

OBSERVER REPORTING FORM

League of Women Voters, Lower Cape Fear Organization

Date: 2/19/18

Type of meeting: Regular Session, Brunswick County Government Center

The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners (BCBC) meeting was held 2/19/2018 at 6PM. The agenda discussion topics relevant to LWV positions/programs:

[BCBC agenda and minutes](#)

Environmental:

Off Shore Drilling: This item was not on the planned agenda. However, due to the recent controversy over BCBC's resending support for off shore drilling, public comments were taken addressing BCBC's current neutral stance on seismic testing and off shore drilling. A large crowd of citizens attended the meeting, with several signing up to present arguments to the board. Five of the speakers presented arguments (3 minutes each) supporting off shore drilling. The arguments were for seeking lower energy costs, and suggestions the BCBC had reacted to "political pressure" at the previous meeting. Six of the speakers presented arguments (3 minutes each) opposing off shore drilling and seismic testing. A written list of the eighty Brunswick County residents attending the meeting to oppose off shore drilling was presented to the board. The arguments presented included the need to protect the coastal tourist and fishing industries. The final speaker argued that when damage to the ecology occurred the communities were left the coast of cleaning up vs the industries that produced the damage.

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At the end of the meeting a motion was presented to put a request to oppose off shore drilling and seismic testing on the next BCBC agenda, which did not pass. Instead, the normal agenda setting process, which occurs later during business hour meetings, will be followed.

Health Care

A request that to consider making an application to SAMHSA for the expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Adult Treatment Court Grant was made and approved by BCBC.

Observer: Sarah Hoss

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