

SAMPSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING AGENDA December 5, 2016

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SAMPSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SWEARING IN CEREMONY PROCEEDINGS

Courtroom, Sampson County Courthouse Extension Monday, December 5, 2016 9:00 a.m.

BALIFF OPENS COURT

CALL TO ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Billy C. Lockamy, Chairman, Sampson County Board of Commissioners

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Chairman Billy C. Lockamy

INVOCATION

Dr. Gary H. Threatt, Grove Park Baptist Church

RECOGNITION OF FORMER COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Billy C. Lockamy

The Chairman acknowledges these as a group; asks them to stand. These gentlemen will be identified by a badge and will be seated in a reserved area near the front.

The Chairman will then turn the floor over to the presiding judge. He then will take a seat away from the Board table on a nearby bench/chair for recognition later. Vice Chairperson Sue Lee moves to the middle of the table to preside. This frees a seat for the newly-sworn commissioner.

THE SWEARING IN CEREMONY

The Honorable William B. Sutton, Jr. presiding

Each person to be sworn in will have a copy of his or her oath to read from. They will come forward as called by Judge Sutton to be sworn. Each person sworn must sign their oath following the ceremony so that Judge Sutton can then subscribe the oath. The oaths will be administered in the following order:

Swearing In of Board of Commissioners Members

In alphabetical order: R. Jerol Kivett, Harry L. Parker

Judge Sutton will call each gentleman to come forward, one at a time, with family members as desired. The newly sworn commissioners will take their seats with the remainder of the Board while the others are sworn in (retiring commissioners move to side bench or chair provided).

Swearing In of Register of Deeds & Deputy Registers of Deeds

Eleanor Bradshaw and Deputy and Assistant Registers of Deeds

Judge Sutton will call Ms. Bradshaw forward, with family members as desired, and administer her oath. Then Judge Sutton will call forward all the <u>deputy</u> and <u>assistant</u> registers of deeds and administer their oaths as a group.

Swearing In of Soil & Water Supervisors

In alphabetical order: Curtis G. Barwick, Thomas G. Hobbs, Jr. Judge Sutton will call each gentleman to come forward with family members as desired and administer their oaths.

This concludes the swearing in ceremony, and Judge Sutton will call upon Vice Chairperson Sue Lee, who will recognize the outgoing Chairman and then recess the Board of Commissioners.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RECESS TO RECONVENE

The Board will recess to reconvene at 7:00 pm in the County Administration Building for their regular monthly meeting.

BALIFF CLOSES COURT

PHOTOGRAPHS

If families wish to have pictures made, they may do so now. Also, the former commissioners may wish to gather for a group photograph for the newspaper.

Note to those being sworn in: We will have Bibles available for the swearing in ceremony. You may, of course, bring a family Bible to use if you so choose. Also, your spouse or family members may join you also for your swearing in. <u>It is imperative that</u> <u>you sign your oath before leaving the ceremony!</u> Copies will be available for your review before the ceremony.

ITEM ABSTRACT		ITEM NO.	2
Meeting Date: December 5, 2016		Information OnlyReport/PresentationxAction ItemConsent Agenda	Public Comment Closed Session Planning/Zoning Water District Issue
SUBJECT:	Organization of t	he Board	
DEPARTMENT:	Governing Body		
PUBLIC HEARING:	No		
CONTACT PERSON:	Edwin W. Causey, County Manager (for election of Chairman) Chairman (for election of Vice Chairman) Joel Starling, County Attorney		
PURPOSE:	To conduct annual election of officers		
ATTACHMENTS:	None		
BACKGROUND:	North Carolina General Statutes require that the Board elect its officers during its first meeting in December each year. Customarily, the County Manager presides over the election of the Chairman. Then, the newly-elected Chairman presides over the election of Vice Chairman. The person conducting the election should ask for nominations from the		
	Board (nominations do not require a second). After all nominations have been made, the Board should vote (typically in the order received) on the candidates, with each member casting one vote. The Board should agree in advance on what procedure to follow if no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast on the first round of voting. County Attorney Joel Starling will advise the Board on options for this procedure.		
RECOMMENDED ACTION OR MOTION:	Elect officers as prescribed by General Statutes N:		

IT<u>EM NO.</u> 3 (a) – (b)

Meeting Date: Decemb	r 5, 2016 Information Only x Public Comment x Action Item x Planning/Zoning Consent Agenda Water District Issue
SUBJECT:	Planning Issues
DEPARTMENT:	Clinton-Sampson Planning and Zoning
PUBLIC HEARING:	Yes (a) and No (b)
CONTACT PERSON:	Mary Rose, Planning Director
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PURPOSE: To consider actions on planning and zoning items as recommended by Planning Board

ATTACHMENTS: Planning Staff Memorandum; Maps

ITEM ABSTRACT

- BACKGROUND: a. <u>TA-11-16-1</u> (Public Hearing) The Chairman should call the hearing to order and recognize Planning staff to review a request to amend the Sampson County Zoning Ordinance Section 9.6 Outdoor Advertisement Signs. The Planning Board has unanimously recommended amending the Section 9.6 to add *G: The leading edge of the sign must remain 20 feet from NCDOT Right of Way.*
 - b. <u>Approval of Final Plat Hudson Farms Subdivision Phase II</u> The Planning Board has unanimously recommended approval of the 21 lot subdivision final plat for Hudson Farms Subdivision Phase II.
- RECOMMENDED
ACTION ORa.Motion to approve the request to amend the Sampson County Zoning
Ordinance Section 9.6 Outdoor Advertisement Signs, as recommended by the
Planning Board to add G: The leading edge of the sign must remain 20 feet from
NCDOT Right of Way
 - b. Motion to approve the 21 lot subdivision final plat for Hudson Farms Subdivision Phase II



Clinton-Sampson Planning Department

227 Lisbon Street Post Office Box 199 Clinton, North Carolina 28329 (910) 299-4904 (T) - (910) 592-4261 (F)



To: Ed Causey, County Manager

From: Mary M. Rose, Planning Director

Subject: November 21, 2016 Sampson County Planning and Zoning Board Meeting - County Board of Commissioners December 5, 2016 Agenda Item
 Date: November 24, 2016

The following requests were addressed by the Planning and Zoning Board at their November 21, 2016 meeting:

 $\underline{\text{TA-11-16-1}}$ - A text amendment request by Chris Jarman to amend Section 9.6 Outdoor Advertisement Signs of the Sampson County Zoning Ordinance by reducing the sign setback for billboards to 15 feet.

Existing:

9.6 OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGNS (Off-Premises -- Billboards)

- A. Allowed in all districts except the R-residential district and MRD-residential districts.
- B. Allowed along designated state routes (highways) only.
- C. Shall be located a minimum of 300 feet away from any residential structure
- D. No two outdoor advertising signs shall be spaced less than 800 feet apart.
- E. Maximum area of any outdoor advertising sign is 600 square feet.
- F. An NCDOT Outdoor Advertising Permit shall be required.

As recommended by the Sampson County Planning Board:

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- F. An NCDOT Outdoor Advertising Permit shall be required.
- E. The leading edge of the sign must remain 20 feet from NCDOT Right of Way. (should be G)

<u>Hudson Farms Subdivision Phase II</u> – A 21 lot subdivision final plat for Hudson Farms Subdivision Phase II was unanimously recommended for approval by the Sampson County Planning Board.

Staff Notes:

- A. This is the second phase of an existing subdivision approved on January 30th, 2007.
- B. The subdivision contains 21 lots.
- C. All streets have been installed meeting the North Carolina Department of Transportation's specifications.
- D. All lots will have access to county water.
- E. Sampson County Environmental Health has addressed the suitability of the soils for septic systems.

Please contact my office with any additional questions or comments.

attachments

cc: Susan Holder, Assistant County Manager

MINUTES OF THE SAMPSON COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

Meeting Date November 21, 2016 Members Present Ann Naylor Sherri Smith Gary Henry Gary Mac Herring Steve Parker Nancy Blackman Members Absent Debra Bass

Minutes Approved

Upon a motion by Ann Naylor and seconded by Gary Henry, the minutes of October 17, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved as presented by the Board.

<u>TA-11-16-1</u>

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Proposed:

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- B. Allowed along designated state routes (highways) only.
- C. Shall be located a minimum of 300 feet away from any residential structure
- D. No two outdoor advertising signs shall be spaced less than 800 feet apart.
- E. Maximum area of any outdoor advertising sign is 600 square feet.
- F. An NCDOT Outdoor Advertising Permit shall be required.
- E. The leading edge of the sign must remain 15 feet from NCDOT Right of Way.

<u>DECISION</u>. After Board discussion, Ann Naylor moved to recommend the setback from the leading edge of off premise signs (Billboards) be 20 feet from NCDOT Right of Way. The motion was seconded by Steve Parker and unanimously recommended for approval by the Board.

Ayes: Unanimous

Hudson Farms Subdivision Phase II – A 21 lot subdivision final plat approval.

Staff Notes:

- A. This is the second phase of an existing subdivision approved on January 30th, 2007.
- B. The subdivision contains 21 lots.
- C. All streets have been installed meeting the North Carolina Department of Transportation's specifications.
- D. All lots will have access to county water.
- E. Sampson County Environmental Health has addressed the suitability of the soils for septic systems.

<u>DECISION</u>. After Board discussion, Ann Naylor moved to recommend the 21 lot subdivision final plat to the Sampson County Commissioners for approval. The motion was seconded by Nancy Blackman and unanimously recommended for approval by the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

ITEM ABSTRACT	<u>ITEM NO.</u> 4 (a)			
Meeting Date: Decemb	er 5, 2016 Information Only Public Comment Report/Presentation Closed Session Action Item Planning/Zoning Consent Agenda Water District Issue			
SUBJECT:	Consideration of Award of Bid for Revaluation Services			
DEPARTMENT:	Finance/Tax			
PUBLIC HEARING:	No			
CONTACT PERSON:	Juanita Brewington, Purchasing and Contracting Officer Jim Johnson, Tax Administrator Joel Starling, County Attorney			
PURPOSE:	To consider award of bid for revaluation services			
ATTACHMENTS:	Memorandum; Bid Tabulation (Bid Responses Provided as Separate Document)			
BACKGROUND:	Requests for proposals for revaluation services were sent out to the 13 firms registered with the North Carolina Department of Revenue. Three bids were received: Assessment Solutions of NC, Inc.; Pearson Appraisal Service; and Tyler Technologies. As explained in the enclosed memorandum, one bid was determined to be non-responsive as they did not provide the 5% bid bond required in the RFP. The remaining two bids were compared pursuant to the County's specifications and utilizing an equal amount of days for hearings and appeals. Based upon these comparisons, staff have recommended the bid be awarded to Pearson Appraisal Service in the amount of \$935,000.			
	Purchasing and Contracting Officer Juanita Brewington will review the RFP process and staff recommendation. Tax Administrator Jim Johnson and County Attorney Joel Starling will make comments as needed on the bid review.			
RECOMMENDED ACTION OR MOTION:	Award bid to the lowest responsible bidder, Pearson Appraisal Service, in the amount of \$935,000			

Memo

David Clack, Finance Officer
Juanita Brewington, Purchasing & Contracting Officer
November 22, 2016
Evaluation of 2019 Revaluation Bids

Request for Proposals (RFP) were sent out to the thirteen Reappraisal Firms registered with the NC Department of Revenue on September 19, 2016.

At the bid opening on October 31, 2016, we received a total of three bids. The bids received were from Assessment Solutions of NC, Inc., Pearson's Appraisal Service and Tyler Technologies.

A bid tabulation is attached.

In evaluating the bids received and consulting with the County Attorney, we determined that Assessment Solutions of NC, Inc. bid submitted was non responsive because they did not provide a 5% bid bond as required in the RFP.

The RFP specifications to the bidders required contract completion date to be after all hearings and appeals before the County Board of Equalization and Review. With the 2011 Revaluation process the period of time for hearings and appeals consisted of approximately 60 days. Pearson's Appraisal Service bid proposal proposed two months (40 days) for hearings and appeals. Tyler Technologies bid proposal proposed twenty days with any additional days to be provided at the then current time and materials rate.

According the G.S. 143, the contract shall be made to the "lowest responsible, responsive bidder, taking into consideration quality, performance, and the time specified in the bids for the performance of the contract. Responsive bids must comply with all applicable legal requirements and substantially conform to the County's specifications. The County cannot waive a defect in legal requirements nor variations that are material. A material variation is one that gives the bidder "an advantage or benefit which is not enjoyed by other bidders". A bid that does not comply with all legal requirements or that contains a material variation must be rejected as nonresponsive.

To evaluate these two bids on a level playing field, it was only fair and reasonable to consider an equal amount of days for hearings and appeals. Therefore, an estimated current time and materials rate of \$200 per hour, per day for a period of twenty days has been added to the bid amount proposed by Tyler Technologies. When we add the cost for either the Project Manager or the Senior Appraiser for eight hours at a cost of \$200 per hour or \$1,600 per day; the cost for the additional days is \$32,000. The proposal submitted by Tyler Technologies also required an additional payment by the County for the performance bond. Based on our research this bond would run anywhere from one percent to three percent of the contract price. This would equate to a \$9,000 increase to their bid on the low side. These amounts were added to Tyler Technologies bid as submitted making the new bid amount \$941,000.

Based on the evaluation and the rates of \$941,000 for Tyler Technologies and \$935,000 for Pearson's Appraisal Service, it is our recommendation that the contract be awarded to Pearson's Appraisal Service.

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any part (all or none) of any bid or bids and to award contracts in part or complete. Sampson County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to split the award among multiple contractors as necessary.

