

Cindy Aiken

From: Nana Smith <nanaghsmith@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 10:15 AM
To: SLGFD
Subject: acquisiton of the transportation system on Bald Head Island

Good morning. I am writing as a 20-year-long real property owner on Bald Head Island, to express my views on the issue of who will acquire the transportation system for BHI. My husband and I have owned three different homes on the island, including one rental property that I managed myself for 20 years. We purchased a retirement home on the island last fall, and spend several months a year here, with plans to increase that time commitment in the coming years.

I am opposed to the acquisition of the transportation system by the Village of BHI for two primary reasons. First of all, I oppose the issuance of general obligation bonds to support the purchase, and far prefer the method of financing proposed by the BHITA established by the State of NC, that is, with bonds repaid thru ferry revenues. Secondly, I prefer a broader representation on the board of the ownership entity, and welcome the leadership voice and perspectives of the County of Brunswick and the town of Southport. They both have a strong vested economic interest in maintaining property values on this island, nurturing the rental market and local businesses on the island, and supporting the needs of the hundreds of Brunswick county residents who try to make a living on this island and who are vital to the economic success of the island. The Village Council is elected by a couple of hundred full time residents, who (in my experience) mostly tend to have a very narrow perspective on a variety of island issues. I respect the Village Council members and understand that they have been working very hard on this issue and that reasonable minds can differ, and I know they try to have the best interests of all parties in mind as they make decisions, but the fact remains that their constituent base is a tiny fraction of the truly interested parties. The state of NC successfully runs other ferry systems and I trust them to do a good job with this one as well, thru the BHITA.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Respectfully submitted,

Nana Smith

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Nana Smith

Cindy Aiken

From: Mark Lewis <mark_libby_lewis@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 3:47 PM
To: SLGFD
Subject: Bald Head Island

To whom it may concern:

As a property owner of 303 Stede Bonnet Wynd, visitor to the island for 25 years, and former crew on the ferries Revenge and Adventure in the late 1980s, I would prefer to see the transportation system managed by the Village of Bald Head Island. The Village will be better stewards of these resources. In addition, the general obligation debt offering proposed is a better and less-expensive route to go. As a former bond trader, I understand well the differences between a GO bond offering and a revenue bond offering.

If you need further information, I can be reached at 828-279-6100.

Sincerely,
Mark Lewis

Cindy Aiken

From: Bobbie Hardaker <bobbie.hardaker@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 10:40 AM
To: SLGFD
Subject: Bald Head Island

I am in favor of the LGC considering the BHI Village purchase of the ferry and related assets pending assessment of the recent re-appraisal due August 31.

I think there would be more organizational oversight and accountability with the Village as purchaser. The BHITA, although well intentioned, does not have an earned reputation for the acumen they claim.

I own both a lot and a condominium on BHI.

Roberta Hardaker

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Be well, do good work, and keep in touch. † `C, ツ -c3†\$

Bobbie Hardaker
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Durham, NC 27705

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Cindy Aiken

From: Trisha Barnard <integrale.arts@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 4:42 PM
To: SLGFD
Subject: Bald head island

Gentlepeople,

I write in firm opposition of the LGC's approval of the Village of Bald Head Island's issuance of General Obligation bonds now before you for consideration.

The village has no legitimate reason to burden the property owners with the specter of of an unknown "crisis" that will raise taxes when the property owners represent but a small percentage of users of the ferry system.

My wife and I have been full time residents and voters on Bald Head since 2003. We are firmly behind the instructions of the Legislature that the Bald Head Island Transportation Authority (BHITA) purchase the transportation system in its entirety. The planning and debate has gone on far too long and as a result the system continues to degrade both in the physical plant and the service it provides.

Respectfully,

Browse Barnard

Sent from my iPhone which is solely responsible for all misspellings and wonky words!

Cindy Aiken

From: Jesse Hermann <jessehermann@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 9:48 AM
To: SLGFD
Subject: Bald Head Island Ferry and Transportation System

I write to note my position of support for the Village of Bald Head Island to borrow the necessary money to purchase the ferry system and its accompanying assets, and for the Village to manage these assets prospectively.

Jesse Hermann

Cindy Aiken

From: Bill Michels <bill.michels@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 9:52 AM
To: SLGFD
Subject: Bald Head Island Ferry Purchase

We, as long time residents of Bald Head Island wish to inform you that we fully support the Village of Bald Head island's purchase of the BHI Ferry system via its General Obligation Bond proposal and thus oppose the alternate proposal from the BHITA to purchase those assets. We believe strongly the the ferry system needs to be managed by those who are heavily reliant on its effective & efficient operation and thus the Village of Bald Head island.

