

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened for a special called meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2026, in the Sampson County Auditorium, 435 Rowan Road, 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 asked Commissioner Godwin to provide the invocation. Vice Chairman Pope then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Crumpler and seconded by Commissioner Godwin the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as published.

Budget Public Hearings

Chairman McLamb opened a public hearing and called upon Clerk to the Board Stephanie Fulton who reported that no written budget comments were submitted prior to the meeting. Chairman McLamb opened the floor for public comments. The following was received:

Chuck Spell – “Mr. Chairman, commissioners, and Mr. Vann, good evening. My name is Chuck Spell, and I serve as the chair of the Samson County Economic Development Advisory Board and the Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees at the Community College and a board member of the History Museum. I want to thank you for the continued commitment to strengthening Sampson County's economic development future. Your support for economic development over the past year and a half is to be commended. Our advisory board had the opportunity to work alongside you during the development and adoption of Sampson's Economic Development Strategic Plan and your consideration of the proposed funding for economic development demonstrates a clear understanding that economic development is essential and that is a long-term strategy for building a stronger, more resilient tax base while creating new opportunities for our residents. We all recognize that diversifying the tax base is essential to reducing the burden on residential taxpayers and improving the county's long-term fiscal stability. Your willingness to take a proactive structured approach that includes strategic investments such as speculative shell building in Clinton and continued work at the Joe Britt Warren Industrial Park in Newton Grove reflects strong leadership and your commitment to preparing Sampson County for future growth. We continue to see interest from companies seeking move-in ready and partially completed facilities. These proposed investments will help make Samson County more competitive with peer communities across North Carolina and the Southeast. They will position the county to capitalize on future opportunities while ensuring that growth is guided by strategic planning, measurable milestones, and accountability. The proposed investments you are considering are not simple expenditures. They are investments in Samson County's future. Over time, they can generate jobs, expand new residential tax base, strengthen our business community, and improve the quality of life for residents throughout our county. With that in mind, I want to emphasize that economic development is not just about buildings. It is also about people. And this is where Samson Community College remains a most critical partner. Just as the county makes investments to attract industry, Samson Community College will be a key partner in providing the trained workforce that

makes the project successful. Without skilled people, even the best industrial assets cannot deliver the full value. Sampson Community College is proud to support the county's economic development goals, and we are thankful for the proposed funding included in this year's budget for the college. As Sampson County continues to grow, adding new programs and new facilities, future considerations will have to be made for additional funding to support the operations and the capital needs of the college will help which will help to ensure that SCC is indeed a critical partner. I would also like to just briefly comment that we are very pleased to see the proposed funding for our Samson County History Museum. Thank you.”

Chairman McLamb thanked Mr. Spell for his comments and closed the public hearing.

Chairman McLamb opened a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed Economic Development budget. The following were received:

Craig Warren – “Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and board members. Mr. Vann, thank you for letting us speak briefly and mine will be briefly. Um, we just wanted to thank the Board for your progress in moving forward and looking at Newton Grove and the Joe Warren Industrial Park. We're looking at it as a positive thing for the town of Newton Grove. We're hoping it will help bring some growth into the town economically and we're really looking forward to that. I hear positive things from around the town from the citizens. They're constantly asking me when are they going to get started? What's going on at the park? And I said, they are talking about it. They're working on it. And I served with Mr. Jordan on the committee that we met several times and I hope that he would tell you that I was very positive and the town was in moving forward with this. I also want to tell you I have two of my commissioners here with me tonight and our deputy clerk. We just wanted to thank you for an opportunity to speak and thank you for what you're doing for Samson County and the growth. Thank you.”

Chairman McLamb thanked Mr. Warren for his comments and closed the public hearing.

Chairman McLamb then directed County Manager Allen Vann to prepare the budget ordinance as presented.

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Godwin the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

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C. Allen McLamb, Chairperson

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Stephanie P. Fulton, Clerk to the Board