

Attest:

Mary P. Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board

**Opposing the Disposal of Fracking Waste in Eastern North Carolina:** At their March Work Session, the Board discussed the process of fracking and the disposal of the Fracking Waste in Eastern North Carolina. Commissioner Hobbs expressed his desire not to have this happen in Eastern North Carolina. Commissioner Miller-White concurred. On motion made by Benjamin C. Hobbs, seconded by Edward R. Muzzulin, the Board unanimously approved the following Resolution opposing the disposal of Fracking Waste in Eastern North Carolina:

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE DISPOSAL OF FRACKING WASTE IN EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA**

**WHEREAS**, hydraulic fracturing, or “fracking,” is a method of extracting natural gas that involves injecting, at an extremely high pressure, a mixture of water, sand, and toxic chemicals to break up shale or other rock formations otherwise impermeable to the flow of natural gas; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina does not currently allow either horizontal drilling or hydraulic fracturing, and studies across the United States show conflicting results on the effects of reversing this ban; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 76, which would lift the state’s ban on fracking, was co-sponsored by Senator Bill Cook, was passed by the Senate, and will be considered by the House of Representatives; and

**WHEREAS**, fracking operations in North Carolina would be concentrated in Central and Western North Carolina, however it has been reported that there are no viable options for disposal of fracking waste in the western part of the state and that Eastern North Carolina might be an option for deep-well disposal of fracking waste; and

**WHEREAS**, the disposal of fracking byproducts into the aquifer could have a detrimental impact on the environment, including contamination of drinking water wells and surface waters; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 5 of the North Carolina Constitution states that “It shall be the policy of the State to conserve and protect its lands and waters for the benefit of all its citizenry, and to this end it shall be a proper function of the State of North Carolina and its political subdivisions... to control and limit the pollution of our air and water... and in every other appropriate way to preserve as part of our common heritage of this State its forests, wetlands, estuaries, beaches, historical sites, open lands, and places of beauty”; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners is greatly opposed to the disposal in Eastern North Carolina of fracking waste and byproducts from other areas of the state.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners urges the North Carolina General Assembly to take no action that would weaken existing laws barring hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling before a viable option for disposal of fracking waste is found that does not include Eastern North Carolina.

**ADOPTED** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2013.

Janice McKenzie Cole, Chair  
Perquimans County Board of Commissioners

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Steve Magaro, Board Appointment to Northeast Workforce Development Board (NWDB):** Mr. Magaro thanked the Board for the opportunity of serving on the NWDB Board and, as required, presented his report which was included in the Board Agenda Packets. He explained the strengths and the weaknesses of the Board and that there is progress being made but he would like to see it more. Commissioner Hobbs asked who the Chairman of the Board was. Mr. Magaro said that it was Natalie Rountree. Commissioner Miller-White explained that Ms. Rountree was the new Director. The Chairman of the Board is Bobby Hannon.

**Commissioner Peeler:** Mr. Peeler said that one of the issues Mr. Magaro brought up was the training issue but also the ability of using technology links. He was wondering if we could set up a discussion at a Commissioners’ Work Session to determine what assets we have in the County that would assist them in this process. Chair Cole explained some of the drawbacks for using links like this to handle meetings of the Board. She explained the process that is used with the East Carolina Behavioral Health Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the Regular Meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 8:30 p.m. on motion made by Edward R. Muzzulin, seconded by Matthew Peeler.

Janice McKenzie Cole, Chair

Clerk to the Board

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**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

**April 15, 2013**

**7:00 p.m.**

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Monday, April 15, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners’ Room located on the first floor of the Perquimans County Courthouse Annex.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Janice McKenzie Cole, Chair Edward R. Muzzulin, Vice Chair  
Benjamin Hobbs Kyle Jones  
Matthew Peeler Tammy Miller-White

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Frank Heath, County Manager  
Mary Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board

After the Chair called the meeting to order, Commissioner Jones gave the invocation and the Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chair said that the purpose of this Special Called Meeting was to discuss and award the Rehabilitation Bids for the Single Family Rehab Grant projects.

**REHABILITATION BIDS – SINGLE FAMILY REHAB GRANT PROJECTS**

County Manager Heath explained that the bids for the above referenced projects were opened on March 20, 2013. They received the following bids: