

**Camden County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
October 18, 2010  
7:00 P.M. - Regular Meeting  
Closed Session Held After Regular Meeting  
Historic Courtroom, Courthouse Complex  
Camden, North Carolina**

**MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held on Monday October 18, 2010 in the Historic Courtroom, Camden, North Carolina. The following Commissioners were present:

Chairman Phil Faison, Vice-Chairman Sandra J. Duckwall,  
Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Garry Meiggs, and Michael McLain.

Also attending were County Manager Randell Woodruff, Interim Clerk to the Board Amy D. Barnett, and County Attorney John Morrison. Present to make public comments were Charlotte Underwood and Randy Black. Present for purposes of making a presentation(s) or providing supporting information for agenda items were the following persons: Dan Porter, Planning Director; Craig Poff, Iberdrola Renewables; April Montgomery, Invenergy, LLC; Linda Gregory, Albemarle Hopeline; Fred Womble, Century Link Telephone Company; Gwen Wescott, Camden Delegate to the Senior Tarheel Conference; and Mary Gaskins, Tax Administrator.

**Regular Session, 7:00 P.M.**

Chairman Phil Faison called to order the October 18, 2010 meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners at 6:58 PM.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice-Chairman Sandra J. Duckwall gave the invocation and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**Item 1: Appointment and Swearing of Clerk and Assistant Clerk:**

Postponed, newly hired clerk, Sheila Riggs was called away earlier in the day due to a family emergency.

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**Item 2: Public Comments**

Charlotte Underwood, of Craven River Court, Camden, NC

- Thanked the Board for extending the County Manager's employment contract
- Thanked the Board for the work they do on behalf of the community
- Thanked the Board for their interactions with state and federal agencies, elected officials, etc.

Randy Black, of Marlas Way, Shiloh, NC

- Spoke in favor of, and thanked the Board for voting to have a contract for the County Manager
  - Spoke about the contract as being a tool for leverage, and for disciplinary action, in that it explains the responsibilities of the County Manager
  - Said that even though he may not like what is in the contract personally, he still wanted to thank the Board for having the contract in place.
- Thanked the County Manager for securing the Golden Leaf Foundation Grant of \$2,000,000 and thanked him for using it for infrastructure
  - Mentioned that the Golden Leaf Grant and infrastructure improvements are a means to bring business into the county, he said that "without infrastructure in place, you can't get business to come"

**Item 3: Consideration of Agenda**

Chairman Phil Faison asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Not hearing any changes, he called for a motion to approve the agenda.

Commissioner Michael McLain made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed 5-0 with Chairman Phil Faison, Vice-Chairman Sandra J. Duckwall, Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Garry Meiggs, and Michael McLain voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

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**Item 4: Public Hearing**

***A. Ordinance #2010-09-01, An Ordinance Amending the Camden County Code of Ordinances, pertaining to Chapter 151: Unified Development, Table of Permissible Uses, Use Numbers 18.410, 18.420, and 18.430; Small, Medium, and Large Turbines utilized for wind energy***

Commissioner Garry Meiggs made a motion to go into public hearing for the purpose of hearing public comment on Ordinance #2010-09-01, An Ordinance Amending the Camden County Code of Ordinances, pertaining to Chapter 151: Unified Development, Table of Permissible Uses, Use Numbers 18.410, 18.420, and 18.430; Small, Medium, and Large Turbines utilized for wind energy. The motion passed 5-0, with Chairman Phil Faison, Vice-Chairman Sandra J. Duckwall, Commissioner Melvin Jeralds, Garry Meiggs, and Michael McLain voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Dan Porter, Director of Planning described the subject of this public hearing:

- Mentioned the prior ordinance Camden Board of Commissioners passed 2 or 3 years ago with regard to Wind Turbines.
- There is a Wind Working Group at the state level that has created a model ordinance for wind turbines, both small and large
- We are asking to replace the existing ordinance with this model wind ordinance
  - very similar to what we have it does add medium turbines instead of just large and small
  - setbacks extended further on larger turbines
  - includes a clause that deals with shadow flicker cast by turbines
- Camden's application process on this requires several Environmental items to be addressed
  - requires Environmental Assessment to be sent to various state agencies that may or may not have particular rules related to large wind energy systems
- Regarding Decommissioning
  - In the prior ordinance there was a requirement for a 120% bond for the decommissioning in case the turbines were abandoned at some point.
  - The new ordinance is 100% bond minus salvage value of the wind turbine

