

**SAMPSON COUNTY,
NORTH CAROLINA**

March 4, 2013

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened for their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 2013 in the County Auditorium, 435 Rowan Road in Clinton, North Carolina. Members present: Chairman Billy Lockamy, Vice Chairman Jarvis McLamb, and Commissioners Albert D. Kirby, Jr., Harry Parker, and Jefferson Strickland.

The Chairman convened the meeting and called upon Commissioner Strickland for the invocation. Commissioner Kirby then led the Pledge Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kirby and seconded by Commissioner McLamb, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

Roads

Monthly Report - NCDOT Keith Eason, NCDOT Highway Engineer, was present to discuss various items. He reported that the Department's plans were to resurface Autry Mill Road (SR 1446) from SR 1005 Greenpath Road to US 13. The contract is underway, and work should begin April 1st. He also reported that the department was working on general maintenance activities at this time. Commissioner Strickland thanked him for the Department's response on litter picked up along Hwy 24 and asked if the Department had plans on the state level with regard to roadside litter. Mr. Eason discussed that April 13-27, 2013 would be the annual Litter Sweep. If anyone/group interested in participating should contact the DOT office or the County Administration Office for supplies. Chairman Lockamy voiced a concern about the need for signage indicating the 701 Bypass turn off. Mr. Easton stated that would check into it. Commissioner Parker stated he had some citizens concerns that he had previously discussed with Mr. Eason.

Chairman Lockamy recognized Lauren Miller and Lauren Johnson both enrolled in the Civics class at Clinton High School.

Item 1: Reports and Presentations

Recognition of Veterans Service Officer The Board recognized Veterans Service Officer Ann Knowles for her exemplary service in the assistance of a veteran who nearly lost his home.

Recognition of Retirees The Board presented plaques to retirees Katherine Brown, Frankie H. Waters, and Samuel L. Anders. Unable to attend were Jane Hollingsworth and Mark A. Lee.

Presentation of Audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2012 Bryon Scott of Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co., PA, reviewed the audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to provide audit services for Sampson County, and noted it was a pleasure it was to work with the Finance Officer and his staff. Mr. Scott presented a "draft" audit to the Board, explaining that the draft must be approved by the Local Government Commission before it can be approved by the Board. Mr. Scott briefly reviewed the major fund types, noting that fund balance was in a comfortable range. He noted no major deficiencies or material errors; the delay in audit completion and segregation of duties issues were being addressed by the Finance Officer. Chairman Lockamy called for a motion to approve the draft audit, but was asked by Mr. Scott to delay the vote until LGC approval was received and the final audit was presented.

Item No. 2: Action Items

Public Hearing - Naming of Private Roads The Chairman opened the public hearing and called upon David Clack who reviewed the recommendations of the Road Naming Committee. There were no other comments, and the hearing was closed. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Strickland and seconded Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to name the private roads as follows:

PVT 1292 384	Rosemary Lane
PVT N421 7677 164	Hyatt Haven Lane

Setting Dates for Special Work Sessions Regarding Sampson County Water Distribution System County Manager Ed Causey reminded the Board that during their recent planning session, Public Works Director Lee Cannady had requested that the Board schedule two work sessions regarding the County's water system - one to acquaint the Board with the system's history and current operations and a second to discuss the future development of the County's water resources. He recommended that the first meeting be scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on March 21, 2013 at the Public Works Office, noting that Mr. Cannady had offered to feed the group in advance of the meeting. It was suggested that the Board simply recess the meeting to that date at the night's conclusion.

Consideration of Amendment to Personnel Resolution - Residency Requirement for Department Heads County Manager Ed Causey reviewed the proposed amendment to the Personnel Resolution, prepared at the Board's request, which formalized the County's informal policy of requiring that department heads establish residency in the County. Upon a motion made by Commissioner McLamb and seconded by

Commissioner Parker , the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed amendment to the Personnel Resolution, which will be Section 16 of Article V: Conditions of Employment, as follows:

Section 16. *Residency Requirement for County Manager, Assistant County Manager, Clerk to the Board, Finance Officer, Deputy Finance Officer and Department Heads*

Personnel employed or appointed as County Manager, Assistant County Manager, Clerk to the Board, Finance Officer, Deputy Finance Officer or department heads will be required to establish and maintain residence in Sampson County during their tenure of employment in such positions. The term "residence", as used in this section, shall be construed to mean the actual living quarters which must be maintained within the County by an employee. Neither voting in the County nor payment of taxes of any kind by employee, by itself, shall be deemed adequate to satisfy the requirements of this section, nor shall the provisions of this section be satisfied by the maintaining of a rented room or rooms by an employee solely for the purpose of establishing residency when it appears that the employee's residence is outside the County. Ownership of real property within the County when not coupled with the maintenance of actual living quarters in the County, as herein required, shall be deemed insufficient to meet the requirements of this section.

