

8. UNSAFE STRUCTURES THOMASTON ROAD

You may remember a presentation by Ms. Ida Spruell in March 2010 regarding the condition of property next door to her residence on Thomaston Road.

Following investigation by the Department of Community Development, four (4) residential dwellings located within 600 feet of Ms. Spruell's residence were found to violate Section 10-6 of the Southampton County Code, endangering the public health and safety of county residents. Notices were sent to the respective owners of all 4 properties seeking their cooperation in repairing, securing or removing the structures – all have failed to address the issue.

Accordingly, the Department has taken the next step in advertising for competitive bids to demolish the structures and dispose of the debris. The low bid was submitted by Gray & Sons Construction for an aggregate sum of \$27,550.00.

The Department is now seeking your authority to publish the two-week notice required by Section 10-6(b) of the Southampton County Code, accept the low bid submitted by Gray & Sons Construction, and award the contract.

The costs are chargeable to the owners and may be collected as taxes are collected. But in the meantime, the Board will need to specially appropriate the funding in order to proceed.

MOTION REQUIRED:

A motion is required authorizing the Department of Community Development to proceed in publishing the required notice and awarding the contract to Gray & Sons Construction for \$27,550.00.