the event without them. Battalion Commander Chris Woodcock was in attendance to accept the special recognition on behalf of the JROTC Program. The cadet volunteers were as follows:

- C.LTC Chris Woodcock
- C.CPL Ashley Hines
- Cadet Lataysha James
- Cadet Ezequiel Pena Lopez
- Cadet Pedro Lopez
- Cadet Beth Williams

The Board thanked and everyone applauded the cadets.

4. Recognition of Outstanding Pender County Student Athletes.

Chairman Tate called the Athletes, their Coaches and Principals forward. The Board recognized and commended outstanding Pender County Student Athletes. Parks & Recreation Planner Dee Turner explained the different divisions and their accomplishments. Coach Hudspeth explained the Cheerleading Team won the Small, Non-Tumbling Division. Mr. Williams, Mr. Rivenbark and Coach Ray Horton read and presented certificates and/or plaques. The following Athletes were recognized:

Topsail Cheerleading

- Haley Meeks
- Samantha Meeks
- Danielle Munn
- Shelby Humphrey
- Allie Britt
- Brionna Sylvain
- Alyse Bird
- Brianna Sidberry
- Vika Kiseleva

Topsail Cross Country

- Zatha Loewen
- Coach:** Roy Brandenburg

Pender Volleyball

- Samantha Hern
- Jenna Baranowski
- Leah Mackley
- Haley Lanier
- Katie Padgett
- Keri Edmonds
- Meg Knoerzer
- Kayla Herring
- Aeriaene Hansley

Caitlin Rosenberg
Lindsay Polera
Taylor Raley
Kelly Antonino
Grace Dansby
Noel Englese
Coach: Drew Hudspeth

Jackie Wells
Kayla Malone
Laketta Mitchell
Olivia Treto
Jessica Sanabria
Kristen Rich
Coach: Ray Horton
Assistants: Matt & Brittany Davis
Statisticians/Managers:
Kelsey Mishler, Saresa Hudson,
Keyanna McIntyre, Nyesha Hicks

Mr. Rivenbark noted he would be remiss if he didn't recognize Representative Carolyn Justice for starting this recognition service when she was a County Commissioner.

Returning to Item No. 3, Mr. Tate recognized Ms. Knoerzer and asked for a moment of silent prayer for her, due to her being in the hospital.

5. Recognition of Cheerleaders: Pender Youth Football and Cheerleading Association (PYFCA).

Ms. Turner introduced Ms. Karen Barnhill of PYFCA and noted PYFCA is one of the County's Recreation Partners. Ms. Barnhill said the cheerleaders recently won the regional competition in their age group; the girls are from nine to twelve years of age; Ms. Alicia Brooks is their head coach; they earned more than the minimal amount of points to go to the regional competition in February; they are trying to raise \$6,000 by holding fund raisers, etc.; and they are asking the Board of Commissioners for financial support. The cheerleaders showed their trophy to the Board.

6. Alan Thompson: Thompson, Price, Scott & Adams: Introduction of Pender County Audit for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009/Resolution to Accept the Audit.

Mr. Benton introduced Mr. Thompson. Mr. Thompson distributed a full audit to Board members and reviewed the summary which had been provided in the Board's agenda packages. The summary included: General Comments; Required Communications-SAS 114; Audit Results-including a chart of financial information for five years, and various graphs; and a Questions and Comments section. Mr. Rivenbark asked if Mr. Thompson was concerned about the tax collection rate falling and Mr. Thompson said to remain at 97% (excluding auto) is still a good rate. Mr. Tate was concerned about the items over \$250 not being deposited daily as required. Mr. Thompson said it was concerning two small departments and it had been addressed by the Finance Officer and County Manager. The summary and the full audit are on file with the permanent records in the County Manager's office.

7. Greg Thompson, Southern Engineering & Rachel Schwartz, USDA, Wildlife Services: Update on Drainage & Beaver Activity on Sills Creek.

