

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened for their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 6, 2025, in the County Auditorium, 435 Rowan Road in Clinton, North Carolina. Members present: Chairman Allen McLamb, Vice Chairman Eric Pope and Commissioners Houston Crumpler III, Thaddeus Godwin, and Lethia Lee.

Chairman McLamb called the meeting to order and acknowledged Vice Chairman Pope who called upon members of the Sampson County Veterans Council to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and provide the invocation.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Godwin and seconded by Vice Chairman Pope, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- Added a budget amendment to the Consent Agenda
- Added NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) – Personnel to the Closed Session

#### **Item 1: Public Information**

- Chairman McLamb called upon Alyssa Garcia, Senior Planner & RPO Coordinator for Mid-Carolina Regional Council who provided the Board with an overview of the Rural Planning Organization (RPO) and the Rural Transportation Planning Organization (TPO). Ms. Garcia explained how these organizations assist Sampson County in identifying transportation priorities, developing road projects, and providing recommendations to the North Carolina Department of Transportation.
- Chairman McLamb called upon Cindy Smith, Business Relations Representative for NCDHHS who discussed Employment and Independence for People with Disabilities (EIPD), formerly known as Vocational Rehab. Ms. Smith informed the Board that EIPD is a state agency that assists people with disabilities in finding employment and reaching their goals of independence.
- Chairman McLamb called upon Public Works Director Mark Turlington who provided an update on current and ongoing water projects.

#### **Item 2: Consent Agenda**

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

*(as Board of Commissioners)*

- a. Approved the minutes of the June 16, 2025, September 8, 2025 and September 22, 2025 meetings

- b. Approved a request to withdraw all items that have been weeded from the collections of the Sampson-Clinton Public Library System due to disuse, damage, or out-of-date/inaccurate information and to write-off these items and all items that have been donated to the library but not placed in the collection as of October 6, 2026
- c. Adopted a Proclamation Recognizing October 24, 2025 as World Polio Day in Sampson County
- d. Approved surplus of a Sheriff's Department weapon and authorize the transfer of the weapon to a retiring Law Enforcement Official
- e. Adopted a Capital Project Ordinance concerning construction of a new Hobbton High School
- f. Approved late disabled veterans property tax exclusion requests for Dillon Seth Chabot and Ronald Davis
- g. Approved tax refunds and releases as submitted
- h. Approved budget amendments as submitted  
*(as Board of Health)*
  - a. Approved CPT Code Lab/Clinical Fee Updates
  - b. Authorized the execution of a contract between the Sampson County Health Department and Clinton City Schools for Nursing Services
  - c. Authorized the execution of a contract between the Sampson County Health Department and K&A Morrissey Cleaning Services for Janitorial Services

**Item 3:           Action Items**

Veterinary Services Contract Chairman McLamb called upon Anna Ellis who reviewed the annual veterinary services contract between Sampson County and William C. Oglesby, Jr., D.V.M. Upon a motion by Commissioner Godwin and seconded by Vice Chairman Pope the Board voted to approve the contract as presented.

Resolution for 2025 Refunding Chairman McLamb called upon Finance Officer Melissa Burton who informed the Board that in an effort to creatively reduce the budget, county staff has been in contact with the underwriter that assisted the County with the refunding of USDA debt in 2015 and 2017. The amount of debt to be refunded will be \$24,880,000. If the refunding is successful, the County will save approximately \$1,698,704.64 over the next 10 years without extending the payment terms of the original bonds. Upon a motion by Commissioner Crumpler and seconded by Commissioner Godwin the Board voted unanimously to adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Negotiation of an Amendment to an Installment Financing Contract and Directing the Publication of Notice as presented.

Application Requesting Reimbursement from the Needs Based Lottery Grant for the new Hobbton High School Chairman McLamb called upon Finance Officer Melissa Burton who reviewed a

Distribution Request for the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund. Upon a motion by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Crumpler the Board voted to approve the submission of the Distribution Request as presented.

Home and Community Care Block Grant Revision Chairman McLamb called upon Senior Services Director Dana Hall who reviewed a grant budget revision to accommodate for reduction in funding for the Family Care Giver Program. Upon a motion by Commissioner Godwin and seconded by Commissioner Lee the Board voted to approve the revised budget as presented.

