

**SAMPSON COUNTY,  
NORTH CAROLINA**

**June 1, 2015**

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened for their regular scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2015 in the County Auditorium, 435 Rowan Road in Clinton, North Carolina. Members present: Chairman Billy C. Lockamy, Vice Chairperson Sue Lee, and Commissioners Albert D. Kirby Jr., Harry Parker, and Clark H. Wooten.

The Chairman convened the meeting and called upon Vice Chairperson Lee for the invocation. Commissioner Parker then led the Pledge Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda**

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Wooten and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as published.

**Roads**

Keith Eason, NCDOT Assistant District Engineer, informed the Board that the resurfacing process had begun on a section of US 701 extending from the bypass in Clinton past the Hobpton Schools. Mr. Eason anticipated there would be minor traffic delays due to this project. Chairman Lockamy informed Mr. Eason of citizens' concerns with the road conditions in the Hobpton School area. Chairman Lockamy also asked Mr. Eason to look into the pot holes at the intersection of US 701 and Hwy 24. Lastly, he expressed that there were concerns about the intersection of Hwy 242 and Hwy 24. Commissioner Parker expressed that some of his constituents also had concerns with the safety of drivers at the Hwy 242/Hwy 24 intersection. Mr. Eason informed the Board that the NC Department of Transportation was currently discussing this intersection. He concluded by assuring the Board that he would inform NCDOT staff members of the concerns and would provide more information at a later date. Commissioner Kirby discussed citizens' concerns regarding flooding in the Newton Grove area, as well as on Isaac Weeks Road where it has been reported that personal property damage has occurred due to the flooding.

**Item 1: Planning and Zoning Items**

ZA-4-15-1 Planning Director Mary Rose respectfully asked that the item be tabled until the July 6<sup>th</sup> regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Wooten and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to continue the hearing until the July regularly scheduled meeting.

## **Item 2: Reports and Presentations**

Recognition of Retirees Retiree Arrida Johnson was presented with a plaque in recognition of her years of service with the County. Retiree Ramona Harrell was not present to receive her plaque.

Review of Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) Activities of Cumberland Community Action Program (CCAP) in Sampson County Commissioner Kirby made reference to his intentions of resigning from the Board for reasons he did not wish to express publicly. Due to the sensitive nature of the conversation, he requested that the item be discussed in Closed Session, with any actions taken pursuant to the item taken in open session. County Manager Ed Causey deferred his portion of the report by reason of Commissioner Kirby's request.

## **Item 3: Action Items**

Consideration of Amended Utility Easement with Duke Energy (Exit 355 Site) Economic Developer John Swope informed the Board that Duke/Progress Energy had informed him that their requirements for utility easements have changed and that they were requesting an amendment to the utility easement that is part of the Exit 355 industrial site. The original utility easement existed with the original purchase of the property for Fibrowatt. He noted that Duke/Progress energy was requesting an addition of twenty-five (25) feet on both sides of the current easement. Mr. Swope stated that Enviva was considering granting Duke/Progress Energy's request on their side of the property, and that Duke/Progress Energy was awaiting the commissioners' approval for the County's property. Upon County Attorney Joel Starling's recommendation to table the item until the Board could be provided a copy of the easement, the Board agreed to table any action on the item until the easement/survey documents were completed.

Consideration of a Resolution Supporting Governor Pat McCrory's Connect NC Bond Referendum Chairman Lockamy reviewed information provided by the Governor's Office regarding the \$2.85 billion bond proposal advocated by Governor McCrory. The bond issue, named Connect NC, seeks to address infrastructure needs in the state. The information provided by the Governor's Office noted that low interest rates makes this an attractive opportunity. The Chairman informed the Board that citizens would have the right to vote on the bond proposal. Commission Wooten expressed the need for infrastructure in Sampson County. He also shared his concerns with the costs the county could inherit by adding the proposal to the ballot. Commissioner Kirby stated that he had concerns as to whether Sampson County would receive a "fair share" amount of funding compared to larger metropolitan areas. Vice Chairperson Lee noted that the proposal included no tax increase and that State would reimburse the County the funds needed to hold the bond election. Upon a motion made

by Commissioner Kirby and a second by Commissioner Wooten, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a resolution supporting Connect NC. (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)

Appointments- Adult Care Community Action Committee Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and a second by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Ms. Joni Faye Fetterman and to appoint Mr. Wayne High (replacing Ms. Elsie McPhail) to the Adult Care Community Action Committee.

