

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened for their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 1, 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 Crumpler and seconded by Commissioner Lee, the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda with the following amendments:

- Removed Item 5A

Item 1: Organization of the Board

County Manager Allen Vann conducted the election for Chairman of the Board. Upon a nomination by Commissioner Crumpler and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to elect Allen McLamb as Chairman. Chairman McLamb conducted the election for Vice Chairperson. Upon a nomination by Commissioner Crumpler and seconded by Chairman McLamb the Board voted unanimously to elect Eric Pope as Vice Chairman.

Item 2: Public Information

- Public Works Director Mark Turlington provided updates on several ongoing water projects.

Item 3: Consent Agenda

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

(as Board of Commissioners)

- a. Approved the minutes of the November 3, 2025 meeting (Copies filed in Inc. Minute Book ____, Page ____.)
- b. Approved late disabled veterans property tax exclusion requests for Harry Wayne Naylor and Gary E. Naylor
- c. Approved a late property tax exemption application for Sapphire Rng LLC.

- d. Approved tax refunds and releases as submitted
- e. Approved budget amendments as submitted
(as Board of Health)
- a. Authorized the execution and submission of a Funding Request to United Way of Sampson County for the Sampson County Breast and Cervical Cancer Awareness and Outreach Program

Item 4: Public Hearing – Naming of Private Road

Chairman McLamb opened a public hearing and called upon Clerk to the Board Stephanie Fulton who presented recommendations from the Road Naming Committee. Chairman McLamb opened the floor for public comments and hearing none closed the public hearing. Upon a motion by Commissioner Crumpler and seconded by Commissioner Godwin the Board voted unanimously to name PVT 421TB-6600 Register Farms Ln as recommended by the Road Naming Committee.

Item 5: Action Items

Kimley Horn “On Call” Engineering Contract Chairman McLamb called upon Assistant Public Works Director Ashley Holland who presented a proposed contract between Sampson County and Kimley-Horn Engineering and Planning Design Consultants for services as needed. Upon a motion by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Godwin the Board voted unanimously to authorize the execution of a contract between Sampson County and Kimley-Horn for “on call” water and building infrastructure engineering services.

Northern and Southern Test and Production Wells Chairman McLamb called upon David Ross with Dewberry Engineers who reviewed a project that aims to expand the public water supply system in Sampson County with the addition of two groundwater wells. Upon a motion by Commissioner Crumpler and seconded by Commissioner Godwin the Board voted unanimously to approve the Capital Project Ordinance associated with the project.

GFL Landfill Water Main Extensions Chairman McLamb called upon David Ross with Dewberry Engineers who presented a project that will design and construct a new public water supply system for the residences and businesses in the vicinity of the GFL Landfill area in Sampson County. The project will include the completion of approximately 88,200 linear feet of water main which will provide water services to South Salemburg Highway (NC 242), Lakewood School Road, Bubba Gump Lane, Laurel Lake Road, White Woods Road, Marion-Amos Road, Fleet Cooper Road, The Avenue, and Bonnetsville Road. Mr. Ross shared Dewberry’s recommendation that Sampson County tentatively award, pending DWI approval and obtaining the permanent utility easements, the contract for the GFL Landfill Water Main Extensions to Herring-Rivenbark Inc. Upon a motion by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Godwin the Board voted unanimously to adopt a Resolution of Tentative Award to Herring & Rivenbark, Inc., contingent upon the approval of the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality.

Everwood Subdivision Preliminary Plan Chairman McLamb called upon Senior Planner Michelle Lance who presented the Preliminary Plan for the proposed Everwood Subdivision. Ms.

Lance shared that the Planning Board recommends conditional approval of the preliminary plan, contingent upon the final plat meeting the requirements of Sections 504-506 of the Sampson County Subdivision Regulations. The Planning Board finds that the proposed preliminary plan is in compliance with the Sampson County Subdivision Regulations and is consistent with the Residential Growth designation of the Sampson County Land Use Plan. Upon a motion by Commissioner Godwin and seconded by Commissioner Crumpler the Board voted unanimously to approve the Preliminary Plan for Everwood Subdivision as submitted.

