

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened for their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 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 turned the meeting over to Vice Chairperson Kivett. Vice Chairperson Kivett acknowledged Boy Scout Troop 27 and called upon Brady Warren, who provided the invocation. Troop 27 then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 1: Planning & Zoning Items

R22-06: Request by Rhetson Companies, Inc. to Rezone 2.27 Acres (Parcel 17016585801) from Residential Agricultural (RA) to Commercial (C) Chairperson Lee opened a public hearing and called upon Planner Michelle Lance to review a rezoning request from Rhetson Companies, Inc. The request is to rezone 2.27 acres of an existing 4.61-acre parcel from Residential Agricultural (RA) to Commercial (C). The Planning Board determined the proposed rezoning to be consistent with the Sampson County Land Use Plan and voted 4-0 to recommend the proposed rezoning to the Sampson County Board of Commissioners. Chairperson Lee opened the floor for public comment, and hearing none, closed the public hearing. Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Kivett and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a resolution approving R22-06, having found the proposed rezoning consistent with the Sampson County Land Use Plan. (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

R22-07: Request by College Street Properties, LLC to Rezone 1.13 Acres (Parcel 14095282001) from Mixed Residential (MRD) to Commercial (C) Ms. Lance reviewed a request from College Street Properties, LLC to rezone 1.13 acres from Mixed Residential (MRD) to Commercial (C). The Planning Board determined that the proposed rezoning was consistent with the Sampson County Land Use Plan and voted 3-0 (with one abstention) to recommend the proposed rezoning to the Sampson County Board of Commissioners. Chairperson Lee opened a public hearing and opened the floor for public comments. Hearing none, she closed the public hearing. Upon a motion by Commissioner Godwin and seconded by Commissioner Lethia Lee, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a resolution approving R22-07, having found the proposed rezoning consistent with the Sampson County Land Use Plan. (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

Item 2: Public Hearings

Public Hearing Regarding Conveyance of Certain Real Property Previously Acquired for Economic Development Purposes (Roseboro – Project Steel) Chairperson Lee opened a public hearing and called upon Ray Jordan to represent the Sampson County Economic Development

Commission. Pursuant to G.S. 158-7.1, the County is required to hold a public hearing before the sale of property previously acquired for economic development purposes. Mr. Jordan discussed the conveyance of a fee simple interest in a 17.12 ± acre parcel to North Carolina Welding, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company, at a proposed price of \$375,000. Attorney Starling added that as a result of the survey, there is technically an encroachment of a shed on one of the property lines, and that language will be modified to clarify that the existing setbacks are suitable to maintain nonconforming status. Chairperson Lee opened the floor for public comments and Assistant County Manager Susan Holder stated that the County received a letter of support from they Mayor of the Town of Roseboro. Hearing no other comments, Chairperson Lee closed the public hearing. Upon a motion by Chairperson Lee and seconded by Vice Chairperson Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a resolution approving the conveyance of property and authorizing execution of an Agreement of Purchase and Sale (substantially similar to the one included in the agenda) and the deed. (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

Public Hearing Regarding Amendments to the Economic Development Budget for FY 22-23 Chairperson Lee opened the public hearing and called upon Finance Officer David Clack. Mr. Clack discussed amendments to the Economic Development budget, namely bringing forward from the FY 21-22 budget: NC Commerce Building Reuse Grant funds, NC Commerce Industrial Development Grant funds, and land purchase diligence and closing costs. Chairperson Lee opened the floor for public comments. Hearing none, she closed the public hearing. Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Kivett and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the amendments to the Economic Development budget as requested (by approval of the enclosed budget amendment). (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

Item 3: Action Items

Airport – Update on Clinton-Sampson Hangar Lease (was continued at August meeting.) Chairperson Lee call upon County Attorney Joel Starling for an update on the Hangar Lease at the Clinton-Sampson Airport. Attorney Starling explained that the County and City have been in negotiations with a prospective tenant, Moore’s Aerial Applicators, LLC and Michael K. Rivenbark, for an airport hangar lease. Under the terms of the proposed lease agreement, the tenant would lease a 1.51± acre portion of the main Airport parcel and construct an 80’X80’ hangar which would become the property of the County and the City. The initial lease term would be for a period of twenty (20) years, and the tenant would have the option to renew for an additional ten (10) year renewal term. Because negotiations are still underway, we have published a new notice of public hearing to consider the matter at the Board’s October 3, 2022 meeting. Upon a motion by Chairperson Lee and seconded by Vice Chairperson Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to continue the matter until the October 3, 2022 meeting.

