



**CURRITUCK COUNTY  
NORTH CAROLINA**

**Minutes- Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners**

July 7, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

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

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**1. Call to Order - 6:00 PM**

The Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting at 6:00 PM in the Board Meeting Room of the Historic Courthouse, 153 Courthouse Road, Currituck, NC.

**1. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance**

Pastor Vic Culberson offered the Invocation and led 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. No conflicts were disclosed.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Jarvis moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner McCord seconded the motion. The motion passed, 5-0, and the agenda was approved.

**MOVER:** Selina S. Jarvis

**SECONDER:** Kevin E. McCord

AYES (5): Paul O'Neal, Selina S. Jarvis, Tony Angell, Kevin E. McCord, and Janet Rose

AWAY (2): J. Owen Etheridge, and Michael H. Payment

**RESULT: Approved (5 to 0)**

## **2. Public Comment**

Chairman O'Neal opened the Public Comment period. There were no speakers and Public Comment was closed.

## **3. Legislative Hearings**

### **1. PB 25-11: James Eaton (Warehouse, Limited Access)**

Assistant Planning Director, Jennie Turner, reviewed the text amendment for Commissioners that looks to establish a new use type for warehouse storage and distribution. Language changes, recommended uses and limitations, and zoning maps showing permissible locations in the county were reviewed. Text Amendment review standards were presented, and both the Planning Board and staff recommend approval with suggested revisions.

Ms. Turner responded to questions from Commissioners. Chairman O'Neal opened the Public Hearing. There were no speakers and the Public Hearing was closed.

Commissioner Jarvis moved to approve PB 25-11: James Eaton Text Amendment, with the Planning Board suggested conditions and applicant requested edit as presented by staff, to include the use shall not be located within 100 feet of a residential dwelling unit within a residential district and the use in Heavy Industrial shall not exceed 35 feet in height. And, because the request is consistent with the goals, objectives and policies of the Imagine Currituck 2040 Vision Plan and the UDO, including Land Use Goals 1 and 3, Land Use Policy 2.2 and Economic Development Goal 1.

Commissioner Angell seconded the motion. The motion passed, 5-0.

**MOVER:** Selina S. Jarvis

**SECONDER:** Tony Angell

AYES (5): Paul O'Neal, Selina S. Jarvis, Tony Angell, Kevin E. McCord, and Janet Rose

AWAY (2): J. Owen Etheridge, and Michael H. Payment

**RESULT: Approved (5 to 0)**

### **2. PB 25-06: Currituck County (Minor Subdivisions)**

Assistant Planning Director, Jennie Turner, reviewed the text amendment that was initiated by the county to make revisions to minor subdivisions. Ms. Turner provided an overview of the revisions and reviewed text changes in the Unified development Ordinance (UDO) related to minor subdivisions, including family subdivisions. Text amendment review standards were presented, and both Planning Board and staff recommend approval of the request. Ms. Turner responded to questions from Commissioners and clarified information presented related to flag lots and lot size requirements.

Chairman O'Neal opened the Public Hearing.

Beth Thomas of Jarvisburg supports approval of the text amendment and said the changes will provide options for her property.

There were no other speakers and the Public Hearing was closed.

Commissioner Jarvis moved to approve PB 25-06: Currituck County Text Amendment, because the request is in conformance with the goals, objectives, and policies of the Imagine Currituck 2040 Vision Plan and the UDO, including Land Use Goal 1.

Commissioner Angell seconded the motion. The vote was 4-1 in favor of approval, with Commissioner Rose opposed.

**MOVER:** Selina S. Jarvis

**SECONDER:** Tony Angell

AYES (4): Paul O'Neal, Selina S. Jarvis, Tony Angell, and Kevin E. McCord

OPPOSED (1): Janet Rose

AWAY (2): J. Owen Etheridge, and Michael H. Payment

**RESULT: Approved (4 to 1)**

#### **4. New Business**

##### **1. Resolution Opposing Any Amendment Restricting Shrimp Trawling in Coastal Waters**

Rebecca Gay, County Manager, reviewed the Board's Resolution opposing amendments that would place additional limits on shrimp trawling in coastal waters. The Resolution responds to legislation that was being considered by the General Assembly, and although the legislation was ultimately not taken up, the issue may be revisited in the next legislative session. Commissioners encouraged citizens to stay engaged.

