



**CURRITUCK COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA**

March 6, 2017
Minutes – Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

WORK SESSION

1. 5:00 PM Knotts Island Volunteer Fire Department

The Currituck County Board of Commissioners met in a work session at 5 PM in the Conference Room of the Historic Courthouse. Knotts Island Volunteer Fire Department Chief Kevin Morgan was present to discuss challenges and delays associated with a fire truck the department had ordered utilizing funds appropriated two years ago. Chief Morgan explained the wrong chassis was delivered initially, resulting in having to return it and order a new one. Chief Morgan said all parts are in and he expects an April delivery if all goes well. He said although very slow on the build, there will be a considerable cost savings, spending \$175-200,000 less than comparable trucks purchased by other departments. Finances and contract processes were discussed and Chief Morgan apologized for the delay. He said the build is moving forward and he is happy with the status currently.

6:00 PM CALL TO ORDER

The Currituck County Board of Commissioners held its regular meeting at 6 PM in the Board Meeting Room of the Historic Currituck Courthouse, 153 Courthouse Road, Currituck, North Carolina.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Bobby Hanig	Chairman	Present	
Mike D. Hall	Vice Chairman	Present	
Paul M. Beaumont	Commissioner	Present	
Mary "Kitty" Etheridge	Commissioner	Present	
Marion Gilbert	Commissioner	Present	
Mike H. Payment	Commissioner	Present	
Bob White	Commissioner	Present	

Chairman Hanig called the meeting to order.

A) Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance-Reverend Jerry Cribb, Pilmor United Methodist Church

Reverend Jerry Cribb was not in attendance. Commissioner Beaumont gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B) Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approved Agenda:

Work Session

5:00 PM Knotts Island Volunteer Fire Department

6:00 PM Call to Order

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B) Approval of Agenda

Public Comment

Please limit comments to matters other than those appearing on this agenda as a Public Hearing. Public comments are limited to 3 minutes.

Old Business

A) **Consideration & Action: PB 16-18 Lauren Berry: A request to amend the Unified Development Ordinance to establish commercial fishing as an accessory use.**

New Business**A) Board Appointments**

1. Library Board of Trustees
2. Senior Citizens Advisory

B) Consent Agenda

1. Approval Of Minutes for February 20, 2017
2. Budget Amendments
3. Resolution Opposing Petition to Reclassify Coastal Waters as Secondary Nursery Areas
4. Proclamation Declaring March 2017 as American Red Cross Month
5. Proclamation Declaring March 5-11, 2017 as Severe Weather Preparedness Week
6. Proclamation Declaring April 9-15, 2017 as Telecommunicators Week

C) Commissioner's Report**D) County Manager's Report****Special Meeting of the Ocean Sands Water & Sewer District Board**

Budget Amendment

Closed Session

Closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss a personnel matter.

Adjourn

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mike D. Hall, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Marion Gilbert, Commissioner
AYES:	Bobby Hanig, Chairman, Mike D. Hall, Vice Chairman, Paul M. Beaumont, Commissioner, Mary "Kitty" Etheridge, Commissioner, Marion Gilbert, Commissioner, Mike H. Payment, Commissioner, Bob White, Commissioner

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Chairman Hanig opened the Public Comment period.

Marv Alphin of the Albemarle Chapter of the American Red Cross announced March as American Red Cross month. He spoke about the public's role which include contributions and volunteering. He discussed services provided by the Red Cross and the need for volunteers. Mr. Alphin encouraged citizens to call the Red Cross at 335-2185 to learn more about volunteer opportunities.

Rebecca Herring said Wayne Burch's crabbing operation infringes on her property. She said crab waste is being dumped into the canal, boats are tied up in the canal, and traffic runs up and down the roadway. She cited odor and loss of home value as reasons for the Board to deny approval of the text amendment allowing crab fishing in residential neighborhoods.

Steve Kinnaird of Alex Lane said he is not against the crab pots on Mr. Burch's property but has a problem with the traffic related to the wholesale and retail sales taking place.

Wayne Twiford, Jr., Waterlily, said he is a long time commercial fisherman and fishing is a way of life here. He urged Commissioners to think about the livelihoods of the commercial fishermen when voting.

Gwen Dodson of Womack Drive wants Commissioners to deny the request. She asked that any recommendations be brought before the public for review if the Board was considering allowing commercial operations in residential areas. She is not against crabbers but wants neighborhoods to look nice.

