

**SAMPSON COUNTY,
NORTH CAROLINA**

April 7, 2014

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened for their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2014 in the County Auditorium, 435 Rowan Road in Clinton, North Carolina. Members present: Chairman Jefferson Strickland, and Commissioners Albert D. Kirby, Jr., Billy Lockamy and Harry Parker. Absent: Commissioner Jarvis McLamb.

The Chairman convened the meeting and called upon Commissioner Parker for the invocation. Commissioner Lockamy then led the Pledge Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Lockamy and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the addition of a Closed Session for economic development.

Roads

Monthly Report - NCDOT District Engineer Keith Eason was present to address questions and concerns from the Board and citizens in attendance. He had no specific report other than that the department was conducting maintenance activities to catch up from the winter weather, patching, repairing potholes. Chairman Strickland asked about the paving schedule, and Mr. Eason stated that the contract includes Duplin County also, and the contractor was working in Duplin; there would be about 15 miles paved in Sampson County. Commissioner Kirby asked if all the property for Highway 24 had been acquired, and Mr. Eason stated that the majority should be, but there were always a few stragglers.

Item 1: Reports and Presentations

Governor's Volunteer Awards Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Janna Bass introduced Thad Toomer and Cliff Ireland, recipients of the Governor's Volunteer Awards for 2014. The awards were presented by Ms. Bass, Patrick Giddeons (nominator of Thad Toomer and Guardian Ad Litem representative) and the Chairman.

Courthouse Security The Chairman recognized Judge W. Douglas Parsons, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, who had requested the opportunity to address the Board regarding Courthouse security. Judge Parsons yielded the floor to Commissioner Kirby who stated that he had had the opportunity to meet with Judge Parsons, Judge Leonard Thagard, County Manager Ed Causey, the Chairman, and Public Works Director Lee Cannady following the budget discussions wherein the

Board voted for the security measures. He stated that he had to admit that having nearly a half million dollars added to the debt services added a sinking feeling to his stomach, so he made some comments during that particular budget session having second thoughts about having other things done to avoid that addition to the County's debt services. He stated that he didn't want to be misconstrued or misinterpreted by the comments; they were just his thinking aloud that if there was anything possible that could have been done, he would have hoped that the County would have done that to avoid the huge amount of money. He stated that to the extent that anyone might have considered his comments an indication that the judicial staff and the Clerk's office, all the people at the Courthouse, that they do not work diligently and hard, that would have been a total misunderstanding of what he said. He stated that he knew how hard Judge Parson worked when he was practicing law, and as a judge he works just as diligently; Judge Thagard is the same way. Following those comments, he noted, they met and talked about ways that the judiciary could assist the County in helping with scheduling. It was a productive conversation, he stated, and the judges listened to them and are addressing those concerns. Judge Parsons informed the Board that the system they had put into place was working well, functioning smoothly; people are not waiting in line. The people of Sampson County now have a forum in which to do their business, he stated. Referencing family court, he noted that with the hostilities, people will not be able to do something stupid with a weapon. He thanked the Board for their actions. The Chairman and Commissioner Kirby noted feedback that the implementation was going smoothly. Judge Parsons commended the Board for resolving an issue they had inherited.

Multi-Disciplinary Efforts to Establish a Child Advocacy Center MDT

Coordinator Shannon Blanchard discussed that in order to have a Child Advocacy Center they had to have a multi-disciplinary team in place and reviewing child sex abuse cases. She introduced the portion of the team present: Health Director Wanda Robinson, Jane Dudley of DSS, Sheriff's Deputy Chris Godwin, District Attorney Ernie Lee and DSS Director Sarah Bradshaw. Also on the team, she noted, were Patrick Giddens of Guardian ad Litem and Ken Jones of Eastpointe. She reported that in the last year and a half, the team had reviewed 102 cases of child sex abuse and currently had 58 open cases. The group urged the Board and staff to attend an informational breakfast on April 9, 2014 from 8-10 a.m. at the Department of Social Services to raise community awareness. Mr. Ernie Lee discussed the number of current cases in Sampson County, the need for a multi-disciplinary team of professionals to work with the cases, and the CAC successes in Onslow County.

