COUNTY OF CARTERET
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION — 6:00 P.M.
COMMISSIONERS' BOARDROOM
NOVEMBER 16, 2015

The Honorable Carteret County Board of Commissioners sat in regular session on November 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Present were: Chairman Robin Comer, Commissioners Elaine Crittenton, Jimmy Farrington, Mark Mansfield, Jonathan Robinson, and Bill Smith. Commissioner Frank was absent.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman Comer called the meeting to order and lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Thomas Davis of St. Egbert delivered the invocation.

II. CONFLICT OF INTEREST/CELL PHONE STATEMENT

Chairman Comer called for any conflicts of interest by the Board and asked that all cell phones be turned off. There were no conflicts of interest.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Comer noted a couple of corrections/changes needed to the consent agenda as follows: (a) correction to the October 28, 2015 minutes: The minutes will be corrected to reflect that Commissioner Mansfield was present for the first approximately 5 minutes of the beginning of Dr. Peterson's presentation and returned for the end of Dr. Peterson's presentation, but was absent for the majority of his presentation; (b) consent agenda item #6 — there is a $15,000 budget amendment that needs approval for appropriated funding for the renovation project.

Motion: Noting no other changes, Commissioner Farrington made the motion to approve the Agenda; Commissioner Crittenton seconded; motion carried.

The agenda was as follows:

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I. Meeting Called to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation
   Chairman Comer

II. Conflict of Interest/Cell Phone Statement
   Chairman Comer

III. Adoption of Agenda
   Board

IV. Consent Agenda
   1. Approval of Minutes
      a. Approval of October 19, 2015 & October 28, 2015 Minutes
         (As amended, the October 28, 2015 minutes will be amended to reflect that Commissioner Mansfield missed the majority of Dr. Peterson's presentation)
   2. Tax Releases and Refunds
      a. Tax Releases Under $100
      b. Tax Releases Over $100
      c. Tax Refunds Under $100
      d. Tax Refunds Over $100
      e. Tax Collector's Monthly Report
      f. NCVTS Motor Vehicle Refund Report
   3. Request to Enter Into Lease with the State for Property at Cedar Island
      From Division of Marine Fisheries
   4. Budget Amendments:
      a. Allocation of Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIP): $3,405
      b. Request to Receive Additional Funding From the State Agreement Addendum 610 STD Prevention: $2,000
      5. Approval of Resolution: Certificate of Recognition/Reverend Dorothy Bryant Carter
   6. Approval of Resolution: Coldwater Creek Subdivision Road Additions
   7. Approval of Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant
   8. Award of Contract: Civic Center Restroom Renovation Project
      (As amended, item includes a $15,000 budget amendment)
IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion-Commissioner Smith moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. Chairman Comer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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## Additional Information

- **TOTAL 946.06**
- **FINAL TOTALS**
- **END OF REPORT**
Attached is the monthly collection's report to the Board of Commissioners as required by NCGS 105-350. No action is required by the Board. It is presented for information purposes only. The collection report shows the total levy, collection, and unpaid balance for each year of the past ten years, beginning with the year 2006 and coming forward to 2015. This report is presented each month in your agenda package. The total collections for the ten years are $493,779,628.37. The unpaid balance outstanding for the 10 year period is $44,956,642.95 including deferred taxes. The Tax Department will continue to pursue collection of unpaid taxes as authorized by North Carolina General Statutes.
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f. NCVTS Motor Vehicle Refund Report
3. Request to Enter Into Lease with the State for Property at Cedar Island From Division of Marine Fisheries

TO: Board of Commissioners
SUBJECT: Request to Enter Into Lease with the State for Property at Cedar Island From Division of Marine Fisheries

DATE:

Several months ago I received a phone call from Mr. Anthony Nelson with the Division of Marine Fisheries for North Carolina (DMF) regarding Paradise Pier II. The State acquired the property in 2009 using a combination of Federal and Marine Industry fund grants. This same entity owns the Outer Banks Pier in Kill Devil Hills. The property is currently owned by Mr. John Russell Overman of the DMF.

Based on our letter of support, the State is interested in leasing a portion of the property to the Cedar Island Community. A comprehensive study of the property and DMF's initial status and conditions of the property is being reviewed by the DMF. The current lease term on the property is for ten years, with the possibility of renewal.

I have attached a lease that the State entered into with Hyde County for a similar project. There is no specific requirement for any lease or agreement for the property. You would need to contact the Division of Marine Fisheries for more information. They will provide you with a lease agreement that you can review. From the comments made, it appears that the DMF will consider any specific requirements for the use of the property.

I would recommend that you express your willingness to enter into a lease with the State of North Carolina for that property.
Due to the size of this lease agreement, it is being incorporated into these minutes by reference. A copy will be retained in the County Manager’s Office.

4. Budget Amendments:
   a. Allocation of Seniors’ Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP): $3,405

**NC STATE**
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

October 19, 2015

Memorandum

To: Robin Comer, Chairman
Carteret County Commissioners

Subject: Request for Budget Amendment for Allocation of SHIIP Funds

Carteret County Cooperative Extension is the host agency for the Seniors’ Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP). SHIIP is a program where volunteers from the Department of Insurance work with Medicare Beneficiaries to help them with Medicare issues and enrollment into Medicare Part D. Each year the Department of Insurance gives small grants to support the operation of the SHIIP program. The amount allotted for this year is $3,405. Attached is the Budget Amendment request for the money. If you have further questions please contact me at 252-222-6352 or at kelly_cainupp@ncsu.edu

Sincerely,

Kelly C. Beasley, Extension Agent
Family and Consumer Sciences Agent
b. Request to Receive Additional Funding From the State Agreement Addendum 610 STD Prevention:

$2,000

CARTERET COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
5228 A Bridge Street
Morehead City, NC 28557

To:                Carteret County Board of Commissioners
From:              G. David Jenkins
Date:              October 21, 2015
Subject:           Request to Receive Additional Funding From the State Agreement Addendum 610 STD Prevention, Revision 1

On October 1, 2015, the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) coding system transitioned from the 9th revision to the 10th revision (i.e., ICD-10). A healthcare provider that uses ICD-9 codes for billing services provided on or after October 1, 2015 will not be reimbursed by CMS for services rendered in accordance with the 9th revision. CARTERET COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (CCHD) has taken steps to ensure maximal reimbursement for services rendered in accordance with the 9th revision.

As Carteret County Health Department is fully prepared for the ICD-10 transition, we would like to use the additional funding of $2,000 to assist the LHD in preparation for the transition to ICD-10 to ensure maximal reimbursement for services rendered in accordance with the 9th revision.

We request the Board’s approval to accept this money. Should you have any questions, please contact me. Copy of the budget amendment is attached.

Carteret County Board of Commissioners

C. J. David Jenkins
Health Director

October 21, 2015

Agreement Addendum 610 STD Prevention, Revision 1

Background:
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Division of Public Health
Agreement Addendum FY 15-16

Carteret County Health Department

Local Health Department Legal Name

610 STD Prevention

Activity Number and Description

06/01/2015 - 05/31/2016

Service Period

07/01/2015 - 06/30/2016

Payment Period

Original Agreement Addendum

Agreement Addendum Revision # 1

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II. Purpose:
This Agreement Addendum Revision 1 provides additional funding to assist the LHD in preparation for the transition to ICD-10 to ensure maximal reimbursement for services rendered in accordance with the 9th revision. CARTERET COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (CCHD) has taken steps to ensure maximal reimbursement for services rendered in accordance with the 9th revision.