Bid Tally

2019 Revaluation

Bid Opening: Monday, October 31, 2016 2:00pm ET

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	per	assuming	300k/500k Bodily	Bond	IDA	
Submitted By	Parcel	50,000 parcels	250k Property	5%	Certification	Notes
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Ferriss Appraisals, Inc.	No bid					
IWE Services, LLC	No bid					
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IBL Appraisal & Consulting, LLC	No bid					
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Pearson's Appraisal Service	\$18.70	# 935,000	ycs	yee	yes	project and defend values
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Shackelford & Associates	No bid					
						add 20 days (\$32,000) to bid for hearing
Tyler Technologies	\$18.00	\$900,000°°	yes	yes	yes	and appeals; add \$9,000 for PLM bond
						new total \$941,000
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Bid Opening Location: Sampson County Administration Building, 406 County Complex Road, Building C, Clinton, NC

Assessment Solutions 910.876.5637

Exceptions

Tyler prefers to use the standard Tyler contract as the basis for beginning contract negotiations, as it contains language specific to the appraisal industry. Tyler recognizes that there may be clauses of particular importance to the County that are not included in the Tyler contract. Tyler is amenable to accommodating the County's contract requests by incorporating mutually agreed clauses into the contract.

Tyler's contract negotiation philosophy is to balance the rights and responsibilities of both Tyler and the client, taking into account issues of special importance to each party. The following exceptions are based on our standard contract. *We reserve the right to negotiate any and all terms to the mutual satisfaction of the parties.*

<u>Section III.C, Laws to be Observed, Page 4</u>: Tyler shall indemnify and hold harmless the Client from and against any and all direct claims, losses, liabilities, damages, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees and costs) for personal injury or property damage arising from Tyler's negligence or willful misconduct; or Tyler's violation of a law applicable to our performance under this Agreement. The Client must notify Tyler promptly in writing of the claim and give us sole control over its defense or settlement. The Client agrees to provide Tyler with reasonable assistance, cooperation, and information in defending the claim at our expense.

<u>Section III.D, Responsibility for Damage Claims, Page 4</u>: Tyler's carrier's duty to defend the Client arises only with respect to indemnification claims for personal injury or property damage caused by Tyler's negligence. During the course of performing services under the contract, Tyler will agree to maintain the following levels of insurance: (a) Commercial General Liability of at least \$1,000,000; (b) Automobile Liability of at least \$1,000,000; (c) Professional Liability of at least \$1,000,000; (d) Workers Compensation complying with applicable statutory requirements; and (e) Excess/Umbrella Liability of at least \$5,000,000.

<u>Section III.E, Performance, Labor and Material Bonds, Page 5</u>: A performance bond, if required, will have an associated cost to Client based upon the total bond amount. Tyler has provided an estimated cost based on the proposed scope of services, however, the final bond cost may be subject to change based upon changes in project scope. A performance bond covers Tyler's performance of services only. Tyler may only obtain the performance bond after a contract is executed. The performance bond shall be effective for a period of two (2) years. In the event the project is not complete and Client desires to extend or renew the performance bond, additional premiums will apply. The form of bond is dictated by Tyler's surety company, however if selected, Tyler will approach its surety company with the Client's requested bond content.



<u>Section III.F, Performance of Work, Page 5; and Section III.J, Support of Values, Page 8</u>: Tyler does not agree to "Time being made of the essence", however, Tyler will begin and perform services in accordance with the mutually agreed upon project schedule. Tyler's proposal contains a set number of litigation/appeal support days. If Client requires additional litigation support beyond the days included in the proposal, such days will be provided at Tyler's then current time and materials rates.

<u>Section III.G, Personnel, Page 7; and Section III.J, Support of Values, Page 8</u>: Except for reasons outside its control, Tyler will not remove Tyler personnel providing ongoing services from the Client's project without the Client's prior written consent. Tyler will provide training as mutually agreed to by the parties.

Section III.K, Termination of Contraction, Pages 8-9: The Client may terminate the contract for cause in the event Tyler fails to cure a material breach within thirty days of the Client's invocation of dispute resolution. The Client will make payment to Tyler for all undisputed products, services and expenses delivered or incurred through the effective date of termination. Payment for disputed products, services and expenses, and the Client's remedies, will be determined through the mutually agreed dispute resolution process. Tyler is opposed to Client procuring replacement products and/or services at Tyler's expense.

Section III.L, Arbitration, Page 9: Tyler is willing to engage in non-binding arbitration.

<u>Section III.M, Subletting and Assigning Contract, Page 9</u>: Neither party may assign the contract without the prior written consent of the other party, except that Tyler may, without the prior written consent of the Client, assign the contract in its entirety to the surviving entity of any merger or consolidation or to any purchaser of substantially all of Tyler's assets.

<u>Section III.N, Liquidated Damages, Page 9</u>: Tyler is willing to negotiate a mutually agreeable liquidated damages provision, not to exceed Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) per day.

<u>Section V, Compensation and Terms, Page 22</u>: Ten (10%) retainage to be paid when Company has performed all obligations and requirements under the contract; *excluding litigation support*. If Client believes any delivered services do not conform to the warranties in the contract, Client will provide Tyler with written notice within thirty (30) days of Client's receipt of the applicable invoice.



Empowering people who serve the public

ITEM ABSTRACT	<u>ITEM NO.</u> <u>4 (b)</u>			
Meeting Date: December	5, 2016Information Only Report/PresentationPublic Comment Closed SessionxAction Item Consent AgendaPlanning/Zoning Water District Issue			
SUBJECT:	Scheduling of Work Session Regarding Public Water System			
DEPARTMENT:	Administration/Public Works			
PUBLIC HEARING:	No			
CONTACT PERSON:	Edwin W. Causey, County Manager			
PURPOSE:	To schedule two work sessions on water system related issues			
ATTACHMENTS:	Correspondence from Manager/Public Works Director			
BACKGROUND:	Public Works Director Lee Cannady has requested the opportunity to schedule two sessions with the Board regarding water related issues. Such sessions are recommended for several reasons. First, the session affords the opportunity for new commissioners to learn valuable information about the system, and for all board members to stay abreast of the changing dynamics of the system. Second, as we continue to evaluate our resources and cost efficiencies, it is a strategic time to evaluate our opportunities to fully utilize our water resources and set clear and defined goals for future initiatives.			
RECOMMENDED ACTION OR MOTION:	Schedule two work sessions for January			

From: Ed Causey Subject: FW: Water Summit Request

Good morning commissioners,

Please see the enclosed email form Mr. Lee Cannady regarding his request for two work sessions in January to discuss water related issues. I support this idea and believe that it would be very productive for several reasons in addition to what Lee is emphasizing. First, Lee is pointing out that the dynamics of the system have changed. I do not believe that most of us fully understand the impacts of our current planned adjustments. Second, it is hoped that we will be near the end of our first round of budget adjustments. Thus, this will be a good time to look at what has always been considered a resource that needs to be fully utilized. That has certainly been the path that we have been on with the development of the first wells. Third, we believe that there are a number of initiatives that the BOC may wish to consider regarding water. Some of these initiatives will necessitate additional investment. At the same time, we must fully evaluate the impacts of any planned initiatives.

We have worked diligently in recent years to months to promote the sale of water outside the county. We believe these possibilities continue to exist. Unfortunately, the efforts in recent months have been focused on dealing with the challenge of water discoloration.

We sincerely appreciate both the guidance and support of the BOC to date. We look forward to our January meetings and the opportunity to redefine or fine-tune our goals and create an action plan.

Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Ed

From: Lee Cannady Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 5:07 PM To: Ed Causey <<u>ecausey@sampsonnc.com</u>> Subject: Water Summit Request

Good Afternoon Mr. Causey!

After reflecting on Monday afternoon's work session with the BOC, I quickly assessed that I have probably not been as thorough as needed in providing adequate information about our water system to the extent of our history, how our water system evolved and its challenges to the current Board. For the last year or so, we have been caught up in the whirlwind of trying to identify and to offer the proper solution for our current water issues. I would like to request, if you or the Board desires, to have a two session water summit. In 2013, we held a water summit for the Board which at that time had current board members Mr. Lockamy, Mr. Kirby and Mr. Parker. As you are well aware, our operation dynamics have changed drastically within the last two years alone. I think the proper time for this summit would be after the first of the year when the new board member has been installed. I personally think it would be very beneficial to all the board members so that they may have the understanding necessary to enable them to set clear and defined goals for the future of Sampson County' s water system. Please advise if there would be any interest in this approach.

Thanks!

C. Lee Cannady Director Sampson County Public Works

ITEM ABSTRACT	<u>ITEM NO.</u> 4 (c)			
Meeting Date: December	5, 2016 Information Only Public Comment x Action Item Closed Session Consent Agenda Water District Issue			
SUBJECT:	Designation of Voting Delegate for NCACC Legislative Goals Conference			
DEPARTMENT:	Governing Body			
PUBLIC HEARING:	No			
CONTACT PERSON:	Edwin W. Causey, County Manager			
PURPOSE:	To designate one commissioner to serve as voting delegate at the NCACC Legislative Goals Conference, January 12-13, 2017			
ATTACHMENTS:	Voting Delegate Designation Form			
BACKGROUND:	The final stage of the NCACC's Legislative Goals process is the Legislative Goals Conference, to which all Association members are invited. The conference is spread over a day and a half, assuring time for thorough discussion, deliberation and debate. The conference is conducted according to rules designed to encourage participation, to provide a balance between inclusiveness and respect for the process and efforts of the committees and the Board up to this point. The conference begins with a pre-lunch non-voting discussion of the proposed goals. This allows commissioners not previously involved in the deliberations, particularly newly elected commissioners, to improve their understanding of the issues. Every member county appoints a voting delegate to the conference, and every county in attendance has one vote. The voting delegate can be any county official, including non-elected officials, and a county may choose an alternate. No proxies are allowed. The Board needs to discuss which member to delegate as its voting member.			
RECOMMENDED ACTION OR MOTION:	Designate a voting delegate			



VOTING DELEGATE DESIGNATION FORM LEGISLATIVE GOALS CONFERENCE January 12-13, 2017 (Thursday – Friday) Raleigh Marriott Crabtree Valley – Wake County

NOTE: Please place this action on your board meeting agenda.

Each Board of County Commissioners is hereby requested to designate a commissioner or other official as a voting delegate for the 2017 Legislative Goals Conference. Each voting delegate should complete and sign the following statement and **RETURN IT TO THE ASSOCIATION NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2017.**

PLEASE Return Form to Alisa Cobb, Clerk to the Board by E-Mail: <u>alisa.cobb@ncacc.org</u> OR Fax: 919-733-1065.

I, _____, hereby certify that I am the duly

designated voting delegate for _____ County at the North Carolina

Association of County Commissioners 2017 Legislative Goals Conference.

Signed:_____

Title:_____

Article VI, Section of the Association's Constitution provides:

"On all questions, including the election of officers, each county represented shall be entitled to one vote, which shall be the majority expression of the delegates of that county. The vote of any county in good standing may be cast by any one of its County Commissioners who is present at the time the vote is taken; provided, if no commissioner be present, such vote may be cast by another county official, elected or appointed, who holds elective office or an appointed position in the county whose vote is being cast and who is formally designated by the Board of County Commissioners. These provisions shall likewise govern district meetings of the Association. A county in good standing is defined as one which has paid the current year's dues."

ITEM ABSTRACT		ITE	EM NO	4 (c)
Meeting Date: December 5	, 2016	Information Only Report/Presentati x Action Item Consent Agenda	ion	Public Comment Closed Session Planning/Zoning Water District Issue
SUBJECT:	Appointme	ents		
DEPARTMENT:	Governing	Body		
PUBLIC HEARING:	No			
CONTACT PERSON:	Vice Chair	person Sue Lee		
PURPOSE:	To conside	r appointments to vario	us boards a	nd commissions

Board of Health

There are five seats on the Board of Health whose terms expire at the end of December. By statute, members are allowed to serve three consecutive terms, so each is eligible for reappointment. The Board may also make replacement appointments as long as those appointed meet the statutory representation for members of the Board of Health. (Boards of Health must consist of one physician licensed to practice medicine in the State, one licensed dentist, one licensed optometrist, one licensed veterinarian, one registered nurse, one licensed pharmacist one county commissioner, one professional engineer, and three representatives of the general public. If there is not a licensed physician, a licensed dentist, a licensed veterinarian, a registered nurse, a licensed pharmacist, or a professional engineer available for appointment, an additional representative of the general public shall be appointed.) The current appointees whose terms expire December 2016 and their category of representation are as follows:

Paul Bradshaw (community representative) – completing term 2 Linda McKenzie (community representative) – completing term 2 Robert Butler (engineer representative) – completing term 1 Jacqueline Howard (community representative) – completing term 1 Beth Turner (veterinarian representative) – completing term 2

Board Representation on Advisory Boards

After an election and after the selection of Chairman each year, the Board often reviews the representation of their members on various boards and commissions. Attached for information is a listing of the boards and commissions on which members are currently serving. Please note that we have also attached a note from Commissioner Kirby, who wishes to resign from certain boards due to scheduling difficulties. Also, newly-elected Commissioner Kivett has served prior to his election on several boards and may have interest in continuing to serve. No action is requested at this time; the information is provided for Board review and consideration at your January meeting.

SAMPSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Wanda Robinson Health Director



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ed Causey, County Manager

FROM: Wanda Robinson, Health Director(いや)

DATE: November 15, 2016

SUBJECT: Term Ending- Board of Health Members

This is being submitted to request reappointments to the Board of Health. The following Board of Health members will be completing 1^{st} or 2^{nd} terms.