Cooperative Extension – Adoption of Revised Voluntary Agricultural District Ordinance, Appointment of VAD Committee and Acceptance of Grant Funding for VAD Program Chairperson Lee called upon Agricultural Extension Agent Eileen Coite who informed the Board of three items for consideration. Ms. Coite explained that back in 2001 the County

adopted an ordinance establishing a Voluntary Agricultural District Program to support and promote farmland preservation. The ordinance has been updated, and Ms. Coite reviewed the proposed changes. Upon a motion by Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Voluntary Agricultural District Ordinance as revised. (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Ms. Coite then advised the Board that as part of the VAD program's restructuring, Cooperative Extension has recommended the appointment of a new VAD Committee as follows:

District 1: Jennifer Daniels (2-year term), Tammy Peterson (3-year term)

District 2: Henry Faison (3-year term), Nelson Powell (2-year term)

District 3: Kent Fann (4-year term)

District 4: Morgan Moore (4-year term)

District 5: Dixie Jordan (4-year term)

Ex-officio members: Eileen Coite (Cooperative Extension), Anita Lane (Register of Deeds), Melanie Harris (Soil and Water Conservation) and Jim Johnson (Tax Administration)

Upon a motion by Chairperson Lee and seconded by Vice Chair Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to appoint the VAD Committee as recommended. Finally, Ms. Coite informed the Board that Cooperative Extension has secured funds through an Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund Grant with the NC Department of Agriculture to support the VAD program. These funds will be used in the coming months to replace existing VAD member farm signs, provide new member signs, and promotional signs. Upon a motion by Chairperson Lee and seconded by Vice Chair Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to accept Farmland Preservation Trust Fund Grant funds and authorize execution of grant contract documents.

Water District Projects Chairperson Lee called upon Public Works Director Lin Reynolds and David Ross of Dewberry Engineers. Mr. Reynolds acknowledged Commissioner Lethia Lee for her involvement in these water projects, and introduced David Ross, who presented information regarding ongoing and upcoming water projects. Mr. Ross informed the Board that the County will submit funding applications to NCDEQ/DWI for the Fall 2022 funding cycle for two projects - the Mintz Area Water Main Distribution System and the Suttontown Area Distribution System. Mr. Ross reviewed the project descriptions and requested the adoption of resolutions authorizing submission of the funding applications. Upon a motion by Commissioner Godwin and seconded by Commissioner Lethia Lee, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the resolutions approving the Mintz Area Water Main Distribution System and the Suttontown Area Distribution System applications. (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Mr. Ross then reviewed a proposed resolution adopting a Well Head Protection Program. A Well Head Protection Program is a voluntary program intended to assist us in protecting the system's water supply from contamination, and to identify vulnerable areas around our well called "Wellhead Protection Areas." Another goal of this program is to make residents and businesses aware that chemicals and other pollutants spilled or dumped in the vicinity of the "Wellhead Protection Area" can be drawn into the wells, possibly contaminating the system's drinking water supply. The proposed plan was made available for public

inspection in the Public Works Office (as noticed on our website). The actual plan is too cumbersome to be included in the agenda. The full plan was provided to the Board and sunshine list electronically. Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Kivett and seconded by Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the resolution approving the Well head Protection Plan. (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Mr. Ross then informed the Board that only two bids were received last week for the Elevated Storage Tank project near Midway Elementary School and in Roseboro (ARPA projects), and that by law, three must be received in order to open bids. The bidding will be readvertised with a new bid opening date of September 22, 2022. Once the bids have been received and reviewed, Mr. Ross and his team will work together with Mr. Starling to recommend an award for the next Board of Commissioners meeting. Finally, Mr. Ross shared that we have received confirmation of the State's intent to fund our Ivanhoe water project. Mr. Ross will review the Letter of Intent to Find and the proposed plans to develop a water supply and distribution system to serve the community. Commissioner Lethia Lee, who worked diligently to bring water to the southern portion of the county provided remarks and introduced Mr. Russell DeVane of Ivanhoe. Mr. DeVane stated that he was proud to live in Ivanhoe, and thanked God for the County Commissioners and everyone who worked on this project.

