

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened in the Cooperative Extension Office, 55 Agriculture Place in Clinton, North Carolina on Monday, April 3, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. Members present: Chairman Jerol Kivett, Vice Chairperson Sue Lee, and Commissioners Thaddeus Godwin, Lethia Lee, and Allen McLamb.

Sampson County Cooperative Extension Report to the People

Chairman Jerol Kivett opened the meeting following a brief welcome by Extension Director Brad Hardison. Commissioner Thaddeus Godwin then returned thanks before the meal. Guests enjoyed a meal, game, and presentations by Extension Staff as well as 4-H Club Members. Upon a motion made and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to recess to reconvene at 6:00 p.m. in the County Auditorium, 435 Rowan Road, Clinton.

Reconvene

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners reconvened for their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 2022, in the County Auditorium, 435 Rowan Road in Clinton, North Carolina. Members present: Chairman Jerol Kivett, Vice Chairperson Sue Lee, and Commissioners Thaddeus Godwin, Lethia Lee, and Allen McLamb.

Chairman Jerol Kivett called the meeting to order and turned the meeting over to Vice Chairperson Sue Lee. Vice Chairperson Sue Lee called upon Commissioner Lethia Lee who provided the invocation. Vice Chairperson Sue Lee then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Sue Lee and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as published.

Item 1: Planning and Zoning Items

Proposed Subdivision Ordinance Text Amendment Chairman Kivett opened a public hearing and called upon Senior Planner Michelle Lance who provided an overview of the proposed Subdivision Ordinance text amendment. The Text Amendment clarifies that major subdivision lots may only be served by internal access streets and may not have frontage along public streets in the NC DOT system. The Text Amendment also provides that minor subdivisions may have no more than five driveways that access an existing public or private street, subject to the driveway and subdivision standards of the NC DOT. In cases where more than five minor subdivision lots will access any one public or private street, one or more shared driveways will be required, such that no more than five driveways access any one street. The Planning Board reviewed this amendment at their March 13, 2023 meeting and voted 3-0 to recommend approval of the Subdivision Ordinance Text Amendment. The recommendation for approval is based off the Planning Board's decision that the text amendment is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Sampson County Land Use Plan. Chairman Kivett opened the floor for public comments and hearing none closed the public hearing. Ms. Lance answered brief questions from Chairman Kivett, Vice Chairperson Sue Lee, and Commissioner McLamb.

Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Sue Lee and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Subdivision Ordinance Text Amendment as recommended. (Copy filed in Ordinance Book _____, Page _____.)

Item 2: Public Hearings

Hwy 24 – Renaming of Roads Chairman Kivett opened a public hearing and called upon Emergency Management Director Rick Sauer. Mr. Sauer explained that several years ago, the NCDOT started the planning and subsequent reconstruction of rebuilding Hwy 24 from the City of Clinton west through Roseboro to the Cumberland County line in Autryville. As a result, some roads have been split in two, some roads remain unnamed, and some addresses do not conform to the County’s Ordinance and the National Emergency Numbering Association (NENA) guidelines. For the past six months, the 911 Addressing Coordinator, Jessie Matthews, and the County’s Road Naming Committee have been working diligently to identify each road and address that has been impacted. The Road Naming Committee has attempted to recommend as few changes as possible to minimize the impact on residents. Following Mr. Sauer’s comments, Chairman Kivett opened the floor for public comments. The following were received:

Margaret Butler, 7786 Roseboro Highway, Roseboro, NC: “Good evening. My name is Margaret Butler. My concern is about the dead-end road of 24. You know when they put the superhighway it came behind our house but it used to be in front. So, I live at 7786 Roseboro Highway and I was wondering if they were going to rename that road.” 911 Addressing Coordinator Jessie Matthews clarified that information for Ms. Butler. Ms. Butler continued, “It’s a dead-end road and we were thinking about Snow Hill Drive.” Mr. Sauer informed Ms. Butler that the road naming committee had proposed the name Bend Road for this renaming. Ms. Butler thanked the Board for their time.

Whitney Parker, 7745 Roseboro Highway, Roseboro, NC: “I had the same question. I wanted to submit a name for consideration for that road. I don’t know since it was already automatically named. I just wanted to second her notion for Snow Hill Drive for that road, for Roseboro Highway.” Mr. Sauer clarified that the Road Naming Committee had already proposed the name Bend Road for this renaming. Mr. Parker continued, “I would just like to have the consideration. Thank you.”

