

Item 1: Required Board of Health Training (County Administration Building Conference Room)

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners met in the County Administration Building Conference Room on Monday, January 7, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. Members present: Vice Chairperson Sue Lee, and Commissioners Thaddeus Godwin, Jerol Kivett, and Harry Parker. Absent: Chairman Clark Wooten.

Vice Chairperson Sue Lee called the meeting to order and acknowledged Health Director Wanda Robinson. Ms. Robinson introduced NC Public Health Instructor Mr. Jerry Parks, who conducted the annual Board of Health training as required for NC accreditation. With consolidation, the Board of Commissioners became the Board of Health, and as such are required to have training. The training covered multiple topics including a refresher on roles/responsibilities, accreditation, community health assessment and other specific topics of interest to a local board. The informational PowerPoint is herewith attached and becomes a part of these minutes.

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

Convene Regular Meeting (County Auditorium)

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened in the County Administration Building Conference Room on Monday, January 7, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. Members present: Vice Chairperson Sue Lee, and Commissioners Thaddeus Godwin, Jerol Kivett, and Harry Parker. Absent: Chairman Clark Wooten.

Vice Chairperson Lee convened the meeting and called upon Commissioner Godwin for the invocation. Commissioner Kivett then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Godwin and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the following changes: Item 3 (a) Economic Development – Request to Schedule Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Appropriations and Expenditures for Economic

Development Activities was removed from the agenda; Sheriff's Office Budget Amendment was added as Item 4 (f); Waiver of Inspection and Environmental Health Fees for Hurricane Florence Restoration Projects was added as Item 4(g); Utilization of NCACC Resource/Consultation Team was added as Item 4 (h).

Item 2: Presentations and Reports

Recognition of Retirees Service plaques were presented to Emily Brewer, Diane Jones, and Melissa Simmons for their years of service to the County.

Presentation of Audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018 Finance Officer David Clack informed the Board that the audit was not ready for presentation and called upon Mr. Wade Green of W. Green, PLLC for an update. Mr. Green informed the Board that the audit was not completed due to new requirements requested by the State and delays caused by Hurricane Florence, and that the audit would be completed no later than Thursday, January 10, 2019. The Board expressed disappointment in the delay. Upon being prompted by County Manager Ed Causey, Mr. Green noted that there no areas of concern. Mr. Causey informed the Board that he would forward the audit to the Board upon receipt and it would be presented at the February 4, 2019 regular scheduled meeting.

Item 3: Action Items

Economic Development – Request to Schedule Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Appropriations and Expenditures for Economic Development Activities
This item was removed from the agenda.

Scheduling of February (Pre-budget) Planning Session The Board agreed to schedule their pre-budget work sessions for February 13, 19, and 21 (if needed), 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day.

Item 4: Consent Agenda

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kivett and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as amended:

- a. Approved the minutes of the December 3, 2018 meeting
- b. Approved the Health Department's submission of an application for 2019 Urgent Repair Program funds from the North Carolina Finance Agency (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____.)

c. Approved contracts for non-emergency medical transportation for assisted living facilities (The Magnolia and The Gardens of Roseboro) (Copies filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____.)

d. Approved tax refunds and releases as submitted:

#8824	Janet Mesecher	\$152.66
#8818	David Calcutt	\$499.22
Tax Release	James Shipp, Jr.	\$210.98

e. Approved budget amendments as submitted:

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Finance</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>		
11449200	519100	Professional Services	\$18,500.00	
11449200	519500	Engineering	\$12,700.00	
11141300	532100	Telephone and Postage	\$3,125.00	

<u>REVENUE</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
<u>Code Number</u>				
11039999	409800	Fund Balance Approp Encumbrances	\$34,325.00	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Aging</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>		
02558810	526200	FCG – Departmental Supplies	\$500.00	

<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02035881	408401	FCG – Donations	\$500.00	

f. (Walk On) Sheriff's Office Budget Amendment

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Sheriff's</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>		
11243100	529900	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$3,000.00	

<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11034310	402603	Federal Asset Funds	\$3,000.00	

g. (Walk On) Authorized the continued waiver of Inspection and Environmental Health fees for Hurricane Florence restoration projects through June 30, 2019

h. (Walk On) Approved the engagement of an NCACC Resource/Consultation Team to assess and analyze Emergency Operations to complement ongoing customer service and Emergency Operations Plan revision projects

Public Comments

The Vice Chairperson opened the floor for comments and the following were received:

Sarah White: I will be talking a few minutes on Highway 24 and Sunset Avenue, which I know you all are very much aware of and I just wanted to touch bases on them again if it is okay. On Highway 24, leaving town passing the country club, the pavement that's connecting the bridge is very unlevel there, a pretty good size bump. And I was wondering if that could possibly be addressed and leveled off. On Sunset Avenue also, at the light at KFC and Ruby Tuesday, starts the unlevel pavement which I know everybody is aware of and raises up all of the manholes there. And everybody is driving crazy trying to miss those because they are just every which-a-way you know. And I was wondering if they were going to stay that high or are they going to be trying to level them off with the pavement?

