The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened for their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 6, 2022, in the County Auditorium, 435 Rowan Road in Clinton, North Carolina. Members present: Chairperson Sue Lee, Vice Chairperson Jerol Kivett, and Commissioners Thaddeus Godwin, Lethia Lee, and Clark Wooten.

Chairperson Sue Lee called the meeting to order and acknowledged Vice Chairperson Kivett who shared a passage about D-Day and asked those in attendance to observe a moment of silence. Vice Chairperson Kivett then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Upon a motion by Chairperson Lee and seconded by Vice Chairperson Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the following changes:

Tabled Item "I" from the Consent Agenda.

Item 1: Presentation - Water System Expansion Project

Chairperson Lee called upon Public Works Director Lin Reynolds who brought the Board up to date on the progress of several water system expansion projects. Vice Chairperson Kivett asked Mr. Reynolds if the Public Works department had a fund balance that was maintained for needed expenses. Mr. Reynolds informed Vice Chairperson Kivett that the fund balance is currently close to \$3,000,000, but that he would like it to be around \$5,000,000. Mr. Reynolds also informed the Board that the minimum cost for a mile of water lines is \$250,000 and that the County does not contribute any money to the water system. County Manager Causey then added that with a water system the size of Sampson County's he would like for the fund balance to be large enough that the County could make significant, routine repairs without depleting much of the balance. He added that this goal could be achieved by occasionally adjusting rates to ensure that the fund balance is growing. Commissioner Lethia Lee asked Mr. Reynolds about a sign-up deadline for these projects. Mr. Reynolds informed her that there is a 60-day sign-up period.

Item 2: Planning & Zoning Matters

(Public Hearing) Request to Rezone 2.50-Acre Parcel (Tax Parcel 14084504309, Plain View Highway) from Residential Agricultural to Conditional Commercial Chairperson Lee opened the public hearing and called upon Inspections Director Myron Cashwell who presented the Board with information regarding Tax Parcel 14084504309. The Planning Board has recommended approval of the request to rezone 2.50-acre surveyed portion of a 5.56-acre parcel from Residential Agricultural (RA) to a Conditional Commercial (C) (CZ) Zoning District for the purpose of establishing a primary care medical facility. The Sampson County Planning Board found the proposed rezoning to be consistent with the Residential Growth Land Use Category and to positively align with the main purpose and intent of such designation. The

Planning Board found that the conditional rezoning request is reasonable and in best public interest. Chairperson Lee called on Sampson Regional Medical Center's Chief Financial Officer Jerry Heinzman for comment. Mr. Heinzman thanked the Board for considering the hospital's request. He explained that the hospital is planning to put a physician's practice in Spivey's Corner to provide medical care to the community. He added that the hospital has selected a doctor for the practice and that they appreciate the opportunity. Hearing no other comments, Chairperson Lee closed the public hearing. Upon a motion by Commissioner Godwin and seconded by Commissioner Lethia Lee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request to rezone 2.50-acre parcel (Tax Parcel 14084504309, Plain View Highway) from Residential Agricultural to Conditional Commercial, adopting the following consistency statement: The Sampson County Board of Commissioners finds the proposed conditional rezoning to be consistent with the Residential Growth Land Use designation and to positively align with the main purpose and intent of such designation. The Sampson County Board of Commissioners finds that the conditional rezoning request to establish a primary care medical facility is reasonable and in best public interest and all other permitted uses included in this Conditional Commercial (C) (CZ) Zoning District are reasonable and in best public interest. The Sampson County Board of Commissioners finds the proposed conditional rezoning to be consistent with the land use plan.

(Public Hearing) Request to Rezone 2-Acre Parcel (Tax Parcel 13011575501, Grimes Road) from Commercial to Residential Agricultural Chairperson Lee opened a public hearing and Inspections and Planning Director Myron Cashwell informed the Board that the Planning Board has recommended approval of the request to rezone a 2-acre parcel from Commercial (C) to a Residential Agricultural (RA) Zoning District. The Sampson County Planning Board found the proposed rezoning to be consistent with the Rural Residential/Agriculture Land Use Category and to positively align with the main purpose and intent of such designation. The Planning Board found that the rezoning request is reasonable and in best public interest. Hearing no public comments, Chairperson Lee closed the public hearing. Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Kivett and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request to rezone 2-acre parcel (Tax Parcel 13011575501, Grimes Road) from Commercial to Residential Agricultural adopting the following consistency statement: The Sampson County Board of Commissioners find the proposed rezoning to be consistent with the Rural Residential/Agriculture Lane Use designation and to positively align with the main purpose and intent of such designation. The Sampson County Board of Commissioners finds the proposed rezoning to be consistent with the land use plan.

Item 3: Action Items

(Public Hearing) Proposed Budget for FY 2022-2023 Chairperson Lee opened a public hearing regarding the proposed budget for FY 2022-2023. She then called upon Ms. Barbara Faison to offer comments. Ms. Faison stated, "I'm Barbara Faison. I live here in the city limits of Clinton. 524 Fayetteville Street. Thanks for allowing me to speak of the 2022-2023 budget public comments. Didn't know that I was going to be first, but that's fine too. As a retired County employee for over thirty years, I know the challenges that the budget causes each year. I understand about the mandates each County must provide for its citizens each year. The proposed property tax rate, the tax rate that we currently have is 82.5. The proposed tax rate

increase is 87.5. I have a problem with it being addressed for only property owners. We have people who come here, who live here, who don't pay any property taxes, and stay here and never pay any property taxes. There are people who come through and visit, there are people who come here to see other people, there are people who are in jail and who don't pay anything, and we pay for them too. I propose, I personally feel that we need to pay for services whether we have property or not. I am proposing that the \$.05 be added as sales tax so that all services enjoyed by everyone who lives in this County will be shared by everyone. That way, it will not be a burden on just senior citizens who are property owners, who pay majority of this. As we said in the opening with the Pledge of Allegiance, one nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all, then it should be that. That we all pay for this. Thank you from the bottom of my pocketbook, and thank you sincerely for allowing me this time." Chairperson Lee then called on Ms. Carla Peterson to provide her remarks. Ms. Peterson stated, "My name is Carla Peterson, 3467 Taylor's Bridge Highway, Clinton, North Carolina. Thank you for allowing me to address the proposed budget. I am here to ask that you do not raise property taxes. Twentysix counties across North Carolina, including Sampson, revalued in 2019. Based on their current year, fiscal year rates, only three of those have a higher property tax rate than Sampson County. I encourage you to look for other ways to balance the budget. Increase revenues. Look at your current schedule of fees and fines. Your current one. Look at where you can put new ones in, and then look at your assets. Do you have any assets that can be sold? Quite frankly, I recommend selling the Expo Center. To decrease expenditures, you're going to have to cut the budget. My own recommendation is to eliminate longevity pay for employees and dental insurance if you do pay it, paid by the County on behalf of employees. And finally, I also recommend that any market or pay study be postponed indefinitely. The County Manager stated in the proposed budget, and I quote, 'We continue to be concerned about continued inept Federal Government fiscal policies.' Not sure where he's coming from on that one. And he also stated, 'If the Board chooses to redefine government by reducing services, it will be challenging.' I agree wholeheartedly. I personally believe it would be beneficial for the County Manager to expound on these statements. As he pointed out, Sampson County has lost population. Given this fact, along with the uncertain state of our economy, plus our already high property tax rate, I believe what we need is a willingness to be creative. We do value our county employees. They probably know all too well that overall, we are not a wealthy county. Median household income hovers around \$42,000. That's household income with 2.68 people per household. We should make no assumption that government programs must stand as how they are, or how they've been in the past. Everyone in the county absolutely must be flexible. Raising the property tax now, in my opinion, is not a good idea. Thank you again for giving me this opportunity to speak." Chairperson Lee opened the floor for other comments and hearing none, she closed the public hearing.

(<u>Public Hearing</u>) Economic Development Expenditures in Proposed Budget for FY 2022-2023 Chairperson Lee opened a public hearing and opened the floor for comments. Hearing none, she closed the public hearing.

(Public Hearing) Revisions to the Sampson County EMS Franchise Ordinance Chairperson Lee opened a public hearing and called upon Emergency Management Director Rick Sauer. Mr. Sauer discussed proposed amendments to the ordinance regulating the granting of franchises for convalescent transport and presented recommendations for the appointment of new members to the Franchise Ordinance Committee. Chairperson Lee closed the public hearing. Upon a motion by Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommended changes to the Ordinance Regulating Emergency Medical Service and Granting of Franchises for Convalescent Transport Service and to appoint the Franchise Committee as outlined in the ordinance. (Copy filed in Ordinance Book _____, Page _____.)

<u>Appointments – Hospital Board of Trustees</u> Chairperson Lee called upon Vice Chairperson Kivett who moved to appoint Telfair Simpson to the Hospital Board of Trusteed. Upon a second by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to make this appointment.

<u>Appointments - SEDC</u> Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Kivett and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Hugh Carr to the Southeastern Economic Development Commission.

<u>Appointments - Advisory Board of Older Adult Services</u> Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Kivett and seconded by Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Patrice Parker to the Advisory Board of Older Adult Services.

