

Brunswick County Board of Commissioners 8/6/2018

OBSERVER REPORTING - League of Women Voters, Lower Cape Fear/Mary Ellen Cole

The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on 8/6/2018, beginning at 3:00 pm in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the David R. Sandifer Building in the County Government Center in Bolivia. Commissioners present: Randy Thompson, Martin Cooke, Pat Sykes, Mike Forte, Absent: Frank Williams. Staff present included the County Manager, Ann Hardy. An [agenda](#) was posted prior to the meeting. The Wilmington Star News & Brunswick Beacon reporters were present.

Agenda discussion topics

- There were no public comments
- Town Administrator Albert Hughes was honored by the Commission for his retirement & years of service
- Building Inspector presented case to hire two more full time inspectors – approved. Fees pay for these positions.
- Lockwood Folly Dredging project report – Oak Island participating in costs and will receive sand. Approved
- County Logo report – tabled for further study into its usage vs. county seal
- Surplus parcel sales – 3 sites listed approved. Staff directed to study qualifiers before placing properties for sale especially at a loss to the county
- Board appointment – Doug Terhume reappointed to Brunswick Community College board of trustees Approved; several other Board seats remain vacant. There are no Physicians who have applied for the Board seat for the Health dept.
- Settlements – two back taxes cases were settled. Some property owners received refund due to declining property value in 2007 – total is \$12.5K . Coastal Corporations received a \$145K credit towards tax still owed.
- Code Administration- 5 suggestions will be sent to the NC State Legislature for improving the Code:
 - 1) Improve funding & support of drug treatment and drug courts
 - 2) Disallow lawsuits between Boards, as has happened with the School Board vs. Commissioners
 - 3) Funding & support for School Resource Officers
 - 4) Lottery fund distribution should be distributed as advertised
 - 5) Disallow unfunded mandates from State to County.

Observers: Mary Ellen Cole

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