Vice Chairperson Lee informed Ms. White that leveling of the surface would be likely as the project nears completion.

Sarah White: Okay. Because right now they start there and go all the way to the Community College and it is a very bad situation. And I was wondering what is going to be going into the dirt areas of the medium that they have not paved yet? Does anybody have any idea?

The Board informed Ms. White that a NCDOT representative would be the appropriate person to address the questions, and Assistant County Manager Susan Holder offered to provide NCDOT with Ms. White's questions and concerns.

Sarah White: So, when will Fred Smith or whoever is going to be answering these be here?

Ms. White was then informed that a NCDOT representative attends the regularly scheduled meetings quarterly and that agendas are posted on the County's social media outlets and website on the Thursday prior to the regular scheduled meeting date, advising her to monitor the agendas for their attendance.

Sarah White: So really, is it worth my time to talk to you about this since no one knows anything about it.

The Board assured Ms. White that it was not a waste of time to address the concerns; however, due to the nature of the matter the questions could only be addressed by NCDOT. Commissioner Parker assured Ms. White that the appropriate authorities would be contacted to address her questions and concerns.

Sarah White: Will they be calling me or meet me at the next meeting. Which way are you speaking about?

Ms. Holder advised Ms. White to provide a written list of questions and concerns, and she would ensure that appropriate NCDOT persons received it.

Sarah White: The next thing is on Sunset Avenue on the sides of the road. I know you all are very much aware. If you haven't noticed, it's not marked at all but for the white paint, so if it's raining or if you're weaving in traffic it is very hard to know where you're going over on Sunset Avenue. I know a lot of times, I noticed even in the newspaper, that they are blaming it on the weather, but this has been going on a very long time - this mess has - and it can't always be listed as weather related. Someone really needs to take action and get this taken care of as soon as possible. It's a nightmare for all the drivers. I cannot imagine what the company's or the stores in that area have to go through with all this mess as well. But I have another thing, I was wondering if Fred Smith had given a completion date yet? So, you all don't know that either?

The Board noted that the latest anticipated completion date provided was around March or April of 2019.

Sarah White: That's wonderful. And one other thing is that on the railroad crossing next to Jacob's Body Shop, I don't know the name of that road there needs action. I was wondering if the City (Clinton) takes care of that, or who takes care of that problem with the railroad there?

The Board informed Ms. White that the City of Clinton addressed issues with public roads within the city limits.

Sarah White: I will get in touch with them. Thank you so much for your time. I appreciate it.

Sarah Blue: Thank you all for letting me address you all. My concern is 701. The painting on 701 for the markings have faded so much for the short time that highway has been paved, and at the intersection of 701 and 403 the directional signs for going right, straight, and then left have not been painted. A couple of times people have straddled where those two lanes should be. So, to me that is going to be a hazard for accidents. With the paint fading and washing away some spots already need to be repainted. I don't know what company was filling the contract but maybe they can come back and redo it. Because at night that's another issue, you cannot see the lines properly. And I don't understand why paving companies, not just the one that just had the contract, everything is paved to where it looks like a mirror at night when it rains.

It's just as bad in Raleigh as it is here. It's a, I reckon, national problem with the paving and the materials that they are using.

Vice Chairperson Lee instructed staff to add Ms. Blue's concerns to the list that will be provided to NCDOT.

Sarah Blue: There are two streets, and I don't know who's responsible for them. That is the Lisbon Street extension to the high school and middle school. Potholes are growing tremendously. I don't know if it is still counted as a county/state road or a city road. I will be glad to approach City Council if it is not a county problem. The other road that had so many potholes was West Main Street that goes to the airport. And both of these roads have had people who have tried to avoid potholes therefore veered in my lane and I have had to slow down so we wouldn't have an accident. That is headed towards the airport. I know a lot of the traffic has increased on those two roads to avoid Sunset Avenue. I myself have decreased my time going back and forth and taking Indian Town Road back to 701. Those are my safety concerns. If I need to address the City Council for those two streets just let me know. On West Main Street it's after you get off that service road, you cross the bridge and make a right and you have to get on to West Main Street. With Elizabeth Street it's all the way uptown where Miles Fowler's office is.

It was determined that the sections of West Main Street and West Elizabeth Street were both within Clinton city limits; however, they are state-maintained roads, and that the concerns would be provided to NCDOT as well.

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

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to go into closed session pursuant to GS 143-318.11(a)(3) for matters pertaining to Attorney/Client Privilege. In Closed Session, County Attorney provided an update on a legal matter. Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to come out of Closed Session.

Adjournment

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