

**TOWN OF CAROLINA SHORES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 8, 2015
2:00 p.m.**

Mayor Walter B. Goodenough called the October 8, 2015 meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and there was a moment of silence. Commissioners Present: Joseph Przywara, John E. Manning, Greg Davis, Bill Brennan and John Russo. Also Present: Jon Mendenhall, Town Administrator; Julie Munday, Finance Director and Nicole Marks, Town Clerk.

Absent: None

Agenda Adjustments:

None

Public Comment:

Ms. Joyce Dunn, 41 Gate 1 – Ms. Dunn said she wanted to let you all know that she is probably one of the very few people in her community who are defending the fact that the maintenance could have no way prevented the flooding we had; the weather caused the flooding, although maintenance could be a lot better. Ms. Dunn said but I am not one of the people defending your response to it. Ms. Dunn said I've been out in our community with volunteers ever since this began, helping out the neighbors that have no flood insurance. Ms. Dunn said there are about 7 or 8 of those houses that are tragic and they have lost several thousands of dollars and don't have the money to rebuild. Ms. Dunn said I have to say, everywhere where I have been, I have not seen any of you. Ms. Dunn said you closed your office for four days in the middle of a terrible disaster and I think that as our leaders, everyone of you should have been going door to door finding out what where the problems were and offering help and there has been no help offered. Ms. Dunn said and when we called to ask can we do this or can we do that, no one has said oh gosh let me see how I can help you and the answer has been no, we are not doing that. Ms. Dunn said I think it was a dismal failure of leadership and I have not said anything at any meetings before because I don't think it's appropriate to comment publically during an election season. Ms. Dunn said but I have to say here, I am so disappointed. Ms. Dunn said I have never seen such a dismal failure of leadership in such a terrible crisis. Ms. Dunn said in all honesty I have seen any of you and there are still people out there in terrible crisis who have not gotten help. Thank you.

Gordon Robinson, 2 Myrtlewood Drive – Mr. Robinson said in Southeastern North Carolina, there's two towns that are next to each other, in fact they are even on the same road, they are both on Persimmon, they both have a Town Hall and they both have a Public Works Department. Mr. Robinson said they all have the same problems, they don't have earthquakes or sandstorms or tornadoes but they have a problem with water. Mr. Robinson said we had a four day emergency due to water; I've gone out twice a day all these days. Mr. Robinson said on Sunday, there was some activity in the Calabash Town Hall and the Public Works Department

appeared to be moving and there were trucks moving around. Mr. Robinson said he came here and there was nothing, Town Hall was closed, twice he came to try to the door just to be sure but there were no cars out here except the town cars and they didn't move for four days. Mr. Robinson said he went and checked the Public Works Department, checked the doors there too, nothing. Mr. Robinson said he did finally meet two men that said they were cleaning some ditches but they left at 3:00. Mr. Robinson said on Monday, the Town of Calabash was wide open, Town Hall had a lot of cars there, there was a lot of activity and Public Works Department seemed to be going out. Mr. Robinson said he comes over here and there is nothing at Town Hall, no cars here and checked the doors and couldn't get in. Mr. Robinson said the Public Works Department, the same thing, no activity in the midst of an emergency that is know to be the biggest problem in Southeastern North Carolina. Mr. Robinson said he would like to know if either the Mayor or the Town Administrator would like to address the problem of why we had such a deficit in leadership in this Town, in the past week, either one.

Mayor Goodenough said this is not the time for us to make those comments but thank you for yours.

