

1 Staff recommends the contract be awarded to Thomas Simpson Construction Company, of Atlantic Beach, NC.

2 ***Motion was made by Commissioner Normile to approve the Resolution Authorizing***
3 ***Construction Contract for Reed Drive Stormwater Pipes and Appurtenance Repairs. The Board***
4 ***voted unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.***

5 **5. Discussion – Local Impacts of COVID-19**

6 The Board discussed the local impacts of COVID-19. Following discussion the Board came to a
7 general consensus on several issues summarized as followed:

8 **Short Term Rental Restrictions**

9 The Town of Emerald Isle will extend a mandatory restriction on short term rentals through
10 May 8, 2020 at 11:59 PM. The restriction prohibits the renting of a hotel room, motel room,
11 rental housing unit, condominium, RV campsite, primitive campsite, or similar accommodation.
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13 Property owners/managers may accept occupants effective May, 9, 2020. Contracts currently
14 on file for the period April 30 – May 8, 2020, may be honored at the sole discretion of the
15 property owner/manager.
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17 **Public Beach Parking Areas**

18 The Town of Emerald Isle stresses that tourist travel to the area remains highly discouraged. All
19 public parking areas, restrooms, and playgrounds in Emerald Isle remain closed at this time.
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21 Based upon the current NC Stay at Home Order (through May 8, 2020), the following approach
22 will be taken in Emerald Isle regarding public parking facilities:

- 23 • May 9, 2020- Third Street parking lot will open to the public.
- 24 • May 9, 2020- Station Street parking lot will open to the public.
- 25 • The Western Ocean Regional Access (WORA) and Eastern Ocean Regional Access (EORA)
26 remain closed due to construction. These parking areas will be made available to the
27 public, (1) once construction is complete and (2) it is deemed safe to operate public
28 restroom facilities.

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30 **Water Access**

31 Emerald Isle residents and property owners can access the waters of the Atlantic Ocean and
32 Bogue Sound. Permitted activities include swimming, surfing, kiting, kayaking, fishing, and
33 boating. Residents can walk, jog, and sit on the beach strand. All beach goers must adhere to
34 the current social distancing guidelines.
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36 **Municipal Facility Closings**

37 The Emerald Isle Administration Building (7509 Emerald Drive) and the Police Department
38 (7500 Emerald Drive) have limited public access. The Emerald Isle Community Center and all
39 Parks & Recreation maintained facilities, remain closed to the public until further notice.

1 **5. Adjourn**

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3 ***Motion was made by Commissioner Dooley to adjourn the meeting. The Board voted***
4 ***unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.***

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6 ***The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.***

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8 Respectfully submitted:

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12 Rhonda C. Ferebee, CMC, NCCMC

13 Town Clerk