Abandonment of State Road 1655 and State Road 1611 Chairman McLamb called upon County Attorney Paul Allen who shared that The Department of Transportation has received abandonment requests for two roads in Sampson County. One of these is a road which was never physically constructed, and one is a small secondary road that the owner will use as farmland. Upon a motion by Commissioner Crumpler and seconded by Commissioner Godwin the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolutions in Support of Abandonment of State Road 1655 and State Road 1611.

Request for Road Additions for the State Maintained Secondary Road System Chairman McLamb called upon County Attorney Paul Allen who shared that The Department of Transportation has received a request for the addition of three roads to the State Maintained Secondary Road System. All three roads (Pony Cart Lane, Double Tree Road, and Single Tree Lane) are located in the Stategoach Estates subdivision. Upon a motion by Commissioner Godwin and seconded by Commissioner Crumpler the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolutions in Support of the Request for Road Additions for the State Maintained Secondary Road System as requested.

Item 6: Board Appointments

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Pope and seconded by Commissioner Crumpler the Board voted unanimously to appoint Rosemary Simpson to the Sampson-Clinton Library Board of Trustees.

Item 7: Public Comment Period

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

David Brown – “Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. A few years back I got interested in trying to come to the commissioner meetings and trying to understand Sampson County Government because all I heard were problem after problem after problem after problem. So I found a little of both here. I found a quote from a gentleman, James Freeman Clark. He’s a 19th century American theologian and author. He wrote an article entitled Wanted a Statesman in the Old and New Magazine in December of 1870 and it reads like this: We have a great many politicians in the country, perhaps as many as the country requires. I should not wish to ask for a larger supply of these, but there is a wide difference between the politician and the statesman. A politician, for example, is a man who thinks of the next election while the statesman thinks of the next generation. The politician thinks of the success of his party. The statesman of the good of his country. The politician wishes to carry this or that measure. The statesman to establish this or the other principal. Finally, the statesman wishes to steer while the politician is left contented to drift. The difficulty about a politician, no matter how honest or well intentioned he may be, is always this, that the matter of absolute importance in his mind to which everything else must yield is to carry the next election for his party. As we approach a new year, I’m hoping that this board as well as all of Sampson County Government will say, ‘I want to be a politician.

I don't want to be a statesman.' I can't speak for everybody that is here tonight, but for me, personally, I'm pretty sick of politicians. I gave 22 years of my life in the defense of this country and the things that I see now, I never ever dreamed or imagined that I would see. So I encourage you. I applaud you for the work that you did on the budget. I know some of the problems that you had with that so I thank you for your hard work and your dedication. As we approach the holidays, I wish everyone here a Merry Christmas. I hope you spend a large amount of time with your family and that you enjoy that so when you come back after the new year that you're well rested and ready to begin the arduous task of another year of government. So thank you for that. I hope that you continue to try to get more information out to the public. I hope the people that are attending these meetings will spread the word. It's called goodwill, the business term is and there's not a price that you can put upon that. So I'd like for all of us to stand up and make sure that the truth gets out. There is a Facebook site that's doing a pretty good job of lodging a lot of complaints, but I don't see many solutions to the problem so let's try to fix that for those people. Thank you."

Elaine Hunt – "Good evening. My name is Elaine F. Hunt. I reside at 7171 Old Warsaw Rd., Turkey. First I want to thank you for what you've done thus far regarding the water situation. I was asked by one of the neighbors, they said something about EPA grants usually are conditional and I think I had mentioned that if someone could let us know what the conditions will be if any, because I don't know I just know what one of the neighbors called and asked me about the conditional grant. That's the only question we have right now at the moment. Conditional grant. Before I sit down I do want to thank your board for the support this past weekend. I want to thank the ones that spoke, the ones that came, and the one that prayed. And I want to thank your County Manager for showing up. It was a pleasure to meet you personally. Thank you all."

