

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened for dinner at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2015 at the Sampson County Extension Center, 555 Agriculture Place, 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.

Following dinner, County Extension Director Eileen Coite and members of her staff presented the Report to the People, which included 2014 Sampson County Cooperative Extension highlights and future plans.

### **Reconvene for Regular Meeting**

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners reconvened for their regular scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2015 in the County Auditorium, 435 Rowan Road in Clinton, North Carolina. All members were present.

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

### **Approval of Agenda**

Upon a motion made by Chairman Lockamy and seconded by Commissioner Parker the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the addition of Tab 3 item (d), a revised resolution for the CDBG-ED grant.

The Chairman recognized members of Boy Scout Troop # 27 from Graves Memorial Presbyterian church, who were attending in pursuit of their Citizenship in the Community badge.

### **Roads**

Keith Eason, NCDOT Assistant District Engineer, presented the Board with an update on Keith Road. Mr. Eason informed the Board that Keith Road will receive partial funding which will be enough to begin the construction of the road. He stated that funding is not enough to cover the asphaltting of the road and that he hopes to receive future funding to complete the project. Mr. Eason also stated that Litter Sweep had been successful at collecting trash throughout the county. Commissioner Parker expressed concerns about the 55 mph speed limit zone at the intersection of Will Road and Butler Island Road, which lies within the Roseboro Elementary School zone. He stated that some of his constituents had expressed safety concerns. He concluded by

asking Mr. Eason to look into moving the 55 mph sign outside the school zone, which would make it congruent with other school zones. Mr. Eason agreed to do so.

**Item 1: Planning and Zoning Items**

Update on the Comprehensive Transportation Plan for Sampson County Senior Planner Lyle Moore presented Suzette Morales of NC Department of Transportation. Ms. Morales presented an update on the status of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan for Sampson County.

**Item 2: Reports and Presentations**

Recognition of the Governor's Volunteer Award Recipient Wanda Smiley, County Coordinator for the Governor's Volunteer Award, presented Ms. Jan West and Mr. Steve Stefanovich with their Governor's Volunteer Award. The Governor's Volunteer Service Award honors the true spirit of volunteerism by recognizing individuals, groups and businesses that make a significant contribution to their community through volunteer service. Ms. West devoted countless hours each Thursday as a hospice volunteer with the 3HC program. Mr. Stefanovich served as a member of the Clinton City Council and many other boards, including his most recent service to the Sampson Community College Foundation. Mr. Stefanovich has also been named a Governor's Medallion Award recipient as one of the top 20 volunteers in the State.

Report on Results of Refunding of the 2006 Certificates of Participation and Water District II General Obligation Bonds Finance Officer David Clack provided a report on the successful results of the refinancing of the Certificates of Participation and the Water District II general obligation bonds. He thanked the Board for approving the project and authorizing staff to proceed in a quick and efficient manner, the County Manager, Assistant County Manager and Finance staff for their assistance, along with underwriters, financial consultants, bond counsel and LGC staff. Mr. Clack stated that when the refunding was originally presented to the Board, it was anticipated that it would include only a portion of the 2006 COPs issue, the Courthouse Extension debt, the debt on the Public Works offices, and all of the general obligation debt for both water districts. However, after financial analysis it was decided the County would not recognize savings on all of the issues; therefore, in order to maximize savings, the portions refunded were the entire 2006 COPs issue and all the general obligation debt for Water District II. Mr. Clack noted that in the month of April, the County sold \$40,410,000 in limited obligation bonds to refund the outstanding 2006 Certificates of Participation used for school construction. The new bonds have a true interest cost of 3.25%, as opposed to the 4.43% interest cost on the original bonds, resulting in a total cash flow savings of \$4,795,397 over the remaining 21 year life of the bonds, as opposed to the estimated \$2,570,009 originally presented. Mr. Clack stated that the County

