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# BHI Transportation Authority (BHITA) February 2021 Update

Though the BHITA’s Board of Trustees held a shorter than usual meeting in February, the number of attendees for the remote meeting increased exponentially with nearly 50 members of the public attending — many of them BHI property owners.

BHI Limited CEO Chad Paul reported that ferry ridership in January 2021 was 94% of the 3-year historical average. Paul discussed his work with local law enforcement to develop strategies for handling violators of the new federal mask mandate and reported there is no intention to request an increase in ferry passenger limits from the NC Utilities Commission. He also stated there were a few cases of employees who tested positive for COVID-19 that were traced to employees’ personal holiday activities. All fellow shift employees tested negative and quarantined.

BHITA’s attorney, Mary Nash Rusher of McGuire Woods, reported on the February 2<sup>nd</sup> Local Government Commission (LGC) meeting where commissioners were unclear whether the Village of BHI was provided appropriate and timely information on the Authority’s activities and whether there was opposition to BHI Limited’s sale of the ferry system to the Authority. Commissioners agreed that the transaction would be considered by the LGC within three months, once the Village’s concerns were addressed.

Authority members Rex Cowdry and Claude Pope requested a public information session to lay out the due diligence and financial modeling conducted over the past three years. Chair Susan Rabon agreed and set the date of a public session for February 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am. To view the recorded public hearing, visit [BaldHeadAssociation.com/news](http://BaldHeadAssociation.com/news). Copy and paste the noted passcode beside the link.

The next regular meeting of the Authority is March 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am. Information for joining the remote-only meeting is available from Village Clerk Daralyn Spivey at [dspivey@villagebhi.org](mailto:dspivey@villagebhi.org).