- A. Non-county residents recruited and employed as County Manager, Assistant County Manager, Clerk to the Board, Finance Officer, Deputy Finance Officer or department head after the date of adoption of this section (March 4, 2013) will be required as a condition of employment to establish and maintain their actual bona fide residence within the boundaries of the County within 12-months of the date of their regular employment or appointment to a department head position.*
- B. Employment will be deemed conditional until legal residence is established in Sampson County. In the event of hardship in meeting the residency requirement, the Board of County Commissioners may in their discretion grant such additional time for establishing residence as they determine to be reasonable.*
- C. Personnel employed as County Manager, Assistant County Manager, Clerk to the Board, Finance Officer, Deputy Finance Officer or a department head currently residing in Sampson County as of the date of adoption of this section (insert date) will be required as a condition of employment to maintain residence in Sampson County during their tenure of employment as a department or agency head.*
- D. A change in legal residency to a location outside Sampson County by personnel holding the position of County Manager, Assistant County Manager, Clerk to the Board, Finance Officer, Deputy Finance Officer, or department head may constitute grounds for termination of employment, unless such change in residence is approved in advance by the Board of County Commissioners.*

Appointment - Adult Care Home CAC This item was tabled.

Appointment - Sampson County Planning Board Upon a motion by Commissioner McLamb and seconded by Commissioner Strickland, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Angela Marco to the Sampson County Planning Board.

Appointment - Sampson Area Transportation Board Upon a motion by Commissioner McLamb and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Pamela Gonzales to the Sampson Area Transportation Board.

Appointment- Transportation Advocacy Group Upon a motion by Commissioner McLamb and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Nash Johnson to the Transportation Advocacy Group and to establish the terms of appointment for the committee as two years.

Item No. 3: Consent Agenda

Upon a motion made by Commissioner McLamb and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a. Approved the minutes of the January 7, 2013 meeting
- b. Approved the renewal of the lease with the State Employees Credit Union for the parcel of land for the purpose of locating an ATM on the County Complex, deleting section 12 (renewal option), and amending sections 4 and 13 to change wording from present condition and former condition to "original" condition (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- c. Approved Revision #1 to Home and Community Block Grant Funding (FY 2012-2103) and subsequent budget amendment, as noted below (Copies of revision documents filed in Inc. Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Aging</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02558800	522100	Nutrition - Food Provision	1,832.00	
<u>REVENUE</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02035880	402300	Nutrition - USDA	266.00	
02035880	403601	Nutrition - State Grant Mid Carolina	1,566.00	

d. Approved a late land use application For Seven Mile, LLC

e. Approved tax refunds as follows:

#5606	Wilma Ratliff & Andres Martinez Chavez	\$374.04
#5620	Donald Hugh Lamm	\$423.51
#5629	Benjamin Santos, Jr.	\$446.69
#5633	Leon Eldridge Norris	\$223.40

f. Approved the following budget amendments:

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Health - TB-CDD, CD, PH&R, Gen Admin</u>	
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	
12551250	531100	Travel	Increase 1,647.95
12551100	531100	Travel	166.80
12551920	531100	Travel	Decrease 169.74
12551200	531100	Travel	Decrease 1,645.01

<u>REVENUE</u>			
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	
12535125	404000	State Assistance	Increase 1,647.95
12535110	404000	State Assistance	166.80
12535192	404000	State Assistance	Decrease 169.74
12535120	404000	State Assistance	Decrease 1,645.01

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Health/Adult Health</u>	
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	
12551510	519300	Medical Services	Decrease 300.00
12551110	519300	Medical Services	300.00

<u>REVENUE</u>			
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	
12535151	404000	State Assistance	Decrease 300.00
12535100	404000	State Assistance	300.00

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Health/Environmental Health</u>	
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	
12551810	531100	Travel	Increase 1,900.00

<u>REVENUE</u>			
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	
12535181	404081	Local	Increase 1,900.00

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Health/General Administration</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12551100	529901	Miscellaneous Expense	7,750.00	

