

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following comments were made:

Mary Vidaurri: Ms. Vidaurri came before the Board to express her concerns about dog tethering. She stated that her, along with other Perquimans County residents, are concerned about the abuse of dogs that are tethered and the public safety issues associated with this terrible practice. She requested that the Board consider adding Section Two to the current County’s Animal Control Ordinance which provides for the humane treatment of animals, outlines owner responsibilities, addresses nuisance situations, and prohibits tethering. The current ordinance is Section One which addresses only dangerous dogs. The Town of Hertford had just amended their ordinance in May, 2017. She requested that the Board take into consideration what she has requested. The Commissioners had no questions at this time and would discuss it at their next Work Session.

Commissioner Hoffler: Mr. Hoffler expressed his concerns about Olga Simpson experience with the 2014 Single Family Rehab Grant Program. After expressing his concerns, Ms. Simpson then made a few comments.

Olga Simpson: Ms. Simpson made her comments until her time was up. Chairman Jones stated that the Board would not solve problems tonight but will take it up at our Work Session on November 20, 2017.

Ernelle Brown: Ms. Brown asked about what the County was going to do with the old Library building. She asked that they consider giving it to the Boy’s Club so that they can establish a Boy’s Club in Perquimans County. She had been working with Dave Goss on this program. Chairman Jones stated that the Board will take it under consideration during their Work Session on November 20, 2017.

Terry Swopp: Mr. Swopp, a new resident of Perquimans County, spoke in support of Ms. Vidaurri’s request to revise our current ordinance to include prohibiting tethering.

Frank Norman: Mr. Norman asked the Board to consider giving \$35,000 to the 350th Anniversary of the Albemarle area. Chairman Jones stated that they would take it under advisement.

John Whidbee: Mr. Whidbee explained about a flooding problem within the Chapanoke area. The problem has arisen due to a logging company cutting down trees on neighbor’s property next to his property leaving some debris in the ditch not allowing the water to flow causing it to flood. Chairman Jones said that he would talk to Vice Chair Leigh who pastor’s a church in that area.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to discuss, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. on motion made by Fondella A. Leigh, seconded by Edward R. Muzzulin.

T. Kyle Jones, Chairman

Clerk to the Board

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WORK SESSION

November 20, 2017

7:00 p.m.

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners met in a regular Work Session on Monday, November 20, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners’ Room located on the first floor of the Perquimans County Courthouse Annex.

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| MEMBERS PRESENT: | Fondella A. Leigh, Vice Chair | Joseph W. Hoffler |
| | Edward R. Muzzulin | Wallace E. Nelson |
| | Charles Woodard | |
| MEMBERS ABSENT: | Kyle Jones, Chairman | |
| OTHERS PRESENT: | Frank Heath, County Manager | Mary Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board |
| | Hackney High, County Attorney | |

After the Vice Chair called the meeting to order, Commissioner Hoffler gave the invocation and the Vice Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance. For the record, Vice Chair Leigh explained that Chairman Jones had recently been in an auto accident and is still recuperating from it.

ANIMAL TETHERING

Vice Chair Leigh recognized County Manager Heath to explain about the proposed changes to the County’s Animal Control Ordinance regarding animal tethering. Mr. Heath stated that he had provided copies of Ordinances via e-mail from Gates County, Currituck County, and Dare County. Included in their packets was a copy of the County’s current Ordinance that Ms. Mary Vidaurri had provided a proposed amendment. Tonight, at their seats, a copy of the Town of Hertford’s Ordinance regarding animal tethering (chaining) was included. Mr. Heath also talked with Sheriff White to obtain his recommendations. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to take time to review these sample ordinances and bring a recommendation at a later meeting. At that time, we should have Sheriff White’s recommendations also. County Attorney High said that he probably would not have an ordinance ready by the December meeting. Before adopting the amendment to the Ordinance, we would have to hold a public hearing which would require advertising it.

OLGA SIMPSON SINGLE FAMILY REHAB CASE

Vice Chair Leigh recognized Olga Simpson who presented her case regarding the rehabilitation of her home processed under the Single Family Rehab Grant was not completed to her satisfaction. Vice Chair Leigh asked if the Board had any questions for Ms. Simpson. County Attorney High asked Ms. Simpson if she could provide him a copy of her pictures to add to his file so he could begin his investigation. After answering several questions, Mr. Holley, contractor, responded to her allocations. He stated that he had several of his subcontractors that were witnesses. After his comments, Vice Chair Leigh asked the Board if they had any questions. The Board asked several questions and it was the consensus of the Board and County Attorney High that they would research the matter and discuss it as a legal action in Closed Session.

DAVE GOSS/ERNELLE BROWN – BOYS & GIRLS CLUB REQUEST

Vice Chair Leigh recognized Dave Goss, Economic Development Consultant, who presented a PowerPoint presentation on Boys & Girls Clubs of America. After his presentation, he asked the Board if they had any questions. Mr. Goss then asked if any of his supporters would like to make further comments. There being none, Mr. Goss asked if the Board would consider allowing them to use the

former library building as the site for the Boys & Girls Club in Perquimans County, rent free with the county providing building maintenance. The Board asked several questions.

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC COMPLEX/SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA

County Manager Heath reported that they have been having small informal committee meetings with Superintendent Cheeseman and Board of Education member, Amy Spaugh, Commissioner Nelson and himself. During those meetings, they discuss various issues. At the last meeting, they discussed a couple of items that he wanted to update the Board on:

High School Athletic Complex: Mr. Heath explained that Mr. Cheeseman would probably be coming to a Commissioners' meeting in December or January to provide a formal update on the High School Athletic Complex. Mr. Heath and Commissioner Nelson said that it was Mr. Cheeseman's desire to have the football field ready by next football season. At some point in time, they will come before the Board to request the lottery amount that has been saved up which is between \$350,000 and \$400,000.

School Funding Formula: The Board of Education also wants to know if we have an interest in discussing at the next Budget Work Sessions a funding formula. Some counties have one that is based on school population, average daily membership with some performance bonuses included. If the Board is interested in this, they have a consultant that they use for matters like this and would be willing to have the consultant come talk with the Board to explain what a funding formula would mean. Commissioner Nelson made a few comments and feels that it would be beneficial to investigate this to learn more about how the funding formula works.

BOARD RETREAT

County Manager Heath explained that the Board usually holds a retreat to discuss the issues pertinent to Perquimans County for the next few years. It was the consensus of the Board to have County Manager Heath to proceed with contacting NCACC to obtain a facilitator for the meeting and to set up the date sometime in March, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m. on motion made by Charles Ward.

Fondella A. Leigh, Vice Chair

Clerk to the Board

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