Dan O'Reilly, 27 Pinewood Dr. – Mr. O'Reilly said I have complained about the outside corner of Myrtlewood and Pinewood Drive, not cleaning out this ditch and the man as far as I have know for sixteen years since he's lived there, he's never, never once put a rake into his ditch. Mr. O'Reilly said the town has never cut the trees or trimmed the trees that are hanging into the drainage ditch on the empty lot next to it, Ms. Barbara Hartnett, the neighbor who adjoins that property has constantly called this Town Hall to try to address the problem but they put some stones in, they put a pipe in to try to back up some of the debris that comes out of there but nobody has gone after the homeowner. Mr. O'Reilly said John Russo has been there but guess what, I got all that man's garbage in my driveway and my lawn when that (expletive) started flowing out of his property, it's disgraceful, when is something going to get done about these ditches, you ride around and half of those pipes are clogged. Mr. O'Reilly said nobody is addressing that, this Town six years ago were supposed to start doing something about the ditches, to reconfigure, to level out why hasn't anything been done about it? Mr. O'Reilly said six years ago, we were told the homeowner takes care of his half of the ditch and the town will take care of their half of the ditch. Mr. O'Reilly said well guess what, I haven't seen the Town out there taking care of the ditches. Mr. O'Reilly said the drain pipes under those driveways aren't clear. Mr. O'Reilly said there was a female engineer here that got fired because she insisted that those pipes get cleaned and she sent letters out to that. Mr. O'Reilly said the Town should be hanging its head in shame on that one because she was a 100% correct. Thank you.

Gere Dale, 46 Calabash Dr. – Mr. Dale said this is certainly non-political and it's very emotional for him. Mr. Dale said he's lived here for 28 ½ years, of course going through Floyd in 1999 there was major flooding in this Town, 40 some homes were flooded out. Mr. Dale said the good news is I don't believe there were that many flooded out this time, perhaps half that number. Mr. Dale said between 1999-2009 the Town did a lot of work to put in new concrete culverts underneath a lot of the major roads and enlarged the openings so the water could flow. Mr. Dale said he thinks that had a very positive affect. Mr. Dale said there was work done on the ditches up on Northwest Drive, there were additional conduits put in from Northwest Drive going out underneath to Food Lion. Mr. Dale said finally there was a huge area excavated behind the Recycle Center that was supposed to take up whatever overflow from the Oakbark ditch and Food Lion ditch. Mr. Dale said well there was water in that area but it certainly did not take up the amount of water that would've precluded flooding on Northwest Drive and Oakbark. Mr. Dale said he doesn't know whether it's lack of engineering or whether it's lack of

maintenance by the Town but he certainly thinks you need to take a look at it because it was put there designed to be an overflow from all the water coming from the front and back of Carolina Shores. Mr. Dale said bear with him while he gives five scenarios and he will try to not be too emotional. Mr. Dale said Glenda Ward who lives at 1, Court 6 went out Friday evening because water was up to her window, in her home at 1 Court 6, she climbed out the window to go out and try to un-trap the water in the culvert that's behind her house. Mr. Dale said when the water was up over her waste, she decided that wasn't a good thing to do; she called Town Hall and left a message. Mr. Dale said she came to Town Hall on Saturday afternoon, there was nobody here. Mr. Dale said all she wanted was for somebody to come out and unclog a metal culvert at Gate 5. Mr. Dale said she had water up to her window, now the reason why is because the water in the swales on Carolina Shores side of Highway 17 drained into a common area, that common area comes over and drains underneath Northwest Drive and into a metal culvert that's supposed to carry that water over into the ditch along the other side, the Golf Course side of Northwest Drive. Mr. Dale said that has been clogged up according to the resident for two years. (At this time, the five minute public comment allotment time was up and Mr. Dale asked if he could please continue. Mayor Goodenough said yes, I will give you another couple of minute's sir). Mr. Dale said there were maintenance people that came out this morning, I was there at the time they came out and in ten minutes they completely cleared that area completely, completely a fall out on part of the Town. Mr. Dale said Larry and Debbie Gonzalez who live at 17 Northwest Drive, live opposite where the ditch comes across Highway 17 and drains into the Northwest Drive area. Mr. Dale said on Friday night, they were avalanched and they have water at least nine inches in their house. Mr. Dale said they claim and he's sure they are correct, not only was the water coming across but garbage and sewer were coming across. Mr. Dale said that has been a constant source of angst on his part, why Carolina Shores North water has to drain over into Carolina Shores. Mr. Dale said he is sure the water coming from that source, was a major reason why there was flooding on Northwest Drive. Mr. Dale said Steve and Judy Maiorca that live at 5 Oakbark claim that their Oakbark ditch has not been cleaned in two years. Mr. Dale said Henry and Maryann Kubacki who live at 72 Calabash Drive had water in their house, significant water in their house. Mr. Dale said that was caused by a malfunction that the Town failed to recognize to clear out before we had this major rainfall. Mr. Dale said Bill Matteson, who lives at 21 Oakbark Court, that's the very end of Oakbark Court that house historically, particularly in 1999 flooded. Mr. Dale said Bill has spent \$70,000.00 to try and make his home waterproof and rainproof. Mr. Dale said he built up the property with bookoo truckloads of material; he's actually built a canal in back of his house to channel the water away. Mr. Dale said he got water up to about a foot, foot and a half at his house despite all those efforts. Mr. Dale said he could go on but he thinks those 5 horror stories are enough to make you all very concerned. Thank you.