<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12535110	404000	State Assistance	7,750.00	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Health/BCCP</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12551560	512100	Salaries	2,258.30	
12551560	518100	FICA	140.01	
12551560	518120	Medicare FICA	32.75	
12551560	518200	Retirement	152.21	
12551560	518901	401K	57.13	
12551560	526200	Dept Supplies	660.00	
12551560	519300	Medical Supplies	1,980.30	
12551560	531100	Travel	660.00	
12551560	529700	Lab Supplies	660.30	
12551010	512100	Salaries	2,258.30	
12551010	518100	FICA	140.01	
12551010	518120	Medicare FICA	32.75	
12551010	518200	Retirement	152.21	
12551010	518901	401K	57.13	
12551020	512100	Salaries		2,258.30
12551020	518100	FICA		140.01
12551020	518120	Medicare FICA		32.75
12551020	518200	Retirement		152.21
12551020	518901	401K		57.13

<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12535156	404000	State Assistance	6,601.00	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Rescue</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11243700	526200	Department Supplies	500.00	

<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11034370	408401	Donation from Citizen	500.00	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Aging</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02558790	526200	I/R - Dept. Supplies	1,410.00	
02558790	531100	I/R - Travel	300.00	
02559790	539500	I/R - Employee Training	290.00	
02228970	544000	I/R - Contracted Services	3,000.00	

<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02035879	403602	Mid Carolina - Health Promotion Grant	5,000.00	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Aging</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02558660	544000	PCII - Contracted Services	100.00	

<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02035866	408400	PCII - Program Income	100.00	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Vanns Crossroads FD</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
23243410	581021	Vanns Crossroads FD	5,000.00	

<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
23043421	499900	Fund Bal Appropriated	5,000.00	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>JCPC Programs</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
05558310	581000	Transfer to State Agency	7,652.00	

<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
05435831	409905	Fund Balance Approp Psychological	2,000.00	
05435831	409900	Fund Balance Approp Admin	1,026.00	
05435831	409902	Fund Balance Approp Restitution	4,626.00	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>SFR-11 Grant</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
29549350	562004	Housing Rehabilitation	140,000.00	
29549350	519050	Other Professional Services	9,407.00	
29549350	519049	Administration	14,275.00	

<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
29543935	403614	Grant-NC Housing Finance	163,682.00	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Airport Apron Rehabilitation</u>	
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>Decrease</u>
40981510	519500	Professional Services Engineering	140,000.00
40981510	519510	Professional Services Inspection Testing	25,000.00
40981510	559100	Construction	209,257.00

<u>REVENUE</u>			
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>Decrease</u>
40038151	404000	NCDOT Aviation Grant	336,831.00
40038151	403623	City of Clinton	18,713.00
40038151	409619	Capital Reserve Airport Improvements	18,713.00

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Cinton City Schools</u>	
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>Decrease</u>
11659110	550000	Unallocated Capital Outlay	86,823.00
11659110	555031	Category 2 Capital Outlay	68,277.00
11659110	555032	Category 3 Capital Outlay	18,546.00

Approved Clinton City Budget Amendments No. 1 (State Public School Fund) No. 1 (Current Expense Fund) No. 1 (Federal Programs Fund) as presented.

Item No. 4: Board Information

The following items were provided to the Board for information only:

- a. NCACC - 2013 District Meetings Announced
- b. NCACC - Legislative Bulletins, 2/15/2013 and 2/22/13

County Manager Reports

County Manager Ed Causey reviewed the upcoming schedule of meetings: the March 21 water meeting, Board of Equalizations & Review meetings beginning April 23,24 & 30 and a follow up meeting the first week of April on water. He also suggested scheduling a pre-budget work session in mid-April to provide updates and seek direction for budget preparation. He reported that department heads had been directed to submit their first draft of their budgets by March 15. These will be reviewed first for form, not content over the next two weeks not to evaluate the budget for content but to look at the form of preparation. He advised that budget information could be provided to the Board at any time, but the Board may wish to wait until preliminary recommendations are made on the departmental requests. He noted that the Board members were invited to sit in on any departmental budget meetings as they desired.