Michael Fisher, 5656 Roseboro Highway, Roseboro, NC: “Good evening, I’m Michael Fisher, the owner of 5656 Roseboro Highway. I see in your proposal that you want to name that Bennett Lane or something like that, and my question is why would you want to name it Bennett Lane when the front door faces 24?” Ms. Matthews clarified that the reason for the change is because the driveway now faces Bennett Lane and not the highway. The correct address for first responders going out to respond to an emergency correlates to the driveway location.

Chairman Kivett closed the public hearing. Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Sue Lee and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to rename the roads as recommended by the Road Naming Committee.

Naming of Private Roads Chairman Kivett opened a public hearing and 911 Addressing Coordinator Jessie Matthews presented information on proposed names for two private roads. The Road Naming Committee recommends the name Crespo Lane for PVT 1926-1260 and Lyndall Lane for PVT 242-3210. Chairman Kivett opened the floor for public comments. The following were received:

Maggie Howell, 288 Stagecoach Lane, Autryville, NC: "Hello. We don't have an issue with the renaming, but many of us have bought metal reflective house numbers from our local fire departments. Would we be able to get those replaced for no additional charge with the same ones that we purchased?" Mr. Sauer clarified that the County is not involved with the referenced signs and that they would need to be discussed with the fire department from which they were purchased. Ms. Howell continued, "I did have another question. I realize that a lot of people are going to have to update their drivers license with the new address and to do that online you have to pay a \$3 convenience fee and then the price for the drivers license. Would people be able to get any assistance with that? I understand that you have thirty days to change your address on your drivers license." Chairman Kivett stated that he was not aware of any assistance and that this issue could be raised with the Department of Transportation. Ms. Howell thanked the Board and concluded her comments.

Chairman Kivett closed the public hearing and moved to name the private roads as recommended. Following a second by Commissioner McLamb, the Board voted unanimously to name the private roads as recommended.

Item 3: Action Items

Award of Bids for the Rehabilitation of Two Homes in Group 2 of the 2020 Essential Single Family Rehabilitation Loan Pool (ESFRLP) Program Chairman Kivett called upon Finance Officer David Clack who reviewed information provided by The Adams Company regarding the rehabilitation of two homes in the ESFRLP20 Program. Mr. Clack noted that bids were received on March 29, 2023 and were opened and read aloud. The Adams Company recommended bidder Thomas J. Holland for project Lillian Daughtry and also for project Ollie Jones, contingent upon North Carolina Housing Finance Agency providing approval of receiving only one bid. Upon a motion by Commissioner Godwin and seconded by Commissioner Lethia Lee, the Board voted unanimously to award the bids for project Lillian Daughtry and project Ollie Jones to Thomas J. Holland, contingent upon NC Housing and Finance Agency providing approval of receiving only one bid, and to authorize the County Manager to execute all contracts and related documents.

Suttontown and Mintz Water Expansion Project Chairman Kivett called upon Interim Public Works Director Mark Turlington and Project Manager David Ross of Dewberry Engineers. Mr. Turlington provided an update on the Ivanhoe Water Project. He wanted to inform both the Board and citizens that work on this project has begun and that progress is being made. Mr. Ross then reviewed funding information for the Suttontown and Mintz Water Expansion Project. Mr. Ross added that there would be no taxpayer dollars involved in this project and that it would be funded through the Division of Water Infrastructure State Revolving Fund. He requested that the Board adopt a resolution authorizing submission of the funding application. Upon a motion by Chairman Kivett and seconded by Commissioner

Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a resolution approving the Suttontown and Mintz Water System Expansion funding application and naming the County Manager as the representative authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of Sampson County. (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

New Rules and Regulations and Minimum Standards for Clinton-Sampson Airport (CTZ) Chairman Kivett called upon County Attorney Joel Starling who informed the Board that at its last three quarterly meetings, the Airport Advisory Board has discussed new proposed Rules and Regulations and Minimum Standards for the Clinton-Sampson Airport (CTZ). CTZ's current rules and minimum standards were adopted in 2009 and are in need of revision. On February 22, 2023, the Advisory Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of the draft Rules and Regulations and Minimum Standards. The Advisory Board made one modification to the proposed Rules prepared by staff: In Article II (General Airport Rules and Regulations), § 8 (Airport Grounds), the words "outside of the hangar" were added, such that the second sentence of § 8 reads, "Premises, by whomever owned, shall not be used for the storage outside of the hangar of vehicles, equipment, or items that are not utilized in connection with Aeronautical Activity." Upon a motion by Chairman Kivett and seconded by Vice Chairperson Sue Lee, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the new Rules and Regulations and Minimum Standards for Clinton-Sampson County Airport as recommended.