Mary Timothy, 31 Bayberry Circle - Ms. Timothy said she wants to discuss two horror stories. Ms. Timothy said one is Brenda Babs (sp?), she lives at 12 Court 12 and she had called numerous times in the summer because she has two drains that are clogged and nobody came to unclog them. Ms. Timothy said that Friday morning she underwent surgery on her arms and her legs. Ms. Timothy said because of the surgery it was doctor's orders that she stay in bed. Ms. Timothy said that afternoon she called and asked me to walk her dog and she called me in a panic because her house was under water the two drain pipes were literally shooting water. Ms. Timothy said she panicked and started cleaning and broke the stitches. Ms. Timothy said luckily, we started to call neighbors and one happened to be a nurse who came down and helped her physically and bandage up her arms from moving stuff that she should not have been moving. Ms. Timothy said the other one is Tom McClure and he lives on 5 Northwest Drive. Ms. Timothy said Friday afternoon his wife was getting home from the hospital and she has had

three surgeries and their house went under water and they couldn't handle it. Ms. Timothy said he is a very private person, so they got them over to her house for the weekend because they couldn't go in there and their family drove down. Ms. Timothy said so there was a problem and both the houses back to the main canal, it was devastating. Ms. Timothy said they tried to call and contact someone but no one was here.

Anthony Masi, 1054 Waterview – Mr. Masi said it's been repetitive as he understands about the speeding cars up and down Waterview Lane, excessive speeds and I live right on that road. Mr. Masi said he sees it many times. Mr. Masi as a matter of fact he was coming along a couple of weeks ago and almost got run down by a car that was doing better than 25 mph. Mr. Masi said he was at the meeting yesterday at the POA and it was brought up again, it's a repetitive thing. Mr. Masi asked what can be done with this. Mr. Masi said I know they had speed signs up to tell you your speed but none of this is doing any good so I was wondering what can be done to reinforce this. Mr. Masi asked about putting in speed bumps. Mr. Masi said we had this problem up North on a street and they didn't want to do speed bumps because of liability and so forth and wanted the Board to consider putting in a Stop Sign or throw rocks at them. Mr. Masi said he was told to try and get a plate number and give it to a Sheriff. Mr. Masi said something needs to be done. Thank you.

Consent Agenda:

COMMISSIONER BRENNAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS.

- Halloween Resolution
- Off-Shore Drilling Resolution

COMMISSIONER MANNING SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR GOODENOUGH ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY DISCUSSION. MAYOR GOODENOUGH CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Administrative Reports:

Mr. Mendenhall said the Administrative Report is attached and was developed last week and there has been a lot of storm activity since then and gave a brief update.

Storm Activity Update – Mr. Mendenhall said the Town had 66 calls for service and there are 11 calls still out. Mr. Mendenhall said 39 houses have been damaged and the Town is going to each and every one. Mr. Mendenhall said we operated a clearing house and called in the N.C. Baptist Men, American Red Cross and the N.C. Methodist Men and they are doing free work for the residents. Mr. Mendenhall said there is substantial debris in some culverts that needs to be removed, so we are prepared for another event. Mr. Mendenhall said there have been briefings occurring daily and he will discuss that further under item 4b.