Commissioner Michael McLain asked Dan Porter for clarification on the environmental assessment requirements being asked for. Dan Porter responded as follows:

- In the previous ordinance, what was required was information of any environmental effect - noise, visual impacts, public infrastructure, recreational resources, cultural and wildlife impacts
- What is being requested is that applicants perform an environmental assessment dealing with the impacts to the environment, submit results to staff so that questions from the public can be answered, and also that the applicant submit the results to various state agencies like NC DENR, US Army Corps of Engineers, US Wildlife Services and Wildlife Resources Commission
- At this time, most of these state agencies do not have regulations regarding wind turbines, staff would ask of those agencies that do not have regulations that they provide a written statement that they do not have such regulations.

Next, Mr. Craig Poff of Iberdrola Renewables, out of Radner, PA, spoke.

- Mentioned 4 items in the proposed ordinance that he feels need further consideration:
  - Lines 399-403, regarding Environmental assessment language as it presently reads requires review and comment from a number of state agencies which may or may not have jurisdiction. Fears that failure of a state agency to act would nullify the ability to provide the county with a complete application.
  - Lines 410-413 of the proposed ordinance requires signature and an approved copy of a negotiated power purchase agreement. Feels that this sort of information would be completely proprietary, & would be the equivalent to asking any business to provide detail on their profit and losses and expected business plan. Feels that provision requiring a power purchase agreement is above and beyond what is reasonable for a land use application.
  - Lines 420-425, regarding the irrevocable letter of credit. This should be at building permit [application for building permit], not at application time [application for special use permit].
  - Line 445, regarding zoning permit and length of permit validity, suggest this be extended to 2 or 3 years instead of 1 year to avoid redundant applications and requirements.

Commissioner Michael McLain asked which organization has review and comment over the wind towers that exist now. Mr. Craig Poff responded as follows:

- It is project specific and may include Army Corps of Engineer for wetland permitting, Coastal Resources Commission for CAMA items, and US Fish Wildlife Services.
- It is very site specific and site dependent upon where facilities would be sited to determine who would have those jurisdictions.

Commissioner Garry Meiggs asked for clarification regarding the issue with lines 410-413, power purchase agreement. Mr. Poff responded as follows:

- This also required plans for cable and sub stations, etc. there is no objection to that, only the power purchase agreement
- Any power purchasing agreement with a regulated utility will go through the North Carolina Utilities Commission & be subject to public scrutiny at that point. Some of that may or may not be of public record and may be considered proprietary.

Commissioner Garry Meiggs asked if a power purchase agreement without any financial figures on it would be acceptable to Mr. Poff. Mr. Poff responded that in his opinion the information on a power purchase contract would not add anything to a land use application.

Commissioner Michael McLain asked Dan Porter, Planning Director, if there was some other way to certify that a power purchase agreement was in place. Mr. Porter responded that the proposed ordinance could be changed such that the applicant provide some evidence, a letter for example, that the power purchase agreement was in place. He added that the concern here is not with the details of the agreement, but rather the fact that the agreement is in fact in place.

Mr. Poff indicated that he still had a problem with this suggestion.

- Feels that a power purchase agreement is not necessarily needed to build a utility scale project
- Feels that energy generated can be sold on the market at whatever commodities rate is available at the time of sale
- Whether there is a power purchase agreement or not for a utility scale wind project, in order to connect there is a process that would have to be gone through to connect to the power transmission infrastructure and a certificate from the NC Utilities Commission has to be obtained to connect to that infrastructure.

Dan Porter addressed items discussed by Mr. Poff:

- Indicated section regarding the letter of credit is a matter of moving that paragraph from lines 420-425 to item 7 wherein language regarding decommissioning is listed.
- Indicated no problem with extending the time period for the validity of the zoning permit for towers to 2 or 3 years to avoid redundant application matters.
- Indicated intent regarding requirement of power purchase agreement documentation is to prevent larger operations without all necessary agreements in place. Main intent is to make sure that when turbines are hooked up to the system, that the grid has agreed to accept power that is generated.

Commissioner Garry Meiggs asked if the substation and decommissioning plans have to be approved before application for the permit. County Manager Randell Woodruff indicated that it is the role of the NC Utilities Commission to determine if the substation plans should be required to be approved prior to the application for the permit.

