



Currituck County
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA
Special Meeting

Monday, April 7, 2025, 4:30 PM
Currituck County Extension Center
120 Community Way
Barco, North Carolina 27917

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**CURRITUCK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE
IDENTIFICATION OF PARTY AFFILIATION OF EACH CANDIDATE FOR CURRITUCK
COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, members of the Currituck County Board of Education are elected in non-partisan elections; and,

WHEREAS, identification of candidates' party affiliation will provide voters with more information about the positions and policies the candidates support; and

WHEREAS, forty-six (46) school districts in North Carolina currently elect their Board of Education members in partisan races; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners intends to allow Currituck County citizens to decide this matter through a special ballot referendum.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Currituck County Board of Commissioners for the County of Currituck North Carolina as follows:

Section 1. The Board requests the North Carolina General Assembly allow a special referendum to be called on the question of whether party affiliation of candidates for the Currituck County Board of Education be identified; and

Section 2. The said referendum shall be held in accordance with the procedures of N.C. Gen. Stat. §163-287; and

Section 3. In the event a majority of the qualified voters of Currituck County support a partisan Board of Education, the Currituck County Board of Commissioners requests the North Carolina General Assembly to establish that henceforth the party affiliation of candidates for the Currituck County Board of Education be identified; and

Section 4. This change in the election of Currituck County Board of Education members shall not impact the terms of any current members of the Currituck County Board of Education; and

Section 5. This referendum shall be held during the general election of 2026 pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §163-287.

ADOPTED this 7th day of April, 2025.

S. Paul O'Neal, Chairman

ATTEST:

Leeann Walton
Clerk to the Board



CURRITUCK COUNTY SCHOOLS
Inspiring Excellence in Every Student



Joint Resolution of the Currituck County Board of Education and Board of Commissioners to Increase Teacher Pay in North Carolina

WHEREAS, public education in North Carolina is in crisis, facing severe challenges in teacher recruitment and retention, declining resources, and stagnant salaries that fail to keep pace with inflation and neighboring states; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina ranks poorly in teacher salary pay compared to other states in the United States, with the average teacher salary at \$56,559, placing North Carolina at 38th in the nation; and

WHEREAS, starting teacher pay in North Carolina at \$40,136 ranks 42nd in the nation and almost \$15,000 below the minimum living wage; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina competes with neighboring states to recruit and retain teachers, such as the State of Virginia, which has an average teacher salary of \$63,103 (ranking 25th in the nation) and an average starting teacher salary of \$46,250 (ranking 17th in the nation); and

WHEREAS, the top salary on the North Carolina salary schedule is \$55,950, which a teacher reaches after 25 years in the profession; and

WHEREAS, neighboring school districts in Virginia, just across the border from Currituck County, offer significantly higher compensation for both teachers with 25 years of experience and for veteran educators, as teachers with 25 years of experience in neighboring Virginia districts earn over \$22,000 more annually than their counterparts in North Carolina, while some veteran educators make as much as \$42,000 more per year; and

WHEREAS, the 2022-2023 State of the Teaching Profession in North Carolina reports that the overall state attrition rate was 11.45% for that year, which is a 3.67 percentage point increase from 7.78% in the 2021-22 analysis and a 3.25 percentage point increase from 8.20% in the 2020-21 analysis; and

WHEREAS, teachers are paid less than their college-educated peers in other professions- in North Carolina, teachers earn 24.5 percent less than comparable college graduates, a trend which has dire implications for recruitment and retention; and

WHEREAS, despite being highly qualified, North Carolina teachers are not properly compensated for their work, causing both new and veteran educators to leave the profession; and

WHEREAS, enrollment in teacher-preparation programs has been steadily declining and is down by about a third in the past decade; and

WHEREAS, competitive pay is a common-sense solution to attract and retain talent in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, the state of North Carolina currently has several billions of dollars of surplus funds

which could be used to invest in education; and

WHEREAS, despite strong public support for increasing teacher salaries, North Carolina continues to provide teachers with only a minimal step increase that fails to keep pace with inflation; and

WHEREAS, in many communities across the state, school districts are the largest employers and the loss of funding to public schools would devastate these communities and their students; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's future depends on ensuring that all children receive a good education that prepares them to be successful in the jobs of today and tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, without urgent investment, public schools will struggle to attract and retain qualified educators, directly impacting student success and the future workforce; and

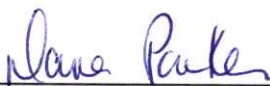
WHEREAS, House Bill 192 entitled "An Act to raise salaries and reinstate education-based salary supplements for teachers and instructional support personnel and to direct the North Carolina Collaboratory to study the creation of a dollar allotment system for the compensation of certain public school employees," was filed on February 25, 2025, in the North Carolina General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, if enacted, House Bill 192 would give public school teachers a pay increase of 22 percent beginning with the upcoming school year and provide salary supplements for teachers who meet certain requirements by appropriating \$1.597 billion in recurring funds for salary increases.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Currituck County Board of Education and Currituck County Board of Commissioners strongly support House Bill 192 and any other bill to provide immediate and sustained increases for experienced teachers, with a goal of competitive salaries that reflect regional and national averages; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we strongly urge all community members to immediately contact their state legislators to advocate for meaningful increases in teacher salaries.

