

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened for their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2026, 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 invited 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 Commissioner Crumpler, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as published. Following the approval of the agenda Commissioner Lethia Lee shared a statement acknowledging the oversight of the Board regarding Black History Month.

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

- Dr. Jamie King, Superintendent of Sampson County schools, provided an update on the school system and shared that Sampson Early College High School is ranked #2 in the nation in teaching personal finance. He also shared information regarding Career and Technical Education.
- Ashley Holland, Interim Public Works Director provided an update on current and ongoing water projects and the Sampson County Roseboro EMS project.
- Extension Agent Eileen Coite shared information with the Board regarding the upcoming Ag Day event.

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

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

*(as Board of Commissioners)*

- a. Approved the minutes of the February 2, 2026 meeting (Copies filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
- b. Adopted the Capital Project Ordinance for the Airport project “Rehab Apron Pavement Areas A&B and Taxilane A”
- c. Adopted a Resolution Approving the Lease of County Property to James Dennis Lee and Terry M. Raynor and authorize the County Manager to execute the Lease Agreement and any other necessary documents

- d. Adopted a Resolution Approving the Lease of County Property to Lynn S. Carr and authorize the County Manager to execute the Lease Agreement and any other necessary documents
- e. Approved tax refunds and releases as submitted
- f. Approved budget amendments as submitted

*(as Board of Health)*

- g. Approved the CPT Code and Fee Update as submitted

### **Item 3: Action Items**

Naming of Private Roads Chairman McLamb opened a public hearing and called upon Clerk to the Board Stephanie Fulton who shared that the 911 Addressing Committee members have reviewed road name suggestions and recommend that PVT 1332-2432 be named Evelene Way. Chairman McLamb opened the floor for public comments and hearing none closed the public hearing. Upon a motion by Commissioner Godwin and seconded by Vice Chairman Pope the Board voted unanimously to name the road as recommended by the 911 Addressing Committee.

Hayne Stretch Road Subdivision Preliminary Plan Chairman McLamb called upon Senior Planner Michelle Lance who reviewed the Preliminary Plan for Hayne Stretch Road Subdivision. Upon a motion by Commissioner Crumpler and seconded by Commissioner Godwin the Board voted unanimously to approve the preliminary plan contingent upon the final plat meeting the requirements of Sections 504-506 of the Sampson County Subdivision Regulations.

Lead Service Line Inventory Project Funding Chairman McLamb called upon Emma Ialeggio with Dewberry Engineers who shared that Sampson County has completed its Lead Service Line Inventory in compliance with EPA LCRR requirements and NCDEQ PWS Section guidance. The County's construction history and system-wide AMR field verification provide a high level of confidence that all service lines are non-lead. Ms. Ialeggio presented a Resolution approving the funding offer for the Lead Service Line Inventory Project. Upon a motion by Commissioner Godwin and seconded by Commissioner Crumpler the Board voted unanimously to adopt the resolution as presented.

Sampson Duplin Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Chairman McLamb called upon Emergency Service Director Rick Sauer who shared information regarding the Sampson Duplin Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, which is updated every five years as a requirement for mitigation grant program eligibility. Upon a motion by Commissioner Godwin and seconded by Commissioner Lee the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sampson Duplin Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented.

Resolution Specifying a Deputy Finance Officer Chairman McLamb called upon Finance Officer Melissa Burton who presented a resolution specifying a Deputy Finance Officer for check-signing and pre-audit and disbursement purposes under the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act. Upon a motion by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Crumpler the Board voted unanimously to adopt the resolution as presented.

Resolution Designating Fiscal Depository and Fiscal Agent Mrs. Burton then presented a resolution designating a Fiscal Depository and Fiscal Agent per N.C.G.S § 159-31. Upon a motion by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Vice Chairman Pope the Board voted unanimously to adopt the resolution as presented.

**Item 4: Board Appointments**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Crumpler the Board voted unanimously to appoint Anthony Bennett to the Mid Carolina Aging Advisory Council.

**Item 5: Board Information**

The Board received the following items for information only:

- 2025 Communicable Disease Report
- SCHD Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes from November 17, 2025

**Item 6: Public Comments**

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

Elaine Hunt – “Good evening. My name is Elaine F. Hunt. I reside at 7171 Old Warsaw Road, Turkey, North Carolina. And let me first say we appreciate all you have done thus far. And when the gentleman was talking, I sort of got lost in the midst of his conversation between Old Warsaw Road and some of the other projects. So, I want to know after the meeting for the questions that I might have along with some of the others, who would we direct them to or who would I call? I’m assuming the gentleman is the new Public Works Director. So, who will we call because I heard him say that the environmental analysis was submitted February 3. I’m happy for you to call me direct. It’s not a problem. I can help field questions for you. I’m happy to do so. The reason I say I come each month to sign up is I never know when you all are going to give an update and this is very important as you know. So, we’ll just bear with you all and you bear with us. Thank you.”