Dan Porter addressed one last item, with regards to environmental issues, discussed by Mr. Poff:

- What is in the proposed ordinance is a little different than what is in the model ordinance
  - Model Ordinance says environmental assessment for large wind energy facilities which shall be provided for review by the applicant to the agency (in this case Planning Department) and to the state clearinghouse for distribution.
  - Model Ordinance also says that the applicant must present a certification of the distribution of the environmental assessment.
- Documents that have been produced and sent to those agencies should be sufficient. In the review, perhaps some evidence that the documents have been submitted to the agencies for review, but not necessarily to compel those agencies to send a written response in order to process the application.

Vice Chairman Sandra Duckwall concurred with Dan Porters last statement and added that the Board should not be asking for comments from state and federal agencies that may not have ordinances regarding wind turbines.

Dan Porter further clarified his point by stating that he only wants to know that the information was sent to the proper agencies.

County Attorney John Morrison asked what contracts are standard in this industry? Mr. Poff responded to this saying "I can't speak to every county or jurisdiction, I can only speak for the ones I have had for a special use permit, and it is not typical to provide those sorts of contract for land use permit."

Dan Porter added that the model ordinance was drafted by a nonprofit advocate group for wind energy, and that upon further inspection of it he did not find any requirement for a copy of the power purchase agreement.

County Attorney John Morrison questioned the origin of the power purchase agreement requirement. Mr. Porter responded that it came from Camden's previous wind energy ordinance. Around the time of the previous ordinance, then Blackwater (now known as Xe) had applied to install a wind energy tower, and they had included a copy of a letter from the power company.

County Attorney John Morrison asked if the provision of the letter from the power company had been reviewed by any industry or governmental group. Mr. Porter responded that it had not.

County Attorney John Morrison asked if there were any other issues in the model ordinance that needed addressing. Mr. Porter indicated that the only other issue was what had already been spoken of, that being the issue of the environmental assessment being performed and results being provided to the Planning Department, along with a certification of the distribution of the environment assessment to any applicable state and federal agencies.

County Attorney John Morrison asked if other counties/municipalities have wind turbine ordinances and if so, has staff looked at those ordinances prior to submitting the proposed ordinance.

Dan Porter responded that both Pasquotank and Currituck Counties are currently working on similar ordinances. He added that when Camden initially created their wind energy ordinance, Ashe County's ordinance was looked at due to the fact that they were the first in the state to have any such ordinance on the books.

County Attorney John Morrison asked if Ashe County had the requirements which have been the subject of discussion in this public hearing. Dan Porter responded that he did not know. Craig Poff stated that Perquimans and Pasquotank to his knowledge did not have an environmental assessment provision in their ordinance. Mr. Poff added that there are provisions for environmental assessments in the Carteret County ordinance, but that he doubts a project will ever be built there because of their ordinances. Mr. Poff further added that there has never actually been a [wind farm] project built in the state.

County Attorney John Morrison asked Mr. Poff if in other states where he does business, do they have these issues and requirements in their ordinances. Mr. Poff responded as follows:

- In his experience the local land use permit requirements typically do not require an environmental impact assessment or environmental statement on projects he is responsible for.
- His firm will provide any such requested assessment to local, state, and federal jurisdictions.

County Attorney John Morrison asked "Frequently in our ordinance dealing with variety topics you see a requirement that the applicant comply with all other relevant state and federal regulations. If these requirements are included is this a deal breaker?"

Mr. Poff responded that it's typically not usually a single issue that creates the problem. It's an accumulative effect. He stated his goal is to reduce ambiguity so his firm can determine what is required for both application and long term compliance with an ordinance.

County Attorney John Morrison asked Mr. Poff if Camden County having these requirements would be cause for his firm to look elsewhere to build wind facilities if other counties/municipalities with whom Camden is in competition with did not have these requirements. Mr. Poff responded that it may well be a consideration, and that Pasquotank and Perquimans did not have the environmental assessment requirements.

At this time, County Manager Randell Woodruff introduced April Montgomery of Invenergy LLC, another wind energy development firm which is actively seeking to build a wind energy project in Camden County.