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III. Scope of Work and Deliverables:
As of October 1, 2015, this Agreement Addendum Revision #1 adds Paragraphs 3, 5, and 6 as follows:

4. If the LHD has not yet fully prepared for the ICD-10 transition, the LHD shall select and acquire appropriate resources (such as manuals and staff training) to increase the LHD STD Program’s readiness to implement ICD-10 coding required for billing and reimbursement.

5. If the LHD has already fully prepared for the ICD-10 transition, the LHD may purchase additional condoms and/or additional client educational materials for the population at risk for STDs in their jurisdiction and make these condoms and materials available to clients.

6. If the LHD has already fully prepared for the ICD-10 transition, the LHD may use these funds to support training for a registered nurse to complete the STD ERRN training or to support continuing education for mid-level providers and physicians to assure continuing competency as a provider of STD clinical services. Written approval from DPH must be received prior to using the funds for this additional staff training.

VI. Performance Measures/Reporting Requirements:
As of October 1, 2015, this Agreement Addendum Revision #1 adds Performance Measure #4 as follows:

Performance Measure #4, applicable only if the LHD was not yet fully prepared for the ICD-10 transition:

Performance Measure #4, applicable only if the LHD was not yet fully prepared for the ICD-10 transition and is using the additional funding to prepare for the ICD-10 transition:

The LHD STD Program shall assess readiness for transition to ICD-10 on October 1, 2015.

Indicator: Number and type of specific ICD-10 resources purchased.

Reporting Requirement: The LHD shall keep a record of ICD-10 resources purchased.

V. Performance Monitoring and Quality Assurance:
No Change.

VI. Funding Guidelines or Restrictions: (if applicable)
The funds associated with this Agreement Addendum Revision #1 must be spent no later than December 31, 2015.

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5. Approval of Resolution: Certificate of Recognition/Reverend Dorothy Bryant Carter

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of Carteret County, North Carolina to be affixed this the 16th day of November, in the year 2015.

ROBIN V. COMER, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

6. Approval of Resolution: Coldwater Creek Subdivision Road Additions

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION
REVEREND DOROTHY BRYANT CARTER

WHEREAS, Reverend Dorothy Bryant Carter has lived the most eventful century of the world's history, and in her quiet way, has been a force for good and a stabilizing influence on those around her during these turbulent years;

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Eugene Foxworth
Director
Planning and Development

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 28, 2015
TO: Board of Commissioners
CC: Russell Overman, County Manager
FROM: Eugene Foxworth, Planning and Development Director

RE: Approval of Resolution for the proposed addition of Coldwater Drive, Raynek Court, Paddle Trail, Echo Ridge Road and Moss Springs Drive located in Coldwater Creek Subdivision in Carteret County to NCDOT's Road Maintenance System

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The request will allow the State to assume maintenance responsibilities for these roads.

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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Eugene Foxworth
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RESIDENT OFFICE
Western Office
Phone 252-728-5545

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RESIDENT OFFICE
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Phone 252-728-5545
North Carolina Department of Transportation
Division of Highways
Petition for Road Addition

ROADWAY INFORMATION (Plan Information)
County: Carteret
Road Name: Coldwater Creek
Subdivision Name: Coldwater Creek
Number of occupied homes having street frontage: 12
Number of homes located under this petition: 9.31 miles
Number of new roads to be constructed: 0.47 miles

We, the undersigned, being property owners and/or developers of Coldwater Creek
in Carteret County, do hereby request the Division of Highways to add the above-described road.

CONTACT PERSON: Name and Address of First Petitioner (Please Print)
Name: Tony McNeil
Developer/Property Owner Phone Number: 252-725-4966
Street Address: 233 Old Church Road, Swansboro, NC 28584
Mailing Address: 233 Old Church Road, Swansboro, NC 28584

PROPERTY OWNERS

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING PETITION
1. Complete Information Section
2. Identify Contact Person (This person serves as spokesperson for petitioner(s)).
3. Attach two (2) copies of recorded subdivision plat or property deeds, which refer to candidate road.
4. Adjoining property owners and/or developer may submit a petition. Subdivision roads with prior NC DOT review and approval only require the developer's signature.
5. If submitted by the developer, encroachment agreements from all utilities located within the right-of-way shall be submitted with the petition for Road addition. However, construction plans may not be required at this time.
6. Submit to District Engineer's Office.

FOR NC DOT USE ONLY: Please circle the appropriate type
Subdivision platted prior to October 1, 1975
Subdivision platted after September 30, 1975

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITION
If this road meets the requirements necessary for addition, we agree to grant the Department of Transportation a right-of-way of the necessary width to construct the road to the minimum construction standards of the NC DOT. The right-of-way will extend the entire length of the road that is requested to be added to the state-maintained system and will include the necessary areas outside of the right-of-way for cut and fill slopes and drainage. Also, we agree to dedicate additional right-of-way at intersections for sight distance and design purposes. The right-of-way shall be cleared at no expense to NC DOT, which includes the removal of utilities, fences, other obstructions, etc.

General Statute 135-102.6 states that any subdivision recorded on or after October 1, 1975, shall be built in accordance with NC DOT standards in order to be eligible for addition to the State Road System.

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RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING ROAD ADDITION REQUESTS
COLDWATER DRIVE; PATHFINDER LANE; ECHO RIDGE ROAD; MOSS SPRINGS DRIVE AND KAYAK COURT
LOCATED IN COLDWATER CREEK SUBDIVISION

C018 North Carolina
County of Carteret
Road Commission

WHEREAS, the Carteret County Board of Commissioners have been asked to adopt a resolution in support of the above referenced road additions to the State Secondary Road System; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is of the opinion that the above referenced roads should be added to the Secondary Road System based on the minimum standards established by the Division of Highways of the Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Carteret County Board of Commissioners does hereby support the addition of these roads at the request of the developer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Carteret County Board of Commissioners that the adding of the above referenced road additions to the State Secondary Road System is hereby requested to review the above referenced road additions and to approve the addition of these roads if it meets the conditions noted above.

ADOPTED this the 10th day of November 2015.

ATTACH:

Robin V. Comer, Chairman
Carteret County Board of Commissioners

TO:
Board of Commissioners
FROM:
Russell Overman (T)
SUBJECT:
Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant
DATE:
November 16, 2015

You may recall that from time to time the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will make available Flood Mitigation Assistance Grants for elevation of residential structures. Some time back we had been asked to submit a list of names and addresses where there had been recurring losses. We did that, and as a result FEMA has approved a grant in the amount of $870,050 to elevate five (5) residential structures. This is a 100% grant project with no local match. I have attached a copy of the Award Letter and Grant Agreement.

I recommend you move to accept the grant and authorize the county manager to execute the grant documents. With this being placed on the consent agenda, a motion to approve the consent agenda and vote to do so will accept the grant and authorize the manager to sign.

Due to the size of this grant agreement, it is being incorporated into these minutes by reference. A copy will be retained in the County Manager's Office.

