

**SAMPSON COUNTY  
NORTH CAROLINA**

**May 2, 2022**

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened for their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2022 in the County Auditorium, 435 Rowan Road in Clinton, North Carolina. Members present: Chairperson Sue Lee, Vice Chairperson Jerol Kivett, and Commissioners Thaddeus Godwin, Lethia Lee, and Clark Wooten.

Chairperson Sue Lee called the meeting to order and acknowledged Vice Chairperson Kivett who called on Commissioner Godwin to provide the invocation. Vice Chairperson Kivett then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda**

Upon a motion by Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the following changes: Added "Consent to Cut Timber" to Item 2a.

**Item 1: Planning and Zoning**

(Public Hearing) Adoption of Updated Land Use Plan Chairperson Sue Lee opened the Public Hearing and acknowledged Senior Planner Austin Brinkley who presented the Board with information on an updated Land Use Plan. North Carolina local governments must adopt and "reasonably maintain" a land use plan if they wish to legally be able to adopt and enforce zoning regulations. These plans are intended to guide coordinated, efficient, and orderly development within a local government's jurisdiction based on an analysis of the jurisdiction's present and future needs. Sampson County's current land use plan was adopted over 20 years ago in 2001. Mr. Brinkley informed the Board that the Sampson County Planning Board reviewed the proposed plan at their April 11, 2022 meeting and recommended adoption of the updated plan with the inclusion of a 1,000-foot commercial industrial growth note to surround the ETJ of Roseboro. The Chairperson opened the floor for public comments, and none were offered. The Public Hearing was closed. Upon a motion by Commissioner Godwin and seconded by Vice Chairperson Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Land Use Plan as recommended. (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.

Planning Board Rules of Procedure Mr. Brinkley explained that the Planning Board Rules of Procedure had been amended to address the inconsistencies that existed between the Planning Board By-Laws and the Rules of Procedure. These proposed amendments align both Ordinances with identical language concerning the expiration

and length of terms. The Planning Board voted unanimously at the April 11, 2022 meeting to recommend approval of the amended Rules of Procedure. Upon a motion by Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommended amendments to the Planning Board Rules of Procedure. (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)

**Item 2: Action Items**

Award of Bid for Runway 24 Land Clearing Project Chairperson Lee called on County Attorney Joel Starling who outlined the extended process for obtaining responsive bids for the Runway 24 Land Clearing Project. After rejecting previous bids at the determination of the Division of Aviation, this project was rebid on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, three bids were not received, so the project was rebid yet again, with a bid opening on April 26, 2022. The lowest responsive bidder for this project was Carolina Cleaning and Restoration, LLC at \$346,995.05. Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Kivett and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to award the bid for the Runway 24 Clearing Project as recommended by airport engineers and to adopt a resolution authorizing Chairperson Lee to execute the clearing contract. (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.) Mr. Starling also reviewed a Contract Amendment to a task order that was previously issued pursuant to our Master Agreement with AVCON. The Amendment covers construction phase, construction administration, grant administration, and part time inspection services that AVCON will furnish in connection with the clearing project. AVCON's fee for these services is \$70,418.00 (\$35,150.00 of which is a not-to-exceed fee for part time inspection services which may not be entirely expended.) Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Kivett and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the contract Amendment No. 1 to Task Order No, 2021-01, and adopt a resolution authorizing Chairperson Lee to execute the AVCON contract amendment. (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.) Mr. Starling then addressed the walk-on agenda item. He explained that trees at the airport are currently interfering with a weather system used to measure wind speeds and plan aircraft landings. Upon a motion by Commissioner Lethia Lee and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to execute the Consent to Cut Timber and Release of Liability. (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)

Appointments -Transportation Advisory Board Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Kivett and seconded by Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Amanda Raynor to the Transportation Advisory Board.

Appointments-Economic Development Commission Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Kivett and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted

unanimously to appoint Craig Richardson, Chuck Spell, and Georgina Zeng to the Economic Development Commission.

Local Emergency Planning Committee Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Kivett and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Prentice Madgar, Jared Rouse, and William Sellers to the LEPC.

Sampson Community College Board of Trustees Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Kivett and seconded by Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Chris Fann to the SCC Board of Trustees.