Adopted by the Currituck County Board of Education this 20th day of March 2025.



Dana Parker
Chair
Currituck County Board of Education



Jason Banks
Vice-Chair
Currituck County Board of Education

Adopted by the Currituck County Board of Commissioners this ____ day of April 2025.

S. Paul O'Neal
Chair
Currituck County Board of Commissioners

Selina Jarvis
Vice-Chair
Currituck County Board of Commissioners

Leeann Walton
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

**ABC BOARD
3 Year Terms**

Incumbent	Nominated by	New Appointee	Nominated by	Date of Appointment	End of Term
O. Vance Aydlett, Jr.	Consensus			12/19/2022	3rd 9/1/2025
David Griggs	Consensus	Janice Scarborough	Unexp 2-16-2028 S. Jarvis	4/4/2022	3rd 2/16/2025
Chris Bell	Consensus			7/15/2024	2nd 9/1/2027
Ronda Galko	Consensus			10/7/2024	Unexp 9/1/2027
Mike Payment (Chair)	Consensus			Init Designation 12/16/2024	Annual Desig. <i>Board Rep</i>
Must be Replaced					

BUDGET AMENDMENT

The Currituck County Board of Commissioners, at a meeting on the 7th day of April 2025, passed the following amendment to the budget resolution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	Debit	Credit
		Decrease Revenue or Increase Expense	Increase Revenue or Decrease Expense
10541-545000	Contract Services	\$ 3,000	
10541-557100	Software License Fees		\$3,000
		\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000

Explanation: Fire Services (10541) - Transfer budgeted funds for the Eastern Data badge system and Waterlily Fire Station.

Net Budget Effect: Operating Fund (10) - No change.

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10795-513001	Utilities	\$ 5,000	
10795-506000	Health Insurance		\$5,850
10795-516000	Maintenance & Repair	850	
		\$ 5,850	\$ 5,850

Explanation: Parks & Recreation (10795) - Increase utility budget for parks for the operations for the remainder of this fiscal year and replace window at Shingle Landing Park damaged by vandalism.

Net Budget Effect: Operating Fund (10) - No change.

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		Decrease Revenue or Increase Expense		Increase Revenue or Decrease Expense	
10510-557100	Software License Fees	\$	23,500		
10510-532000	Supplies		8,000		
10510-536000	Uniforms		10,000		
10510-511010	Data Transmission		2,740		
10510-531000	Fuel		5,405		
10510-506000	Health Insurance			\$	31,000
10510-513000	Utilities			\$	1,000
10510-554000	Insurance & Bonds			\$	305
10380-488000	ABC Education Distributions			\$	17,340
			<u>\$ 49,645</u>		<u>\$ 49,645</u>

Explanation: Sheriff (10510) - Increase appropriations to allocation the ABC Education distributions to Sheriff operations and to transfer funds for operations for the remainder of this fiscal year.

Net Budget Effect: Operating Fund (10) - Increased by \$17,340.

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		Decrease Revenue or Increase Expense	Increase Revenue or Decrease Expense
10530-502100	Salaries - Overtime	\$ 300,000	
10530-502000	Salaries - Regular		300,000
10530-511010	Data Transmission	18,000	
10530-526000	Advertising		500
10530-531000	Fuel	40,000	
10340-450000	Ambulance Service		\$ 57,500
		<u>\$ 358,000</u>	<u>\$ 358,000</u>

Explanation: Emergency Medical Services (10530) - Increase appropriations for fuel and data transmission. Also transfer regular salaries to overtime to cover position vacancies throughout the fiscal year.

Net Budget Effect: Operating Fund (10) - Increased by \$57,500.

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COUNTY OF CURRITUCK

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR
CURRITUCK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA AMENDING THE MASTER
FEE SCHEDULE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC WATER AND
SEWER SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEE ACT**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §153A-102, a county’s Board of Commissioners may fix the fees charged by a county; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of Chapter 162 A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the “Public Water and Sewer System Development Fee Act”, (the “Act”), a county shall conform its water and sewer system development fees; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act the county has calculated water and sewer system development fees based on a written analysis; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2025 the Board of Commissioners held a public hearing after proper notice on water and sewer system development fees that will conform to the requirements of the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for Currituck County, North Carolina that:

Section 1. The Currituck County Master Fee Schedule is amended as set forth in Exhibit A attached to this resolution and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. This resolution is effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED the 7th day of April, 2025.