Bill & Mary Michels

Cindy Aiken

From: Pam Gillette <pgillette61@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 12:29 PM
To: SLGFD
Subject: Bald Head Island ferry purchase

I am a homeowner on Bald Head Island and vehemently oppose the purchase of the ferry system by the Village of Bald Head Island.

Pamela Gillette
321-704-4817

660 Kinnakeet Way
Bald Head Island NC

623 Woodland Drive
Greensboro NC. 27408

Cindy Aiken

From: r.nelson@mindspring.com
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 10:39 AM
To: SLGFD
Subject: Bald Head Island Ferry.

Hello,

I am a permanent BHI resident, homeowner for 28 years and a business owner here for 19 years and I am TOTALLY OPPOSED TO THE VILLAGE buying the ferry system.

Even with the current administration leaving in November, I still think the authority should get the ferry system, as originally planned, once the valuation problems with the latest appraisal are worked out. The potential property tax increases are too significant to ignore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Rick and Joyce Nelson
6 Widgeon Court,
Bald Head Island.
910 457-0465

Cindy Aiken

From: jjeld <jjeld@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 10:21 AM
To: SLGFD
Subject: Bald Head Island Transportation

I am a property owner on Bald Head Island and I support the Village of Bald and their efforts to acquire the transportation system, including a bond issue to do so.
James Deterding MD

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Cindy Aiken

From: Mark Stafford <mark.stafford@nelsonmullins.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 9:57 AM
To: SLGFD
Subject: Bald Head Island Transportation

Ladies and Gentlemen,

My wife and I are owners of a second home at Bald Head Island. I write to support the bond financing that will be required by the Village of Bald Head Island to purchase the Transportation System, even though such a purchase could conceivably require increases in property taxes at some point.

My reasoning for preferring this option (as opposed to BHITA being the purchaser via its own bond financing) is as follows: First, I believe that the more local the governance the better, in most instances. Second, the Village and island residents are the beneficiaries (and bear the direct and indirect costs) of tourism and vacation rentals on the island; they are in the best position to evaluate long-term whether operational costs should be borne primarily by ticket purchasers (which includes non-property owners) vs. being borne in whole or in part by increased taxation, much of which is passed on to visitors through increased rental fees. In addition, there is already substantial cost to developers, families building new residences, and various trades in traveling to and from the island. Let the voters of BHI and the Village Counsel be in charge of gauging how to fund transportation in light of the balance between development and preservation that islanders must strike.

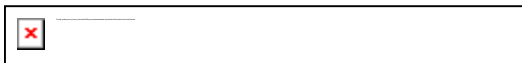
Finally, I am blessed that my work life these many years permitted our family to have what is frankly a very exclusive second-home and tourism experience. I must be objective and admit that it isn't fair that hard-working taxpayers in poorer sections of the State should be responsible for bond financing or taxes related to Bald Head Island.

No, I don't like paying increased taxes, or increased parking and ferry fees for that matter. There ain't no free lunch—and shouldn't be for owners of million dollar homes. And it's my rear that has to experience the pain of rickety trams that need replacing. I don't always agree with Village Council votes, but the couple hundred voters in this little island community are much better positioned to keep a careful eye on the Village Council's decision making as opposed to trying to track BHIITA activity.

The bottom line for me is this: there is no pretty financial path to caring for the Transportation System and good, reasonable people may disagree as to the road to take. But regardless of which appraisal forms the basis of a purchase price, I am confident that local control is better for the Village as well as the State in this situation.

Thanks for all your hard work on this issue.

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From: Ronnie Willis <ronnie.willis@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 1:50 PM
To: SLGFD; village.clerk@villagebhi.org
Subject: Bald Head Island Transportation System

Village Clerk, LGC,

I, Rosalind Willis am a permanent resident of Bald Head Island. I would like my voice to be heard in reference to the purchase of the BHI Transportation System. I am against the purchase by the Village and do not support the Village using General Obligation bonds in the amount of \$54.5 million to purchase the transportation system. I plan to vote a resounding NO on the bond issue.
Please hear my voice.

Rosalind Willis
15, 17 Dogwood Ridge Road
BHI, NC

Cindy Aiken

From: Jamie Sasser <jamie.sasser@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 12:23 PM
To: SLGFD
Subject: Bald Head Island Transportation System

Hello,

As a property owner on Bald Head Island (12 Water Thrush Ct), I wanted to offer my input as to the sale of the Ferry System. I am supportive of the bond financing for the BHI Transportation Authority (BHITA) being approved so it may purchase the Transportation System.