Finance Report – Ms. Munday, Finance Director gave the following report:

**TOWN OF CAROLINA SHORES
FINANCE REPORT
1st Quarter 2015-2016**

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance \$4,439,118

BUDGET SUMMARY

	2015-2016	ACTUAL AS	PERCENT
		OF 09-30-2015	
ADOPTED			
EXPENDITURES			
OPERATING	1,220,600	267,858	
CAPITAL	457,000	92,904	64,200 EQUIPMENT
CAPITAL BALANCE	288,776	28,704	PROF FEES
TOTAL...	1,677,600	360,762	22%
REVENUES			
PROPERTY TAX	365,000	2,402	
SALES TAX	560,000	215,210	
UTILITY FRANCHISE	120,000	40,745	
MISC. (Bldg.Permits, Beer/Wine, Interest, MV)	525,600	170,385	
Powell Bill Funds	107,000	53,834	
TOTAL...	1,677,600	482,576	29%

Ending Balance: **\$4,491,108**

Update on Pinewood Drive Project from Town Engineer – Mrs. Holly Cook from East Coast Engineering & Surveying discussed the Pinewood Drive Project with the Board said she is assigned the Pinewood Drive resurfacing and drainage project. Mrs. Cook said from discussion at the last meeting they have taken a look at splitting the project into two bid phases. Mrs. Cook said the first phase would be the drainage and patchwork and the second phase would be the resurfacing. There was further discussion on scheduling. Mayor Goodenough said for the residents that didn't know, the bids came in well over a million dollars and the Board only budgeted shy of five hundred thousand for this project, so the Board is looking to split the bid package. Mayor Goodenough said they are looking to change of the culverts and do some patchwork first and then phase in the resurfacing. Mrs. Cook discussed locating the utilities for this project and core samples. Mr. Mendenhall said under item 4b, Flood Disaster Update there is a memo regarding a Flood Recovery Package which could impact the Board's decision on the Pinewood Drive Project.

Flood Disaster Report - Mr. Mendenhall gave the last briefing message for Flood Disaster (which is on file with the Town Clerk). Mr. Mendenhall presented the Board of Commissioners with the following Flood Recovery Package below:

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Board of Commissioners
FROM: Jon M. Mendenhall, Town Administrator
SUBJECT: Flood Disaster Recovery
DATE: 10/8/15
ENCL: Last Briefing Message, Proclamation of State of Emergency, State of Emergency Resolution
CC: File

The flood disaster experienced by the Town from Friday, October 2, 2015 to Monday, October 5, 2015 caused significant damage and requires a comprehensive recovery package:

Flood Recovery Package

Waive Permits and Regulations

- Waive building permits on those residences that were impacted (damage assessment on file) until October 30, 2015. Approximately 39 impacted structures.
- Waive tree inspections town-wide until October 30, 2015

Postpone Capital Projects Until Recovery Cost is Clear

- Postpone Pinewood Drive

Reallocate Funds: (FEMA eligible reimbursement [if available])

- By postponing Pinewood Dr: \$288,776 available for reallocation
- EOC Work – emergency response, over-time call-ups

- Cost Estimate: \$10,000.00
 - Debris removal from Canals – remove debris/de-muck/de-silt and clear all culverts (43,000 LF of primary canals). Work will probably take 43 days at 1,000 LF of canal per day.
 - Work to be done by contractor
 - Cost Estimate: \$100,000.00; cost estimate should be finalized in 1wk
 - Debris removal from roadside ditch – remove debris/de-muck/de-silt and clear all culverts, 180,000 LF of roadside ditch (subdivisions: Carolina Shores, Village at Calabash). Work will probably take 180 of work at 1,000 LF of roadside ditch per day.
 - Work to be done by Town forces, additional equipment needed (2nd dump truck, jetter, possibly a chipper to chip branches)
 - Cost Estimate: \$100,000.00; cost estimate is for additional equipment
 - Repair flood damaged streets
 - Work to be done by contractor
 - Cost: \$13,255.64 + approximately \$7,000 contingency = \$20,000
- Reallocation: \$288,776 available - \$230,000 emergency work = \$58,776 balance

Hazard Mitigation Grant

- Intend to apply (if available) for a Hazard Mitigation Grant: Drainage work on Northwest Drive, Palmer Drive & Bogie Vicinity, Nautical Drive, Oakbark Court, Calabash Drive, Pinewood Drive, and Sunfield Drive. Intent is to study drainage (where not previously studied) and to fix drainage as much as practical in flood impacted areas.

Better than Before

The proposed recovery package is that the Town of Carolina Shores will not only recover from this unprecedented disaster, but will be better than before. Fixes are in the works for all the flooded areas to mitigate future flooding subject to hazard mitigation grant funding.

1. Debris has been washed into roadside ditches and canals, this debris has to be removed otherwise we are not ready for the next storm. Town forces will focus on the roadside ditches and culverts, and a contractor will focus on canals.
2. The following streets where flooding occurred will have their drainage studied (pending Hazard Mitigation Grant funding) and drainage will be improved (pending Hazard Mitigation Grant funding)
 - a. Calabash Lakes Blvd –engineered, construction permits pending
 - b. Northwest Dr – needs to be engineered and a grant applied for
 - c. Palmer Dr & Bogie – needs to be engineered and a grant applied for
 - d. Nautical Dr – engineered, and a grant needs to be applied for
 - e. Oakbark Ct – needs to be engineered and grant applied for
 - f. Pinewood Dr – engineered, and a grant needs to be applied for
 - g. Sunfield Dr – needs to be engineered and a grant applied for
 - h. Calabash Dr – needs to be engineered and a grant applied for

Action Items

At the pleasure of the Board:

1. Approve flood recovery package.

2. Pursuant to the Emergency Operations Plan, ratify the State of Emergency.
3. Instruct that thank you letters be sent to: American Red Cross, Brunswick County Emergency Services, Brunswick County Sheriff, Calabash Volunteer Fire Department, NCDOT, NC Baptist Men, NC Methodist Men

There was discussion on the Flood Disaster Report and the Pinewood Drive Project.

COMMISSIONER BRENNAN MADE A MOTION THAT WE GO AHEAD AND 1) APPROVE THE MONEY TO BE SPENT FOR THE CLEANING UP OF THE DITCHES AND ALL THE STORM DAMAGE, FLOOD RECOVERY PACKAGE AND 2) GO AHEAD WITH THE CULVERT WORK AS PLANNED ON PINWOOD DRIVE. COMMISSIONER DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR GOODENOUGH ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION. Commissioner Manning said he feels they should do Sunfield too at the same time. Commissioner Przywara said lets stay where we are at right now and if we somehow end up getting more money, there's nothing saying we can't go back. Commissioner Manning said we're cleaning up one end but not the other end. MAYOR GOODENOUGH CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED WITH A 4-1 VOTE. COMMISSIONERS BRENNAN, RUSSO, PRZYWARA AND DAVIS AS YES AND COMMISSIONER MANNING AS NO.

There was discussion that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the culvert work as planned on Pinewood Drive.

COMMISSIONER MANNING MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR HURRICANE JOAQUIN-HISTORIC FLOODING. COMMISSIONER DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION. Commissioner Przywara said he would like to make a modification to that motion because the Resolution is not only claiming a State of Emergency, it's also removing the State of Emergency because every time a State of Emergency is declared, it's terminated, it's both. COMMISSIONER MANNING AMENDED HIS MOTION TO INCLUDE CLARIFICATION THAT THIS RESOLUTION IS NOT ONLY CLAIMING A STATE OF EMERGENCY, IT'S ALSO REMOVING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY BECAUSE EVERY TIME A STATE OF EMERGENCY IS DECLARED, IT'S TERMINATED, THIS RESOLUTION IS BOTH. COMMISSIONER DAVIS SECONDED THE AMENDED MOTION. MAYOR GOODENOUGH ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION. MAYOR GOODENOUGH CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Public Hearings:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Consideration of a Final Plat for Phase 1 C of Calabash Lakes – There was discussion on this item. Commissioner Przywara said he wants to make sure they don't end up with drainage

issues like what they have at The Farm with the gumbo and clay. Commissioner Przywara said if the Town has our inspector out there, they can scoop out some of the material to see if it is acceptable. Mr. Mendenhall said so the direction is to extend the stone to be sure there is suitable material and if unsuitable material is encountered, extend the stone so you remove the unsuitable material.

