



**Minutes Member Meeting
February 28, 2019
Corolla Library**

President Barbara Marzetti called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Board members Gary McGee, Gerri Adams were also present. Board member Ed Cornet arrived at 6:30. Board member Betsy Wheeler was absent. A total of more than 25 members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes. A motion to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2019 meeting was made by Gary McGee, seconded by Al Marzetti, and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

There is a balance of \$18,728.74 with expenses of \$9.95 for the Virginian Pilot online services and \$64 for the Post Office Box.

Old Business

Grant for Health Care facility:

Betsy Wheeler is writing the grant and is setting up a Health Care non-profit , and is writing a survey to be distributed to potential users of the clinic. It will be a primary care facility, with walk-in care available.

New Business:

Gary McGee was appointed Chairman to the Currituck Board of Elections by the Governor.

Home Owners' Insurance rate increase was initially denied and an arbitration hearing was set.

There is also a proposed increase for Automobile Insurance.

The BOC is writing a letter protesting the increases.

The tourism report is on line with a link on the County Tourism site.

Guest Speaker

Bob White BOC Chairman and District 1 Representative, spoke on the improvements being made in the Currituck Outer Banks. He brought pictures of the boat museum to be built in the Corolla Historical Park. Construction of the museum is to begin in May and will take about a year to complete. Construction of the section of the bike path from Corolla Light to Monteray Shores has

begun and is to be completed before the season starts. The County is continuing to negotiate to finish the southern end of the bike path possibly locating it on the West side through Pine Island to the county line (through the Audubon Society property. The County is also trying to complete the bike path from the bank to Albacore St. The county is asking NCDOT to fix the ditches in Corolla Light to alleviate the flooding from the tennis courts to the Mirage condominiums. The ditches on twelve by the entrance to Ocean Hill 1 have been cleared to eliminate the flooding in that area. The County owns The Wildlife Resource Center and leases it to the state for \$1 per year. The County is making efforts to take over the building should WRCs funding fail and repurpose the building to maybe include The Wild Horse Fund. The BOC is talking about a wooden pedestrian path through Corolla Village from Whalehead to the Chapel, as was previously shown in the small area plan and Connecting Corolla. A study was done by ChandlerThinks about tourism recognition of Currituck County since tourists don't recognize Currituck, only Corolla and OBX; tourism is now in discussions with this company to perform rebranding marketing to get more tourists for our area. The Albemarle Regional Planning Board may be able to help push NC DOT on the flooding on Bonito in Whalehead. The sign ordinance committee is to be reformed with the addition of business owners to address the signs along Rt 12. The Mid-Currituck Bridge will not be completed any time soon. There are plans to complete a bike path the length of Rt 168. The land swap with the federal government is being completed. There will be 3 acres to be used for a soft paved road, parking, and bathhouses behind the dune at the entrance to the north beaches. Flood zones have been changed which has lead to increased building on the North beaches. A request for services has been put out to begin a 3 year study for nourishment of the Currituck beaches from the Hampton Inn to the North Beaches. This study should begin in September 2019. The study is to begin with a study every 1,000 feet; the interval may change as the study progresses. There are difficulties with the School Board and school funding. The BOC will try to push toward accreditation of the Currituck County Schools and is in discussions with the School Board on spending policies. The County sold a parcel of land in the Barco Commercial Park (YMCA) for \$400,000 to a company that is building a \$25 million training facility for cold water rescues. It is projected to produce \$400,000 annually in taxes plus jobs. A suggestion has been made to paint the new Ocean Sands wastewater plant with a mural as a way to beautify it; there is a landscaping plan with some privacy fence. Dan Scanlon is retiring at the end of June and Ben Stikeleather is to replace him.. Improvements to the technology for the broadcasting of the BOC meetings are being made. The County cannot spend money on unification, only individuals – Bob stated that unification will not happen anytime soon. Bob said he would push for a playground to be built next to the boat museum once it is completed. Metal pilings are to be installed to fix the horse fence. The parking permits produced \$300,000 which is to be spent on the North Beaches.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:42.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerri Adams, Acting Secretary