

A G E N D A
Perquimans County Board of Commissioners
REGULAR WORK SESSION
Commissioners' Room - Courthouse Annex
October 15, 2018
7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Prayer & Pledge**
- III. Work Session**
 - A. Erik Alnes, County Ranger – Pasquotank & Perquimans
 - B. Ralph Hollowell, Albemarle Regional Health Services
 - C.
 - D.
 - E.
- IV. Adjournment**

COUNTY MANAGER NOTES
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- III.A. **Enclosure.** Erick Alnes is the new County Ranger for Pasquotank & Perquimans Counties. He wanted to introduce himself to the Board and will present the N.C. Forest Service Annual Report for FY 2017-18.

- III.B. **Enclosures.** Ralph Hollowell will describe an ARHS billing issue with Solid Waste. A letter of explanation & ARHS billing is enclosed.



**North Carolina Department of Agriculture
and Consumer Services**
N.C. Forest Service



Steven W. Troxler
Commissioner

Scott Blissette
Assistant Commissioner

Dear Perquimans County Commissioners and County Manager Heath,

This letter highlights the NC Forest Service's accomplishments in Perquimans County for fiscal year 2017-2018. Despite having the County Ranger position vacant for 4 months, we successfully met the needs of the citizens in the County, and look forward another year of serving the communities of Perquimans.

Fire Control

Perquimans County experienced a slightly above average fire season compared to previous years. The NC Forest Service responded to 34 calls, 17 of which were reportable wildfires. These wildfires burned a total of 13.32 acres and did not damage or destroy any structures.

The volunteer fire departments of the County continue to be an invaluable asset in wildland fire suppression assistance. The NC Forest Service strives to support these departments through grants and assistance programs. In FY 17-18, we assisted Durants Neck VFD in applying for apparatus through the NCDOA Federal Surplus Property Agency.

Forest Management

The NC Forest Service provides an array of forest management services to landowners in the County. Through forest management plans, we provide sound forest management recommendations that align with landowner objectives. Management plans typically address timber resources, water quality, wildlife, soils, recreation, and aesthetic qualities. With this information, landowners are empowered to meet their land use goals. In FY17-18, 7 management plans were written for 275 acres of land in Perquimans. Additionally, the NC Forest Service performed survival checks on 162 acres of cost-shared land planted in FY16-17. The trees planted on these tracts maintained high survival rates.

Water Quality Protection

In North Carolina, all forestry activities must adhere to the Forest Practice Guidelines Related to Water Quality. The NC Forest Service inspects logging operations to ensure compliance with these rules and recommends Best Management Practices to protect water quality. In FY17-18, the NC Forest Service inspected over 500 acres of forest harvesting activities in Perquimans County and found no violations.

Information and Education

Educational outreach is an integral part of our program in Perquimans. In FY17-18, the NC Forest Service participated in 17 events, providing education on fire prevention, fire safety, and forest stewardship, and information on the services our agency offers. Additionally, we supplied trees to give away on Arbor Day to encourage tree planting throughout the County. Through these programs we engaged a large number of Perquimans citizens, including school children, private landowners, and farmers. We also actively participate in meetings with public safety officers in the County.

Urban Assistance and Pest Control

The NC Forest Service provides assistance and guidance regarding urban tree, insect, and disease concerns. Last year, we provided expert assistance to several community members in the County.

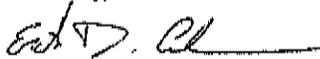
Also, our agency actively monitors for insect and disease outbreaks through aerial and ground surveys. No significant insect activity was observed this past year. We maintain communication with cooperative agencies to continuously track forest pest movements.

Conclusion

Through the support of the County, volunteer fire departments, and other cooperative agencies, the NC Forest Service has had a successful year in Perquimans County. We will continue to deliver effective wildland fire control, offer expert forest management advice, protect water quality, provide information and education, and vigilantly monitor forest health for all citizens of Perquimans County.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact our office at (252) 426-5551, or you can reach me after hours at (713) 253-6392.

Sincerely,



Erik Aines
County Ranger-Pasquotank and Perquimans

PCG Billing

Billing for the PCG landfill encompasses four separate budgets, one for the PCG landfill operations located on Perry's Bridge Rd. and one for each of the three county convenience sites. Each county is responsible for the expenses from their county's convenience sites as well as 1/3 of the landfill location.

Expenses from trash either can be directly hauled to East Carolina Environmental, Republic's Bertie County landfill or transferred from PCG landfill to ECE Republic's Bertie landfill. Direct hauls are used for some convenience sites rather than taking the trash to the transfer station to save hauling costs. It is cheaper to haul directly. For direct hauls, Republic Bertie landfill records transactions based on the county trash originated. ARHS receives a Direct Haul tonnage report from Republic detailing the monthly transactions.

Transferred trash is trash from all three counties dumped at the PCG landfill, a Transfer station centrally located in Perquimans then transferred to Republic Bertie's landfill. Attendants at PCG landfill record originating county information in Paradigm, PCG landfill's software. When trash reaches Republic Bertie landfill, Region 1 is the origin recorded. Republic sends ARHS a Transferred Trash tonnage report detailing the Regions of origin by month.

Billing staff uses the Direct Haul and Transferred Trash reports from Republic as well as reports from Paradigm to determine each county's expense owed to Republic. The total tonnage from the Republic Transferred Trash report in addition to the originating county reports from Paradigm help determine county responsibility for transferred trash recorded as Region 1. Tonnage from Paradigm reports will not equal Republic's report due to residential dumping of trash at PCG under the threshold of being charged. Since individual county tonnage total does not equal the total tons transferred, a formula based on percentages determine county responsibility. The percentage obtained is multiplied by the total tonnage transferred to determine the tons the county is responsible. This amount multiplied by the tonnage rate equals the charge.

Beginning in November 2017 the percentage multiplied by the total tonnage transferred was based on a percentage of direct haul tons instead of transferred tons. The mistake, realized in August 2018 created 9 months, Nov 17 – July 18 of incorrect percentages. Perquimans percentage of direct hauls to Bertie landfill are less than Chowan and Gates, the opposite is true for transferred trash.

