

**Dukes County Commission (DCC)**  
**Special Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, February 16, 2022**  
**3:45 PM**

*REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY*

**Dukes County Commissioners Present:** Christine Todd – Chair, R. Peter Wharton, Keith Chatinover, Leon Brathwaite, Tristan Israel

**Other County Officials Present:** Martina Thornton – Dukes County Manager, Ann Metcalf – County Treasurer

**Others Present:** Aidan Pollard

**Christine Todd called the meeting to order at 3:45 PM.**

Minutes

**Tristan/Peter moved to approve minutes from 2-9-2022. So voted. Peter Wharton - yes, Keith Chatinover -abstain, Leon Brathwaite - yes. Christine Todd – yes. Motion carries.**

Legislative Changes

Tristan proposed the following legislative changes:

- Sheriff's retiree assessment to be paid by the State, not the County. Ann said she would have some numbers for the next meeting to see how much we are talking about.
- Increase the 10% we can keep as unreserved fund balance by another 10 or 20%. Leon said that it would have to be justified why we need to keep more money.

**..... Leon..... moved to ask the county counsel to draft a proposed legislative change, leave the percentage blank and have it ready for review at our next meeting. So voted. R. Peter Wharton - yes, Leon Brathwaite – yes, Tristan Israel – yes, Keith Chatinover – yes, Christine Todd - yes. Motion carries.**

So voted. All in favor.

- County Commissioners to be elected every 4 years as opposed to every two years, which change happened in about 2008. It used to be also staggered terms before. Keith also proposed maybe having 5 members instead of 7. Christine's understanding was that 7 is so that every town could be represented. Leon said that kind of change would have to be done through County Charter, so we would have to initiate a new Charter Study again. Martina said that all final documents from the last Charter Study are posted on the County website.

County Manager Report

Martina gave the report (on file). Discussion regarding the VTA request to put a transformer box on laws of Courthouse

**Leon/Keith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. So voted. R. Peter Wharton - yes, Leon Brathwaite – yes, Tristan Israel – yes, Keith Chatinover – yes, Christine Todd - yes. Motion carries. The Dukes County Commission meeting was adjourned at 4:56PM.**

**The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 4:00PM, next special ARPA meeting will be on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm.**

**Certified by:**



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T. George Davis, Clerk of Courts

**Documents presented at the meeting and part of the official record:**

- Meeting Agenda
- Manager's Report