Item 4: Consent Agenda (as Board of Commissioners)

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

- a. Approved the minutes of the March 6, 2023 Board meeting (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- b. Authorized the Sampson County DSS Advisory Committee Name Change
- c. Approved the Sampson County DSS Cash Management and Segregation of Duties Policy
- d. Authorized a request to Discard Items from the collections of the Sampson-Clinton Public Library System
- e. Authorized a lease of County property between Sampson County and Lynn S. Carr and adopted a resolution authorizing the County Manager to execute a lease agreement on behalf of Sampson County (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- f. Authorized a lease of County property between Sampson County and James Dennis Lee and Terry M. Raynor and adopted a resolution authorizing the County Manager to execute a lease agreement on behalf of Sampson County (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- g. Adopted a resolution accepting an offer by Kristal V. Garcia (Valle-Garcia Properties, LLC) to purchase certain real estate and authorizing the Chairman of the Board to execute a warranty deed and any such other documents necessary for the transfer of

said property (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

h. Approved an amendment changing the due date of the previous year's Audit Contract

i. Approved the budget amendments as submitted

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		Sheriff		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11243100	555000	Capital Outlay – Other	\$56,000.	
11243100	526201	Dept. Supplies CD	\$11,000.	
11243100	526200	Dept. Supplies	\$19,050.	
<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11034310	403623	County Schools SRO Funds	\$86,050.	
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		Public Works		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11999000	509700	Contingency		\$130,000.
11142600	533000	Utilities	\$130,000.	
<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		Aging		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02558800	526200	Department Supplies	\$330.	
<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02035880	408401	Donations	\$330.	
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		Aging		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02558710	526200	Department Supplies	\$485.	
<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02035871	408401	Donations	\$485.	
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		Aging		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02558670	525000	United Way – Construction Repairs	\$3,500.	
<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02035867	403602	United Way	\$3,500.	
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		Social Services		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
13554810	568413	Crisis Intervention Program		\$214,301.
13554810	568414	LIEAP		\$217,926.
<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>

13554810	568413	Crisis Intervention Program	\$214,301.
13554810	568414	LIEAP	\$217,926.

j. Approved the tax refunds and releases as submitted

#10145	Jose Luis Ortiz	\$252.85
#10140	Tammy Smith Holland	\$236.29
#10125	John Tyler	\$405.44
Tax Release	Bobby Dewain Fryar	\$273.20
Tax Release	Adam Tyler Moreau and Suzanne Moreau	\$505.16
Tax Release	Leonard Battle, Jr.	\$189.81
Tax Release	Lee's Vending/Lee's Food Services	\$101.75

As Board of Health

k. Approved the SCHD Fee/CPT Code Update

l. Approved the SCHD 2022-2026 Strategic Plan

Item 5: Consideration of Late Property Tax Exemption

Chairman Kivett called upon County Manager Ed Causey who stated that a property tax exemption request was received from Farm Credit Leasing Services on February 27, 2023. GS 105-281.1(a) requires all property tax exemption applications to be filed in January, the annual listing period. The Board of Commissioners has the statutory authority to approve late property tax exemption applications that are submitted within the same calendar year that the tax exemption application is applied for. This application meets all statutory requirements other than being timely filed, and the tax administrator recommends the approval of this late application request. Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Sue Lee and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the late property tax exemption application for Farm Credit Leasing Services as recommended.

Item 6: Board Information

The Board received the following as information only:

- a. January 23, 2023 SCHD Health Advisory Committee Minutes
- b. February 20, 2023 Dangerous Dog Appeal Hearing Minutes
- c. COVID Kiosk Information

Item 7: County Manager's Report

Chairman Kivett called upon County Manager Ed Causey who reminded the Commissioners that the Board of Equalization and Review will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, April 24, 2023. Mr. Causey also provided an update on the status of the Market Study. He stated that the study is well under way and that Ms. Dillman and Human Resources staff have

been working fervently to facilitate a good and qualitative study. The Market Study is anticipated to be complete by May or June of this year. Mr. Causey added that findings from the study will take time to implement and that salary changes will not be effective July 1, 2023, but that employees will not necessarily have to wait until next fiscal year for changes to take place.

