

**SAMPSON COUNTY  
NORTH CAROLINA**

**March 2, 2020**

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened for their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2020, in the County Auditorium, 435 Rowan Road in Clinton, North Carolina. Members present: Chairman Clark Wooten, Vice Chairperson Sue Lee, and Commissioners Thaddeus Godwin, Jerol Kivett and Harry Parker.

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order and acknowledged Vice Chairperson Lee who then called upon Jackson Gunnels for the invocation. Brody Gunnels then led the Pledge.

**Approval of Agenda**

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the following changes:

Added as Item 1 (b): Health Director Coronavirus Update;

Added as Item 1 (c): Adoption of Resolution Supporting the State of North Carolina's Proposed FY 2019-2021 Biennium Budget;

Added as an Action Item: Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Expenditure for Economic Development; and

Included an additional budget amendment for Parks and Recreation to Consent Agenda item g

**Item 1: Presentations and Reports**

NCDOT: Update on Closure of 421 Rest Area NCDOT Division 3 Manager Chad Kimes provided the Board with an update on the closure of the rest area noting that the cause of the temporary closure was primarily due to a decrease of cash balance as a result of the various statewide storm repair and weather related projects over the past few years. He noted that due to the cash balance decrease NCDOT has discontinued funding several projects and services, including permanent closures on various rest areas. Mr. Kimes stated that Sampson County's rest area has been one of the least used sites in the state, having an average of 37,000 users per year, compared to the average user total of 200,000. As alternate suggestions to permanent closure, Mr. Kimes mentioned the following options: NCDOT could donate the land to the County to be developed and used as a public place, such as a park, or the County could seek sponsorship opportunities to assist with costs. The Chairman thanked Mr.

Kimes for the update, and the Board received the information without any decisions or determinations being made.

(WALK ON) Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) Update Health Department Director of Nursing Kelly Parrish provided the Board with an update on the Coronavirus and provided a handout containing information on how the virus spreads, signs and symptoms, methods to prevent spreading, vaccination and treatment methods, and current objectives and response. The Chairman sought counsel on how Sampson County, particularly farmers, should prepare for the influx of seasonal workers. Health Director Wanda Robinson noted that she anticipated that travel restrictions for certain areas would soon follow, along with new measures for conducting health assessments, wellness screenings and testing, and providing education to the general public of best practices and prevention methods. She also noted that the Health Department will receive citizens calls reporting suspected cases of the virus and will assist with assessing the persons suspected of being ill.

(WALK ON) Consideration of a Resolution Supporting the State of North Carolina's Proposed FY 2019-2021 Biennium Budget Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kivett and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to support the resolution supporting the State of North Carolina's Proposed FY 2019-2021 Biennium Budget (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_).

(WALK ON) Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Expenditure for Economic Development Purposes The Chairman opened the hearing and acknowledged County Attorney W. Joel Starling, Jr. who reviewed the request to acquire two properties totaling 2.01 acres of real property from Clinton Lodge No. 786, Loyal Order of Moose, Inc., in the amount of \$199,000. He noted that the property is currently under contract and that the proposed agreement will be a backup agreement if the primary contract does not result in a closing. He also noted that if the property is acquired but does not become an economic development property the property could be used for airport purposes, having potential retroactive reimbursement requests. The Chairman opened the floor for public comment, and none were received. The hearing was closed. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kivett and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the County Manager to execute the Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Real Property (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_).

### **Item 3: Consent Agenda**

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

- a. Approved the minutes of the January 6, 2020 meeting
- b. Adopted the resolution authorizing the County Manager, Finance Officer and Deputy Finance Officer to conduct business with First Citizens Bank & Trust for the purposes of investing idle County funds (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_.)
- c. Approved revisions to the Sampson County Purchasing Manual
- d. Approved the submission of applications for reimbursement of lottery funds for debt payments
- e. Approved a delinquent tax exemption application for Panda Solar NC 7, LLC.
- f. Approved tax refunds and releases as submitted:

#9257	Randy Simmons	\$100.08
#9252	Cassell Devane	\$174.96
#9247	Anita Faircloth	\$122.85
#9233	Triple M Inc.	\$122.78
#9230	Tracey Meyer	\$315.98
#9213	Deliverance Victory Temple	\$139.60
Tax Release	Andres Guzman	\$150.59
Tax Release	Henry Carr, Jr.	\$257.32
Tax Release	Danny and Joan Norris	\$208.13

- g. Approved budget amendments as submitted:

<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		Finance		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11659140	555030	Category 1 Capital Outlay County		\$331,488.00
11659140	555031	Category 2 Capital Outlay County	\$331,488.00	
11659140	555031	Category 2 Capital Outlay City	\$82,503.00	
11659140	555032	Category 3 Capital Outlay City	\$30,000.00	
19959110	582096	Transfer to General Fund	\$112,503.00	

<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
19959110	409900	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$112,503.00	
11035911	409612	Transfer from School Capital Reserve	\$112,503.00	

<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		Finance – Health Insurance Fund		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
72154000	545100	Administration/claims	\$1,600,000.00	

<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
72035400	408900	Miscellaneous Revenue	\$1,600,000.00	

<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		Finance		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11141300	599900	Disaster Relief	\$119,375.00	
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11033010	402605	FEMA Funds	\$119,375.00	
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		Finance		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
		Acquisition Relocation Gap Funds	\$181,500.00	
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
		SARF Grant	\$181,500.00	
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		JCPC Programs		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
05558310	561002	Conflict Resolution	\$23,435.00	
05558310	510000	Administration	\$3,471.00	
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
05435831	303612	Grant JCPC Programs	\$29,906.00	
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		Public Works Water		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
61971000	544000	Contracted Services	\$41,880.00	
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
61937100	408900	Miscellaneous Revenue	\$41,880.00	
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		Aging		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02558670	525000	Home Repairs – United Way – Mat	\$3,930.00	
02558670	555000	Home Repairs – Capital Outlay – OTH	\$3,570.00	
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02035867	43602	Home Repairs – United Way Funding	\$7,500.00	
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		Cooperative Extension		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
05558330	544000	Contracted Services	\$960.00	
05558330	522100	Food & Provisions	\$1,155.00	
05558330	526200	Departmental Supplies	\$750.00	

05558330	531100	Travel	\$741.00	
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
05035833	303612	Rev-Juvenile Innov	\$3,606.00	
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11761100	544200	Library Cultural Programming	\$392.00	
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
1136110	408900	Misc. Revenue	\$392.00	
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11243800	526200	Animal Shelter Departmental Supplies	\$942.00	
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11034380	408401	Donations	\$942.00	
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11243100	535200	Sheriff Maint. Repair and Equipment	\$7,080.00	
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11034310	403631	Substance Abuse Narcotics	\$7,080.00	
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
13554810	568414	Social Services LIEAP	\$4,771.00	
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
13535480	403314	LIEAP	\$4,771.00	
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
13554910	568415	Social Services Progress Energy-Energy Neighbor	\$414.00	
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
13535480	403315	Progress Energy-Energy Neighbor	\$414.00	

<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		Social Services		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
13553100	512100	Salaries	\$15,032.00	
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
13535310	403372	SSBG	\$15,032.00	

<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		Aging		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02558680	526200	Senior Center – Department Supplies	\$600.00	
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02035868	403601	Senior Center – Mid-Carolina	\$600.00	

(Walk On) Approved the Sampson County Parks and Recreation Budget Amendment:

<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		Parks and Recreation		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11761200	544000	Contracted Services	\$3,754.00	
11761200	534100	Printing		\$500.00
11761201	544200	Cultural Programs		\$500.00
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11036120	442002	Basketball Fees	\$475.00	
11036120	442002	Football Fees	\$1,159.00	
11036120	442006	Volleyball Fees	\$1,120.00	

### County Manager's Reports

County Manager Ed Causey informed the Board that staff was working diligently to locate and acquire funding for the newly proposed EMS Facility Project, specifically noting that the GoldenLeaf Foundation grant has been completed and submitted, and that other grant funding request are being submitted. Mr. Causey noted the completion of the first cohort of the Leadership Academy and expressed appreciation for the Board's support of the program and for the oversight of HR Director Nancy Dillman. He concluded by reminding the Board of the Board of Equalization and Review meetings scheduled April 21 and 28, 2020, 1 p.m. daily.

### Public Comments

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

Cooperative Extension Director Eileen Coite provided the Board tickets and information regarding the upcoming Ag Rally event, to be held at the Sampson County Exposition Center on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, which will consist of a reception beginning at 5:30 p.m. and rally event following at 6:30 p.m. She also noted that Ag Day would follow on Saturday, March 21, 2020, at the Sampson County Exposition Center.

### **Adjournment**

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

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Clark H. Wooten, Chairman

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Susan J. Holder, Clerk to the Board