would have savings amounts per year ranging from \$166,353 to \$236,503. He informed the Board that the sale had transpired, with a closing date of June 3, 2015. Mr. Clack then informed the Board that later in April, the County sold \$9,990,000 in general obligation refunding bonds to refund the six general obligation issues of Water District II. The interest rates on these issues range from 4.25% to 5.125%, with a true interest cost for the new issues of 3.7%. He then informed the Board that the new interest rate, which includes the refunding of District I, produces a saving of \$1,542,429 over the remaining 29 year term of the bonds. Mr. Clack stated that the County would have savings amounts per year ranging from a maximum of \$72,778 to a minimum of \$8,348. The original estimated cash flow savings, including the refunding of District I, was \$1,591,079 over the 29 year term, with a true interest cost of 3.65%. The closing date on the general obligation issues is May 28, 2015. Mr. Clack concluded by stating that none of the new bonds result in debt extension and will be paid off just as the original bonds would have. County Manager Ed Causey noted that with the original funding the Board bought insurance to achieve their bond rating, at a cost of \$473,000. This time, he noted, Standard and Poors and Moody's rated the County as an A and an A1, without buying bond insurance. This, he said, means someone is doing something right, and commended Mr. Clack for his work. Mr. Causey also commended the Board for their leadership and direction. He lauded the Water District/Well projects, implementation of the Pay Plan as well as the Economic Development projects as key components for the financial stability of the county in the future.

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

Public Hearing- Naming of Private Road The Chairman opened the hearing and called upon Assistant County Manager Susan Holder. Ms. Holder presented the Board with recommendations of the Road Naming Committee. The floor was opened for public comments, and no comments were received. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Wooten and seconded by Commissioner Lee, the Board voted unanimously to name the roads as recommended:

- PVT 1603 817 - Mingo Ln
- PVT 1105 2650 - Star Legacy Ln

Consideration of Budget Preparation Schedule The County Manager reported that the proposed budget would be presented on June 1, 2015. The Board discussed potential dates for budget work sessions and a budget public hearing. While members had conflicts with dates suggested, a tentative work session date of June 10 at 6:00 p.m. was noted (Board would recess their June meeting to that date). Upon motion made by Commissioner Wooten and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to schedule the public hearing for June 15, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Appointments- Airport Authority Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and a second by Commissioner Wooten, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Andrew Jackson (completing the term of Mr. Theodore Thomas, term expiration of 10/2017).

Appointments- Sampson Community College Board of Trustees Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and a second by Commissioner Wooten, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Mr. James H. (Jimmy) Thornton to the Sampson Community College Board of Trustees.

Appointments- Southeastern Economic Development Commission Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and a second by Commissioner Wooten, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Mr. William (Bill) Turlington to the Southeastern Economic Development Commission.

Approval Economic Development Resolution Revision for CDBG-ED Grant (walk on) Economic Development Director John Swope presented the Board with a revised resolution regarding Sampson County's application for Community Development Block Grant, ED funds. The revised resolution reflects a grant amount of \$566,925, as opposed to \$541,925 as was originally adopted October 6, 2014. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Wooten and a second by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the revised resolution. (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)

**Item 4: Consent Agenda**

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

- a. Approved the minutes of the January 13, 2015; April 6, 2015; and April 20, 2015 meetings (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_).
- b. Approved the execution of the Field Internship Agreement between Wayne Community College and Sampson County EMS (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
- c. Approved the following tax refunds:

#6856	Jesse B. Carlisle	\$130.16
#6843	Victor Lee Smith Jr.	\$226.93
#6828	Thornton Homes Co.	\$181.86

d. Approved the following budget amendments:

<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		<u>Aging</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02558660	544000	PCII – Contracted Services		\$5,351.00
02558670	544000	Home Repairs – Contracted Labor		\$2,061.00
02558680	526200	Senior Center – Dept Supplies	\$2,443.00	
02558680	526201	Senior Center – Dept Supplies	\$500.00	
02558680	531100	Senior Center – Travel	\$200.00	
02558710	522100	ADHC – Food Provision	\$800.00	
02558710	526200	ADHC – Departmental Supplies	\$5,958.00	
02558710	531100	ADHC – Travel	\$200.00	
02558710	531100	ADHC – Telephone & Postage	\$455.00	
02558800	522100	Nutrition – Food Provision		\$3,840.00
02558800	596000	Nutrition – Transportation	\$696.00	

<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02035866	403601	Mid-Carolina – HCCBG – PC II		\$5,351.00
02035867	403601	Mid-Carolina – HCCBG – Home Repair		\$2,061.00
02035868	403601	Mid-Carolina – HCCBG – Senior Center	\$3,143.00	
02035871	403601	Mid-Carolina – HCCBG – ADHC	\$7,413.00	
02035880	403601	Mid-Carolina – HCCBG – Nutrition		\$3,840.00
02035880	403665	Mid-Carolina – HCCBG – Nutrition	\$696.00	