Lauren Berry of Alex Lane, said the reason for text amendment is to find a compromise between commercial fisherman and the county. She reviewed Unified Development

Ordinance standards and said commercial fishing is legal under the "goodness grows" agricultural definition.

Wayne Lewark of Knotts Island said he is also a long time fisherman and does not want to see new rules stop him from fishing. He said the Board can make crabbers clean up if needed. He runs a tight ship and keeps his place looking good.

With no others wishing to speak the Public Comment period was closed.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Consideration & Action: PB 16-18 Lauren Berry: A request to amend the Unified Development Ordinance to establish commercial fishing as an accessory use.

To: Board of Commissioners
From: Planning Staff
Date: November 14, 2016
Subject: PB 16-18 Lauren Berry Text Amendment REVISED

Lauren Berry initially submitted a text amendment to establish commercial fishing (watermen) as a principal use. After reviewing the proposed language, it did not appear to be consistent with the land use plan policies and goals. Ms. Berry worked with staff to address concerns related to the proposed text amendment.

There are portions of the commercial fishing operation that present concerns (i.e. outdoor storage of equipment, watercraft, and number of employees). The revised text amendment provides outdoor storage regulations associated with commercial fishing on-site operations. The revised text amendment provides a maximum outdoor storage limit (10%), buffers to adjacent properties, and requires the operation meet the accessory use general standards in the UDO. The number of watercraft or vessels and employees are not specifically addressed but would require the operation to maintain the residential neighborhood character of the community.

BACKGROUND

In many instances, commercial fishing operations are home occupations or accessory uses to principal uses of property. The home occupation standards require a dwelling unit on the property and limit the size and appearance of the commercial activity.

Occasionally, the county receives complaints related to commercial fishing operations near residential subdivisions. The complaints range from crab pot storage, boat storage, parking, noise, and odor. A notice of violation was sent to Wayne Burch in April, 2016 for not meeting the home occupation standards related to a commercial fishing and crabbing operation. Lauren Berry and Wayne Burch met with staff and elected to submit a text amendment in an effort to allow larger commercial fishing operations in residential districts by modifying the crab shedding principal use regulations. On November 3, 2016 after discussing the county concerns related to the proposed amendment, Ms. Berry modified her request to establish accessory use standards for commercial fishing. It should be noted that current operations may continue to operate under their approved permits. Expansions of operations or operations not approved would be subject to the text amendment.

In 2009, a stakeholder steering committee was established to assess the storage of boats for commercial fishermen. A draft text amendment was proposed and, no action was taken by the Board of Commissioners. During the 2013 UDO re-write many of the industrial uses found in the UDO were evaluated to determine what districts the use should be allowed. The 2013 UDO re-write removed crab shedding as a principal use from residential zoning districts.

The activities typically associated with commercial fishing often include:

- Outdoor storage of boats, nets, crab pots, refrigeration units, and other types of equipment.
- Crab shedding

- Traffic
- On site sales and storage of fish, crabs, bait, and equipment.

LAND USE PLAN CONSISTENCY

The 2006 Land Use Plan states, “traditional commercial crabbing activities, both on Knotts Island and the Mainland have generated some conflicts with sound front residential uses but with no associated water quality impacts.” The 2006 Land Use Plan Policy statements that are relevant to the request and the secondary impacts are as follows:

POLICY ED1: NEW AND EXPANDING INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESSES should be especially encouraged that 1) diversify the local economy, 2) train and utilize a more highly skilled labor force, and 3) are compatible with the environmental quality and natural amenity-based economy of Currituck County.

POLICY CD7: Attractive, environmentally beneficial LANDSCAPING shall be provided by new commercial or office developments, and in the rehabilitation and upgrading of existing developments. Appropriate BUFFERING or other effective DESIGN FEATURES may be employed to allow less intensive forms of commercial and office development to adjoin existing or planned residential uses.

The 2006 Land Use and Development Goals relevant to the request are as follows:

10. To properly distribute development forms in accordance with the suitability of the land, infrastructure available and the compatibility of surround land uses.

RECOMMENDATION

The board may include limitations on the number of employees and watercraft not owned by the property owner to be consistent with home occupation standards. Planning staff recommends approval of the revised text amendment since the request is consistent with the goals, objectives, and policies of the Land Use Plan, and is reasonable and in the public interest by providing setbacks and buffers from adjacent properties that will improve the compatibility among uses to ensure efficient development within the county.