8. Award of Contract: Civic Center Restroom Renovation Project
(As amended, item includes a $15,000 budget amendment)

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Eugene Foxworth
Director

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 9, 2015
TO: Board of Commissioners
CC: Russell Overman, County Manager
FROM: Eugene Foxworth, Planning and General Services Director
RE: Civic Center Bathroom Renovation Project – Request for Additional Funding

As you are aware this project was funded last year by the Commissioners in the amount of $90,000. With that being said we received bids for the project including four add alternates on November 4, 2015. We had 8 licensed contractors bid on the project with the lowest base bid coming in at $119,000 and the highest being $192,000. With that being said and taking into account our low base bid of $119,000 and including the all add alternates as bid, the total amount of funding needed to proceed with this project is $135,500.

With all of these factors included this project will require an additional $46,500 to complete. Finance Staff is currently working to identify sources of funding to make up this difference.

In an attempt to keep this project on a schedule that incurs the least amount of disruption to events scheduled there, the contractor would need to start no later than November 18, 2015, and should be complete by January 8, 2015. I would be happy to answer any question that you may have.
V. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Bob Cavanaugh, Newport: Mr. Cavanaugh noted that he is glad to see there are so many people here. Offered his congratulations to Commissioner Farrington on his new grandson on the way. Mr. Cavanaugh noted that this proposed leasing would be a minimum of 50 miles offshore, in Federal waters; Carteret County would probably have zero impact on swaying the Federal Government’s decision; the Federal Government is going to lease those tracks of ocean land out; there will be seismic testing; several oil companies have already expressed an interest in bidding on the leases; exploratory drilling will take place sometime after 2017 until 2022 when the lease expires. Mr. Cavanaugh noted that the only impact that North Carolina can really have on that is what takes place within State waters and within the State of North Carolina; it pertains pretty much to the infrastructure developing should any gas or oil be discovered and they decide to bring it ashore into North Carolina. Mr. Cavanaugh noted that he would support Governor McCrory; he wants to try to move the leases to within a 30 mile limit instead of a 50 mile bumper; that would put it in more shallow water which would make it a little bit safer, but also more importantly, he wants some revenue sharing if there is any commercially developed resources out there and this would offset any economic impact to North Carolina plus would help with estuary preservations and coastal management and dredging of the inlets. Mr. Cavanaugh noted that Governor McCrory is one of several other governors that are part of the Outer Continental Shelf Governors’ Association; they are all unanimous in petitioning the Federal Government to move the buffer zone in closer and also to participate in revenue sharing. Mr. Cavanaugh noted that the Federal Government is going to do what they want to do and they are going to collect hundreds of millions of dollars on these leases and we are not going to stop them.

2. Jane Capps, Morehead City: Ms. Capps advised that it is time to ring the bell for the Salvation Army. Ms. Capps noted that for 150 years, the Salvation Army has been in global service to mankind by doing the most good; for the past 25 years, we have been doing the most good in Carteret County. Ms. Capps invited the Commissioners to ring the bells for the Salvation Army at Wal-Mart in Morehead City on Tuesday, December 15th from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. Ms. Capps noted that their kettle kick-off will be Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army’s offices next to their thrift store. Ms. Capps thanked Commissioners for their continued support and wished them a Merry Christmas.

3. Ken Humphrey, Morehead City: Mr. Humphrey thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to speak. Mr. Humphrey noted that we come to the subject of drilling and what we know versus what is eluded to. Mr. Humphrey wanted to point out that the big elephant that is overshadowing all of this is not in the room tonight, but the people and persons who had a big say in this is the American Petroleum Institute. Mr. Humphrey noted that it is not a crime to lobby; they have had opportunities (he thinks) on October 16th, and October 19th, as have other groups to lobby for the drilling. Mr. Humphrey noted that he wants to point out something: I wish they were here tonight; they have as much presence as anyone in this room, but they are not here. There are three things that Mr. Humphrey wanted to point out: there will be no big jobs in Morehead City, how do we know that? The man from the American Petroleum Institute, Mr. Whatley or Mr. McNamara in trying to assuage the concerns of the Board and the citizens about pollution say this, you do not need to worry; they said these tankers are going to be anchored close to the drilling platforms and their oil is going from the platforms into the ships and directly to Norfolk or Charleston. In other words, no oil is coming into Morehead City. Here is what we know; Morehead City for supporting this is going to get the crumbs. Mr. Humphrey noted that 160 entities have voted against it; Morehead City, the Department of Tourism, Chamber of Commerce, Beaufort, Emerald Isle, Pine Knoll Shores, Ken Cavanaugh, Newport.

Carteret County
Budget Amendment
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Approval Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Date: 11/16/15

Signature
4. Francis Slyck, Beaufort: Mr. Slyck noted that he is new here. Mr. Slyck noted that this morning and early this afternoon, he saw a couple of fishermen emptying their nets; they said they caught a couple of thousand pounds of mullet. Mr. Slyck referenced the scientist that was here that addressed seismic testing and how it can affect our marine life and we have a lot of fishermen here. Mr. Slyck asked that the group look at what they would do if it happened; do not know what the odds are, but we have a lot going for us right now. Mr. Slyck noted that he does not see a lot of jobs coming here.

5. Larry Baldwin, New Bern: Mr. Baldwin noted that he is the Executive Director of Coastal Carolina River Watch and also the crystal coast water keeper. Mr. Baldwin noted that the crystal coast water keeper is a water advocacy and protection organization licensed by Water Carolina. Mr. Baldwin noted that he has over 13 years of water quality protection experience in North Carolina, and that he is here tonight to address the issue of offshore drilling and the associated seismic blasting that is being proposed off the coast of eastern United States and more specifically, the crystal coast of North Carolina. Mr. Baldwin noted that he is requesting that the Carteret County Commissioners adopt a resolution opposing the proposed blasting and drilling off of our coast. It is no secret that the crystal coast is one of the most dynamic, prolific and most visited areas of our State. The economic and esthetic benefits from protecting these waters and this environment far outweigh any benefit from drilling. The facts on offshore drilling by themselves should be enough to indicate that we do not need the risks involved in this proposal. Mr. Baldwin noted that he wants to share a few facts published by the Federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; these facts are determined by a government agency not by private citizens. The BOEM estimates that the proposed area of drilling off the east coast of the United States contains about 2.928 barrels of oil; the U.S. uses about 8.89B barrels of oil per year – meaning it would only fuel the U.S.’s needs for 6 months. Mr. Baldwin noted that the return on investment does not outweigh the risk; the risk of a spill is not a matter – in his opinion – of if the spill will occur, but a matter of when and how much will be released in the ocean offshore of the crystal coast. Mr. Baldwin noted that we have witnessed the destruction from the Deepwater Horizon incident in the Gulf of Mexico; the coast of North Carolina cannot handle such an incident. Mr. Baldwin noted that the drilling techniques to reach the depths needed to access oil and gas are not advanced enough to prevent a release from the proposed drilling; there is no such thing as safe drilling. Mr. Baldwin noted seismic blasting is also a detriment to the environment; at this time, the crystal coast water keeper and on behalf of Coastal Carolina Riverwatch, he is requesting that the Carteret County Commissioners adopt a resolution opposing offshore drilling and the associated blasting – help protect this incredible natural resource known as the crystal coast from the devastating impacts of offshore drilling and blasting.