April Montgomery of Invenergy LLC, out of Sanford, NC, spoke giving the following comments on the subject of wind energy:

- Her firm, Invenergy, LLC, has no issue with the environmental language
  - Indicated that if her firm contacts state or federal agencies to get comments and finds that they may not have jurisdiction on the project, her firm would relay that information to the Planning Department.
- Environmental issues are not a deal breaker for her firm, they can work with Camden County on these issues.
- Her firm does share some of the concerns regarding power purchase agreements, sounds like part of the concern is to have the approval to put that power into the grid
  - Alternative to Power Purchase Agreement language:
    - Include a separate series of studies called interconnecting studies
    - Good alternative may be to show that a firm is going through the process towards the PJM (Pennsylvania New Jersey Maryland Interconnection) Interconnection approval and provide evidence of that to show that they are on track
    - This alternative doesn't make the contracts for power purchase public.

County Attorney John Morrison asked how consistent or inconsistent the current proposed ordinance is with regards to similar ordinances seen in other governmental localities. April Montgomery responded that she feels it is consistent. She sees the requirements as something that her firm would be doing anyway.

County Attorney John Morrison stated that Camden County wants to be wise, safe, and prudent in the exercise of its stewardship responsibilities both to the land and to the citizens. Camden County also wants to be competitive. Mr. Morrison asked "What about these other issues like the business plans. I understand the concern about trade secrets could get out. What about that language?"

April Montgomery responded that in her opinion the proof of interconnection studies is the better way to go. She stated that she agrees with Mr. Poff regarding the issue of Power Purchase Agreements. "They are proprietary, these are contracts that are for the sale of power and it also directly relates to contracts with land owners. That brings up a lot of other things that are private to how the industry works."

County Attorney John Morrison then asked about the letter of credit and where Ms. Montgomery stands on this issue. Ms. Montgomery stated that she and her firm are ok with this. County Attorney John Morrison asked if this is customary in other communities. Ms. Montgomery responded that it comes in a variety of ways. There is a letter of credit. There is a surety bond. Ms. Montgomery stated that it is not outlandish to request a letter of credit.

Chairman Phil Faison asked if there were any further questions from the Board on this matter. He then asked if there were any further comments from the public. Hearing no further questions from the Board and no further comments from the public, he asked if any member of the Board wished to make a motion to approve this proposed ordinance as is.

Commissioner Michael McLain stated that he feels the proposed ordinance needs some revision, and further stated that he thinks Dan Porter should meet with the wind energy companies to revise the sections that are of concern and bring the revised ordinance back to the Board at a future Board Meeting.

[NO ACTION TAKEN, DAN PORTER HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MEET WITH WIND ENERGY COMPANIES FOR THEIR INPUT, AND THEN TO REVISE THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS BROUGHT UP IN THE PUBLIC HEARING, SAID REVISED ORDINANCE TO BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE BOARD AT A FUTURE BOARD MEETING.]

Commissioner Michael McLain made a motion to come out of public hearing. The motion passed 5-0, with Chairman Phil Faison, Vice-Chairman Sandra J. Duckwall, Commissioner Melvin Jeralds, Garry Meiggs, and Michael McLain voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Chairman Phil Faison thanked Mr. Craig Poff of Iberdrola for the tour of their facilities, & for extending their hospitality to the Camden County Board of Commissioners during a recent trip to Pennsylvania wherein the Board witnessed the operation of more than 100 wind turbines at one of Iberdrola's wind farms.

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**Item 5: Consent Agenda**

Vice-Chairman Sandra J. Duckwall made a motion to *approve the Consent Agenda*. The motion passed 5-0 with Chairman Phil Faison, Vice-Chairman Sandra J. Duckwall, Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Garry Meiggs, and Michael McLain voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

***Consent Agenda***

A. Tax Collection Report, September 2010, in the amount of \$816,138.34

B. Tax Refunds, Pickups, & Releases

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>No.</u>
Branch Banking & Trust Co.	\$ 150.00	Refund	Refund Castellow	151912
Larry Weldon	111.94	Refund	Overpayment	151550
William Rich	582.85	Pickup	First Bill	12819
William Rich	533.41	Pickup	First Bill	12815
Sean Robey	334.82	Pickup	Late Listing	12768
Briarwood Forest Products Inc	1,116.24	Pickup	Late Listing	12759
Christopher Stephen Pearsall	245.29	Release	Should be listed in Currituck Co.	12797
William Barclift	-165.00	Adjustment	Late Listing	12811
William Barclift	-256.31	Adjustment	Late Listing, Non Lister	12741
Kevin Old	-350.10	Adjustment	Value Adjustment	12810
Everette E. White	1,363.66	Release	House Incomplete	12796
	977.21	Pickup		
	386.45	Adjustment		

C. Donation Request from Caswell Center Foundation Inc to support "Operation Santa Claus". Donation of \$50 to Caswell Center Foundation in Kinston NC.