<u>Appointments – JCPC</u> Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Kivett and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Kierston Powell to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

Appointments – CVB Board Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Kivett and seconded by Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Clark Honeycutt to the Convention and Visitors Bureau Board. Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Kivett and seconded by Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Joel Rose to the Convention and Visitors Bureau Board. Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Kivett and seconded by Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Joel Rose as the Chairman of the Convention and Visitors Bureau Board. Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Kivett and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Kay Raynor to the Convention and Visitors Bureau Board.

Item 4: Consent Agenda

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

a.	Approve the minutes	of the May 2,	2022 and May	23, 2022	meetings
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b.	Authorize execution of a lease between Sampson County and the NC Department of
	public safety for +/- 3,650 square feet of office space located at 100 Main Street and +/-
	855 square feet at 405 County Complex Road (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book,
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age of 18 from June 13 - August 1 as part				gust 1 as part of the Samp	son-Clinton Libra	ry's Fine Free
	Summ	er for Ju	venile and Yo	ung Adult books		
d.	Autho	rize acce	ptance of Brig	ght Ideas Grant by the Sai	mpson-Clinton Lil	orary and
	execut	ion of as	sociated gran	t agreement documents (Copy filed in Inc.	Minute Book
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e.	Appro	ve execu	ition of an eas	ement between Sampson	County and Duk	e Energy
	Progre	ss, LLC	for parcel 060	11723101 (Copy filed in I	nc. Minute Book _	, Page
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	Rescue	Squad,	Roseboro Res	scue and EMS, and Suttor	ntown EMS	
j.	Appro	ve the ap	oplications for	r Public School Building (Capital Funds (Lo	ttery Funds)
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m.	Appro	ve a deli	nquent late li	st penalty for Prestage Ag	g Energy, LLC	
n.	Appro	ve the ta	x refunds and	l releases as submitted		
		#9888		Rashon Davis	\$222.77	
		#9892		Jose Manuel Bonilla	\$106.83	
		#9894		Jordan Faircloth	\$266.16	
		#9896		Norris Edge	\$121.83	
		#9899		Tabitha Draughon	\$211.21	
		Tax Rele	ase	Christopher Sinclair	\$228.02	
o.	Appro	ve budg	et amendmen	ts as submitted		
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111415		519200			\$65,500.	
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	lumber			Object of Expenditure)	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
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Code Number			Source of Revenue		<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>

EXPENDITURE Code Number 13554810 REVENUE	568414	Social Services <u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u> LIEAP	<u>Increase</u> \$508,846.	<u>Decrease</u>
Code Number 13535480	403314	Source of Revenue LIEAP	<u>Increase</u> \$508,846.	<u>Decrease</u>
EXPENDITURE Code Number 12551670 12551670 12551670 12551670 12551670 12551670 REVENUE	518100 518120 518200 545000	Medicare FICA	Increase \$35,110. \$2,443. \$572. \$2,0008. \$1,319. \$2,509.	<u>Decrease</u>
<u>Code Number</u> 1253167	404000	Source of Revenue State Assistance	<u>Increase</u> \$44,033.	<u>Decrease</u>
EXPENDITURE Code Number 11761100 REVENUE	544200	Library <u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u> Cultural Programming	Increase \$725.	<u>Decrease</u>
<u>Code Number</u> 11036110	408401	Source of Revenue Donations/Sponsorships for Summer Reading	Increase \$725.	<u>Decrease</u>
EXPENDITURE Code Number 72154000 REVENUE	545100	Finance <u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u> Administration/Claims Paid	<u>Increase</u> \$820,000.	<u>Decrease</u>
<u>Code Number</u> 72035400	499900	Source of Revenue Fund Balance Appropriated	<u>Increase</u> \$820,000.	<u>Decrease</u>
EXPENDITURE Code Number 11142600 11999000	533000 509700	Finance <u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u> Utilities Contingency	<u>Increase</u> \$19,000.	<u>Decrease</u> \$19,000.

\$535.

EXPENDITURE Code Number 11761700 11142600	506102 535123		<u>Increase</u> \$50,000.	<u>Decrease</u> \$50,000.
EXPENDITURE Code Number 11243800 REVENUE	535100	Finance <u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u> Maint/Repair Buildings and Grounds	<u>Increase</u> \$2,141.	<u>Decrease</u>
<u>Code Number</u> 11039999	409800	Source of Revenue Fund Balance Approp Encumbrances	<u>Increase</u> \$2,141.	<u>Decrease</u>
EXPENDITURE Code Number 11141210 11141210 11141210	518100	Finance <u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u> Salaries FICA Medicare FICA	Increase \$18,642. \$580. \$128.	<u>Decrease</u>
11141210 111411210	518400	Retirement Dental Insurance	\$946.	\$366.
11141210 11141210 11141300	518901	Cafeteria Fees 401K County Contribution Salaries	\$18.	\$600.
11141300 11141300 11141300 11141300	512120 518400		\$35,535.	\$1,956. \$373. \$153.
11141400 11141400 11141400	512100	Salaries Part-time Salaries	\$30,652.	\$7,500. \$1,956.
11141400 11141400 11141400	518200	Medicare FICA Retirement Cafeteria Fees		\$448. \$284. \$130.
11141400 11141500	518901	401K County Contribution Salaries	\$13,256.	\$3,760.
11141500 11141500 11141500		FICA Medicare FICA Retirement	\$326. \$79. \$835.	
11141500 11141500 11141800	518901	Cafeteria Fees 401K County Contribution Salaries	\$558. \$17,572.	\$72.
11141800 11141800 11141800	518100 518120		\$400. \$85. \$409.	
11141800 11141800 11142100	518901	401K County Contribution Salaries	\$22,920.	\$1,800.

