



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING TRANSCRIPT

EXECUTIVE OFFICE



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COUNTY OF WINDWARD



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TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026

SUP. LARRY VAUGHN, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I'D LIKE TO WELCOME YOU ALL TO OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE WINDWARD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, JULY 14TH, 2026, AND THE TIME IS 9:32 A.M. WE TAKE NOTE THAT A QUORUM OF THE BOARD IS PRESENT. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, COUNTY COUNSEL, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND THE SERGEANT AT ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST. PLEASE JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, WHICH WILL BE LED THIS MORNING BY MISS DEBORAH CASSIDY OF THE FOURTH DISTRICT.

(PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.)

SUP. LARRY VAUGHN, CHAIR: THANK YOU. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA FOR TODAY.

BEN GARDNER, EXECUTIVE OFFICER: GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE TWO, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 6. ON ITEM 4, SUPERVISOR DENHERDER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE NINE, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 7 THROUGH 21. ON ITEM 14, SUPERVISOR MEADOWS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION. ITEM 14 IS THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING



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1 THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF COUNTY BEACHES AND THE POSTING OF
2 WARNING SIGNAGE AT SOUTH CHOP, JOSEPH'S LANDING, AND THE
3 MUNICIPAL SWIMMING AREA. ON PAGE SIXTEEN, NOTICES OF CLOSED
4 SESSION ITEMS, CS1 THROUGH CS3. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF
5 THE AGENDA, MR. CHAIR.

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7 **SUP. LARRY VAUGHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
8 PLAY THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

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10 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER [AUDIO RECORDING]:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY
11 I PLEASE HAVE YOUR ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE WINDWARD
12 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. MEMBERS OF
13 THE PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S HEARING
14 AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. SPEAKERS MUST
15 CEASE SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC
16 COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF
17 THAT ITEM. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE RIGHT TO ENGAGE
18 IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
19 COOPERATION.

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21 **SUP. LARRY VAUGHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW HEAR FROM
22 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS NOT HELD FOR DISCUSSION.
23 EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

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25 **BEN GARDNER, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MR. CHAIR, WE HAVE FOUR IN-



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1 PERSON SPEAKERS AND THREE REMOTE SPEAKERS. FIRST SPEAKER,
2 PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND THE ITEMS YOU ARE ADDRESSING.

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4 **ELIZABETH KINTNER:** MY NAME IS ELIZABETH KINTNER. I LIVE ON OLD
5 MILL ROAD. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM 14. MY SON WENT INTO THAT
6 WATER ON THE FOURTH OF JULY BECAUSE THIS BOARD TOLD EVERY
7 FAMILY IN THIS COUNTY THAT THE BEACHES WERE SAFE. THERE WAS NO
8 SIGN. THERE WAS NO NOTICE. I'M NOT HERE TO ASK YOU A QUESTION.
9 I'M HERE SO THAT IT IS IN THE RECORD THAT I STOOD HERE AND
10 SAID IT.

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12 **SUP. LARRY VAUGHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MRS. KINTNER.

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14 **BEN GARDNER, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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16 **SPEAKER:** I'D RATHER NOT GIVE MY NAME. I RUN ONE OF THE RENTAL
17 OPERATIONS DOWN AT THE HARBOR AND I'M ON ITEM 14 AS WELL. IF
18 YOU CLOSE THE BEACHES IN THE MIDDLE OF JULY, SOME OF US DON'T
19 OPEN AGAIN IN THE SPRING. THAT ISN'T AN ARGUMENT ABOUT SAFETY.
20 IT'S JUST A THING THAT'S TRUE AND I HADN'T HEARD ANYBODY SAY
21 IT YET.

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23 **BEN GARDNER, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** NEXT SPEAKER.

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25 **ROSA ALVARADO:** (SPEAKING SPANISH.)



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1 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ROSA ALVARADO. I CLEAN
2 THE COTTAGES ON WATER STREET. I AM SPEAKING ON ITEM 14. MY
3 HUSBAND AND I DEPEND ON THE SUMMER. BUT I HAVE TWO CHILDREN,
4 AND I WOULD RATHER LOSE THE SUMMER THAN LOSE A CHILD. PLEASE
5 PUT UP THE SIGNS. THAT IS ALL I WANT TO SAY.

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7 **BEN GARDNER, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. WE WILL GO TO
8 REMOTE SPEAKERS. CALLER, YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED. PLEASE STATE
9 YOUR NAME AND THE ITEM YOU ARE SPEAKING ON.

