

## Cindy Aiken

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**From:** Trisha <integrale.arts@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 19, 2021 4:42 PM  
**To:** SLGFD  
**Subject:** Purchase of the BHI Transportation System

Dear Sirs,

As full time residents of BHI for the last 18 years, we have observed the Village Council with any number of different people as Mayor and Council people. Many of these people have had the best of intentions and have tried to do their best for the island. Some of these people have served the Village to further their own commercial interests or pursue their own personal aims, or their desires for power.

The current administration is more interested in the latter, when it comes to purchasing the transportation system. They claim that they have certain functions in place that can save money. Among those functions is IT. Their IT department is beyond terrible as to almost being non- functional. Certain personnel should have been fired years ago. As an example, during COVID when council meetings, that are supposed to be open, have to be done remotely, the IT department has been unable to provide access to citizens that has either audio that can be heard or video with audible audio. At a time when all over the country, and even in many of our homes, people have been having remote meetings and get together successfully, the Village IT department can't do the same thing for the Council meetings. What would happen if these same people were to take over the transportation systems?

I could go on but shan't. The Village is not capable of running the transportation system and the Council is being irresponsible to think that the property owners taxes should be used as a back up for any "crisis" that might occur with the transportation system. There is no way that the Village will actually end up saving money for property owners. Considering how many people use the ferry who are not property owners and do not pay taxes, the idea that our taxes should be used to secure a loan is ludicrous.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would go forward with the Bald Head Island Transportation Authority purchase of the system. The BHITA has the best chance of successfully taking over the system and running it for the benefit of everyone, property owners, workers, tourists etc.

Sincerely,  
Trisha Barnard

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** John Gianola <john.gianola@suddenlink.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 19, 2021 10:51 AM  
**To:** SLGFD  
**Cc:** village.clerk@villagebhi.org  
**Subject:** Purchase of Transportation System

Good morning

My family and I have been homeowners on Bald Head Island since 1999. Since that time we have seen the Island grow and prosper through successive leadership that focused on the matters of importance to permanent residents, part time residents, and tourists. In almost every instance where a critical decision had to be made, the focus was dynamic and not static, in that it took into consideration the financial aspects of the decision, the financial sustainability of the decision, the impact on the aforementioned permanent residents, part time residents, and tourists. All along the way, the Village worked closely with the developer to make sure that the long term vision of the Island was preserved.

I believe that we have reached a critical juncture in the continued progress of our Island, Critical to our continued progress is necessity to immediately deal with our biggest obstacle to that progress, that being access to and from the Island for all constituents. In my opinion, the is not a point in time problem, but a long term problem that must be dealt with directly, swiftly, and with immediate impact. There can be no disagreement that the current system is extensively broken impacting not only transportation to and from the Island, and that the ancillary unintended consequences have extended to everyone from contractors to businesses being unable to hire employees to service people on the Island.

After watching a presentation of the side by side comparisons of the purchase of the transportation system by either the Village of Bald Head through the issuance of general obligation bonds, or the State of North Carolina through revenue bonds, I think is plainly evident that the Village proposal is not only my preference, but the more financially prudent and sound proposal. Having worked with these types of transactions in my 40 years of professional services and participating in hundreds of bond funded projects, I believe that I am knowledgeable enough to be objective and my objective assessment is that the Village proposal is the better course for the multiple constituents of Bald Head.

Let me add that THE CURRENT PROCESS IS BADLY BROKEN and a mere change of ownership will not solve the multitude of problems, nor their long term impact to the Island. A BAD PROSESS DONE MORE QUICKLY BY NEW OWNERS IS STILL A BAD PROCESS.

Therefore I oppose the purchase of these assets by the Bald Head Island Transportation Authority (BHITA) and ask approval for the Village to purchase the Transportation System Assets.

Thank you for consideration of my views.

John B Gianola  
16 Mourning Warbler Trail  
Bald Head Island, NC 28461

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**From:** Deborah Burch <eljefe9223@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 19, 2021 9:36 AM  
**To:** SLGFD  
**Subject:** Re: Transportation System

Please approve the bond.