**Item 4: Board Information**

The Board received the following for informational purposes only:

- May 19, 2025 SCHD Health Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
- SCHD FISCAL Revenue and Expenditure Report

**Item 5: Public Comment Period**

Chairman McLamb opened the floor for public comments. The following were received:

Terry Williams, Ingold, NC – “My name is Terry Williams. I live in Ingold. I retired from the Navy, 28 years. I was one of your first technology directors for this county. I was the first technology director for this county. I was the first technology director for Cumberland County so I know how this stuff works a little bit. I’m on the Union Advisory Committee and every time we meet there was always an issue at Union Elementary School and the problem with the traffic and so I tried everything. Called the state, called everywhere. Could not get any help with putting caution lights so finally took it upon myself and as you see here these people are the ones that I had to call and Mr. Hancock is in Wilmington and so he had to come out and say it can be done. Then two guys from Raleigh had to come out and say here’s where you can put them. Then a guy from Dunn came and I still haven’t figured out what he did, but anyway, I paid for the lights. My fiancé died and left me some money. She was a teacher of 31 years and so they weren’t cheap but we got them in. My issue now is I need some speed limit signs, 45mph, school zone placed on those lights like they have in the Midway district. I got lights at the Union Intermediate School. It’s on Edmond Matthis Road and its in a curve so I need signs there too. I haven’t had any help so far getting that done and I was hoping Ms. Robinson would be here tonight, she’s the president of the Union Advisory Committee and she’s a school bus driver. At some point we’re going to have to look at a stoplight at Union Elementary School because now the high school buses come out at the same intersection as the buses from the elementary school. And so, the caution lights are there, but there are no speed limit signs and we need speed limit signs so law enforcement can enforce the law and say you’re speeding. If you go out there at about 10:00 during the day there’s hardly any traffic but if you go at school change time the lane is full in the middle and the lane is full on the side and the buses trying to come in and out and the same thing happens at when school’s out in the afternoon so I need your help and these are, [question about time], real quick, the second thing is, on Lisbon Bridge Road in 411 going down to Harrells we’ve had the front end knocked off of a school bus. This past weekend we had a pickup truck totaled. The guy that owns the old Clear Run School would like to see a four-way stop sign put there too because the traffic has to come up the hill from Harrells and the school bus is stopped and having to come up the hill to get across the intersection and so the traffic’s blocked and everything. Thank you.

Anthony Monds – “Good evening. Well, my speech isn’t going to change, it hasn’t in the last couple of years so just wanted to bring to your all attention that I did meet with the County Manager about seven weeks ago. Had to sit down with him. Presented him with a lot of information, uh, documentation of which I asked him this evening before the meeting had he even looked into it and he shared with me that it’s a lot and I asked him if he was going to look into it and you know that remains to be seen but in all seriousness you all have a problem with your DSS department. You have a problem with Human Resources. You have a problem with your director. I’m not going anywhere. As some has tried to label me intimidating and all of this kind of stuff but you never have gotten to know me. But I’m very direct and if something needs to be handled, it needs to be handled. What’s worse, the actual crime or the cover up? So with that being placed on the table, I have had several families get in contact with me concerning the venom that has been spewed from your DSS department. I have had people who have been employed by the DSS department and one who had a contract with your DSS department, a private contract with your DSS department have shared with me the venom that has been spewed from the director. The law of Genesis, you all should know this by you being ministers, the law of Genesis says every produce out his own kind. That’s the law of Genesis. So, if there’s an issue, if you have an issue within your body, you know, you have to look at the head. So, my thing is, what I would like to present I have families who have been affected by your department who are willing to sit down. Let’s start some type of dialogue. We need to start somewhere. I’m going to continue to come to these meetings but we need to start somewhere. These families are willing to come forth, let you know it’s the same people who are doing this stuff from the director on down. The same people, they’re willing to come and sit and talk. I believe you’re still on the DSS board if I’m not mistaken you’re the chairman. Let’s get some effective dialogue started. Let’s get a sit down with these families. People are scared who are employees by the DSS department are being retaliated against because if they were to speak, they will be retaliated against. This is a major problem which needs to be addressed. Now are you going to address it or are you going to cover it up? That’s the question I pose and I’m not going anywhere so I would like for this to start. You have my number. You know how to get in touch with me. Y’all have a blessed evening.”

Bob Graczyk – “Good evening. My name is Bob Graczyk. I live over in Parkersburg, North Carolina, Sampson County and I would just like to share something with you. On November 8, a Saturday, between the hours of 2:00 and 6:00 at Veterans Park the Veterans Council will be having their annual sale of pork butts, Boston butt fundraiser. The tickets are \$50 each. Ms. Ann has tickets, also there’s four American Legion posts, they’re selling tickets and the VFW post is selling tickets. Veterans Day is on November 11 so the veterans will be there all day Saturday at Veterans Park. You want to get there early...is it 6:00 a.m.? If you want to come and assist or be with a veteran, 6:00 a.m. they start getting there and they cook and they bag up these Boston butts. They’re \$50. Ms. Ann has those tickets. The money actually goes to a fund in case a veteran needs money for anything, whether it be for rent that they can’t get money for from another funding source or if they just need money for food, or if they need money just for any little expense, they come to Ms. Ann and she has this fund from selling these Boston butts. Our freedom is not free. So please, if you get the opportunity, and everybody watching, go out and buy a ticket for a Boston butt. Buy two. There’s many. If you can’t come by and see Ms. Ann, find a veteran. Thank a veteran. Any one of them are selling those tickets. So again, freedom’s not free. Thank you very much.”

