
REGULAR MEETING

May 2, 2011

6:45 p.m.

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Monday, May 2, 2011, at 6:45 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room located in the Perquimans County Courthouse Annex.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Benjamin Hobbs, Chairman Sue Weimar
 Janice McKenzie Cole, Vice Chair Tammy Miller-White
 Edward R. Muzzulin Mack E. Nixon

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Bobby C. Darden, County Manager Will Crowe, County Attorney
 Mary Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board

After the Chairman called the meeting to order and Commissioner Nixon gave the invocation, the Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Hobbs proceeded with the Public Hearings.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Rezoning Request No. REZ-11-01 – Albemarle Plantation

Chairman Hobbs opened the Public Hearing stating that the purpose of the public hearing was to receive comments concerning the consideration of Rezoning Request No. REZ-11-01, by Kip Peregoy to rezone from RA-25, Residential & Agricultural Zone to RA-15, Residential & Agricultural Zone, the 12.66-acre tract located at the southeast corner of Mathews Road and Pasquotank Boulevard west of the "Cole Tract" (known as Tax Map No. 2-0082-0027). There were ten (10) people present. The Chairman recognized Donna Godfrey, County Planner, who gave an overview of the Rezoning Request. She stated that the Planning Board approved the request at their April 12th meeting. The only concerns that the Technical Review Committee and Planning Board had was the need for more than one point of ingress/egress for the neighborhood and the Applicant's Proposed Sketch Plan requesting 87 single-family residential lots ranging in size from 15,000 to 32,456 sq. ft. on 56.68 (including the 12.66-acre subject property and the adjacent 44.02-acre "Cole Tract"). Ms. Godfrey said that the applicant, Kip Peregoy, was present if anyone had any questions. The Chairman asked if there were any questions. After answering several questions from the Board and no questions/comments from the public, the Chairman opened the second Public Hearing.

Recombination Request – Verona Jennings

Chairman Hobbs opened the second Public Hearing stating that the purpose of the public hearing was to receive comments concerning the Consideration of request by Verona Jennings and son, Kyle O. O'Neal, and wife, Annette, to Recombine Lots 63, 64 and 65, Section D, Holiday Island Subdivision, into two lots. Subject property zoned RA-25 and located at 117-121 Clipper Drive and known as Tax Parcel Nos. 2-D082-D063-HI, 2-D082-D064-HI, and 2-D082-D065-HI. There were sixteen (16) people present. Again, the Chairman recognized Donna Godfrey, County Planner, who gave an overview of the proposed Recombination Request. The Planning Board approved the request at their April 12th meeting. The applicant was not present to answer any questions. The Chairman asked if there any questions or comments from the public or the Board. There being none, the Chairman opened the third Public Hearing.

Parent-to-Child Subdivision – Joseph & Jacob Wills, Etal.

Chairman Hobbs opened the third Public Hearing stating that the purpose of the public hearing was to receive comments concerning the Consideration of Proposed Parent-to-Child Subdivision by Joseph Wills and Jacob Wills, Etal, to Gift Deed a 1-acre parcel to daughter/niece, Patrice S. Johnson, located off 45' private easement known as Wills Drive, about 1,100 feet north of New Hope Road, (SR 1300). Proposed lot known as 145 Wills Drive (portion of Tax Map No. 4-0052-0001). There were sixteen (16) people present. The Chairman recognized Donna Godfrey, County Planner, who gave an overview of the proposed Parent-to-Child Subdivision. It is Joseph & Jacob Wills wish to transfer an acre gift deed to their niece/daughter, Patrice Shivone Johnson. The proposed layout includes the platting of a 45-foot Private right of way. Ms. Godfrey said that the Wills family was present to answer any questions. During the discussion, it was noted that the Wills would need to place a street sign at the end of Wills Drive and New Hope Road. The Chairman asked for any comments from the Board or Public. There being none, the Chairman closed the Public Hearings at 7:08 p.m.

AGENDA

The Agenda, as amended, was unanimously approved on motion made by Mack E. Nixon, seconded by Sue Weimar.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Miller-White asked that the April 4, 2011 Minutes be removed for discussion. On motion made by Tammy Miller-White, seconded Janice McKenzie Cole, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda, less the April 4, 2011 Minutes listed:

- 1. **Approval of Minutes:** April 25, 2011 Special Called Meeting
- 2. **Approval of Tax Releases:**

PERQUIMANS COUNTY TAX RELEASES:

- > **Aguilar, Judith Rae** \$2,316.45
 In error, an assessment of \$565,200 was entered on this 2011 motor home. It should have been \$56,520. Account Number: 8080235.
- > **Anderson, Harris Cain** \$144.74
 Military exemption. Account Number: 809763.