6. Dale Hocker, Beaufort: Mr. Hocker noted that he is here to state his opposition to oil and gas drilling and support the resolution against oil and gas drilling and seismic testing. Mr. Hocker noted that the Commissioners have heard from those opposed to this resolution who are not tax paying residents of Carteret County. Mr. Hocker noted that the Commissioners have heard from two that have spoken out against this resolution – two people from this County that pay taxes. Mr. Hocker noted that the one tonight, he disagrees with; he disagrees about the Federal Government not changing its mind; we want to have the County help us change the Federal Government’s mind and stop this offshore drilling. Mr. Hocker noted that residents such as him have overwhelmingly supported this resolution through their efforts and their comments at these meetings. Mr. Hocker noted that obviously the town councils of Atlantic Beach, etc., all those have signed it; we support them; they support us. Mr. Hocker read the Mission and Vision Statements that hang on the wall in the Commissioners’ Boardroom. Mr. Hocker urged the Commissioners to stand with the residents of Carteret County and vote for this resolution tonight.

7. Jess Hawkins, Morehead City: Mr. Hawkins noted that he has been a resident of Carteret County for almost 20 years; worked with the Marine Fisheries Commission. Mr. Hawkins wants to provide comments that would help to make some informed decisions regarding offshore oil drilling and seismic activities off our coast and what would be best for our citizens in Carteret County. Mr. Hawkins noted that many people do not know how unique we are; we have the second largest estuarial system in the United States which includes Bogue and Core Sounds; these estuaries are some of the most productive estuaries in the country; Bogue and Core Sounds serve as nursery areas for juvenile fish and shell fish to help generate over $1B a
8. Dona Anastasi-Styron, Beaufort: Ms. Anastasi-Styron noted that back in the early spring, she approached Commissioners with the first request to oppose offshore oil and gas drilling; she presented many facts relating to not only the Deepwater Horizon disaster, but the harsh reality and the long-term negative effects that it will have on coastal real estate and development here. Ms. Anastasi-Styron noted that since then, speakers have commented each month; you chose, as Commissioners, to take a conservative approach asking for information and time to assimilate the wishes of Carteret County citizens. Ms. Anastasi-Styron noted that the citizens from across the County have united, written letters, made phone calls, placed yard signs, clearly demonstrating that offshore drilling and exploration are not a desired activity for our County, our State or east coast waters. Ms. Anastasi-Styron noted that coastal towns of Beaufort, Morehead City, Atlantic Beach, the Chamber of Commerce representing over 900 businesses, and other organizations all share a common objective to create and foster a healthy environment in which to conduct business and most recently, the Tourism Development Authority made it clear that oil and our crystal waters do not mix; the only people that have spoken on behalf — until tonight — of drilling and seismic testing are folks paid to do so; they are not Carteret County stakeholders, while those of us against the drilling have presented up-to-date, science-based information, oil facts and the devastating results; the oil illusionists have done nothing more than rely on outdated rhetoric not based on facts; it is the old, if you tell a lie long enough it becomes believable. Ms. Anastasi-Styron noted that in her opinion, it is the Commissioners’ duty and obligation to safeguard our community and act in accordance with the citizens and businesses of Carteret County. In closing, Ms. Anastasi-Styron noted that this is not a ‘me issue;’ it is not a ‘they issue’ or ‘them issue;’ it is a ‘we issue;’ and she noted that she would respectfully request that Commissioners consider passing a resolution tonight to oppose offshore drilling to add to our one voice to oppose offshore drilling.

9. Henry Croom, Beaufort: Mr. Croom noted that all the points that he wanted to say have been said; he is here doing his civic duty. Mr. Croom noted that he believes that offshore drilling is not in the best interest of our County. Mr. Croom noted that he was amazed at the retreat when Mr. McGowan admitted that he could not promise any jobs; appreciated him saying that. Mr. Croom noted that Mr. Rudolph has reminded us over and over again that while there are some hopeful revenues, some hopeful royalties, at the present time, there is nothing. Mr. Croom noted that he knows that we are not going to totally replace gasoline with wind and solar, but the oil companies have millions of leases offshore and on land that are not in production; we believe what they want is for export. Mr. Croom noted that he was disturbed when he heard Mr. McGowan say recently that probably the use for our port will be onshore
support; if you do research and you start hearing about helicopter pads; from 2003 to 2013, 52 helicopter people died in accidents; it is the deadliest part of oil drilling. Mr. Croom noted there is then the fluids, the metal filings, the production water, the heavy saline water that is used in this operation— it has to go somewhere; if we are an onshore support site, most likely we are going to be burdened with the responsibility of what to do with all of this waste. Mr. Croom noted that he has heard nothing that would encourage him to bring this to Carteret County and urged Commissioners to do everything possible to keep this from happening.

10. Hunter Wood, Beaufort: Master Wood noted that he is representing the future of Carteret County, and noted that the choice Commissioners make not only affects the next few years, but has a long-term impact that will last for generations. Master Wood noted that he is asking on behalf of the teenagers and children of Carteret County that Commissioners say no to offshore drilling. Master Wood provided some basic facts that he commented even the youngest residents of Carteret County understand, and shared that there have been more than 40 major oil spills from offshore drilling in the past thirty years—spewing 42,000 gallons of toxic waste into our oceans; hurricanes happen; the U.S. Government estimates that nearly 125 separate spills occurred during Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005; what is going to happen when we put oil drills in the hurricane path right off our beaches; wetland destruction happens. Master Wood noted that this is the water they play in; this is where they learn to fish with their families. Master Wood noted in Louisiana, coastal wetlands are disappearing at a rate of 25 square miles per year; he does not want that to disappear. Master Wood noted that this is his home; this is where he and his friends are going to grow up and raise their families; it scares them to think that anyone would endanger that.

11. Caitlin Laubuck, Emerald Isle: Ms. Laubuck noted that she has a Master’s Degree in Geology from East Carolina University, and currently works at the UNC Institute of Marine Science in Morehead City. Mr. Laubuck noted that as a geologist, she can speak to the fact that she understands the appeal of big oil, but as a geologist and a member of the community, she feels that the risks involved in looking to the prospect of doing this off our shore, is hard. Ms. Laubuck noted that the science part of her would beg Commissioners to think about the problems of inhaling gasses, but one thing that we can all relate to as members of this community, is that each of us choose to live here; we are all drawn here for the beauty of the coast. Mr. Laubuck asked if it is not our duty to save that and share that with the generations to come.

12. Penny Hooper, Smyrna: Ms. Hooper thanked Commissioners for the time to speak and noted that there are probably 75 concerned citizens who are represented here and who have written, emailed or telephoned Commissioners on this issue from each of their districts. Ms. Hooper thanked those that have already spoken tonight. Ms. Hooper noted that the slogan of the concerned citizens on the issue of offshore oil and gas drilling and seismic testing has been consistent from their beginning in May of this year: all of the risks and none of the rewards. Ms. Hooper noted that she knows that this Board is asked to make many important decisions for their constituents and that they all believe in our democratic governance in America or they would not have run for election. Ms. Hooper noted that the town councils have already been spoken about and have already signed resolutions very similar to the one being voted on tonight, and noted that that she hopes that the Commissioners will represent their County as well as the councils from the towns have done. Ms. Hooper noted that she also wanted to remind the group that they have in their vision statement the information about the next generations and protecting the environments; that says that your vision shows that you understand the meaning of stewardship; the meaning of stewardship is an important word that she used when teaching at Carteret Community College— she called it the three s’s: stewardship, sustainability and sound science. Ms. Hooper provided information on each of the three s’s as it relates to the decision concerning gas and oil exploration. Ms. Hooper asked that Commissioners take the three s’s words to heart and vote to pass this resolution.

