

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened for their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 4, 2017 in the County Auditorium, 435 Rowan Road in Clinton, North Carolina. Members present: Chairman Clark Wooten, Vice Chairperson Sue Lee, and Commissioners Albert Kirby Jr., Jerol Kivett, and Harry Parker.

Chairperson Wooten convened the meeting and recognized Vice Chairperson Lee. She called upon Dr. Ray Ammons for the invocation. She then called upon Commissioner Kirby to lead the Pledge Allegiance.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Upon a motion made by Chairman Wooten and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the following changes: Item 3(b): Presentation Regarding Opioid-Related Federal Litigation was moved to be provided as Board Information only.

### **Item 1: Organization of the Board**

County Manager Ed Causey conducted the election for Chairman. Commissioner Sue Lee nominated Commissioner Clark Wooten. There were no other nominations. The Board voted unanimously to elect Commissioner Clark Wooten as Chairman. Newly-elected Chairman Wooten conducted the election for Vice Chairman and nominated Commissioner Sue Lee. There were no other nominations. The Board voted unanimously to elect Commissioner Sue Lee as Vice Chairperson. The newly elected Chairman and Vice Chairperson expressed thanks to the Board.

### **Item 2: Planning and Zoning Items**

Approval of Final Plat - Sand Stone Subdivision Chairman Wooten acknowledged Planning Director Mary Rose, who presented the final subdivision plat to the Board, per the recommendation of the Planning Board. Upon a motion made by Chairman Wooten and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the final subdivision plat for Sand Stone Subdivision as recommended.

### **Item 3: Presentations and Reports**

Presentation of Audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017 Chairman Wooten called upon Wade Green of W. Green, PLLC, who presented the Board with the audit

report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. Finance Officer David Clack noted that the audit had been approved by the Local Government Commission. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kivett and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the audit (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_).

Presentation Regarding Opioid-Related Federal Litigation This item was moved to be provided as Board Information.

Presentation of 2017 Community Health Assessment Health Director Wanda Robinson introduced Health Educator Sydney Smith and Nursing Director Kathie Johnson, who presented the Board with the 2017 Community Health Assessment. The Community Health Assessment, referred to as the CHA, is the foundation for improving and promoting the health of county residents. It collects and presents information on health status, community health needs, resources, and other studies of current local health problems. The CHA revealed that the Sampson County morbidity rate was higher than the state average, and identified cancer as the leading cause of death. Substance Abuse, STD/Sexual Activity and Pregnancy Prevention, and Chronic Disease were presented to the Board as the Top Three Health Priorities for 2018-2020. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Community Health Assessment as reported.

#### **Item 4: Action Items**

Local Resolution Supporting Naming a Portion of NC 24 for Medal of Honor Recipient R. Geddie Herring Mr. Greg Butler presented a request for adoption of a resolution supporting a community group's efforts to have the NCDOT name a portion of the new NC24 for Sampson County native and Medal of Honor recipient R. Geddie Herring. Mr. Herring was born and raised in Roseboro and became an active citizen and successful businessman in the poultry business. He served as Mayor of Roseboro from 1947 to 1950, served in World War II as a naval officer (Lt. Commander) in the Pacific Theater, and was presented the Congressional Medal of Honor by James Forrestal (SEC Navy) standing in for President Harry S. Truman. He was a recipient of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine and was inducted into the Sampson County Hall of Fame in 1999. NCDOT was in support of the honorary designation. Mr. Butler collected the necessary character recommendation letters and completed the necessary application documents including verification of the valor medal. The family pledged payment of the administrative fee of \$2,000.00, so that there was no cost to the County. The Chairman opened the floor for public comment, and the following were received:

Ann Knowles: Veterans Office Director Ann Knowles spoke highly of Mr. Geddie Herring and noted that it would be an honor for the portion of Hwy 24 to be named in his honor.

Jefferson Strickland: Former Commissioner Strickland expressed high regard for Mr. Geddie Herring and some of his life accomplishments.

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the resolution of support naming a portion of NC 24 for Medal of Honor recipient R. Geddie Herring. (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)

Consideration of Temporary Reduction in Tap Fees with Contractual Obligations Public Works Director Lin Reynolds recommended that the Board consider authorizing the reduction of tap-on fees for a specified limited time, with the requirement that those who sign up for the reduced fee be required to pay the minimum water fees for a period of 24 months, even if they do not purchase water. The reduced fee would be available throughout the county's system, but only for the period of January 1, 2018 - March 31, 2018. (The recently amended water ordinances provided the Board this authority to reduce such fees with such water purchase requirements.) Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kivett and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to authorize a reduction in tap fees for the period of January 1, 2018 - March 31, 2018, with the 24-month minimum fee payment requirement; necessary contractual documents or applications to be drafted by the County Attorney.

