

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened for their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 9, 2019 in the County Auditorium, 435 Rowan Road in Clinton, North Carolina. Members present: Chairman Clark Wooten, Vice Chairperson Sue Lee, and Commissioners Thaddeus Godwin, Jerol Kivett, and Harry Parker.

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order and acknowledged Vice Chairperson Lee who then led the invocation. She then acknowledged Assistant County Manager Susan Holder who then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approval of Agenda**

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

### **Item 1: NCDOT - Update on Roads in Southern Sampson**

NCDOT Deputy Division Engineer Chad Kimes provided the Board with an update on improving roads in the flood-prone areas of Sampson County, particularly focusing on Spring Lane. Mr. Kimes provided the Board with a handout including the description of work required to develop Spring Lane to meet NCDOT standards, which would require that the .57-mile private road be converted to have a 60' right-away and two 10-11' lanes. The road would connect Jumping Run Road and McKoy Loop Road, providing an extra route for travel, particularly during flooding and storm events that may make other routes impassable, such as during Hurricane Florence in September 2018. He highlighted pictures that show potential challenges completing the project. Mr. Kimes noted that the preliminary estimate is approximately \$2,370,000 and that the project is currently unfunded. Commissioner Kivett asked Mr. Kimes to advise of the best methods of acquiring the funding. Mr. Kimes noted that NCDOT is currently developing plans to improve other flood-prone roads in addition to Spring Lane, such as Highway I-95 and others that flooded in September 2018, resulting in no current available funding for the Spring Lane project. Mr. Kivett asked to have the project put into the prioritization process and Mr. Kimes advised that even in that process it is likely the project will not rank high on the priority scale. When asked if there were federal monies available for the project, Mr. Kimes noted there would be possible funding if grants become available. He noted that the first step had been taken by identifying the project. He recommended that the Board ensure that elected officials were aware of the County's need and that the road be added to the RPO's priority list.

Ivanhoe residents Stanley Devane, Myrtle Bradley, Frankie Imes made brief comments reiterating the reoccurring issues with the roads in the community and expressed the importance and urgency of the project. The Chairman reemphasized that the Board was supporting the cause and communicating the need to the State.

**Item 2: Action Items**

Public Hearing – FY21 Community Transportation Program Grant Funding The Chairman opened the hearing and opened the floor for public comment, acknowledging that Sampson Area Transportation Director Ro Oates was present to answer any questions. No comments were received. The Chairman closed the hearing. Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the grant resolutions authorizing submission of all grant documents for Administrative, Capital and Operating funds under the CTP program, and making assurances and certifications regarding compliance with federal and state requirements (Copies filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_).

Public Hearing – Acquisition of Rackley Airpark Subdivision The Chairman opened the hearing and called upon County Attorney Joel Starling. Attorney Starling noted that the County and City had negotiated the purchase of the Rackley Airpark, a 9.24 acre, 18-lot subdivision in close proximity to the Clinton-Sampson Airport, with the City and County each owning a ½ undivided interest in the property. He explained that because the property may in the future be put to a use that qualifies as economic development under state law, a public hearing of the matter had been recommended. The Chairman opened the floor for public comments. None were received. The Chairman closed the hearing. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kivett and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Resolution Approving Economic Development Expenditure (Copy of resolution filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_.) and to approve the following budget amendment:

<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		Airport		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11141250	557000	Land Acquisition	165,000	
11999000	509700	Contingency		123,750
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11034125	403623	City of Clinton Contribution	41,250	

Appointments: Library Board of Trustees Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Chairman Wooten, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Belinda Best to the Library Board of Trustees, replacing Pam High.

**Item 3: Consent Agenda**

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

- a. Approved the minutes of the July 18, 2019 and August 5, 2019 meetings
- b. Adopted a resolution allowing for the NCDOT's disinterment and reinterment of graves in proposed right-of-way by (McKenzie Family Cemetery) (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_.)
- c. Approved the execution of the Memorandum of Understanding between Sampson County and Sampson County Schools and Clinton City regarding the use of facilities for sheltering and mass care (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_.)
- d. Approved execution of the contract for school health nursing services between Sampson County Schools and the Sampson County Health Department (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_.)
- e. Approved the Assistance Policy and the Procurement Policy for the 2019 funding cycle of the Urgent Repair Program (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_.)
- f. Approved the updated Policies and Procedures for Sampson Area Transportation (Copies filed in Inc, Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_.)
- g. Approved the fee schedule revisions for the Sampson Agri Exposition Center (Copies filed
- h. Adopted the Resolution Adopting Involuntary Commitment Transportation Agreement (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_.)
- i. Approved the delinquent disabled veteran exclusion applications for James Allen Howard, Charles Lee Denning, and Felipe A. Goodridge
- j. Approved tax refunds and releases as submitted:

#9075	Parsell Murphy	\$117.19
#9078	Timothy McQueen	\$313.59
#9060	Jose Ortiz	\$127.45
#9041	Latisha Owens	\$115.45
#9043	Jimmy Fowler	\$159.23
#9046	Christine Belflowers	\$329.77
#9049	Jacquelin Smith	\$146.67
#9054	Robert Lucas	\$200.67
Tax Release	William Hill	\$322.70
Tax Release	Fritz Richards	\$123.73

Tax Release	John Dale	\$1,057.86
Tax Release	Mikey Barefoot	\$1,351.67
Tax Release	San Juana Barrientoz	\$1,262.60

k. Approved budget amendments as submitted:

<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		Aging		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02558800	526200	Nutrition – Dept Supplies	\$300.00	

<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02035880	408401	Nutrition – Donations	\$300.00	

<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
82558750	524100	URP – Materials	\$39,216.00	
82558750	529901	URP – Soft Costs	\$8,800.00	
82558750	544000	URP – Contracted Services	\$51,984.00	

<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
82035875	403605	URP – NCHFA	\$100,000.00	

<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		Health Promotion		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12551550	512100	Salaries		\$2,310.00
12551550	518100	FICA		\$143.00
12551550	518120	Medicare FICA		\$33.00
12551550	518200	Retirement	\$85.00	
12551550	518300	Group Insurance		\$362.00
12551550	518400	Dental Insurance		\$25.00
12551550	518901	401K		\$376.00
12551550	526200	Department Supplies		\$1,322.00
12551550	531100	Travel		\$472.00
12551550	53700	Advertising	\$429.00	

<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12535155	404000	State Assistance		\$4,529.00

<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		Detention Center		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11243200	535200	Maint/Repair Equipment	\$11,506.00	
11999000	509700	Contingency		\$11,506.00

<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		Turkey Fire Department		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
23243410	581020	Turkey Fire Department	\$12,058.00	
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
23043420	499900	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$12,058.00	
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		Clinton City Schools		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11659110	555030	Category 1 Capital Outlay	\$322,847.00	
11659110	550000	Unallocated Capital Outlay		\$322,847.00
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		County Schools		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11659140	555030	Category 1 Capital Outlay	\$2,012,616.00	
11659140	555031	Category 2 Capital Outlay	\$190,861.00	
11659140	555032	Category 3 Capital Outlay	\$215,450.00	
11659140	550000	Unallocated Capital Outlay		\$867,153.00
<u>19959140</u>	582096	Transfer to General Fund	\$1,551,774.00	
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11035914	409612	Trans Frm School Capital Reserve	\$1,551,774.00	
19932320	409900	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$1,551,774.00	

### County Manager's Report

County Manager Ed Causey informed the Board of two director positions that were currently being advertised within the County: Library Director and Economic Developer. He then informed the Board that Lieutenant Governor Dan Forest was scheduled to visit the Sampson County Sheriff's Office at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11, 2019, to honor first responders. He then informed the Board that the Hurricane Dorian response and recovery efforts were improved compared to previous events; however, staff would still conduct after-action analysis including the school systems and county employees. He noted that each of the responses received indicated that progress had been made in emergency response procedures since the Hurricane Florence storm event. He then commended the county employees and support agencies for their work.

The Chairman expressed his appreciation for the work that had been done and then acknowledged Emergency Management Director Ronald Bass, who provided comments regarding the response and recovery efforts during the hurricane event, noting that there were five shelters which sheltered more than 300 persons, one special needs shelter which sheltered two individuals, and one pet shelter opened which sheltered 15 pets. He continued by noting that river flooding had begun in the southern end of the county as a result of natural southward migration of water from water sources farther north, however there were no significant damages. He noted that the County had submit a request to the State for public assistance and were awaiting approval.

The Chairman offered remarks on the response efforts and then opened the floor for staff comments. Staff members who were present provided comments, all acknowledging improved processes and excellent staff work. The Board then commended the work of County Manager Ed Causey and staff. Mr. Causey lauded county employees' role in the development of the updated Standard Operating Guidelines and for their work during Hurricane Dorian.

### **Public Comments**

The Chairman opened the floor for comments, and none were received.

### **Recess to Reconvene - Monday, September 23 at 6 pm for Joint Meeting with Sampson Regional Medical Center Board of Trustees**

Upon a motion made by Chairman Wooten and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to recess to convene on Monday, September 23, at 6 p.m. for the Joint Meeting with the Sampson Regional Medical Center Board of Trustees.