Appointments- Agri Expo Advisory Board Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and a second by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Mr. Keith Jones and Mr. Floyd Collins, and to appoint Dennis Carter to the Agri Expo Advisory Board.

Appointments- Convention and Visitors Bureau Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and a second by Commissioner Wooten, the Board voted unanimously to make the following appointments/reappointments to the Convention and Visitors Bureau:

- Appointed Mr. William “Bill” Scott to complete the term of Mr. Aaron Jackson, (expiration 6/2016) as a Travel Related Organization representative;
- Appointed Laura Deans to replace Janna Bass as a Travel Related Organization representative;
- Appointed Mr. Roland Hall as Public Advocate (replacing Ms. Anna Peele), and Mr. David King as a Travel Related Organization representative;
- Reappointed Tammy Peterson as a Business representative.

Appointments- Eastern North Carolina Housing Authority Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and a second by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Mr. William “Bill” Scott to the Eastern North Carolina Housing Authority.

Appointments- Economic Development Commission Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and a second by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Billy Ray Jordan, Sr., Hugh Carr, Pat Nobles and Jerry Hobbs to the Economic Development Commission.

Appointments- Jury Commission Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and a second by Commissioner Wooten, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Ms. Vickie Bass to the Jury Commission.

Appointments- Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Council Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and a second by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Ms. Terrace Miller (City School representative), Mr. Darold

Cox (General Public representative), and Mr. Billy F. Jackson (General Public representative), and to appoint Mr. Norman Smith (replacing Mr. Nate Bell) to the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Council. In addition, county employees Lynn Fields, DSS designee, and Beverly Vause, Recreation designee have been added as designees.

Appointments- Nursing Home Community Action Committee Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and a second by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Ms. Linda Combs and Ms. Sandra Raynor to the Nursing Home Community Action Committee.

**Item 4: Consent Agenda**

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Wooten and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:

- a. Approved the minutes of the January 21, 2015; March 4, 2015; and May 4, 2015 meetings (Copies filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_).
- b. Approved the Contract to Audit Accounts for FY Ending June 30, 2015 with Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co, PA (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
- c. Awarded the bid for food services for the Department of Aging's nutrition program to Bateman Senior Meals (Compass Group USA) for one-year with an option for two one-year extensions, at \$3.90 (per meal-congregate), \$4.29 (home delivered), and \$.86 (low sodium snack) (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
- d. Adopted a resolution authorizing a public auction of surplus property to be held Friday, June 26, 2015. (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
- e. Approved the following tax refunds:

#6905	Rhonda Jackson West	\$ 212.19
#6931	Anna Moore Bradshaw	\$ 139.76
#6890	Edward Harold Carr	\$ 132.80
#6893	Jasmine Nichole Williams	\$ 121.07
#6638	Virginia Ammons	\$ 641.13
#6899	Carolina Eye Care Professionals PA	\$ 121.03
#6876	Lenore Marie Shaffer	\$ 128.72
#6902	Christopher J. Carter	\$ 196.92
#6914	Evelyn McCullen Andrews	\$ 261.59

#6736	Wilma Jean B. Fowler	\$ 139.81
#6916	Rafaela Serrano	\$ 152.04
#6915	Linda Baker Hart	\$ 202.96
#6895	Preston Lloyd Pittman	\$ 150.45

f. Approved the following budget amendments:

<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		<b><u>Health Department- WIC</u></b>	
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>Decrease</u>
12551670	512100	SALARIES	19,567.00
12551670	518100	FICA	\$228.00
12551670	518120	MEDICARE FICA	\$160.000
12551670	518200	RETIREMENT	\$2,093.00
12551670	518300	GROUP INSURANCE	\$4,760.00
12551670	518400	DENTAL INSURANCE	\$390.00
12551670	518901	401K	\$495.00
12551670	523200	AUDIO/VISUAL	\$250.00
12551670	522100	FOOD & PROVISIONS	\$400.00
12551670	526200	DEPARTMENT SUPPLIES	\$1,200.00
12551670	526201	DEPARTMENT SUPPLIES EQUIPMENT	\$79.00
12551670	529700	LAB SUPPLIES	\$1,050.00
12551670	531100	TRAVEL	\$1,000.00
12551670	532100	TELEPHONE/POSTAGE	\$750.00
12551670	533000	UTILITIES	\$1,200.00
12551670	535200	MAINT/REPAIR EQUIPMENT	\$161.00
12551670	537000	Advertising	\$900.00
12551670	543000	Rental Equipment	\$3,630.00
12551670	545000	Insurance/Bonds	\$1,483.00
12551670	549100	Dues/Subscriptions	\$250.00
12551670	544000	Contract Services	\$98.00
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>			
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>Decrease</u>
12535167	404000	WIC State Revenues	\$15,242.00
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		<b><u>Recreation</u></b>	
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>Decrease</u>
11761200	535200	Maint/Repair-Equipment	\$1,515.00
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>			
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>Decrease</u>
11036120	3833400	Rental- Park Facilities	\$1,515.00

<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		<u>Environmental Health</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12551810	544000	Contracted Services	\$2,358.00	
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12535181	404000	STATE ASSISTANCE	\$2,358.00	
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		<u>Clinton City Schools</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
26659100	581001	Transfer of funds	\$69,500.00	
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
26031840	412000	Ad valorem taxes	\$69,500.00	
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		<u>CES-SR Health INS INFO PROGRAM (SHIIP)</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
04549580	526200	Departmental Supplies	\$1,773.00	
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
04034958	404088	SHIIP Revenue (NC DEPT OF INS)	\$1,773.00	
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		<u>Social Services</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
13554910	568415	Progress Energy Neighbor	\$1,625.00	
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
13535480	403315	Progress Energy Neighbor	\$1,625.00	
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		<u>Employee Health Insurance Fund</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
72154000	545100	Claims Paid	\$900,000.00	
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
72035400	408900	Misc Revenue (specific stop loss ins)	\$324,794.00	
72035400	481002	Private pay cobra and retirees	\$99,320.00	
72035400	499900	Fund balance appropriated	\$475,886.00	

g. Approved Sampson County Schools budget amendment #11 (Capital Outlay), as submitted. (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)

**Item 5: Board Information**

The following items were provided to the Board for information only:

- a. Atlantic Coast Pipeline Project Update

**Presentation of Proposed Budget for FY 2015-2016**

County Manager Ed Causey presented the Board of Commissioners with the proposed budget for fiscal year 2015-2016; see attached Budget Message. (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)

**Item 6: Public Comments**

The floor was opened for public comments, and none were offered.

**Closed Session - GS 143-318.11(a)(3) Attorney/Client**

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Wooten and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to go into Closed Session pursuant to GS 143-318.11(a)(3) to discuss matters with the attorney. In Closed Session, Commissioner Kirby discussed concerns noted above which triggered his resignation from the Cumberland Community Action Program board. The Board returned to the Auditorium. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Wooten and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted to come out of Closed Session.

**Recess to reconvene**

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kirby and seconded by Commissioner Wooten, the Board voted unanimously to recess to reconvene at 6:00 p.m. on June 10, 2015 for the Board's pre-budget work session.