Facilities and Property Manager Paul Parker gave an update on Sills Creek; explained the General Assembly now only funds 50% of projects; explained no projects had been funded across the State this year; and said if the project is funded in the next General Assembly cycle, we need to start working on our \$75,000 share. Mr. Tate wanted verification that no projects had been funded and said they shouldn't have announced the projects were approved if they weren't going to fund them. Mr. Thompson also gave an update on Sills Creek which included there are twelve beaver dams on the Creek between Englishtown Road and Crooked Run Road, and there are also problems with aquatic weeds. Mr. Parker noted Mr. Thompson had spoken with Ms. Johnna Howard of 3632 Englishtown Rd., who had previously appeared before the Board to discuss the situation with her house sinking down and dropping because of flooding problems with Sills Creek. Mr. Parker said Ms. Howard's house sits on a tributary to Sills Creek. He said there are some things she can do to help alleviate the settling of her home, and said flooding contributes to the problem, but it is not the main problem. Mr. Thompson said the

home sits on a slippery slope and there are grading issues. Mr. Williams asked don't we have to be careful about going on people's property and giving them advice because something could go wrong. Mr. Thompson said they limited the investigation to Sills Creek and only gave Ms. Howard some pointers. Ms. Schwartz gave an overview of what she has done so far and what she will do in the future with respect to beaver control on Sills Creek. She noted the BEMAP Program does work. Mr. Parker distributed a map showing where the beaver dams are located and Ms. Schwartz explained the status of the sites. Mr. Parker also distributed a map showing where the aquatic weed is located. Mr. Tate said Ms. Schwartz does a good job, works very hard, and thanked her for her work. Mr. Tate said we need to go back to Raleigh and take facts on Ms. Howard's case when we go back.

Returning to Item No. 6, Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the resolution to accept the audit for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009. Mr. Brown seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

8. Debora Hobbs and Others: Animal Control Ordinance Issues.

Ms. Hobbs and her daughter, Kristal Moore, distributed information to the Board and spoke out against aggressive dogs attacking their pets. The information distributed included copies of Sheriff's reports resulting from attacks, letters from others whose pets had been attacked, invoices from animal hospitals, incident/investigation reports, and letters from veterinarians. The documents are on file with the permanent records in the County Manager's Office. Ms. Hobbs and Ms. Moore explained some of the attacks on their pets and others; asked the Board to enact stricter animal control ordinances and to incorporate Pender's ordinance with New Hanover's; said they never had problems with hunting dogs; stated their dissatisfaction with the way Pender County Animal Control handles situations; and said the Animal Control Ordinance should state if a dog attacks one time and gets out again after the first attack, it will be taken. Mr. Williams said he thinks if anyone lets their dog off their property one time and it attacks, they should have to pay. Mr. Williams said Pender County is rural and he doesn't think New Hanover's ordinance would apply. He said we should look at Brunswick County's ordinance because it is a good one, and suggested creating a committee to look at how ordinances work in other counties. Mr. Williams said we have been dealing with this for years and nothing was ever resolved. Mr. Brown agreed about forming a committee to look into this matter. He said no one on the Board is arguing against Ms. Hobbs and Ms. Moore, but people should know their recourse when the ordinance doesn't help situations. Mr. Tate verified with Ms. Hobbs that she said she had called Animal Control four times before she could make a formal complaint. Mr. Blanchard said he doesn't recommend putting a dog down after he attacks, but he does recommend picking one up after the first attack. Mr. Thurman said the Board can amend the Ordinance without holding a public hearing. He said we could look at some other ordinances and see what works. There was also discussion of charging fines to people who let their animals off their property and they attack another animal. It was the Board's consensus to form a committee consisting of representatives of all aspects, such as hunters, small breed animal owners, large breed animal owners, etc. Mr. Tate instructed staff to put together a recommendation for a committee and bring back to the Board in January. Dr. Griffith explained: the current ordinance does not give Animal Control the authority to pick up an animal on somebody's word alone, the ordinance says the act must be observed by an Animal Control Officer; 70% of bites in Pender County come from smaller breeds and mixed breeds; if someone has filed a formal, signed complaint Animal Control will pick the animal up; and addressed the issue of "dangerous dog." He said nowhere in State Statute says he can deem an animal dangerous unless rabies is involved. He also said we have no civil authority to collect fines. Mr. Tate instructed Dr. Griffith to work with the committee when formed.

A break was taken from 1:30 to 1:45 p.m.