Planning Board Discussion (11/8/2016)

Donna Voliva gave a revised staff report to the board members. Originally, PB 16-18 Lauren Berry was a request to amend the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to modify the standards and title of crabshedding uses and allow commercial watermen in the single family mainland (SFM) and Agriculture (AG) zoning districts as a principal use. Ms. Berry worked with staff to revise the language so it would be more consistent with the land use plan policies and goals. The revised text amendment would permit commercial fishing uses as an accessory use instead of a principal use.

Ms. Voliva said at least once per year they receive a complaint regarding something related to commercial fishing. It is usually related to outside storage, too many boats, noise, etc. Commercial fishing as proposed as an accessory use will allow for storage that was not allowed under the home occupation standards. This text amendment attempts to minimize the impacts by having some additional general requirements and additional standards in the AG and SFM districts as outlined in the revised staff report. Some requirements are having 10 foot setbacks, onsite freezing and packing are allowed, no increased traffic, no onsite signs. No retail sales of products, but wholesale would be allowed. Excluding personal vehicles, one additional vehicle and one trailer (8 x 32) are allowed. Also, one employee is allowed. Most of these requirements are already in the crabshedding regulation, with the exception of outdoor storage. Outdoor storage would be permissible at 10 percent of the total lot area or 1,000 square feet, whichever is greater. Outdoor storage has to be buffered with a minimum of a 6 foot opaque fence or retained vegetation equivalent to a six foot opaque fence. The storage cannot exceed the height of the buffer or must be in an enclosed building and has to be located to the side or rear of the principal structure.

Ms. Voliva said the planning staff is recommending approval for the revised text amendment because it is consistent with the goals and objectives, policies of the Land Use Plan and it is considered reasonable in the public interest by providing setbacks and buffers from adjacent properties that would improve the compatibility among uses to ensure efficient development within the county.

Ms. Overton asked if this would apply in an industrial zone and Ms. Voliva said this text amendment would not apply to that zone and an additional text amendment would be needed if that was required.

Ms. Bell asked what prolonged means in the General Terms and said it was vague and unenforceable. Mr. Whiteman agreed with Ms. Bell with the use of the words prolonged and excessive. Mr. Whiteman also said that the excessive noise is redundant since we already have a noise policy in the county. Chairman Cooper said if something is redundant and unenforceable then we need to strike it.

Chairman Cooper asked the applicant to come and present her case.

Applicant, Lauren Berry, appeared before the board. Ms. Berry said Currituck County has approximately 100 full time watermen and ninety percent of all the catch is through crabpots. The county has a long history that was built around the water and we need to allow for commercial crabbing to continue. She said the average income of commercial fisherman in Currituck County is \$24,000 and the average medium income is \$32,000. Ms. Berry said the waterman's lower income does not allow for the ability to rent a building for \$2,000 per month to maintain their business. Ms. Berry said the reason the word prolonged was included in the General Requirements (b) was for protection of the waterman when a complaint is received on a boat that just came in with their catch.

Chairman Cooper asked Ms. Berry what a normal day was like for a waterman. Ms. Berry said they start work depending on sunrise that day. Their boats are already in the water in their backyards. They usually have one to two dock hands. They go out to get their catch; they bring it back in and load it into baskets into the back of a pickup truck to take to the wholesaler. Normally, one of the dock hands stays and cleans the boat. The waterman does not want to leave their boat dirty since this is their means of making money. There is a smell when they come in, but after it's cleaned the smell is gone.

Mr. Whiteman asked what the average size house is for a waterman. Ms. Berry said she does not know the average size for all, but Mr. Burch's house is approximately 750 feet. Ms. Berry said with the old policy of 25 percent only gives you 250 square feet of storage for a 1000 square foot home and this is not enough storage space. This is why this text amendment is important.

Mr. Whiteman asked how long crab pots are stored and how long before they are used again. Ms. Berry said they are usually in the water, but by regulation they have to be out of the water about 30 days around January-February. There will also be times, such as during a hurricane when the watermen will bring in their pots since they are valued at \$50 each. They may also bring them in for maintenance.

Chairman Cooper asked for clarification on the 25 percent and 10 percent. Ms. Voliva said the 25 percent would be mainly for refrigeration units and structures. The 10 percent will be mostly crab pot storage.

Chairman Cooper opened the public hearing.

Terry Overton appeared before the board. He said he was unable to purchase a house at one time in Woodard Acres due to people complaining about fifty crab pots in his yard. So when the issue came up with Wayne Burch, he decided to support him because of what he had been through.