Anthony Monds – “Good evening. Do my eyes deceive me? It’s been four months since I’ve been here but my eyes definitely have to be deceiving me because I thought we had eradicated some of the cancer from the old regiment but apparently some has returned. And so, anybody know anything about cancer, you know that after you do radiation or chemo or whatever they test the blood county and see what’s going on. But there’s the blood, the white blood cell count is off again, I see. But let’s get that eradicated please. I hope this is not a permanent thing but I want to address something. In February when I was here my wife spoke and I spoke as well and being that I spoke I extended an olive branch to meet the parents who have had issues with DSS. I have not and have yet to hear anything from that particular board member who is on that DSS board and I don’t know what this issues are or what they , or if there will be any effective dialogue but if you want to earn the trust of your constituents we need to get that going. And there is some unfinished business that we have going forward. There are some things transpiring that will come to a head so I’m just trying to be once again as diplomatic as possible. I know there are those I can speak with and I know there are some who think that I cannot be spoken to but some may not understand when a man sits and look at your in your eye and tell you exactly what’s going on in his mind without hiding his hand, some people can’t

take that. So, I am the type of person I would look you in your eye and tell you exactly what I think and I expect it reciprocated and I can take it. So I'm letting you know going forward. Are you going to be true to your word to that particular board member that's on the DSS department because we have parents who are willing and able to sit down and express the issues that they have with your department from the director down. I know I sound like a scratched record, but this is serious. I hope you take it serious, but as what you've been showing me thus far, you have not. So that's a blemish on this board. So maybe y'all can address it among yourselves and deal with it. If not, address someone else from the board to be on that particular to govern that particular DSS board because the one that's there is not taking it seriously. So I appreciate it. Y'all have a blessed night. Get used to this face. You're going to be seeing it again. Thank you."

Jay Ingram – "Good evening, everyone. And to those I haven't seen this year, Happy New Year to you. My name is Jay Ingram and I'm the President of the Highsmith Side Community. We've been coming here for a while talking about the water. That hasn't changed. We're still talking about. I think back in January I spent close to \$500 on my well. One of my other neighbors spent right at \$1,000. And one other gentleman spent I don't even know. He was out of water for two weeks. To me, that's just not right. That's just not right. Everybody in this world has opportunity and should have clean water and clean air. I love my community. I was born in Roseboro, North Carolina. I moved away for some 30 years and came back to live on the same land that I used to crop tobacco in before I left here. Water, well water was fantastic. You know, I don't have anything against the farmers, you know everybody is trying to make a living but technology is good but technology is also bad. You know, when growing up as a kid we used to kill hogs every year and I can never remember any of us had problems with high blood pressure or any of that. If you were to look how fast corn grows now, you can almost stand beside a road and see corn grow. It grows just that fast and its all because of technology. And the change, I understand the change, but every change is not for the better. That's all...There's a lot more that I could address, but I'll be back again, Lord's will, next month. But there's a whole lot going on that people need to know about and take serious. You know, because it ain't about me. When I look at our youth, I'm on my way out. I've got more behind me than I got in front of me. But God is good. And our youth, you hear people talk about well, we need to do this, we need to do that. What about raising your children so they know what's right and what's wrong? They eat all this fast food stuff. There's a show that comes on TV called The Mountain Men. I love that show because they tell you how to live off the land and that's one thing today we don't know how to do. Thank you."

Debbie Roberts – "Hi. I'm Debbie Roberts. I'm a volunteer with Main Street City of Clinton and this is Tyler Wise. She is from our planning department. May she pass out these pictures for you to look at? We're excited to share with you our new project that we have coming that we're going to be doing in Clinton. I'd like to share this with you. The City of Clinton is proud to host Sampson County for an unforgettable evening at Sunset on Main. Be our guest as we gather to dine along historic Main Street in downtown Clinton, celebrating the importance of community, the value of supporting local businesses, and all that makes our county unique. Together, we will gather around a beautifully set table stretching down Main Street for a dinner that will truly make Sampson County history. Local residents from across the county, excuse me, local restaurants from across the county will serve thoughtfully prepared dishes that reflect our roots, our culture, and the people who call this place home. Our local businesses will provide beverages and sweet treats to complete the experience. As the sun sets, we'll sit side by side with friends, neighbors, and new faces, sharing a meal, enjoying the atmosphere, and raising a glass to Sampson pride, Sampson town charm, small town charm, and the strength of our community. We hope you will come and dine with us at the county seat. More information will be available in the future and just to let you know that the funds raised from this

project, and we plan to have more of these projects, we actually have not gotten approval from the city council until tomorrow night, but I had permission to come and share this with you tonight. So you didn't have to wait because our tickets will go on sale March 30<sup>th</sup> and I didn't want to wait until your next meeting in case any of you are interested in buying tickets to support this project. Thank you so much for having us."

**Item 7: County Manager's Comments**

Chairman McLamb called upon County Manager Allen Vann who discussed a special called meeting for budget planning and shared information regarding upcoming community events.

**Item 8: Commissioners' Comments and Reports**

Chairman McLamb opened the floor for commissioners' comments. Commissioner Lee expressed her appreciation to Dr. King for the wonderful things going on with Sampson County Schools. Commissioner Godwin shared information on an upcoming "Senior Trip" facilitated by the Senior Services Department. Chairman McLamb shared information regarding his recent trip to the Sampson County History Museum and encouraged everyone in attendance to visit the museum.

**Item 9: Closed Session**

Upon a motion by Vice Chairman Pope and seconded by Commissioner Crumpler the Board voted unanimously to enter into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(3) [Attorney-Client Privilege]. 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 Vice Chairman Pope and seconded by Commissioner Crumpler, 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