**Item 3: Consent Agenda**

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

- a. Approved the minutes of the March 17, 2022 and April 4, 2022 meetings
- b. Approved, upon a second reading, the Resolution Amending Sampson County Fire Commission Resolution (approved on first reading on March 17, 2022) (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_.)
- c. Adopted a Capital Ordinance concerning airport construction (2205 Airport Beacon Replacement) (Copy filed in Ordinance Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_.)
- d. Approve Revision #1 of the County Funding Plan for the Home and Community Care Block Grant for Older Adults (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_.)
- e. Authorize addition of attorney A. Charles Ellis to the contract for opioid litigation representation
- f. Restored a 60-day waiting period for new hire insurance benefits to meet provider compliance issues

g. Approve the tax refunds and releases as submitted

#9874	Robert Thomas Giehls	\$108.78
#9872	Barnes Williams	\$132.91
#9866	Brian Kenneth Winner	\$352.91
#9869	Todd Wheeler	\$255.76
#9871	Rosa Parker	\$131.23
#9877	Leon Boyette Jr.	\$156.14
#9879	Chandler Sikes	\$113.48
Tax Release	Alta Hamilton	\$1,476.99

h. Approve budget amendments as submitted

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		Finance		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11243600	519900	Professional Services	\$20,000.	
11999000	509700	Contingency		\$20,000.

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		Finance		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11659140	555031	Capital Outlay Category 2		\$130,945.
11659140	555030	Capital Outlay Category 1		\$130,945.
11659140	555032	Capital Outlay Category 3	\$261,890.	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		Library		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11761100	528200	Dept. Supplies	\$650.	

<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11036110	408401	Sponsorship/Donation for Reading Nook Area	\$650.	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		Library		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11761100	544200	Cultural Programs	\$1,522.	

<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11036110	408401	Donations/Sponsorships for Summer Reading	\$1,522.	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		Cooperative Extension		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
04549520	512600	Salaries	\$3,500.	
04549520	526200	Dept. Supplies	\$12,599.	

<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
04034952	403601	Grant – Eastpointe	\$16,099.	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		Finance		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
		Administration	\$44,000.	
		Acquisition Gap Funds	\$400,000.	
		Relocation	\$40,000.	

<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
		SARF Grant GAP Funds	\$484,000.	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		Aging		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02558670	524100	Building Materials	\$50,000.	
02558670	544000	Contracted Services	\$6,857.	

02558800	522100	Food and Provisions	\$32,331.
02558710	512600	Part-Time Salaries	\$14,276.
02558660	544000	Contracted Services	\$42,581.

**REVENUE**

<u>Code Number</u>	<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02035867	403601 State Grant – Mid Carolina	\$56,857.	
02035880	403601 State Grant – Mid Carolina	\$32,331.	
02035871	403601 State Grant – Mid Carolina	\$14,276.	
02035866	403601 State Grant – Mid Carolina	\$42,581.	

**EXPENDITURE**

<u>Code Number</u>	<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
1.5110.071.181.000.000.00	Supplementary Pay	\$341,639.00	
1.5100.071.211.000.000.00	Social Security Matching	\$26,135.00	
1.5110.071.221.000.000.00	Retirement	\$78,201.00	
1.5110.001.121.000.000.00	Salary – Teacher	\$9,937.00	
1.6400.015.542.000.000.00	Non-Capitalized Tech Equipment	\$192.00	
1.5110.085.180.000.000.00	Salary – Bonus	\$6,314.00	

**Item 4: County Manager’s Report**

County Manager Ed Causey shared that the 2023 Budget is ready to be presented to the Board. After a brief discussion of dates and times, the Board agreed to recess to reconvene on Monday, May 23, 2022 at 10:00AM in the County Auditorium for the Budget Presentation.

**Item 5: Public Comment Period**

Following a brief review of the public comment guidelines provided by Assistant County Manager Susan Holder, Chairperson Sue Lee opened the floor for public comment. The following were received:

Elaine F. Hunt: 7171 Old Warsaw Road, Turkey. Honorable Commissioners, I come before you with a request that is shared by many, and some are present this evening. We reside on Old Warsaw Road. We recognize that County water has been provided on this road off Hwy 403 down to Moltonville Road. We live past Moltonville Road, and we would like also to have County water. I brought some of my water for you to see. It looks like tea, but it’s actually water that came out of my kitchen faucet this morning. The water is terrible. I can’t drink the water. I can’t cook with the water. I can’t wash my white clothes. And it’s been like this for a while. I have had several wells dug, and years past the County Environmental employees came out and tested my wells and all. And I’m standing here now pleading with you all as a group to pass approval for County water to be extended past Moltonville Road. One of the petitioners, I gave you a petition, I think 36 people signed and 126 people live in those homes, because one is a mobile home unit. Please take note that the first petitioner that signed lives a half of a mile from Moltonville Road. I live four and a half miles from

Moltonville Road where you all have stopped your County water. Less than five miles is what we're requesting you to come so we can have County water like the rest of the people. And thank you for your time and consideration, and we really would like to have good water like everybody else on that road down that way, if you understand what I'm saying.