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**From:** Deborah Burch  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 19, 2021 9:34:47 AM  
**To:** slgfd@nctreasurer.com <slgfd@nctreasurer.com>  
**Subject:** Transportation System

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Debbie Burch

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**From:** Carin Faulkner <cfaulkner@villagebhi.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 19, 2021 4:42 PM  
**To:** Kit Adcock; SLGFD  
**Cc:** Andy Sayre; Chris McCall; Scott Gardner; Emily Hill; Michael Brown; Peter Quinn  
**Subject:** RE: Village of BHI, GO Bond Public Hearing Questions

Good afternoon Kit,

I am acknowledging receipt of your questions and I have copied the Village Council on this response so they can view them.

Respectfully,

Carin Z. Faulkner, MPA  
Village of Bald Head Island  
Public Information Officer  
Phone: (910) 457-9700 ext. 1025  
Fax: (910) 401-1945  
Website: [www.villagebhi.org](http://www.villagebhi.org)



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**From:** Kit Adcock <kit.adcock@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 19, 2021 1:49 PM  
**To:** Carin Faulkner <cfaulkner@villagebhi.org>; SLGFD <SLGFD@nctreasurer.com>  
**Subject:** Village of BHI, GO Bond Public Hearing Questions

My name is Mary-Kathryn "Kit" Adcock, a resident 9 Dowitcher Trail, Bald Head Island, NC. I am the recent past mayor pro tempore of the Village, and served two years on the Bald Head Island Transportation Authority.

The following are my questions for the Village of BHI's only public hearing on the general obligation bonds it is pursuing to acquire the island's transportation system.

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**From:** rhatch <rhatch@snet.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 19, 2021 4:51 PM  
**To:** SLGFD  
**Cc:** pam@baldheadassociation.com  
**Subject:** Revenue Bond Issue/Question

As the owner of property at 607 Currituck (lot 6020), I write to request that the Village NOT consider a proposed G.O. bond to finance BHI Transportation.

Some kind of revenue-backed obligation makes more sense.

Many thanks,

Robert R Hatch

Randy Hatch  
4 Sundew Road  
Savannah, GA 31411  
203.246.4285 (c)  
912.335.8818 (h)

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**From:** Lane Hopkins <lanehopkins@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 19, 2021 10:27 AM  
**To:** SLGFD; village.clerk@villagebhi.org  
**Subject:** Sale of Transportation System

Hello -

As a property owner on Bald Head Island (5 Elephant's Foot Trail), I support the sale of the transportation system, as defined by Limited and the LCG, to the state mandated BHITA. I do not support the sale of the system to the Village.

Thank you -  
Lane Hopkins

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**From:** Quarles, Leigh Darryl (Darryl) <dquarles@uthsc.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 19, 2021 10:12 AM  
**To:** SLGFD  
**Cc:** village.clerk@villagebhi.org  
**Subject:** Support for Bhita purchase of ferry system.

To whom it may concern,

I favor the bond financing for the BHI Transportation Authority (BHITA) to be approved so it may purchase the Transportation System.

I am Opposed to the village purchasing the ferry system and its proposed bond referendum.

To both bhita and the village, I think the system has been overvalued. It worth is closer to 5x EBITA or ~\$30 million.

Darryl Quarles  
Property owner, 8 cape fear trail.

Sent from my iPad



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**From:** VIRGINIA WHITE <ginnie7202@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 19, 2021 2:14 PM  
**To:** SLGFD  
**Subject:** support for purchase of the Bald Head Island ferry by the BHI Village

Dear Sir or Madam:

We are property owners and permanent residents of Bald Head Island. We are fully familiar with the background and positions taken by both the BHITA and the Village of BHI. We are 100% in support of the Village's proposal to obtain bonds and purchase the ferry system, including the barge and parking.

Thank you,  
Robert and Virginia White  
216 Station House Way

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**From:** James Wasson <jwasson@malvernprep.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 19, 2021 11:37 AM  
**To:** SLGFD  
**Subject:** Transportation System Assets

To Whom it may concern,

As a property owner on Bald Head Island, I am in favor of the Village of Bald Head Island seeking approval for the purchase of the transportation system assets.