13. Matt Kenworthy, Beaufort: Mr. Kenworthy noted that he is a native of Carteret County; born and raised here; now a PhD student. Mr. Kenworthy noted that educational assessments and discussions reveal that our County is just not a good fit for the oil industry and it will not boost our local economy. Mr. Kenworthy noted that therefore, we have very little to gain from this and we have everything that makes Carteret County beautiful to lose. Mr. Kenworthy noted that as stated earlier, it is not if, it is only when. Mr. Kenworthy shared that he experienced it first hand while living in coastal Alabama during the Deepwater Horizon spill; the commercial fishing industry lost over $247M just to the immediate fishing closures; over the course of ten years, the commercial, recreational and agriculture industries are expected to have lost $8.7M and 22K jobs. Mr. Kenworthy noted information regarding how it also affected the tourism industry. Mr. Kenworthy shared that hundreds of temporary workers walked the shorelines in
white hazmat suits; the sounds of crashing waves and seagulls squawking were drowned out by the dump trucks and heavy machinery combing the beaches looking for tar balls. Mr. Kenworthy noted that people were also taking their lives because everything was stripped from them. Mr. Kenworthy asked the leaders of Carteret County if they are willing to risk the beauty of our coastline and our economic stability, and urged Commissioners to sign the resolution tonight; vote on it, sign it and do their part to help protect our County.

14. Mary Meyer, Emerald Isle: Ms. Meyer noted that the volunteers for the Don’t Drill North Carolina campaign, signed up 38 businesses in Emerald Isle which included realty companies with over 800 vacation properties between Atlantic Beach and Emerald Isle; the collective feedback from our business owners was that every time a tourist visits our coastal community, they stimulate our economy and they support jobs. Ms. Meyer noted that the prior Thursday, the Tourism Development Authority approved a statement that voiced opposition to offshore drilling. Ms. Meyer noted that on behalf of the businesses that signed up for Don’t Drill North Carolina in Emerald Isle and the recent TDA statement, she asked that the Commissioners pass the resolution against offshore oil drilling.

15. John Merriner, Beaufort: Mr. Merriner noted that he has been a citizen of Carteret County for 35 years; he is a retired marine biologist and worked for NOAA. Mr. Merriner noted that the Commissioners have heard evidence from the public and from the scientific community that attests to the dangers and risks that are associated with seismic surveys and oil drilling and production. Mr. Merriner noted that Commissioners also heard that a number of municipalities that have acted in a sense to deny or oppose offshore development and seismic activity. Mr. Merriner noted that he does not represent a community; he represents himself and his family and is against the development of offshore oil and against the use of seismic scanning. Mr. Merriner noted that as stated before, we have too much at risk and it is a very delicate community and environment and that we should do everything in our power to protect it, and urged the Commissioners to consider the resolution in opposition and endorse the resolution in opposition of further development of offshore drilling.

16. Harriet Altman, Beaufort: Ms. Altman advised that she does not want to speak.

VI. SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Mr. Eugene Foxworth shared that Commissioners have two amendments in their packet both of which are subdivision rules amendments. Mr. Foxworth noted that the first one is dealing with sketch plan review, eliminating that step from our ordinances, and giving final plat approval to the Planning Commission in an effort to streamline the process.

Mr. Foxworth noted that the second amendment would extend the preliminary plat approval from three years to five years. Mr. Foxworth noted that with the state of our economy, we saw a lot of preliminary plats that had been approved and the developers had quite a bit of money wrapped up in that approval; instead of them expiring in three years, it would take five years for them to expire. Mr. Foxworth noted that developers would have to remain engaged in the process and come back for approval and they would be given the extra two years.

Motion: Commissioner Mansfield moved to open the public hearing. Commissioner Crittenton seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no comment.

Motion: Chairman Comer moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Mansfield seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Comer noted that he has served on the Planning Commission before and noted that the sketch was a nebulous step, and noted that one thing he considered important is the extension of the preliminary approval period from 3 to 5 years. Chairman Comer noted that when there was the downturn in the market — ‘08 or ‘09, Carteret County had about 9,300 or 9,400 platted lots on the books; when the market went down, they just laid on a map. Chairman Comer noted that quite a bit of money is spent to get to the preliminary step and noted that it is important to look after and protect those citizens holding these permits and hopefully, they will be able to regain a little out of it. Chairman Comer noted that he felt it was a good and smart move.

Commissioner Mansfield commended Mr. Foxworth in streamlining the process.

Commissioner Robinson asked on the second proposed amendment to extend the validity period, he understands that when it goes to the Planning Commission for approval of final plat, how does that
make the process any more expeditious. Mr. Foxworth noted that the Planning Commission took
away that front end step; they would have the opportunity very quickly to see that everything they
talked about was adhered to. Chairman Comer noted instead of doing it at the preliminary stage, it
was moved to the final stage so that the Commission still stays involved.

Motion - Commissioner Mansfield moved to approve the resolution to pass the two text amendments;
Commissioner Crittenton seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 28, 2015
TC: Board of Commissioners
CC: Russell Overman, County Manager
FROM: Eugene Foxworth, Planning and Development Director
RE: Text Amendments to the Carteret County Subdivision Regulations.

Please see attached two proposed text amendments to the Carteret County Subdivision Regulations. These
amendments are the product of several months of review by the Planning Commission. The first of these amendments
removes the Sketch Plan review and approval procedures from the major subdivision approval process. Particularly, this amendment
was proposed to remove the Sketch Plan review and approval procedures from the major subdivision approval process. Additionally, it
includes revisions to the development review process. The second proposed amendment would extend the validity period of preliminary plats from 3 (three) years to 5 (five) years. With the state of our current economy this will give developers more time to bring a development to the Final Plat phase of development.

At their meeting on October 12, 2015 the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of both of the proposed text amendments. I would be happy to discuss either of these amendments with you, please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Due to the size of the subdivision regulations, they are being incorporated into these minutes by reference. A copy will be retained in the County Manager’s Office.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Chapter 153A-323 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the Carteret County Board of
Commissioners will hold a public hearing on November 10, 2015 at 6:00 PM in the Board of
Commissioners’ Meeting Room in the Administration Building at Courthouse Square in Beaufort to conside
a Text Amendment to the Carteret County Subdivision Regulations.

Specifically, this amendment seeks to remove the Sketch Plan review and approval procedures from the
major subdivision approval process. Additionally, it includes revisions to the development review process.

A copy of the proposed request is available for public inspection in the Carteret County Planning and
Development Department, 412 Broad Street, Beaufort, NC.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Resolutions are available on the public notice board located in the Carteret County Planning and
Development Department Office. A copy will be retained in the County Manager’s Office.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners adopted the Carteret County
Subdivision Regulations on the 5th day of September, 1961 to be applied to all
unincorporated areas in Carteret County, North Carolina.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners on its own motion or by petition
may amend, supplement, change or repeal Subdivision Regulations established by
this ordinance: and

WHEREAS, Carteret County Planning & Development Department requested a
text amendment to the Subdivision Regulations:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved that the Carteret County Board of
Commissioners based upon the affirmative recommendation of the Carteret County
Planning Commission adopt this text amendment to the Subdivision Regulations by
removing the Sketch Plan review and approval procedures from the major subdivision
approval process. Additionally, it includes revisions to the development review process.

