

Board of Commissioners

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

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2nd Tuesday of each month

7500 Emerald Drive

Emerald Isle, NC 28594

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call *Holland, Taylor, Brownlow, Sawyer, Wootten present (Sanderson excused 4-0)*
3. Opening Prayer *Mayor Holland*
4. Pledge of Allegiance *Mayor Holland*
5. Adoption of Agenda *(Approved 4-0)*
6. Lifeguard Recognitions and Summer 2024 Statistics

Chief Billy Matthias

7. Hurricane/Tropical Storm Debby Department Reports

- a. Fire, EMS and Ocean Rescue

Chief Billy Matthias

- b. Police Department

Chief Michael Panzarella

- c. Public Works

Public Works Director Joe Smith

- d. Planning Department

Town Planner Chris Seaberg

- e. Public Information Messaging

PIO Mark Crews

8. Public Announcements

9. We Heard You: Follow-Ups to Prior Public Comments *Mayor Holland*

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10. Public Comment - Limited to three minutes per person *2 Public Comments*

11. Consent Agenda *(Approved 4-0)*

- a. July 9, 2024 Regular BOC Meeting Minutes
- b. July 9, 2024 Regular BOC Meeting Minutes - Closed Session (Sealed)
- c. July 29, 2024 Special BOC Meeting Minutes
- d. Authorize Annual Self-Certification for Federal Micro-Purchase Threshold
- e. Budget Amendment for Emerald Isle Fishing Tournament

- f. Contract for Propane Tanks
12. Consideration of Town Attorney Contract with The Carolina Law Group *(Approved 4-0)*
Board of Comissioners
13. Consideration of Fulltime Employee to Assist Planning and Admin Departments
Tabled for September BOC meeting (Approved 4-0)
Finance Director Laura Rotchford
14. Discussion Pertaining to "Feather Flag" Regulations in Emerald Isle UDO
Commissioners in support of UDO enforcement (4-0)
Commissioner Roy Brownlow
15. Comments from Town Clerk, Town Attorney and Town Manager
Allow temporary alcohol permitted at Rec Center for EI Fishing Tournament on 9/27
(Approved 3-1)
16. Comments from Board of Commissioners and Mayor
17. Adjourn

**NOTE: These are not official or draft minutes.
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at the next open public Board of Commissioners meeting.**

MEETING RECAP:

During the Emerald Isle Board of Commissioners meeting on August 13, 2024, the following actions were taken.

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- Mayor Holland opened with a speech addressing the Board of Commissioners, Town Staff, and public. He called for and encouraged the Commissioners to do their best to serve all people of Emerald Isle and carryout their oaths of office.
- Chief Billy Matthias recognized the 2024 Lifeguards, including Supervisors Rachel Nieder and Mackenzie McClarney, and presented Summer 2024 statistics. He stated that the Junior Lifeguard program hosted over 75 children this summer. Twelve lifeguards were present.
- Multiple department leaders presented on the Town's preparations and response to Tropical Storm Debby, including Fire, EMS, and Ocean Rescue, EIPD, and the Public Works, Planning, and Public Information departments.
- Public Works Director, Joe Smith, noted that the Town pumped over 6 million gallons of water via mobile and stationary pumps throughout Town during the storm.
- Unanimous approval of the Consent Agenda
- Public Announcements video played
- Public Comment was held with two commenters.
- The Board unanimously approved the contract with new Town Attorney Tommy Kellis and the Carolina Law Group.
- The Board voted to table the consideration of a full time Front Desk/Planning Department employee until the September BOC meeting to gather more information.
- The Board unanimously agreed to support the enforcement of the ordinance pertaining to Feather Flags in Emerald Isle.
- The Board voted to allow a temporary ABC alcohol permit on Friday, September 27, 2024 at the Emerald Isle Rec Center for the EI Fishing Tournament's Captains Party.
- There was extensive discussion about Cape Emerald's stormwater management, including the history of the proposed project, current status, funding, and a possible future meeting between their HOA, the Board of Commissioners, and Town staff.