

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened for their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 4, 2019, in the County Auditorium, 435 Rowan Road in Clinton, North Carolina. Members present: Chairman Clark Wooten, Vice Chairperson Sue Lee, and Commissioners Thaddeus Godwin and Harry Parker. Absent: Commissioner Jerol Kivett.

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order and acknowledged Vice Chairperson Lee who then called on Commissioner Parker for the invocation. Vice Chairperson Lee then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Godwin and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the following changes: Item 1 (a) Retiree Recognition was removed due to the absence of the honoree.

The Chairman and Commissioner Godwin recognized Veterans Office Director Ann Knowles and Sampson County History Museum President Kay Raynor for their work towards the dedication of the Sampson County Military and Veterans Museum on Saturday, November 2, 2019.

Item 1: Reports and Presentations

Retiree Recognition Item was removed from the agenda due to the foreknown absence of honoree.

Item 2: Planning and Zoning Items

Zoning Ordinance Amendments: Request to amend Section 7.10 (Special Use Minimum Development Requirements) and Section 10.1 Board of Adjustment Establishment County Attorney Joel Starling reviewed the item, which was originally presented during the October 7, 2019 regular scheduled meeting. He noted that proposed changes to Section 7.10 regarding Special Use Minimum Development Requirements had been approved, following the duly advertised public hearing, and explained that consideration of amendments to Section 10.1, regarding membership of the Board of Adjustment (which is the same as the Planning Board membership) had been tabled until the November meeting. Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the

resolution approving amendments to Section 10.1 of the Sampson County Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Sampson County Planning Board.

Ordinance Reconstituting the Sampson County Planning Board Mr. Starling reviewed the proposal to repeal the Ordinance Establishing the Planning Board and to adopt the new Ordinance Establishing the Sampson County Planning Board, noting the newly reconstituted membership sizes for the Planning Board and the Board of Adjustment and clarification regarding certain instances when a majority or supermajority of members may decide matters of procedure. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Godwin and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted unanimously to repeal the Ordinance Establishing the Planning Board, previously adopted on July 2, 2007 and amended on April 3, 2017, and to adopt the Ordinance Reconstituting the Sampson County Planning Board. (Copy filed in Ordinance Book _____, Page _____.

Item 3: Action Items

Approval of Disaster Recovery Grant Agreement with State of North Carolina County Manager Ed Causey presented the Disaster Recover Grant Agreement to the Board informing the Board that a grant in the amount of \$3,500,000 is directed to Sampson County for the construction of a new Emergency Management Center as part of the 2019 Hurricane Florence Disaster Recovery Act's disaster assistance program. Mr. Causey noted that upon the approval and acceptance of the grant, the County would receive an advance of \$100,000 for planning costs by the end of November 2019. He also noted that there is a grant funding expenditure deadline of June 30, 2021, and that staff has traveled to visit other emergency management centers and were actively seeking additional funding for the project. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Manager and appropriate staff to execute the grant agreement and associated documents.

Public Hearing - Naming of Private Roads The Chairman opened the hearing and called upon Assistant County Manager Susan Holder who reviewed the recommendations for naming of certain private roads. The floor was opened for public comments, and none were received. The hearing was closed. Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to rename the private road as follows:

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| PVT 1256 3080 | Pony Cart Ln |
| PVT 1007 8754 | James Brothers Ln |
| PVT 1424 1864 | Faircloth Farm Ln |

Appointments - Planning Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Chairman Wooten, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Marilyn Brooks, Chip Crumpler, III, and Jay Darden (Terms Ending December 31, 2021), and Nancy Blackman and Steve Parker (Terms ending December 31, 2020) to the newly reconstituted Planning Board.