Public Comments

The following public comments were offered:

Mrs. Lethia Lee with the Harrell's Community Center respectfully submitted a proposal to the Sampson County Board of Commissioners for help support the building fund project. She stated that it was the object of the Center to support the culture needs of the senior citizens in our community. She noted that the building currently housed the Harrell's Nutrition Site, where twenty-five seniors participate in a variety of activities, workshop and educational programs. The proposal, she stated, seeks funding to purchase a roof for the building and to help with the funding of application for the organization's 501(3) c. Their mission, she explained was to provide senior adult programs in education, recreational and social programs and to promote wellness and life-long learning as well; to keep the senior citizens engaged in our community. She stated that they also have a special interest in the youth of the community. To reach their goal, she said, the committee was seeking a partnership with the Board of Commissioners, the volunteers and members. Ms. Lee provided the Board with information on the plans, board members, property deeds.

Commissioner Kirby asked if the roof was presently leaking, and Ms. Lee replied that there were some leaks.

Commissioner Strickland asked who actually owned the building, and Ms. Lee replied that it was owned by the Harrells Community Center.

Commissioner Kirby asked if the Community Center had already exhausted their resources, and Ms. Lee stated they had. Commissioner Kirby asked about citizen participation, and Ms. Lee responded that the participants can go on a daily basis, and the building currently houses the nutrition site. She added that once a month two other groups, the Eastern Star and Masons, meet there.

Commissioner Parker stated that he represented that district and was familiar with the property and place. He reported that he had visited and talked with the citizens of that area. He noted that he had also contacted Lorie Sutton, Aging Director, to express the concerns along with Ms. Lee's. He offered that the center was very much needed in that area because there is no other facility in that area. He noted that he had also spoken with the shelter manager, and she expressed concerns the center is needed to help with the nutritional needs of the senior citizens who attend to receive a meal. He expressed a desire for the Board to consider all the information and help those citizens.

Commissioner McLamb recalled that years ago the Board provided funding for quite a few community buildings, and there were probably some with the same problems. He noted that when the budgets began to be pretty tight, they had taken all that out of the budget. He asked if this was something that the Board would like to bring back in to cover all community buildings in the County.

Commissioner Kirby stated I see this as money well spent, and while he was fiscally conservative, he noted the purpose of government. He stated that this was very purpose, assisting senior citizens in an area where they are going to get a meal and doing activities to enhance their lives. When you are looking to be frugal, he stated, you look to see where there is best bang for your buck. He stated that he thought the board should take a look at it.

Commissioner Parker reiterated that trying to find a place in that area is impossible. He noted that all the were asking was help with the roof.

Commissioner Lockamy stated that the Board would it into consideration. Ms. Lee recognized the supporters of the group that were in attendance.

County Manager Ed Causey clarified that he had talked with Ms. Lee prior to the meeting. He noted that the Board could consider this request as an agenda item during a regular monthly meeting or could be saved as a budget item that could be discussed when the Board went into the budget deliberations.

Ms. Jean Bryson commented on the concerns of the bio-mass industry, noting that the Congressional Committee had in September allowed doctors and scientists present. She stated that now they would have a completely different picture. She also complimented the Tax Office for the prompt and courteous assistance she received while searching for information she needed to complete a bid and market based research.

Commissioner McLamb announced that he would be having eye surgery the next week. He also commented on the negative comments that had been made about Administration and the County Manager concerning Animal Control. He stated that Animal Control (Shelter) was costing \$400,000 - \$500,000 a year. He made two suggestions: 1) closing the Animal Shelter, so that each owner would take care of their own pets; and 2) charging a tax on animals like Cumberland County Animal Control - \$25.00 for unneutered animal and \$5.00 for neutered animal. If things did not change, he hoped he could get other members to do something. With regard to the bad statements made, if the County Manager wanted to take some action, he would be with him 100%. Chairman Lockamy stated that he and Commissioner Kirby had met with members of the animal welfare groups. Commissioner Kirby stated that while passions run high and being uncivilized was not helpful, it was his hope that the energy could

be used in a positive way. While there was no legal requirement to have a shelter, he hoped that we could find a way to work harmoniously.

Closed Session

Upon a motion made by Chairman Lockamy and seconded by Commissioner McLamb, the Board went into Closed Session pursuant to GS143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss industrial recruitment. In Closed Session, the Board met with Economic Developer John Swope, who briefed the Board on an industrial prospect. (Minutes maintained separately.)

The Board returned to the auditorium. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Strickland and seconded by Commissioner McLamb, the Board voted to come out of Closed Session. No action was taken.

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Commissioner McLamb and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to recess to reconvene at 6:30 p.m. on March 21, 2013 at p.m. at the Public Works Office, located at 827 Southeast Blvd. Clinton, NC 28328.