

JAN 1 2024



COUNTY OF CURRITUCK

Currituck, NC 27929

Telephone (252) 232-0300 / Fax (252) 232-3551
State Courier # 10-69-17

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Bob White, Chairman
Selina S. Jarvis, Vice-Chair
Paul Beaumont
J. Owen Etheridge
Mary R. Etheridge
Kevin E. McCord
Michael H. Payment

DONALD I. MCREE, JR.
County Manager

MEGAN E. MORGAN
County Attorney

LEEANN WALTON
Clerk to the Board

January 10, 2024

Samantha F. Lawrence
Freedom From Religion Foundation
P.O. Box 750
Madison, WI 53701

Re: Currituck County Senior Center

Dear Ms. Lawrence,

I represent the County of Currituck and am in receipt of your letter dated January 8, 2024 regarding allegations of prayer practice at the Currituck County Senior Center. According to the Senior Center Director, a voluntary prayer is held prior to lunch. It is a complete fabrication that individuals are not allowed to eat until they participate in the prayer. It is a voluntary activity for those individuals who want to participate.

Even though the Senior Center is not condoning an unconstitutional prayer practice alleged in your letter, there will be an immediate shift from a voluntary prayer to a moment of silence prior to lunch.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Megan E. Morgan
County Attorney

Cc: Rebecca Gay, Assistant County Manager
Stacy Joseph, Senior Center Director



CURRITUCK COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Donald I. McRee, Jr.
153 Courthouse Road, Suite 210
Currituck, North Carolina 27929