3. **Personnel Matters**

Employee Name	Employee Job Title	Action Required	Grade/Step	New Salary	Effective Date
William B. Copeland	Deputy – Certified	Appointment	65/1	28,972	5/1/2011

4. **Budget Amendments:**

**BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 20
 GENERAL FUND**

CODE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF CODE	AMOUNT	
		INCREASE	DECREASE
10-610-195	Special Assistance (SAD)		22,000
10-610-194	Special Assistance (SAA)	22,000	
10-610-455	Medicaid		4,500
10-610-331	Bank Research Fees	1,000	
10-610-040	Professional Services	3,500	
EXPLANATION: DSS amendments needed within Budget for FY 2010-2011.			

**BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 21
 GENERAL FUND**

CODE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF CODE	AMOUNT	
		INCREASE	DECREASE
10-510-020	Sheriff - Salaries		25,200
10-510-170	Maintenance & Repair (Vehicles)	8,000	
10-510-310	Automotive Supplies	14,000	
10-510-450	Concealed Gun Permits	3,200	
EXPLANATION: >Increase in Vehicle Repair due to deer accidents where County has to pay \$1,000 deductible per incident. >Increase in auto supplies due to gas increase. >Increase in gun permits issued in County.			

**BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 22
GENERAL FUND**

CODE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF CODE	AMOUNT	
		INCREASE	DECREASE
10-610-461	DOT - Travel	5,836	
10-348-037	Work First - ROAP Funds	2,654	
10-399-000	Fund Balance	3,182	
EXPLANATION: To budget total amount of Department of Transportation Funds received for Work First Travel.			

5. Board Appointments:

NAME	BOARD	ACTION	TERM	EFFECTIVE DATE
Chaney, Susan	Greater Albemarle Area Chapter of American Red Cross Board of Directors	Reappointment	2 years	6/1/2011

APRIL 4, 2011 MINUTES

Chairman Hobbs asked Commissioner Miller-White to discuss the proposed changes she requested on the April 4, 2011 Minutes. Ms. Miller-White asked that the wording on the top of page 2444 be changed from:

Commissioner Miller-White presented her Committee Report *from the* Northeastern Workforce Development Board as follows:

To:

Commissioner Miller-White presented her Committee Report *from the regarding* Northeastern Workforce Development Board as follows:

On motion made by Edward R. Muzzulin, seconded Sue Weimar, the Board unanimously approved the April 4, 2011 Minutes as corrected.

DOROTHY HODGES, ALBEMARLE PLANTATION

Ms. Hodges explained that Albemarle Plantation is planning a July 3rd fireworks show at the Plantation. With the newly passed requirements, they are required to come before the Board of Commissioners to request permission. Ms. Hodges said that the Plantation is willing to pay the Fire Marshall and Bethel VFD has agreed to remain on premises until show is completed. Commissioner Miller-White wanted to make sure that they have complied with all the County requirements. Mr. Darden said that they had. Commissioner Nixon recommended Ms. Hodges contact Paul Kahl who is a Level III Fire Marshal and lives in Perquimans County. There being no further questions or discussions, Mack E. Nixon made a motion to approve their request. The motion was seconded by Tammy Miller-White and unanimously approved by the Board. She also invited the Commissioners and the public to the Memorial Day service on May 30th that is being sponsored by the American Legion.

LEO HIGGINS, JCPC

Mr. Higgins explained that he had two items for Board action. The first item was a Budget Amendment to STOP (Social Thinking Options Program). This is as follows:

ITEM NUMBER	JUSTIFICATION	AMOUNT	
		INCREASE	DECREASE
120	Salary		\$2,739
180	Benefits		786
290		\$3,483	
390	Other	42	
	TOTAL	\$3,525	\$3,525

On motion made by Mack E. Nixon, seconded by Janice McKenzie Cole, the Board unanimously approved the above Budget Amendment.