The second proposed amendment would extend the validity period of preliminary plats from 3 (three) years to 5 (five) years.

ADOPTED, this the 16th day of November, 2015.

ATTEST:

Rachel Hammer
Clerk to the Board
VII. NEED FOR ADDITIONAL INCOME MAINTENANCE CASEWORKERS/ APPROVAL OF ASSOCIATED BUDGET AMENDMENT

CARteret COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
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BEAUFORT, NC 28516

Telephone: 252) 728-3181
Fax: 252) 728-3637

Our People... Our Purpose

MEMORANDUM

TO: Robin Comer, Chairman, Carteret County Board of Commissioners
    Russell Freeman, County Manager

FROM: David Atkinson, Human Services Director

DATE: October 28, 2015

SUBJECT: Need For Additional Income Maintenance Caseworkers

With Governor McCrory’s signing of House Bill 318 into effect, Carteret County is now on track for the required implementation of the newly revised state policy within the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps) for work requirements of some Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participants. This new state policy requires additional work requirements by the state for those participants and has already been implemented by the state. However, the additional work requirements for SNAP participants have not yet been implemented by the state for the Food Stamp Program. The state will require some training time necessary before a new IMC can begin working with the new policy requirement.

The purpose of these positions is to implement new policy regarding work requirements for certain participants. Additional funding is requested to fund four (4) new Income Maintenance Caseworker II positions within the County’s Food Stamp program. These new IMC II positions will be carrying the same combination of food stamp and Medicaid cases. Because of the extensive amount of training time necessary before a new IMC can begin working with the new policy requirement, these additional staff will be carrying the same combination of cases as other IMCs, which is a combination of food stamp and Medicaid cases.

With the implementation of NCFAST, Carteret County utilizes a blended caseload of FNS and MA for each worker. Our IMCs currently spend approximately 33% of their time on FNS cases and 67% of their time on MA cases. Federal reimbursement for administrative time for FNS (Food Stamp program) is 50% of the total cost. Federal reimbursement for administrative time for Medicaid programs is 75% of the total costs.

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Last week we received the new policy requirements from the state office for the implementation of this program, which must be implemented by April 1, 2016. After careful examination of our IMC supervisors have determined we will need an additional four (4) IMC II positions in order to manage this new workload immediately in order to have any impact on the workload in April.

Thank you for this consideration.

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Budget Amendment

Fiscal Year: 2015-2016
Date Submitted: 10/29/15
Department of Origin: Social Services

Budget Change Explanation:

Additional funding requested to fund four (4) new Income Maintenance Caseworker II positions. This request covers the period beginning January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016. The purpose of these positions is to implement new state policy regarding work requirements for certain participants within the County’s Food Stamp program. Due to federal participation in the administrative costs for the positions, actual county costs from January through June will total approximately $40,125.

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County Manager Approval:

If applicable, Board of Commissioner’s Approval:
Mr. David Atkinson noted that he is here to discuss staffing needs for the first time in a long period of time. Mr. Atkinson shared information on NC Fast; the challenges experienced in using the system, and noted that he will be primarily speaking tonight about food stamps and Medicaid. Mr. Atkinson noted that even though we think of Medicaid as one program, there are a dozen sub-programs within Medicaid. Mr. Atkinson noted that historically, the workers in those systems have worked in silos. Mr. Atkinson shared with the Commissioners the difficulty and cumber some ness of now entering into the system instead of paper records and how challenging it can be. Mr. Atkinson noted that when a simple application use to take about 30 minutes, today it takes about 2 to 2.5 hours because much of the information that we kept in a paper record, every piece now has to be entered into the State data system.

Mr. Atkinson noted that in 2005, we had 9,142 cases; today, we have well over 16,000 cases. Mr. Atkinson noted that he is asking for four additional income maintenance case workers because when Governor McCrory signed into Legislation House Bill 318, it has a notice that the Department of Health and Human Services is prohibited from requesting waivers; DHHS had requested and had been granted a waiver from the Federal Department of Agriculture that certain food stamp applicants would not be held to the work requirement. Mr. Atkinson noted that this is new work which is adding a new level of work that case workers have to do; our staff now has to assess whether or not the applicant is able to work and if they are, and they do not have a dependent child, they have to work a minimum of 20 hours per week. Today, we certify for 6 months and do not have to touch it for 6 months; we have just under 4,800 food stamp households; we are going to have to go through and assess those to see if they are eligible for the work program and have to track it; we have to now touch the case in 3-4 months and be in constant communication.

Mr. Atkinson asked for approval for 4 additional maintenance case workers and a revised budget amendment.

Commissioner Robinson asked what happens if the person can't find a job. Mr. Atkinson noted that this program does not care and shared that he and the County Manager had asked that our delegation try to get the Bill changed. Commissioner Robinson noted that the problems with the system in storing/entering data needs to be corrected because it will also affect the new workers. Commissioner Robinson asked about the criteria for the applicants; will it require a degree. Mr. Atkinson noted that there is a test that is administered to the income maintenance case workers; there is a basic math test; does not require a college degree. Commissioner Robinson asked why we need to start staff at the starting range until we see that they can do their job. Commissioner Robinson asked about continued funding; Mr. Atkinson noted that the County picks up the non-Federal share; the Feds pay an average of about 66% for our case workers, and that is legislation that will not change.

Commissioner Crittenton noted that for the benefit of the public and the Commissioners, that NC Fast is NC Slow; it is a piece of software that is about 25 years old; there has been minor tweaking done to make it a program used for Social Services. Commissioner Crittenton noted that Mr. Atkinson and the director of social services for Orange County were brave enough to do the pilot for the program; there were quite a bit of employees who retired or left due to the sheer volume and difficulty in using this product. Commissioner Crittenton noted that she feels that we have no choice; we do not have adequate people to do this job.

Commissioner Robinson noted that when you describe this lengthy process of the application, does any of these case workers check to see if any fraudulent things are happening. Mr. Atkinson noted yes; we have a fraud investigator, but these are going to be case workers carrying caseloads, not fraud investigators.

Commissioner Mansfield asked about some of the numbers; has the criteria changed for the FNS cases which is the food stamps; has the income threshold been raised or is it the same as it was in 2005, the population has only grown by about 7,000 people, but the food stamp population has grown by over 100%. Mr. Atkinson noted that around 2007 is when it started taking a big jump with the downturn in the economy; the income requirements follow the Federal requirements.

Chairman Comer noted that it spiked in 07 and does not show a decline; is this program going to boost some folks back into the workforce. Mr. Atkinson responded yes; one of the challenges we are going to discover is by and large these folks do not have highly marketable skills; some are underemployed or working minimum wage; we are seeing some downturns; a lot of companies are laying off.