Item 8: Public Comment Period

Following a brief overview of Public Comment Policies and Procedures by Clerk to the Board Stephanie Shannon, Commissioner Thaddeus Godwin provided remarks thanking the Veterans in the audience for their service and discussing questions raised regarding the Veterans Park located at the Emergency Services Office on Underwood Street. Chairman Kivett then opened the floor for public comments. The following were received:

Craig Beasley, USDA Wildlife Service – “Good evening. I’m Craig Beasley with the USDA Wildlife Service and I’d like to address the issue of beaver damage in Sampson County. I’m sure everybody up here knows that we have an issue in this County. The best way to address this issue would be through trapping. We have had, I’ve done approximately forty-eight jobs in Sampson County throughout the whole County. Thirty-nine of them, if I’m right, were blown with explosives so all that’s going on in Sampson County that you hear that’s explosives, that’s probably me. Everybody calling in wanting to know what’s going on. Thirty-nine dams I have blown throughout the County, 677 hours. And the best way to handle this beaver situation is through trapping. Beavers are not going away and all they do is cause damage blocking roadways. I do a lot for farmers. I do a lot for individual land owners and through trapping you can save money. With the Beaver Management, the resources that were saved were \$211,000 in timber resources, \$60,500 in crops, \$10,000 in impoundments, and \$18,500 in roads and bridges. It’s against the law in North Carolina to relocate beavers, so therefore you have to trap them. So, I will take any questions if anybody has any questions.” Commissioner Godwin asked, “How many years does it take to get rid of these beavers?” Mr. Beasley replied, “That’s a good question because some areas when you trap you don’t have any more issues, sometimes it takes two, three, four, or five years. And then there are some land issues. The closer to the river that you get, the more issues you’ll have. So, these beaver can come and go when they want to when you have, if you’ve noticed when it rains a lot, storms for two or three weeks or hurricanes, every ditch is full. You can drive along the highway and look, that’s DOT, I do a lot of DOT work and the beavers have been here for a long time so they ain’t going away pretty soon, I can tell you that. They are here to stay. Trapping is the only way that you can get them out. Sometimes you don’t have any more issues for four or five years. Sometimes you may have to go about two or three times to get them. Thank you.”

LaTonya Gilliam, 817 W. 2nd Street, Garland, NC – “As a high school history educator, in my classroom I am often tasked with debunking myths, legends, teaching the how’s and why’s of historical narratives, all the while teaching my young scholars to think critically. I also have to admonish them when they attempt to enjoy the fruits of someone else’s labor when completing an assignment. Well tonight I have come before the Board of Commissioners to do the same thing in the realm. First and foremost, the Ivanhoe community thanks each and every commissioner for their completing of their assignment by voting to pursue the water infrastructure grant via the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality. Over a year

ago, the citizens of Ivanhoe began to press their way each month to secure the humane and basic right to have clean public drinking water and their efforts paid off in receiving a \$13 million plus grant. But the recollection of that journey to reality has met with fuzzy memories of the events and an unsolvable math equation that has led to a series of alternative history facts, or as I call them, 'lies'. In the beginning, the presence of the Ivanhoe community was requested through Edward Gilliam, who at the behest of our very own County Commissioner, Lethia Lee, reached out to area churches asking people to make their plea for water publicly known in this forum. Prior to that time, Ivanhoe was not on the map to be considered for water. Preceding the initial meeting, it was Edward Gilliam who virtually attended two webinars discussing the American Rescue Act and the water infrastructure grants being afforded to underserved areas like Ivanhoe. During the comment portion of the Commissioner's meeting, he mentioned that grant, to which our commissioner asked me, 'What grant is he talking about?' So that night, he passed direct information on in contacting the director of the NCDEQ to Commissioner Lee. That is when the completion of the assignment began to falter. When a group assignment is made in my classroom, everyone shares credit. That is what happened when Governor Cooper's office attended the ceremony at the Judy Center in Ivanhoe and Edward Gilliam was recognized as a part, a vital part of obtaining that grant. Remember commissioners? Many of you were there. But the equation got fuzzy with the State of the State Address and recent article in The Sampson Independent. Now, all of a sudden Commissioner Lee was working on the grant when she knew nothing about the grant prior to the Ivanhoe community attending the meeting. Russell Lee, who was nowhere around the frame of the picture showed up." Ms. Gilliam was reminded that her time was up. She added, "The truth is the truth, and it doesn't change."