The second item is the proposed budget for FY 2011-2012 DJJDP County Funding Plan. The Budget is as follows:

Proposed FY 2011-12 Juvenile Crime Prevention Budget			
Program Provider	DJJDP Funding	Local In-Kind	Total
Restitution	\$21,000	\$2,100	\$23,100
RHEMA Educational Services	18,000	1,800	19,800
Social Thinking Option	16,821	1,681	18,502
JCPC Certification	1,923	0	1,923
Unallocated due to proposed 10% cut	6,416	0	6,416
TOTALS	\$64,160	\$5,581	\$69,741

On motion made by Tammy Miller-White, seconded by Sue Weimar, the Board unanimously approved the above proposed FY 2011-2012 DJJDP County Funding. Asking for a few minutes of their time, he introduced Clayton Griffin who discussed their recent trip to the General Assembly.

HOMERIA JENNETTE, TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Jennette presented her monthly report.

SUSAN CHANEY, SOCIAL SERVICES

Ms. Chaney presented her monthly report.

FRANK HEATH, TAX ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Heath presented his monthly report.

COMMISSIONER'S CONCERNS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Cole gave an update on East Carolina Behavioral Health as follows:

1. Seeking to become a Medicaid waiver site - Title 1915(b)(c)
 - Previously applied when only two were going to be approved in State and ECBH came in third. Door open now for another to be approved in State so very confident that ECBH will be approved this time and operating by Spring 2012.
 - Under subsection (b) benefits:
 - no longer controlled by statewide criteria--
 - Example 1* - if someone needs to travel by ferry to get to their provider ECBH can reimburse them
 - Example 2* - no longer required to accept any provider who qualifies but can limit providers to those using more effective, progressive approaches
 - Example 3* - no longer required to pay one state approved rate for service. If need to pay higher rate to attract and keep providers in rural areas, can do so.

- Under subsection (c) Home and Community Based Services
 - Allowed to offer home and community based services provided no more expensive than being in an institution
 - Under the waiver, ECBH will be paid on the total Medicaid eligible population so anticipate going from a budget of \$62mil. to \$262 mil.
 - Will require many additional employees
 - Will require IT system for which Board previously put aside \$1 mil in restricted funds. Working with Piedmont Behavioral Health to acquire IT system and not reinvent the wheel
 - Will need additional space for new employees so plan to obtain a property in Pitt County to meet these needs and bring the LME employees under one roof
 - In furtherance of this looking to get out of the landlord business and sell off some of their current buildings that are used only by providers e.g. two buildings in Ahoskie and one in Northampton. In some cases they think providers might want to purchase the building.
- 3) Perquimans Building is actually still in limbo has not been transferred to ECBH yet. Explanation was that Leza Wainwright left before she could sign off on it and now they have their attorney working with the new State Director to accomplish this. Thus this building is not one of those being considered for sale, not even included in appraisals they had done.
 - 4) Hired a new medical director, Dr. Mark Johnson. He lasted three weeks and decided he did not want to be separated from his family in Midwest.
 - 5) We will be approving the new By-Laws at the next meeting and they will provide that County Commissioners on the ECBH Board from the new counties will vote to fill the two non-commissioner vacancies that will occur as of July 1, 2011. So need names to recommend to nominating committee in these categories:
 - individual representing the interest of children
 - clinical professional from fields of mental illness, developmental disabilities or substance abuse services
 - family member or individuals from a citizens organization composed primarily of consumers or their family members, representing the interests of individuals with mental illness, developmental disabilities or substance abuse services
 - an openly declared consumer with mental illness, developmental disabilities or substance abuse services

UPDATES

County Manager Darden updated the Board on the following projects:

Water System Projects:

- **Bethel Water Treatment Plant:** County Manager Darden passed around a picture of the Membrane Pilot Plant that has been installed at the Bethel Water Treatment Plant.
- **Pasquotank RO Plant:** Mr. Darden explained that the landowners around the railroad have agreed to the Railroad Agreement to install the waterline from the Pasquotank RO plant through Perquimans County.

Jail Project: Commissioner Muzzulin presented his report from the Albemarle District Jail April 25, 2011 meeting.

Tri-County Animal Shelter Memorandum of Agreement Draft: Currently, Chowan, Perquimans, and Gates Counties are still reviewing the document. No action is required at this time.

