



County of Dare

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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Dare County Administration Building, Manteo, NC

9:00 a.m., December 20, 2021

Commissioners present: Chairman Robert Woodard, Sr., Rob Ross, Steve House, Jim Tobin, Ervin Bateman and Danny Couch.

Commissioners absent: Vice-Chairman Wally Overman

Others present: County Manager/Attorney, Robert Outten
Finance Director, Dave Clawson
Master Public Information Officer, Dorothy Hester
Cheryl C. Anby, Clerk

A full and complete account of the entire Board of Commissioners meeting is archived on a video that is available for viewing on the Dare County website www.darenc.com.

At 9:04 a.m. Chairman Woodard called to order the special meeting with appropriate prior public notice having been given. Commissioner Couch shared an invocation and then the Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ITEM 1 – MOTOROLA SOFTWARE SYSTEM

Mr. Outten explained the Motorola communication system was no longer supported by the company. The Sheriff had negotiated an approximate \$470,000 discount on a new upgraded system. The records management software program was used by law enforcement, EMS and the fire department. E911 funds were eligible for \$370,765 of the software cost with the \$990,732 balance to come from the General Fund. The majority of the changes to the contract had already been accepted. Funds were available and would not significantly impact the fund balance. Annual maintenance after first year would be \$181,410. Chairman Woodard asked if the annual maintenance was a guaranteed cost. Mr. Outten affirmed it was with renegotiation in five years.

MOTION

Commissioner House motioned to approve the new Motorola software system and authorize the County Manager to sign the contract and the appropriate budget amendments.

Commissioner Bateman seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous

Chairman Woodard asked how soon the new system would be online. Deputy Sheriff, Major Jeff Deringer explained Motorola would start immediately to replace the hardware and build the software. It was anticipated that implementation of the program would start November

2022 and it would be live approximately March 1, 2023. The process would include replacing the laptop software throughout Dare County first responder offices. Commissioner Couch stated the replacement of the system was good timing with other improvements being made to Dare County facilities.

Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Board shared the following comments:

Commissioner House stated today in history the 1946 Christmas classic *"It's a Wonderful Life"* was first released.

Commissioner Ross reported that according to Dr. Sheila Davies, none of the eleven new hospitalizations for COVID-19 had been vaccinated.

Commissioner Couch shared the 118th anniversary of the first flights at Wright Brothers National Memorial had been a great success.

Commissioner Ross added the new OBX Outpatient Cancer Center New had raised \$3.6 million and would be breaking ground soon.

Chairman Woodard encouraged everyone to get vaccinated. At the conclusion of the meeting, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION

Commissioner Ross motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner House seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES unanimous


At 9:18 a.m., the Board of Commissioners adjourned until 9:00 a.m., January 3, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,



APPROVED:

By: 
Cheryl C. Anby, Clerk to the Board

By: 
Robert Woodard, Sr., Chairman
Dare County Board of Commissioners

Note: Copies of attachments (Att.), ordinances, resolutions, contracts, presentations, and supporting material considered by the Board of Commissioners at this meeting are on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board.