Sampson Area Transportation – Authorization to Apply for Annual State Transportation Grant Funding and Certification of Local Funding Chairperson Lee called upon Transportation Director Rosemarie Oates-Mobley who informed the Board that each year the County applies to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for Community Transportation Funding, which is used by our Sampson Area Transportation program to coordinate existing transportation programs operating in Sampson County and to provide transportation services within our communities. Sampson Area Transportation has requested approval to apply for funding as follows:

CTP/5311 Funding (Admin Expenses)	\$285,000	Requires 15% local match of \$42,750
Capital (Vehicles, Computers)	\$250,000	Requires 20% local match of \$50,000
5310 Elderly/Disabled Services	\$40,000	Requires 50% local match (in kind) of \$20,000
Total Grant Requests	\$575,000	Total Local Share \$112,750

The grant match amounts will be budgeted later in the FY 23-24 Sampson Area Transportation budget. Ms. Oates-Mobley has requested that the Board hold the required public hearing on this funding at the November 7, 2022 meeting. Upon a motion by Chairperson Lee and seconded by Vice Chairperson Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to authorize submission of transportation grant application documents, including Certifying Resolution which designated the County Manager as the authorized official AND to schedule a public hearing on the funding for November 7, 2022. (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Mr. Causey then commented that the County is fortunate to have a number of excellent department heads, and that Ms. Oates-Mobley has turned the Transportation department around since her arrival and works diligently and effectively with her staff.

Appointments – Workforce Development Board Chairperson Lee called upon Vice Chairperson Kivett who made a motion to appoint Bartley Warren, Chuck Spell, Jeff Nethercutt,

and Hugh Carr to the Workforce Development Board. Upon a second by Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to make these appointments. Also representing Sampson County on the Workforce Development Board (ex-officio) will be Amanda Bradshaw (representing Education), Stephen Barrington (representing Economic Development), and Dr. David Goodin and Dr. Wesley Johnson (representing K-12 Leaders.)

Item 4: Consent Agenda

Upon a motion 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 August 1, 2022 meeting
- b. Approved a request from Sampson-Clinton Public Library to surplus and discard withdrawn materials pursuant to the library's Materials Selection Policy and the County's Records Retention Policies
- c. Accepted LSTA 2022-2023 ASRL Scholarship grant in the amount of \$1,500 to allow staff member to attend conference
- d. Approved the Sampson Area Transportation System Safety Plan for 2022 (provided separately as an electronic document) (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____, Page ____.)
- e. Approved the Local Child Care Policy for Sampson County Department of Social Services (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____, Page ____.)
- f. Approved the execution of contracts between Sampson County (DSS) and service providers: Reagan E. Warren (Legal Services); Corinne Railey (Legal Services); K & A Morrissey Cleaning Service; Just-Rite Cleaning Service; Vanguard Professional Staffing, Inc.; and Sampson County Department of Aging (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____, Page ____.)
- g. Authorized execution of the Sampson County Department of Aging Assistance Policy for the 2022 Cycle of the Urgent Repair Program
- h. Authorized execution of the 2022-2023 agreement between Sampson County and State Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the protection, development, and improvement of forest lands in Sampson County (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____, Page ____.)
- i. Adopted a resolution creating a special revenue fund for the Opioid Settlement funding (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____, Page ____.)
- j. Authorized execution of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Sampson County Child Advocacy Center and the Sampson County Health Department (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____, Page ____.)
- k. Ratified the Minority Business Participation Outreach Plan (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____, Page ____.)
- l. Approved late applications for disabled veterans tax exclusions for Jerry L. Lee, Nathan J. Lassiter, Lloyd G. Brown, Johnnie Lee Warren, Jr., Nathan T. McKee, Willie Ray Moore, and Carlton D. Crenshaw

m. Approved the tax refunds and releases as submitted

#9945	Jennifer Lewis	\$103.82
#9960	Felicia Melvin	\$212.60
#9968	Rafaela Serrano	\$180.83
#9970	Moore's Produce Inc.	\$108.80
#9972	Catherine Lorraine Bullard	\$184.33
#9976	Tilda Herring	\$362.30
#9977	Audrey H. Lea	\$176.21
#9978	Sally Pope	\$148.81
#9983	David Junior Locklear	\$343.84
#9985	Holland, Poole, Holland & Sanderson	\$324.11
#9981	Roger Register	\$163.27
Tax Release	Michelle Ann Eiholzer	\$231.25
Tax Release	Christina C. Matthews	\$416.25
Tax Release	Roger Register	\$163.27
Tax Release	Cisco Systems Capital Corp	\$1,281.88

n. Approved budget amendments as submitted

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		Various		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11343200	535200	Maint/Repair Equipment	\$3,649.	
11141210	544000	Contracted Services	\$2,000.	
16145000	554001	Capital Outlay Vehicles State	\$404,718.	
16145000	554002	Capital Outlay Vehicles Local	\$44,969.	