Melvin Lewis appeared before the board. He said he had been through this some ordeal back in 1993 in Shawboro. His competitors made several complaints on him to the county. He planted a buffer and ran his business until 2003 with no complaints from residences. Mr. Lewis said storage is the problem. Crab pots have a smell when they first come in off the boats, but after spraying them down, they will not smell the next day. Boats will also smell, but bleach and spraying them down takes away the smell. The bait comes in frozen on pallets and goes into the freezer so there is no smell.

Daniel Boan appeared before the board and said he has 300 crab pots which he stacks five high in a 40' x 40' area and he has not received any complaints.

Karen Dupie appeared before the board. She said her retired military husband is working as a fisherman. He has 400 pots and two boats without any complaints, but does need the additional square footage for storage.

Retired Navy Chief, William Dupie appeared before the board and said he works with Wayne Burch and was present when a complaint was made on the refrigerators being too loud. When the sheriffs did the noise test, it was no louder than an air conditioner.

Mark Roman appeared before the board and said he has been a commercial fisherman for 30 years. He stacks his crab pots 3 high. He has twelve acres and does not currently have a problem with any complaints, but is here to support the waterman who have smaller lot sizes and need the storage area.

Heidi Smith who works with Lauren Berry appeared before the board in support of the text amendment.

Chairman Cooper closed the public hearing.

Motion - Mr. Whiteman motioned to approve the text amendment with the following modification: Remove "excessive noise" from General Requirements (b) and remove "or 1,000 square feet whichever is greater" from Additional Standards in the AG and SFM Districts.

Approval for this text amendment is consistent with the goals and objectives, policies of the Land Use Plan and it is considered reasonable in the public interest by providing setbacks and buffers from adjacent properties that would improve the compatibility among uses to ensure efficient development within the county. Ms. Overstreet seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

RESULT:	RECOMMENDED APPROVAL [7 TO 0]	Next: 12/5/2016 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Fred Whiteman, Board Member	
SECONDER:	Jane Overstreet, Board Member	
AYES:	John Cooper, Chairman, Carol Bell, Vice Chairman, Robert (Bobby) Bell, Board Member, Mike Cason, Board Member, John McColley, Board Member, Jane Overstreet, Board Member, Fred Whiteman, Board Member	
RECUSED:	Steven Craddock, Board Member	

Planning Board Discussion (10/11/2016)

A motion was made by Mr. Cartwright to table PB 16-18 Lauren Berry to the next Planning Board Meeting to be held on November 8, 2016 since the applicant nor was a representative present. Mr. Craddock recused himself from voting. Mr. Whiteman seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

RESULT :	TABLED [6 TO 0]	Next: 11/8/2016 7:00
MOVER:	Clay Cartwright, Board Member Fred Whiteman,	
SECOND	Carol Bell, Vice Chairman, Robert (Bobby) Bell, Board Member, Clay Cartwright, Board Member, John McColley, Board Member, Jane Overstreet, Board Member, Fred Whiteman, Board Member	
ED:	Steven Craddock, Board Member	
RECUS		

PB 16-18 LAUREN BERRY

Amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance, Chapter 4. Use Standards establish commercial fishing as an accessory use.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Currituck, North Carolina that the Unified Development Ordinance of the County of Currituck be amended as follows:

Item 1: That Chapter 4. Use Standards, Section 4.3 Accessory Use Standards is amended by adding the following underlined language and renumber accordingly:

TABLE 4.3.2.E: TABLE OF COMMON ACCESSORY USES
 P = Permitted by-right Z = Zoning Compliance Permit; U = Use Permit; MP = Allowed with Master Plan;
 CZ= Allowed in a Conditional Zoning District blank cell = Prohibited

ACCESSORY USE TYPE	ZONING DISTRICT															ADDITIONAL REQ. (4.3.____)
	RC	AG	SFM	SFO	SFR	SFI	MXR	GB	LB	CC	VC	LI	HI	PD-R	PD-M	

INDUSTRIAL USE CLASSIFICATION																
Commercial Fishing																

F. Commercial Fishing

Commercial fishing uses shall be permitted as an accessory use and shall comply with the following standards:

(1) General Requirements

- (a) All phases of the operation must be conducted not less than 10 feet from the property line and not less than 50 feet from any adjacent dwelling;
- (b) No prolonged, excessive, odor, fumes, excessive noise, or traffic shall be allowed; and,
Commentary: Planning Board recommends removal of "excessive noise" since the Code of Ordinances regulates noise.
- (c) On-premise freezing, packing and preparation for shipping is allowed.