S. Paul. O’Neal, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Leeann Walton,
Clerk to the Board

(COUNTY SEAL)

Mainland Water

Water usage

Water Charge Fire Service (sprinkler systems)	Same as all other water consumption charges
Water Charge Local Government/Board of Education	Same as all other water consumption charges
Base rate to all customers - monthly	\$20.00 Effective 7/1/2021
2,000 gallons or less in addition to base rate per 1,000 gallons	\$0.00 Effective 7/1/2024
5,000 gallons or less in addition to base rate per 1,000 gallons	\$5.16 Effective 7/1/2024
10,000 gallons or less in addition to base rate per 1,000 gallons	\$6.31 Effective 7/1/2024
15,000 gallons or less in addition to base rate per 1,000 gallons	\$7.46 Effective 7/1/2024
20,000 gallons or less in addition to base rate per 1,000 gallons	\$8.61 Effective 7/1/2024
> 20,000 gallons in addition to base rate per 1,000 gallons	\$9.75 Effective 7/1/2024

System Developmental Fees

Developmental Fee - Water	3/4" 5/8"	\$4,279	2,041
Developmental Fee - Water	1"	\$10,697	5,102
Developmental Fee - Water	1 1/2"		10,203
Developmental Fee - Water	2"	\$34,231	16,325
Developmental Fee - Water	3"	\$68,463	32,651
Developmental Fee - Water	4"	\$106,973	51,017
Developmental Fee - Water	6"	\$213,946	102,034
Developmental Fee - Water	8"	\$342,313	163,254
Developmental Fee - Water	10"	\$513,470	244,881
Developmental Fee - Water - Centers of Worship		\$3,000	
Developmental Fee - Water - 6" or greater Fire Service		\$6,000	Same as new install fees above
Standalone irrigation meter development fee	3/4" 5/8"	\$1,000	All others actual Cost plus 20% 2,041
Standalone irrigation meter development fee	1"	\$10,697	5,102
Standalone irrigation meter development fee	1 1/2"		10,203
Standalone irrigation meter development fee	2"	\$34,231	16,325
Standalone irrigation meter development fee	3"	\$68,463	32,651
Standalone irrigation meter development fee	4"	\$106,973	51,017
Standalone irrigation meter development fee	6"	\$213,946	102,034
Standalone irrigation meter development fee	8"	\$342,313	163,254
Standalone irrigation meter development fee	10"	\$513,470	244,881

Water connection fees

Water connection - contractor installs	No fee
Water connection fee, 3/4" 5/8" inch	\$1,000 County staff installs connection
Water connection fee, 3/4" 5/8" inch irrigation	\$1,000
Irrigation meter, 3/4" 5/8" inch, if existing water meter present to make connection (Piggyback)	\$1,000
Water connection fee, 3/4" 5/8" inch fire service	\$1,000
Water connection fee, >3/4" 5/8" inch irrigation	Actual cost + 20%
Water connection fee > 3/4" 5/8" inch	Actual cost + 20% County staff installs connection

Other miscellaneous fees

Fire hydrant meter	\$6,000
Fire hydrant meter - Deposit	\$2,500

Fire hydrant meter setup fee	\$50	
Fire hydrant tampering fee	\$5,500	Moved to Miscellaneous Fees
Valve tampering fee	\$5,500	Moved to Miscellaneous Fees
High-risk deposit (owner or renter)	\$200	or three months' billing of previous usage, whichever is greater
Open/reopen/transfer account	\$25	
Renter deposit	\$150	
Reread meter - our reading correct	\$25	
Reread meter - our reading incorrect	No charge	

Mainland Sewer

Sewer usage

Sewer Utility Charge - Monthly Base Rate for all customers	\$40.00	Effective 7/1/2022
2,000 gallons or less in addition to base rate per 1,000 gallons	\$0.00	Effective 7/1/2024
5,000 gallons or less in addition to base rate per 1,000 gallons	\$17.04	Effective 7/1/2024
10,000 gallons or less in addition to base rate per 1,000 gallons	\$20.83	Effective 7/1/2024
15,000 gallons or less in addition to base rate per 1,000 gallons	\$24.62	Effective 7/1/2024
20,000 gallons or less in addition to base rate per 1,000 gallons	\$28.41	Effective 7/1/2024
Addition to base rate for all usage when monthly usage exceeds 20,000 gallons per 1,000 gallons	\$32.19	Effective 7/1/2024

System Developmental Fees

Developmental Fee - Residential Sewer	\$5806	
Developmental Fee - Commercial Sewer	\$5806	Per Equivalent Residential Unit
Developmental Fee - Sewer	3/4" 5/8"	5,418
Developmental Fee - Sewer	1"	13,545
Developmental Fee - Sewer	1 1/2"	27,090
Developmental Fee - Sewer	2"	43,344
Developmental Fee - Sewer	3"	86,688
Developmental Fee - Sewer	4"	135,450
Developmental Fee - Sewer	6"	270,900
Developmental Fee - Sewer	8"	433,440
Developmental Fee - Sewer	10"	650,160

Other miscellaneous fees

Sewer installation fee	Cost plus 20%
Open/reopen/transfer account	\$25

Ocean Sands Water and Sewer

Water usage

Water Charge Monthly Base Rate for all customers	\$20.00 Effective 7/1/2021
2,500 gallons or less in addition to base rate in addition to base rate per 1,000 gallons	\$4.02 Effective 7/1/2024
5,000 gallons or less in addition to base rate per 1,000 gallons	\$5.16 Effective 7/1/2024
10,000 gallons or less in addition to base rate per 1,000 gallons	\$6.31 Effective 7/1/2024
15,000 gallons or less in addition to base rate per 1,000 gallons	\$7.46 Effective 7/1/2024
20,000 gallons or less in addition to base rate per 1,000 gallons	\$8.61 Effective 7/1/2024
Addition to base rate for all usage when monthly usage exceeds 20,000 gallons per 1,000 gallons	\$9.75 Effective 7/1/2024