Paul Bradshaw	2 nd term	12/2016
Robert Butler	1 st term	12/2016
Jacqueline Howard	1 st term	12/2016
Linda McKenzie	2 nd term	12/2016
Dr. Beth Turner	2 nd term	12/2016

BOC Appointments

Chairman Appointment (*by virtue of position/bylaws of entity)

Clinton-Sampson Airport Authority (Vice Chairman)* Agri Exposition Center Board* Economic Development Commission* Fire Commissioner* Transportation Advocacy Group Advisory Board of Older Adults*

Vice Chairperson Lee

Mid Carolina Board of Directors Appointments Commissioner

Commissioner Kirby

Eastpointe Mental Health LME t CCAP Board of Directors JCPC (Juvenile Crime Prevention Council) Mid Carolina RPO

See memo regarding resignation from all advisory boards due to scheduling conflicts.

Commissioner Parker

Board of Health Workforce/WIA Board Southeastern Economic Development Commission Child Fatality Prevention/Community Child Protection Team

Newly-Elected Commissioner Kivett (currently serving as citizen)

Clinton-Sampson Airport Authority* Transportation Advocacy Group Economic Development Commission* * If he would like to continue serving, Board may want to determine if he can serve or attend as Chairman's designee, if Chairman so desires. Sue Lee

(via email only)

Re: Board Appointments

Dear Sue:

It is with regret that I must inform you of my inability to continue as the board of County commissioner's representative on the Eastpointe, Mid-Pines rural area transportation, and the JCPC Boards. I realize that we had a discussion several months regarding the juvenile crime prevention committee (JCPC). Please designate an alternative for me at your earliest convenience. By copy of this correspondence, I'm informing County manager and the other members of the Sampson County Board of Commissioners. Thank you so very much for your kind consideration. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely yours,

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Albert D. Kirby Jr.

ITEM AI	BSTRACT	ITEM NO.	5
Meeting Date:	December 5, 2016	 Information Only Report/Presentation Action Item Consent Agenda 	Public Comment Closed Session Planning/Zoning Water District Issue

SUBJECT: Consent Agenda

DEPARTMENT: Administration/Multiple Departments

ITEM DESCRIPTIONS/ATTACHMENTS:

- a. Approve the minutes of the November 7, 2016 meeting
- b. Adopt a resolution indicating intent to accept an offer for purchase of surplus property located on Ruffin Lane, McDaniel Township and direct advertisement for upset bid pursuant to GS 160-269
- c. Adopt a resolution authorizing the lease of agriculture tracts adjacent to the Detention Center for the period January 1, 2017 December 31, 2017 to Mac Sutton for farming purposes
- d. Approve late disabled veteran tax exclusion application for Katherine N. Hobson (widow of Steve R. Hobson)
- e. Approve tax refunds and releases
- f. Approve budget amendments

RECOMMENDED ACTION OR MOTION: Motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented

SAMPSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened for their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 7, 2016 in the County Auditorium, 435 Rowan Road in Clinton, North Carolina. Members present: Chairman Billy C. Lockamy, Vice Chairperson Sue Lee, and Commissioners Albert Kirby, Jr., Harry Parker and Clark H. Wooten.

Chairman Lockamy convened the meeting and called upon Assistant County Manager Susan Holder for the invocation. The Chairman then led the Pledge Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Upon a motion made by Chairman Lockamy and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the addition of Consent Agenda item (l): NC Emergency Management/FEMA documentation designating the primary and secondary agents for executing applications for disaster assistance.

The Chairman and board members expressed their appreciation to those who were involved in preparation, response and recovery efforts with Hurricane Matthew.

Roads

NCDOT representative Keith Eason was present and introduced Keith Jackson, the County's new County Maintenance Engineer. Mr. Eason had received a promotion and will be in a new district. Mr. Jackson reported that 32 roads were still closed after Hurricane Matthew, primarily due to bridge repairs. He stated that piping had been ordered and bids would be opened on November 8th for contracted assistance. He estimated that it would take 3-6 months for all road work to be completed. He stated that work in areas that were not still flooded had begun first, but as flooding abated, work would commence in all areas.

Presentations and Reports

<u>Recognition of Chairman</u> Vice Chairperson Sue Lee presented outgoing Chairman Billy Lockamy (who did not run for re-election) with a plaque commemorating his service as a commissioner and as Chairman. Former Chairman Jefferson Strickland made remarks in appreciation for Mr. Lockamy's service. <u>Presentation of Audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016</u> Mr. Byron Scott of Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co., PA presented the Board with the audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. Mr. Scott reviewed General Fund revenue and expenditure analyses. He reported a tax collection rate of nearly 97.5% and (available) Fund Balance of 20%, which exceeds the Local Government Commission requirement of 8%, but still below the 30% recommended for counties of our size. Mr. Scott explained a deficiency identified, a restatement of previously issued financial statements to reflect the correction of a material misstatement (an incorrect computation of debt balance related to debt retired during the 2014-15 debt refunding transaction).

Finance Officer David Clack then discussed a significant increase to fund balance. He noted that department heads had done a great job managing their budgets during the year, and the results of their attention to costs and budgets generated an increase in general fund balance of \$1,633,540. H added that the increase could be attributed to the cost savings measures adopted by the Board, the County management team and conscientious department heads. He explained that total revenues collected exceeded budget by \$429,489. Part of that number is property tax collections which exceeded budget estimates by \$402,608 due to the diligent efforts of the Tax Office, as the overall tax collection rate increased to 97.43% from 97.27%. Sales tax collections exceeded budget estimates by \$225,414, which indicated that sales were higher in the County during the year. Mr. Clack stated that restricted revenue came in \$1,189,185 under budget estimates; this was due to grant revenue that was not collected because it was not expended. Sales and services, which consist of tax collection, jail, sheriff, health, ambulance, and aging fees, came in \$155,034 over budget estimates. Jail fees collected exceeded budget by \$129,185, and ambulance fees collected exceeded budget estimates by \$182,794. Health fees and Aging fees collected came in under expectations, but this was offset by savings in the expenditures of each department. Rental revenues exceeded budget because landfill host fees collected exceeded estimates, as did proceeds from the surplus sale and proceeds from a one-time refund of sales taxes paid on capital items. All of those items combined exceeded budget estimates by \$793,270.

On the expenditure side, Mr. Clack noted that department heads were extremely careful with the allocations that they received from the Board. Unnecessary items were not purchased, lapsed salary amounts were saved, and the implementation of some of the cost savings proposals prior to the end of the year accounted for most of the savings. Total expenditures were less than budget by \$7,845,233 or 10%. Lapsed salary and fringe amounts were \$1,313,483 as compared to \$718,252 in FY 14-15. Mr. Clack provided information with regard to specific budget function areas:

• The general government departments, which consist of Governing Body, Administration, Airport, Finance, Data Processing, Communications Tower, Tax Administration, Legal, Courts, Board of Elections, Register of Deeds, and Public Buildings did not expend \$773,490 (10.79%) of their total allocation. The Finance Department did not spend \$330,576 of their total allocation. The line items that

contributed to this include a reduction in the unemployment cost of \$64,000 which has been reduced in the FY 16-17 budget. Worker's compensation insurance costs were reduced by \$100,000 by enhancing our safety program, which has helped our experience rating. These savings in worker's compensation insurance were captured in our FY 16-17 budget and previously presented to the Board as a cost savings measure. The Finance Department also had some lapsed salary amounts and operational savings that contributed to the favorable budget variance. The Data Processing Department did not spend \$73,780 (11.81%) of their total allocation. The expenditure categories that contributed to the savings were lapsed salaries, and a capital expenditure that was not needed and is expected to be covered at a later time using technology that will not require the outlay of \$25,000 up front. It is expected that most of the costs will be covered by savings in other areas. The Tax Office did not spend \$107,994 (7.23%) of their allocation. Most of these savings came from lapsed salary and have been captured going forward in a previously approved cost reduction proposal.

- Public safety departments, which consist of Sheriff, Jail, Communications, Emergency Management, Volunteer Fire Departments, Inspections, Coroner, Rescue, Dive Team, and Animal Control, did not spend \$599,162 (3.48%) of their total allocation. The Sheriff's Department and Jail did not expend \$372,205 (3.68%) of their total allocation. Savings as a result of lapsed salary, reduced gas prices, insurance costs, better prices on capital items, savings in the juvenile detention and adult safekeeping costs represented most of the savings. Gas and insurance line items were reduced the in the current budget. Communications did not spend \$62,642 (6.04%) due to lapsed salaries. Rescue did not spend \$104,510 (2.53%) due to lapsed salaries, reduced gas prices, less spending on maintenance costs, and reduction of the allocation to Plain View Rescue, which was presented as a cost savings. The gas budget was reduced in the current year.
- The environmental protection function, which consists of Solid Waste, Forestry, and Cooperative Extension Programs, did not spend \$32,811(3.03%) of their total allocation.
- The economic and physical development departments, which consist of Planning and Zoning, Industrial Development, Industrial Utility, Cooperative Extension Services, and Soil Conservation, did not spend \$293,715 (20.87%) of their total allocation of \$1,407,294. Economic Development did not spend \$199,218 due mainly to the building reuse grant funds not being spent. Cooperative Extension did not spend \$69,300 due mainly to savings from lapse salary.
- Human services departments, which consist of Mental Health Administration, Veterans, Youth Needs Task Force, Health, Social Services, and Aging, did not spend \$2,298,001 (10.41%) of their total allocation. The Health Department did

not spend \$349,393, with most of this being lapsed salaries. Social Services did not spend \$450,745 in administration with most of the savings occurring in lapsed salaries, professional services, and temporary help. Social Services also did not spend \$1,375,768 in program costs. Most of the unspent money is offset by the grant revenue funds that were not drawn down. Aging did not spend \$99,408 with most of that amount being lapsed salaries and reduced insurance costs. The reduction in insurance was taken into account in preparing the current budget.

- The education function, which consists of the two school systems and the community college did not spend \$501,805. With the exception of the community college all of the unspent funds are restricted sales tax revenues. All of the unspent funds have been re-budgeted in FY 16-17.
- The culture and recreation function which consists of Library, Recreation, Special Appropriation, and the Agri-Exposition Center did not spend \$97,239 (4.6%). The Library did not spend \$17,998 mostly due to lapse salaries. Recreation did not spend \$24,876 due mostly to lapse salary, reduced gas prices, and savings on insurance costs. The budgets for gas and insurance were reduced in the current year budget. The Expo Center did not spend \$21,145 (4.11%) due mostly to savings in maintenance and repair line items.
- Contingency, funds that we budget each year to handle those unforeseen costs that arise and are allocated by the Board, had an unspent amount in that line item of \$280,000 (93.33%) of the total allocation.

Mr. Clack reiterated that the County's ability to increase its fund balance by \$1,633,540 or 7.77% was a testament to the hard work of its department heads and County Administration, with direction provided by the Board. While such a high amount is an unexpected result, not expending our fund balance is goal that we start each year with. In our current year's budget, we allocated \$2,102,439 from fund balance to cover our expenditures as compared with \$3,059,924 in the prior year. This is a \$957,488 decrease that is represented by increased revenue projections, holding the line on expenditure increases, and implementation of the cost savings proposals approved by the Board.

Following Mr. Clack's report, the Board voted unanimously to approve the audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016 (subject to submission to and subsequent approval by the Local Government Commission), upon a motion made by Chairman Lockamy and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee. (Copy on file in the Finance Office and with the Clerk to the Board.)

Planning and Zoning Items

<u>RZ-10-16-1</u> This matter was withdrawn by the applicant.

Action Items

<u>Public Hearing – FY 2018 Community Transportation Program (CTP)</u> <u>Grant Funding Application</u> The Chairman opened the hearing and called upon Eartle McNeil, SAT Transportation Coordinator, who reviewed the application for grant funding, explaining the two areas of requested funding: administrative (\$192,924; local share \$28,939) and capital (\$303,942; local share \$30,395). The floor was opened for comments, and none were received. There being no comments, the Chairman closed the hearing. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Wooten and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the grant resolutions authorizing the submission of the grant and making assurances and certifications regarding compliance with federal and state requirements. (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ______.)

<u>Presentation of Budget Reduction Proposals</u> County Manager Ed Causey noted that with this month, staff had fulfilled and surpassed the budget reductions mandated as part of the salary study implementation. He reviewed additional proposals for budget reductions: CES 001 (Support Staff Position Reduction); HLT 001 (Position and Resource Reduction – technology enabled); ROD 001 (Deputy ROD Position Reduction); and DSS 002 (Position and Resource Reduction). Mr. Causey commended County department heads for embracing the process as a continuing mandate from the Board. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Wooten and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommended budget reduction proposals.

