

- **Jonathan Nixon:** Mr. Heath asked Jonathan Nixon, Emergency Services Director, to give an update on the transition to Paramedic in our Emergency Services Department. In addition, he thanked the Board for their support in this project. Mr. Heath provided the background of this process which started at a Board Retreat.
- **Library Project:** Mr. Heath reported that they are scheduled to move the library books to the new facility the week of January 16th.

I-87 RESOLUTION

County Manager Heath presented the Resolution that was prepared using the information from last month’s Board meeting. On motion made by Edward R. Muzzulin, seconded by Joseph W. Hoffer, the Board unanimously approved the following Resolution:

**Resolution Supporting the Routing of Future Interstate Highway 87
Along US Highway 17 As Originally Authorized By Congress**

WHEREAS, one of the missions of Perquimans County is to improve the economic well-being of the citizens of Perquimans County by marketing business opportunities in our area to high-wage employers nationally and by helping interested companies, local as well as national, realize those opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Perquimans County recognizes the significant role that transportation plays in the economic well-being of a community; and

WHEREAS, proximity to an Interstate Highway in particular plays a major role in the relocation and expansion decisions of manufacturers, distributors and other high wage employers; and

WHEREAS, Congress’ recent designation of US Highway 17 as the future Interstate Highway 87 will greatly aid Perquimans County’s mission to attract these types of businesses and employers; and

WHEREAS, the Interstate Highway 87 route authorized by Congress is further enhanced by the economic opportunities created by Perquimans County’s recent inclusion in the Port of Virginia’s Foreign Trade Zone; and

WHEREAS, the primary transportation objective of constructing Interstate Highway 87 is to provide the most efficient transportation corridor possible between the metropolitan areas of Norfolk and Raleigh; and

WHEREAS, Segment 10 A, described as an alternative route to Segment 10, appeared October 26 on the North Carolina Department of Transportation’s Interstate Highway 87 project update on the Department Web site; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this alternative route would require Congressional action, delaying the project by at least a year and possibly longer, and

WHEREAS, Segment 10 A would add six miles to the more direct route down US 17 as authorized by Congress; and

WHEREAS, Segment 10 A would further route motorists through significantly more local traffic congestion than the route authorized by Congress; and

WHEREAS, the cost of right-of-way along this more congested route would significantly raise the project’s cost; and

WHEREAS, substituting seven additional miles of new construction through swampy terrain rather than simply upgrading an existing four-lane highway as authorized by Congress would also significantly raise the project’s construction costs;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Perquimans County strongly supports moving ahead with the original route along US Highway 17 as authorized by Congress. Perquimans County also supports the initiation of the Interstate construction at the Virginia line, working back south towards Perquimans County. Lastly, Perquimans County would be in favor of a later connector to State Highway 168 and Currituck County, after the Interstate Construction is complete and additional funds become available.

Adopted this the 2nd day of January, 2018, in Perquimans County, North Carolina.

Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman
Perquimans County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Mary P. Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chairman Nelson explained that Kent White has resigned from the Recreation Advisory Committee as an at-large member. If anyone on the Board has someone that would be interested in serving on this committee, please provide that name to County Manager Heath prior to the February 4th meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There being no public comments, Chairman Nelson invited all those that would like a piece of cake to have one and then he proceeded to the Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION: LEGAL MATTER

Pursuant to NC General Statute 143-318.11(3) Edward R. Muzzulin made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss a legal matter. The motion was seconded by Joseph W. Hoffer and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Closed Session was adjourned and the Regular Meeting reconvened on motion made by Edward R. Muzzulin, seconded Kyle Jones and unanimously approved by the Board. There was no action needed after the Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to discuss, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. on motion made by Edward R. Muzzulin, seconded by Charles Woodard.

Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman

Clerk to the Board

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WORK SESSION
January 16, 2018
7:00 p.m.

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners met in a Work Session on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room located on the first floor of the Perquimans County Courthouse Annex.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wallace Nelson, Chairman Fondella Leigh, Vice Chair
Joseph W. Hoffler Kyle Jones
Edward R. Muzzulin Charles Woodard

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Hackney High, County Attorney Mary P. Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board
Frank Heath, County Manager

Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order and Commissioner Hoffler gave the invocation. The Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

On motion made by Joseph W. Hoffler, seconded by Edward R. Muzzulin, the Board unanimously approved the Agenda. The following matters were discussed.

DR. EDDIE WEST, THE MASONBORO GROUP

Dr. West presented a PowerPoint Presentation on potential funding formula scenarios for the school system. After answering several questions from the Board, Mr. West thanked the Board for allowing him to present his program tonight.

REGULATION OF ANIMALS

The Board has been discussing changes to our current Animal Control Ordinance to include Mary Vidaurri's request to include items on tethering. Sheriff White had also provided Mr. Heath with his comments about the enforcement of the tethering section of the Animal Control Ordinance. It was the consensus of the Board to have County Manager Heath, County Attorney High, and Chairman Nelson to meet and make a recommendation to the Board in February.

COASTAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Coastal Resources Advisory Council has four vacancies with local government representatives or individuals recommended by local governments. County Manager Heath, Chairman Nelson, and Commissioner Jones expressed an interested in serving on this Council. After discussing the appointment, it was recommended to send County Manager Heath's name in for nomination at the February meeting.

SUNDAY WATERFOWL HUNTING

County Manager Heath presented several Resolutions adopted by surrounding counties opposing Sunday hunting of waterfowl. At this time, the Board had no desire to adopt a Resolution but to keep it as it is.

COUNTY MANAGER UPDATES

County Manager Heath presented the following updates:

- **Board of Election Supervisor:** Mr. Heath informed the Board that Sydni Baker, Board of Election Supervisor, resigned effective January 26, 2018.
- **Library Project:** They are finishing up the circulation desk and fixing a few other minor problems. It all should be completed by the end of this month.

COMMISSIONER CONCERNS

The following comments were made for Commissioner concerns:

- **Commissioner Hoffler:** Mr. Hoffler asked if the County has decided what to do with the old Library building. Mr. Heath said that it was up to the Board of Commissioners but nothing has been decided as yet.
- **Commissioner Leigh:** Ms. Leigh reported that the Recreation Center had a needs assessment completed and that more information will be coming in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business to discuss, the Work Session was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman

Clerk to the Board
