



Agenda Item Summary Sheet

Item No. 15

Meeting Date: 9/2/08

Item Title: Resolution Supporting a Veteran's Administration Community Based Outpatient Clinic

Item Summary:

The Town of Southern Shores has requested that the Board adopt the attached resolution supporting their efforts to obtain a Veterans' Administration community based outpatient clinic.

(Use additional Paper if necessary)

Number of Attachments: 1

Will your presentation require audiovisual equipment? Yes No

Note: All audiovisual materials must be submitted in digital format to the Clerk of the Dare County Board of Commissioners with this sheet. Acceptable formats include: VHS, DVD, audio CD, Word document, Adobe Acrobat PDF files, PowerPoint files and jpeg files.

Specific Action Requested:

Adoption of attached resolution

Submitted By: County Attorney

Date: 8/25/08

Dept. Head

Comments:

Signature

Date:

Finance


Comments:

Signature

Date:

County Attorney


Comments:

Signature 

Date: 8/25/08

County Manager

Approval:

Signature 

Date: 8/25/08

Commission Action:



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August 7, 2008

Honorable John J. Shea,
Dare County Commissioner
290 Wax Myrtle Trail
Southern Shores, NC 27949

Dear Jack:

I assembled the attached resolution and obtained full support of same from our Town Council.

I ask you to take up the cause with the Dare County Board of Commissioners – County Attorney Bobby Outten will have a copy by the time you receive this.

As we share so many “good ideas” I think it would be beneficial for you and I to meet informally at least monthly – your thoughts please.

Please let me know when and how I can assist you with your endeavors.

Best Personal Regards,

Charles B. Read, Jr.
Town Manager



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August 7, 2008

Honorable James B. Peake,
Secretary of Veteran's Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20420

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Please allow me to commend to your attention the Town of Southern Shores Resolution 2008-08-03 "Resolution Supporting a Veteran's Community Based Outpatient Clinic".

Together, the Mayor, Members of Town Council, and Town Manager of the Town of Southern Shores have serious concerns for ensuring that maximum health care benefits for our deserving veterans, many of whom are senior citizens that receive a large part of their medical care from the Veterans Administration, be maintained and expanded. The Town recognizes that veterans who reside in Dare County, North Carolina and surrounding areas must travel too far to benefit fully of the various medical programs provided by the VA.

On August 5th 2008, the Town Council of Southern Shores by unanimous resolution, called upon the Veterans Administration to establish a Veteran's Community Based Outpatient Clinic in Dare County to better serve the many veterans residing in Dare County and the surrounding area. Additionally, the Town of Southern Shores is requesting the County of Dare, and the Towns of Duck, Kitty Hawk, Kill Devil Hills, Nags Head, and Manteo as well as the North Carolina Congressional Delegation, and the North Carolina State Legislative Delegation to join us in seeking assistance with the establishment of a Veterans Outpatient Clinic in Dare County, North Carolina.

Mr. Secretary, thank you for your assistance with this worthy cause.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Read, Jr.
Major, US Air Force (retired)
Town manager

CC: distribution

RESOLUTION

**SUPPORTING A VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION
COMMUNITY BASED OUTPATIENT CLINIC**

WHEREAS, this Country honors our service men and women for their courage and dedication to keeping us safe and free; and

WHEREAS, our service members put their lives on the line during their tour of duty and are entitled to medical care following that duty; and

WHEREAS, statistics say there are approximately 23.8 million living veterans, 60% of the nation's veterans live in urban areas; and

WHEREAS, in 2007 the median age of all living veterans was 60 years old; and

WHEREAS, many veterans reside in Southern Shores, Dare County, and eastern North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, many veterans depend on the Veteran's Administration to provide medical facilities to meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, it is found that the closest veteran's hospitals found in this area are in Hampton, Virginia and Durham, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, it is found there are six Community Based Outpatient Clinics in North Carolina with the closest clinic found in Greenville; and

WHEREAS, the Veteran's Administration has announced plans to open 38 new clinics with none of the proposed sites located in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, there is a serious need for improvement in medical services for veterans who reside in Dare County and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, with the uncertainty of today's economy and the impact it is having on all of us; and

WHEREAS, it is unacceptable that our veterans should travel more than two hours in most cases to receive medical treatment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Dare County Board of Commissioners urges the Secretary of Veteran's Affairs to review the number of outpatient clinics in the state and support funding for the establishment of a Veteran's Community Based Outpatient Clinic in Dare County to efficiently serve the needs of veterans residing in eastern North Carolina.

This 2nd day of September, 2008.

Chairman

ATTEST:

Clerk