Sincerely,

Jamie Wasson

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**Jamie Wasson**  
*Middle School Film Teacher*  
*Media Lab Coordinator*

**Malvern Preparatory School, an Augustinian School**  
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**From:** Lois Cassidy <lacassidy0123@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 19, 2021 1:01 PM  
**To:** SLGFD  
**Subject:** Village of Bald Head Island

Dear Sir,

My name is Lois Cassidy and I am a full time resident of the Village of Bald Head Island..

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Village taking on the debt associated with the issuance of \$54 million in general obligation bonds. I do not think the Village has the resources nor the capability to take over the transportation system.

I support the approval of the Bald Head Island Transportation Authority taking over the transportation system.

Thank you,  
Lois Cassidy  
19 Dogwood Trail  
Bald Head Island, NC

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**From:** kathy newman <katwnewman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 19, 2021 7:01 PM  
**To:** SLGFD  
**Subject:** Village of Bald Head Island

I would prefer that the Village of Bald Head Island purchase the ferry system and not BHITA. I am a full time resident on the island.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kathy Newman  
27 Black Skimmer Trail  
BHI, NC

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**From:** Hill, Tom <Tom.Hill@Kollmorgen.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 19, 2021 2:45 PM  
**To:** SLGFD  
**Subject:** Village of Bald Head Island's Proposal to Purchase the Transportation System Assets

As homeowners on Bald Head Island, Tom and Mary Hill - 209 Stede Bonnet Wynd, we do NOT support the Village of BHIs proposal of issuing \$54M of general obligation bonds to fund the purchase of the Transportation System Assets.

Tom Hill

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**From:** Mike Herriott <Mikeherriott@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 19, 2021 3:05 PM  
**To:** SLGFD  
**Subject:** Village of BHI Acquisition of the BHI Transportation Company

Dear Sirs,

Please be advised that my wife and I strongly support for the Village of BHI's proposal to acquire the BHI Transportation Company. We believe that the Village bond financing plan is more cost effective and will achieve improved transportation services in the short and longer terms. The Village plans show greater analysis and should greatly benefit the island homeowners, businesses and the local communities. I therefore support approval of the Village bond financing plan.

Thank you for considering the above opinion. We have just sold our first island home in which we spent most of the last two years and are currently constructing a new one on another island lot we have owned for some years.

Mike & Judy Herriott

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**From:** Gene Douglas <dgene@bellsouth.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 19, 2021 11:27 AM  
**To:** SLGFD  
**Subject:** Village of BHI bonds

We are permanent residents of BHI since January 9, 1995. Frequent visitors to BHI since 1970. Property owner since 1973. In all these years have never seen Southport or Brunswick County do anything for BHI except welcome our tax dollars. The Village of BHI should own and operate the transportation system. Having served on the Village Council for 12 years I am confident that the Village can manage the transportation system and would clearly have the best interest of BHI property owners. We fully support the BHI Village bond approval request.

Thanks  
A Eugene Douglas, MD  
Joyce S. Douglas  
Sent from my iPad



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**From:** Victoria Herriott <herriottvm@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 19, 2021 1:17 PM  
**To:** SLGFD; village.clerk@villagebhi.org  
**Subject:** Village purchase of the BHI Transportation company.

To whom it may concern,

I am an owner of property on Bald Head Island. I support the village plan to acquire the BHI transportation company and the village's approval of the bond issue to fund that purchase. I believe that it is in the best interest of the village, the local community and property owners to maintain control of the transportation system and have the lowest interest rate available on the debt/ bond.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,  
Vicki Herriott

Sent from my iPhone

**Cindy Aiken**

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**From:** Kent Burke <kentpharr1105@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 19, 2021 12:34 PM  
**To:** SLGFD  
**Subject:** voting on the BHI ferry bond

Good afternoon,

I am a property owner on Bald Head Island. I would like to make my opinion know on the sale of the ferry service. My preference is for the approval of bond financing by the BHITA.

Thank you,

Kent Burke

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**From:** Ben Johnson <ben.vetsolutions@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 19, 2021 12:21 PM  
**To:** SLGFD; village.clerk@villagebhi.org  
**Subject:** Yes for BHI Village bond financing

Dear Sir/Madam:

I want the bond financing for the Village of Bald Head Island approved so it may purchase the Transportation System.

I am a Bald Head Island property owner.

Thanks, Ben  
Ben Johnson  
109 Kitty Hawk Way  
Bald Head Island NC 28461