Edward Gilliam, 817 W. 2nd Street, Garland, NC - "Good evening, Commissioners. My name is Edward Gilliam, I live at 817 W. 2nd Street, Garland, North Carolina, 28441. I'd like to thank the County Commissioners for this opportunity to speak on behalf of myself and other concerned citizens of Sampson County. One thing I respect is that County Commissioners' meetings always start with prayer. And one of the commissioners, because prayer is very powerful, and I myself pray many times in a day, so with prayer comes a belief in God and His holy word. Proverbs 6:19 New International Version reads that one of the six things that the Lord hates is a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in a community. I say all this to say this: All of you as County Commissioners are leaders and have an obligation to serve our communities with respect and godliness in your hearts. I was asked by the local government official if I could assist in a task of securing public water for the community of Ivanhoe. At the time the community was not engaged, not informed, and was not publicly present and was being led by a stagnant, ineffective lay leader with no sense of direction. Therefore, Ivanhoe was not even on the project map, or neither being considered. March 7, 2023, marked one year anniversary of the Ivanhoe water project and for the first time of many unsuccessful years as we as a community with the assistance of other communities came together recently to voice our concerns about clean drinking water. I publicly advised available grant funding through ARPA. We stood, as we currently do, united and determined because we knew the importance of clean water and creating a safe environment for the present and future generations. So much came out of this. The community in the past felt like we had been left out and forgotten because of the many set backs and failed attempts that includes water in a secondary world which never came to existence because (*unintelligible*). Receiving water for our community was a true accomplishment for experimenting the value of communication,

education, direct interaction with local government. Trust and integrity are important characteristics of leadership. Trust can be built, and integrity can be shown over time. I thought we'd established a trust and supportive relationship in this journey. Public acknowledgements, recognition of great works, and accolades feel good, but it is at a different level when you've really dedicated countless hours, knowledge, and expertise into a project. If you're at this level you will not make questionable and falsified statements on public record, for you will know the process, and most of all, the intricate details as I do. I feel you as Commissioners should never forget your obligation to your County, better yet, the area for which you are elected to serve. I recommend that some of you should revisit your code of ethics located on the Sampson County website where it may assist you in the understanding of your duties and conscience actions to the residents that you serve." Chairman Kivett then stopped Mr. Gilliam and asked him not to down talk any of the Commissioners. Mr. Gilliam responded, "I'm not down talking, sir, I'm just making a recommendation so how's that? I'm done. Uh, constructive criticism is a valuable tool and can be utilized as a growing mechanism when welcomed or and/or properly received. I thank God for this direction, this blessing, and many contributions to the cause, and even though I have received many federal, state, local acknowledgements for accolades, the most important one will come when I can go to my mom's residence, turn on the faucet, and witness clean, odorless water flowing like the many blessings I've received from God. Thank you."

Whitney Parker, 7745 Roseboro Hwy., Roseboro, NC - "As you know I'm from the Snow Hill community. I'm here to express my concerns and the effects of the toxic waste dump that I currently live in. The passing of my parents is the beginning for me because the common denominator is the toxins from this landfill. I spent countless hours watching my clock to administer Zofran and Phenergan for nausea, different ailments caused by this toxic place. End of the day, moving forward, I have rodents in my backyard that run all over my backyard, eat the wiring out from under my car. I've spent a small fortune on pest control from Lowe's, sought out pest control people to come out, can't get rid of them. I have buzzards lurching in my trees all times of the day. You can barely go outside and stand more less sleep in your bed. One night I was sleeping and the smell hit me so bad it woke me up and I couldn't go back to sleep. I couldn't even, I had to drive almost to Autryville to get away from the smell. So, the question I'm asking here is there anything the County's doing to eradicate the smell, for pest control, more or less even so these trucks that are coming down these back roads, kids can't even play because these trucks are doing seventy miles an hour down these small roads. When I grew up, that's all I did was play out in the road and out in the woods so it's a very serious problem. I'm here to address that and that's all. I'll give my minutes to anybody else. Thank you."