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11 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** YEAH, HI, CAN YOU HEAR ME? I'M ON 14. I'VE
12 BEEN FISHING THESE WATERS SINCE BEFORE ANY OF YOU WERE
13 ELECTED, AND I'M TELLING YOU THAT WHAT IS OUT THERE IS NOT
14 (INAUDIBLE) AND A COUPLE OF SIGNS ON A POST ISN'T GOING TO --

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16 **BEN GARDNER, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** CALLER, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.
17 THANK YOU.

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19 **TELEPHONE SPEAKER:** -- I'M NOT FINISHED.

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21 **BEN GARDNER, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU, CALLER. NEXT
22 SPEAKER, YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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24 **QUINT:** QUINT. THAT'S THE WHOLE NAME. YOU WANT TO CLOSE THE
25 BEACH, CLOSE THE BEACH. YOU WANT TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM, THAT'S



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1 A DIFFERENT LINE ITEM AND IT ISN'T ON YOUR AGENDA. YOU'LL GET
2 AROUND TO IT IN AUGUST AND IT'LL COST YOU THREE TIMES WHAT IT
3 COSTS YOU TODAY. THAT'S ALL.

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5 **BEN GARDNER, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES
6 PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT HELD FOR DISCUSSION, MR. CHAIR.

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8 **SUP. LARRY VAUGHN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
9 HENDRICKS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SILVA TO APPROVE THE CONSENT
10 CALENDAR WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEMS 4 AND 14. THAT WILL BE
11 THE ORDER. WE WILL NOW TAKE UP ITEM 14. SUPERVISOR MEADOWS,
12 YOU HELD THIS ITEM.

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14 **SUP. HARRY MEADOWS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. I HELD IT BECAUSE
15 THE ORDINANCE IN FRONT OF US CLOSES THREE BEACHES AND POSTS
16 SIGNAGE, AND IT DOES NOT SAY FOR HOW LONG, AND IT DOES NOT SAY
17 WHO DECIDES WHEN THEY REOPEN. I'D LIKE THE CHIEF TO WALK US
18 THROUGH IT.

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20 **CHIEF MARTIN BRODY:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THE ORDINANCE
21 AS DRAFTED WOULD LET ME POST THE THREE SWIMMING AREAS AND
22 CLOSE THEM FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO SEVENTY-TWO HOURS ON MY OWN
23 AUTHORITY, WITH ANYTHING LONGER COMING BACK TO THIS BOARD. I
24 ASKED FOR SEVENTY-TWO HOURS BECAUSE THAT IS HOW LONG IT TAKES
25 TO GET THIS BOARD INTO A ROOM IN THE SUMMER. AND I WANT TO BE



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1 PLAIN WITH YOU ABOUT SOMETHING. ON THE SECOND OF JULY I ASKED
2 FOR SIGNAGE AND I WAS TOLD TO WAIT FOR MORE INFORMATION. I
3 WAITED. I'M NOT WILLING TO DO THAT AGAIN.

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5 **SUP. LARRY VAUGHN, CHAIR:** CHIEF, I WOULD REMIND YOU THAT WE
6 ARE DISCUSSING AN ORDINANCE, NOT REVISITING A CONVERSATION.

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8 **CHIEF MARTIN BRODY:** YES, SIR. I'M ASKING FOR THE AUTHORITY IN
9 THE ORDINANCE.

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11 **SUP. POLLY DENHERDER:** CHIEF, WHAT DOES SEVENTY-TWO HOURS COST
12 US IF YOU ARE WRONG?

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14 **CHIEF MARTIN BRODY:** THREE DAYS OF PARKING REVENUE AND A GREAT
15 MANY ANGRY PHONE CALLS TO EVERY PERSON AT THIS TABLE. WHAT IT
16 COSTS US IF I AM RIGHT AND I DON'T HAVE IT, YOU ALREADY HEARD
17 FROM THE FIRST SPEAKER THIS MORNING.

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19 **SUP. LARRY VAUGHN, CHAIR:** DR. HOOPER, YOU ARE HERE FROM THE
20 OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE. WOULD YOU ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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22 **DR. MATTHEW HOOPER:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. I'VE SUBMITTED A
23 WRITTEN SUMMARY, IT IS ATTACHMENT C. THE SHORT VERSION IS THAT
24 WHAT WE ARE DEALING WITH IS NOT TRANSIENT. IT HAS ESTABLISHED
25 A FEEDING PATTERN IN A CONFINED AREA WITH A CONSISTENT FOOD



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1 SOURCE, WHICH IS TO SAY YOUR SWIMMERS. A SIGN IS NOT A
2 SOLUTION. A SIGN IS THE MINIMUM RESPONSIBLE STEP WHILE YOU
3 FUND A SOLUTION. I WOULD SUPPORT THE ORDINANCE AND I WOULD
4 ALSO TELL YOU THAT IT IS NOT SUFFICIENT.

