

Brunswick County Commissioner Meeting Feb 5, 2018

Public Comments:

- 1) Mr. Charles Moore of Oak Island, representing the NAACP and Black Caucus, proposed that the County Commission restructure from 5 Members elected at Large, to 7 members elected by district.
- 2) Capt. Faircloth of Lockwood Folly inlet spoke about success of the dredging project. He has observed environmental improvement.
- 3) Capt. Ryan Jordan spoke about the unfairness of the Brunswick County Sheriff's department patrolling Federal waters and issuing warnings (mostly wake zone). He states they do not have jurisdiction; this involved 97 man hours of Sheriff department time, no crimes were committed and this is over reach of the Sheriff's department.

Agenda Items:

Several small pieces of County property will be sold; one piece approval was denied due to the very low bid. Other budget items approved; adding LED lighting to Ocean Isle Beach project.

Personnel updating employee handbook on use of technology from work. The main issue is a work email should not represent employee private interests. Occasional use of work technology ok for private use if it does not impact the system or job performance. Policy is an update to current policy, mainly to keep up with current technology in use.

Presentation: Lockwood Folly Navigation Project Feasibility study from Ken Wilson of APTIM.

The project cannot be scheduled until the 2019 dredging season due to months required to obtain permits. Sand dredged will be placed on Holden or Ocean Isle beach. Studies show this is beach compatible sand. The inlet will be widened to 190 feet and dredged to 12 feet + 2. Dredging increases navigation, stabilizes environmental impact of fish and wildlife, and improves the beaches. This investment returns more revenue in increased tourism & fishing. State pays 2/3 of the bill, local is 1/3. Estimating the total bill will be \$4.13 million. Bald Head Island will also be dredging at this same time, so they may be able to piggyback projects to save costs.

Observer: Mary Ellen Cole

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