Commissioner McCord moved for approval of the Resolution. Commissioner Rose seconded the motion. The motion passed, 5-0.

Chairman O'Neal reviewed the contents of a letter received from Dare County Board Chairman, Bob Woodard, that proposed forming a North Carolina Coastal Counties Fisheries Coalition. Currituck County favors the initiative and recommended Commissioner Rose to represent the county due to her experience and knowledge of the industry. Chairman O'Neal requested the Board formally vote on the county's participation in the coalition and the establishment of Commissioner Rose to represent the county.

Commissioner McCord moved for approval and Commissioner Angell seconded the motion. The motion passed, 5-0.

**MOVER:** Kevin E. McCord

**SECONDER:** Janet Rose

Motion to approve a Resolution Opposing Any Amendment that Restricts Shrimp Trawling in Coastal Fishing Waters

AYES (5): Paul O'Neal, Selina S. Jarvis, Tony Angell, Kevin E. McCord, and Janet Rose

AWAY (2): J. Owen Etheridge, and Michael H. Payment

**RESULT: Approved (5 to 0)**

**MOVER:** Kevin E. McCord

**SECONDER:** Tony Angell

Motion to approve the county's participation in the NC Coastal Counties Fisheries Coalition and establish Commissioner Janet Rose as representative.

AYES (5): Paul O'Neal, Selina S. Jarvis, Tony Angell, Kevin E. McCord, and Janet Rose

AWAY (2): J. Owen Etheridge, and Michael H. Payment

**RESULT: Approved (5 to 0)**

## **2. Lease Agreement-Enterprise Fleet Management**

Rebecca Gay, County Manager, provided an overview of a new vehicle lease agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management that will provide significant savings in vehicle expenses over the term of the lease.

Commissioner McCord moved for approval of the lease agreement, and Commissioner Jarvis seconded the motion. The motion passed, 5-0.

**MOVER:** Kevin E. McCord

**SECONDER:** Selina S. Jarvis

AYES (5): Paul O'Neal, Selina S. Jarvis, Tony Angell, Kevin E. McCord, and Janet Rose

AWAY (2): J. Owen Etheridge, and Michael H. Payment

**RESULT: Approved (5 to 0)**

**3. Travel Approval-Commissioner Rose to attend UNC School of Government Training-Asheville, July 23, 2025 (Working with Advisory Boards and Committees)**

Commissioner Jarvis moved for approval of Commissioner Rose's travel request. Commissioner Angell seconded the motion. The motion passed, 5-0.

**MOVER:** Selina S. Jarvis

**SECONDER:** Tony Angell

AYES (5): Paul O'Neal, Selina S. Jarvis, Tony Angell, Kevin E. McCord, and Janet Rose

AWAY (2): J. Owen Etheridge, and Michael H. Payment

**RESULT: Approved (5 to 0)**

**4. Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Angell moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Rose seconded the motion. The motion passed, 5-0, and Consent Agenda was approved.

**MOVER:** Tony Angell

**SECONDER:** Janet Rose

AYES (5): Paul O'Neal, Selina S. Jarvis, Tony Angell, Kevin E. McCord, and Janet Rose

AWAY (2): J. Owen Etheridge, and Michael H. Payment

**RESULT: Approved (5 to 0)**

- a. Vehicle Surplus Resolution-Donation
- b. ECSU Hangar Easement-Dominion Power
- c. FAA Signature Authorization Certificate
- d. Approval of Minutes-June 16, 2025

**5. Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner McCord recognized Sandra Hill and Sheila Gregory on their retirements and offered prayers to the family of Louise Harrell, owner of Southland in Moyock, who recently passed. He reported a successful July 4th event in Corolla and reminded everyone to drive with care.