Phillip Bell, 870 Beaverdam Road, Clinton, NC - "Good afternoon and thank you for the opportunity. I'd like to thank the commission for your assistance with the canoe that we finally got from Cultural and Natural Resources. Your letter of support went a long way in getting it housed in Sampson County so it's at the Coharie Tribal Center now. It's open for public display and you're welcome to come look at it anytime. What I'd like to talk about is the Beaver Management Assistance Program that Mr. Beasley was talking about earlier. For the last seven years I've worked a lot in the river system doing debris removal operations, working with NC State with water monitoring and currently we're working with NC State now with the Flood Plain Resilience Modeling Program or effort, and what we're noticing and what we're looking

at is what was talked about earlier with the huge beaver population that's in our County. What concerns the tribe and what most people talk about who are interested in our environment is the environment that is being created by the beaver population. With beavers and with overabundance comes invasive species of plants and animals and those species of plants include alligator weed, smart weed, and parrot feather. Parrot feather is found in aquariums. When these are put in an area that has a lot of fertilizer that comes from all the beavers and other rodents that are in the water it takes over and we've been seeing a large decrease in navigable waters as time is passing and beaver management is not taking place. I'm a member of the Clinton Visitor's Bureau and one of the things that we're looking at or trying to put together is a tourism package that includes kayaking. The tribe entertained over 800 people in one year in kayaking services just on the little part of Upper Coharie from Star Telephone to Five Bridges so we know that it will work but with the advent of beavers and the nutria with all the things that are in the waters now nutria gives me some concerns because we have a huge livestock operation in our area and their borers into lagoons and ditches and we all know that there's a danger there. So, in short, I'd just like to, or I'd appreciate consideration for a BMAP program for the County so we can get the beavers under control. Thank you."

Shelly Hair, 812 Elizabeth Street, Clinton, NC - "This is for the Board's consideration. The Veteran's Park located at the old National Guard Armory, we have a nice park there representing the veterans and their families and we would like for y'all to consider taking half of the parking lot as an add-on to the park. And also, two entrances for that parking area and that we may continue to have our annual November Memorial Day program perform there also. Just those three items. I know the EOC is relocating, and we just want to make sure that we've still got our anchor planted there and we're in good standing and could these items be considered? Thank you for listening."

Abdula Fisher, 6224 Creekbroad Court, Greensboro, NC - "I live in the Snow Hill community off of Highway 24. I also would like to talk about the toxic waste dump that I consider it is. What I see is no accountability because whatever is being dumped there, it can't be safe for the environment or for the people. So, my question is to you guys what are you guys going to do or are you guys going to do anything to help remedy this problem?"

Fred Dufour, 207 N. Chestnut Street, Clinton, NC - "Good afternoon. I'm here to follow up with Mr. Beasley and Mr. Bell about the beaver situation. I would like for the County Commissioners to consider hiring an extra trapper for the county. If you look at the county if you go from the northern end to the southern end its about an hour drive. So, if you have a job in the northern part of the county or the southern part of the county you spend most of your time on the road and not trapping. When I started farming over ten years ago beavers weren't an issue. We trapped them in the same ditch once in the spring and once in the fall and we were done. Now I call a trapper every two or three months in different places. It's costing a fortune. To the point that sometimes we can't even harvest corn or cut hay because the fields are flooded because the ditches are blocked. There is a big loss of income wasted and also you know we need to if you look at the seal behind you, I mean you've got manufacturing, pork, agriculture, trades. All of these things are impacted by the beavers right now. Land is being pushed to the side because we can't do anything with it and once the land is flooded you can't really do much with it. The value is gone. So, I do believe that it's very important to take care of that situation. I mean beaver are just like ants, fire ants. You take care of them in your

backyard they go to the neighbor. They never take care of them, they come back to your place. That's exactly the way it is and the problem now is that Mr. Bell said about the BMAP we need a plan to cover the county and take care of these beavers. If we only take care land owner by land owner the only person that is going to be happy is the one charging for the trapping and you know think about hurricane season when the ditches are completely blocked by the beavers or the ditches on the land to go to the river are blocked by the beaver dams the water has nowhere to go so where does it stay, it stays on the highway. And who is fixing the highway? Who is paying for the highway? Well, we do and I think if you look at the expense for the extra trapper versus how much it will cost to the upkeep of the river the loss in revenue from the crop and the timber you'll find out that having an extra trapper is pretty cheap. That's what I have to say so any questions please let me know. Thank you."