Sewer usage

Sewer Charge Monthly Base Rate for all customers	\$20.00 Effective 7/1/2024
2,500 gallons or less in addition to base rate in addition to base rate per 1,000 gallons	\$8.03 Effective 7/1/2024
5,000 gallons or less in addition to base rate per 1,000 gallons	\$10.33 Effective 7/1/2024
10,000 gallons or less in addition to base rate per 1,000 gallons	\$12.62 Effective 7/1/2024
15,000 gallons or less in addition to base rate per 1,000 gallons	\$14.92 Effective 7/1/2024
20,000 gallons or less in addition to base rate per 1,000 gallons	\$17.21 Effective 7/1/2024
addition to base rate for all usage when monthly usage exceeds 20,000 gallons per 1,000 gallons	\$19.51 Effective 7/1/2024

System Developmental Fees

Developmental Fees - Sewer - Residential	\$5,924	
Developmental Fees - Sewer - Commercial		
	\$5,924 per equivalent residential unit of 533 gallons per day	
Developmental Fees - Sewer	3/4" 5/8"	5,895
Developmental Fees - Sewer	1"	14,738
Developmental Fees - Sewer	1 1/2"	29,475
Developmental Fees - Sewer	2"	47,161
Developmental Fees - Sewer	3"	94,322
Developmental Fees - Sewer	4"	147,377
Developmental Fees - Sewer	6"	294,755
Developmental Fees - Sewer	8"	471,608
Developmental Fees - Sewer	10"	707,412
Developmental Fees - Water	3/4" 5/8"	4,054
Developmental Fees - Water	1"	10,135
Developmental Fees - Water	1 1/2"	20,270
Developmental Fees - Water	2"	32,432
Developmental Fees - Water	3"	64,865
Developmental Fees - Water	4"	101,351
Developmental Fees - Water	6"	202,702
Developmental Fees - Water	8"	324,323
Developmental Fees - Water	10"	486,484
Developmental Fee - Water - 6" Fire Service	\$6,000	Same as above
Standalone irrigation meter development fee	3/4" 5/8"	4,054
Standalone irrigation meter development fee	1"	10,135
Standalone irrigation meter development fee	1 1/2"	20,270

Standalone irrigation meter development fee	2"	\$47,467	32,432
Standalone irrigation meter development fee	3"	\$94,935	64,865
Standalone irrigation meter development fee	4"	\$148,336	101,351
Standalone irrigation meter development fee	6"	\$296,672	202,702
Standalone irrigation meter development fee	8"	\$474,675	324,323
Standalone irrigation meter development fee	10"	\$712,012	486,484

Water connection fees

Water connection - contractor installs	No fee
Water connection fee, 3/4" 5/8 inch	\$1,000 County staff installs connection
Water connection fee, > 3/4" 5/8 inch	Actual cost + 20% County staff installs connection
Irrigation meter, 3/4" 5/8 inch, if existing water meter present to make connection (Piggyback)	\$1,000

Other miscellaneous fees

Sewer installation fee	Cost plus 20%
Fire hydrant tampering fee	\$5,500 Moved to Miscellaneous Fees above
Valve tampering fee	\$5,500 Moved to Miscellaneous Fees above

Southern Outer Banks Water

Water usage

Pine Island

Water Charge - Pine Island Base Rate	\$30.00 month
Water Charge - Pine Island per 1,000 gallons	\$4.50 per 1000 gal

Southern Outer Banks Water, except Pine Island

Water Charge Monthly Base Rate for all customers, except Pine Island	\$20.00 Effective 7/1/2021
2,500 gallons or less in addition to base rate in addition to base rate per 1,000 gallons	\$4.02 per 1000 gal./effective 7/1/2024
5,000 gallons or less in addition to base rate per 1,000 gallons	\$5.16 per 1000 gal./effective 7/1/2024
10,000 gallons or less in addition to base rate per 1,000 gallons	\$6.31 per 1000 gal./effective 7/1/2024
15,000 gallons or less in addition to base rate per 1,000 gallons	\$7.46 per 1000 gal./effective 7/1/2024
20,000 gallons or less in addition to base rate per 1,000 gallons	\$8.61 per 1000 gal./effective 7/1/2024
Addition to base rate for all usage when monthly usage exceeds 20,000 gallons per 1,000 gallons	\$9.75 per 1000 gal./effective 7/1/2024

