

Attest:

Mary P. Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board

Opposing the Disposal of Fracking Waste in Eastern North Carolina: At their March Work Session, the Board discussed the process of fracking and the disposal of the Fracking Waste in Eastern North Carolina. Commissioner Hobbs expressed his desire not to have this happen in Eastern North Carolina. Commissioner Miller-White concurred. On motion made by Benjamin C. Hobbs, seconded by Edward R. Muzzulin, the Board unanimously approved the following Resolution opposing the disposal of Fracking Waste in Eastern North Carolina:

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE DISPOSAL OF FRACKING WASTE IN EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing, or “fracking,” is a method of extracting natural gas that involves injecting, at an extremely high pressure, a mixture of water, sand, and toxic chemicals to break up shale or other rock formations otherwise impermeable to the flow of natural gas; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina does not currently allow either horizontal drilling or hydraulic fracturing, and studies across the United States show conflicting results on the effects of reversing this ban; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 76, which would lift the state’s ban on fracking, was co-sponsored by Senator Bill Cook, was passed by the Senate, and will be considered by the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, fracking operations in North Carolina would be concentrated in Central and Western North Carolina, however it has been reported that there are no viable options for disposal of fracking waste in the western part of the state and that Eastern North Carolina might be an option for deep-well disposal of fracking waste; and

WHEREAS, the disposal of fracking byproducts into the aquifer could have a detrimental impact on the environment, including contamination of drinking water wells and surface waters; and

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the North Carolina Constitution states that “It shall be the policy of the State to conserve and protect its lands and waters for the benefit of all its citizenry, and to this end it shall be a proper function of the State of North Carolina and its political subdivisions... to control and limit the pollution of our air and water... and in every other appropriate way to preserve as part of our common heritage of this State its forests, wetlands, estuaries, beaches, historical sites, open lands, and places of beauty”; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners is greatly opposed to the disposal in Eastern North Carolina of fracking waste and byproducts from other areas of the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners urges the North Carolina General Assembly to take no action that would weaken existing laws barring hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling before a viable option for disposal of fracking waste is found that does not include Eastern North Carolina.

ADOPTED this 1st day of April, 2013.

Janice McKenzie Cole, Chair
Perquimans County Board of Commissioners

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Magaro, Board Appointment to Northeast Workforce Development Board (NWDB): Mr. Magaro thanked the Board for the opportunity of serving on the NWDB Board and, as required, presented his report which was included in the Board Agenda Packets. He explained the strengths and the weaknesses of the Board and that there is progress being made but he would like to see it more. Commissioner Hobbs asked who the Chairman of the Board was. Mr. Magaro said that it was Natalie Rountree. Commissioner Miller-White explained that Ms. Rountree was the new Director. The Chairman of the Board is Bobby Hannon.

Commissioner Peeler: Mr. Peeler said that one of the issues Mr. Magaro brought up was the training issue but also the ability of using technology links. He was wondering if we could set up a discussion at a Commissioners’ Work Session to determine what assets we have in the County that would assist them in this process. Chair Cole explained some of the drawbacks for using links like this to handle meetings of the Board. She explained the process that is used with the East Carolina Behavioral Health Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the Regular Meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 8:30 p.m. on motion made by Edward R. Muzzulin, seconded by Matthew Peeler.

Janice McKenzie Cole, Chair

Clerk to the Board

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

April 15, 2013

7:00 p.m.

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Monday, April 15, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners’ Room located on the first floor of the Perquimans County Courthouse Annex.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Janice McKenzie Cole, Chair Edward R. Muzzulin, Vice Chair
Benjamin Hobbs Kyle Jones
Matthew Peeler Tammy Miller-White

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Frank Heath, County Manager
Mary Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board

After the Chair called the meeting to order, Commissioner Jones gave the invocation and the Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chair said that the purpose of this Special Called Meeting was to discuss and award the Rehabilitation Bids for the Single Family Rehab Grant projects.

REHABILITATION BIDS – SINGLE FAMILY REHAB GRANT PROJECTS

County Manager Heath explained that the bids for the above referenced projects were opened on March 20, 2013. They received the following bids:

Contractor	Case #1 179 Dogwood Hertford, NC	Case #2 1626 Ocean Highway Edenton, NC	Case #3 430 Pender Road Hertford, NC
Eure & Sons Construction, Inc.	\$35,627	\$54,299	\$39,696
B&B Construction	\$39,250	\$53,480	\$35,595

Mr. Heath further explained that the lowest bids were as follows: Case #1 Eure & Sons = \$35,627; Case #2 B&B Construction = \$53,480; and Case #3 B&B Construction = \$35,595. The Wooten Company has made the following recommendation:

As detailed on the above Bid Tabulation Sheet, Eure & Sons Construction is only \$819.00 more than B & B Construction on case #2 (\$54,299.00). B & B Construction will not be in a position to start work for approximately two months and Eure & Sons Construction can begin work on two cases within the next three weeks. This schedule needs to be considered when awarding contracts. The County is not required to award contracts based strictly on dollar amount and should consider scheduling as well. Case #2 scope of work will be adjusted so that the rehabilitation cost is below the maximum allowable assistance for this project. All three contracts will be financed with available HOME Investment Partnership Program funds.

On motion made by Benjamin C. Hobbs, seconded by Edward R. Muzzulin, the Board unanimously awarded the contracts as follows:

Contractor	Case #1 179 Dogwood Hertford, NC	Case #2 1626 Ocean Highway Edenton, NC	Case #3 430 Pender Road Hertford, NC
Eure & Sons Construction, Inc.	\$35,627	\$54,299	
B&B Construction			\$35,595

Commissioner Miller-White wanted to clarify some information and asked what the addresses were for these properties. She wanted to know if this was the grant project that we have had difficulty in finding homes to qualify. Mr. Heath said that it was. With regard to the addresses of these properties, Mr. Heath referred her to the tabulation sheet. The addresses were listed below each Case number.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the Special Called Meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 7:10 p.m. on motion made by Matthew Peeler, seconded by Tammy Miller-White and the Work Session began.

Janice McKenzie Cole, Chair

Clerk to the Board

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