

A G E N D A
Perquimans County Board of Commissioners
REGULAR WORK SESSION
Commissioners' Room - Courthouse Annex
May 20, 2019
7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Prayer & Pledge**
- III. Work Session**
 - A. Drainage Resolution
 - B. Public Safety At Large Private Events
 - C. S-Bridge Discussion
 - D.
 - E.
 - F.
- IV. Adjournment**

COUNTY MANAGER NOTES
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- III.A. **Enclosure.** The County has received a request from Mark Powell, Program & Project Management Consultant, to adopt the enclosed Resolution. County Manager Heath would like to add the following paragraph to the Resolution:
4. We recognize that many of the County's drainage issues come from the poor condition of roadway ditches, and the ditches and canals from adjacent creeks and streams that feed into roadway ditches. We request additional state funding that would allow the NCDOT to properly maintain its ditches, and would allow NCDOT to come off of its right of way to aid the clearing of adjacent canals/ditches that feed into its roadway ditches.
- III.B. The Sheriff & EMS Director will come to discuss costs and safety concerns associated with providing services to large private events.
- III.C. **Enclosure.** Chairman Nelson will discuss the latest plan for the S-bridge replacement with regard to it only including a single navigational access as opposed to the two that we currently have.

Mary Hunnicutt

From: Mark Powell <albemarlercandd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 11:16 AM
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Cc: David Clegg; Natalie Rountree; kdavis@camdencountync.gov; Susanne Stallings; leeann.walton@currituckcountync.gov; Gary Gross; Melissa Lawrence; Lois Stotesberry; Lynn Scott; Mary Hunnicutt; Julie Bennett; Garry Meiggs; Larry McLaughlin; Mike Doxey; Ann Co
Subject: [External] Resolution for Strengthening Critical Drainage and Water Quality Infrastructure
Attachments: Resolution_Strengthening_Critical_Drainage_and_Water_Quality_Infrastructure_Template_5_7_19.doc

County Managers,

At its May 7th board meeting the Albemarle RC&D Council adopted the attached resolution for strengthening critical drainage and water quality infrastructure in Northeast NC. The resolution seeks to bring attention to regional drainage and water quality issues, and to work in partnership with our state legislators to bring much needed funds to NE NC. The ARC&D Council will send a copy of its resolution to each state senator and representative in the council's 10-county area.

The ARC&D Council is encouraging Boards of Commissioners, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and other groups to adopt the resolution and send it to its state senators and representatives. The goal is to provide them with regional support for securing additional funds for NE NC.

In the council's 10-county area, Tyrrell and Gates Boards of Commissioners have adopted and sent on the resolution.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this regional effort to bring additional funds to NE NC for critical drainage and water quality infrastructure.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mark

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ALBEMARLE RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
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Resolution
For
Strengthening Critical Drainage and Water Quality Infrastructure

WHEREAS, the _____, which recognizes that more frequent and stronger storm events are causing longer periods of severe flooding and the subsequent degradation of water quality, AND that these problems are negatively impacting both urban and rural residents, businesses, and our regional economy, DESIRES to work with our legislators, local governments, businesses, Albemarle Resource Conservation and Development Council (ARC&D), Albemarle Commission (AC), Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD), farmers, non-profit groups, universities, state and federal agencies and citizen scientists to strengthen critical drainage and water quality infrastructure in northeast North Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The _____ requests the State of North Carolina to increase financial assistance to the ten counties in northeast North Carolina around the Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds for the following activities, which will help strengthen critical drainage and water quality infrastructure in northeast NC.

- 1) We recognize that creeks, rivers and canals are critical for draining stormwater off our flat landscape. However, many of these systems become clogged with woody debris during storm events, both minor and major. We request matching funds for local governments to annually clear debris from creeks, rivers and canals. This will help strengthen critical drainage infrastructure and lessen the damage that can occur during major storms such as Matthew and Florence.

- 2) We recognize that swamp forests are a critical component of drainage infrastructure as they help mitigate floodwaters and improve water quality. We request funds to help provide financial incentives to owners of swamp forests to conserve a minimum 100-foot buffer along creeks and rivers, which is essential for protecting both drainage and water quality.

- 3) We recognize that the return of algal blooms to our waters after an absence of 30 to 35 years is a threat to fisheries, recreation, property values, and human health, and thus to our regional economy. We request funds to help identify the causes of, and solutions to, the algal blooms, specifically to proactively monitor water quality in creeks and rivers—where NCDEQ does not have monitoring stations—in order to identify the specific sources of nutrients and sediment entering our waterways. This work would be performed in collaboration with local governments, ARC&D, AC, SWCD, universities, and citizen scientists.

Adopted by the _____ this _____ day of _____, 2019

_____ Secretary/Treasurer _____ Chairman

From: Frank Heath [mailto:frankheath@perquimanscountync.gov]
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 10:25 AM
To: Mary Hunnicutt
Subject: Fwd: [External] RE: [External] S bridge

See below-

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Perquimans County's Vision: To be a community of opportunity in which to live, learn, work, prosper and play.

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Sent: 5/17/2019 8:12 AM
Subject: [External] RE: [External] S bridge

Frank,

Jerry asked that I respond to your question regarding the single channel proposal for the Perquimans S Bridge replacement.

The Department and the Design Build team have requested that the US Coast Guard Permit the bridge crossing with a single navigational channel versus the double channel as currently exists.

The decision to light and fender only one side of the Swing Span Bridge was based upon existing vessel traffic counts. Similar to a decision to build a two lane versus four lane highway, we felt there wasn't sufficient navigational traffic to justify the expense to build and maintain a lighting and fender system on both sides of the swing span.

The new single fender channel will have a horizontal clearance of 55 feet. The vertical clearance will be uninhibited. The US 17 Bypass bridges just down stream also have a horizontal clearance of 55 feet inside the fender system. The vertical clearance of that crossing is 30 feet.

Having a single fender system on the new S Bridge will not reduce the current capacity of the waterway.

I have heard concern regarding a single channel potentially limiting the ability of a future passenger ferry reaching the downtown docks. The passenger ferry the Department currently has under construction is approximately 32 feet wide and draws approximately 4 feet of water. The 55 foot horizontal clearance of both crossings will allow passage of passenger ferries of similar size as the one currently being constructed.

I hope I have provided the requested information. If I can answer further questions, please feel free to contact us.

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Cc: Otts, David B <dbotts@ncdot.gov>
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Randy,
Can you or David respond to Frank? Thanks.

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Subject: [External] S bridge

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Jerry,

It is my understanding that the latest plan for the s bridge replacement includes only a single navigational access as opposed to the two we currently have. Can you give me any more info on this and why the change. Thanks,

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