

September 20, 2016

DEC meeting:

Called to order by Barbara Garrity-Blake

Attendees: Richard Lowdermilk, Theresa Burkhart, Lillie Miller, Barbara G-Blake, James Morris Libby Liles, Dorothy Davis, Billy Merkley, Joanie O'Neal, JD O'Neal,

Jonathan Robinson and Gene Foxworth to attend to discuss:

- Proposed tax referendum  
1/4% increase in sales tax to fund dredging in our waters  
Least amount of impact on residents because approximately 52% of collected sales tax is from visitors  
Project maintained by: each commissioner appoint one person from their area to serve on the committee

DEC – consider whether to send a “Letter of Support” for this project  
(we will try to get consensus via email as to whether to send this letter)

- Harkers Island Bridge replacement  
County Commissioners opted for Option 4 – construction on east side  
Asked DOT to leave small bridge and use as a possibility for recreational use  
Option 5: Still on the east side and take more private land  
Timeline for bridge: 2-3 years  
Public Input:
  - Ditches along road maintained?
  - Need to contact DOT
  - Get a DOT person to attend a meeting
  - Ditches between property lines – property owners responsibility
- Cherry Point Regional Joint Land Use Study

Reviewed accomplishments of the Council

Next meeting Tuesday, October 4, 7:00 pm at the Williston UMC.

Upcoming Events

September 24: Health Fair at Straits UMC