COMMISSIONER MANNING MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSIDERATION OF A FINAL PLAT FOR PHASE 1 C OF CALABASH LAKES SUBJECT TO THE ADDITION NOTED ABOVE TO EXTEND THE STONE TO BE SURE THERE IS SUITABLE MATERIAL AND IF UNSUITABLE MATERIAL IS ENCOUNTERED, EXTEND THE STONE SO YOU REMOVE THE UNSUITABLE MATERIAL. COMMISSIONER PRZYWARA SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR GOODENOUGH ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION. MAYOR GOODENOUGH CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Committee Reports:

Keep Brunswick County Beautiful - Mr. Gere Dale gave the report for KBCB. Mr. Dale said he is the representative for the Town for KBCB and it's an environmental outfit. Mr. Dale said we didn't have a meeting in September but we are going to have a large presence at Sunset at Sunset this Saturday. Mr. Dale said we hope that anyone who is going will come around to their table. Thank you.

Mayor and Board of Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Brennan – Commissioner Brennan said he thinks people don't realize the magnitude of the storm we just had, 23 inches. Commissioner Brennan said yes we had some home damage, yes the Town did everything they possible could in terms of getting ready for it, the crews were out in the ditches two days, twenty-four, forty-eight hours before the storm started. Commissioner Brennan said if people had problems and needed evacuations and things like that, then certainly 911 services was the place to call. Commissioner Brennan said I think it's very unfair that people complain about not having maintenance staff, basically the people that are cleaning the ditches available during the storm. Commissioner Brennan said again, we have emergency services personnel for that. Commissioner Brennan said our Maintenance Department is not emergency services. Commissioner Brennan said now, they did everything they could, they walked the ditches and if stuff happened after, in the middle of storm, that is something they should not have too address. Commissioner Brennan said you're asking people to risk their life and limb, when in fact if people have to be rescued and taken out of their house, that's fine but it's not the responsibility of the Town to deal with individual's property. Commissioner Brennan said that's his point.

Commissioner Russo – Commissioner Russo said to add to Gere's mention about the 17 crossover, from Highway 17 to Northwest Drive that was our worst corner and asked if they changed that to two six foot pipes, it was supposedly going to do okay but this 1,000 year rain showed it didn't do it. Commissioner Russo said our ditches, every one of them even the one he was stuck in Sunday, after an hour of when it stopped raining, the water receded. Commissioner Russo said so that tells me that the Town's ditches were working but they were not made for this 1,000 year rain. Commissioner Russo said it also showed him that some of the ditches that we thought were doing the right thing on Sunfield; the water was going backwards instead of forwards. Commissioner Russo said so something at the other end was causing it. Commissioner Russo said that change that they made was supposed to do everything they

thought it would do, it just didn't because of the type of rain that we had. Commissioner Russo said our men worked from their house, our Foreman had the truck home and he came out. Commissioner Russo said Mr. Mendenhall was out in one of our vehicles. Commissioner Russo said he was out until he got stuck in the water. Commissioner Russo said we held the people back based on the County's idea of everybody being off the road. Commissioner Russo said we leaned more towards safety, rather than going out and getting stuck ourselves. Commissioner Russo said the Northwest Drive Ditch, in back of the houses which that cross culvert empties into, we don't own it, it's deeded too the County. Commissioner Russo said we only maintain it because if we didn't do it, nobody would. Commissioner Russo said but we are not responsible for that ditch. Commissioner Russo said he's been saying that since he and Dale were running together. Commissioner Russo said the County owns it and if we don't do it, the County says they are not going to be bothered with it. Commissioner Russo said there's a problem, too say we didn't take care of the ditch, we tried to take care of the ditches that we don't even own. Commissioner Russo said there are two ditches on Sunfield that were put in by the builder and to this day we still don't know who put them in. Commissioner Russo said one of them caused the back-up on Sunfield. Commissioner Russo said you have to look at what's legal, it's not a problem they ignored, it's just something they may not have been able to do. Commissioner Russo said if you would have talked to him Thursday, he would have said that everyone of our ditches were going to work perfectly; until he saw the rain and got out in it and saw certain places. Commissioner Russo said they will see if Mr. Mendenhall can get some money for it. Commissioner Russo said he agrees they should do the first thing first which are the ditches; get them all cleaned, he just gets a little upset.