<u>Appointment – Library Board</u> Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Ann Matthis to replace Letitia Evans, who had resigned from the Library Board.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Wooten requested that item e: Commissioners Meeting Schedule for 2017 be amended to change the July meeting from July 3 to July 10 and that the regular meeting time be changed from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Upon a motion made by Chairman Wooten and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda items (with the requested change) as follows:

- a. Approved the minutes of the September 26, 2016 and October 3, 2016 meetings
- b. Adopted a resolution accepting the offer of James L. Surles to purchase a parcel of land (PIN 11001748001) situated in the Newton Grove Township (Whit Road) for the amount of \$7,000 (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book _____, Page _____)

- c. Approved a request by the Sampson County Library system to surplus certain materials damaged by Hurricane Matthew and dispose of them pursuant to the Materials Selection Policy
- d. Authorized the submission of an application for funding under the 2017 cycle of Essential Single Family Rehabilitation Program offered through the North Carolina Housing Financing Agency (NCHFA) and utilization of The Wooten Company for grant administrative services
- e. Approved the Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2017 (changing the July meeting from July 3 to July 10 and adjusting the regular meeting time to 6:00 p.m.) (Copy filed in the Office of the Clerk to the Board)
- f. Approved the Sampson County Local Government Holiday Schedule for Calendar Year 2017 (Copy filed in the Office of the Clerk to the Board)
- g. Approved the Department of Aging's submission of an application for United Way funding for construction of wheelchair ramps (Copies of documents filed in Inc. Minute Book _____, Page _____)
- h. Approved amendments to the Records Retention Schedules for County Management and Sheriff's Departments, as required by the Government Records Section of the State Archives of North Carolina (Copies filed in Inc. Minute Book _____, Page _____)
- i. Approve a late disabled veterans tax exclusion application for George C. Simmons, Jr.
- j. Approved tax refunds as submitted:

#7688	Matthis, Joan Crostic	\$ 202.50
#7689	Matthis, Amy Thomas	\$ 292.92
#7671	Vison, Daniel Dean	\$ 222.17
#7707	Sumner, Jesse Clete	\$ 217.00
#7710	Calcutt, David Mark	\$ 231.88
#7715	McPhail Properties I LLC	\$ 116.30

k. Approved budget amendments as submitted:

EXPENDITURE		Health - BCCCP Wisewoman		
<u>Code Number</u>		Description (Object of Expenditure)	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12551140	512100	Wisewoman Salaries	2,121.00	
12551140	518100	Wisewoman FICA	117.00	
12551140	518120	Wisewoman Medicare FICA	28.00	
12551140	518200	Wisewoman Retirement	156.00	

12551140	518300	Wisewoman Group Insurance	468.00	
12551140	518400	Wisewoman Dental	18.00	
12551140	518901	Wisewoman 401 K	34.00	
12551140	519300	Wisewoman Medical Services	1,500.00	
12551140	523900	Wisewoman Medical Supplies	50.00	
12551140	529700	Wisewoman Lab Supplies	701.00	
12551140	537000	Wisewoman Advertising	30.00	
<u>REVENUE</u>				
Code Number		Source of Revenue	Increase	Decrease
12535114	404000	Wisewoman State	5,223.00	
EXPENDITURE		Aging		
<u>Code Number</u>		Description (Object of Expenditure)	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
82558750	524100	URP - Materials	39,000.00	
82558750	529901	URP - Soft Cost	16,000.00	
82558750	544000	URP - Contracted Services	45,000.00	
REVENUE			_	_
Code Number		Source of Revenue	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
82035875	403605	URP - NCHFA	1,000,000.00	
EXPENDITURE		<u>Finance</u>		
Code Number		Description (Object of Expenditure)	Increase	Decrease
11141300	599900	Disaster Relief	50,000.00	Decrease
11999000	509700	Contingency	50,000.00	50,000.00
61971000	535400	Maint Repair of Water Lines	250,000.00	50,000.00
REVENUE	555400	Wallt Repair of Water Lines	230,000.00	
Code Number		Source of Revenue	Increase	Decrease
61937100	409900	Fund Balance Appropriated	250,000.00	<u>Beel cuse</u>
0100/100	103300		230,000,000	
EXPENDITURE		Aging		
<u>Code Number</u>		Description (Object of Expenditure)	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02549580	526200	SHIIP - Dept Supplies	35.00	
<u>REVENUE</u>				
Code Number		Source of Revenue	<u>Increase</u>	Decrease
02034958	404088	SHIIP - Senior Health Info	35.00	
		Decen		
EXPENDITURE		BCCCP		Desarra
Code Number	F12100	Description (Object of Expenditure)	Increase	Decrease
12551560	512100	BCCCP Salaries		2,949.00
12551560	512700	BCCCP Longevity		28.00
12551560 12551560	518100 518120	BCCCP FICA BCCCP Medicare FICA		226.00 52.00
12551560	518120	BCCCP Retirement		210.00
12551560	518200 518300	BCCCP Retirement BCCCP Group Insurance		783.00
12551560	518300 518400	BCCCP Dental		26.00
12551560	518400 518901	BCCCP Jointal BCCCP 401K		349.00
12331300	210201	DUCUF 401N		549.00

12551560	523900	BCCCP Medical Supplies		50.00
12551560	529700	BCCCP Lab Supplies		173.00
12551560	531100	BCCCP Travel		347.00
12551560	537000	BCCCP Advertising		30.00
<u>REVENUE</u>				
Code Number		Source of Revenue	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12535114	404000	BCCCP State		5,223.00

1. Authorized execution of NC Emergency Management/FEMA documentation designating the primary and secondary agents for executing applications for disaster assistance (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book _____, Page _____)

Consideration of Tax Appeals

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Wooten and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to adjust the penalties applied to the following tax accounts for failure to timely list business personal property by forgiving one-half of the assessed penalties.

Herring, Andrew Garrett: Tax (\$17,843.80); Assessed Penalty of \$5,627.09 Adjusted by Half Hudson, Pelmon Jart Jr. (Acct 1): Tax (\$4,102.20); Assessed Penalty of \$624.87 Adjusted by Half Hudson, Pelmon Jart Jr. (Acct 2): Tax (\$33,728.34); Assessed Penalty of \$8,189.15 Adjusted by Half Little Man Farming (Joseph Warren): Tax (\$13,352.37); Assessed Penalty \$2,566.19 Adjusted by Half Spell Construction (Michael Spell): Tax (\$19,073.83); Assessed Penalty \$6,487.87 Adjusted by Half Sutton, Kenneth Mack: Tax (\$8,897.83); Assessed Penalty \$2,608.58 Adjusted by Half

County Manager Reports

County Manager Ed Causey noted that the December meeting would first convene at 9:00 a.m. in the Second Floor Courtroom of the Courthouse for the swearingin ceremonies. Mr. Causey took the opportunity to express his appreciation for those who worked in response to Hurricane Matthew.

Public Comments

The floor was opened for comments, and the following were received:

Sandy Meyer: My address is 2580 Goshen Church Road. That's Faison but its Sampson County Faison. It's where the dead body was found at the end of our road and WRAL called it a remote area in Sampson County. I live in the Hobbton district. My children attend Hargrove, Hobbton Middle School, and Hobbton High School. And I come before you tonight to say that I am incredibly disappointed by your October vote to not give funding for the Hobbton High School track project. And unfortunately I realize I am a lot late on to be heard on that; I should have come last month, the month before, the month before that. But I, probably like a lot of other parents, become somewhat complacent. I assume that the School Board and the County Commissioners are going to do what's best for my children based on the finances you have to work with and unfortunately the realistic me knows and learned in October that that's not the case. I have a lot of concerns as my children began school. I didn't grow up here, so I was learning new people, learning the teachers, learning the educators, the administrators. And so, we went in and began in Hargrove. Over the years - I'm not going to lie to you -I've had a lot of friends, I've had a lot of people that I know from the community take their children out of public school and put them somewhere else. Well, I'm not inclined to do that. I believe this my community. The Hobbton district is the area I am raising my family, that's where I am living, that's where I plan to retire, and I want it to be the best as possible. And how it's going to be best is what we give to the students at those schools who are going to be my neighbors, who are going to be my school board members, who are going to be the employees in the businesses, who are going to be our county commissioners. And these students are going only to perform and do what we expect of them, and to what tools we give them to use, and if we give them nothing, we will get nothing in return from them. I have seen a coach come into this cross country track program; he's not from here, he's moved in, he's motivational to these kids, he's inspirational. He's gotten my teenage son to get up at 5:30 a.m. at times and go running and if that's not motivational I don't know what is. And we want to keep him. We want that excitement. We want somebody that's going to make our kids want to excel. That's not just wealthy smart children, that's children from every single segment in the community. I've heard you talk about businesses and trying to get businesses to come to Sampson County. They're not going to come if they do not have a good workforce later on. If we have a high school that doesn't provide for employees to come in. If they look at Hobbton high School and they see no track they think what kind of High School is that; obviously nobody cares about that school. If it was truly a community school, if it was truly a community school that was worth anything, it would look like every other high school. I'll be honest, it offends me to hear I am paying higher tax rate than any other surrounding counties. My children are lacking the bare minimum of what is at the other high schools within the same county of which I live. When you look at some numbers of what these kids at Hobbton High School are doing in the Track and Field/Cross Country program; it's unbelievable. They are bringing accommodations to our county. You all are being recognized because what's being said is "student so-andso won a state championship. They are from Sampson County." If you don't give them the tools to participate that's not going to be heard throughout this state. We need to reward them for attempting to excel. We need to reward our teachers and our coaches and make them want to stay here and not want to go to other communities. (*Timer Alarmed*) That's my time? Well, I'll be heard next month then.

Cece Hudson: Good evening. I'm President of Hobbton High School PTO. I appreciate you allowing me to make some comments here tonight. My concern is also with our Hobbton High School track. We were very disappointed in the outcome of the vote from the last County Commissioners meeting to say the least. A couple of things that I would like to call your attention to first of all is there was a comment made that the track was going to service about 50 students. That is absolutely incorrect. There are on average about 150 students that participate in track at Hobbton High School throughout the year. It is a three season sport. Many of the athletes that participate in other sports at Hobbton High School also participate in track during their off-season. They do this because they enjoy the program, they also enjoy the leadership of Coach Klaves, and it keeps them physically fit. There are also approximately 50 soccer players that would benefit from having a track at Hobbton High School, as the plans that have been made for that track also include a soccer field in the middle of the track. So that puts you at about 200 kids that would be serviced by that track in an average school year. That does not even count for the rest of the school body that would also benefit from that track from their P.E. classes throughout the year. There is also not a track available at the Newton Grove Parks down the road. That would become available to everybody in the Newton Grove Community. The track team at Hobbton was built literally with nothing but a dream by Coach Klaves. He came to this community, as Ms. Myer said. He was not from here. Coach Klaves is a once in a lifetime coach. He is the coach that every athlete dreams of having. He has a passion like no other person. That's why this school with no track, that never had a track team before has a track team that is bringing home medals in state competition. Somebody else on this Board stated that Hobbton had been treated like the unwanted step child. You are correct. Everybody that is on the track team stand up. These are not unwanted step-children. These are my children and they are your children. I'm proud of these kids. And as a county we should all be proud of these kids. We are a family at Hobbton High School. And Coach Klaves has brought these kids together. He gives them positive reinforcement and some of these kids are being looked at for college scholarships that would not have an opportunity to go to college otherwise. Think of how many more may have that opportunity if we had the proper facilities that have been afforded to every other high school in this county, yet these children are denied those services. This track team is what's keeping some of these kids that are here tonight in school. That's why they continue to come to school. Coach Klaves' leadership is what is the fire behind this program. These children have never had a home track meet. They have hosted a home track meet, but when they host a home track meet they host at a rival school; Midway. Imagine how that feels for them. They're psyched out from the beginning. I think that's a shame. And you all just sat here and congratulated yourselves because you came in way under budget. Thank you for your time.

Sandra Oates: Good evening Mr. Chairman, Commissioners. I'd like to thank you for the opportunity for me to address this Board this evening. Tonight I'd like to revisit the need of Hobbton High School to obtain a yes vote from this Board for the need of a track and field. Hobbton High School is a diverse school in need of appropriate facilities to practice, to train, and to compete. The benefits of track and field are endless. As a registered nurse I can't help but to share with you how the program will help to improve the health of Sampson County. The individual, it helps to improve their health mentally, physically and emotionally. The sports build healthy habits of exercise. It improves cardiovascular health. It reduces the risk of stroke and heart disease. It reduces the risk of obesity that has overcome 20% of the children in adolescence, according to the Center for Disease Control. It decreases stress and in return improves mood and also behavior. It improves self-confidence as it empowers the athlete to finish what they have started; to push for better by meeting and exceeding their personal records; by setting high goals. The team work seen in track and field is simply amazing. They teach each other. They lead each other by example. They hold each other accountable. And they motivate each other. They learn these team work skills from their coach that they are blessed to have. Also, with all the negative influences in our society, would you much rather see these students of Hobbton High School running on the field or running in the streets? Think about that for a minute. Through the leadership of Jeffrey Klaves, Hobbton High School track and field has already provided proof...the evidence that you need that it can be successful. They've competed at regional and state competitions. In fact, this weekend, the cross country team went to a state competition in Kernersville. State competitions; from Sampson County; the Hobbton District. Can you imagine yourselves working without the tools you need? No laptops. No paper. No pens, no pencils, no offices, no desks. That's what you're asking Mr. Klaves to do. This sport affords students to new possibilities of seeking higher education based on their success in track in field through scholarships that otherwise would not be afforded to them. Having a track and field at Hobbton High School is a win-win situation not only for the program but for the entire county. It would allow the community to host events, which in return will boost economic growth for local restaurants and stores as people come from out of town to visit. It also can provide an avenue from other clubs and foundations to host fundraisers as well. Board of Commissioners, would you give Hobbton High School the opportunity that other county schools have had and vote yes for track and field. Thank you.