RESOLUTIONS

County Manager Darden gave further explanation on the following two Resolutions which were forwarded to the County by Rutherford County:

RESOLUTION

Whereas, North Carolina General Statute 87-90 grants to the State of North Carolina a right of entry upon private property; and

Whereas, said statute mandates that no person shall “obstruct, hamper or interfere with any such representative” of the Environmental Management Commission to enter private property; and

Whereas, said statute mandates that the authorized representative present only “appropriate credentials”; and

Whereas, any person who violates any provision of said statute 87-90 is subject to a penalty of up to \$1,000 per day, as prescribed separately in statute 87-94.

Now, Therefore, the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of residents, hereby does resolve to support the amending of NCGS 87-90 to recognize and preserve private property rights as follows, that:

1. Any private person may require the authorized representative of any portion of North Carolina state government or any local government to provide, in addition to credentials, valid evidence of probable cause plus warrant served by recognized law enforcement personnel. The Environmental Management Commission or Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall be required to give advance written notice to a private property owner of the intention to enter private property, and the Commission or Department shall be required to inform the private property owner of the right to require the above documents.
2. Any private person shall not be subject to any penalty or other sanction by requiring the documents of #1 above or otherwise exercising steps of due process.

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners directs the County Manager to send promptly a copy of this Resolution to North Carolina General Assembly members Senator Edward Jones and Representative Annie Mobley, and a copy of all other counties in North Carolina.

NO ACTION TAKEN

~~Benjamin C. Hobbs, Chairman
Perquimans County Board of Commissioners~~

Attested by:

Mary P. Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board
Perquimans County Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION

Whereas, Perquimans County has many residents who live in rural areas away from municipal water supplies, and

Whereas, those residents must achieve a water supply at their own expense, and

Whereas, North Carolina General Statute 87-97 mandates that the local health department serving each county shall implement a private drinking water well permitting, inspection, and testing program, and

Whereas, the cost of that program is paid by residents as an additional expense to achieving their own water supply;

Now Therefore, the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of residents, hereby does resolve to support the repeal of North Carolina General Statute 87-97, and for such repeal to be effective on or before July 1, 2011.

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners directs the County Manager to send promptly a copy of this Resolution to North Carolina General Assembly members Senator Edward Jones and Representative Annie Mobley, and a copy to all other counties in North Carolina.

Adopted this the 4th day of April, 2011.

NO ACTION TAKEN

~~Benjamin C. Hobbs, Chairman
Perquimans County Board of Commissioners~~

Attested by:

Mary P. Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board
Perquimans County Board of Commissioners

After some discussion, the Board took no action on these two Resolutions.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Last month, County Manager Darden informed the Board that Celia Griffin, Adult Nursing Home Advisory Committee, died on March 23rd. Also, Cathleen McNeal is having to move to Virginia and can no longer serve on the Nursing Home Advisory Committee. The Board tabled this matter until a recommendation could be made this month. Currently, Debra Sheard still has no recommendations. The individual that Commissioner Weimar had in mind declined the appointment. Commissioner Cole said that she had a volunteer for the appointment to the Nursing Home Advisory Committee. Elaine Phyllis Hester has volunteered for this appointment. She has completed the Statement of Interest Form which Ms. Cole had given to the Clerk. On motion made by Mack E. Nixon, seconded by Janice McKenzie Cole, the Board unanimously appointed Ms. Hester to the Nursing Home Advisory Committee to complete the term of Cathleen McNeal which is due to expire on October 31, 2011 and the Board tabled the appointment to the Adult Nursing Home Advisory Committee until next month.

RESPONSE: JUSTINE AVENUE, TAYLOR COURT & CHRISTIAN COURT

For information purposes, County Manager Darden reported that Justin Avenue, Taylor Court, and Christian Court in the Cameron Village Subdivision have been added to the NCDOT State Road Maintenance System. The request was made on January 4, 2011.