D. South Mills Fire Station - Construction Contract with A.R. Chesson and Funding Agreement with BB&T - Request approval for County Manager and Finance officer to sign the proper documents needed for this project.

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**Item 6: Board Appointments**

***A. Re-Appointment of Tammy Mercado to the Work Force Development Board***

Commissioner Michael McLain made a motion to *re-appoint Tammy Mercado to the Work Force Development Board*. The motion passed 5-0 with Chairman Phil Faison, Vice-Chairman Sandra J. Duckwall, Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Garry Meiggs, and Michael McLain voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

**Miscellaneous Appointments by the Board**

By Board Consensus, Retired Navy Lt. Commander Franklin Gates was appointed by the Board to represent Camden County in the creation of the NC Veterans Park being built in Fayetteville, NC. A casting of his hand will be made by an artist and will be placed as part of the Veterans Park Memorial in Fayetteville, NC. He will be participating in the dedication ceremony as a representative from Camden County, when this Veterans Park is completed.

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**Item 7: New Business**

***A. Presentation, Linda Gregory, Albemarle Hopeline, Regarding Domestic Violence Awareness Month***

Linda Gregory from Albemarle Hopeline gave a brief presentation regarding Domestic Violence Awareness Month:

- Thanked the Board Of Commissioners for attending and supporting the candle light vigil that was held at 6:00 PM this evening
- Mentioned that she is here tonight to ask for the Board's endorsement of the proclamation made by Governor Beverly Purdue regarding Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Day of Unity
- Presented facts regarding domestic violence:
  - Nearly 1 in 4 women are either beaten or raped by a partner during adulthood.
  - Each year approximately 2.3 million people are raped or physically assaulted by a current or former spouse, boyfriend or girlfriend.
  - 1 in 6 women and 1 in 33 men have experience have experience an attempted or completed rape.
  - 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 4 boys are sexually abused before the age of 18.
  - Incest counts for 1/2 of sexual abuse cases.
- Statistics regarding Hopeline Services for 2008-2009:
  - Serve 6 counties
  - 8011 abused women and their children were sheltered at Hope House
  - Served 1152 unduplicated domestic and sexual violence victims who received
  - 5,584 counseling sessions
  - 10,408 advocacies services.

Chairman Phil Faison asked the Board if they wanted to endorse/approve the proclamation.

Commissioner Michael McLain made a motion to endorse the proclamation made by Governor Beverly Purdue regarding Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Day of Unity. The motion passed 5-0, with Chairman Phil Faison, Vice-Chairman Sandra J. Duckwall, Commissioners Melvin Jerals, Garry Meiggs, and Michael McLain voting aye; no Commissioners voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

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***B. Presentation by Fred Womble of Century Link Telephone Company***

Derrick Kelly, Manager of Market Development for Century Link gave a brief presentation regarding his company and the services provided by Century Link:

- Spoke briefly about the history behind the name changes of the telephone company and how it came to be Century Link
- Century Link is a leading provider of services, voice, broadband, and video services
- Century Link operates in 33 states, and is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest telephone company in the United States
- Mr. Kelly gave a slide show presentation about Century Link and the services provided (a copy of presentation is maintained in clerk's records).

Commissioner Michael McLain asked about the \$59.95 No Rising Rates for 5 Years with No Commitment special offer, which was part of the slide show presentation. Mr. Kelly responded that new customers would have to contact Century Link for this price point and details on this package. Mr. Kelly added that existing customers can also get this for either a \$59.95 or \$69.95 price point.



Commissioner Michael McLain asked if Century Link was planning to provide a service similar to FIOS for video and internet and the entire package for this area. Mr. Kelly responded that Century Link has launched their own TV product called Prism, which is an IP based TV product. It has been launched in other parts of the US and it will be launched in parts of NC within the next 6-8 months.

Commissioner Michael McLain asked if Century Link provides DSL Service. Mr. Kelly responded that they do, and that it is part of a package called 'Pure Broad Band'.