<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11039999	409800	Fund Balance Approp Encumbrances	\$5,649.	
16134500	403612	State Vehicle Grant	\$404,718.	
16134500	409800	Fund Balance Approp Encumbrances	\$44,969.	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		Finance		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11243100	526202	Department Supplies Grant	\$35,270.	
11243100	526230	Equipment Grant	\$178.	

<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11039999	409900	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$35,448.	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		Social Services		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
13554810	568416	LIHWAP (Water Assistance)	\$130,332.	

<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
13535480	403316	LIHWAP (Water Assistance)	\$130,332.	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		Library		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11761100	549100	Dues and Subscriptions	\$348.	
11761100	526200	Departmental Supplies	\$219.	

<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11036110	408401	Donations	\$567.	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		Library		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11761100	526200	Departmental Supplies	\$32,699.	
11761100	526201	Departmental Supplies - Equipment	\$20,000.	
11761100	544000	Contracted Services	\$10,000.	
11761100	544200	Cultural Programs	\$5,000.	
11761100	531100	Travel	\$1,000.	
11761100	529900	Misc Expenses	\$350.	

<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11036110	403632	State Aid – One Time Grant	\$69,049.	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		Library		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11761100	549100	Dues and Subscriptions	\$52.	
11761100	526200	Departmental Supplies	\$200.	

<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11036110	408900	Misc Revenue	\$252.	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		Aging		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
82558750	524100	URP - Materials	\$70,800.	
82558750	529901	URP – Soft Cost	\$14,000.	
82558750	544000	URP – Contracted Services	\$47,200.	

<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
82035875	403605	URP – NCHFa	\$132,000.	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		Airport		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11141250	557000	Capital Outlay Land	\$216,000.	

<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11034125	403623	City of Clinton Contribution	\$75,000.	
11034125	408900	Miscellaneous Revenue	\$141,000.	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		Schools Capital Outlay		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11659110	555030	Category 1 Capital Outlay City	\$350,796.	
11659110	555031	Category 2 Capital Outlay City	\$78,876.	

11359110	555032	Category 3 Capital Outlay City	\$40,000.	
11659110	550000	Unallocated Capital Outlay		\$196,379.
19959110	582096	Transfer to General Fund	\$273,293.	

REVENUE

<u>Code Number</u>	<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
19932320	409900 Fund Balance Appropriated	\$273,293.	
11035911	409612 Transfer for School Capital Reserve	\$273,293.	

EXPENDITURE

<u>Code Number</u>	<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
15981530	509700 Contingency	\$282,933.	
15981530	519900 Other Professional Services	\$31,049.	
15981530	551000 Capital Outlay Furniture and Equipment	\$569,705.	
15981530	552000 Capital Outlay Data Processing	\$749,119.	
15981530	555000 Capital Outlay Other Equipment	\$74,500.	
15981530	558100 Construction Costs	\$265,451.	

REVENUE

<u>Code Number</u>	<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
15038153	420000 NC 911 PSAP Grant	\$1,972,757.	

EXPENDITURE

<u>Code Number</u>	<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11141250	557000 Capital Outlay Land	\$216,000.	

REVENUE

<u>Code Number</u>	<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11034125	403623 City of Clinton Contribution	\$75,000.	
11034125	408900 Miscellaneous Revenue	\$141,000.	

EXPENDITURE

<u>Code Number</u>	<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
4549520	526200 Departmental Supplies	\$2,000.	
4549520	531100 Travel	\$2,315.	

REVENUE

<u>Code Number</u>	<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
4034952	403601 Grant – Eastpointe	\$4,315.	

EXPENDITURE

<u>Code Number</u>	<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12551670	545000 Insurance & Bonds	\$3,000.	
12551670	531100 Travel	\$3,000.	
12551670	526200 Department Supplies	\$2,765.00	

REVENUE

<u>Code Number</u>	<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12535167	404000 State Assistance	\$8,765.	

EXPENDITURE

<u>Code Number</u>	<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
2558800	525600 Nutrition – Department Supplies	\$300.	

REVENUE

<u>Code Number</u>	<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
2035880	408401 Nutrition – Donations	\$300.	

Item 5: Board Information

The Board received the following items as information only:

- a. Appropriations of State Capital Infrastructure Fund (SCIF) Grant Funds
- b. Invitation to Annual Budget Presentation meeting with the SRMC Board of Trustees (September 26, 2022)

Item 6: County Manager’s Report

County Manager Ed Causey called the Board’s attention to the Board Information section of the agenda, specifically the section regarding SCIF Grant Funds. He commended the individuals and senators who worked on securing these funds. He also reminded the Board of the SRMC Annual Meeting. Mr. Causey then discussed a proposed workshop regarding budget preparations, the general fund, and the County’s financial status along with Human Resources issues. He believes that this workshop will allow citizens of Sampson County to be better informed on local government practices. Mr. Causey proposed to hold the workshop on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Board Room at 435 Rowan Road, Clinton, North Carolina.