SURPLUS VEHICLE BIDS

The bid period for our surplus vehicles with GovDeals closed today at 1:00 – 2:10 p.m. Frank Heath, Tax Administrator, presented the following high the bids from GovDeals for our surplus vehicles:

BUYER	VEHICLE	START BID	SOLD AMOUNT	GOVDEALS FEE	NET RESULTS	NUMBER OF BIDS
Arthur Morrison	2002 Ford F150	\$300.00	\$1,675.00	\$83.75	\$1,591.25	32
Barry Vinson	2003 Mercury Sable	\$250.00	\$1,425.00	\$71.25	\$1,353.75	40
Burel Brutus	2005 Nissan Maxima	\$300.00	\$4,650.87	\$232.54	\$4,418.33	32
Crafton Overton	2001 Ford Crown Victoria	\$100.00	\$677.00	\$33.85	\$643.15	14
Michael Barrineau	1978 Reid's Backhoe Trailer	\$100.00	\$1,025.00	\$51.25	\$973.75	25
Paul Bell	2004 Ford Explorer	\$300.00	\$2,025.00	\$101.25	\$1,923.75	25
Robert Strenz	1999 Ford F-150	\$300.00	\$1,525.00	\$76.25	\$1,448.75	18
Wendy Custalow	2004 Ford Crown Victoria	\$250.00	\$1,480.00	\$74.00	\$1,406.00	11
TOTALS		\$1,900.00	\$14,482.87	\$724.14	\$13,758.73	

On motion made by Tammy Miller-White, seconded by Sue Weimar, the Board authorized Frank Heath to proceed with the transfer of the titles to these individuals after receiving payment.

PLANNING BOARD ITEMS

Donna Godfrey, County Planner, presented the following items for Board action:

Rezoning Request No. REZ-11-01 – Albemarle Plantation: A Public Hearing was held earlier in the meeting. At the request of Commissioner Nixon, the Clerk to the Board, Mary Hunnicutt, read the following motion: Considering the following Policy Guidelines to support the motion, Mack E. Nixon made a motion to approve Rezoning Request no. REZ-11-01 by Kip Peregoy to rezone from RA-25, Residential & Agricultural Zone, to RA-15, Residential & Agricultural Zone, the 12.66-acre tract located at the southeast corner of Mathews Road and Pasquotank Boulevard west of the “Cole” Tract (subject property known as Tax Parcel No. 2-0082-0027):

- 1) The proposal will place all property similarly situated in the same category or in appropriate complementary categories.
- 2) There is convincing demonstration that all uses permitted under the proposed district classification would be in the general public interest and not merely in the interest of an individual or small group.
- 3) There is convincing demonstration that all uses permitted under the proposed district classification would be appropriate in the area included in the proposed change. *(When a new district designation is assigned, any use permitted in the district is allowable, so long as it meets district requirements and not merely uses which applicants state that they intend to make the property involved.)*
- 4) There is convincing demonstration that the character of the neighborhood will not be materially or adversely affected by any use permitted in the proposed change.
- 5) The proposed change is in accord with the Land Use Plan and sound planning principles.

The motion was seconded by Tammy Miller-White and unanimously approved by the Board.

Recombination Request – Verona Jennings: A Public Hearing was held earlier in the meeting. Considering the following Section 206 Findings and Section 701 exemption criteria, Sue Weimar made a motion to approve the Recombination of Lots 63, 64 and 65, Section D, Holiday Island Subdivision, into two lots, conditioned upon compliance prior to plat recordation with minimum building setbacks (including 30-foot Front, 40-foot Rear [or as permitted by CAMA], and 15-foot Side Yards for Principal Structures and 10-foot for Accessory Buildings):

- a) That there are special circumstances or conditions affecting said property such that the strict application of the provisions of this ordinance would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of his land.
- b) That the variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right of the petitioner.
- c) That the circumstances giving rise to the need for the variance are peculiar to the parcel and are not generally characteristic of other parcels in the jurisdiction of this ordinance, and
- d) That the granting of the variance will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare or injurious to other property in the territory in which said property is situated.

The motion was seconded by Edward R. Muzzulin and unanimously approved by the Board.

Proposed Parent-to-Child Subdivision – Joseph Wills & Jacob Wills, Etal: A Public Hearing was held earlier in the meeting. Considering the following Section 206 Findings, Tammy Miller-White made a motion to approve the Parent-to-Child Subdivision requested by Joseph L. Wills and Jacob I. Wills, Etal, to transfer by Deed of Gift to niece/daughter, Patrice Shovone Johnson, a 1.0-acre portion (portion of Tax Map No. 5-0025-0001), accessed by the 45-foot Private R/W known as Wills Drive about 1,000 feet north of New Hope Road (SR 1300), subject to note on face of plat to disclose Grantee's responsibility to maintain the private Wills Drive and possibly install public infrastructure in the future if lot is sold to 3rd party, and to install street sign on Wills Drive:

- a) That there are special circumstances or conditions affecting said property such that the strict application of the provisions of this ordinance would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of his land.
- b) That the variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right of the petitioner.
- c) That the circumstances giving rise to the need for the variance are peculiar to the parcel and are not generally characteristic of other parcels in the jurisdiction of this ordinance, and
- d) That the granting of the variance will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare or injurious to other property in the territory in which said property is situated.