9. Discussion of Highway 17 Overlay District-Zoning Text and Map Amendments.

Planning Director Patrick Davenport noted there were two versions of the US 17 Corridor Overlay District ordinance in the packets: a US 17 Committee version and a Planning Board version that included some recommended changes. Mr. Davenport noted staff was seeking direction in how to proceed with the approval process involving the US 17 Overlay and the UDO. Mr. Williams noted there are good arguments both ways, and if there is only a few months between their adoption it may be best to adopt them at one time if it is less

costly. Mr. Williams noted though that he did not desire to see a delay in the adoption of the US 17 Overlay if the UDO may be delayed. Mr. Blanchard noted interest in spending less money unless there was going to be a greater delay in the adoption of the Overlay. Mr. Rivenbark asked what are the estimates of getting the US 17 Overlay through with the UDO and Mr. Davenport responded 99%. Mr. Tate said they all agree that the Highway 17 Overlay is the priority project. Commissioner Brown suggested evaluating the status at the February meeting and making a decision once the process has moved further along. This was the consensus of the Board members.

10. Announcement of 2010 Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan Public Input Meetings.

Mr. Davenport explained they are holding public input meetings in various areas of the County and the public will have the opportunity to complete an opinion survey and express their vision for the future of County parks and recreation facilities and programs to staff and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Mr. Blanchard noted they had previously discussed other areas in the County for parks. Mr. Tate asked if the Comprehensive Master Plan will change after public input and Mr. Davenport responded "yes."

PUBLIC COMMENT

UDO Committee member Mark Walton said if the US 17 Overlay was put under the current Ordinance, it would push back the UDO; he is glad the Board is pushing them together and making them both active at the same time; and this will make it more efficient for Planning staff. Mr. Walton said overlay districts are not designed to be county-wide; they are designed for specific areas and others can be designed to fit other areas. Mr. Williams agreed and gave Highway 53 as an example.

Ms. Christine Parker from Wilmington explained: her dog was violently killed in Pender County by a German Shephard; she was mortified to find out Animal Control lets the owner keep the dog; and she was mortified to find out they only quarantine vicious dogs for ten days at the shelter or let the owner keep the dog in their house for ten days. Ms. Parker urged the Board to get a stricter animal control ordinance.

Mr. Al Freimark, representing the Greater Hampstead Homeowners Association, said: in May of 2007, GHHA made a presentation to the Board of Commissioners and the Planning Board and both boards approved it; they had concerns about billboards and the Planning Board approved the Sign Ordinance; a billboard is now being built in Hampstead and it is "grandfathered"; and if we keep putting off the US 17 Overlay, a lot will be grandfathered-especially when sewer goes down 17 because there will be a rush for new development. Mr. Brown said what we agreed to today will not affect the 17 Overlay. Mr. Freimark said over \$100,000 is being spent on the consent agenda items today, and to spend a little over \$3,000 to proceed with the Highway 17 Overlay would be an investment.

Planning Board Chairman Kevin Reynolds said Mr. Davenport and staff are doing an excellent job and putting in a lot of work; he agrees with the Board on making both the UDO and Overlay active at the same time; and they will be within the timeline.

Mr. Brown asked if we ever combine other issues and Mr. Benton responded affirmatively.

Mr. Thurman noted the Highway 17 Overlay will be included in the UDO and said staff and the committees are working hard to meet the timeline.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Tate presented the eight items on the Consent Agenda and asked for any questions or discussion. There being none, Mr. Blanchard made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, Mr. Rivenbark seconded the motion and the Board unanimously voted to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

11. Resolution Approving Minutes for the Regular & Closed Session Meeting of November 16, 2009.

12. Resolution Approving Releases and Refunds to the Individuals Listed Herein.
13. Resolution Authorizing Purchase Order to Professional Mail Services, Inc., for Mailing of 2010 Solid Waste Stickers in the Amount of \$ 7,000.
14. Budget Ordinance Amendment Approving Additional Crisis Intervention Funds: \$9,372.
15. Resolution Authorizing Contract With and Purchase Order to Jacksonville Mechanical, Inc., for Hot Water Supply Replacement at West Pender Middle School: \$21,731.
16. Resolution Authorizing Purchase Order to Indoff to Purchase Refurbished Office Panels: \$23,738.
17. Resolution Authorizing Contract with and Purchase Order to Garvey Flooring for Gym Floor Replacement at West Pender Middle School: \$51,397.
18. Resolution Approving Purchase Orders for Architectural and Engineering Design Services for the Industrial Shell Building Project: \$40,117.50.