Jeff Klaves: Good evening Commissioners. My name is Jeff Klaves. I am a proud coach and teacher at Hobbton High School. At this time Mrs. Amanda Bradshaw is passing out a document that pertains to our Hobbton cross country and track and field numbers. We really believe that strength comes through numbers. I wanted to let you guys know that I currently the quarterback of the Hobbton Track Project. As the quarterback it is my job to get information to the playmakers around me. To begin I want to thank each and every one of you, Board of Commissioners, for the support you have given education throughout the years. Before I get into the privilege of introducing some of the student athletes I have that are going to speak before you tonight, I want to talk about some of the numbers that have shown the growth of the Hobbton High School track and field program. And I appreciate all the support in this room today. Many parents and students I did not even know were coming out. In expanding on some of the numbers Ms. Cece Hudson provided, since 2013 – and I just became a teacher in 2010 so this is just the last couple of years - since 2013 the Hobbton track and field program has impacted the lives of more than 210 students. Our percent increase is now up to 20% of the student body. In the Spring, Winter, and Cross Country season of the Fall, we have a no cutting policy, and we also have a no cost policy. And this is very important because 61% of our student athletes are students of color. 70% of our athletes are low-income. So to provide a program that is able to afford them the opportunity to be a part of something that teaches them leadership and character is very important. More strength by numbers: 84% of students graduate from Hobbton High School in four years. Students that are on the teams for Hobbton cross country and track and field must maintain 70% average to be a part of the team. So why have many said that cross country and track and field has afforded them the opportunity to graduate is because, as a coach I will not let them fail. I push them first in the classroom before we ever exceed on the playing field. Many of these students, who again some of the parents have already talked about going on to be some of our student leaders, they go on to the NCAA level on scholarship and many of those students are even in this room today, so I thank you my college bound athletes for coming out and showing what the program has done for you. And I'm very humbled by the fact that my peers within the county, even at rival schools, have even voted for myself to be Coach of the Year thirteen times to represent all of the successes that have been happening. Successes that I will humbly never promote from within, but to be recognized for that obviously shows that Hobbton High School is doing very good things. And now besides the numbers that you guys have before you, I want to turn to some speakers that we have from Hobbton High School. Each student athlete will share their story and will reflect on how this project will affect them and future students at Hobbton High School. Their words are more powerful than mine could ever be because they are a product of a program that believes in student-centered learning and using athletics as a catalyst for developing our future leaders.

Janet Thompson: I am a Junior at Hobbton High School and a member of the varsity winter and spring track team. When I entered high school, I was known as the loud black girl with an attitude. I had no idea what track was, and I had no intentions of running, but I needed something to do after school and something to release built up anger that I had inside. So I decided to join the track team. At first, I didn't care about the sport; I was just running to run. But, going to meets and seeing other athletes win, it made me want to win, so I put my mind to it, and I started to win. Ever since freshman year, I've competed at every indoor and outdoor state meet, and when I first set foot on the state track at my first state meet, that's when I knew I had found my passion. I stopped playing all sports that I played and focused just on track. Since joining the track team, I've won multiple awards, including the dedication award for indoor and outdoor track, superintendent's list, academic all-star and the most improved sophomore, and that has to do with my coach's high expectations. I must say, track and my coach have really changed me as a person, and after high school I want to run track in college, which is something I never thought I would want to do. If Hobbton got a track, it would benefit student athletes like myself who want to run track in college. Now, I want you to imagine playing football and not knowing where the end zones or the out of bounds are. And, imagine playing basketball and not knowing where the three-point line or the free-throw lines are. That is what it is like practicing at Hobbton without a track. We travel to track meets without knowing where any of the exchange zones for relays are, and not knowing that has caused us confusion with running events. The confusion has caused us to get disqualified in multiple events. When this

happened with not one, but two of my relay events last spring, at the same track meet I was furious. On a positive note, things like that motivates my team to do better, although not having a track can be really frustrating. Other schools often ask us how we run so good without a track, and my response is although not having a track is very hard and frustrating, my coach always has a plan. With that being said, I am asking tonight that you please open the floor for a revote on funding for the HHS track.

Lakelyn Bass: I'm a sophomore at HHS, and I'm a current member of the HHS track and field team. When I was in middle school, I had no idea what track even was. I was a competitive gymnast for several years, and I never saw myself doing anything other than gymnastics. In ninth grade, my heart fell for a different sport. I chose running and jumping over vault, bars, beams and floor – which I never saw myself doing in a million years. The first time I ever high jumped was at Trask High School. I had no idea what I was doing, but I knew that instant that I wanted to continue high jumping the rest of my track career. That first time that I high jumped, I was only two inches away from qualifying for states, which I never thought I could do. So, at the next meet, without having anywhere to practice high jump, I qualified for indoor state championship for 1A and 2A schools. When I got to the state championships, I was so nervous that I was shaking because not only was it my first time but I was jumping with girls that actually get to practice on a track. So I was going in there thinking that I stood no chance and I was definitely not going to get on podium. So I jumped just like I normally would, and as I started to sit down they said wait, you might have placed. Sure enough, I did, and I did this without a track. The accomplishment made me want to go ahead and win states and I also want to go to college for track and field, which is kinda hard without us having a track. If it weren't for Coach Klaves, I would not be in the position I am in now. I would still be in gymnastics and I wouldn't even know what the word track meant. He does his absolute best to try and give us every opportunity we can to accomplish our goals, and it is difficult for him to do because we don't even have a track. We practice every day on grass, concrete, and even the parking lot, which is such as disadvantage. And for people like me and a lot more who do field events such as pole vault, high jump, long jump, triple jump and etc., we can't even practice because we don't have the facilities we need. We travel to different schools, maybe once a week so people with field events can have the chance to practice and get what they needed. Our coach sacrifices his own money and his time for us so that we can practice at different schools. If we had a track, we wouldn't need to find extra time to practice at other schools, extra money for transportation and equipment for us to practice on. We would have it at our own school. I'm asking you tonight to please consider a revote for funding of the HHS much needed track.

Victor Aguirre: Good evening. I am a student athlete at Hobbton High School. Some of the sports I do at Hobbton High School are soccer, cross country, winter track and spring track. So, as you can see, I am a busy student athlete year round. This track will benefit me year round. Having a track will not only benefit me, but it will also benefit future generations of Hobbton High School. It will also help with some of the students who doesn't even know what track is. Not having a track is very difficult to understand each event. Each event is different, you have to know where you have to be and where you have to go. It is very hard to understand that when you do not have a track. If we are able to have a track at HHS, that means we will be able to hold home meets. That way, our friends and family could come and support us and see us do what we love to do. It will also help us grown the HHS Wildcat family. We have the talent, and we have the dedication and all we ask in return is a track so we can continue to grow the Hobbton High School Wildcat track and field family. I am here to ask if you could please have a revote on funding for the Hobbton school track.

Ty Meyer: I am currently a junior at Hobbton High School. I would like to start tonight by thanking the three board members who allowed me to meet with you over the past month. I've used that knowledge to become a better leader for my school and community. Words cannot describe the things I that I have gained from you all. Cross country has really taught me dedication. In hopes of qualifying for the state meet that we went to last Saturday, we were up at 5:30 a.m. from June to November, working, running and giving it our all. It's really helped me in school, where I am currently involved as a member of BETA Club, the FFA, the FBLA, the TSA, the SGA, and a current Junior Leader. I'm also captain of the cross country, golf and member of the baseball team. I joined this team my freshman year not knowing too much about running but it's something I wanted to use to stay in shape. But instead what I found is a close knit family. I met kids who came from all different backgrounds. I was told how track and field kept them out of trouble and in the classroom. These sports gave my teammates a reason to graduate and strive for more in life. With the addition of a track at our school, it would help increase the number of those students who have prospered. We should not view this as building a track for our school. We should view this as building a family for both the school and the community.

Felesia Buczynski: I appreciate the opportunity to speak as an alumni of Hobbton High School, Class of 1981, and on the current need to expedite the building of a track facility for our state champion student athletes, our grand champion band students (yes, the band would also utilize this track), our PE students and our community. You note I said the word our four times. My parents are both graduates of Hobbton High School. I, and both my brothers, are graduates. My twin daughters are graduates of Hobbton High School, and my nieces will graduate in 2018 and 2019. So yes, Hobbton High school is our community and has been for years. I'd like a show of hands of the Hobbton community here tonight – that is a very small fractions of the people who are very passionate about the Hobbton community. My brothers and I left the Hobbton community to do the military or our jobs, but we all three came back. My mother never understood while I was in college why I came home every weekend and sometimes during the week. And, I said, there's really nothing to do there, and she said, you're kidding me. You're in Raleigh, and there's nothing to do there? I missed home and the people there. Home also represented my Wildcats. You see, I cheered for six years in the Hobbton district for football and basketball, and I tried really hard to be volleyball

and softball player. I quickly realized my voice, my cartwheels and my splits were a lot more valuable than my feeble attempts to hit a ball. I missed marching band also, so I wanted to come home and see them. I came home to support Hobbton athletes and the band. Everyone needs a cheerleader in their corner. My twin daughters began playing ball in the Hobbton community in kindergarten and continued through college. Morgan was a starting outfielder as a freshman at St. Andrews, on an academic and athletic scholarship. Jillian played intramural volleyball and softball for her sorority at ECU while she was earning her nursing degree. While a student at Hobbton, Morgan played three sports, was a member of concert and marching band and FFA. Jillian played two sports, was a section leader in concert and marching band and was Miss Hobbton. As you can see, my husband and I spent a lot of time volunteering and a lot of money on our children and the programs they were involved in because we wanted them and the program to excel. We have no regrets except that we wish we had more time to volunteer. They were able to practice on a beautiful softball field, due to the generosity of a private donor. When marching season rolled around, they marched wherever they could find to march – the parking lot, the driveway, any piece of grass we were allowed on because there was no place for the band either. My daughters' love for Hobbton became even more evident when it came time to order class rings. They wanted Hobbton High School class rings, and I said you're going to graduate from college in a few years, why don't you wait and get a college ring. No, momma, we want our high school class rings; we don't want college rings. That's one of the few times they've proved me wrong. My children never asked for college class rings. They still wear their Hobbton High School class rings with their wedding bands. They're still proud of where they came from. I want to see all students and student athletes at Hobbton High School look back with the same pride my daughters did, but until Hobbton High School student feel like they're being treated with the same fairness that other schools in Sampson County have been treated with, they may never want a class ring. The Hobbton community has sat back and emotionally watched other districts be granted wonderful new schools and new athletic facilities while we've made do with hand-medowns or nothing. What we'd like to know is why. What the students would like to know is what are they doing wrong not to get the same treatment. My daughter Morgan resigned her position at St. Andrews University as a sports information director and the assistant softball coach to come back home to Hobbton to become a teacher and a coach. It was great at first, then she realized the support from the county just wasn't there and the students were not motivated due to the lack of facilities. I lost my daughter being close to home because she found out how schools in other counties treated their students and teachers much better. She found a new home and has been very successful and satisfied there. Ask our committed teachers and students. You have the power to change the attitude of our community and our students by opening up the discussion and call for a revote of your decision that you made to decline the funding for the new and much-needed track at Hobbton High School. The cross country team, the track teams, the band, the soccer team, and the community are watching. It's time our students and community feel like they're respected. We cannot afford to lose any more great teachers and coaches. You have the responsibility to treat all schools in

Sampson County equally and fairly and do what you must to keep our student motivated.

B.J. Lockamy: I am an alumni of Hobbton High School, Class of 1993. I have a nephew that goes to that school and I have a daughter that will be attending there next year. This is where my whole family went to school - my daddy, my momma, me, my sisters. Hobbton is not just the name of a school in our district, it is our community. It is our family. It has become part of our identity. I remember those Friday night lights during football season as a cheerleader. I thought it couldn't be any better. Then came basketball season, hitting that hardwood floor, them balls bouncing made our cheers even bigger and louder. These memories will never be forgotten. That was 23 years ago. The sad thing is when I went to the football game last Friday night, it was the same lights in the field. It was the same scoreboard at the end of the field; it was the same Hog Slat bleachers – 23 years ago. In the gym I see the same wood floors; I see the same wood bleachers. I see the same scoreboard on that wall. Time has moved on, but Hobbton hasn't. The Wildcats have seen new schools get the latest schools with all the bells and whistles built all around us. We've seen new fields and new courts, tracks and amenities being used and played on, but our kids haven't been able to enjoy these. We are stuck 23 years ago. We've watched other schools and districts have priority, but we can't wait any more. We shouldn't be asked to, and we shouldn't be expected to. I have watched past Hobbton alumni send their kids to other schools in next door districts due to the lack of facilities and amenities at Hobbton High School. And, who's to blame them. As a parent, we all want better for our children. So our physical location looks the same, but our spirits move on every day. Football, basketball, baseball are not the only sports or activities our children can be a part of. New and exciting things are happening at Hobbton. We have the mighty marching Wildcats that are grand champions with our hard work and dedication of our kids and Jeffrey Tart. He has taken this band to places it has never seen, but yet we have to practice wherever we can. Angela Martin has taken the drama and class to new heights, and made the Hobbton High School pageant a scholarship pageant. This has opened door for many who don't want to play sports. And then there's Jeffrey. His dedication to our children and his field and track program is inspirational beyond words. Our children deserve a new track and field, a soccer area to play and practice. We have been passed by so many years. Let us move on. Let us stop being the red-headed stepchildren. We're asking for these funds. We need this money specifically for Hobbton's new track and field. We understand there may be other schools that have new facilities, and some already have more than one track. We just want one. Let the Board of Education allocate their money like they always do – but we need this specialty fund. Please help the Hobbton district. Our kids past, present and future. Our community, our legacy is Hobbton Wildcats. Please don't let personal debates and opinions be at the expense of our children and our Hobbton community or our future. I am respectfully asking and begging for reconsideration for revote.

Jennifer Polk: I too am here in support of Hobbton High School and our request to fund a track for our athletes of Hobbton High School. We 're not asking for anything out of the ordinary. All we're asking for is just what it would take for our students to have equal facilities to the other schools that are in this county. Thanks to the hard work of our coach Jeffrey Klaves, Hobbton High School now has a phenomenal track and field program. He ensures our athletes are provided with opportunities that a lot of our students just wouldn't have without his assistance. Throughout the track and field season, our students participated in invitational events, and sometimes Coach Klaves pays out of pocket. That shouldn't be the case. Because of his efforts, his assistance and his undying support of our students, our athletes, some of our athletes are able to go onto college on a scholarship for track and field. That's admirable. My son is Josh Polk. He's a sprinter at Hobbton High School. During the last school year, Josh won allcounty, conference, region and even a state championship, and I'm proud of that. To hear the disappointment in my son's voice when you guys voted no for a track was very heart-wrenching. I'm sure if it had been your child that you had to tell, you would have been just as disappointed. Thank you to the two of you who voted yes. To the other three, I'm disappointed to say the least. But Josh says, momma, I'm not going to worry about it. I'm just going to continue to do my best. While I admire his tenacity and his determination to continue to work hard, as so many of our other students feel, this should not be the case. Our students at Hobbton High School should not continually be disappointed simply because this board does not put forth the funding that we need. We don't have a new school; there are new schools all over the county. We don't have a track; there are tracks at schools all over the county. How do I explain that to my son? How do we explain that to the children that are our future? I urge you to reconsideration your discussion and just bring Hobbton up to the status quo which is present at every other high school in the county.