The motion was seconded by Mack E. Nixon and unanimously approved by the Board.

RC&D PROGRAM ELIMINATION

County Manager Darden informed the Board that Federal funding for the RC&C Program has been eliminated. Mark Powell has provided significant technical assistance and is a valued resource in our County program to resolve drainage issues while addressing environmental concerns. Commissioner Miller-White asked how much this would cost the County. Commissioner Weimar and Mr. Darden further explained the situation and funding. Mr. Darden then presented a letter of request to allow Mr. Powell to be assigned as a technical representative to the Perquimans Soil & Water Conservation District in order to complete this project and assist with future projects. On motion made by Sue Weimar, seconded by Edward R. Muzzulin, the Board unanimously approved the following letter to be sent to USDA Office of Natural Resources Conservation Service:

May 2, 2011

Mr. J.B. Martin, State Conservationist
USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service
4407 Bland Rd, Suite 117
Raleigh, NC 27609

Dear Mr. Martin:

Perquimans County is implementing a strategy to address our drainage issues. This strategy is landowner driven and offers an opportunity to resolve drainage issues while addressing environmental concerns. The RC&D program has served the county well, and was playing a significant role in our current efforts.

Mark Powell has provided significant technical assistance and is a valued resource in our county program. Perquimans County would like to request that Mark Powell be assigned as a technical representative to the Perquimans Soil & Water Conservation District in order to continue the current conservation initiative, and to assist the County planning staff with future projects.

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin C. Hobbs, Chairman
Perquimans County Board of Commissioners

BCH/mh

cc: Dwane Hinson

NCACC RISK MANAGEMENT POOLS PARTICIPATION

County Manager Darden explained that these Agreements are for the County's Liability/Property Insurance and Worker's Compensation Insurance for FY 2011-2012. He explained that there was a slight decrease in the premium for Worker's Comp Pool and a slight increase in the premium for Liability & Property Pool. On motion made by Tammy Miller-White, seconded by Sue Weimar, the Board unanimously approved the participation in the NCACC Risk Management Pools as follows: Workers Comp - \$68,701 and Liability & Property - \$91,494.

LEASE AGREEMENT FOR USDA SERVICE CENTER

County Manager Darden explained that the Lease Agreement for the USDA Service Center is more detailed this year. Mr. Darden is still working on the Agreement. He asked if the Board would consider authorizing the Chairman & County Staff to sign the Agreement when completed. No action was taken on this matter.

OPTION TO PURCHASE EXTENSION

County Manager Darden explained that he and Sharon S. Ward, Finance Officer, has been researching the requirements to receive Local Government Commission (LGC) approval to finance the purchase of the Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation (AEMC) building. The following things will need to be completed prior to applying for financing: an updated appraisal and possibly Phase 1 Environmental Study. Mr. Darden has contacted the individual who did the first appraisal and he will be willing to do a new one. Mr. Darden has talked to the Director of AEMC for an extension of 90 days. He said that he would have to bring it before his Board. Mr. Darden would like for the Board to authorize the Chairman to sign the Option to Purchase Extension once it is approved by AEMC Board of Trustees. On motion made by Mack E. Nixon, seconded by Edward R. Muzzulin, the Board unanimously authorized the Chairman to sign the Option to Purchase Extension once it is approved by AEMC. Also related to this, Mr. Darden asked the Board to authorize the County Manager to proceed with applying to LGC for \$1.2 million to purchase the AEMC building. On motion made by Tammy Miller-White, seconded by Sue Weimar, the Board unanimously approved for the County Manager to proceed with the LGC application for \$1.2 million to purchase the AEMC building and to keep the Board informed of its progress.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Miller-White asked about the information included in their packets about the US Census. Mr. Darden will place this on the June Agenda and Ms. Miller-White asked if he would get input from the Towns of Hertford and Winfall. Donna Godfrey made several comments regarding the Census from a meeting she attended last week.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to discuss, the Regular Meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 8:20 p.m.

Benjamin C. Hobbs, Chairman

Clerk to the Board
