

Regular Meeting
October 3, 2005

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, October 3, 2005, at 6:00 pm in the Panel Room of the 1767 Courthouse.

Present: Jimmy Alligood, Louis Belfield, Ralph Cole, Jerry Downum, Bill Gardner, Wayne Goodwin, Harry Lee Winslow.

Chairman Wayne Goodwin called the meeting to order and Commissioner Winslow presented the invocation.

Consent Agenda

By motion of Commissioner Belfield, the Consent Agenda was approved, including the minutes and the following tax releases.

Ayes 7

No 0

Tax Releases

DE Stroud	\$167.09	vehicle traded
DL White	\$239.05	listed in Washington
MS Busby	\$156.64	vehicle sold

Public Hearing–Occupancy Tax

Because of a problem with publication of the notice of the public hearing in the newspaper, the public hearing was rescheduled, for the November 7 meeting at 9:00am in the 1767 Courthouse Panel Room, by motion of Commissioner Gardner.

Ayes 7

No 0

Presentation–Jim Carr

Sheriff Fred Spruill presented a plaque to Central Communications Supervisor Jim Carr as Communications Manager of the Year, as awarded by the American Public Safety Communications Organization.

Planning/Inspections Report

Planner Elizabeth Bryant reported on the progress of the two unsafe buildings, the one on Juniper Drive has been demolished and a lien placed on the property for the expense.

The owner of the Cypress Drive property has been given one more month to make significant improvement to the unsafe conditions existing on the property.

Mrs. Bryant also presented a sketch of a proposed subdivision, Carolina Estates, proposed for property on County Line Road and Gliden Road. The subdivision will be presented at the October 18 Planning Board meeting, as well as a cell tower application. Drainage issues in the County have been discussed with representatives from the Soil Conservation Service and a proposal was made that the County should consider the development of a county-wide drainage plan that would be a part of the Subdivision

Ordinance. Drainage plans would be included in the development of all subdivisions and monitored to assure that all plans are compatible with existing county-wide drainage systems.

County Manager Cliff Copeland reported on conversations with the Soil Conservation Service and other State officials, stating that funding is available for a study to examine county-wide drainage.

Commissioner Alligood made a motion that the County have a study conducted to examine a county-wide drainage plan and to identify drainage districts.

Ayes 7

No 0

Mr. Copeland reported that at the Planning and Enterprise Committee meeting last week, the Water Department shared current water quality test results, which found the County water supply in conformity in all testing areas.

Finance Report

Finance Officer Lisa Jones presented a resolution approving the financing terms of the lease/purchase agreement with BB&T for the EMS boat purchase previously approved. Commissioner Cole made a motion that the BB&T financing resolution be approved.

Ayes 7

No 0

FEMA Applicant Agent Designation

Mrs. Jones also presented an Applicant Agent Designation for consideration. By motion of Commissioner Downum, Mrs. Jones and Mr. Copeland were designated as the County's Applicant Agents for Hurricane Ophelia FEMA reimbursement requests.

Ayes 7

No 0

2006 Revaluation Schedule of Values

By motion of Commissioner Alligood, the Schedule of Values for the 2006 Revaluation as presented by Tax Administrator Lynda Hendricks, was adopted.

Ayes 7

No 0

Resolution–National Caregivers' Month

Chowan Life Center Director Rose Monroe presented a resolution for the Board's consideration, designating November as National Caregivers' Month. She noted the need for support systems for caregivers who care for the elderly and disabled so that they may live in their homes longer.

Commissioner Belfield moved that the Board approve the following resolution designating November as Caregivers' Month in Chowan County.

Ayes 7

No 0

She also invited the Commissioners to Open House at Chowan Life Center on November 8, 4-7:00pm.

Resolution
Family Caregivers' Month

WHEREAS, Family Caregivers' Month spotlights the fact that most people who need care rely on family and friends for support—one in four adults in North Carolina are caring for a person age 60 or older and 22.9 million American households provide personal assistance to adult family members or friends with a disability or chronic illness; and,

WHEREAS, family care giving often comes with great personal sacrifice in terms of job and financial security, social life, and physical, mental and emotional health; and many businesses are realizing the value of providing support to employees who are family caregivers; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina's caregivers are diverse in their characteristics and circumstances but share the common goal of enabling their family member or friend to stay functioning in the community whenever possible; and,

WHEREAS, the number of people age 70 and older who need assistance with activity limitations is expected to grow substantially during the next several decades as our senior population increases; and,

WHEREAS, families should enter into care giving with the knowledge and assurance that they can call upon business, faith and health and human services communities to assist with information, counseling, respite and formal services when needed; and,

WHEREAS, the Chowan Life Center and the Albemarle Commission Area Agency on Aging are committed to increasing the awareness of caregivers' needs and continue to work to meet these needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Chowan County Board of Commissioners, does hereby designate November 2005 to be Family Caregivers' Month in Chowan County; and,

FURTHER, urges all citizens of this County to acknowledge and support family, friends and neighbors who are helping older and disabled citizens. Support of family caregivers is not only the right thing to do but also an essential investment for the future of North Carolina's long-term care system.

Resolved today, October 3, 2005.

Nancy B. Morgan, County Clerk

County Website–Tax and Land Records Data

Data Processing Manager Phyllis Cranford presented data available on the County's website including tax and land records information for public access. The GIS program should be complete by the first of the year which will be included on the website as well.

Public Comment

None offered.

Manager's Report

Mr. Copeland stated that he attended a seminar discussing urbanism and property owners' associations with Sam Young of the Sandy Point Development project.

Fishing Pier

Representatives from the State met with Mr. Copeland and Recreation Supervisor Robbie Laughton last week at the fishing pier site. The County is applying for funding from the State Parks and Recreation Fund for assistance to construct railings and ramps for the fishing pier.

Law Enforcement Center/Emergency Operations Center

Drawings have arrived from the architect and the staff will review for presentation at the next Public Safety Committee meeting.

Clean Water Management Trust Fund Board of Trustees

Peter Rascoe and Chowan County will host the NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund Board of Trustees and staff October 8-10 at the 1767 Courthouse. Committee meetings are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday and public meetings for Monday morning. Mr. Rascoe now serves as a member of the Board of Trustees.

The meeting was adjourned.

Nancy B. Morgan, County Clerk