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6 **SUP. ELEANOR SILVA:** DOCTOR, HOW LONG WOULD YOU NEED?

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8 **DR. MATTHEW HOOPER:** TO CONFIRM WHAT I ALREADY BELIEVE? A WEEK.
9 TO PERSUADE THIS BOARD? I HONESTLY DO NOT KNOW, AND I MEAN
10 THAT RESPECTFULLY.

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12 **SUP. LEONARD HENDRICKS:** MR. CHAIR, I'D MOVE TO AMEND, TO
13 STRIKE THE SEVENTY-TWO HOURS AND MAKE IT FORTY-EIGHT, WITH A
14 WRITTEN REPORT TO THE BOARD WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF ANY
15 CLOSURE.

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17 **SUP. HARRY MEADOWS:** SECOND.

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19 **SUP. LARRY VAUGHN, CHAIR:** THERE IS A MOTION AND A SECOND ON
20 THE AMENDMENT. I WANT TO SAY, FOR THE RECORD, THAT I DO NOT
21 BELIEVE THIS BOARD SHOULD BE IN THE BUSINESS OF CLOSING ITS
22 OWN BEACHES ON A RUMOR IN THE SECOND WEEK OF JULY. BUT I
23 RECOGNIZE THE MOOD OF THE BODY. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL
24 THE ROLL ON THE AMENDMENT.



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1 **BEN GARDNER, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MEADOWS?

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3 **SUP. HARRY MEADOWS:** AYE.

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5 **BEN GARDNER, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MEADOWS, AYE.

6 SUPERVISOR DENHERDER?

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8 **SUP. POLLY DENHERDER:** AYE.

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10 **BEN GARDNER, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR DENHERDER, AYE.

11 SUPERVISOR HENDRICKS?

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13 **SUP. LEONARD HENDRICKS:** AYE.

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15 **BEN GARDNER, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HENDRICKS, AYE.

16 SUPERVISOR SILVA?

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18 **SUP. ELEANOR SILVA:** AYE.

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20 **BEN GARDNER, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SILVA, AYE. CHAIR

21 VAUGHN?

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23 **SUP. LARRY VAUGHN, CHAIR:** NO.

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25 **BEN GARDNER, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** CHAIR VAUGHN, NO. THE



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1 AMENDMENT CARRIES FOUR TO ONE, MR. CHAIR.

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3 **SUP. LARRY VAUGHN, CHAIR:** THE AMENDMENT CARRIES. ITEM 14 AS
4 AMENDED IS BEFORE YOU. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
5 ROLL.

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7 **BEN GARDNER, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** ON ITEM 14 AS AMENDED, THE
8 VOTE IS FIVE AYES, MR. CHAIR.

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10 **SUP. LARRY VAUGHN, CHAIR:** ITEM 14 IS ADOPTED AS AMENDED.
11 CHIEF, THE SIGNS GO UP THIS AFTERNOON.

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13 **CHIEF MARTIN BRODY:** THEY'RE IN MY TRUCK.

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15 **SUP. LARRY VAUGHN, CHAIR:** EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IS THERE ANYTHING
16 FURTHER?

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18 **BEN GARDNER, EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MR. CHAIR, ITEM 4 REMAINS HELD
19 AT SUPERVISOR DENHERDER'S REQUEST, AND CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
20 CS1 THROUGH CS3 ARE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY 21, 2026. THAT
21 COMPLETES TODAY'S BUSINESS.

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23 **SUP. LARRY VAUGHN, CHAIR:** THAT CONCLUDES TODAY'S BOARD
24 MEETING. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE HELD ON
25 JULY 21, 2026, AT 9:30 A.M. WE'RE ADJOURNED.



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1 I, CLAIRE T. HOLLAND, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number
2 90001, qualified in and for the State of New Cambria, do
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the
5 Windward County Board of Supervisors July 14, 2026, were
6 thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my direction and
7 supervision;

8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived
9 in the office of the reporter and which have been provided to
10 the Windward County Board of Supervisors as certified by me.

11 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor
12 related to any party to the said action; nor in anywise
13 interested in the outcome thereof.

14 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
15 14th day of July 2026, for the County records to be used
16 only for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts
17 as on file of the office of the reporter.

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