The two main reasons are:

- I have not seen any evidence that the Village Council has the experience or expertise to run the Ferry system
- I would rather see the Ferry operated through the revenue of Ferry tickets as opposed to a blend of ticket prices and property taxes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Jamison & Jennifer Sasser
550 White Oak Pond Road
Apex, NC 27523

12 Water Thrush Ct.
Bald Head Island, NC 28461

Cindy Aiken

From: Virginia Oliver <hvoliver@nc.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 10:35 AM
To: SLGFD
Subject: Bald Head Island Transportation system

We are owners of the property at 213 West Bald Head Wynd on Bald Head Island. We support the Village of Bslid Head owning the entire Bald Head Island transportation system and issuing bonds to cover the purchase. Thank you for considering our situation.

Virginia Oliver

Sent from my iPhone

Cindy Aiken

From: rebecca guijarro <rlg584@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 10:03 AM
To: SLGFD
Subject: Bald Head Island Transportation System

To whom it may concern,

I strongly support bond financing for the Bald Head Island Transportation Authority (BHITA) approved, so it may purchase the transportation system.

I DO NOT SUPPORT the purchase by the Village of BHI.

I failed to mention in prior email that I am a property owner and a full time resident.

Thank you,

Rebecca Guijarro
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Bald Head Island, NC

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Cindy Aiken

From: rebecca guijarro <rlg584@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 9:41 AM
To: SLGFD
Subject: Bald Head Island Transportation System

To whom it may concern,

I strongly support bond financing for the Bald Head Island Transportation Authority (BHITA) approved, so it may purchase the transportation system.

I DO NOT SUPPORT the purchase by the Village of BHI.

Thank you,

Rebecca Guijarro
PO BOX 3385
Bald Head Island, NC
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Cindy Aiken

From: Elise Olsen <elise.olsen@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 1:04 PM
To: SLGFD
Cc: Elise Olsen
Subject: Bald Head Island transportation system sale

Dear State Treasurer

I am a long time property owner on Bald Head Island, my address there is Timbercreek 8B. I am opposed to the Village of BHI managing the transportation system, and thus do not support GO or revenue bonds.

Thank you for considering the voice of the home owners on BHI

Elise Olsen, MD

Cindy Aiken

From: Paula Burger <paulapburger@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 2:37 PM
To: SLGFD
Subject: Bald Head Island Transportation System

We are property owners at Bald Head Island and have been since 1987. We own lot 3 and a residence at 5 Mourning Warbler Trail.

We strongly support the issuance of bonds so that the Village of Bald Head Island can purchase and operate the island transportation system. We are confident that the Village will operate the transportation system in a responsible manner with due consideration of the interests of stakeholders, including the island residents who will assume financial responsibility for this obligation.

Thank you for registering our support for the Village of Bald Head Island's issuance of bonds to support the acquisition of the transportation system.

Peter C. and Paula P. BurgeR
Island Residence:
5 Mourning Warbler Trail
Bald Head Island, NC

Permanent residence:
36 Whitfield Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21210

Cindy Aiken

From: Claire Tuttle <clairetuttle9@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 6:00 PM
To: SLGFD
Subject: Bald Head Island Transportation

I am a property owner on BHI and support the Village purchasing the Ferry System.
Thank you.
Claire

Claire Tuttle
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336-577-3400

Cindy Aiken

From: Robert Taylor <rbtaylor56@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 10:56 AM
To: SLGFD
Subject: Bald Head Island Transportation's proposed purchase

To Whom This concerns:

Respectfully,

We oppose the proposed purchase and bond obligation by the Transportation Authority.

We are in favor of the Village purchasing the real estate and the other assets of the Transportation System in it's entirety.

Good service to the island and for the Island Stakeholders far outweigh a potential tax increase if this were ever to occur.

Sincerely

Robert B Taylor Jr and Mary S. Taylor

#1 Bayberry Court

Bald Head Island, NC

Please call if you or anyone has further questions.

Cell 434 665 8100

Sent from my iPhone

Cindy Aiken

From: Dolores O'Callaghan <stedebonnet.wynd@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 6:46 PM
To: O'Callaghan; SLGFD
Subject: Bald Head Island

We are homeowners on Bald Head Island. We live at 312 Stede Bonnet Wynd.
We are in favor of seeking approval from the North Carolina Local Government Commission (LGC) of its proposed \$54 million general obligation bonds for purchase of the Transportation System Assets.

Sincerely
Dolores OCallaghan
Eugene OCallaghan

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Dolores O'Callaghan