Mike Wilson: The only thing I have to say is they're not asking for a lot. They're not asking for a \$35 million school; they're asking for 1% of that. The oldest high school in the county, and it's a disgrace for me to stand here and y'all not approve it.

After comments were received, Commissioner Kirby offered the following remarks:

I don't consider – I have never considered – any child unwanted or a stepchild. It is I who made the comment awhile back that I felt in my opinion – maybe I overstated – that Hobbton seemed to have been given the short end of the stick. If you recall over a year ago I made a motion to grant this – Mr. Parker and I. During my years at Clinton High School I participated in athletics. Many of you might know that I played football. Some of you might recall that I played basketball and baseball. Few of you would know that I participated in track and field. I was on the 440 relay team; I ran the 220 and the 100-yard dash. I also threw the shot put, the javelin and discus. Track and field was a very important part of Clinton City Schools, and it was extremely rewarding for me. I learned a great deal about life and about myself from participating in track and field. On Friday, October 28, 2016, I had the distinct honor and privilege of speaking with Ty Meyers, a junior at Hobbton High School. Ty is an exceptional young man. He is a member of the cross country team, baseball team as well as, a member of the Junior Leadership organization. I was extremely impressed with Ty. He demonstrated an uncanny maturity and clear articulation on the subject matter of the track, that was superior to the adults that I'd spoken to on the issue. In short, while many adults were expressing extremely mean-spirited, hateful, and childish sentiments on the Internet and social media outlets, Ty contacted my office and scheduled an appointment and spoke with me like an adult. His email to me and his conversations with my office were extremely mature and sober. A lot of the individuals, perhaps some even in this room tonight, who are adults, could learn an awful lot from this very nice young man. Ty told me about the need for the track, for personal reasons. He went on to explain, in detail, how the track would be beneficial to the whole community. I must admit that I did hear from another adults about the purposes beyond the track team. But Ty's explanation was especially enlightening. He talked about the safety and security for ordinary families utilizing the track during off hours for health and well-being. He spoke of teachers possibly utilizing the track before or after school. The most important take away from my meeting with Ty Meyers was the unmistakable excitement that I saw in his eyes at the thought of having a track that would serve as Hobbton's "home field" during the track events scheduled for home. I saw a lot of myself in the eyes of Ty. I remembered how good I felt running track and playing football at the Dark Horse Stadium. In my thoughts of those high school days, I could not imagine playing home events at any location other than Clinton High School. How can we now deny the children at Hobbton High School this incredible feeling of pride? How can we possibly take away the joy and exhilaration that they necessarily would have by walking out onto their own home track? Ty is not the only kid who would have great joy and pleasure in having his or her own home field. The interest in track and field at Hobbton is astounding, compared to other schools in our county. It is my understanding that approximately 60 to 70 kids came out to participate in track and field last year! That is absolutely amazing. The team has produced several athletes to compete on the state level. That weighs extremely heavy in my mind. In high school, I was all conference, all East, and all-State. Receiving those honors were not entirely about me. It was a reflection of our team, our school, and our community. It was a reflection of our coaches, teachers, and those who supported us. I remember how I felt and can only imagine how my coach, Bobby G. Robinson felt when they told us that I was all-State football and was given an opportunity to participate in the Shrine Bowl game, where the top athletes in North and South Carolina play each other in Charlotte, North Carolina. That really was not about Albert Kirby, but rather it was about Clinton High School athletics, which included the Boosters Club and the mothers, fathers, parents who supported our team. As a former athlete, a former track and field participant, it is impossible for me to overlook the request of the children of Hobbton High School. With respect to spending, no one will debate or disagree with the fact that we are a poor rural county with limited resources. Nobody on this board will disagree with the fact that the taxes in our county are too high. I'm sure that many will agree that there's a need to limit spending, especially wasteful spending. But this is not wasteful spending. Let me

explain to you why it is not. It's not wasteful spending because you cannot put a price on the faces of those young ones when they walk out onto their very own track; let me emphasize their own track. When there's a home track and field event and the location is their very own track field, well that is priceless. This is one of those situations where we are going to have to simply make a way.

Mr. Kirby then noted that it was for this reason that he made a motion regarding the approval of funding for completing the track at Hobbton High School. He noted that he understood the school had some funds available (\$100,000 - \$150,000) for the track and moved that the Board cover the difference in the monies needed to fund the construction of the track, the estimates he understood being between \$350,000 - \$400,000. An unidentified representative in the audience noted that the estimate they had been given was near \$600,000, but they thought the bids would be under that. An additional \$250,000 was needed, the representative offered. Staff noted that the motion must appropriate a specific amount of money. Commissioner Wooten stated that if the motion was amended to the original request of \$150,000, he would second the motion. It was discussed that this would not be enough to fund the project. Commissioner Kirby withdrew his motion and yielded the floor to Commissioner Wooten.

Commissioner Wooten noted that he had also met with Ty Meyer on the need for the track, and he was an amazing young man. Commissioner Wooten noted the passion of the coach and youth that had been present, and there was no way that he could find himself to do anything other than support what was asked for. He stated that he had received a lot of hate mail and "nastygrams"; however, he would put that aside because that was no way to get anything done. He stated he was going to be man enough to admit he was wrong and to put the hateful things that were said aside. He stated he would support what was originally asked for if it were put into a motion. He noted, however, that this request was not the Board of Commissioners' job. The Board of Education did not discuss it in an open meeting, and they did not vote on it, he added, but he was not going to stand in the way of people like Ty Meyer, Lakelynn Bass and the other people who spoke, having - as someone eloquently put it - the tools to do what they need to do.

Vice Chairperson Sue Lee also noted that she too had been the recipient of rather nasty things. She stated that she honestly believed the request should come through the Sampson County School Board. She stated that Hobbton was just a deserving as any other school, and she wanted to see them get their track as the kids deserved the track. But, she stated, there was a right way to do things, and the request should have come through the school board. She stated that the Board of Commissioners were not charged with finding the funding to do this; the method was flawed.

Commissioner Kirby stated that after discussing with the Chairman and other Board members, he moved that the Board grant the school what was originally requested (\$150,000). Staff suggested that the motion be to approve the budget amendment that was on the previous month's agenda as it specified the actual funding accounts. Commissioner Kirby amended the motion to be that the budget amendment from the previous agenda (noted below) in the amount of \$150,000 be approved. Chairman Lockamy seconded the motion, and it passed 4-1 (Vice Chairperson Sue Lee voting nay).

EXPENDITURE		County Schools Capital Outlay		
<u>Code Number</u>		Description (Object of Expenditure)	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11659140	555030	Category I	150,000.00	
19959140	582096	Transfer to General Fund	150,000.00	
REVENUE				
<u>Code Number</u>		Source of Revenue	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11035914	409612	Trans from 1/2 cent sales tax reserve	150,000.00	
19932320	409900	Fund balance approp	150,000.00	

It was stated that this approval did not preclude the request for additional funds coming, as appropriate, through the school board.

Closed Session

Upon a motion made by Chairman Lockamy and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to go into Closed Session pursuant to GS 143-318.11(a)(3) for consultation with the County Attorney on a potential legal matter relating to a department's request for payment of overtime for an exempt employee. No action was taken in Closed Session. The Board returned to the Auditorium, and upon a motion made by Chairman Lockamy and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, voted unanimously to come out of Closed Session.

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Chairman Lockamy and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Billy C. Lockamy, Chairman

Susan J. Holder, Clerk to the Board

Officer

Memo

To:	David Clack, Finance Officer
From:	Juanita Brewington, Purchasing & Contracting
Date:	November 21, 2016

Re: Surplus Real Property – Ruffin Lane

On November 2, 2016, we received a request to open the bidding process for surplus real estate located on Ruffin Lane, McDaniel Township. The offer is in the amount of \$2,600.00 and a bid deposit of 5% (\$130.00) was included with the offer.

This is a one-half (1/2) acre tract of land that was acquired by the County through tax foreclosure as surplus and authorized sale by upset bid, setting a minimum bid of \$2,600.00 at the September 12, 2016 Board of Commissioners meeting.

The 2016 tax assessment lists this parcel with a value of \$2,915.00. Attached are a map of the property and the tax assessment.

Pursuant to GS 160A-269, the Board may receive, solicit, or negotiate an offer to purchase and advertise it for upset bids. When an offer is made and the Board proposes to accept it, the Board shall require the five percent (5%) bid deposit and shall publish a notice of the offer. If within 10 days of publication of the offer, no one has raised the bid by no less than ten percent (10%) of the first thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and five percent (5%) of the remainder and provided the County with a five percent (5%) bid deposit, the Board may accept the offer and sell the property to the highest bidder. If the bid is raised, the process must be repeated until no further qualifying upset bids are received, and at that time the Board may accept the offer and sell the property to the highest bidder. The Board may at any time reject any and all offers.

We respectfully request that the Board adopt the attached resolution accepting the offer. Upon adoption of the attached resolution we will prepare the advertisement for upset bids which will be ready for publication on December 8, 2016.

RESOLUTION OF THE SAMPSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROPOSING TO ACCEPT AN OFFER TO PURCHASE CERTAIN REAL ESTATE PURSUANT TO GS 160A-269

Be it resolved that the Sampson County Board of Commissioners proposes to accept the offer of Mr. Johnny Elkins and wife, Alice Elkins to purchase that parcel of land owned by Sampson County consisting of approximately one-half (1/2) acre, located on Ruffin Lane, McDaniel Township identified as Sampson County Parcel Identification Number 09082806001. The terms of this proposed sale are for \$2,600 cash, subject to the upset bid procedure of G.S. 160A-269.

Be it further resolved that notice shall be published that any person may raise the bid by not less than 10% of the first \$1,000 and 5% of the remainder. Any person increasing the bid shall deposit 5% of the increased bid with the Clerk to the Board and the clerk shall re-advertise the offer at the increased bid. This process shall continue until no further qualifying bids are received.

The Board may at any time reject any and all offers.

Adopted at a regular meeting held December 5, 2016.

Sampson County Board of Commissioners By:

, Chairman

Attest:

Susan J. Holder, Clerk to the Board



RESOLUTION APPROVING LEASE OF AGRICULTURAL TRACTS

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 160A-272 provides that any property owned by a local government may be leased or rented for such terms and upon such conditions as the governing body may determine if the governing body determines that the property is not needed for the term of the lease; and

WHEREAS, the County owns a certain parcel of land identified as Tract 1, containing 12.57 acres, more or less, and all of that certain parcel of land identified as Tract 2, containing 8.86 acres, more or less, as shown on the map entitled Sampson County "Britt Property" dated June 28, 2005 by Owen Surveying, Incorporated and recorded in May Book 53, Page 77, Sampson County Registry; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kenneth Mac Sutton (Lessee) has indicated a desire to lease the afore-mentioned property for the term of January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017 for farming purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the property is not needed for the requested lease term of January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Sampson hereby authorizes the County Manager to enter into a lease of the afore-mentioned property with the Lessee for the period January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017 at a lease rate of \$1,700, which is calculated at the rate of \$100 per acre for the 17 farmable acres located on the land described herein.

ADOPTED this 5th day of December, 2016.

Chairman

ATTEST:

Clerk to the Board

Fax 910-592-1227

То:	Ed Causey, County Manager
From:	Jim Johnson, Tax Administrator
Date:	November 21, 2016
Subject:	Disabled Veteran Exclusion
	(GS 105-277.1c)

The attached disabled veteran exclusion application was received after June 1, 2016. After that date, the Board of Commissioners must approve the application.

The applicant is as follows:

Katherine N. Hobson (Widow)

A letter is submitted requesting approval of the late application.

The application meets the statutory requirements for the disabled veteran exclusion other than being timely filed. The late application was received on November 17, 2016.

Please put on the next Board of Commissioners consent agenda for their action.

November 17, 2016

Sampson County Board of Commissioners Rowan Road Clinton, North Carolina 28328

RE: Steve R. Hobson

Dear Commissioners:

I am the widow of a deceased Total and Permanently Disabled Veteran Honorably Discharged that served in the Military Vietnam Era.. I am receiving Widow's Compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for disabilities that my husband received while in service. I was just awarded DIC due to my husbands death being rated service connected. I was informed that because my husband's award was effective November 1, 2015 that I might be eligible for the Property Tax Exclusion. I would like to request that my application be considered for this year's tax. I made the application through the Sampson County Veterans Office as soon as I was made aware of the possible Property Tax exclusion. I have just received the application from the Regional Office in Winston-Salem, NC. and presented it to the Sampson County Tax Office for consideration.

Thank you for your consideration and I wait anxiously for your decision.

Sincerely,

Katherine N. Hohoon

Katherine N. Hobson 12723 Dunn Road Autryville, North Carolina 28318

NCDVA-9 For best delivery to USDVA, filing this form	n with your local veteran's service office	is recommended.
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TITLE OF USDVA CERTIFYING OFFICIAL NC Division of Veterans Affairs authorizes the NC Dep	artment of Revenue and any County Is	X Office to use this form as needed.

