

HYDE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
October 11, 2005
MINUTES

The Hyde County Board of Commissioners held a meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2005 at 5:34 p.m. at the Swan Quarter Fire Department in Swan Quarter. Board Members present were: Bea Emmert, Chair, Charles Spencer, Vice-Chair, Jane Hodges, Willie Mac Carawan. Staff members present were: Kevin Howard, County Manager, Sid Hassell, County Attorney. Media present were Nikki Mayo of the *Coastland Times* and Bill Sandifer of the *Washington Daily News*.

Chair Emmert called the meeting to order, offered a prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Navy Representatives -- OLF

Rear Admiral Rich Cellon, head of Navy Engineering Department introduced the Navy representatives, including Don Cecchini who presented Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) Brief to Local Leader, which is attached. The Washington/Beaufort County site is still the preferred location, but all sites are under active consideration. The Navy's activity in Hyde County centered on obtaining accurate data on subjects required by the court, including a waterfowl count and a check of distribution of noise meters to measure impact on birds, wetlands analysis. The Navy will be using cumulative impacts methodology. If the Hyde County site is chosen 30,000 acres will be acquired. The Navy representatives received questions from the Board, but not the general public. It was indicated that this was not a public hearing, but public hearings will occur at a later time.

Linda Mayo, Health Director -- Residency Requirement Waiver

Linda Mayo requested a waiver of residency for the position of child health nurse so the nurse could start November 1, 2005. Motion was made by Ms. Hodges and seconded by Mr. Spencer. Mr. Carawan voted against the motion which passed with three affirmative votes. Nathan Sears sent in a waiver for his presence and vote on this issue, which was not on a scheduled item on this meeting's agenda.

Closed Session -- Economic Development

Mr. Carawan moved that the Board go into closed session to discuss economic development. Mr. Sears seconded the Motion and was passed unanimously by the Board. The Board entered into closed session at 6:20 p.m. with Bea Emmert, Charles Spencer, Jane Hodges, Willie Mac Carawan, Kevin Howard, and Sid Hassell present. The Board directed the manager to send a letter saying if they wish to continue they need to make application. The Board exited the closed session at 6:44 p.m.

Manager's Business

1. **USDA Funds** -- Mr. Howard presented possibility of USDA funds by loan and it was discussed by the Board. It was felt that other obligations, including the water system and the courthouse, precluded this being done.

Next Regular Meeting

Chair Emmert announced that the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting would take place on Monday, October 17, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ocracoke School Auditorium in Ocracoke.

Adjournment

Mr. Carawan moved to adjourn. Ms. Hodges seconded that motion which passed unanimously and the meeting was closed at 6:57 pm.

Clerk _____ Chair _____
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