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From: Elizabeth Robinson <brobins1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 9:51 PM
To: SLGFD <SLGFD@nctreasurer.com>
Cc: Alan Briggs <alanbriggs1@icloud.com>; Susan Rabon <susanrabon@gmail.com>
Subject: Resident Opinion on Approval of Sale of BHI Transportation System to the BHITA

To: Members of the NC Local Government Commission (LGC)

Date: 6-28-2021

I am Elizabeth B. Robinson, property owner and full-time resident of Bald Head Island, NC. I am also a registered NC voter in Brunswick County. My address is:

11 Sea Holly Court, Bald Head Island, NC 28461

I want to offer my opinion on the matter of the sale of the BHI Transportation System.

The formation of the Bald Head Island Transportation Authority as the mechanism to transfer

the assets and operations of the transportation system(s) from Bald Head Limited to a responsible party **has my unconditional support.**

The process undertaken by the BHITA since its inception appears to be comprehensive, thorough and inclusive of the future best interests of the island residents, property owners, contractors and business owners who are dependent upon reliable ferry and barge services to the island. This is evidenced throughout the numerous documents disseminated to property owners through the Village website and the Bald Head Association Website.

The member composition of the Transportation Authority has ensured the inclusion of appropriate transportations experts, regulatory oversight, knowledgeable NC agency representatives and leadership representatives from the Village of BHI. All parties to the transaction have had a seat at the table throughout the multi-year process.

The Transportation Authority has proposed a Revenue Bond mechanism of financing which will ensure proper funding of the endeavor without direct assessment or obligation from property owners on the island, who are less than 10% of the ridership volume. This is a critical component of the proposal and makes sense as a regional transportation system.

By contrast, the actions taken by the BHI Village Council have occurred last minute and have been decided in closed Council sessions. The residents and property owners have in NO WAY been invited by the Village Council to attend a presentation on their thinking or plans related to the acquisition of the transportation system. It has been an evolving series of emails and FaceBook posts from the Council. This is far less than the serious consideration and detailed discussion necessary for residents and property owners to feel that Council has conducted the proper due diligence and has a sound, well thought out plan. The General Obligation bond proposed by the Village Council to fund the purchase of the system will NOT get my vote. If matters get that far, I intend to vote NO to any recommendation that the Village acquire the Transportation System and their financing proposal.

I urge the Local Government Commission to approve the sale of the BHI Transportation System to the BHI Transportation Authority. This offers the best opportunity for continued long-term operations and growth for our transportation services. It also offers peace of mind that experts in this field will be directing the future operations for the island.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Robinson

P.O. Box 3087, Bald Head Island, NC 28461

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From: [SLGFD](#)
To: [Cindy Aiken](#); [Tim Romocki](#); [Sharon Edmundson](#)
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From: Nana Smith <nanaghsmith@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 2, 2021 8:36 AM
To: SLGFD <SLGFD@nctreasurer.com>
Subject: Bald Head Island Transit Authority

Good morning. My name is Nana Smith, and my husband, James Milliken, and I have owned a second home on Bald Head Island since 2001. Our current address on the island is 512 Currituck Way. I am writing to encourage the North Carolina Local Government Commission to approve the sale of the ferry system and parking facilities in Southport to the Bald Head Island Transportation Authority. I believe the authority properly represents the broad array of interested parties (the Village of BHI, the town of Southport, and Brunswick County) that have a strong vested interest in making sure the Ferry addresses the needs of the community as a whole. I have real concerns that the Village Council, which is elected by a small minority of the property owners on Bald Head Island, doesn't directly represent the interests of the people who commute to the island to work each day or the vacationers who rent homes from nonresident property owners. I also feel they do not directly represent the interests of those of us who have second homes here but are not permanent residents. I also am very concerned about the idea the Village has proposed of issuing general

obligation bonds rather than revenue bonds tied directly to income stream generated by users of the ferry system. I believe the system should pay for itself thru appropriate ferry ticket, barge and parking fees.

Thank you for listening and good luck with your decision.

Respectfully,

Nana G. H. Smith

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Nana Smith

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From: Laurie Jelinek <ljelinek1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 1, 2021 4:11 PM
To: SLGFD <SLGFD@nctreasurer.com>
Subject: Sale of Bald Head Island Transportation System

To whom it may concern:

I am sending this note to share my view on the sale of the Bald Head Island transportation system and what I would like the outcome to be. My husband and I have been Bald Head Island property owners since June of 1998. My husband has been living on the island full-time since May of 2009 and I moved here in January of 2011 after I retired. The Bald Head Island (BHI) transportation system is a critical infrastructure component and should be owned, operated, and managed by the Village of Bald Head Island. I believe the Village would be in the very best position to make and execute decisions regarding passenger limits, ticket pricing, schedules, personnel, and required maintenance and upgrades to the system. The Mayor, Village Council members, and other BHI government officials use the ferry most, if not every day of the week, and understand the importance of the overall transportation system to the island. Many of the Bald Head Island Transportation Authority

members are too many steps removed from the day-to-day operation of the BHI transportation system and I do not believe they would have the same insight on its operation as the Village of Bald Head Island officials. I would like the NC Local Government Commission to approve the sale of the BHI transportation system to the Village of Bald Head Island.