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JIM JOHNSON

Tax Administrator

Telephone 910-592-8146 910-592-8147

SAMPSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 406 COUNTY COMPLEX ROAD, BUILDING C CLINTON, NORTH CAROLINA 28328

Pursuant to North Carolina G. S. 105-381, I hereby den Sampson County against the property owned by	nand refund and remission of taxes assessed and collected by Bridget Michelle Tew
in	Township, Sampson County, for
the year(s) and in the amount(s) of:	
QOIS \$_	141.90
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TOTAL REFUND \$	141.96
These taxes were assessed th	rough clerical error as follows.
Bill# 0032355312 CKB 2530 Tag Turned in (Repo) 2013 GMC	Go2 County Tax 128:00 School Tax
Yours very truly <u>XBrudget</u> Michelle Jew Taxpayer Social Security # Xe	Mailing Address. <u>Bridget M. Tew</u> <u>530 SAVANNAH Hill Rd.</u> <u>DUNN NC 28334</u>
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the year(s) and in the amount(s) of:	formenip, dampeen eeuniy, ei
YEAR VEAR	\$\$\$
TOTAL REFUND	\$ 179.Ley
These taxes were asses	sed through clerical error as follows.
Bill # 0030820205 CKK 3528 Tas Turn in (Totalled) 2012 KiA	GOI County Tax 98.11 School Tax Fire Tax COT City Tax 81.55 TOTAL \$ 179.66
Yours very truly X Cystal A. A. Taxpayer	Mailing Address. X PO BOX/606 Rosebond, AC
Social Security # <u>K</u> RECOMMEND APPROVAL; Sampson County Tax Administrator	Board Approved Date Initials 50

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in		Township, Sampson County, for
the year(s) and in the amount(s) of:		
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	y demand refund and remission of taxes assessed and collected by <u>Clayton Channing Rich</u>
Sampson County against the property owned by _	
the year(s) and in the amount(s) of:	
YEAR	\$214,40
	\$
	\$
	\$
TOTAL REFUND	\$ <u> </u>
These taxes were assess	ed through clerical error as follows.
BilH 0010192858	COI County Tax (09.56
BMY 3043	School TaxO, OO
Tag Turned in (Repo)	COY City Tax 95.04
Tas Turned in (Repo) 2013 Toyo FA	TOTAL\$ 21460
	Mailing Address.
Yours very truly	PD BOX 333
Clauton C. Rich	- Garland NC 28441
Social Security #	
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for phones	Date Initials
Sampson County Tax Administrator	

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Township, Sampson County, for

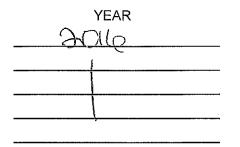
SAMPSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 406 COUNTY COMPLEX ROAD, BUILDING C CLINTON, NORTH CAROLINA 28328

Members:

Pursuant to North Carolina G. S. 105-381, I hereby demand refund and remission of taxes assessed and collected by Sampson County against the property owned by <u>SPSP</u>, <u>Hcull</u>

the year(s) and in the amount(s) of:

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TOTAL REFUND

\$<u> 773,55</u>

These taxes were assessed through clerical error as follows.

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602 County Tax 337.01 School Tax ______ 20Fire Tax ____<u>36,54</u> City Tax ____ TOTAL \$ 373.55

Mailing Address.

357 Martin Rd. -odwin. NC 28344

Board Approved _

Date

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Members:

Pursuant to North Carolina G. S. 105-381, I hereby demand refund and remission of taxes assessed and collected by

Sampson County against the property owned by Matthew Konald Barrisk Township, Sampson County, for

_____ in _____ the year(s) and in the amount(s) of:

YEAR

\$ 228,	94
\$ 13,	00
\$ 	
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TOTAL REFUND

241.94

These taxes were assessed through clerical error as follows.

Bill# 0018821484 TAG # WZJ6725 -2013 grup

Bill # 00335-78614

(50)_ County Tax _____ 205,43_ School Tax 23.51 F21 Fire Tax _____ City Tax TOTAL \$

Mailing Address.

Board Approved

Box 9546 ΨO FayeHeville, NC 28311

Social Security # ____

Yours very truly

Taxpayer

Date

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Sampson County against the property owned by in $\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \$	ercy <u>C</u> <u>Keene</u> Township, Sampson County, for
the year(s) and in the amount(s) of:	
\$	117.33
TOTAL REFUND \$	117,33
These taxes were assessed th	TT-
2010 Chev Totaled to Tag Surrendered TAG # ZVW6973	CO2 County Tax <u>64.07</u> School Tax Fire Tax TO7 City Tax <u>53.26</u> TOTAL \$ <u>117.33</u>
	Mailing Address.
Yours very truly <u>X herry C. Keane</u> Taxpayer	Percy C. Keene 509 N Pine St Roseborg NC 28382
Social Security #	Loseboro, NC V3502
RECOMMENDAPPROVAL:	Board Approved Date Initials 55

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SAMPSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 406 COUNTY COMPLEX ROAD, BUILDING C CLINTON, NORTH CAROLINA 28328	
Members:	
Pursuant to North Carolina G. S. 105-381, I hereby der Sampson County against the property owned by in	nand refund and remission of taxes assessed and collected by
the year(s) and in the amount(s) of:	
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Yours very truly X Marie White Weller Taxpayer	X 602 Casper Rd Dur NC 28334
Social Security # RECOMMEND APPROVAD: Sampson County Tax Administrator	Board Approved Date Initials

Members:

Pursuant to North Carolina G. S. 105-381, I hereby	demand a release	and adjustment of taxes asse	assed
by Sampson County against the property owned by	Frank	Sindair	
$(1)^{(1)}$		County, for the year(s) and in	the
amount(s) of:			

Year\$\$\$	154.49
\$	
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Total Release/Adjustment \$	154.49
Gol County Tax	\$ 140.14
School Tax	\$
F14 _{Fire Tax}	\$ 14.35
City Tax	\$
Total	\$ 154.49

The taxes were assessed through clerical error or an illegal tax as follows: XTW removed from lot in late 2013 -per Vander bitt. Angela Sanderson has physically viewed property + no DW insite -

Taxpayer:

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Board Approved:

Tax Administrator:

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Date

Members:

Pursuant to No	orth Carolina G. S. 105-38	81, I hereb	y dema	nd a rele	ase and adjustn	nent of taxes assessed	1
by Sampson Co	ounty against the proper	ty owned l	by <u> </u>	4N	Nails	#190117	
in	Nc				on County, for tl	he year(s) and in the	
amount(s) of:							
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		_ ¢	5				
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		_ \$	5				
	Total Release/Adjustm	ent \$	5				
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		School Ta	ах	\$	P		
		Fire Tax 6	F 19	\$	19.42		
		City Tax		\$			
		Total		\$	80.61		

The taxes were assessed through clerical error or an illegal tax as follows:

Billed on	wrong account	t and wrong	codes, Rebilling
to corre	ct account an	d correcting	codes, Rebilling Codes.

Taxpayer:

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Tax Administrator:

Board Approved:

Initials

Date

Members:

Pursuant to North Carolina G. S. 105-381, I hereby demand a release and adjustment of taxes assessed
by Sampson County against the property owned by Ricky L Lee, gr.
in W15+brook Township, Sampson County, for the year(s) and in the
amount(s) of:

Year 2016	\$	220	.46
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	\$		
	\$		
Total Release/Adjustment	\$	22	
60/County	Тах	\$	196.75
School	Гах	\$	
For Fire Tax	ζ	\$	23.71
City Tax	ć	\$	
Total		\$	220.46

The taxes were assessed through clerical error or an illegal tax as follows:

19-0606160-02 - Home removed Sw placed m lot in 2011 4

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Tax Administrator:

Board Approved:

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COUNTY OF SAMPSON BUDGET AMENDMENT

November 23, 2016

MEMO:

FROM: David K. Clack, Finance Officer

TO: Sampson County Board of Commissioners

VIA: County Manager & Finance Officer

SUBJECT: Budget Amendment for fiscal year 2016-2017

1. It is requested that the budget for the JCPC Programs be amended as follows:

Expenditure Account Code	Description (Object of Expenditure)	Increase	Decrease
05558310-581000	Transfer to State agency	14,438.00	

	Revenue Account Code	Source of Revenue	Increase	Decrease
	05435831-409900	FBA Administration	2,664.00	
	05435831-409903	FBA Youth Inspire	5,149.00	
	05435831-409905	FBA Juvenile Innovations	2,000.00	
	05435831-409902	FBA Restitution/Teen Court	4,625.00	
2	Poppon(a) for the above	request is large as follows:	,	

 Reason(s) for the above request is/are as follows: To budget funds to pay State back the unexpended grant funds from the previous fiscal year.

(Signature of Department Head)

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COUNTY OF SAMPSON BUDGET AMENDMENT

MEMO:

November 23, 2016

FROM: David K. Clack, Finance Officer

Sampson County Board of Commissioners TO:

VIA: County Manager & Finance Officer

Budget Amendment for fiscal year 2016-2017 SUBJECT:

1. It is requested that the budget for the Single Family Rehabilitation Grant Program be amended as follows: Expenditure Account Code

Pontanare Account code	Description (Object of Expenditure)	Increase	D .
29549420-519049	Administration	mcrease	Decrease
29549420-562004		35,970.00	
_00.00.20002004	Rehabilitation	135,000.00	

Revenue Account Code	Source of Revenue	Increase	_
29034942-403614	Grapt NC Housing Finan	millease	Decrease
	Grant NC Housing Finance	170,970.00	

2. Reason(s) for the above request is/are as follows:

To fund the rehabilitation of 3 additional units with additional grant funding NC Housing Finance.

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406 County Complex Road, Clinton, N.C. 28328 Post Office Box 257, Clinton, N.C. 28329 Telephone: 910-592-7181 extension 2256 Fax: 910-592-1945





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To:David Clack, Finance OfficerFrom:Juanita Brewington, Purchasing & Contracting OfficerDate:November 18, 2016Re:Single Family Rehab Program (SFR14)

Sampson County was been approved for an additional three units in the amount of \$170,970. With these additional units, the County will have assisted a total of 10 homeowners with rehabilitation to their homes through funding from the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency (NCHFA) in the amount of \$568,930.

Attached are the NCHFA approved Loan Application and Reservation Request forms for the final three units. The projected assistance for each unit is \$56,990 with \$11,990 being for soft cost (29549420-519049) and the remaining \$45,000 for rehabilitation (29549420-562004).

COUNTY OF SAMPSON BUDGET AMENDMENT

MEMO:		_		15-Nov-16	
FROM:		Sheriff Jimmy Thornton	D	ate	
TO:	Sampson County Board of Commissioners				
VIA:	A: County Manager & Finance Officer				
SUBJECT:	ECT: Budget Amendment for fiscal year 2016-2017				
1. It is requested	ed that the b	oudget for the SHERIFF'S		Department	
be amended as	follows:			•	
Expenditure	Account	Expenditure Account Description	Increase	Decrease	
11243100-526279		DEPT SUPPLIES - NARCOTICS SQUAD	19,200.00		

Revenue Account	Revenue Account Description	Increase	Decrease
11034310-403631	STATE SUBSTANCE ABUSE TAX	19,200.00	

2. Reason(s) for the above request is/are as follows:

To budget funds purchase less lethal munitions for drug search warrants; to purchase an enclosed cargo trailer for transporting equipment; drug canine supplies; spare radio for drug surveillance vehicle; and evidence room. camera system.

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COUNTY OF SAMPSON BUDGET AMENDMENT

MEMO:

November 23, 2016

- FROM: David K. Clack, Finance Officer
 - TO: Sampson County Board of Commissioners
 - VIA: County Manager & Finance Officer
- SUBJECT: Budget Amendment for fiscal year 2016-2017
- 1. It is requested that the budget for the Finance Department be amended as follows:

Expenditure Account Code	Description (Object of Expenditure)	Increase	Decrease
11141300-599900	Disaster relief	100,000.00	

Revenue Account Code	Source of Revenue	Increase	Decrease
11033010-402605	Federal FEMA funds	100,000.00	

 Reason(s) for the above request is/are as follows: To budget anticipated funds from FEMA to pay for Shelter costs and other disaster related costs.

(Signature of Department Head)

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#3 BUDGET AMENDMENT SAMPSON COUNTY BOARD EDUCATION Capital Outlay Special Projects

The Sampson County Board of Education at a meeting on the 21st of November passed the following resolution.

Be it resolved that the following amendments be made to the Budget Resolution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. From:

4.9100.077.461.376.003	SES-Replace Intercom	Total	\$ 10,000.00 10,000.00
To: 4.9100.077.461.376.004	SES-PRE K Playground	Total	\$ 10,000.00 10,000.00

Passed by the majority vote of the Board of Education of Sampson County on the 21" day of November 2016

Chairman, Board of Education Secretary, Board of Education

We, the Board of County Commissioner of Sampson County hereby approve the changes in the County School Budget as indicated above and have made entry of these changes on the minutes of said Board, this November day of _____2016.