Item 4: Consent Agenda

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

- a. Approved the minutes of the October 7, 2019 meeting
- b. Approved an amended Home and Community Care Block Grant Funding Plan for FY 2019-20 (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____.)
- c. Approved the Designation of Applicant’s Agent document for application for FEMA Public Assistance (Hurricane Dorian)
- d. Approved a revised Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Use of Facilities for Shelter and Mass Care (previously approved 9/2019) (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____.)
- e. Adopted an Investment Policy as recommended by Finance Officer (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____.)
- f. Adopted the Capital Project Ordinance concerning Johnston County Interconnect Phase 1 (Copy filed in Ordinance Book ____ Page ____.)
- g. Approved the Sampson County Local Government Holiday Schedule for Calendar Year 2020
- h. Approved the Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2020
- i. Approved the delinquent disabled veteran exclusion applications for Brian T. Stewart, Freddy Sawyer, and Oscar Lee Bennett
- j. Approved tax refunds and releases as submitted:

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| #9108 | Ramiro Vera | \$265.77 |
| #9109 | Felishia McPherson | \$126.81 |
| #9106 | Jennifer Baggett | \$253.82 |
| #9115 | Sherry Jackson | \$139.67 |
| #9083 | Mary Wilson | \$479.61 |
| #9131 | Dwayne McNeil, Jr. | \$191.37 |
| #9134 | Michael Harrison | \$219.79 |
| Tax Release | Cuyler Heath | \$122.10 |
| Tax Release | Ronald Ezzell | \$405.85 |
| Tax Release | Carroll and Barbara Underwood | \$873.21 |

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| Tax Release | Rivera Montevalvo | \$240.02 |
| Tax Release | Jimmy Lockamy | \$217.95 |
| Tax Release | Gary and Harry Naylor | \$214.16 |

k. Approved budget amendments as submitted:

EXPENDITURE

| <u>Code Number</u> | | <u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u> | <u>Increase</u> | <u>Decrease</u> |
|--------------------|--------|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| 12551670 | 512100 | Salaries | | \$12,902.00 |
| 12551670 | 512700 | Longevity | \$133.00 | |
| 12551670 | 518100 | FICA | | \$800.00 |
| 12551670 | 518120 | Medicare FICA | | \$187.00 |
| 12551670 | 518200 | Retirement | \$1,649.00 | |
| 12551670 | 518300 | Group Insurance | | \$960.00 |
| 12551670 | 518400 | Dental Insurance | | \$155.00 |
| 12551670 | 518901 | 401K | \$543.00 | |
| 12551670 | 532100 | Telephone/Postage | \$500.00 | |
| 12551670 | 533000 | Utilities | \$500.00 | |
| 12551670 | 543000 | Rental Equipment | \$250.00 | |
| 12551670 | 544000 | Contract Services | \$655.00 | |

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| <u>Code Number</u> | | <u>Source of Revenue</u> | <u>Increase</u> | <u>Decrease</u> |
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| 12535167 | 404000 | State Assistance | | \$14,024.00 |

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| 1614500 | 535300 | Maint/Repair of Vehicles | \$15,000.00 | |
| 1614500 | 525100 | Gas, Oil, & Tires | \$10,000.00 | |

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| 16134500 | 403611 | State Arra Grant (5310) | \$25,000.00 | |

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| 11243100 | 555000 | Capital Outlay – Other Equipment | \$6,495.00 | |

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| 11034310 | 408401 | Donations | \$6,495.00 | |

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| 67981800 | 558100 | Construction costs | \$690,000.00 | |
| 67981800 | 519500 | Engineering | \$124,000.00 | |

