

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened for their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 1, 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 and Clark Wooten.

Chairperson Sue Lee called the meeting to order and acknowledged Vice Chairperson Kivett who provided the invocation and 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 an Animal Shelter update by Trish Oglesby to Item 1.

#### **Item 1: Presentations**

(Walk On) Animal Shelter Update Chairperson Lee called upon Vice Chairman Kivett who introduced Dr. Oglesby and Trish Oglesby. Dr. and Mrs. Oglesby have mentored Animal Shelter staff and worked with them on several Shelter improvements. Mrs. Oglesby informed the Board that since 2018, the Animal Shelter has had nothing but positive remarks from State inspectors. She added that the Shelter Director and vet technician both keep her up to date on shelter information. Mrs. Oglesby also stated that she or Dr. Oglesby visit the shelter at least once per week. Animal Shelter staff are able to do virtual visits with Dr. Oglesby, and he has made himself available to staff 24/7. Mrs. Oglesby added that the euthanasia rate is down due to positive relationships with animal rescue organizations. All Animal Shelter and Animal Control employees were given updated sanitation training. The shelter has updated cages and kennels, added humidifiers and floor dryers, added outdoor exercise areas, updated manuals, and has become very active in community events. Mrs. Oglesby stated that shelter staff do everything that they can to make these animals comfortable while they are in the shelter's care, and that she has been very pleased with the progress that has been made over the past few years. Commissioner Godwin commented that he visited the shelter earlier in the day and it was very nice. Vice Chairperson Kivett stated that the Board is so appreciative of what Dr. and Mrs. Oglesby have done and that they go above and beyond the call of duty. Chairperson Lee acknowledged Animal Shelter Director Anna Ellis and her team for all of their excellent work. She stated that she has also visited the shelter and was impressed with the improvements.

Water Recruitment Projects Update Chairperson Lee called upon Lin Reynolds to provide an update on Water Recruitment Projects. Mr. Reynolds informed the Board that Public Works had completed two marketing campaigns, and one road (Serenity Lake Road) met the qualifications for water hookups. He stated that Jernigan Loop Road only needs one home to sign up, and he feels that someone will before the deadline in August. He added that there has been minimal interest in the roads currently being marketed. Mr. Reynolds asked the Board

for permission to move on to the next set of marketable roads. Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Kivett and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to allow Mr. Reynolds to move on to the next phase of recruitment. Mr. Reynolds also asked the Board for permission to add East Darden Road to the marketing list. Upon a motion by Chairperson Lee and seconded by Vice Chairperson Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to add East Darden Road to the water recruitment project. Mr. Reynolds went on to explain a possible extension on Auctioneer Road. He called on David Ross of Dewberry Engineers who explained that this route would save water line mileage and about \$400,000. He proposed moving funds from the Governor Moore Road project to the anticipated Auctioneer Road project. Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Kivett and seconded by Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to move the funds and proceed with the new project on Auctioneer Road. Mr. Ross then provided an update on current projects.

**Item 2: Planning & Zoning Matters**

Approval of Preliminary Plan for Harvest Hills Subdivision (26 lots on Phillips Road)  
Chairperson Lee called on Inspections and Planning Director Myron Cashwell who provided information on the proposed Harvest Hills Subdivision. This subdivision is located on Phillips Road and the subject property is located within the Residential Agricultural (RA) Zoning District. The properties will be served by individual septic systems and county water. The street serving the subdivision is proposed to be a public right-of-way. There are no proposed parcels located in the regulated floodplain nor are there any proposed parcels located in the 404 wetlands. The Planning Board unanimously voted to recommend approval of the preliminary plan due to its compliance with the Sampson County Subdivision Ordinance. Upon a motion by Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the preliminary plat for Harvest Hills Subdivision as recommended.

Approval of Final Plan for Taylors Creek Phase III Subdivision (21 lots, Autry Mill Road)  
Mr. Cashwell informed the Board that Taylors Creek Phase III is the last subdivision to fall under the previous Ordinance and therefore requires approval by the Board of Commissioners. The subdivision is located on Autry Mill Road and the subject property is located within the Residential (R) Zoning District. The properties will be served by individual septic systems and county water. The street serving the subdivision is proposed to be a public right-of-way. There are no proposed parcels located in the regulated floodplain nor are there any proposed parcels located in the 404 wetlands. Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Kivett and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the final plat for Taylors Creek Phase III Subdivision as recommended.

**Item 3: Action Items**

Appointment of Social Services Director  
Chairperson Lee called upon County Manager Causey who informed the Board that staff has completed their candidate assessment process for the Social Services Director vacancy, facilitated by Developmental Associates, LLC. From the assessment results, Chairperson Sue Lee, County Manager Ed Causey, and Assistant County Manager Susan Holder interviewed the two top candidates. Based upon these interviews, the County Manager recommended Interim Social Services Director Lynn Fields for the position.

