



**CURRITUCK COUNTY  
NORTH CAROLINA**

July 16, 2020

Minutes – Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

**6:00 CALL TO ORDER**

The Currituck County Board of Commissioners met in a Special Meeting at 6:00 PM in the Board Meeting Room of the Historic Courthouse, 153 Courthouse Road, Currituck, North Carolina, for a work session to review goals and develop a work plan based on results of Strategic Planning sessions the Board attended in October, 2019.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Bob White	Chairman	Present	
Mike H. Payment	Vice Chairman	Present	
Paul M. Beaumont	Commissioner	Absent	
J. Owen Etheridge	Commissioner	Present	
Mary "Kitty" Etheridge	Commissioner	Present	
Selina S. Jarvis	Commissioner	Present	
Kevin E. McCord	Commissioner	Present	

The work session began at 6:00 PM. Commissioner Beaumont was not in attendance.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Strategic Planning Review and Discussion of Land Use**

Ben Stikeleather, County Manager, began discussion by stating the purpose of the work session, which was to review results of the Board's earlier planning sessions and encourage action that will promote moving forward with the goals and objectives established in the plan. Mr. Stikeleather stressed the importance of the Board officially adopting the plan to demonstrate to the citizens that the Board has a plan for the county and is working toward those goals. He explained the community's investment in developing the county's Land Use Plan and effects when Commissioners' individual projects interfere with staff's ability to work on longer-term directives set out in various plans adopted by the Board.

Commissioners discussed governance and understanding the diverse perspectives of each member during the decision-making process and suggested giving more weight to the strategic plan, Land Use Plan and zoning regulations and using these as the basis for decision making.

Mr. Stikeleather walked through each of the goals set out in the Strategic Plan document for Currituck County and the sub-areas, and noted whether work had commenced on a particular item. Sub-areas included Knotts Island/Gibbs Woods, Moyock, Central Currituck-Shawboro, Central Currituck-Soundside, Southern Currituck,

Corolla, and the Off-Road Area. During review, Commissioners prioritized education initiatives to garner support for unified government, consideration of campgrounds as an alternative to a hotel, and consistency with code enforcement. Commissioners considered creating plans to develop around the Mainland and Corolla Mid-Currituck Bridge terminuses and zoning ordinances to allow development appropriate to the location where it is located in the county.

## ADJOURN

Following discussion, Commissioners directed staff to include the Strategic Plan on the July 20, 2020 meeting agenda for adoption.

With no further business, Commissioner Jarvis made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mary Etheridge. The motion carried and the work session concluded at 7:09 PM.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Selina S. Jarvis, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mary "Kitty" Etheridge, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Bob White, Chairman, Mike H. Payment, Vice Chairman, J. Owen Etheridge, Commissioner, Mary "Kitty" Etheridge, Commissioner, Selina S. Jarvis, Commissioner, Kevin E. McCord, Commissioner
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Paul M. Beaumont, Commissioner