<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		<u>Health Department - Diabetes</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12551110	526200	DEPARTMENT SUPPLIES	\$1,360.00	
12551110	549100	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$140.00	

<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12535111	404000	STATE ASSISTANCE	\$1,500.00	

<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		<u>Health Department – Healthy Carolinians</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12551570	526990	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	\$300.00	

<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12535157	408402	DONATIONS	\$300.00	

<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		<u>Health Department - BCCCP</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12551560	526200	DEPARTMENT SUPPLIES	\$5,969.00	

<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12535156	408401	DONATIONS	\$500.00	
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02558670	526200	Home Repairs – Dept Supplies	\$600.00	
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02035867	408403	Home Repairs – Fan Project	\$600.00	
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11141400	519100	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$14,000.00	
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11141400	404125	LEGAL FEES COLLECTED	\$14,000.00	
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11141250	535100	Maint/Repair bldgs. and grounds	\$10,230.00	
21941250	582096	Transfer to general fund	\$10,230.00	
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11034125	409619	Transfer from capital reserve	\$10,230.00	
21034125	409900	Fund balance appropriated	\$10,230.00	

- Approved annual applications for Public School Building Capital Fund/NC Education Lottery (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)

**Item 5: Board Information**

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

- 2015 County Health Rankings
- Atlantic Coast Pipeline Project Update
- Update – Sampson County Initiatives Implemented by Cumberland Community Action Program, Inc. (2014)

## County Manager Reports

There were no reports other than the comments made earlier.

## Public Comments

The floor was opened for public comments, and the following were offered:

Bruce McLamb: I read in the paper that y'all have had a discussion about consolidating the school boards. For 25 years, I've been trying to consolidate them. The reason is a few facts. The 18 cents, probably 90% of the people in Clinton do not know that they are paying it. I've asked several people, just in town, do you know you're paying 18 cents tax on schools. They say no, we don't know it. It's been going on so long, they don't even know it. Eighteen cents gives Clinton an advantage because our school board gives \$750 or more (whatever the current amount is) to each child in each school - Union, Midway and all of them. They give Clinton the same thing, but Clinton takes their 18 cents, and they go out here in the county and they can go to Midway and pick the best teacher that they've got in Midway and they can say you come to Clinton and we'll give you \$2,500 extra per year. That's not fair to the county. I know they do this. I can verify it by people that I have talked to. By teachers who has been offered this. Any time you go by the Clinton School Board out there, I guarantee there's not less than 15 cars out there. I don't know what these people are doing, but they're not educating our children. It can be done with one school board as easy as two. Cumberland County has 67 schools with one school board. Wake County has probably a hundred and some with one school board. Little ol' Sampson County can't do 7 schools with one school board? Something needs to be done. I think if 2016 if we put it on the ballot for people in Clinton who want to pay that tax, and they know what it is, I think they'll vote it down. I understand people keep saying you can't change it, you have to go to the higher value; you have to charge the Sampson County people 18 cents. I don't believe that. They say on the only way that you can do it is through the legislature. Well, the legislatures fixing to leave for two years. So 2016 is the time we'll get back to doing it again. I think y'all probably could do something about it. I don't know whether you could vote on it and say we're going to combine them. We're going to have one school board. I think you could. Nonetheless, we need to look at it for the next two years and see if we can't get this county up to date and go one school board.

Amanda Bradshaw: Thank you for allowing me to speak on behalf of Sampson County Parks and Recreation, the parents and the children. This program provides structure. It also teaches respect and self-discipline. It helps educate them on the fundamentals of many sports, and allows them to be a part of something positive in a world full of negativity. Although I'm not educated on the budget in its entirety, I know this program costs the County a lot of money. I know without a doubt that it would be a huge mistake to cut it from the budget and/or do away with it completely. I propose

that we take a step back and look at how we can keep it and how we can possibly fund it a little bit differently. One, raise the registration fee per child a couple of dollars. Two, allow the districts to fundraise, possibly seeking sponsorships from people in the community or allow them to learn to raise money by selling things. In closing, I would like to volunteer myself to help in any way to see this program thrive and to stay in place. I realize the program may need to be restructured a little and that is understandable. Please allow myself and other dedicated parents within the County help in any way we can. Thank you for responding and reading emails. I gave your email addresses out. I appreciate you taking time to read these and respond back to them and listen to their voices. The program means a lot to our children and our county.

### **Adjournment**

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Wooten and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.