Update on Activities of the Transportation Advocacy Group TAG Committee

Chairman Jerol Kivett discussed the purposes of the committee: to advise the Board on transportation needs and to advocate for those needs. He stated that since its appointment, the group has actively advocated for the completion and four-laning of Highway 24 from Clinton to Interstate 40. During the past year, the committee has held

seven meeting to identify how to best serve its purposes. They determined that they need to work with and through those individuals and organizations which make transportation decisions and had met with NCDOT Board member Michael Lee, Secretary of Transportation Tony Tata and his Chief of Staff Bobby Lewis, Division Engineer Karen Fussell, District Engineer Lin Reynolds and RPO Director Joel Strickland. From these meetings, he noted, they have recognized how transportation funding decisions were being made. He noted that such decision-making at the State level had undergone a major change, with decisions made under the new strategic mobility formula – a data driven system for deciding which projects are worthy of state and federal transportation dollars. They learned, he said, that the quantitative data for this year had been completed, and the remaining two sections of NC 24 have scored in all three categories (the state, the regional and the division). The TAG Committee, he said, continues to learn the most important committees to work through and have identified the need to work through the RPO and the RTAC, administered by the Mid Carolina COG. He noted that Sampson County was represented on the RPO by Commissioner Kirby and Roland Hall of Roseboro. On the RTAC, Sampson County is represented by several individuals including Planning Director Mary Rose and EDC Director John Swope. This committee, he explained, ranks the transportation projects in Sampson, Cumberland and Harnett counties to make a recommendation to the planning organization, which in turn makes its recommendations to the NCDOT. He noted that this shows how important it is for projects to be advocated for from the start, through these organizations. In addition to advocating for NC 24, the Committee is monitoring the plans for Highway 70 and Interstate 795. He welcomed the Board's advice and support.

Opposition to Referendum Regarding Beer and Wine Sales in Sampson County
Turkey Town Commissioner Rev. Tony Moore and Dr. Larry Watts, Co-Chairmen of the Citizens for the Prevention of Countywide Alcohol Sales, were present to express their opposition to the referendum on countywide alcohol sales. Rev. Moore presented a resolution passed by the Town of Turkey in opposition to the referendum. Rev. Moore noted that the greater the accessibility of alcohol, the greater the potential for its related problems. As a visual aid, Rev. Moore laid out \$10 in rolls of nickels on the floor in front of commissioners and stacks of dollar bills, stating that for every \$10 (of revenue), there would be \$214 that would be spent in alcohol-related services. He stated that when more alcohol outlets were added across the county, the County was going to have to have more law enforcement and alcohol-related services, making it a revenue negative decision. Dr. Watts spoke to personal experiences in a small town Montana and as a victim of an alcohol-related accident. He discussed statistics related to alcohol use.

Later in the meeting, Commissioner Kirby asked to go back and comment on this issue. He stated that as commissioners they were in a tough situation, in the unfortunate position of having to give the appearance that they were for alcohol, so to speak. He stated that was not the purpose of the vote; they were in the uncomfortable

position of advocating for positive revenue that could come into the county. He noted that alcohol was already all over the county, whether it is sold in specific areas or not. He clarified that they were not voting for it, they were just saying let's let the individual decide on whether or not you want to have that revenue stream coming in.

Item 2: Action Items

Public Hearing (continued from February 3, 2014) - Consideration of Appropriations and Expenditures for NOVI Carolina Digester III, LLC The Chairman opened the hearing and recognized Economic Developer John Swope. Mr. Swope requested that the hearing be closed as the company was not prepared to bring more specific plans at this time. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Lockamy and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the hearing was closed. Mr. Swope stated that they were still working with NOVI, hoping to find a suitable site. Commissioner Kirby stated that he hoped that the site will not end up being in an African-American district; it would not look good for some of the people who were against the industry locating in the industrial park to be in favor of it being located in a minority district.

