The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened for a special meeting at 3:00 p.m. on January 21, 2020 in the Conference Room of the County Administration Building, 406 County Complex Road in Clinton, North Carolina. Members present: Chairman Clark Wooten, Vice Chairperson Sue Lee, and Commissioners, Jerol Kivett, and Harry Parker. Commission Thaddeus Godwin was absent.

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order and recognized staff for discussion.

## Item 1: Report on Bid Opening for Well Project at I40/NC403

Dewberry Engineer Matt West reported that bids for the Sampson County I40/NC403 Well Head Completion and Manganese Treatment project had been received on January 16, 2020 for the second time as only one bid had been received following the first advertisement. Mr. West reported that there were no additional responses following the second bid, the only bidder being Herring-Rivenbark, Inc., with a bid of \$3,892,970. Mr. West and Public Works Director Lin Reynolds explained that the bid significantly exceeded the project grant funding of \$2.5 million, and that the bidder was willing to negotiate the contract price. They recommended that the Board allow them to negotiate before making a formal recommendation of the bid award at the Board's February meeting. They cautioned the need to be mindful of not removing those items from the bid that were necessary for the project.

There being no further business, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn upon a motion by Commissioner Kivett and second by Commissioner Parker.