Robert Graczyk, 2556 Greens Bridge Road, Garland, NC - "I come before you tonight to publicly point out that this County Board of Commissioners and the County Manager put law enforcement priorities last and its noticeable and shameful. The Sheriff received a grant of \$1.2 million from the state to fund the purchase of body cameras for the Sheriff's Office. A great pro-law enforcement stout, but the County doesn't have the infrastructure to store the camera data. The County wanted the Sheriff to fund the purchase and a five-year operation of the cameras with the grant money received from the state. Former Assistant County Manager Susan Holder said in an email, 'I suspect that this might be difficult to prepare. ATT Wi-Fi yearly data storage estimated at \$44,160 annually but I look forward to hearing how that might be accomplished.' I don't think you can pay ahead of your data storage. The Sheriff has made many concessions regarding the grant including limiting the number of cameras and the Sheriff volunteered to use some of his seized asset forfeiture funds to help fund the cameras. The County has made no concessions. Are all our state funded grants required to be totally funded for five years? May I point out that the County Manager treats Sampson County EMS and the Sheriff's Office totally different. EMS receives a totally funded grant for their new EMS building but what about the many cost overruns? Are they coming out of the EMS budget? Why isn't the EMS grant required to fund all the County associated associates with this building for five years? What about the added equipment, staffing and daily maintenance? Why are the two County departments treated differently by the County Manager? Look, the Sheriff was elected by the people of the County to protect us. Why is the unelected County Manager conspiring against him and his department? Commissioners, you were elected to represent us and work for us. Now we want our Sheriff's deputies and Sheriff's detention officers to be treated as if they're knights running to protect us from the lawlessness. Pay our deputies as much not as such. Not as the person who answers the phone at the County Manager's Office. Pay our deputies a law enforcement salary and make law enforcement a priority in this County. Now, I know there is a pay study or market study going on, but you treat everybody equally. The person that comes to my rescue is a law enforcement officer."

Barbara Gaskins, 307 Prince Road, Greenville, NC - "Good evening, everyone. First and foremost, thank you veterans for your service. I mean that wholeheartedly. My fiancé and Mr. Gilliam are the veterans that I personally know here so thank you for your service. As former candidate for US House NC03 I have had the opportunity to travel this entire district and Sampson and Duplin Counties. I have seen firsthand the impact of your water situation. Clean air, land, and water are not debatable, and I still stand on that. The contamination from the hog waste of course has disproportionately affected our black communities. Black and brown

communities. And of course, this is unacceptable. So today I am here to personally thank Mr. Gilliam for securing the \$13 million grant. That was a step forward and we should be grateful for his leadership. But of course, this work is not done. So, Mr. Gilliam and others in Sampson County, I'm here to represent the Reach Program, Black Waterkeepers, Black Voters Matter and ACLU. I stand with you regarding your water issue. If I can help in any way, please let me know. Once again, thank you Mr. Gilliam, thank you Commissioners."

Jimmy Melvin, 2057 Old Mintz Hwy., Roseboro, NC - "Good evening, I'm Reverend Jimmy Melvin. I'm happy to see y'all this afternoon. I think we've had a great discussion here and I just have simple questions. Um, I'm about three miles from the landfill. And I don't know what the turn loose of the gas is but it stifles us and we're three miles away. And if you go at a certain time from my road to Roseboro 242 up to Spivey's Corner, when you come by Lakewood High School on that hill you might as well cut your air conditioning off because it's going to suffocate you. And I'd just like to ask a question. How close are any of you to the landfill? Three miles, two miles? It determines, we don't have any mountains to block anything so when the cloud system or the fog sits down and whatever particular time they turn those gases and they do it late at night but around 2:00 or 3:00, you might want to try to make sure you have some air sanitizers and your ducts of your air condition pulls it in. And it's causing some real problems. So, I think this is something, we just found out that they're increased the, its about 1400 acres, but they've increased it to three more hundred acres. When at some point sometime can we look at its going to be a cap on it and I mean we are one of three landfills that will accept anything. I've requested it and probably through the American Freedom Act you could probably get an audit of what goes in there. But I don't know because there's six or seven different types of trucks that take stuff in there. Anything from animal waste from the plants, chemical waste, and the recent company folks that were cleaning up the hazardous thing in Nebraska had an option of bringing their waste, that toxic waste, to Sampson County, but they had mercy on us and had compassion on us and decided to get a grant to deal with it there. We're just a sitting duck. It's not getting better and so it's not just the Snow Hill community. That's the Roseboro area we are living in. Supposed to be the city but folks when they visit they want to know what is wrong when they get out to work, but it's an issue that I think we all need to get involved in because its creating not only that but a health issue. Thank you for your consideration."