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| 67981800 | 519900 | Other Professional Services | \$32,000.00 | |
| 67981800 | 509700 | Contingency | \$69,000.00 | |
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| <u>Code Number</u> | | <u>Source of Revenue</u> | <u>Increase</u> | <u>Decrease</u> |
| 67038180 | 403608 | State Grant | \$232,500.00 | |
| 67038180 | 409100 | State Loan | \$232,500.00 | |
| 67038180 | 403626 | JC Capacity Assessment | \$450,000.00 | |
| <u>EXPENDITURE</u> | | | | |
| | | Well Treatment Project | | |
| <u>Code Number</u> | | <u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u> | <u>Increase</u> | <u>Decrease</u> |
| 67981580 | 558100 | Construction Costs | \$717,900.00 | |
| 67981580 | 509700 | Contingency | \$165,700.00 | |
| <u>REVENUE</u> | | | | |
| <u>Code Number</u> | | <u>Source of Revenue</u> | <u>Increase</u> | <u>Decrease</u> |
| 67038158 | 409100 | Loan Proceeds | \$883,000.00 | |
| <u>EXPENDITURE</u> | | | | |
| <u>Code Number</u> | | <u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u> | <u>Increase</u> | <u>Decrease</u> |
| 67981550 | 558011 | Well Construction | \$1,114,000.00 | |
| 67981550 | 509700 | Contingency | \$209,291.00 | |
| 67981550 | 519500 | Engineering | \$178,865.00 | |
| 67981550 | 519900 | Other Professional Services | \$30,000.00 | |
| <u>REVENUE</u> | | | | |
| <u>Code Number</u> | | <u>Source of Revenue</u> | <u>Increase</u> | <u>Decrease</u> |
| 67038155 | 403608 | State Reserve Grant | \$766,078.00 | |
| 67038155 | 409100 | State Reserve Loan | \$766,078.00 | |
| <u>EXPENDITURE</u> | | | | |
| <u>Code Number</u> | | <u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u> | <u>Increase</u> | <u>Decrease</u> |
| 61971000 | 555000 | Capital Outlay Other | \$3,450.00 | |
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| <u>Code Number</u> | | <u>Source of Revenue</u> | <u>Increase</u> | <u>Decrease</u> |
| 61937100 | 409800 | Fund Balance Appropriation Encumb | \$3,450.00 | |
| <u>EXPENDITURE</u> | | | | |
| | | Juvenile Justice Programs | | |
| <u>Code Number</u> | | <u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u> | <u>Increase</u> | <u>Decrease</u> |
| 05558310 | 581000 | Transfer to State Agency | \$28,438.00 | |
| <u>REVENUE</u> | | | | |
| <u>Code Number</u> | | <u>Source of Revenue</u> | <u>Increase</u> | <u>Decrease</u> |
| 05435831 | 409906 | FBA Youth Shelter Program | \$16,800.00 | |
| 05435831 | 409900 | FBA JCPC A | \$1,545.00 | |
| 05435831 | 409905 | FBA Innovations Program | \$4,000.00 | |

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| 05435831 | 409903 | FBA Youth Inspire Group | \$4,929.00 |
| 05435831 | 409902 | <u>FBA Teen Court</u> | |

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| 29549470 | 519049 | Administration | \$42,800.00 | |
| 29549470 | 519900 | Other Professional Services | \$213,792.00 | |
| 29549470 | 562004 | Acquisition Costs | \$961,430.00 | |

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| 29034947 | 403614 | NCEM Grant Funds | \$1,218,022.00 | |

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| 11141200 | 526261 | Census Supplies | \$5,000.00 | |
| 11999000 | 509700 | Contingency | | \$5,000.00 |

Item 5: Consideration of Tax Appeals

Upon a motion made by Chairman Wooten and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to adjust the penalty applied to the following tax accounts for failure to timely list business personal property by forgiving one-half of the assessed penalties.

Byrd Farms, Inc. (Tax \$4,838.16) **Assessed Penalty \$1,378.71 Adjusted by Half**

Carolina Custom Machine (Tax \$5,458.34) **Assessed Penalty \$1,453.37 Adjusted by Half**

J&W Swine Co, Inc. (Tax \$6,377.71) **Assessed Penalty \$2,066.27 Adjusted by Half**

County Manager's Reports

County Manager Ed Causey officially introduced newly hired Economic Development Director Stephen Barrington. He informed the Board that he, Vice Chairperson Lee, and Assistant County Manager Susan Holder were planning to attend the Mid-Carolina Council of Government member meeting on Wednesday, November 6, 2019, where they would each participate in the hiring of a new COG Director.