Commissioner Angell recognized Public Works staff and thanked them for working on trash issues in Carova. He asked for a work session to discuss revisions to the county's Solid Waste Ordinance for beach communities. He would also like to meet with horse tour companies to work out some issues. He announced a grand opening celebration planned for the new WEVS School building in Corolla.

Commissioner Rose offered well wishes to Sandra Hill and Sheila Gregory on their retirements and recognized their contributions to the county and community. She reported hosting North Carolina Representative Ed Goodwin on a tour of the new Tulls Creek Elementary School and discussed the need for the legislature to look at county Tier designations. She reminded citizens that advisory board meetings are open to the public and encouraged people to consider serving on a board.

Commissioner Jarvis also congratulated Sandra Hill and Sheila Gregory on their retirements, recognized staff for their efforts, and discussed increased traffic on the roadways.

Chairman O'Neal congratulated Sheila Gregory and Sandra Hill on their retirements. He requested clean up of areas in Moyock along the highway and railroad tracks and would like to see a maintenance schedule for ditch cleaning from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT). He reminded residents that the county is not responsible for roads. Chairman O'Neal would like to see NCDOT perform a traffic study along the entire length of the highway and hold a presentation on future transportation plans and projects in the county.

#### **6. County Manager's Report**

Rebecca Gay, County Manager, reported the first June sample from the Moyock Wastewater Treatment Plant was compliant. She is planning a Work Session to discuss the Moyock Service District and would include a wastewater strategy discussion for Commissioners.

#### **7. County Attorney's Report**

Megan Morgan, County Attorney, reported the North Carolina Supreme Court granted the county's petition to review the Court of Appeals decision on the Occupancy Tax lawsuit. She reviewed next steps and hopes the Court will hear oral arguments this fall. She reported attending Recovery Court in Dare County with Commissioner Jarvis and Angie Lottman, Opioid Program Coordinator.

#### **8. Closed Session**

Chairman O'Neal moved to enter Closed Session pursuant to NC G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with the County Attorney and preserve the attorney-client

privilege in the matter entitled Envirolink, Inc. v. Currituck County. Commissioner Jarvis seconded the motion. The motion passed, 5-0, and the Board entered Closed Session at 7:12 PM.

The Board returned from Closed Session at 7:27 PM. As a result of Closed Session discussion, the Board was required to return to open meeting for official action. Commissioner Angell moved to settle the lawsuit entitled Envirolink, Inc. v. Currituck County by paying the figure established at the recent mediation in the amount of \$387,000. Commissioner Jarvis seconded the motion. The motion passed, 5-0, in favor of approval.

**MOVER:** Paul O'Neal

**SECONDER:** Selina S. Jarvis

Motion to enter Closed Session.

AYES (5): Paul O'Neal, Selina S. Jarvis, Tony Angell, Kevin E. McCord, and Janet Rose

AWAY (2): J. Owen Etheridge, and Michael H. Payment

**RESULT: Approved (5 to 0)**

**MOVER:** Tony Angell

**SECONDER:** Selina S. Jarvis

Motion to settle lawsuit entitled Envirolink, Inc. v. Currituck County.

AYES (5): Paul O'Neal, Selina S. Jarvis, Tony Angell, Kevin E. McCord, and Janet Rose

AWAY (2): J. Owen Etheridge, and Michael H. Payment

**RESULT: Approved (5 to 0)**

## **9. Adjournment**

There was no further business and Commissioner McCord motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Rose seconded the motion. The motion passed, 5-0, and the meeting of the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 7:28 PM.

**MOVER:** Kevin E. McCord

**SECONDER:** Janet Rose

AYES (5): Paul O'Neal, Selina S. Jarvis, Tony Angell, Kevin E. McCord, and Janet Rose

AWAY (2): J. Owen Etheridge, and Michael H. Payment

**RESULT: Approved (5 to 0)**