Linda Benson, 10463 Roseboro Hwy., Roseboro, NC - "Thank you for listening to me tonight. There's two things I want to address. I live at 10463 Roseboro Hwy., but I call it Hwy. 24 because it's always been Hwy. 24 to me. I didn't get a chance to say about the road but my family lives just three houses down from the rescue squad building. We've asked for our names not to be changed and also we own the property across from us. That address does not need to be changed either so that's the one thing I want to say for sure and I'm going to stand behind that and I'm going to fight for that, okay? Even if you say you've agreed on this, I'm not going to allow that to happen to me. Second of all, the landfill. It is the second toxic landfill in the United States. We are not around industry. It's piped in. I travel a lot in my job. I leave 2:00 in the morning, 4:00 in the morning and they'll be burning this stuff and you can't breathe. When I stay at my mother's house it's so toxic, I cannot breathe. I literally wear a mask to bed because of the toxic. We should never allow that to happen. It's like PG&E, Three Mile Island, and it's also like the contamination at Camp Lejeune. It will stay in your soil forever. It will give, it's like cancer in a bottle and I am frustrated with it and I expect that dump to be shut down. It

needs to be shut down. Not only that, when you look at the whole, and I've had a lot of experience, by the way, with environmental. You'd be surprised. At a high level. And I do not appreciate that we have just destroyed Sampson County. To me, you should just roll up the sidewalks and call it the Toxic City of the USA. And I would like for you guys to look at that. I would like for you guys to, and an example, I read up on this. And I know that they've allowed the toxics from Brunswick County, now that you're, the same thing, the same toxics that happened when they had the train wreck in Ohio, well what happens? This stuff is toxic, it's cancer forming and what happens to that? It's in the air, it's in the ground, it's in your home, it's in your body. It increases cancer. So, who's going to be responsible for that? And so therefore if that's the same thing that's being transported from Brunswick County to Sampson County what are we getting? Roseboro and Sampson County is not the trash dump for the United States. However, it's been the trash dump for the United States. And I'd appreciate it if you look into it. Shut it down or if we have to go forward and go with it then all of us as a group go with it and shut it down."

Paul Fisher, 966 Marion Amos Road, Roseboro, NC - "I live at 966 Marion Amos Road. That's right next to the landfill. Now y'all are not responsible for it being there. But what you're going to be held responsible for is letting it contain and get out of order like it is. So, I've been messing with this thing for 30, 40 years of fighting against this landfill. Nothing can't be done until the last few months or so when it's starting to spread all over the County. Which I'm glad it has so we can bring some attention to what we've been bothered with for the last 15, 20 years. So, when the air blow, let it blow wherever it want to blow. And y'all will understand what we've been going through these last years. I can't even go outside and sit on my deck because of the smell. And I've retired, I did my service in the military, and I can't even enjoy myself. I don't know where y'all live at. And there's one other thing. When you have issues in other parts of the County, Clinton, and it's talking about widen the roads, there was a lot of talks here about suing because the contractor was behind, and people couldn't get in the church yard and a whole lot of other stuff. But you never hear anything from y'all about the landfill. I would love to have a meeting with somebody, all of you, so I can give you my personal opinion about how it's supposed to be done, or how things are going. Thank you."

Ann Knowles, 618 Honrine Road, Clinton, NC - "I'm Ann Knowles. I live at 618 Honrine Road, but more importantly, I'm your Veterans Service Officer and I appreciate the veterans showing up tonight because we are concerned. And I appreciate Mr. Godwin, what you said, Commissioner Godwin. And I know that Mr. Causey, he and I have spoken briefly on it. That park is important to us. All those bricks represent a family. Some of them were killed in service. Some of them died for their service-connected disabilities. And some of them are just the children put a brick out there for their father or their mother and it's their place to come and walk around it and look at it and I find little mementos all the time on the bricks. I found a set of keys with a girl's picture on it, and it was, when I checked into it, tried to find out, those keys was from a sixteen-year-old because her daddy's brick was there and she put a set of keys on it because she had her license. That's meaningful. And I know that our County is always needing funds, I mean, you look at my office. We're always needing funds, but let's don't sell property for money. Let's look at what we can do for the County for the veterans to expand our park. We can't expand our park any. You know, we've got to have property to expand it on. And I will say that now the County does mow the grass. And my Vet Council, I have members from my Vet Council that go out and mow the grass and fertilize it, but the veterans in Sampson