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***C. Presentation by Gwen Wescott, Camden Delegate to the Senior Tarheel Conference in Raleigh NC***

Ms. Gwen Wescott, Camden Delegate to the Senior Tarheel Conference in Raleigh NC, gave her report to the Board:

- Met for 2 days in Raleigh
  - On the first day there were 61 delegates, second day 53 delegates, with 31 alternates both days
  - All counties in the state are eligible to have representatives, however only 97 counties have senior centers
  - First speaker at the conference was Governor Purdue, second speaker was the State Budget Director
  - Ms. Wescott served on the Enrichment and Opportunity Committee while at the conference
  - Items submitted to the state for consideration, resulting from this conference and the committee Ms. Wescott served on, included:
    - Increased funding for home & community based services for older adults
    - Increased funding for senior centers
      - Ms. Wescott indicated that if a senior center is certified or has gone through the process to receive certification, the county gets more money from state and some money comes from federal funding if the centers certification is at a certain level
    - Mandated drug testing for individuals who work for rest homes and with elderly people
    - Dental care for older adults
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***D. Monthly Tax Report, Month Ending September 30, 2010 - Mary Gaskins, Tax Administrator***

Mary Gaskins, Camden County Tax Administrator gave the monthly tax report for the month ending September 30, 2010, and incorporated herein.

Comments given by Ms. Gaskins in the course of giving the monthly tax report are below:

- This is the first month that figures from the 2010 tax bills have been seen in the report
- Total real estate uncollected is 5,187,425.72 which includes the 2010 tax bills
- Attachment "A", the largest unpaid accounts, includes data from the 2010 tax bills this month, which means that some of the names on the list are not delinquent, just large amounts.
- September collections were down a bit, October collections were up, and November and December are projected to be down again because those are the busy months for the tax department.
- 156 delinquent tax cases were turned over to the county attorney, of those 5 were real estate, 144 were vehicles, 2 were personal property, and 5 were a combination of these.

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE TAX ADMINISTRATOR TO THE  
 CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
 OUTSTANDING TAX DELINQUENCIES BY YEAR

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>REAL PROPERTY</u>	<u>PERSONAL PROPERTY</u>
2010	4,831,093.61	153,321.96
2009	168,844.12	34,760.69
2008	70,475.35	11,547.52
2007	44,476.50	15,153.93
2006	22,352.60	23,682.27
2005	16,809.93	31,226.74
2004	11,178.34	15,121.02
2003	9,108.03	13,249.71
2002	7,315.20	10,098.58
2001	5,772.04	9,752.56
TOTAL REAL PROPERTY TAX UNCOLLECTED		5,187,425.72
TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY UNCOLLECTED		317,914.98
TEN YEAR PERCENTAGE COLLECTION RATE		91.39%

COLLECTION FOR 2010 VS. 2009                      \$764,426.84 VS. \$306,920.05

LAST 3 YEARS PERCENTAGE COLLECTION RATE

2010	22.90%
2009	97.10%
2008	98.79%

THIRTY LARGEST UNPAID ACCOUNTS

Mrs. Gaskins referenced Attachment "A" which is included in the Board Packet for the October 18, 2010 Board of Commissioner's Meeting.

THIRTY OLDEST UNPAID ACCOUNTS

Mrs. Gaskins referenced Attachment "B" which is included in the Board Packet for the October 18, 2010 Board of Commissioner's Meeting.

EFFORTS AT COLLECTION IN THE LAST 30 DAYS  
 ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010  
 BY TAX ADMINISTRATOR

<u>18</u>	NUMBER DELINQUENCY NOTICES SENT
<u>26</u>	FOLLOWUP REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT SENT
<u>0</u>	NUMBER OF WAGE GARNISHMENTS ISSUED
<u>2</u>	NUMBER OF BANK GARNISHMENTS ISSUED
<u>45</u>	NUMBER OF PERSONAL PHONE CALLS MADE BY TAX ADMINISTRATOR TO DELINQUENT TAXPAYER
<u>0</u>	NUMBER OF PERSONAL VISITS CONDUCTED (COUNTY OFFICES)
<u>5</u>	PAYMENT AGREEMENTS PREPARED UNDER AUTHORITY OF TAX ADMINISTRATOR
<u>3</u>	NUMBER OF PAYMENT AGREEMENTS RECOMMENDED TO COUNTY ATTORNEY
<u>156</u>	NUMBER OF CASES TURNED OVER TO COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR COLLECTION (I.D. AND STATUS)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• REAL ESTATE=5</li> <li>• PERSONAL PROPERTY=2</li> <li>• VEHICLES=144</li> <li>• COMBINATION=5</li> </ul>