Chairperson Sue Lee stated that she felt Mrs. Fields was very qualified for the position. Upon a motion by Chairperson Sue Lee and seconded by Vice Chairperson Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Lynn Fields as Social Services Director. Commissioner Lethia Lee added that Mrs. Fields is a fine person and offered her congratulations.

Tax Settlement and Charge to Tax Collector Chairperson Sue Lee called upon Tax Administrator Jim Johnson who provided tax settlement information for the previous fiscal year. Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Kivett and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the settlement and charge Jim Johnson with the collection of taxes for FY 2022-2023. (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)

Designation of Voting Delegate - NCACC Annual Conference (August) and NCACC Legislative Goals Conference (November) Chairperson Lee called on Mr. Causey who explained that the Board selects a voting delegate annually to represent them at the NCACC Annual Conference. Mr. Causey suggested that Vice Chairperson Kivett act as the voting delegate at this year's conference. Vice Chairperson Kivett discussed his experiences at past conferences and budgeting concerns for the upcoming year. Upon a motion by Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously designate Vice Chairperson Kivett to serve as the County's voting delegate at the NCACC Annual Conference.

**Item 4: Consent Agenda**

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

- a. Approved the minutes of the June 6, 2022; June 9, 2022; and June 16, 2022 meetings
- b. Adopted a resolution authorizing the County Manager to execute on behalf of Sampson County Rescue and Emergency Medical Services contracts with Roseboro Rescue & EMS, Inc., Clinton-Sampson Rescue and Emergency Medical Services, Inc., Newton Grove Rescue Squad, Inc., and Suttontown EMS, Inc. (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
- c. Approved a request for a waiver of the department residency requirement for EDC Director Stephen Barrington
- d. Awarded the bid for the Department of Aging's Nutrition Program to Gibbs Management at \$5.68 (congregate cost per meal-78), \$5.68 (home delivered cost per meal-143), and \$.75 (low sodium cost per snack-16)
- e. Accepted ARPA Supplemental Nutrition Funding in the amount of \$53,260 and authorize execution of associated agreements and funding plan
- f. Authorized execution of the FY 2022-2023 Home and Community Care Block Grant Funding Plan and associated assurances documents
- g. Approved an extension of the lease between the County and DHHS-CDSA for +/- 168 square feet of space at 360 County Complex Road from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023
- h. Authorized execution of the contracts for legal services for FY 22-23 between Sampson County (DSS) and Warrick and Bradshaw and Howard and Carr and the contract addendum for legal services FY21-22 between Sampson County (DSS) and Warrick and Bradshaw

- i. Authorized the execution of the contract for Juvenile Court Officer/Investigator and Child Support Civil Officer services for FY 22-23 between Sampson County (DSS) and the Sampson County Sheriff's Office
- j. Authorized the execution of the contract for non-emergency Medicaid transportation services for FY 22-23 between Sampson County (DSS) and Sampson Area Transportation
- k. Authorized the execution of the contract with W. Green, PLLC to audit accounts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022
- l. Authorized the surplus and transfer of service weapon (Sig Sauer P226 pistol, serial number 47A065117) to retiring officer Barry Britt
- m. Awarded a franchise for non-emergency convalescent transport services to Sampson Regional Medical Center
- n. Adopted a resolution accepting an allocation of ARP funding in the amount of \$1,717,000 for Project SRP-D-ARP-002 (Clement Area Water System Expansion) and making applicable grant assurances (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
- o. Approved correction to Section XI (Enterprise Fund, Water) of the FY 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance
- p. Approved the delinquent disabled veteran property tax exemption requests to Franklin L. Cooper, Gregory K. Bennett, Dean Roy Wilkins, and Ralphel Rayner
- q. Approved the tax refunds and releases as submitted

#9912	Heather Tucker	\$275.58
#9918	Emily Avery	\$139.46
#9920	Eddie Ray Baldwin	\$235.16
#9922	Rex Allen Maynor II	\$140.22
#9924	Jennifer Tong Woo	\$144.65
#9925	Freddie Lee Carter, Jr.	\$126.71
#9927	Kane Alphin	\$298.02
#9928	Jennifer Wilson	\$100.53
#9933	Meredith S. Raper	\$301.13
#9932	Tony Woo	\$152.83

- r. Approved budget amendments as submitted

<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		Finance		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11449200	557000	Land	\$1,961,024.	

<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11039999	409900	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$1,961,024.	

<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		Library		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11761100	526200	Department Supplies	\$14,874.	

<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11036110	403625	Reimbursement for NC Bright Ideas	\$14,874.	

