

**SAMPSON COUNTY  
NORTH CAROLINA**

**February 3, 2020**

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened for their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2020, in the County Auditorium, 435 Rowan Road in Clinton, North Carolina. Members present: Chairman Clark Wooten, Vice Chairperson Sue Lee, and Commissioners Jerol Kivett and Harry Parker. Absent: Commissioner Thaddeus Godwin.

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order and acknowledged Vice Chairperson Lee who then called upon Commissioner Kivett for the invocation. Vice Chairperson Lee then led the Pledge.

**Approval of Agenda**

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the following changes: add a budget amendment regarding Contribution to Mental Health was added.

**Item 1: Presentations and Reports**

Recognition of Retirees A service plaque was presented to Jane Robinson for her years of service to the County. Retiree Hurmean Beach was not present to receive her service plaque.

**Item 2: Action Items**

Tax Administration – Report of Unpaid Taxes Which Are Liens on Real Property Tax Administrator Jim Johnson reported to the Board the amount of \$2,394,335.47 of unpaid taxes for the current fiscal year which are liens on real property. This total is \$628,467.41 less than the previous fiscal year. Mr. Johnson requested authorization to advertise the unpaid taxes on April 2, 2020, with a deadline for payment to avoid publication being March 27, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

Scheduling of 2020 Board of Equalization and Review Hearings Mr. Johnson asked the board to consider setting dates for the 2020 Board of Equalization and Review hearings. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kivett and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the board voted unanimously to schedule the Board of Equalization and Review hearings for April 21, 2020 and April 28, 2020, each session to convene from 1-6 p.m.

Public Works – Engineer’s Report on Negotiation with Bidder for I40/NC403 Well Project Public Works Director Lin Reynolds recapped the information provided to the Board at their January 21, 2020 meeting, explaining that the project had been duly advertised for bid on November 26, 2019, with one bid received and returned to the bidder unopened. To comply with bidding law, the project was re-advertised for bid, and again, one bid was received on January 16, 2020. The bid by apparent low bidder Herring-Rivenbark, Inc. of \$3,892,970 was reviewed by Dewberry Engineers, Inc. and determined to exceed the total available grant funding for the project. At the Board’s January 21, 2020 meeting, the Public Works Director and Engineer Matt West of Dewberry were directed to negotiate with the apparent low bidder prior to making a formal recommendation on the award of the contract. Mr. Reynolds noted that negotiations resulted in decreasing the bid amount to \$2,857,800, leaving the County approximately \$400,000 over the grant funding total. Mr. Reynolds then recommended that a contingency of 5%, totaling approximately \$145,000, be added to project as required by the State. Mr. West recommended that the Board tentatively award the contract based on the Economic Development Administration and the Division of Water Infrastructure’s review of the bid documents and authorize the submission of an application for additional loan funding. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kivett and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to tentatively award the bid to Herring-Rivenbark, Inc. as negotiated, contingent upon review by the grant agencies, authorize the submission of an application for the additional loan funding, and authorize the County Manager to sign contract and application documents.

Appointments – Department of Social Services Advisory Board Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Chairman Wooten, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Dave Richert to the Department of Social Services Advisory Board.

Appointments – Local Emergency Planning Committee Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Chairman Wooten, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Kevin Thigpen to the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

**Item 3: Consent Agenda**

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as amended:

- a. Approved the minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting
- b. Adopted a resolution approving the settlement agreement in Sampson County and the City of Clinton v. Westwoods of Sampson County, LLC (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_.)

- c. Approved the Sampson County Department of Social Services Background Check Policy for Child Support Employees (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_.)
- d. Approved the Sampson County Department of Social Services Video and Audio Recording Policy (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_.)
- e. Accepted the 2019 Community Child Protection Team Report
- f. Accepted and authorized the submission of Action Pathway's Application for FY 2020-21 Community Services Block Grant funding (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_.)
- g. Adopted a resolution instructing County Attorney to send notices of termination of existing fire, rescue and fire medic service contracts (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_.)
- h. Authorized the addition of three school resources officers and approve associated budget amendment
- i. Approved the amendment to the audit contract for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019
- j. Declared a 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe and 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe from the Sheriff's Department as surplus and authorized sale as salvage
- k. Approved tax refunds and releases as submitted:

#9225	Kane Alphin	\$313.36
#9205	Joshua Carter	\$252.31
#9221	Gary Phillips	\$107.68
#9218	Lisa Mailhot	\$185.45
#9219	Nathalie Lhotellier	\$22.16
#9193	Leigh Willard	\$132.73
#9203	Andrew Burchfield	\$181.38
#9201	Tabitha Draughon	\$359.01
#9207	Keith Honeycutt	\$166.65
#9210	Prestage Farms, Inc.	\$172.75
#9220	Jacqueline Williams	\$116.31
#9214	Gail Sands	\$616.50
Tax Release	John Merritt	\$301.49
Tax Release	Quintin Shirley	\$200.06
Tax Release	Rupert and Linda Matthews	\$185.44
Tax Release	Daniel Hall, Jr.	\$265.54