Chairman Comer noted that Mr. Atkinson spoke about the households equating to about 9,000 people in Carteret County and asked how do we look comparatively; is that high? Mr. Atkinson noted that across the State, people are seeing the Medicaid and food stamps going up; the first thing
that they are required to do if they do not have health insurance, they are required to apply for Medicaid; they have to have a Medicaid denial before they can go to the marketplace, which is bumping up some of the numbers.

Commissioner Crittenton noted that Mr. Atkinson just hit the two points that she wanted to make; the Affordable Care Act has a huge impact; the seasonal work we have is not high paying and not year-around and that is the price we pay.

Commissioner Mansfield asked what happens when those people do not work 20 hours. Mr. Atkinson noted that we know there are a number of restaurants in Carteret County that pay fairly well during the high seasons, but then during the off seasons, many of them close down; when they close down, those folks typically come in and apply for unemployment, but they also apply for food assistance. Mr. Atkinson noted that the group with the 20 hours are those not currently participating in the labor force.

Chairman Comer asked what the salary range was; Mr. Atkinson noted that it would be the entry-level range.

Mr. Atkinson noted that when we post, we will have everyone from PhDs who are out of work, all the way down; it does not require a college degree. Commissioner Robinson noted that we are starting these employees that require 12 months of training at more than our teachers with a college degree.

Motion: Commissioner Crittenton moved to approve the budget amendment to allow for hiring of the four additional positions due to State mandate; Commissioner Smith seconded. Commissioner Robinson opposed. Motion passed.

***RECESS FOR 5 MINUTES***

VIII. RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF OFFSHORE DRILLING & SEISMIC BLASTING ACTIVITIES OFF OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COAST

Chairman Comer noted that we had placed a motion on the table at the last meeting to table the discussion to determine if different resolution language could be developed; there have been a couple of drafted amendments put in front of us; that particular motion was still a tabled event and Chairman Comer noted that he would like to take it off the table and vote before we look at other amended resolutions.

Motion: Commissioner Robinson moved to approve the tabled resolution; Commissioner Crittenton seconded; Commissioners Comer, Mansfield, Smith and Farrington opposed; motion did not pass.

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF OFFSHORE DRILLING ACTIVITIES AND RELATED SEISMIC BLASTING ACTIVITIES OFF OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COAST

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of the Interior has proposed the inclusion of Carteret County's Crystal Coast in their proposal for exploration and development of offshore oil and gas off of the Atlantic Coast, and

WHEREAS, the full impacts of seismic blasting and offshore drilling in the Atlantic are not yet fully understood by scientists, the oil and gas industry, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management in the Federal Government, and lower-impact alternative technologies may be available for exploration in the future, and

WHEREAS, offshore exploration for oil and natural gas in the Atlantic Ocean and associated pollution and other harmful effects to marine mammals, turtles, fish, migratory birds, and other aquatic life, and

WHEREAS, the appreciation of our natural coastal and historical habitat, as well as commercial and recreational fishing are critical economic and quality of life drivers for Carteret County; and

WHEREAS, exploratory and commercial drilling, extraction, and transportation of offshore oil and gas are required to happen in the Atlantic Ocean and threaten the environment, character, natural beauty and economic well-being of coastal North Carolina, and

WHEREAS, there are no renewable energy developments in place that would compensate North Carolina coastal communities for the environmental risks taken in pursuit of offshore oil and natural gas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners of Carteret County, North Carolina, and all who shall hereafter succeed shall continue to oppose drilling, exploration, and seismic blasting and related seismic blasting activities off of the North Carolina coast.

ADOPTED this the 16th day of November, 2016

ATTEST:

Rachel Hammer, Clerk to the Board

Chairman Comer asked if anyone would like to offer up another resolution for consideration. Commissioner Mansfield noted that he appreciates all the emails and phone calls and all the comments tonight some of which he agrees with, some he did not, but he wants to stand in support of the Governor and his views on offshore drilling and the Governor’s Coalition, and the efforts to
improve the development of these issues for the Federal Government and North Carolina and read
his proposed resolution as shown below.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR MCCORY’S CONTINUED LEADERSHIP OF THE OCS GOVERNORS’ COALITION AND EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE DIALOGUE ON OCS DEVELOPMENT ISSUES BETWEEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management has completed a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for seismic operations in the Atlantic Ocean and received several permit applications from companies seeking to conduct seismic surveys off the North Carolina coast;

WHEREAS, both the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and the National Marine Fisheries Service have concluded that seismic surveys are safe and do not present any damage to marine mammal populations, have been conducted off of the North Carolina coast, and need to be done for offshore wind development projects;

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management has publicly stated that information gathered from seismic surveys will help them determine whether and where to hold future lease sales in the Mid-Atlantic OCS Region;

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management is currently considering whether to include portions of the Mid-Atlantic OCS Region (which includes portions of the Federal waters adjacent to North Carolina) in the Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2017-22;

WHEREAS, the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act specifically requires the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to give strong deference to the wishes of coastal states as expressed by their Governors;

WHEREAS, Governor McCrory currently serves as the Chairman of the Outer Continental Shelf Governors Coalition, which has been created to foster better dialogues between the Federal Government on OCS development issues and to support efforts to develop more information on the potential resource base in the Federal OCS waters;

WHEREAS, the appreciation of our natural coastal and historical habitat, as well as commercial and recreational fishing are critical economic and quality of life drivers for Carteret County; and

WHEREAS, tourism is the economic backbone of Carteret County and offshore drilling activities and the potential for oil spills on our coastline poses a significant threat to our thriving tourism and the Carteret County tax base; and

WHEREAS, Carteret County also supports Governor McCrory’s continued leadership of the OCS Governors Coalition and efforts to improve the dialogue on OCS development issues between the Federal Government and North Carolina and develop more information on the potential resource base in the Federal waters adjacent to North Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR CARTERET COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, THAT:

Carteret County supports Governor McCrory’s continued leadership of the OCS Governors Coalition and efforts to improve the dialogue on OCS development issues between the Federal Government and North Carolina and develop more information on the potential resource base in the Federal waters adjacent to North Carolina;

Carteret County urges Governor McCrory to support inclusion of the Federal waters adjacent to North Carolina in any future OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program only if the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management determines that any potential development can take place outside of a 50 mile buffer off the North Carolina shore and can be conducted in an environmentally sound manner;

Carteret County urges the North Carolina Federal delegation to support Federal revenue sharing legislation that would give North Carolina a share of Federal OCS revenues consistent with the OCS revenue share program currently in place for the states of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama; and

Carteret County urges Governor McCrory and the North Carolina Legislature to ensure that Carteret County and other coastal counties receive a fair portion of any revenues generated from offshore oil and natural gas development or receipts from a Federal revenue sharing program for coastal management and protection programs.

ADOPTED this the 16th day of November, 2016

ATTEST:

Robin V. Comer, Chairman

Motion: Chairman Comer asked with that being offered up as a motion, would anyone like to second it before discussion; Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

Chairman Comer noted that he concurs; he thinks that big oil is big and big government is big; Chairman Comer noted that he personally is an independent energy advocate and certainly believes
that we need to have resources other than carbon fuels because he feels that they are a limited asset. Chairman Comer noted that he agrees in standing with the Governor in keeping it pushed offshore, making sure it is done environmentally friendly and in sound ways, and that the State of North Carolina along with Carteret County should participate in some sort of revenue sharing programs to protect our coast and our assets along the coast.