Chairman, Board of Commissioners

County Manager

Approved_____Disapproved_____

CapitalOutlay amendment#3

SAMPSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ITEM ABSTRAC	CT	T ITEM NO. 6		
Meeting Date: Decem	ıber 5, 2016	Information O Report/Preser X Action Item Consent Agen	ntation	Public Comment Closed Session Planning/Zoning Water District Issue
SUBJECT:	Consideration of Tax	<pre>c Appeals</pre>		
DEPARTMENT(s):	Board of Commissio	ners		
PUBLIC HEARING:	No			
CONTACT PERSON:	Edwin W. Causey, C Jim Johnson, Tax Ad	2 0		
PURPOSE:	To consider taxpaye business personal pr	r appeals of penalties operty	assessed for fail	lure to timely list
ATTACHMENTS:	Appeal Requests and	d Tax Billings		
BACKGROUND:	Assessments and billings have been issued as a result of business personal property compliance reviews. The following individuals have requested an adjustment of the penalties applied to their accounts, pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes, for failure to timely list their business personal property. The Board has previously voted to require the appeal to be made in person (or by a designated representative).			
	Barefoot, Joseph Gle	nn (Tax \$8,963.19 + <u>Per</u>	<u>nalty \$1,899.51</u> = \$	510,862.70)
	Franklin Lindsay Farms (Tax \$6,826.95 + <u>Penalty \$1,973.88</u> = \$8,800.83)			
	Herring, Robert H. (Tax \$4,059.96 + <u>Penalty</u>	<u>\$1,145.38</u> = \$5,20	5.34)
	Hobbs and Peterson	Farms (Tax \$7,657.87 -	+ <u>Penalty \$2,479.2</u>	<u>3</u> = \$10,137.10)
	Nature's Way Farms	s (Tax \$66,204.57 + <u>Pena</u>	<u>alty \$20,522.95</u> = \$	86,727.52)
	Tyndall, Gregory Sc	ott (Tax \$9,903.22 + <u>Per</u>	<u>1111 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12</u>	12,937.35)
RECOMMENDED ACTION OR MOTION:	Allow each citizen o individually	pportunity to request	t adjustment and	l consider each appeal

Date: 11 - 10-16

Glenn Bare-foot 28334

Account #____07739

Sampson County Board of Commissioners,

A compliance review was recently completed on my business personal property account with the Sampson County Tax Office. I respectfully request an adjustment of the penalties applied to my account for failure to timely list my assets. I fully understand that I must appear before the Sampson County Board of Commissioners at a date to be determined to be considered for a relief or adjustment of any penalties.

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phone # 910-892-9173 - Home 919-902-3212 cell

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PERFECTION BUSINESS FORMS & SYSTEMS - GOLDSBORO, NC 27532 FM. NO. 13-9758

Date: November 15, 2016

Franklin Lindsay Farms Inc. 2560 Five Bridge Rd Clinton NC 28328

Account # 178359

Sampson County Board of Commissioners,

A compliance review was recently completed on my business personal property account with the Sampson County Tax Office. I respectfully request an adjustment of the penalties applied to my account for failure to timely list my assets. I fully understand that I must appear before the Sampson County Board of Commissioners at a date to be determined to be considered for a relief or adjustment of any penalties.

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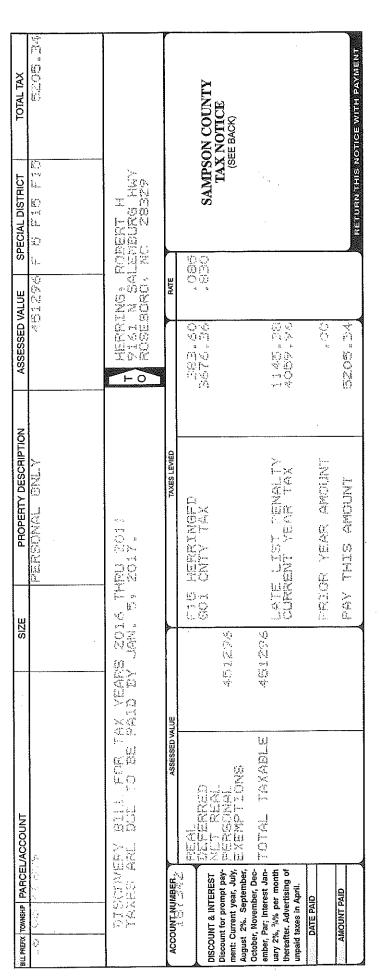
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Date: 1 - 16 - 16

Hobbs & Peterson Farms Inc. 894 Enoch Rd Clinton NC 28328

Account # 191999

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Please return this before Monday at moon November 21st so I can get you on the agenda has December Thank for Carrie Cooper

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NATURE'S WAY FARMS, INC.

7795 Suttontown Rd. • Faison, N. C. 28341 910-594-0096 • Fax 910-594-0419 E-mail • mark@nwfarms.net

November 9, 2016

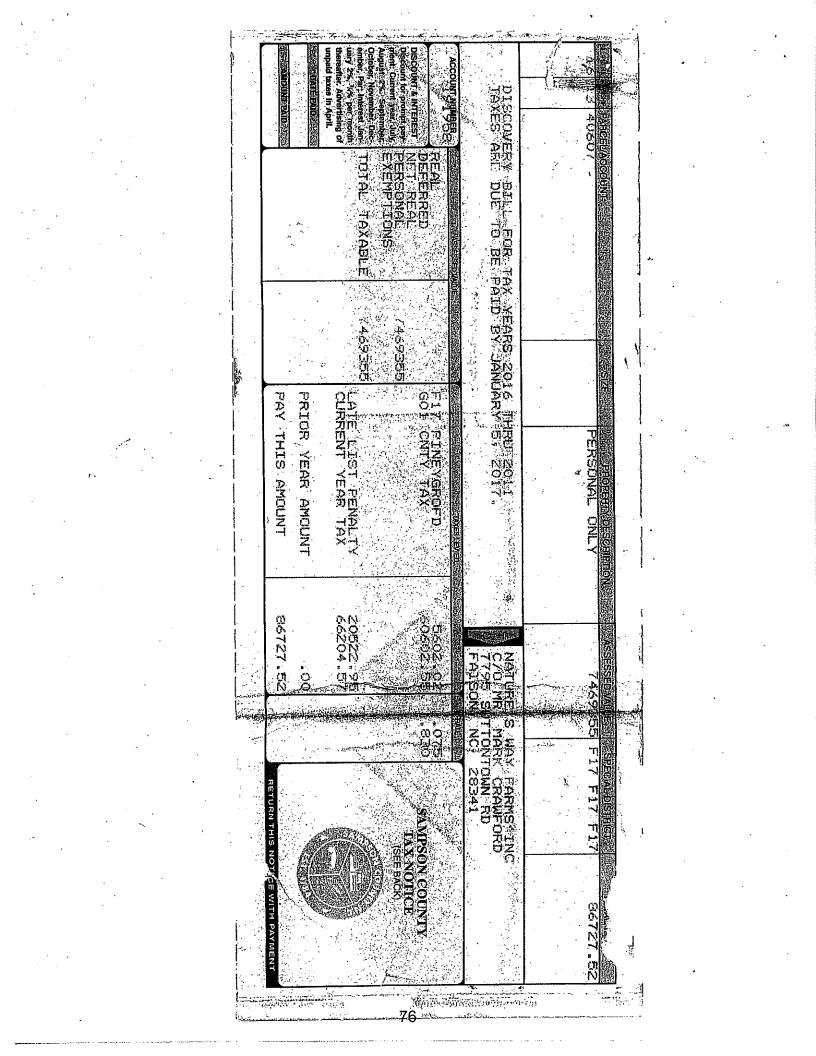
Tax Assessing P O Box 1082 Clinton, North Carolina 28329

I would like to ask the Sampson County Tax Administration for consideration of relief for the late list penalty. I regret that the business property was not listed. I always paid the real estate and building taxes on time and did not think about the listing of the packing equipment. As a small business owner my understanding of business personal property was limited and thus I unintentionly did not list the property.

The accounting staff is now aware of this oversight and any yearly equipment additions and deletions will be submitted in a timely manner.

Your consideration in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely Aurray G Crawford Nature's Way Farms, Inc



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SAMPSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS							
ITEM ABSTRACT		ITEM NO. 7					
Meeting Date:	December 5, 2016	x Information Only Report/Presentation Action Item Consent Agenda	Public Comment Closed Session Planning/Zoning Water District Issue				

INFORMATION ONLY

For all Board Information items, please contact the County Manager's Office if you wish to have additional information on any of the following.

- a. UNC SOG Opportunities for Ethics Training
- b. NCACC/NC Council of Community Programs' The Stepping Up Initiative (Reducing the Number of People with Mental Illness in Jail)



ETHICS FOR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

North Carolina law requires the governing boards of cities and counties to receive ethics training within 12 months after each election or re-election to office. Some common questions asked by elected officials:

- Can I accept gifts under \$25?
- Can I vote to award a contract to a company owned by a family member?
- Can I recuse myself from voting in order to avoid the appearance of impropriety?

Learn the answers to these and other ethics-related questions by attending one of the training opportunities listed below. Each course contains a two-hour ethics session, but you must attend the entire course. The webinars are two-hour ethics sessions only.

This series of training opportunities is repeated annually—for either municipal or county officials—following each election cycle.

For more information, visit **www.sog.unc.edu** or contact **Carolyn Boggs**, program manager, at boggs@sog.unc.edu or 919.966.4157.

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Ethics for County Commissioners **ON-DEMAND WEBINAR**

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Frayda Bluestein Professor of Public Law and Government



Lecturer in Public Law and Government

The School of Government provides ethics training for city and county governing board members in collaboration with the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners and the North Carolina League of Municipalities.



NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

NC Council of Community Programs Conference and Exhibition

Pre-Conference Session Tuesday, December 6, 2016, 1:00 – 4:15 p.m. Carolina Hotel and Resort, Pinehurst, NC



The Community & LME/MCO Role in Reducing the Number of People with Mental Illness in Jail

Co-Sponsored by the County Commissioners Association in NC



The number of people with mental illness in jails (three-quarters of them also with substance use problems) has reached crisis levels. Counties across the nation—and North Carolina—now has more people with mental illnesses in jail than in our psychiatric hospitals. The human toll of this problem and its cost to taxpayers is staggering. Jails spend two to three times more money on adults with mental illnesses that require intervention than on those without those needs, yet often do not see improvements to public safety or these individuals' health.

Stepping Up: A National Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails was launched May 2015 by the National Association of Counties, the Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center and the American Psychiatric Foundation. **Stepping Up** asks counties to an action plan that makes more efficient use of budgets, promotes access to treatment and support services, and encourages research based practices in jails and in the community. At last count, 25 NC counties have passed resolutions to sign onto this effort, and support for **Stepping Up** was included in the Report from the Governor's Task Force on Mental Illness and Substance Use.

Now what? How do public LME/MCOs and providers partner with their local communities to build on this initiative? What are other counties doing to change the culture from incarceration to treatment? This half-day preconference brings together national experts, community advocates, providers, LME/MCO staff and board members, and county officials to learn and discuss these challenges and gain an understanding of the national issue and how our state's public mental health system can step up to help with the solutions.

Course Objectives:

- Describe the growing trend of people with mental illness and addictions in jail in terms of the human toll, numbers, and costs to society.
- Discuss how the Stepping Up Initiative is gaining traction and awareness in NC and its place in the Sequential Intercept Model
- Describe ways other counties are forging community partnerships and collaborations that are leading to changes in their service array and identify three ideas that could work in their communities.

Speakers: Richard Cho, Behavioral Health Director, The Council of State Governments Justice Center; **Dave Peterson**, Central Regional Director, Trillium Health Resources; **Bob Kurtz, PhD**, Program Manager, NC Division of MH/DD/SAS, Justice Systems; **Robin Huffman**, Executive Director, NC Psychiatric Association, Tim Britt, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Alamance County, to be named 2 county representatives using the Stepping Up Program.

By attending, county commissioners receive credits toward recognition for their commitment to lifelong learning through the Local Elected Leaders Academy (LELA) Recognition Program, a partnership between the NC Association of County Commissioners, UNC School of Government and NC League of Municipalities. For more information, visit <u>www.ncacc.org/LELA</u>.

Registration and additional conference details are available at <u>www.nc-</u> <u>council.org/december-conference/</u> or contact <u>jean@nc-council.org</u>.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REGARING PUBLIC COMMENT

A period reserved for comments from the public on topics not otherwise included on that evening's agenda will be included as an item of business on all agendas of regularly-scheduled Board of Commissioners meetings and shall be deemed the "Public Comment" segment of the agenda. The Public Comment segment of the agenda will be placed at the end of the agenda, following the conclusion of all other open session business.

As with Public Hearings, the Chair (or presiding officer) will determine and announce limits on speakers at the start of the Public Comment period. Generally, each speaker will be allocated five (5) minutes. **Speakers may not allocate their time to another speaker**. The Chairman (or presiding officer) may, at his discretion, decrease this time allocation, if the number of persons wishing to speak would unduly prolong the meeting.

The Public Comment period shall not exceed a total of thirty (30) minutes unless the Board entertains a successful majority vote to extend this period.

An individual wishing to address the Board during the Public Comment period shall register with the Clerk to the Board prior to the opening of the meeting by signing his or her name, address and a short description of his or her topic on a sign-up sheet stationed in the lobby of the County Auditorium.

If time allows, those who fail to register before the meeting may speak during the Public Comment period. These individuals will speak following those who registered in advance. At this time in the agenda, an individual should raise his or her hand and ask to be recognized by the Board Chair (or presiding officer); and then state his or her name, address and introduce the topic to be addressed.

Items of discussion during the Public Comment segment of the meeting will be only those appropriate to Open Meetings. Closed Meeting topics include, but are not limited to, such subjects as personnel, acquisition of real property, and information protected by the clientattorney privilege. Closed Meeting subjects will not be entertained.

Because subjects of Special and Emergency Meetings are often regulated by General Statutes, there will be no Public Comments segment reserved on agendas of these meetings; however, Special and Emergency Meetings are open for public attendance.

The Public Comments segment of the agenda is intended to provide a forum for the Board of Community to listen to citizens; **there shall be no expectation that the Board will answer impromptu questions.** However, Board members, through the presiding officer, may ask the speaker questions for clarification purposes. The Board will not take action on an item brought up during the Public Comments segment of the agenda and, when appropriate, items will be referred to the Manager or the proper Department Head.