1. Approved budget amendments as submitted:

<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		Convention and Visitors Bureau		
<b><u>Code Number</u></b>		<b><u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u></b>	<b><u>Increase</u></b>	<b><u>Decrease</u></b>
84761800	544000	Contract Services	\$7,500.00	
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<b><u>Code Number</u></b>		<b><u>Source of Revenue</u></b>	<b><u>Increase</u></b>	<b><u>Decrease</u></b>
84036180	499900	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$7,500.00	
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		Airport		
<b><u>Code Number</u></b>		<b><u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u></b>	<b><u>Increase</u></b>	<b><u>Decrease</u></b>
40981570	557000	Land	\$143,750.00	
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<b><u>Code Number</u></b>		<b><u>Source of Revenue</u></b>	<b><u>Increase</u></b>	<b><u>Decrease</u></b>
40038157	403623	City of Clinton		\$19,100.00
40038157	409600	County Contribution		\$19,100.00
40038157	404000	State Assistance	\$181,950.00	
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		Cooperative Extension		
<b><u>Code Number</u></b>		<b><u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u></b>	<b><u>Increase</u></b>	<b><u>Decrease</u></b>
04449500	531100	Travel	\$4,000.00	
04449500	526200	Department Supplies	\$2,000.00	
04449500	529900	Misc Expense	\$855.00	
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<b><u>Code Number</u></b>		<b><u>Source of Revenue</u></b>	<b><u>Increase</u></b>	<b><u>Decrease</u></b>
04034950	408900	Misc Revenue	\$6,855.00	
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		Social Services		
<b><u>Code Number</u></b>		<b><u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u></b>	<b><u>Increase</u></b>	<b><u>Decrease</u></b>
13554810	568414	LIEAP	\$35,250.00	
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<b><u>Code Number</u></b>		<b><u>Source of Revenue</u></b>	<b><u>Increase</u></b>	<b><u>Decrease</u></b>
13535480	403314	LIEAP	\$35,250.00	
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		Soil and Water		
<b><u>Code Number</u></b>		<b><u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u></b>	<b><u>Increase</u></b>	<b><u>Decrease</u></b>
28349610	531109	Travel	\$3,000.00	
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<b><u>Code Number</u></b>		<b><u>Source of Revenue</u></b>	<b><u>Increase</u></b>	<b><u>Decrease</u></b>
28334961	409909	Fund Bal Appropriated State	\$3,000.00	

<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		Sheriff's Department		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11243100	554000	Capital outlay vehicle	93,639.00	
11243100	555000	Capital outlay other	80,598.00	
11243100	521300	Uniforms	24,422.00	
11999000	509700	Contingency		48,659.00

<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11034310	403623	County Schools SROs	150,000.00	

<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		Contribution to Mental Health		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11552100	506800	Contribution to Mental Health	21,500.00	
11999000	509700	Contingency		21,500.00

Board of Health Consent Agenda Items

- m. Approved the Sampson County Health Advisory Committee Operating Policy and Procedures (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_.)
- n. Approved the Sampson County Health Advisory Committee Conflict of Interest Policy (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_.)
- o. Approved the HIPAA Privacy Policy & Procedure Manual (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_.)
- p. Approved the LHD-HSA Policy (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_.)
- q. Approved the Board of Health Operating Procedures (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_.)
- r. Approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the Sampson County Health Department and the Sampson County Child Advocacy Center (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_.)
- s. Approved the Dangerous Dog Appeal Board Rules of Procedure (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_.)

**Item 5: Board Information**

- a. Communicable Disease Report for 2019 (Board of Health Item)
- b. State of the County Health Report for 2019 (Board of Health Item)
- c. NCDOT Correspondence Regarding Rest Area

## **Item 6: 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.

**FW Farms (Tax \$2,571.40) Assessed Penalty \$1,223.27 Adjusted by Half**

## **County Manager's Reports**

County Manager Ed Causey reminded the Board of the Planning Session scheduled for February 18, 2020 and February 19, 2020.

## **Public Comments**

The Chairman opened the floor for comments and the following were received:

Henry Tatum: My complaint is that I have been trying for a while now to get some county water to come to Herring Road and Moon Johnson Road. Our water is so bad that you can't wash clothes. Colored clothes yeah, white clothes no. They'll turn out brown. So, you cannot put white clothes in that water. So, I've been trying to get some water put down there, but Harrells tells me that they cannot go any farther than what they are now. They are on Herring Road, but they won't go no farther because they have not allocated any money for it. Then I came up here in Clinton and asked them if they could actually hook up some water from Union School to the area that it needs to go because we do have County water there at Union High School. It makes sense to me, it may not make sense to you, makes sense to me that we can connect there and go down Herring Road. Herring Road is just across 903 and Union High School is just about one-half a mile from 903. And I live approximately three miles from Union High School. To me, I don't see a problem. But I know there has to be a budget for it, and we just need some water. If there is anything else, I need to do besides see you guys, I'm willing to do it. And if Roy Cooper can allocate some money for somebody else in another county, he should be able to allocate some for us. That's my complaint. Everyone else on Herring Road and Moon Johnson Road feels the same way. They complain to me that they're water is bad, but we already know the water is bad.

Commissioner Parker and Public Works Director Lin Reynolds agreed to discuss the matter with Mr. Tatum. Commissioner Parker asked if there was a petition signed.

Henry Tatum: Yes, I had it turned in. It was two sheets.

## **Recess to Reconvene**

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted unanimously to recess to reconvene for the Board Planning Session on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 8:30 a.m.

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Clark H. Wooten, Chairman

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Susan J. Holder, Clerk to the Board