(2) Additional Standards in the AG and SFM Districts

- (a) The accessory use shall not change the character of the residential neighborhood in terms of appearance, noise, odors, traffic, or other impacts;
- (b) On-premise signage shall not be allowed;
- (c) On-premise retail sales of products shall not be allowed;
- (d) Excluding personal vehicles, no more than one truck, van, car, or other vehicle, or part of a vehicle, which is visible from adjacent public streets may be kept on the site;
- (e) No vehicle or trailer which is larger than 8 feet by 32 feet shall be maintained on-site; and,
- (f) Outdoor storage shall be subject to the following standards:
 - (i) Outdoor storage shall not exceed 10 percent of the total lot area or 1,000 square feet whichever is greater;
Commentary: The Planning Board recommends removal of 1,000 square foot since the statement will only apply to lots less than 10,000.

- (ii) Outdoor storage shall be buffered from adjacent properties with opaque fencing a minimum of six feet in height or retained vegetation equivalent to a six foot opaque fence.;
- (iii) Outdoor storage shall be located to the side or rear of the principal structure; and,
- (iv) Temporary storage of crab pots shall be located inside a fully enclosed building or not exceed the height of the opaque buffer.

Item 3: The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and if any of its provisions or any sentence, clause, or paragraph or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held unconstitutional or violative of the Laws of the State of North Carolina by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of such court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

Item 4: This ordinance amendment shall be in effect from and after the _____ day of _____, 2016.

Ben Woody, Planning and Community Development Director, provided a timeline from the notice of violation issued to Mr. Wayne Burch for operating a commercial fishing business through Mr. Burch's appeal before the Board of Adjustment scheduled for March 9, 2017. The appeal would be specific to the Alex Lane property. Ms. Berry submitted a text amendment which would have a county-wide affect. Mr. Woody reviewed investigations related to home based businesses and home based occupations, and investigations are made on a case by case basis.

Mr. Woody read the aquaculture definition in the bona fide farm exemption, which was referred to by Ms. Berry in her public comment statements. He began a review of the request and provided comments gathered through a survey offered at a public meeting that was held on the issue in February. The survey contained questions pertaining to storage, sales, lot sizes, setbacks and other matters related to commercial fishing operations. Mr. Woody recalled the meeting of January 17, 2017, where the Board of Commissioners held and closed the Public Hearing on the text amendment and directed staff to hold a public meeting.

Responding to Board questions, Mr. Woody confirmed the text amendment was submitted by Lauren Berry in response to a notice of violation issued to Wayne Burch, and was not a county-initiated effort. He said Mr. Burch's commercial crabshedding and dealer licensing was acquired in 2014. Mr. Burch has had a fishing license since 2001. Mr. Woody suggested taking time to educate and provide outreach to the community so they are aware of tools that are available and responsibilities. He said nothing will change with those already in operation.

Mr. McRee reviewed the nuisance ordinance and explained how enforcement of the nuisance ordinance can resolve some issues.

Commissioner Payment said he doesn't feel a text amendment is needed, as he is not

aware of any other complaints against commercial crabbers. When asked, Mr. Woody said the county can educate commercial fishermen and residents. He said if the text amendment is denied current operators may continue to do so, and any future complaints would be reviewed on a case by case basis. It would be difficult for new businesses to start up in a small lot residential subdivision, he said, with restrictive covenants and deed restrictions in place.

Commissioner Payment moved to deny PB 16-18 because it is not consistent with the Land Use Plan because it's incompatible commercial encroachment within or immediately adjoining residential areas shall be prohibited as stated in Policy CD5; access to a higher intensity development or other large traffic generators shall not be permitted through a local street serving a single-family residential neighborhood, in Policy TR11. The request is not reasonable and not in the public's best interest because it allows a recently expanded commercial fishing use in a residentially zoned subdivision; and the intensity of the use, including commercial traffic, outdoor storage, and wholesale sales, is not compatible with the surrounding small-lot residential uses.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gilbert and passed unanimously with 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

RESULT:	DENIAL [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mike H. Payment, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Marion Gilbert, Commissioner
AYES:	Bobby Hanig, Chairman, Mike D. Hall, Vice Chairman, Paul M. Beaumont, Commissioner, Mary "Kitty" Etheridge, Commissioner, Marion Gilbert, Commissioner, Mike H. Payment, Commissioner, Bob White, Commissioner