Commissioner Manning – Commissioner Manning said in regards to the Carolina Shores North water flowing over, the water that flows behind Food Lion, in a large ditch, which flows down to the old Morgan's Auto Body and then across 17 again to Shingletree, the Shingletree then flows into the Waccamaw and floods out and until it gets cleaned out, water doesn't flow into it, I'll tell you that now. Commissioner Manning said there was an article on the weather report this morning talking about the Waccamaw being at crest level right now. Commissioner Manning said so it does cause a larger problem than what people think. Commissioner Manning said he agrees with John, when they did that cut off from the North to us, Northwest Drive, that was there for Floyd and that is really when the last flooding occurred. Commissioner Manning said I think the residents here should not be as upset as he thinks some are. Commissioner Manning said that's just his opinion. Commissioner Manning said you could be living in Brunswick Plantation which got the most of the publicity if you read the Beacon. Commissioner Manning said you talk about people spending money; they will spend a lot of money over there to try and get rid of the flooding. Commissioner Manning said we tried and he thinks we improved the water flow here. Commissioner Manning said to gripe is one thing but the demand that we stay open on a bad day is another thing. Commissioner Manning said the thing is we have to look out for our employees getting in here and if we feel that the roads or conditions are not suitable for them to be traveling, then I don't think they should have too come in. Commissioner Manning said if that means we should all run down to Calabash and thank them for being open on Monday, then go right ahead. Commissioner Manning said he thinks they made the right move and the Mayor made the right move on Thursday signing an order. Commissioner Manning said we did have a voluntary evacuation and the high school was open for everyone's usage. Commissioner Manning said he and Commissioner Przywara said they went up and checked out the evacuation area at West Brunswick High School and there was hardly anybody there but it was open, they had television for the people that were coming in. Commissioner Manning said there was a Sheriff's Deputy there to make sure nothing happened. Commissioner Manning said the County and the Town did what we needed to do at the time. Commissioner Manning said

everybody is going to find fault at something. Commissioner Manning said he thinks that on a whole this Town responded in the right direction and that most people should be thankful, really. Commissioner Manning said that is just his thought.

Commissioner Davis – Commissioner Davis said he was amazed as to what we were able to get out of this community water wise, at a time when we had a storm that no one in their right mind would ever dream would happen in that short of time. Commissioner Davis said the ditches were not designed for that kind of water. Commissioner Davis said Shingletree backed up early on Friday which created a mess and we can't control a swamp. Commissioner Davis said a ditch that empties into a river that is still flooded to this day. Commissioner Davis said there were a few homes that flooded, I feel horrible for those people and he's glad there were services out there helping them. Commissioner Davis said he takes exception to the fact that we weren't available as much. Commissioner Davis said there were Commissioners in and out of the Command Center, there were phone calls being made. Commissioner Davis said there are other neighborhoods besides one that they checked to see if they had problems. Commissioner Davis said we had two other communities that you couldn't get in and out of and those people got through it. Commissioner Davis said Mr. Mendenhall was on the ball the entire time.