Consideration of Process for Adoption of Animal Control Ordinance County Manager Ed Causey noted that the Board had held a public hearing regarding the proposed Animal Control Ordinance, and the Board had several options for proceeding - approving the modified ordinance as presented, holding additional discussions or making additional modifications. Staff indicated that they had not received negative feedback calls, and Board members noted their previous questions had been answered. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kirby and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the modified Animal Control Ordinance as presented that evening. It was noted that since Commissioner McLamb was absent, the ordinance would be reconsidered for a second vote at the next regular meeting.

Appointments Assistant County Manager Susan Holder reviewed those on behalf of Commissioner McLamb, pursuant to his request in her phone conversation with him earlier that day. Commissioner Kirby voiced concerns at proceeding, but the Board considered the appointments as presented.

Workforce Development Board Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kirby and seconded by Commissioner Lockamy, the Board voted unanimously to replace Tarheel Challenge Deputy Director with Director Edward Timmons as the community-based organization representative to the Workforce Development Board.

RPO/RTAC - Chairman Strickland recommended that Arnold Page be appointed to fill Roland Hall's seat, but the item was tabled for further discussion.

Local Emergency Planning Committee Upon a motion made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Lockamy, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Ron Thompson (Red Cross), Timothy Daniels (NCHP), Courtney Boyette (Eastpointe LMO), Cliff Ireland (Amateur Radio), Paul Hutchins (Amateur Radio), Meagan Myers (Health), Kelly Parrish (Health) and Grant Jones (NC Forestry) to the LEPC Committee.

Sampson County Convention and Visitors Bureau Upon a motion made by Commissioner Lockamy and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Julie Stadig to replace Mason Tarr for a three-year term on the CVB Board.

Southeastern Economic Development Commission Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kirby and seconded by Commissioner Lockamy, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Cary B. Taylor to the SEDC Board.

Item 3: Consent Agenda

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

- a. Approved the minutes of the February 3, 2014 meeting
- b. Adopted a proclamation declaring April as Public Health Month in Sampson County (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- c. Adopted a proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Sampson County (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- d. Authorized the destruction of certain Library Department records, pursuant to the Records Retention and Disposition schedule, as requested
- e. Authorized the surplus and sale of withdrawn library titles/items pursuant to the Library Selection Policy through book sale, foyer shelving and donation to non-profit organizations (4,495 title listing)
- f. Approved late applications for present use value (Gregoire, Knight)
- g. Approved the following tax refunds:

#6107	James and Judith Simmons Sebrell	\$ 173.05
#6008	Geraldine and William Fryar	\$ 693.43
#6083	Big Blue Store	\$ 211.28
#6088	James A. Britt	\$ 100.05
#6048	Willie Hayes, Jr.	\$ 243.93

#6058	Living Waters Worship Center	\$ 165.20
#6072	Phillip Allen Strickland	\$ 125.82
#6031	Cathlene W. Boone	\$ 106.84

h. Approved the following budget amendments:

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Social Services</u>			
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	
13554810	568413	Crisis Intervention Program	3,341.00		

<u>REVENUE</u>			<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>			
13535480	403313	Crisis Intervention Program	3,341.00		
13535310	403370	Permanency Planning	37,003.00		
13535310	403372	SSBG			37,003.00

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Aging</u>			
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	
02558670	525000	Home Repairs	1,500.00		

<u>REVENUE</u>			<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>			
02035867	403602	Grant - United Way	1,500.00		

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Health/Healthy Carolinians</u>			
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	
12551570	529900	HC Miscellaneous Expense			2,696.00
12551550	526201	HP Department Supplies Equipment	1,696.00		
12551550	526200	HP Department Supplies	1,000.00		

<u>REVENUE</u>			<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>			
12535157	404099	HC Fund Balance Appropriation			2,696.00
12535155	404099	HP Fund Balance Appropriation	2,696.00		

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Health/MH/FP/CH</u>			
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	
12551100	581002	Transfer to Other Programs			2,600.00
12551630	526201	MH Department Supplies Equipment	600.00		
12551640	526201	FP Department Supplies Equipment	600.00		
12551690	526201	CH Department Supplies Equipment	400.00		
12551690	531100	CH Travel	1,000.00		