NEW BUSINESS

A) Board Appointments

1. Library Board of Trustees

Commissioner Beaumont nominated Leigh Dix to serve on the Library Board of Trustees. Commissioner Etheridge motioned for approval and Commissioner Gilbert seconded. The nominee was unanimously approved.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mary "Kitty" Etheridge, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Marion Gilbert, Commissioner
AYES:	Bobby Hanig, Chairman, Mike D. Hall, Vice Chairman, Paul M. Beaumont, Commissioner, Mary "Kitty" Etheridge, Commissioner, Marion Gilbert, Commissioner, Mike H. Payment, Commissioner, Bob White, Commissioner

2. Senior Citizens Advisory

Bob White nominated Cindy Scott for reappointment to the Senior Citizens Advisory. Commissioner Etheridge motioned for approval and Commissioner Gilbert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mary "Kitty" Etheridge, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Marion Gilbert, Commissioner
AYES:	Bobby Hanig, Chairman, Mike D. Hall, Vice Chairman, Paul M. Beaumont, Commissioner, Mary "Kitty" Etheridge, Commissioner, Marion Gilbert, Commissioner, Mike H. Payment, Commissioner, Bob White, Commissioner

B) Consent Agenda

Commissioner Gilbert moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Beaumont and passed unanimously.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Marion Gilbert, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Paul M. Beaumont, Commissioner
AYES:	Bobby Hanig, Chairman, Mike D. Hall, Vice Chairman, Paul M. Beaumont, Commissioner, Mary "Kitty" Etheridge, Commissioner, Marion Gilbert, Commissioner, Mike H. Payment, Commissioner, Bob White, Commissioner

1) Approval Of Minutes for February 20, 2017

1. Minutes for February 20, 2017

2. Budget Amendments

		Debit	Credit
<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	Decrease Revenue or Increase Expense	Increase Revenue or Decrease Expense
61818-514000	Travel	\$ 1,000	
61818-514500	Training & Education	\$ 1,000	
61818-532000	Supplies	\$ 3,990	
61818-545000	Contracted Services	\$ 3,000	
61818-533800	Chemicals		\$ 8,990
		\$ 8,990	\$ 8,990
Explanation:	Mainland Water (61818) - Transfer budgeted funds between line items for operations for the remainder of this fiscal year.		
Net Budget Effect:	Mainland Water Fund (61) - No change.		

		Debit		Credit	
		Decrease Revenue or Increase Expense		Increase Revenue or Decrease Expense	
<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Description</u>				
68888-533200	Lab Test	\$	1,000		
68888-533800	Chemicals	\$	2,000		
68888-553000	Dues & Subscriptions	\$	1		
68888-590000	Capital Outlay			\$	3,001
		\$	3,001	\$	3,001
Explanation:	Walnut Island Sewer (68888) - Transfer funds from capital outlay for operations for the remainder of this fiscal year.				
Net Budget Effect: Walnut Island Sewer (68) - No change.					

		Debit		Credit	
		Decrease Revenue or Increase Expense		Increase Revenue or Decrease Expense	
<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Description</u>				
10460-516000	Repairs & Maintenance			\$	2,000
10460-590000	Capital Outlay	\$	2,000		
		\$	2,000	\$	2,000
Explanation:	Public Works (10460) - Transfer funds for additional cost for gutter replacement at the Cooperative Extension facility.				
Net Budget Effect: Operating Fund (10) - No change.					

		Debit		Credit	
		Decrease Revenue or Increase Expense		Increase Revenue or Decrease Expense	
<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Description</u>				
67878-590000	Capital Outlay	\$	6,500		
67878-545000	Contract Services			\$	6,500
		\$	6,500	\$	6,500
Explanation:	Moyock Central Sewer (67878) - Transfer funds to replace blower unit at the Moyock Central Sewer System.				
Net Budget Effect: Moyock Central Sewer Fund (67) - No change.					

		Debit	Credit
Account Number	Account Description	Decrease Revenue or Increase Expense	Increase Revenue or Decrease Expense
66868-590000	Capital Outlay	\$ 23,000	
66868-532000	Supplies	\$ 7,000	
66868-513000	Fuel		\$ 5,000
66868-533800	Chemicals		\$ 15,000
66868-545000	Contracted Services		\$ 10,000
		<u>\$ 30,000</u>	<u>\$ 30,000</u>
Explanation:	Southern Outer Banks (66868) - Transfer funds for emergency replacement of RO skids at the Southern Outer Banks Water Plant.		
Net Budget Effect:	Southern Outer Banks Water (66) - No change.		