Public Comments

The Chairman opened the floor for comments and the following were received:

Tommy Tucker: Good evening. I'm here tonight to talk about establishing an animal advisory board in Sampson County. I gave you all a copy of a Duplin County, and a

picture of the Kuranda bed that we raised the money for. Have you all got that? I gave you all one just for them (the Board) to share. I want to read what it says about Advisory Boards on the Sampson County website. I can't hardly read it because its so small, but It is the philosophy of Sampson County Local Government that providing our citizens with adequate information and managed and fair opportunities to have their ideas, opinions and concerns addressed fosters and maintains trust in the government process, encourages public participation in this process, and allows us to develop and implement programs and services which are responsive to the specific needs of the community. As you all know, we were fined \$5,000 in April of 2018 for not following state policies. There is no doubt about it that the situation has improved a lot. We came before the Board in May of 2018, one and a half years ago, and requested that we have an advisory board for the Shelter and Animal Control. We were told that we would find out when the state inspection report was completed. We have not been made aware of any decision a year and a half later. I don't know why this is so contentious. It seems like everyone should be working for the benefit of the animals. Even without a board we were able to raise \$2,000 to partner with Anna Ellis so that all the kennels would have a kuranda bed that keeps the dogs off the floor. That's what the bed looks like. Y'all have got a copy of the bed too. It's really a great bed. We worked with Mrs. Holder and Anna to have a Clear the Shelter event. It was a great success thanks to Susan and Anna. We also worked with the radio station and newspaper to promote a pet of the week. Sampson County is bordered by six counties. All but one has an animal advisory board. I have spoken at great length to a member of the Duplin County board. That's where I got that information at, and she says that they are really appreciated by their County Manager. Sampson County has a plethora of advisory board on it's departments. Why not the animals? Even though we have had an improvement here, I know that an advisory board can greater reduce the euthanasia rate of the animals, which is my greatest concern and should be everybody else's too. And we can have an expert of Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to advertise it the animals. We can improve our relations with the rescue groups and also get some new rescue groups. Maybe we can have a code red to identify animals when their time is running out and we could all work real hard to try to save them. We could brainstorm and come up with ways to raise money that can be used to lower adoption rates, adoption fees, among other things. There are also grants. Y'all got a grant for how much? \$3,000,000, is that what you said? \$3,500,000. Maybe we could get \$30,000. We could visit other shelters and find out what they're doing to lower euthanasia rates. We could even visit the no-kill shelter in Fayetteville. Wouldn't that be something if we could have a no-kill shelter. Again, the reason I'm here is to help the dogs and cats, and especially to lower the euthanasia rate. Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King's role model, said that the greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated. In closing, could you please tell us if and when you'll approve an animal advisory board? It's been a long time coming and thanks for listening to me.

Nancy Gump: I just want to say that I wholeheartedly will support Tommy and I have been very active in that. Just within the past year and 1/2, myself, individually, I have saved 176 dogs. And have built a 6,000 square foot extension at my sanctuary. So it can be done. Collectively we can do it together. We have a very warm and supportive relationship with Anna, and we are able to connect the dots, but I need more people like me, more people like Tommy, and having an advisory board would be very beneficial in our efforts in saving more animals and getting the word out. Even an educational piece with the spay and neuter, finding grants, giving money to people who can't afford spay and neuters. Because the bottom line is that I am the one that is out there getting the puppies off the road, getting the moms and dads spayed and neutered, and I just need help. So, with that advisory board supportive efforts, let alone with the fundraising aspect of it, like building out the play yard, getting behaviorist in there to help with the socialization of the animals. It's really a win-win situation. We don't necessarily have to wait for the eagle scout - we can include him in these efforts - but we can get someone in there within three weeks and do that, because you just have to tweak it. I saw it seven years ago and it just needs a little bit of tweak. So, we're right there on the cusp, helping anyone that is in there and Anna to make it rock.

Adjournment

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