Commissioner Przywara – Commissioner Przywara said I know our presence was here and we were out there riding around. Commissioner Przywara said he had a Honda Accord and he got nervous with that and his wife though he was nuts because he was out at 5:30 pm riding around and it was ugly. Commissioner Przywara said he doesn't recall if it was when Selby was Mayor or not but there was a meeting with the County to re-divert Carolina Shores North's water to go up the other side of Highway 17. Commissioner Przywara said the other thing I think we need to do is we had two Resolutions, one for Halloween and one for the Off-Shore Drilling and we didn't get any action on them other than talked about them; do you need a motion on them? Ms. Marks said they were approved on the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Goodenough – Mayor Goodenough said he tried to get out of his development and when he got water half way up his SUV, I decided it would be foolish to even try leave and came back home. Mayor Goodenough said within an hour and half after the rain stopped, I was driving through every one of these communities, I was driving through four inches of rain, six inches of water and I could drive every road in every one of our communities without a problem an hour and a half after the rain stopped. Mayor Goodenough said yes, there was water on the roads but it was drivable. Mayor Goodenough said I want to commend the Town for being here, the Maintenance workers were out there, I passed Chris and passed our Code Compliance Officer on the corner of Sunfield and Persimmon and she had the road blocked off and Chris had the backhoe against that culvert pipe and digging out debris and piling it on the side. Mayor Goodenough said we had our people doing what they were supposed to do during the storm without injury or threat of life or loss of life. Mayor Goodenough said we lost nobody in this storm, nobody. Mayor Goodenough said we had 37 evacuations from the Fire Department and they should be commended and thanked for all the work they did. Mayor Goodenough said the County was where they needed to be. Mayor Goodenough said he was on the telephone with Mr. Mendenhall six or seven times a day and he was either here and if he couldn't stay here, he was at the Fire Department handling operations from up there. Mayor Goodenough said so for someone to say that they saw six vehicles parked out there and we were not here, that's just false. Mayor Goodenough said and because it's that particular time of year, we're going to get a bad rap no matter what. Mayor Goodenough said everybody did their due diligence and I will stand on my record and I will stand on anybody else's record here again, I want to thank the previous

Board's for their due diligence. Mayor Goodenough said Mr. Dale you are responsible for a lot of the culvert work that was done over here six or seven years ago and it did help. Mayor Goodenough said Ms. Dunn, you and I both went to Bolivia and the first thing we did was get that culvert changed out over there that had been on the back burner. Mayor Goodenough said had the culvert been left alone, a few people wouldn't be sitting here and there would be six feet of water in this building and I think we all know that. Mayor Goodenough said the reason that the water comes over from Carolina Shores North across Highway 17 and then back over to this community is because the Army Corps of Engineers when they laid all this out that was the natural flow of that water to come over here and they did not divert it, so they kept it the way it is. Mayor Goodenough asked the Board of Commissioners to write a strongly worded letter to the Army Corps of Engineer, DENR, County and Brunswick County Commissioners that the water be diverted back up Highway 17 where it belongs and stay on that side of 17 instead of coming into our community. Mayor Goodenough said that was the main cause of the flooding over on Northwest Drive. Mayor Goodenough said yes we do know about it, we know the water was flowing eight feet in front of someone's house that had nothing to do with what were capable of or being able to handle as a Town or community. Mayor Goodenough said that was a problem eight years ago, also during Floyd, it's still a problem. Mayor Goodenough said it was nothing we did or did not do. Mayor Goodenough said he doesn't know what else to say other than I believe we did everything humanly possible for this Town to avert an even bigger catastrophe. Mayor Goodenough said again, no loss of life and everybody's safe. Mayor Goodenough said if you still don't think we averted a catastrophe, turn on the TV. look at Columbia, look at Charleston, look at Raleigh and other places. Mayor Goodenough said when this storm hit and the Fire Department was called out on emergencies, Bolivia was sitting up there going what are you doing with all your fire and emergency equipment and the Chief had to tell them personally, we've got twelve inches of rain down here. Mayor Goodenough said and it was bright sunshine in Shallotte, Ocean Isle Beach and nobody up there knew what was going on down here until eight hours later and that's the God's honest truth. Mayor Goodenough said I think we owe a lot to our emergency service people. Mayor Goodenough said right now you may not like what we did or think we could've done something different but send every one of them a letter thanking them for the lives they saved.

Closed Session:

None

Adjourn:

COMMISSIONER BRENNAN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE OCTOBER 8, 2015 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING. COMMISSIONER MANNNG SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR GOODENOUGH ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION. MAYOR GOODENOUGH CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Walter B. Goodenough, Mayor

Submitted by:
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Town Clerk