Item 7: Public Comment Period

Following a brief overview of Public Comment Period Policies and Procedures by Assistant County Manager Susan Holder, Chairperson Lee opened the floor for public comments. The following were received:

Robert Graczyk, 2556 Greens Bridge Road, Parkersburg, North Carolina – On August 17th I submitted a FOIA Request, Freedom of Information Act Request and I’ve been to the office five times asking the six specific questions and points. I thought Sampson County was transparent in their work activity in the County. I thought that transparency or integrity was part of Sampson County. Why would it take since August 17th this long to get a FOIA Request provided to a taxpayer in the County? People have the right to know what goes on. There’s no back door where people hide things. This is public record. I’m a taxpayer. It’s “we the people.” “We the people of Sampson County.” I’ve heard comments of well, just go out and vote. We are voting. We are voting. Thank you very much.

LaTonya Gilliam, 817 W. 2nd Street, Garland, North Carolina – I would first and foremost like to congratulate the citizens of Ivanhoe on their hard-won fight to bring public water to their community. Now the work begins. Basking in the success of receiving the funding grant is not

an option. Now is the time to get door knockers and applications out and in the hands of the people. Having a tab on the website is not enough. Many elders cannot access the website to complete the online applications. Face-to-face interaction will be needed to get the water flowing into each and every eligible home. No one should be left out because they do not have access to internet or computer access. True leadership means beating your feet on the street in order to avoid a Lakewood repeat. The word is officially out that the NCDEQ awarded Ivanhoe over \$13,000,000 to bring water into the homes and everyone in Sampson County is watching and across the state, they are watching as well.

Arlene McCoy, 319 Long View Lake Road, Garland, North Carolina – I was attached to the petition for the Ivanhoe residents for the water, and the people that I represent want to know when will they start putting in the lines. I'm a little different from Ivanhoe because I'm in the middle of Ingold and Garland and both sites have a water tank there already and the lines have been run at least half way down so it's not even ten miles difference from one place to the other, or to where we stay at either. And if I could get some kind of clarification as to what they need to do or when this will come into effect. Thank you. Chairperson Lee advised Ms. McCoy to contact Public Works to have her questions addressed.

Ruth Cantrell, 235 Gilmore Lane, Clinton, North Carolina – I'm here because I'm not sure that you guys realize that three more deputies have left since the middle of August, and I personally know one that's leaving at the end of the this year. And as a citizen of this county, I listen to the radio and I hear calls backed up. Just this past week two deputies covered this entire county. I sincerely hope that yall are going to think long and hard and do something to correct this. Two of the deputies went to Harnett County for a whole lot more money. And I've heard the rumors about many deputies are making over \$70,000, well I can attest to your personally, that the one that I live with and have lived with for twenty-eight years does not even make half that. It is a crying shame how long response times have gotten because nobody wants to do the job when you can go work at Lowes and make about the same amount of money.

Jo Strickland, 67 N. Ingold Avenue, Garland, North Carolina – I'm here tonight to follow up on Ms. Cantrell's comments. I'm really disgusted that we have lost so many deputies in this county to other counties due to the lack of funding from the County Manager and the Board. We, as the citizens, demand better. We pay this money, this is our money, and we should be able to request that things be spent in a way that protects all citizens of this county. In the last month we had a drug addict event in our store in Garland, our little Family Dollar store, that required the call of a deputy. It took over thirty minutes to get anyone to respond to Garland while we've got four employees in there scared to death with somebody jumping over the counter trying to break into the cash register. This is unacceptable, folks. Completely. And then last night, I'm sitting in my living room, as all of a sudden I hear a kaboom. My walls shook, and the pictures fell off of the wall from a drunk driver flying through Garland that took out the telephone pole that was as close to my front door as the wall. Every grandchild and my daughter were in this room. This is unacceptable. As a commissioner for the town of Garland, we have had to resort to hiring off-duty deputies, paying them more than we can actually afford, to get some coverage in our area, and thank God last night one happened to be scheduled to be on duty. So within two minutes, less than two minutes, I had somebody at my door calling in all the support that we needed to protect my family and all of the other families

from the low-hanging wires that were coming across Garland. Yall can do better. We deserve better. We pay better. 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 Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 9:00 A.M. in the County Auditorium.

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Sue L. Lee, Chairperson

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Susan J. Holder, Clerk to the Board