<u>REVENUE</u>			<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>			
12535110	404000	HC Fund Balance Appropriation			2,600.00
12535163	404000	HP Fund Balance Appropriation	600.00		
12535164	404000	HP Fund Balance Appropriation	600.00		
12535169	404000	HP Fund Balance Appropriation	1,400.00		

EXPENDITURE		<u>Health/TB/CDC/BCCP/MH/FP</u>	
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	
12551100	581002	Transfer to Other Programs	
			<u>Increase</u> <u>Decrease</u>
12551200	529700	TB-CD Lab Supplies	500.00
12551560	529700	BCCP Lab Supplies	500.00
12551630	529700	MH Lab Supplies	4,500.00
12551640	529700	FP Lab Supplies	2,500.00

REVENUE			
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	
12535110	404000	General Admin State Assistance	
			<u>Increase</u> <u>Decrease</u>
12535120	404000	TB State Assistance	500.00
12535156	404000	BCCP State Assistance	500.00
12535163	404000	MH State Assistance	4,500.00
12535164	404000	FP State Assistance	2,500.00

EXPENDITURE		<u>Health/CD/AH/IMM/MH</u>	
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	
12551100	581002	Transfer to Other Programs	
			<u>Increase</u> <u>Decrease</u>
12551250	523900	CD Medical Supplies	500.00
12551510	523900	AH Medical Supplies	25,000.00
125551600	523900	IMM Medical Supplies	500.00
12551630	523900	MH Medical Supplies	1,000.00

REVENUE			
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	
12535110	404000	General Admin State Assistance	
			<u>Increase</u> <u>Decrease</u>
12535125	404000	CD State Assistance	500.00
12535151	404000	AH State Assistance	25,000.00
12535160	404000	IMM State Assistance	500.00
12535163	404000	MH State Assistance	1,000.00

EXPENDITURE		<u>General Admin/Maternal Health</u>	
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	
12551100	581002	Transfer to Other Programs	
			<u>Increase</u> <u>Decrease</u>
12551100	519300	General Medical Services	1,500.00
12551630	519300	MH Medical Services	1,000.00

REVENUE			
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	
12535110	404000	General Admin State Assistance	
			<u>Increase</u> <u>Decrease</u>
12535163	404000	MH State Assistance	1,000.00

EXPENDITURE		<u>Expo Center</u>	
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	
62998610	544008	Cont. Services Other	
			<u>Increase</u> <u>Decrease</u>
			8,000.00

<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
62939861	408903	Cont. Services Other	8,000.00	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Economic Development Commission Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11449200	531101	Existing Industry Program	1,950.00	

<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11034920	408401	Donations	1,950.00	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Transportation Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
16145000	544001	Capital Outlay Vehicle State	43,340.00	
16145000	554002	Capital Outlay Vehicle Local Match	4,816.00	

<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
16134500	403612	State Transportation Funds Vehicle	43,340.00	
16134500	409800	Fund Balance Approp Encumbrances	4,816.00	

- Approved Clinton City Schools budget amendment No. 4 (Capital Outlay) as submitted.

Item 4: Board Information

The following items were provided to the Board for information:

- Support Letters for NOVI Project from Fremont Community
- NCACC County Assembly Day Registration Information
- Invitation to North Carolina Justice Academy 40th Anniversary Celebration

County Manager Reports

County Manager Ed Causey provided reminders of upcoming events: County Assembly Day on May 28th, the Economic Development Form on April 29-30 (it does conflict with Board of E&R), the legislative breakfast on the 14th followed by a forum with Senator Jackson and Commerce Secretary Sharon Decker, the final budget work session on April 15th, Board of E&R on the 22nd and 24th and the Health Department luncheon on April 25th.

Public Comments

There were no public comments offered.

Closed Session

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kirby and seconded by Commissioner Lockamy, the Board voted unanimously to go into Closed Session pursuant to GS 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss matters related to the location of an industry. In Closed Session, the Board discussed matters related to incentives for an industrial prospect. No action was taken, and the Board returned to the Auditorium. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Lockamy and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted to come out of Closed Session.

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kirby and seconded by Commissioner Lockamy, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.