System Developmental Fees

Developmental Fees - Water	3/4" 5/8"	\$7,281	\$	9,376
Developmental Fees - Water	1"	\$18,202		23,441
Developmental Fees - Water	1 1/2"			46,882
Developmental Fees - Water	2"	\$58,247		75,012
Developmental Fees - Water	3"	\$116,493		150,024
Developmental Fees - Water	4"	\$182,020		234,412
Developmental Fees - Water	6"	\$364,041		468,824
Developmental Fees - Water	8"	\$582,465		750,119
Developmental Fees - Water	10"	\$873,698		1,125,178
Developmental Fee - Water - 6" Fire Service		\$6,000	Same as above	
Developmental Fee - Centers of Worship		\$3,000		
Standalone irrigation meter development fee	3/4" 5/8"	\$1,000	>3/4" 5/8" is actual cost plus 20%	9,376
Standalone irrigation meter development fee	1"	\$18,202		23,441
Standalone irrigation meter development fee	1 1/2"			46,882
Standalone irrigation meter development fee	2"	\$58,247		75,012
Standalone irrigation meter development fee	3"	\$116,493		150,024
Standalone irrigation meter development fee	4"	\$182,020		234,412
Standalone irrigation meter development fee	6"	\$364,041		468,824
Standalone irrigation meter development fee	8"	\$582,465		750,119
Standalone irrigation meter development fee	10"	\$873,698		1,125,178

Water connection fees

Southern Outer Banks Water, except Village of Ocean Hill

Water connection - contractor installs	No fee
Water connection fee, 3/4" 5/8" inch residential meter	\$1,000 County staff installs connection
Water connection fee > 3/4" 5/8" inch	Actual cost + 20% County staff installs connection
Water connection fee, 3/4" 5/8" inch fire service meter	\$1,000 County staff installs connection
Water connection fee, 3/4" 5/8" inch irrigation meter	\$1,000 County staff installs connection
Water connection fee > 3/4" 5/8" inch irrigation meter	Actual cost + 20% County staff installs connection
Irrigation meter, 3/4" 5/8" inch, if existing water meter present to make connection (Piggyback)	\$1,000

Village of Ocean Hill

Village of Ocean Hill Water connection fee, standard 3/4" 5/8" meter, commercial	\$1,000
Village of Ocean Hill Water connection fee, standard 3/4" 5/8" meter, hotels/motels per two rooms	\$1,000
Village of Ocean Hill Water connection fee, standard 3/4" 5/8" meter, laundry	\$1,000 per 3 machines
Village of Ocean Hill Water connection fee, standard 3/4" 5/8" meter, multifamily	\$1,000 (condos, cottage courts, apartments) Each habitable unit
Village of Ocean Hill Water connection fee, standard 3/4" 5/8" meter, restaurants	\$1,000 per 16 seats or fraction thereof
Village of Ocean Hill Water connection fee, standard 3/4" 5/8" meter, sewer	\$700
Village of Ocean Hill Water connection fee, standard 3/4" 5/8" meter, single family residential	\$1,000
Irrigation meter, 3/4" 5/8" inch, if existing water meter present to make connection (Piggyback)	\$1,000

Other miscellaneous fees

Renter Deposit	\$150	Moved to Miscellaneous Fee Section above
Fire hydrant tampering fee	\$5,500	Moved to Miscellaneous Fee Section above
Valve tampering fee	\$5,500	Moved to Miscellaneous Fee Section above

The County Manager or designee may authorize discounts for retail sale merchandise and refunds for returns or services that were not provided.

Adopted this on the 7th day of April 2025.

Chairman, S. Paul O'Neal

Clerk to the Board, Leeann Walton

Resolution of the Board of Commissioners Opposing Division of Marine Fisheries' Draft Management Plan for Blue Crab and Proposed Limits on Crab Landings

Whereas, Currituck County relies on the commercial fishing industry to provide jobs and promote local spending, both of which contribute to the health of Currituck County's economy; and

Whereas, Blue Crab is considered one of the largest and most valuable fisheries in North Carolina and is the number one species harvested in both Currituck Sound and Albemarle Sound; and

Whereas, the Division of Marine Fisheries has proposed a Blue Crab landing recommendation for a 10-bushel trip limit for mature females from June-December and no harvest of mature females from January-May, with all other blue crab management measures to remain in place; and

Whereas, the proposed regulations would impose a 21.7 percent decrease in landings as measured by 2019-2023 average landings; and

Whereas, Blue Crabs are currently managed through data collected from 1995-2016, and a 2023 stock assessment failed peer review and is not to be used for management decisions; and

Whereas, decreased landings resulting from the proposed action would have a detrimental impact on the livelihoods of our local watermen and the economy of Currituck County and neighboring counties who also rely on the fishing industry.

Now Therefore, be it Resolved, that the Currituck County Board of Commissioners opposes the action recommended by the Division of Marine Fisheries because it is based on a failed 2023 stock assessment and will have detrimental impacts to the livelihood of our local watermen and the economies of Currituck County and our neighbors in Northeastern North Carolina who rely on the commercial fishing industry.

Be it Further Resolved that this Resolution will be forwarded to Currituck County representatives in the North Carolina General Assembly and to the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission.

Adopted this 7th day of April, 2025.