Thank you for your consideration of my point of view.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Laurie H. Jelinek
18 Cedar Court
Bald Head Island, NC

From: [SLGFD](#)
To: [Cindy Aiken](#); [Tim Romocki](#); [Sharon Edmundson](#)
Subject: FW: BHI Ferry sale approval
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From: David Poythress <david@poythressdesigns.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 1, 2021 3:35 PM
To: SLGFD <SLGFD@nctreasurer.com>
Subject: BHI Ferry sale approval

As a long time property owner on BHI I'm writing you to express my concern about the sale of the Ferry system to an established Authority...with a minority membership comprised of BHI owners.

Having been involved with a neighborhood association in Winston-Salem since 1993 and recently part of the governing body for a mountain community, I understand the importance of having a localized body making decisions in the best intent of the community.

While I'm not completely apposed to having an Authority own and manage the ferry serving the BHI community. I would much prefer the Village Council be responsible for the ownership and operation of the ferry. They'd be better suited to respond to the needs of the community as it relate to the ferry. If an Authority is the allowed to purchase the ferry system, the membership of the Authority should include more vested members of the BHI community.

The ferry is a critical component for ingress and egress to BHI and should be under the control of a vested group with the needs and concerns for the people they serve. The Village Council is best suited to do this. They can balance the needs of the ferry and other community needs in a more effective and efficient manner.

There was some concern I read about the Village Council somewhat conflicting statements about using the revenues to pay down the bond and not "intending" to raise property taxes. And then asking for the authority or ability to raise taxes. Those are not conflicting statements. I'm confident the Village Council will be extremely mindful not to raise taxes.

The sale of the ferry system to multiple entities should absolutely NOT be allowed.

I would respectfully request the LGC support the Village Council purchase of the ferry system.

Thank you!

David Poythress

From: [SLGFD](#)
To: [Cindy Aiken](#); [Tim Romocki](#); [Sharon Edmundson](#)
Subject: FW: BHI Property owner comments Poole 215 North Bald Head Wynd
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From: Harriet Poole <hpoole6806@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 1, 2021 1:33 PM
To: SLGFD <SLGFD@nctreasurer.com>
Subject: BHI Property owner comments Poole 215 North Bald Head Wynd

My husband and I (Jim and Harriet Poole) visited BHI in the seventies when all communications were by short wave radios and the one phone at the marina. Being infatuated by the Island, we purchased a condo on the Bald Head creek (Timbercreek Condominium Association) in 1988.

I would ask that the highest consideration be given to the needs of the 200 full time residents , the 2000 property owners guests* and the services required to support the Island's operations.

* guests including friends and family. Renters are classified as guests

The increasing number of guest/renters is straining the amenities making it a competition between guests/renters and property owners to access to their property, eating facilities, club dining and activities, ferry access and other amenities Bald Head Island affords.

Granted issues and constraints vary and are seasonal but those of us with property investments should not suffer for those wanting to make profit should bear the expenses for increase usage requirements.

Having said the above, I would like to ask the authorities to:

...consider options that would have BHI as its primary interest ...develop and manage a transportation system that is efficient, self supporting, well maintained, can adjust to seasonal usage increases without impacting property owner access, keeps rates for property owners as the minimum, adjusts higher rates for renters or sources of above average usage.

The BHA survey asked a question about financing? What do Ak know about financing?
A simple question BHITA, Village or BHI limited?

Limited...Hell No
Village or Authority? Financial stability in the long term?
Authority devoted to BHI interest would be the my choice

Thank you for your efforts in aiding a resolution.

Sent from my iPad

From: [SLGFD](#)
To: [Cindy Aiken](#); [Tim Romocki](#); [Sharon Edmundson](#)
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From: Natalie Brown <nataliebrowNBC@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2021 9:51 PM
To: SLGFD <SLGFD@nctreasurer.com>
Subject: sale of BHI ferry system

To whom it may concern,

My husband and I are property owners on Bald Head Island. We are writing to express our concern over the sale of the ferry system. This decision is huge and will affect many property owners as well as contractors and tourists. We do not support the Local Government Commission approving the sale of the ferry system from BHI Limited to the BHI Transportation Authority as currently proposed.

Based on what we've learned, the sale of the ferry system to the Village of Bald Head Island seems like the better option. The documented appraisal issues are very concerning. No buyer should be purchasing the ferry system at an amount greater than fair market value. While the Village's ability to supplement revenues with increased taxes is a concern, the fact that it can obtain the debt with lower financing costs and a significantly lower interest rate highlights another major issue with the

current agreement with the BHI Transportation Authority. The ferry system has significant room for improvement. The BHI Transportation Authority's plan to raise costs just to maintain the status quo is not acceptable. If the Village's plan provides for opportunities to improve the system without a significant cost increase, that is yet another benefit.

Thank you for your time and consideration of property owners on Bald Head Island. We appreciate your time and due diligence in this important matter.