3. Resolution Opposing Petition to Reclassify Coastal Waters as Secondary Nursery Areas

**RESOLUTION
OPPOSING THE DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL SECONDARY NURSERY AREAS**

WHEREAS, a petition for rulemaking to designate Special Secondary Nursery Areas and Reduce Bycatch Mortality has been submitted to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission by the NC Wildlife Federation; and

WHEREAS, the petition seeks to designate all inshore and ocean waters out to three miles as Special Secondary Nursery Areas and define the type of gear and how and when gear may be used during shrimp season; and

WHEREAS, if adopted, the petition would severely limit shrimp trawling, which would have a devastating impact on commercial fishing families by arbitrarily impairing their livelihood and depriving American tables of fresh, healthy catches of North Carolina harvested shrimp; and

WHEREAS, shrimp trawling has been a vibrant and successful part of North Carolina's heritage and culture for all of its history and represents a means by which generations of commercial watermen create jobs, provide for their families, and contribute to the economic wellbeing of North Carolina's coastal communities; and

WHEREAS, existing state and federal regulations provide ample provisions for monitoring and regulation of commercial shrimping with serious penalties and sanctions for rule violations, which have proven to be effective in preventing overfishing and waste.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Currituck County Board of Commissioners hereby opposes the petition for rulemaking to Designate Special Secondary Nursery Areas and Reduce Bycatch Mortality in North Carolina Coastal Fishing Waters as set forth by the NC Wildlife Federation and strongly urges the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to reject it.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Currituck County Board of Commissioners asks all coastal communities to support North Carolina's working watermen by adopting similar resolutions in opposition of this petition for rulemaking that would put North Carolina shrimping in jeopardy.

Adopted this the 6th day of March, 2017.

4. Proclamation Declaring March 2017 as American Red Cross Month

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH 2017

A Proclamation

In Currituck County, **we have a long history of helping our neighbors in need.** American Red Cross Month is a special time to recognize and thank our heroes - those Red Cross volunteers and donors who give of their time and resources to help community members.

These heroes help families find shelter after a home fire. They give blood to help trauma victims and cancer patients. They deliver comfort items to military members in the hospital. They use their lifesaving skills to save someone from a heart attack, drowning or choking. They enable children around the globe to be vaccinated against measles and rubella.

The American Red Cross depends on local heroes to deliver help and hope during a disaster. **We applaud our heroes here in Currituck County who give of themselves** to assist their neighbors when they need a helping hand.

Across the country and around the world, the American Red Cross responds to disasters big and small. In fact, every eight minutes the organization responds to a community disaster, providing shelter, food, emotional support and other necessities to those affected. It collects nearly 40 percent of the nation's blood supply; provides 24-hour support to military members, veterans and their families; teaches millions lifesaving skills, such as lifeguarding and CPR; and through its Restoring Family Links program, connects family members separated by crisis, conflict or migration.

We dedicate the month of March to all those who support the American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies. Our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on donations of time, money and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Currituck County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim March 2017 as American Red Cross Month and encourages all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

ADOPTED this, the 6th day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen, by the Currituck County Board of Commissioners. State of North Carolina.

5. Proclamation Declaring March 5-11, 2017 as Severe Weather Preparedness Week

SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK 2017

BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CURRITUCK

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina is traditionally an active tornado and severe thunderstorms state; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 the National Weather Service (NWS) in North Carolina issued 61 tornado warnings and recorded 16 tornadoes; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 the National Weather Service in North Carolina issued 697 severe thunderstorm warnings and recorded 827 incidents of severe thunderstorms with damaging winds and/or large hail; and

WHEREAS, the average warning lead time for severe weather and tornadoes was 20 minutes; and

WHEREAS, severe thunderstorms produce hail at least an inch in diameter, 58 mph + winds or can produce a tornado; and

WHEREAS, all thunderstorms produce lightning, and strikes are a significant threat in North Carolina. Remember, if you hear thunder roar, go indoors!

WHEREAS, Currituck County residents should listen to local radio, television, a weather channel or a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration radio for information on severe weather; and

WHEREAS, residents should make a family emergency plan with details on how to get to a safe location, contact each other and get back together. Include in the plan the safest locations on their regularly traveled routes; and

WHEREAS, residents should have an emergency supply kit in their homes and vehicles that include a first aid kit, battery-powered radio, flashlight and non-perishable foods, bottled water, sturdy shoes and gloves; and

WHEREAS, Currituck County residents, businesses and schools are urged to participate in the statewide tornado drill on Wednesday, March 8th at 9:30 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, Currituck County Emergency Management works to inform and educate residents about staying safe when severe weather strikes and ReadyNC.org and the free mobile app are available to provide current weather and traffic conditions; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Currituck County Board of Commissioners, do hereby support the statewide “SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK” MARCH 5 - 11 in Currituck County, and call upon our residents to observe the week with appropriate activities that promote awareness of severe weather and how to stay safe.