RESOLUTIONS

19. Discussion and Possible Adoption of Board of Commissioners Rules of Procedure.

Mr. Rivenbark noted he does not plan to entertain a motion on this item at this time. He said the purpose of this item is because of an item the Board passed in which he voted for twice, but he doesn't agree with it. Mr. Rivenbark delivered a Power Point presentation and explained some of the book *Robert's Rules of Order*; how *Robert's Rules of Order* came about; and the School of Government's *Suggested Rules of Procedure for the Board of County Commissioners*. Both books contain Parliamentary procedures. Mr. Rivenbark said the item he was referring to earlier stems from the Board's vote that departments have to present items for the agenda two weeks ahead of time instead of the previous one week. He said because of this rule, DSS couldn't get some buildings they needed for confidentiality purposes approved in a timely manner. Mr. Brown asked if the two-week policy delayed the item. Mr. Benton said the item is on the agenda today, but it came in after the agenda deadline to be on the previous agenda. Mr. Benton said he didn't consider the item an emergency, so he didn't include it on the previous agenda. He noted he had discussed the matter with DSS Director Dr. Shiver.

20. Resolution Approving Amendment to the Existing Long Creek-Grady Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. Agreement.

Interim Emergency Management Director Charles Newman explained the Long Creek-Grady Voluntary Fire Department received its Light Rescue Certification; the Secretary of State officially changed the name to Long Creek-Grady Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department, Inc.; with this change they are now eligible for additional grant funding through the Office of Emergency Medical Services; and in order to maintain consistency, it is necessary for Pender County to amend the current Fire Department Funding Agreement to reflect this name change. Mr. Brown congratulated the Fire Department on this accomplishment and other Board members agreed. Mr. Williams noted this wasn't done overnight and it was a time-consuming, well thought-out project. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Blanchard seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

21. Resolution Approving Amending Boundary Lines and Name of Ogden Fire Insurance District as New Hanover County Fire Insurance District and Map.

Mr. Williams said just as a "housekeeping issue," following this item, he would like the Board to receive an update from the Scotts Hill Fire Protection Committee. He said they want a nod that they are going down the right path. With respect to the resolution, Mr. Newman explained: Since 1999 when the Ogden Fire District was created for insurance rating purposes, Pender County has contracted with Ogden Fire Department to provide fire protection services to the citizens of the Scotts Hill area; in March of this year the Ogden Fire Department merged with New Hanover County Fire & Rescue, an agency of New Hanover County Government; on March 16, 2009, the Pender County Board of Commissioners approved changing the funding contract from Ogden Fire Department to New Hanover County; with the change of the funding contract, there is a need to rename and approve the New Hanover County Insurance District Map; this name change of the district will not change or alter districts or response protocols that have been developed by the responding fire departments to the Scotts

Hill area; and no funding levels will be affected. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Blanchard seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Chris May of 337 Scottsdale Lane in Scotts Hill introduced himself and other members of the committee. Mr. May explained: they had put out letters to 126 people and 126 people showed up at their last meeting; the citizens want to see hard numbers of what it would cost them to become part of Hampstead Fire Department, but they still got signatures from all 126; they want to find out if the Board of Commissioners is interested in pursuing this; and this was initiated by the citizens of Scotts Hill and not Hampstead Fire Department. The Board generally showed agreement for the committee to proceed with investigating what the costs and issues would be.

22. **Resolution Authorizing Approval of the Letter of Conditions from the US Department of Agriculture – Rural Development for Financing Construction of the Pender County 2 MGD Water Treatment Plant and 24” Transmission Main on US 421.**

Mr. Mack presented a Power Point presentation on the WTP funding, noting the total project cost estimate is \$32.4 million to build a plant that would not require additional construction to upgrade to 4 mgd and 6 mgd. Mr. Mack noted the total source of funds for the project is \$22,455,000 in loans, \$2.3 million in local contribution, and \$7,594,000 in grants. The grant funds represent 23.4% of the total project cost. Mr. Mack introduced USDA official Steve Smith who reviewed the amendment (items 1-6) to the Letter of Conditions first dated March 17, 2008. Commissioner Rivenbark made a motion to approve a resolution approving the amendment, Mr. Williams seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Brown asked how much savings we see by building the plant in this way rather than in 2 mgd increments and Mr. Mack responded the savings was estimated at \$50,000,000.

