

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE PAMLICO COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS  
MONDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2010**

The Pamlico County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday February 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Patsy H. Sadler of the Pamlico County Courthouse. All Commissioners were present. Also present were County Attorney Jim Hicks, County Manager Tim Buck, Clerk to the Board Kathy P. Cayton and Interim Finance Officer Maryjane Westphal.

Chairman Paul Delamar called for corrections, additions and/or deletions to the minutes of the January 25, 2010 and February 1, 2010 meetings. There being none on a motion made by Commissioner Ann Holton and seconded by Commissioner Kenny Heath, the following resolution was unanimously approved.

**BE IT RESOLVED, the minutes of the January 25, 2010 and the February 1, 2010 meeting are hereby approved and the Chairman's signature is authorized thereon.**

Chairman Paul Delamar asked if there were any additions and deletions to the agenda. There was one deletion. A motion was made by Commissioner Ann Holton and seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Spain, the Board unanimously agreed to delete the request from Garry Cooper, Recreation Director for approval to install playground equipment at the Alliance Park. Mr. Cooper is looking for grants to help pay for the installation.

Chairman Paul Delamar recognized Sheriff Billy Sawyer who came before the Board requesting their support in the lowering of the speed limit on Highway 306 North by the Headstart School and nearby church. Sheriff Sawyer did say he had not spoken to the Town of Grantsboro as of yet. The current speed limit is 45 mph and considering the dangerous curve in that area and the traffic from the school and church the speed limit should be 35 mph. The speed limit sign is not 1000 yards away from the area that is 35 mph. All Board members agreed it was a hazardous area. Commissioner Roy Brinson the County's representative on the Department of Transportation Board requested the County Manager contact the State and request a study be done in that area and a recommendation made.

On a motion made by Commissioner Roy Brinson and seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Spain, the following resolution was unanimously approved.

**BE IT RESOLVED, that a request will be sent to the Department of Transportation asking that they conduct a study and make a recommendation of the traffic problems on Highway 306 North by the Head Start School.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the following resolution is approved “contingent” upon approval by the Town of Grantsboro.**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING TO LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT ON  
HIGHWAY 306 NORTH IN FRONT OF THE HEAD START SCHOOL AND  
NEW BERN EASTERN BAPTIST CHURCH ASSOCIATION**

**WHEREAS,** the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners are concerned for the safety and protection of its children and citizens who attend the Head Start School and the New Bern Eastern Baptist Association Church on Highway 306 North and;

**WHEREAS,** the Head Start School and New Bern Eastern Baptist Association Church generate large amounts of traffic at times and are located on a sharp curve that in itself creates a potential hazard and;

**WHEREAS,** the 45 mph speed limit now in place in this area is dangerous not only for driving in the curve, but for the persons coming into and out of these facilities and;

**WHEREAS,** that there is a 35 mph speed limit already in place within 1000 yards past the school and church;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners are requesting the Department of Transportation extend the 35 mph speed limit to include the area located in front of the Head Start School and the New Bern Eastern Baptist Association Church.

Chairman Paul Delamar recognized Mr. Joe Himbry of Bayboro Development who came before the Board to discuss a feasibility study for a Business Growth Facility. Mr. Himbry requested the Board approve the application of North Carolina Eastern Region funding in the amount of \$12,000 to conduct the study.

On a motion made by Commissioner Jimmy Spain and seconded by Commissioner Ann Holton, the following resolution was approved by majority vote. Commissioner Christine Mele cast a dissenting vote.

**BE IT RESOLVED,** the request from Mr. Joe Himbry of the Bayboro Development Center to apply to the North Carolina Eastern Region for \$12,000 to conduct a feasibility study for a “Business Growth Facility” in Pamlico County is hereby approved.

Mr. Greg Adams of Thompson, Adams and Price came before the Board to give the County's Audit Report. Mr. Adams said a draft copy of the Audit would be sent to the Local Government Commission on Tuesday. Mr. Adams gave an overview of the Budget to the Board and stated the County as of June 30, 2009 had a 22% fund balance. There were no major discrepancies and the budget is sound.

There were no members of the public to speak during public comment period.

The Board then turned their attention to the Consent Agenda.

On a motion made by Commissioner Ann Holton and seconded by Commissioner Christine Mele, the following resolutions were unanimously approved.

**BE IT RESOLVED, the request for the acceptance of the Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIPP) grants funds in the amount of \$2,358.24 is hereby approved. No County Match is required.**

**BE IT RESOLVED, the request for acceptance of the Family Caregiver Support Grant in the amount of \$6,491.00 is hereby approved. No County Match is required.**

**BE IT RESOLVED, the request to reappoint Mr. Robbie Sadler and Mr. Maurice Benton to the ABC Board is hereby approved.**

**BE IT RESOLVED, the request from Mr. Steven Hollowell, Clerk to the Courts to reappoint Ms. Millie Rice to the Jury Commission is hereby approved.**

**BE IT RESOLVED, the Tax Collector's Report for the month of January is hereby approved.**

**BE IT RESOLVED, the following Tax Release is hereby approved.**

Name	Year	Tax/Ticket	Reason	Amount
Harris, Doris	05-09	25777/6512	Land classification error	\$ 1,493.44

County Manager Tim Buck informed Board Members that Water Supervisor Al Gerard has requested to proceed with the removal and disposal of the media in two (2) of the Vandemere Water Treatment Plant's vessels. Mr. Buck said after the vessels are emptied, an inspection will be performed on the vessels and aerator to determine the integrity of the structures. Based on the results of the inspection, Mr. Gerard will make recommendations on the required repairs to the plant. The cost to proceed with the inspection of the two (2) vessels is \$8,000.

On a motion made by Commissioner Carl Ollison and seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Spain, the following resolution was unanimously approved.

**BE IT RESOLVED, the request to authorize Mr. Al Gerard to proceed with the inspection of two (2) vessels and aerator in the Vandemere Water Treatment Plant at the cost of \$8,000 is hereby approved.**

On a motion made by Commissioner Jimmy Spain and seconded by Commissioner Roy Brinson, the following resolution was unanimously approved.

**BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Joe Himbry is hereby reappointed to the Rural Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the request to appoint an alternate representative who must be an elected municipal official is hereby tabled.**

On a motion made by Commissioner Carl Ollison and seconded by Commissioner Roy Brinson, the following resolution was unanimously approved.

**BE IT RESOLVED, that a letter of appreciation will be sent out to the Department of Transportation for their timely manner in getting Pamlico County Roads cleared after February 13, 2010 snow event.**

On a motion made by Commissioner Roy Brinson and seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Spain, the Board went into closed session in accordance with G.S. 143.318.11(a) 6 to discuss a personnel issue.

On a motion made by Commissioner Ann Holton and seconded by Commissioner Kenny Heath, the Board went back into open session.

No action was taken in closed session.

There being no further business on a motion made by Commissioner Jimmy Spain and seconded by Commissioner Christine Mele, the Board adjourned until Monday March 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk to the Board