S. Paul O'Neal, Chairman

ATTEST:

Leeann Walton, Clerk to the Board



COUNTY OF CURRITUCK

Tax Department
P.O. Box 9
Currituck, North Carolina 27929

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Report of Unpaid 2024 Real Estate Taxes

and

Order of Advertisement of Tax Liens

To: Board of County Commissioners
From: Tracy Sample, Tax Administrator
Date: March 24, 2025

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Report of Unpaid 2024 Real Estate Taxes:

As of **March 24, 2025**, there are **\$1,298,590.69** in unpaid taxes that are a lien on real estate for fiscal year **2024-2025**.

North Carolina General Statute 105-369 requires that unpaid real estate tax liens be advertised in one or more newspapers having a general circulation in the county and by posting a notice of the tax liens at the county courthouse. This statute requires that the Board of Commissioners order the tax collector to advertise the tax liens.

Order to Tax Collector to Advertise Tax Liens

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. 105-369 requires the County Tax Collector report to the Board of County Commissioner, the total amount of unpaid taxes for the current fiscal year that are a lien on real property; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. 105-369 also requires that upon receipt of the report, the Board of Commissioners must order the Tax Collector to advertise the tax liens by posting a notice of the liens at the county courthouse and by publishing each lien at least one time in one or more newspapers having general circulation in the taxing unit; and

WHEREAS, the time and content the tax lien advertisement are dictated by N.C.G.S 105-369(c); and

WHEREAS, the report of unpaid taxes for unpaid taxes for the current fiscal year that are a lien on real property has been received;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Currituck County Board of County Commissioners that the Currituck County Tax Collector is hereby ordered to advertise the tax liens for unpaid taxes for the current fiscal year that are a lien on real property, in accordance with N.C.G.S. 105-369(c).

THIS, the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

THE CURRITUCK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____ (SEAL)
Chairman

Attest:

Clerk to the Board



**CURRITUCK COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA**

Minutes- Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

March 17, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Present:	Paul O'Neal	Chairman
	Selina S. Jarvis	Vice-Chair
	Tony Angell	Commissioner
	J. Owen Etheridge	Commissioner
	Kevin E. McCord	Commissioner
	Michael H. Payment	Commissioner
	Janet Rose	Commissioner

1. Work Session - 4:30 PM

The Board of Commissioners held a Work Session in the Conference Room of the Historic Courthouse, 153 Courthouse Road, Currituck, North Carolina, to discuss Voting Districts, Economic Development and Capital Improvements. Chairman Paul O'Neal, Vice Chair Selina Jarvis, and Commissioners Tony Angell, Owen Etheridge, Kevin McCord, Mike Payment, and Janet Rose attended. Staff present included County Manager, Rebecca Gay, and County Attorney, Megan Morgan.

Chairman O'Neal opened the discussion at 4:30 PM.

1. Voting Districts, Economic Development Vision, Capital Improvements

Voting Districts:

At a previous work session, Commissioners asked the county to explore ways to modify the county's district and board structure for elections. In response, County Attorney, Megan Morgan, researched the process and statutory requirements to present to the Board. Ms. Morgan used a powerpoint to review the current voting district map and provide a brief background on how the existing districts and board structure were

created. She explained the 10% rule for districting based on population and presented options for modifications, either through the General Assembly or by a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners and ballot referendum. She said a referendum placed on the November 2026 ballot would be effective for the 2028 election.

After discussion, Commissioners decided to look at two options: increase the number of districts to six and one at-large member; and increase the number of districts to seven and eliminate at-large Commissioners. Ms. Morgan was directed to seek a consultant to analyze the two options for future consideration.

Economic Development:

Rebecca Gay, County Manager, reviewed a strategic visioning session the previous Board had participated in related to Economic Development, with results implemented into the county's Imagine Currituck 2040 Vision Plan. Commissioners discussed Economic Development and stressed the need to establish a contact at the county to act as a liaison for developers. It was suggested this role be assigned to the Assistant County Manager or another staff member in the County Manager's office. The Board also wanted options to be available when county regulations impede commercial growth.

Commissioners discussed the restrictive covenants for Maple Commerce Park, and Ms. Gay said the Board has always been willing to modify as needed to encourage development. Other requirements in the Unified Development Ordinance were discussed, such as landscaping, and staff were encouraged to bring issues to the Board to determine whether changes are needed to help commercial growth. Sewer availability, corridor cleanup, and small area plans were also discussed as ways to spur commercial development and achieve development goals.

Ms. Gay said she will work on an Economic Development plan and identify a person to assume those duties as part of the upcoming budget. Commissioners agreed to think about area-focused development plans.

Capital Improvements:

Rebecca Gay, County Manager, stressed the need for a decision to address issues with Solid Waste collection in Moyock. Ms. Gay discussed finding a location for a second site for another convenience center in Moyock or expanding the existing Panther Landing site. A conceptual design for expansion of the current site was displayed and included an elevated collection setup and pre-crusher equipment. Expansion and equipment costs for an elevated site would be approximately \$550,000, and although up-front costs are higher the county would break even within three years due to a reduced number of hauls. Photos were displayed

showing similar sites, and a new traffic flow would enhance safety and efficiency and eliminate backups along Tulls Creek Road and Panther Landing.

