

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened for their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 2, 2021, 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 Lethia Lee.

Chairman Clark Wooten called the meeting and acknowledged Vice Chairperson Sue Lee who called on Deputy Clerk Richard Carr to provide the invocation. Commissioner Jerol Kivett then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Godwin and seconded by Commissioner Lethia Lee, the board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the following changes: (1) add to Consent Agenda the Home and Community Block Grant funding plan documents; and (2) remove Item 6: Closed Session - G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3).

Item 1: Action Items

Tax Office - Reappointment of Deputy Tax Collector Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kivett and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to re-appoint Amanda Beatty for a four-year term as Deputy Tax Collector. Assistant County Manager Susan Holder administered the oath of office to Ms. Beatty as Deputy Tax Collector (Oath filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____.)

Economic Development - Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Use of Revolving Loan Funds for Economic Development Activities (Garland Apparel Group, LLC) Chairman Wooten opened the hearing and called on Economic Developer Stephen Barrington who advised the board of the Economic Development Advisory Board's recommendation to allocate revolving loan funding in the amount of \$75,000, plus up to \$3,000 in closing costs, to Garland Apparel Group, LLC. He noted that the new company will provide more than 120 new jobs in the first year. The hearing was closed. Upon a motion by Commissioner Kivett and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the allocation of revolving loan funding of \$75,000, plus up to \$3,000 in closing costs, to Garland Apparel Group, LLC.

Economic Development – Application for Rural Demolition Program

Grant Funding Economic Developer Stephen Barrington informed the board of the Economic Development department's desire to apply for a NC Commerce Rural Demolition Grant for up to 75% of the cost for demolishing six dilapidated structures located on the property previously purchased within Sampson Southeast Business Center, four of which will impede the new road being planned within the park. He then noted that a formal bidding process will follow the awarding of the grant. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kivett and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the resolution supporting the demolition project and authorizing the submission of the application for Rural Demolition Program grant funds (Resolution filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____).

Emergency Services – Request for Update to 5-Mile and 6-Mile District Maps for Taylors Bridge Fire Department (does not impact response or tax districts) Emergency Services Director Richard Sauer presented the request noting that upon the recent completion of the second satellite station in the Harrells community the insurance maps are able to be redrawn, which is expected to provide benefit to all residents in the area. The update will not affect response districts or tax districts. He concluded by noting that following the Board's approval of the new boundaries, the Department of Insurance will need to approve the update. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kivett and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the new insurance district map as presented, subject to final approval by the State Department of Insurance (Map filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____).

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 certain private roads as follows:

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Council Lane

There were no public comments offered and the hearing was closed. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Godwin and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to name the private roads as recommended.

Local Emergency Planning Committee Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Interim Police Chief Anthony Davis to the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Commissioner Lethia Lee (County Commissioner), Carlina Simmons (Social

Services), Scott Hodges (Sheriff's Department), and James Jones (Sheriff's Department) to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

Item 2: Consent Agenda (as Board of Commissioners)

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

- a. Approved the minutes of the July 12, 2021 meeting
- b. Adopted a resolution proclaiming September 7, 2021 as "John Merrick Day" in Sampson County (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____.)
- c. Authorized execution of the FY 21-22 Agreement for the Protection, Development and Improvement of Forest Lands between Sampson County and the NC State Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Copies filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____.)
- d. Emergency Services - Request for Update to 5-Mile and 6-Miles District Maps for Taylors Bridge Fire Department (does not impact response to tax districts) (Map filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____.)
- e. Approved an amendment to the contract between Sampson County (Department of Social Services) and Warrick, Bradshaw and Lockamy Law Firm for legal services FY20-21 (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____.)
- f. Approved the contract between Sampson County and the Town of Autryville for building inspection services (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____.)
- g. Approved tax refunds and releases as submitted:

#9642	Blake Norris	\$131.00
#9643	Rufus Carr	\$191.16
#9644	Johnny Tyndall	\$171.82
#9648	Rickie Lee Jones	\$121.98
#9617	Alexander Cox	\$427.20
#9650	Judith Crystal Hall	\$134.35
#9636	Longhorn Investments, LLC	\$1,854.12

- h. Approved budget amendments as submitted:

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		Health Department-WIC		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12551670	544000	Contract Services	\$8,793.00	
<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12535167	404000	State Assistance	\$8,793.00	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		Health Department-COVID Response		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12551240	512100	Salaries	\$269,580.00	
12551240	518100	FICA	\$16,716.00	
12551240	518120	Medicare FICA	\$3,911.00	
12551240	518200	Retirement	\$20,383.00	
12551240	518300	Group Insurance	\$38,640.00	
12551240	518400	Dental Insurance	\$1,400.00	
12551240	518901	401K	\$20,130.00	
12551240	525100	Gas, Oil, & Tire	\$2,000.00	
12551240	526200	Department Supplies	\$9,913.00	
12551240	523100	Medical Supplies	\$6,500.00	
12551240	537000	Advertising	\$1,500.00	
12551240	532100	Telephone & Postage	\$8,500.00	
12551240	543000	Rental Equipment	\$3,000.00	
12551240	529702	Lab Services	\$12,000.00	
12551240	531100	Travel	\$4,000.00	
12551240	544000	Contract Services	\$306,139.00	

REVENUE

<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12551240	512100	State Assistance	\$724,312.00	

EXPENDITURE

<u>Code Number</u>		Health Department <u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12551230	526200	Department Supplies	\$1,000.00	
12551230	526201	Department Supplies Equipment	\$2,669.00	
12551230	523100	Medical Supplies	\$1,500.00	
12551230	537000	Advertising	\$8,000.00	
12551230	544000	Contract Services	\$65,000.00	
12551230	555000	Capital Outlay – Other Equipment	\$25,000.00	

REVENUE

<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12535124	404000	State Assistance	\$103,169.00	

EXPENDITURE

<u>Code Number</u>		Finance <u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
83541300	581000	Transfer to borrower	\$75,000.00	
83541300	529900	Closing costs	\$3,000.00	

REVENUE

<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
83034130	409900	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$78,000.00	

(WALK ON) Approved revisions to the Home and Community Block Grant Funding plan (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____.)

- Approved Clinton City Schools Budget Amendments No. 1 (Fund 5); No. 2 (Special Revenue); No. 4 (Federal); No. 4 (State); No. 1 (Local); No. 3 (Federal); No. 3 (State); Approved Clinton City Schools Budget Amendment No. 3 (Special Revenue); and No. 5 (Federal) as submitted.

Consent Agenda (Board of Commissioners)

- i. Approved a Health Department fee schedule revision request as submitted (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____.)
- j. Approved the contracts for school health nursing services between the Sampson County Health Department and Sampson County Schools and Clinton City Schools (Copies filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____.)

Item 3: Board Information

The following item was received by the Board for information:

- a. Notification of Bladen County's Request to Disengage from Eastpointe

Item 4: County Manager's Report

No report was given.

Item 5: Public Comment Period

Chairman Wooten opened the floor for comment. The following was received:

Allan Williams: I come before you tonight and I just ask that all of you would continue to keep in your prayers our County Fire Marshall, Jerry Cashwell who works in the emergency service office. He lost his mother, father, and his sister within the last two weeks due to Covid. Keep the Cashwell family in your prayers please. Second of all, I'd like to thank everyone, especially Mr. Clark Wooten, he was very instrumental, along with Joel Starling and Mr. Ed Causey, in getting this new fire station built over there for the people of the Coharie, Roseboro, McDaniels area. Roughly 39 square miles that's never had any fire service and hopefully this fall we'll get this through DOI and OSFM, and those people will get a reduced rate on homeowners insurance. I'd like to welcome the gentleman from New York, Mr. Richard Sauer. We've already been out in the field, and out in the country riding around. He's been in the firehouse. It's going to take him a while to settle in. But we're really pleased with him and we're working well with him. My last concern again is with EMS. Just a few minutes ago we had a traumatic injury in our district. The young gentleman was flown out, so also keep him in your prayers. Unfortunately, at that same time while the EMS trucks were tied up there was a call on

Nathan Dudley Road, so the Roseboro truck had to come from Roseboro to cover that call. By the time they got through the mess on Sunset and got over there, there was a wreck – a vehicle rollover – on the other side of Roseboro. So, with the Roseboro truck in Clinton, the Clinton truck clearing up from the ER had to go all the way back to Roseboro. We've got to do something to fix this problem. The longer we delay fixing the problem, whether it's the band-aid, the permanent fix, or whatever it is, it's not going to be good. So again, I ask you to please consider starting this process so we can get it moving forward. Thank you.

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kivett and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, 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