23. **Resolution Approving Child Support Enforcement Transition Plan.**

Dr. Shiver explained the NC General Assembly directed each State operated Child Support Enforcement Office to be administered by county government effective July 1, 2010 and DSS is the Pender County entity serving as lead contact during the transition process. Dr. Shiver delivered a Power Point presentation explaining the Transition Plan which included: Organizational Model; Office Space/Facility; Budget; Staffing/Positions; Office Furnishings/Equipment; Legal Services; Security; Program Performance; Staff Training; Public Relations; Key Partners; Start-Up Date; Signatures; and Organizational Chart. The entire presentation is on file with the permanent records in the County Manager’s Office. With respect to Office Furnishings, Dr. Shiver thanked Mr. Benton for pushing the local delegation to transfer the current Child Support Office furniture to the County at no cost. With respect to Security, Dr. Shiver said she will seek reimbursement from the State. Mr. Benton commended Dr. Shiver and her staff for doing a great job with this transition. Mr. Rivenbark made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Williams seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

24. **Resolution to Approve the 2010 Schedule of Holidays for Pender County.**

Mr. Benton presented the 2010 Schedule of Holidays. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Blanchard seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

25. **Resolution to Approve the 2010 Calendar of Meetings of the Pender County Board of Commissioners.**

Mr. Benton presented the 2010 Calendar of Meetings. Mr. Rivenbark noted the July 19th meeting is scheduled in the middle of the NACo Annual Conference. Mr. Blanchard said we can approve the calendar as is, and change the date closer to the time of the meeting if it needs to be changed. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Rivenbark seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

26. **Resolution Waiving Pender County Allocation of Recovery Zone Facility Bonds and Directing Allocation to the Bladen Bluffs Regional Surface Water System Project in Bladen County.**

Mr. Benton explained the resolution and there was some discussion by the Board. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Blanchard seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS

27. Resolution to Consider Re-appointment to the Board of Adjustment; Re-appointment to the Nursing/Adult Care Home Advisory Committee; and Appointment to Hampstead Fire Department.

Ms. Pridgen explained the Board of Adjustment and Nursing/Adult Care Home Advisory Committee members are re-appointments, and verified they are not replacing anyone. Mr. Williams explained Mr. Robert Simon is from the Scotts Hill area and someone from that area needs to sit on the Hampstead Fire Department Board. In response to question by Mr. Rivenbark, Ms. Pridgen said appointees usually have a 10-year limit, but the Board had excused the Nursing Home appointees from this rule because it is so hard to find members interested in this Board. Mr. Williams made a motion to re-appoint Nick Ferrante to the Pender County Board of Adjustment to serve a three-year term representing District 1, with term to expire 1/04/2013, and Donald Luther to serve a three-year term representing an Alternate position, with term to expire 1/04/2013. Mr. Blanchard seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Rivenbark made a motion to re-appoint Pauline Lewis, Jeannine Smith and Hazel Wells to the Nursing/Adult Care Home Advisory Committee representing public member positions, with terms to expire June 30, 2012. Mr. Williams seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Williams made a motion to appoint Robert Simon to the Hampstead Fire Department Board to serve an unspecified term, Mr. Blanchard seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

28. Discussion of Planning Board Appointments.

Ms. Pridgen explained four Planning Board members' terms are up January 31, 2010 and it has normally been the Board's practice to reappoint members without advertising the position if they are interested in being reappointed and qualify. Mr. Benton added all four members qualify, and said the UDO and US 17 Corridor ordinances are being finalized and we don't want to impede this process by not having Planning Board members in place. Mr. Blanchard made a motion to re-appoint all four members to three-year terms on the Planning Board, with terms to expire January 31, 2013. The appointees are as follows: Christopher Smith representing an AG/Environmental position, Burt Millette representing an Environmental position, Hiram Williams representing a Technical position, and Rick Garrett representing an At-Large position.

29. Boards/Committees/Commissions on which Commissioners Currently Serve: Annual Review/Modify.

Ms. Pridgen explained this is done annually by the Board at the first meeting in December. Mr. Tate asked if Board members want an opportunity to review this and bring back to the next meeting. Mr. Williams made a motion to this effect, Mr. Rivenbark seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

The County Manager had no additional items.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Williams said with respect to the waterfront project, we have a deal in place he thinks will work. He said property owner David Greer and John Barbour from the state property office have reached an agreement and it will be presented to the Council of State in the first week in January. Mr. Williams said it's not a done deal yet but he is very optimistic we will close on it. Mr. Tate thanked Mr. Benton and Mr. Williams for their work on this project and said Mr. Williams gave up a lot of his own time for the project.

Mr. Brown said he has issues with the roads in Rocky Point because of Time Warner Cable, but he won't go into it right now.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

The County Attorney had no additional items and nothing for Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Blanchard made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Glenda Pridgen, Deputy Clerk to the Board

Reviewed By:



Rick Benton, Clerk to the Board