### **Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Michael McLain had the following to report:

- Camden Challenge Bike Event went well, approximately 50 people attended, weather was nice and made for an enjoyable day for all involved
- SPCA Open House-Pets available for adoption at Pasquotank County SPCA

Chairman Phil Faison had the following to report:

- Three Camden Commissioners and County Manager Randell Woodruff travelled to Radner Pennsylvania to view wind turbines in operation, and to get a firsthand look at a working wind farm courtesy of Iberdrola Renewables, who took the group on a tour of the facilities.

### **County Manager's Report**

County Manager, Randell Woodruff had the following items to report:

- Reception for Dr. Kandi W. Deitemeyer, the new President of COA will be on October 25, 2010 from 4:00 - 5:00 PM in the Camden County Senior Center
- Camden County Business After Hours event will be held at the Elizabeth City Shrine Club off of Chantilly Road on October 28, 2010 from 5:00-7:00 PM, RSVP to the Elizabeth City Area Chamber of Commerce if you wish to go.
- In reference to the flooding which occurred in the Bunker Hill Road area, the Federal Government has added Camden County to the list of Presidentially Declared counties / municipalities eligible for federal assistance. This allows citizens to get federal assistance if they qualify. FEMA personnel will be working here in the county today and this week for several days receiving information at the *South Camden Fire Station*, since the South Mills Fire Station is not large enough facility for their needs.
- Work has started at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Todd Trip advised the county that work to lay the forced main pipes from the WWTP to the Eco Industrial Park has begun.

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At 8:20 P.M., Chairman Phil Faison recessed the October 18, 2010 Camden County Board of Commissioners meeting for 5 minutes prior to convening the South Camden Water and Sewer District Board of Directors meeting.

At 8:26 P.M., Chairman Phil Faison reconvened the October 18, 2010 Camden County Board of Commissioners meeting.

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At 8:26 P.M., Chairman Phil Faison recessed the October 18, 2010 Camden County Board of Commissioners meeting for the purpose of convening the South Camden Water and Sewer District Board of Directors meeting. No motion was made, nor was a vote taken.

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At 8:46 P.M., Commissioner Melvin Jeralds made a motion to adjourn the South Camden Water and Sewer Board of Directors meeting and reconvene the Camden County Board of Commissioners meeting. The motion passed 5-0, with Chairman Phil Faison, Vice-Chairman Sandra J. Duckwall, Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Garry Meiggs, and Michael McLain voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

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**Closed Session**

At 8:46 P.M., Commissioner Garry Meiggs made a motion to enter closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) - Consultation with Attorney & pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) - Personnel, and for consideration of South Camden Water and Sewer matters. The motion passed 5-0, with Chairman Phil Faison, Vice-Chairman Sandra J. Duckwall, Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Garry Meiggs, and Michael McLain voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

The Board entered closed session at 8:46 P.M.

At 10:09 P.M., Vice-Chairman Sandra J. Duckwall made a motion to come out of closed session, and re-enter regular session. The motion passed 5-0, with Chairman Phil Faison, Vice-Chairman Sandra J. Duckwall, Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Garry Meiggs, and Michael McLain voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

The Board re-entered regular session at 10:09 P.M.

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**Information from Board and Staff**

The following items were provided to the Board for their information, and a copy of these items is maintained in the Clerk's office.

- A. Camden County Register of Deeds, Financial Report, September 2010
  - B. Dismal Swamp Welcome Center, Monthly Tracking, September 2010
  - C. Dismal Swamp Welcome Center, Total Inquiries, September 2010
  - D. Statement of Sympathy sent to Mid-Atlantic Christian University
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**Meeting Adjourned**

At 10:09 P.M., Chairman Phil Faison asked if there were any other matters to come before the Board of Commissioners, hearing none, he called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Melvin Jeralds made a motion to adjourn the October 18, 2010 Board of Commissioners meeting. The motion passed 5-0 with Chairman Phil Faison, Vice-Chairman Sandra J. Duckwall, Commissioners Melvin Jeralds, Garry Meiggs, and Michael McLain voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 P.M.

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Chairman Phil Faison  
Camden County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Amy D. Barnett  
Interim Clerk to the Board