Edward Gillam: Good evening, County Commissioners. My name is Edward Gillam. I live at 817 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Garland, North Carolina. Good evening. I stand before you again in reference to the importance of providing public water to Ivanhoe and all other parts of the unserved areas in Sampson County. We truly appreciate the adoption resolution supporting the applications for the state funding for the Ivanhoe water project, but we know there is a lot of work to be done and we feel certain current provisions should be revisited to enable a fair opportunity for unserved areas such as Ivanhoe and other areas in Sampson County. I also feel the following provisions may be helpful in providing current direct information to unserved communities and allowing all who applied for public water a fair and reasonable opportunity to do so. Ten customer per mile minimum. This requirement should be revisited or amended because unserved areas cannot meet this requirement. Rural defined: relating to, or characteristic of the countryside weathered in the town says it all. Many unserved areas in Sampson County will not qualify for public water under these requirements. Unfair to unserved, rural communities. As reported in previous water presentations, the current budget status is good. And the water department is an enterprise which is self-funded through revenues from selling water. Mr. Reynolds Public Works advised a new water tower and individual system would have to be provided for Ivanhoe and the surrounding areas for public water in which at least 146 homes eligible for current requirements and which could generate enough water for community and could be sold to others to create revenue. Sustained operation not counting the revenue generated through monthly reoccurring fees. This will alleviate cost to drain lines and provide an additional income. Rural means that just rural which, in a lot of towns started for example, ten miles up from us the Town of Harrells started as a gas station. Public Water Committee. There should be a committee to act as liaison which includes representatives from each underserved in Sampson County that's responsible for providing numerical information, signed petitions, to become a liaison for the County Commissioners, and giving reports to communities. This will build a positive relationship between County Commissioners. Thank you again and remember we will not falter nor fail at our attempt to be treated as everyone else. We are citizens. We are taxpayers. It is not fair to privilege and charge new customers over \$1,000 for the same price you've charged citizens \$75 to \$100. This is seen as a deterrent unfair to our current unserved areas and unacceptable. We are aware the current surrounding counties charging more for public water service, but the fact remains over twenty years of taxes should be more than enough to compensate for this service. We are aware and we only ask for the same opportunities that others are currently being given and have been given in the past. Thank you, Commissioners. Chairperson Lee responded, "I'm

going to make your day, Mr. Gillam. You talked about the public liaison. Commissioner Lee sitting over here could not be a busier worker bee on this issue. She knows about all things water. She's on top of it. She is working really hard, and this is her goal, to get water everywhere. So, we have got someone on this Board, we're all concerned, but Commissioner Lee has really made it her business to get out there and do everything that she can."

Lacy Bell: Good afternoon, Board members. I'm Lacy Bell. I live at 2812 East Darden Road, Faison, North Carolina. I'm here this evening to continue our request for access to County water. During the initial stages of County water implementation, we were asked to pay a reduced tap-on fee. My neighbor and I paid the tap-on fee, and we received the flags to post out in our yards. We were never granted access to countywide water supply and the tap-on fee was not refunded to us. Our water petition has been signed by additional residents on East Darden Road. Our area has recently been evaluated by Mr. Lin Reynolds of Public Works, and we do qualify for a water extension based on the scoring system of the County. With these factors to be considered: Number one, available funding. Number two, if permits can be obtained, and also number three, approval by the water board. With that being said, I'm asking that the County in good faith, number one and you all have a copy of this, provide County water for East Darden Road and other unserved communities in Sampson County. Number two, honor the initial tap-on fee reduction for those who paid during the initial tap-on since those fees were not refunded. And number three, since fees are scheduled to increase effective July 1, I'm asking that the County grandfather in all those who signed the Sampson County Public Works Petition for Water on or before July 1, 2022, at the lowest tap-on fee. And that fee for ¾" line was \$500 and for a 1" line it would be \$600. Again, I want to thank you for the opportunity to speak in reference to the water extension opportunity in my community and other communities in Sampson County. Thank you.

Paul B. Fisher: Good evening. My name is Paul Fisher, I live at 966 Marion Amos Road in Roseboro. Anybody that don't know where it's at it's right next to the landfill. My concern is the landfill and the quality of life we have over there. Seems like we are a forgotten community, and what we really need is something that monitors the air. And since the Health Department was involved in getting the landfill over there, it seems like the Health Department should be able to help us out and get some monitoring of the air. I have a problem speaking because I can't breathe that well, but what I have to do is stay in the house, can't go out on my deck that much, because of the smell, the air, and everything else. So, what I want you to do is be concerned and mindful of the people that live in the Snow Hill community area. Thank you.

**Recess to Reconvene**

Upon a motion made by Chairperson Lee and seconded by Vice Chairperson Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to recess to reconvene on Monday, May 23, 2022 at 10:00AM in the County Auditorium.

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Sue L. Lee, Chairperson

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Susan J. Holder, Clerk to the Board