Elaine F. Hunt – “Good evening. My name is Elaine Hunt. I reside at 7171 Old Warsaw Road, Turkey, North Carolina, 28393. First, let me thank you all for what you have done. I’m going to thank you in advance for what you’re going to do because I just believe soon and very soon you’re going to see how important it is that we get water and you’re going to ruse to help us do a little bit more. If first you don’t

succeed, we're going to try, try again. I've been coming to you all three years now and five months, and I don't know, I think Commissioner Crumpler is probably tired of seeing me, but I'm going to keep coming. I promise you I will because half of the residents in my neighborhood, water tested with PFAS and I researched that and I see what it can do health wise. It causes liver damage. It causes thyroid disease. It causes cancer. My father passed in November 2001 and back then we didn't know about PFAS but I just believe in my heart some of this could have helped contribute to his death and so I'm going to keep coming. I know you all, someone asked what can you do to help. I think he said letters or get in touch with Senator Jackson. I would appreciate if each one of you would write a letter in support of us getting county water. And I would appreciate you who know Senator Jackson to impress on him to do a letter or do what he can to help us get county water because we failed or didn't succeed this time. I'm told you have resubmitted. I'm praying this time we will get it and I thank you Commissioner Lee for reaching out to the governor's office. Thank you for what you have done and I hope you don't get tired of me because I will be back if the Lord's willing. Thank you."

Glenn Faison – "Good evening. Glenn Faison, 7161 Old Warsaw Road. I'm basically here to support my sister. I didn't know she was going to speak so hopefully I can be brief. Thanks to Mr. Turlington for what he's doing. Mr. Crumpler, you asked about writing letters and like my sister said it would be great if everybody could write letters and even Senator Jackson, he's a good man and the tortoise did win the race but sometimes he moves a little slow so maybe we can push him a little. I'm a person that believes in business. You shouldn't make stuff personal but I find all over where we're at, when people get mad with someone they make it personal. Situations make it personal. Look at all whats happening nationally. Stuff is happening because people have made it personal, so I'm going to need y'all to make this personal. There's a story about a fire captain that went to respond to a fire in a lower income area of town. When he got there the building wasn't engulfed in a lot of flames but it was burning and he made an assessment that they couldn't go in. Probably two seconds later he got a call from his wife that his daughter was visiting someone there. Then he made it personal. He used all his resources and his men to go into the building and there were people in there that initially he didn't think were important until he found out his daughter was in there, then he made it personal. So, my point is, our water, and not just Old Warsaw Road, other areas of our county really need fixing. I've been researching other counties, and I know it's hard. I know your job is hard, but creativity is a crazy thing. We do it all the time, you know. I look at my superintendent, he's been very creative to make sure we get this Hobbton High School done. So I'm asking for you, praying for you, just be a little bit more aggressive and make it personal in a good way. Thank you."

Brenda Atkinson – "Good evening. My name is Brenda Atkinson. I live at 7235 Old Warsaw Road. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak tonight. I thank Ms. Elaine Hunt and the supporters for what they have done. You know, what is not a want, but it's a necessity. What an issue you have in front of you. Water. My water was tested by the state. It showed that I have EFAS. They called and said do not cook or drink the water. They will provide me with water. They delivered the water and dispenser. I'm thankful but I had to put it in my laundry room. Do you know how hard it is to remember you can't cook with water from your faucet? Two months ago I participated in another water research by EJCAN. The report came back that I had a high level of sodium and she said not to eat or drink with the water. They said for me to talk to the doctor about the sodium. I said that we were not cooking or drinking with the water now because we had been told that we have EFAS. She said you also have a high level of sulfur. Do you know what sulfur does? It smells like rotten eggs. So when we take a shower we try not to let the water run long because it smells like rotten eggs in the house. I could go on and on about the problem we're having but I'm thankful for the water that the state delivers every month. So please continue to work on our water situation. Thank you.

**Item 6: County Manager's Report**

Chairman McLamb called upon County Manager Allen Vann who shared information about the federal government shutdown, an update on the Sampson County Inspections & Planning Department, a recap of the event showcasing plans for the new Hobbton High School, and the continued problem of animal waste spills.

**Item 7: Commissioners' Comments and Reports**

Chairman McLamb opened the floor for Commissioner comments. Commissioner Lee shared information from a meeting she attended regarding a Five-Year Road Map for Sampson County Schools. Commissioner Godwin discussed the continuance of federally funded DSS programs during the federal shutdown. Commissioner Crumpler informed the Board that the Chamber of Commerce has reinstated its Junior Leadership Program. Chairman McLamb gave an update on the first Elected Officials Roundtable meeting.

**Item 8: Closed Session – N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(4)&(a)(6)**

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Pope and seconded by Commissioner Crumpler the Board voted unanimously to enter into Closed Session. Upon a motion by Commissioner Crumpler and seconded by Commissioner Godwin the Board voted unanimously to come out of Closed Session.

**Adjournment**

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

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C. Allen McLamb, Chairman

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Stephanie P. Fulton, Clerk to the Board