Public Hearing - Naming of a Private Roads The Chairman opened the hearing and called upon Assistant County Manager Susan Holder who reviewed the recommendations for naming certain private roads. The floor was opened for public comments and none were received. The hearing was closed. Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Chairman Wooten, the Board voted unanimously to name private roads as follows:

PVT 1832 224 109	Kitty Ln
PVT 421SC 14965	Pecan Trace Ln
PVT 421SC 14965 N	N Creeks Edge Ln
PVT 421SC 14965 S	S Creeks Edge Ln
PVT 1712 497	Angus Ave

Appointment - Board of Health Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Chairman Wooten, the Board reappointed Linda Peterson in the statutorily required position of registered nurse on the Board of Health.

Appointment - Workforce Development Board Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board appointed Hugh Carr to the Workforce Development Board

**Item 4: Consent Agenda**

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:

- a. Approved the minutes of the November 6, 2017 meeting.
- b. Approved the execution of the Agreement for Clinical Affiliation Between Sampson County Emergency Services and Central Carolina Community College (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_.)
- c. Approved the execution of the contract with Vanns Crossroads Fire Department for the provision of rescue technician (RT) services (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_.)
- d. Approved the renewal of the lease agreement for the Dismal solid waste convenience site property between Sampson County and Billy L. Wrench and Ruth M. Wrench (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_.)
- e. Adopted a resolution authorizing the lease of agriculture tracts adjacent to the Detention Center for the period January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018 to Mac Sutton for farming purposes (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_.)
- f. Approved tax refunds and releases as submitted

#8311	Coastal Carolina Pumping Inc.	\$211.39
#8318	Shirley Ann Rooks	\$253.14
#8333	Brenda Hairr Dudley	\$135.13
#8325	Sadie Oates Brookhouse	\$136.86
#8324	Pamela Robinson McQuirt	\$245.57
#8338	Terry Wayne Long	\$275.50
#8345	Scott Clemmo	\$170.12
Tax Release	Robert & Cynthia Heath	\$567.38

- g. Approved budget amendments as submitted

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Cooperative Ext.</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11449500	526200	Departmental Supplies	\$176.00	
11449500	529900	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$364.00	

<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11034950	408900	Miscellaneous Revenue	\$540.00	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Aging</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02558790	526201	Information & Referral - Debt Equipment	\$2,000.00	

02558790	531100	Information & Referral - Travel	\$1,000.00	
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02035879	403602	Information & Referral – Health Promo	\$3,000.00	
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>				
		<u>Planning</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11449100	512100	Salaries	\$33,336.00	
11449100	518100	FICA	\$2,077.00	
11449100	518120	Medicare	\$486.00	
11449100	518200	Retirement	\$2,533.00	
11449100	518300	Group Insurance	\$6,272.00	
11449100	518400	Dental Insurance	\$240.00	
11449100	518700	Cafeteria Fees	\$36.00	
11449100	518901	401K County	\$1,675.00	
11449100	526201	Dept Supplies Equipment	\$6,000.00	
11449100	526200	Departmental Supplies	\$8,600.00	
11449100	538100	Data Processing Programs	\$2,000.00	
11142600	535100	Maint/Repair Bldgs	\$50,000.00	
11999000	509700	Contingency		\$113,255.00
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>				
		<u>Finance</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
67981700	519900	Other Professional Costs		\$324.00
11998110	596060	Transfer To Water Capital Project	\$38,751.00	
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
67038170	409600	County Contribution		\$324.00
11039999	409800	Fund Balance Appropriated Encum	\$38,751.00	

- Approved Clinton City Schools Amendment No. 1 (State).

**Item 5: Consideration of Tax Appeals**

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

AJ Family Farms (Tax \$10,421.77) **Assessed Penalty \$4,204.76 Adjusted by Half**

**Item 6: Board Information**

The Board was provided with the following items for information only:

- a. Presentation Regarding Opioid-Related Federal Litigation

**County Manager Reports**

County Manager Ed Causey reflected on the audit presentation, and expressed gratitude to the Board, Finance Officer, and county employees for their hard work on the audit. He advised the Board to be prepared to schedule budget planning sessions dates during the January 2018 meeting.

**Public Comments**

The floor was opened for comments, and none were received.

The Commissioners deliberated on their attendance for the 2017 Christmas municipal parades.

**Adjournment**

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.