Sincerely,
Natalie Brown

Natalie Brown

Manager

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From: [SLGFD](#)
To: [Cindy Aiken](#); [Tim Romocki](#); [Sharon Edmundson](#)
Subject: FW: Bald Head Island, NC-Bald Head Island Transportation System
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From: Tom Johnston <tfj003@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2021 9:31 PM
To: SLGFD <SLGFD@nctreasurer.com>
Subject: Bald Head Island, NC-Bald Head Island Transportation System

To our representatives,

My wife and I own 31 Cape Fear Trail on Bald Head Island. We feel strongly that we want to control the destiny of the ferry system, parking lot and tram system that serves our island. If you allow someone to buy one of or part of this system, we will lose control of our only transportation to and from the island. If we control it, as the property owners, we can raise taxes or prices to keep this invaluable service running. Please allow us to control our own fate.

Best regards,

Thomas and Sally Johnston
31 Cape Fear Trail
Bald Head Island, NC 28461
Cell-434-896-3145

Sent from my iPad

From: [SLGFD](#)
To: [Cindy Aiken](#); [Tim Romocki](#); [Sharon Edmundson](#)
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From: Molly Friedel <mcfriedel@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2021 4:40 PM
To: SLGFD <SLGFD@nctreasurer.com>
Subject: Bhi transportation sale

Good Afternoon-

Just wanted to let you know I'm an owner on BHI since 2007 and would like to let you know I am in favor of BHI transportation system purchasing the ferry system from BHI LTD.

I'm in favor of the purchase over the village purchasing it primarily for the lack of tax implications on the debt service. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Molly Friedel

Sent from my iPhone

From: [SLGFD](#)
To: [Cindy Aiken](#); [Tim Romocki](#); [Sharon Edmundson](#)
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From: jenrusselbhi@gmail.com <jenrusselbhi@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 2:05 PM
To: SLGFD <SLGFD@nctreasurer.com>
Subject: Bald Head Island ferry asset sale

We are property owners on Bald Head Island, North Carolina and want to voice our opinion regarding the proposed sale of ferry assets to the Bald Head Island Transportation Authority (BHITA). We are in favor of the sale to BHITA and urge its expeditious approval. The effort by the Village to purchase the ferry system is much too late in the process and could cause substantial delays that could harm the ferry system and the future of the island. These include, but are not limited to the questions as to whether the Village can legally own and operate a ferry system and own and operate property in Brunswick County/Southport, North Carolina in the absence of further legislative changes. We also are concerned that as property owners who are not full-time residents of the island, we could be subject to future taxes to subsidize ferry costs without adequate representation in the village government.

Jennifer Russel and Joel Michaels

307 Whalehead Way
Bald Head Island, North Carolina 28461

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From: Cameron Harris <harris.cameron01@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2021 9:40 AM
To: SLGFD <SLGFD@nctreasurer.com>
Subject: BHI Transportation Authority

Members of LGC,

As a owner of property on Bald Head Island that has been in my family since 1981, the future growth of this island is of utmost concern to me. I whole-heartedly approve the sale to the BHITA, as I feel this group has the best interests of the property owners at BHI and the entire county in mind. This issue is not just about BHI residents. We depend so much on area citizens who have chosen BHI as their place of employment. We need this operation to work efficiently, with financial prudence, and with transparency.

Cameron Harris
23 Laughing Gull Trail
BHI, NC

From: [SLGFD](#)
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From: Steve Terrio <terrio.steve@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2021 11:02 AM
To: SLGFD <SLGFD@nctreasurer.com>
Subject: Sale of Bald Head Island Ferry System

As property owners on Bald Head Island, NC, we are very concerned about the future viability of the ferry system. Among the proposals put forth so far to take over the system from BHI Limited, the sale to BHITA seems the best choice. Because of the varied and diverse make up of the board and the three years of planning that has been done, this organization is well suited to take charge. Also, the most property owners will be represented by the BHITA, as opposed to only the small number of full time residents on the island.

Cost containment of the ferry and parking is also a major concern of ours. It is already plenty expensive. Further increases will be even more painful. It's the property owners who have invested in the island, and we feel we should be given appropriate consideration in how much it costs to access our own home.

Thank you for listening,

Stephen & Susan Terrio
7 Lighthouse Landing
Bald head Island, NC

Steve Terrio

301-512-5085

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From: [SLGFD](#)
To: [Cindy Aiken](#); [Tim Romocki](#); [Sharon Edmundson](#)
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From: Dave Nelson <david.b.nelson@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2021 12:06 PM
To: SLGFD <SLGFD@nctreasurer.com>
Subject: Pending sale of Bald Head Island Transportation system

I am a property owner on Bald Head Island and am very interested in the outcome of the transfer of ownership in the Bald Head Island Transportation system. I appreciate all that Bald Head Island Limited has done for the island, but I believe as long time property owners on the island and dependent users of the transportation system, we should have a say in who the new owner(s) may be. As long as the purchase price is deemed fair, I believe the Village of Bald Head Island will better serve the property owners, visitors and all who use the transportation system. I encourage the commission to approve the sale of all the transportation assets to the Village of BHI.

David Nelson
32 Keepers Landing

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