ADOPTED this, the 6th day of March, 2017.

6. Proclamation Declaring April 9-15, 2017 as Telecommunicators Week

Proclamation

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

April 9-15, 2017

Whereas, emergencies can occur at anytime that require police, fire or emergency medical services; and,

Whereas, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and,

Whereas, the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Currituck County Communications center; and,

Whereas, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and,

Whereas, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our police officers and firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and insuring their safety; and,

Whereas, Public Safety Telecommunicators of Currituck County have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and,

Whereas, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Board of Commissioners of Currituck County declares the week of April 9 through 15, 2017 to be National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Currituck County, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe.

Be it Further Resolved that the Currituck County Board of Commissioners, to honor these dedicated professionals each year going forward, do proclaim and recognize the second week in April as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

Signed this 6th day of March, 2017.

C) Commissioner's Report

Commissioner White said he met with the Tourism Advisory Board, with nothing to report. He said Carteret county had passed a resolution to add party tickets for candidates running for the school board.

Commissioner Gilbert announced the month of March is the March for Meals month and encouraged colleagues to sign up to deliver meals. Contact the senior center if interested.

Commissioner Hall announced the Moyock Women's Club chili cook off to be held Sunday at 1 PM at the truck center in Moyock.

D) County Manager's Report

The County Manager had nothing to report.

RECESS AND RECONVENE AS THE OCEAN SANDS WATER & SEWER DISTRICT BOARD

Chairman Hanig recessed the meeting of the Board of Commissioners and reconvened sitting as the Ocean Sands Water and Sewer District Board.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE OCEAN SANDS WATER & SEWER DISTRICT BOARD

The Currituck County Board of Commissioners held a Special Meeting in the Board Meeting Room of the Historic Courthouse, 153 Courthouse Road, Currituck, sitting as the Ocean Sands Water and Sewer District Board for the purpose of considering a budget amendment.

E. Budget Amendment

County Manager, Dan Scanlon, reviewed the budget amendment with the Board. Commissioner Gilbert moved for approval. Chairman Hanig seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

		Debit	Credit
<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Decrease Revenue or Increase Expense</u>	<u>Increase Revenue or Decrease Expense</u>
60808-533801	Chemicals	\$ 7,000	
60808-590001	Capital Outlay	\$ 21,000	
60808-545001	Contracted Services		\$ 28,000
		<u>\$ 28,000</u>	<u>\$ 28,000</u>
Explanation:	Ocean Sands Water and Sewer District (60808) - Transfer funds for additional chemicals and replacement of the ground water lowering station at the Ocean Sands sewer.		
Net Budget Effect:	Ocean Sands Water and Sewer District Fund (60) - No change.		

With no further business Chairman Hanig closed the special meeting of the Ocean Sands Water and Sewer District Board.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Marion Gilbert, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Bobby Hanig, Chairman
AYES:	Bobby Hanig, Chairman, Mike D. Hall, Vice Chairman, Paul M. Beaumont, Commissioner, Mary "Kitty" Etheridge, Commissioner, Marion Gilbert, Commissioner, Mike H. Payment, Commissioner, Bob White, Commissioner

CLOSED SESSION

Upon adjournment of a special meeting of the Ocean Sands Water and Sewer District Board, Chairman Hanig reconvened the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

F. Closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss a personnel matter.

Chairman Hanig moved to enter Closed Session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss matters related to personnel. Commissioner Beaumont seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Board of Commissioners entered Closed Session.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bobby Hanig, Chairman
SECONDER:	Paul M. Beaumont, Commissioner
AYES:	Bobby Hanig, Chairman, Mike D. Hall, Vice Chairman, Paul M. Beaumont, Commissioner, Mary "Kitty" Etheridge, Commissioner, Marion Gilbert, Commissioner, Mike H. Payment, Commissioner, Bob White, Commissioner

ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Commissioners had no further business after returning from Closed Session. Commissioner Payment moved to adjourn and Commissioner Beaumont seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was adjourned.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mike H. Payment, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Paul M. Beaumont, Commissioner
AYES:	Bobby Hanig, Chairman, Mike D. Hall, Vice Chairman, Paul M. Beaumont, Commissioner, Mary "Kitty" Etheridge, Commissioner, Marion Gilbert, Commissioner, Mike H. Payment, Commissioner, Bob White, Commissioner