Following discussion, the Board agreed to move forward with the elevated convenience site design.

Ms. Gay reviewed several proposals for use of the old ABC Store space adjacent to the Corolla Visitor Center in the Currituck Club. After presenting options, Commissioners agreed to entertain a lease for a retail option. The Board also authorized the county to begin designing a new visitor center that would be located near the new ABC Store on county-owned property in Corolla.

Prior to closing the Work Session, Ms. Gay distributed a list of capital projects with appropriations for Board review. Discussion concluded and the Work Session closed at 5:50 PM.

2. Call to Order - 6:00 PM

The Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 PM in the Board Meeting Room of the Historic Courthouse, 153 Courthouse Road, Currituck, North Carolina, for a Regular Meeting.

Chairman O'Neal called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM and announced the earlier work session.

1. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Pastor McClure attended to offer the Invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Ethics Awareness and Conflicts of Interest Reminder

County Attorney, Megan Morgan, recited the Ethics Awareness and Conflicts of Interest Reminder statement. Commissioner McCord shared what he believed to be a conflict, but the County Attorney determined no conflict existed.

3. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Jarvis removed the ABC Board appointment from the agenda and moved for approval of the agenda as amended. Commissioner Angell seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0.

MOVER: Selina S. Jarvis

SECONDER: Tony Angell

AYES (7): Paul O'Neal, Selina S. Jarvis, Tony Angell, J. Owen Etheridge, Kevin E. McCord, Michael H. Payment, and Janet Rose

RESULT: Approved (7 to 0)

3. Public Comment

Chairman O'Neal opened the Public Comment period.

Todd Mitchell, Moyock, spoke about fire services and the future of volunteer fire in the county. He said he has been working with volunteer fire Chiefs on a proposal and would like to discuss the plan with Commissioners. He said a tax increase would be required.

Commissioners wanted to look at possible modifications to the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Board (FEAB) and asked the County Manager to set up a Work Session for the Board to discuss fire service. Commissioners also requested call statistics to see call volume and the types of calls fire and medical are responding to.

With no other speakers, Chairman O'Neal closed the Public Comment period.

4. Quasi-Judicial/Evidentiary Hearings

1. PB 24-28 The Reserve

Parties to speak were sworn in and Assistant Planning Director, Jennie Turner, reviewed the Special Use Permit application with the Board. An aerial was displayed to show the site location and area zoning. A site plan review included information on stormwater, utilities, density and access, shown to be from Campus Drive. Applicable policies and goals in the Imagine Currituck 2040 Vision Plan and Moyock Small Area Plan were presented. Review Standards and Technical Review Committee comments were presented.

Commissioners questioned sidewalk requirements. Ms. Turner said the sidewalk shown on Tulls Creek Road is not required.

Attorney for the applicant, Bill Brumsey, briefly reviewed the request for the Board and introduced Mark Bissell, Professional Engineer, and Kim Tate, Certified North Carolina Real Estate Appraiser, who would be testifying on behalf of the applicant. Both were tendered as expert witnesses.

Mr. Bissell reviewed the project history and his participation in the project. He presented an overview of the site plan and said the parcel was a residual parcel from another subdivision. He reviewed stormwater plans for both lots and fire protection. Soils were found suitable for septic systems, and Mr. Bissell said they were not opposed to removing the sidewalk at Tulls Creek Road. Mr. Bissell summarized the use will not endanger public health or safety, will be in conformity with the Land Use Plan and other officially adopted plans, will not exceed the county's ability to provide adequate public school facilities and complies with all review standards.

Mr. Bissell responded to questions related to stormwater and the stormwater review process. He confirmed the lots would not be able to be developed as multi-family.

Mr. Tate reviewed his participation in the project. He reviewed data, sale and resale comparisons, and methodology used for his analysis to determine that the use will not injure the value of adjoining or abutting land and will be in harmony with the area in which it is located. Mr. Tate responded to questions from Commissioners, and Ms. Turner reviewed the commercial components allowed in areas zoned Single Family Mainland (SFM).

Chairman O'Neal opened and closed the Public Hearing, as there were no speakers.

The Board confirmed the applicant would be deeding the existing pond to the county.

Commissioner Payment moved to approve PB 24-28: The Reserve preliminary plat/special use permit because the applicant has demonstrated the proposed use meets the review standards of the UDO. The use will not endanger the public health or safety. It is approved for septic, there is fire protection in place, and the stormwater runoff and stormwater plan have been met. The use will not injure the value of adjoining or abutting lands and will be in harmony with the area in which it is located per the testimony of expert witness, Mr. Tate. The use will be in conformity with the Imagine Currituck 2040 Vision Plan and other officially adopted plans, referencing G-1 Land Use, Land Use Policy 1.1 through 1.4, and Moyock Small Area Plan Policy FLU-1. The use will not exceed the county's ability to provide adequate public school facilities, as there is capacity available for the two additional lots.