Charles Royal – "Good afternoon to the Chairman, Board, and Board Staff. I'm retired Sergeant Major Charles Royal. I live in Roseboro. 2054 Claudes Drag Road. My complaint, yeah, I guess it's really a complaint about the water with PFAS. When the PFAS came out, they test the water, put the filter in the sink, but I realized that's not enough because they say you can shower, take a bath, but if you've got kids playing and they get skinned, bruised and take a bath, then what? That PFAS is getting in their system [inaudible]. There should be some system that could be on that pump that filters that water so when you take a shower, you know, that it will clear it because if we wait until, I understand the first of the year, we will put in again, Highsmith Side Community, for water, but during this time if it's approved, it's another year before it gets started, but we've still got kids in this water and you get it in your eyes and stuff. Pretty soon you'll be going to the airport and they'll be calling you Ironman. This is a clean filter. This here is a dirty filter. So I have a filter system on my pump, but that's the rust we get, but it don't have anything to do with PFAS. We need to look at the one that's starting to see if any PFAS gets more filter on the pumphouse so we can take a shower without being afraid of the kids getting it in their eyelids. One thing I will say, since I've been a few times, to the Chairman of the Board, I like the way your have your board organized. Being thirty years in the military I understand that. You have a nice evening."

Antionette James – "Antionette James, 2314 Old Mintz Highway in Roseboro. I don't want to keep reiterating the things that I have said before when I came up, but this is a bittersweet moment. I'm happy for Ivanhoe that they got their water, but its bittersweet because in Roseboro we would also like clean water. Its disheartening, aggravating, and its becoming costly. I can only speak for myself but I have spent a lot of money to keep my well running, my mom's well running. If we're not dealing with the PFAS situation then we're dealing with rust. If we're not dealing with rust, we're dealing with iron. If we're not dealing with that, I just had a new well drilled. I don't know if we're running out of water or

what but my point is we deserve clean drinking water just like everybody else and we've been asking, we've been asking, we've been asking, we don't get any answers. It's starting to feel like we're begging now and we shouldn't have to beg for something that is a human right. I have to reiterate what my neighbor Mr. Royal said, coming from a medical point of view, I am a nurse, and they say don't cook with it, don't drink it, we'll give you this clean water faucet and this is what you do for whenever you need clean water, but we shower and we bathe and we do everything else in that dirty water that's not being filtered. And hes right. If you have a cut, if you have a scrape, if you have some kind of open wound on your body, it's just common sense that the PFAS and all of that nasty water is getting in your system. We're not stupid, and this whole way through it's people talk to us like we are and we're not. We know that the situation that we're in is a dangerous situation and it needs to be fixed. We are taxpayers. We add to Sampson County's economy just like everyone else does. Thank you for your time."

Item 8: County Manager's Report

Chairman McLamb called upon County Manager Allen Vann who shared that department heads have begun working on the budget for FY26-27. Mr. Vann also shared that the Board would be recognized by Clinton City Schools on December 8th for being nominated for the North Carolina School Boards Association Commissioners of the Year Award. He stressed the importance of the Board jointly passing the school funding formula with both the city and county school systems.

Item 9: Commissioners' Comments and Reports

Commissioner Lee asked for Public Works Director Mark Turlington to address Ms. James' public comment. Mr. Turlington stated that an application has been submitted for a \$5million that would be used for water services in Ms. James' area. Vice Chairman Pope informed the Board that he was able to visit and tour the 911 Center. He applauded the department for their training efforts. Chairman McLamb wished everyone a Merry Christmas and stated that he hopes everyone can spend time with family during the holidays.

Item 10: Closed Session – N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(3) [Attorney Client Privilege]

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 Godwin and seconded by Commissioner Crumpler the Board voted unanimously to come out of Closed Session.

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Crumpler 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