Grant Purchases

**EXPENDITURE**

Sheriff

<u>Code Number</u>	<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11243100	526200 Departmental Supplies	\$25,355.	
11243100	538100 Data Processing – Programming	\$1,800.	
11243100	539500 Employee Training	\$12,000.	
11243100	555000 Capital Outlay – Other Equipment	\$24,800.	

**REVENUE**

<u>Code Number</u>	<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11034310	NC Sheriff’s Association ICAC Grant	\$63,955.	

**EXPENDITURE**

Health Department

<u>Code Number</u>	<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12551250	512100 Salaries	\$103,070.	
12551250	518100 FICA	\$6,391.	
12551250	518120 Medicare FICA	\$1,495.	
12551250	518200 Retirement	\$7,792.	
12551250	518300 Group Insurance	\$10,620.	
12551250	518400 Dental Insurance	\$360.	
12551250	518901 401K	\$7,731.	
12551250	526200 Department Supplies	\$1,000.	
12551250	526201 Department Supplies Equipment	\$2,000.	
12551250	523900 Medical Supplies	\$1,000.	
12551250	519300 Medical Services	\$500.	
12551250	529700 Lab Supplies	\$1,000.	
12551250	529702 Lab Services	\$1,000.	

**REVENUE**

<u>Code Number</u>	<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
	Allocation of State Funds for New CD Position	\$143,959.	

**EXPENDITURE**

Health

<u>Code Number</u>	<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12551670	512100 Salaries	\$16,000.	
12551670	518100 FICA	\$992.	
12551670	518120 Medicare FICA	\$232.	
12551670	518200 Retirement	\$1,210.	
12551670	518300 Group Insurance	\$5,310.	
12551670	518400 Dental Insurance	\$180.	
12551670	518901 401K	\$1,200.	
12551670	526200 Departmental Supplies	\$166.	

**REVENUE**

<u>Code Number</u>	<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
	Allocation of State WIC Funds for Breast Feeding Peer Counselor	\$25,290.	

**EXPENDITURE**

Social Services

<u>Code Number</u>	<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
13554710	536030 Special Children Adoption Fund	\$109,029.03	

**REVENUE**

<u>Code Number</u>	<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
13535471	402630 Special Children Adoption Fund	\$109,029.03	

**EXPENDITURE**

<u>Code Number</u>	<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
75243100	512600 Separation Allowance	\$3,500.	
75243100	518100 FICA	\$220.	
75243100	518120 Medicare FICA	\$51.	

**REVENUE**

<u>Code Number</u>	<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
75034310	499900 Fund Balance Approp	\$3,771.	

Approved Budget Amendment 1 - Special Revenue, Budget Amendment 1 - Fund 5, Budget Amendment 4 - State, Budget Amendment 1 - Local, and Budget Amendment 3 - Federal for Clinton City Schools as submitted.

Accepted the Sampson County Schools Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Current Expense Funding Request as submitted.

**Item 5: County Manager’s Report**

No report was given.

**Item 6: Public Comment Period**

Chairperson Lee opened the floor for public comments. The following were received:

Elaine Hunt: “Are you all as tired of me as I am of probably seeing you all with my same problem? Everybody should know by now, Elaine F. Hunt. I reside at 7171 Old Warsaw Road. My concern is still the same – brown water on Old Warsaw Road. I come tonight to clarify a few things, remarks that I heard come to me. We understand that county tax revenues is not used to expand water. We understand that. We understand that hundreds of millions of dollars might be involved. We understand that. We are not looking any special favors. We just want assistance in getting clean water like you and others have. Now some people might think the water is paid for through taxpayer’s money. That is not the case here. We know it is not. We are not looking for a handout. We are looking for a helping hand from you, our representatives, Sampson County Commissioners. Because we want the privilege of water to drink from home. This is not water to drink like the water that you are drinking there. We want to be able to wash our white clothes and so forth. In researching I learned that you water distribution system was developed in the late 1980s. I’m wondering if your design and your procedures were established during this time also. If so, that is approximately forty-two years ago. Your procedures and your policies. Forty-two years. Situations change. Layout changes. Practices changes. Everything changes, even your mind changes occasionally. But even you and I have changed in forty-two years. So perhaps commissioners, if you are using the same

policies to determine who can get water and how many houses and residents should be per mile, maybe you should look at updating your procedures. And also I was told to consider getting another well. Well, I have had two wells dug and went back to the first one. I've purchased a filter system. I still have brown water. So please do not think we are not trying to help ourselves, because we are trying to help ourselves. I have spent thousands of dollars on a filter and still have brown water, so I ask you to consider allowing the rest of us on Old Warsaw Road past Timberlake to get water from the county. I thank you, and I hope you all will consider my request."

### **Adjournment**

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

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Sue L. Lee, Chairperson

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Susan J. Holder, Clerk to the Board