Commissioner Robinson noted that he opposed a resolution here in 2008 when there was a request to lift this ban; it subsequently resurfaced. Commissioner Robinson noted that he tried to be as objective as he could. Commissioner Robinson noted that after attending the retreat and listening to the industry representatives, it became quite apparent to him that there was not going to be a significant amount of jobs and will take an act of congress to send revenues to the State. Commissioner Robinson noted that the points made in the resolution urging North Carolina delegation to support Federal revenue sharing, and those are things that we should pursue in the event this activity is pursued, but right now he feels that they should join others in opposing.

Commissioner Crittenton noted that she feels that her heart lies between the two resolutions; the one that was voted for and this one. Commissioner Crittenton noted the independent reading that she has done, and noted that Matt Kenworthy who spoke earlier and his Dad are the ones that saw firsthand what happens to coast lines with one oil spill and it is not that she does not support the Governor, but feels that the Federal Government is muscling this thing and is not sure how much of a voice we have. Mr. Hocker commented that we do have a voice and he feels that this resolution being voted on now is not in opposition to offshore drilling and feels that the Board is out of order. Commissioner Crittenton reiterated that she respects what Mr. Kenworthy said and how he respected the Commissioners in presenting the information.

Chairman Comer called for a vote in favor of the resolution read by Commissioner Mansfield. Commissioners Comer, Farrington, Mansfield and Smith approved; Commissioners Robinson and Crittenton opposed. Resolution passed.

IX. Manager’s Report

- Mr. Overman thanked the Veteran’s Office staff and volunteers for the work with the Veteran’s Day Parade;
- Shared that the County received four proposals for the The Golden Leaf Foundation grant which were reviewed by him, the Chairman and the Finance Manager; the three chosen were Carteret County Schools, the Town of Newport water and sewer proposal and the Morehead City proposal. Mr. Overman noted that they have been forwarded to The Golden Leaf Foundation; should be February before the groups hear anything;
- Two notable retirements coming up in the health department: Troy Dees is retiring with 35 years, and Vicki Avino with 30 years of service.
- Congratulations to Carl Tilghman; he was installed as President of the NC Association of Assessing Officers;
- Offices will be closed for Thanksgiving holiday on November 26th and 27th and will reopen on November 30th; and
- Reminded Commissioners of various Christmas parades coming up over the next couple of weeks.

X. APPOINTMENTS

Highway 70 Corridor Commission
Motion: Chairman Comer noted that Myles Stempin served as a liaison from the EDC; he resigned from the EDC and Chairman Comer would like to make a motion to remove Myles Stempin from the Highway 70 Corridor Commission; seconded by Commissioner Mansfield; motion carried unanimously. Chairman Comer would like to appoint Jesse Vinson through the unexpired term; nomination carried unanimously.

Adult Home Community Advisory
1 seat – 3 year term expires 11/19/15

Chairman Comer noted that he would like to reappoint Ms. Joyce Salter (whose name has since changed to Joyce Herrle); nomination carried unanimously.
Harbor Authority
1 seat – 2 year term
Commissioner Robinson nominated Eddy Myers; nomination carried unanimously.

Child Fatality Prevention Team
1 seat – 3 year term
Commissioner Mansfield nominated Ms. Kelly Guthrie; nomination carried unanimously.

XI. COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

Commissioner Mansfield thanked everyone who emailed, called, made comments, and spoke at all the meetings; that is what makes this government great; everyone has a voice; even those that were upset; they made the statement that they have the right to vote and that is ultimately who allows you to serve. Commissioner Mansfield stated that his personal opinion is that he does not feel that we will see oil drilling off of our coast, but unfortunately was pushed to take a stance. Commissioner Mansfield noted that he would like to speak to Hunter Wood who spoke tonight; he did a great job. Commissioner Mansfield noted that he agreed with a lot of the comments made this evening and other nights, but there were some that he did not agree with and had to vote his conscience. Commissioner Mansfield congratulated Troy and Vicki on their retirement, and also congratulated Carl Tilghman, and stated that he feels that the County is well represented. Commissioner Mansfield noted that he was able to participate in the parade and was glad to see all the Veterans that were out.

Commissioner Crittenton noted that she concurs with Commissioner Mansfield with lots of emails and phone calls; noted that it is nice to see people turn out and speak their views and it is also nice even though we do not agree, that we can come together and talk; it has been a difficult time and appreciates those that she serves with and thanked the County staff that supports them. Special thanks and congratulations to Troy and Vicki; they have done an outstanding job and will be very much missed. Congratulated Carl on his appointment and congratulated him on his 50th wedding anniversary; wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Robinson noted that he feels that whatever action we take tonight will not be a deciding factor as to whether there will be any exploration any more than he did in 2008. Commissioner Robinson noted that he knows that if it moves forward, that we will continue to push for some sort of revenue sharing for the coastal communities.

Commissioner Farrington noted that he also attended the Veteran’s Days parade and thanked Hank and all the volunteers for putting it together. Commissioner Farrington congratulated Troy and Vicki and noted that we appreciate their service to the County; he also congratulated Carl, who does a great job and does a lot for the County. Commissioner Farrington noted that he appreciates everyone coming out, noting that he expressed his views at the retreat and again, he voted with his conscience, that is what you have to do when you are in this position. Commissioner Farrington noted that we are all environmentalists in this; we all care about the crystal coast and do not want anything to damage it; there are 10-12 years of roadblocks that are in this process that are there to cover the things we talked about tonight, and when he feels that he needs to jump in front of one of those roadblocks, he may not be sitting in this seat, but he will jump out – especially for Hunter who did an excellent job.

Commissioner Smith offered his congratulations to Hank Goddard and his staff; it was a great parade. Commissioner Smith offered his congratulations to East Carteret and Croatan on the first-round victory; congratulations to Carl; offered luck to Troy and Vicki on their retirement. Commissioner Smith noted that during the budget process, Dr. Novey and the school board marched students, teachers, parents, and anybody they could in front of Commissioners about the crowding at Croatan High School. Commissioner Smith noted that during the parade, they brought in some pictures; one of those pictures had students carrying trays and stuff up the stairs that also appeared in the paper. Commissioner Smith noted that just last week, he learned that Croatan has an elevator so evidently it was broken that day. Wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Chairman Comer agreed with the sentiments on the County staff and the retirees; wished them well. Chairman Comer noted that he agrees with what Commissioner Farrington said; he would have preferred to remain neutral, but we went with what we could live with; as it evolves, the County will also evolve. Chairman Comer noted that after seeing the bombings in Paris, he would like to send prayers to them. Chairman Comer noted that it scares him with the thought of pulling some of these refugees in to our Country and noted that if the report is right, that they felt like this one was done inside that pool of refugees; he has heard it said that this could be the greatest Trojan Horse of all
Chairman Comer noted that this is just another reason that he wants to come up with energy independence. Chairman Comer noted that these people have one agenda and it is death with nothing in between.

XII. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NCGS 143-318.11 FOR THE PERMITTED PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING (A) 1 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION (APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 19, 2015 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES); (A) 5 ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY

Motion: Chairman Comer made a motion to go into closed session; Commissioner Farrington seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Farrington moved to return to regular session. Commissioner Smith seconded; motion carried unanimously.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion - Commissioner Smith moved to adjourn. Commissioner Robinson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.