Commissioner Etheridge seconded the motion. Commissioners confirmed the applicant would not be installing the sidewalk along Tulls Creek Road.

The motion passed, 7-0.

MOVER: Michael H. Payment

SECONDER: J. Owen Etheridge

AYES (7): Paul O'Neal, Selina S. Jarvis, Tony Angell, J. Owen Etheridge, Kevin E. McCord, Michael H. Payment, and Janet Rose

RESULT: Approved (7 to 0)

5. Legislative Hearings

1. System Development Fees-Public Hearing

Rebecca Gay, County Manager, reviewed state statutes that require a public hearing and comment period following a presentation on February

21, 2025, from Raftelis Financial Consultants, on a System Development Fee analysis they performed on county utility systems. Ms. Gay said there were no comments received during the 45-day comment period.

The Chairman opened the public comment period and there were no speakers. The comment period was closed. The Board would consider a Resolution at the next meeting adopting the updated System Development Fees.

6. New Business

1. Board Appointments-ABC Board

The agenda was amended and the appointment to the ABC Board was removed.

2. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Etheridge moved for approval of the Consent Agenda. Commissioner McCord seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0.

MOVER: J. Owen Etheridge

SECONDER: Kevin E. McCord

AYES (7): Paul O'Neal, Selina S. Jarvis, Tony Angell, J. Owen Etheridge, Kevin E. McCord, Michael H. Payment, and Janet Rose

RESULT: Approved (7 to 0)

- a. Budget Amendments
- b. Text Amendment Application-Minor Subdivisions (Utility Standards and Access)
- c. Text Amendment Application-Sidewalks and Pedestrian Circulation
- d. EARL Vehicle-Interlocal Government Agreement
- e. Road Addition Petition-Portion of Carotauk Drive, Currituck on the Sound
- f. Approval of Minutes: March 3, 2025

7. Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Angell reported a bridge plan will be adopted for Corey's Ditch on Knotts Island based on discussion with representatives from the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Commissioner Etheridge said he would like someone to speak on behalf of Currituck County at the upcoming CAMA (Coastal Area Management Act) permitting hearing for the Mid-Currituck Bridge. Commissioners want it on record

that it is unprecedented to hold a hearing in another county for a Currituck project and asked the County Manager to request a public hearing in Currituck County.

Commissioner Rose attended the Trillium Health Resources meeting and reported on some of the services they provide throughout the twelve member counties. She requested a Resolution be added to the next meeting opposing Blue Crab landing limits proposed by the Division of Marine Fisheries.

Commissioner Jarvis welcomed Angie Lottman to the county as Opioid Program Coordinator. Ms. Lottman and Commissioner Jarvis will both attend an upcoming Opioid Summit in Raleigh, North Carolina. She encouraged citizens to volunteer for Meals on Wheels and thanked Aging/Senior Services Director, Stacy Joseph, for facilitating a successful March for Meals.

Mike Payment said a news interview with Commissioner Jarvis and Ms. Lottman, Opioid Program Coordinator, is available to view where they discuss the opioid crisis in Currituck County.

Commissioner McCord, in response to questions he received, reported that no tax dollars are used for the Opioid program, as it is entirely funded using Opioid Settlement funds the county receives.

Chairman O'Neal reported on a recent meeting of county Commissioners, school board representatives and administrative staff to discuss the opening of Tulls Creek Elementary School. He said a radio upgrade for the county's emergency communication services will include a channel dedicated to schools for bus radios, reported a discussion of teacher pay with the Chair of the Board of Education, and said the Board will consider a joint resolution supporting teacher pay increases. He discussed the need for trash cleanup along the highway. He requested the County Manager schedule two work sessions, one with the Soil and Water Supervisors and another for Commissioners to discuss the Fire and Emergency Services Advisory Board. He said Commissioners agreed there would be no tax increase this year.

8. County Manager's Report

Rebecca Gay, County Manager, reported the North Carolina Department of Transportation Litter Sweep will begin in April. She will provide dates for Commissioners interested in traveling to the North Carolina state legislature in Raleigh to advocate for the Board's Legislative Agenda.

9. County Attorney's Report

No report.

10. Closed Session

Chairman O'Neal recited closed session topics for discussion and made a motion to enter Closed Session. Commissioner Payment seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0, and the Board moved into the Conference Room for Closed Session at 7:12 PM.

MOVER: Paul O'Neal
SECONDER: Michael H. Payment

AYES (7): Paul O'Neal, Selina S. Jarvis, Tony Angell, J. Owen Etheridge, Kevin E. McCord, Michael H. Payment, and Janet Rose

RESULT: Approved (7 to 0)

11. Adjournment

Commissioners returned to the Board Meeting Room following Closed Session and had no further business. Commissioner Jarvis moved to adjourn, and Chairman O'Neal seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0, and the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners concluded at 8:07 PM.

MOVER: Selina S. Jarvis
SECONDER: Paul O'Neal

AYES (7): Paul O'Neal, Selina S. Jarvis, Tony Angell, J. Owen Etheridge, Kevin E. McCord, Michael H. Payment, and Janet Rose

RESULT: Approved (7 to 0)