11142100	518100	FICA	\$851.	
11142100	518120	Medicare FICA	\$194.	
11142100	518200	Retirement	\$1,213.	
11142100	518700	Cafeteria Fees	\$6.	
11142100	518901	401K County Contribution		\$1,900.
11142600	512100	Salaries	\$27,389.	
11142600	512200	Overtime Salaries	\$413.	
11142600	518100	FICA	\$880.	
11142600	518120	Medicare FICA	\$216.	
11142600	518200	Retirement		\$100.
11142600	518901	401K County Contribution		\$800.
11243100	512100	Salaries	\$133,910.	
11243100	512120	Supplement		\$16,020.
11243100	512200	Overtime Salaries	\$221,000.	
11243100	512205	Overtime – US Dept of Justice GRN	\$12,700.	
11243100	512300	Shift Deferential Pay	\$9,300.	
11243100	512600	Part-Time Salaries		\$25,000.
11243100	518120	Medicare FICA	\$606.	
11243100	518200	Retirement	\$539.	
11243100	518278	Law Enforcement Retirement	\$18,500.	
11243100	518300	Group Insurance		\$40,000.
11243100	518700	Cafeteria Fees	\$126.	
11243100	518900	401K Supplemental Retire Fund	\$9,500.	
11243100	518901	401K County Contribution		\$2,000.
11243200	512100	Salaries		\$110,000.
11243200	512200	Overtime Salaries	\$105,000.	
11243200	512300	Shift Deferential Pay	\$5,810.	
11243200	512400	On-Call Pay		\$800.
11243200	512600	Part-Time Salaries	\$14,100.	
11243200	518200	Retirement		\$12,500.
11243200	518278	Law Enforcement Retirement		\$3,500.
11243200	518300	Group Insurance		\$64,000.
11243200	518400	Dental Insurance		\$4,400.
11243200	518700	Cafeteria Fees		\$300.
11243200	518900	Supplemental Retirement Fund		\$1,700.
11243200	518901	401K County Contribution		\$28,000.
11243250	512100	Salaries	\$7,715.	
11243250	512200	Overtime Salaries	\$125,000.	
11243250	512300	Shift Deferential Pay	\$574.	
11243250		Part-Time Salaries		\$51,000.
11243250	518100		\$3,647.	
11243250		Medicare FICA	\$948.	
11243250	518200		\$10,603.	
11243250	518300	Group Insurance		\$27,000.

11243250	518700	Cafeteria Fees	\$73.	
11243250	518901	401K County Contribution		\$5,200.
11243300	512100	Salaries	\$5,607.	
11243300	512200	Overtime Salaries	\$8,689.	
11243300	512400	On-Call Pay	\$562.	
11243300	518200	Retirement		\$1,000.
11243300	518300	Group Insurance		\$18,500.
11243300	518700	Cafeteria Fees		\$300.
11243300	518901	401K County Contribution	\$6,900.	
11243500	512100	Salaries	\$33 <i>,</i> 306.	
11243500	512101	Salary Adjustments		\$1,968.
11243500	518200	Retirement	\$565.	
11243500	518301	401K County Contribution		\$2,000.
11243700	512100	Salaries	\$117,585.	
11243700	512200	Overtime Salaries	\$117,619.	
11243700	512600	Part-Time Salaries		\$20,000.
11243700	518100	FICA	\$4,222.	
11243700	518120	Medicare FICA	\$1,568.	
11243700	518200	Retirement	\$25,332.	
11243700	518300	Group Insurance		\$25,000.
11243700	518700	Cafeteria Fees	\$9.	
11243700	518901	401K County Contribution		\$2,800.
11243800	512100	Salaries	\$6,502.	
11243800	518100	FICA		\$300.
11243800	518120	Medicare FICA		\$50.
11243800	518200	Retirement		\$20.
11243800	518300	Group Insurance		\$2,000.
11243800	518400	Dental Insurance		\$100.
11243800	518901	401K County Contribution		\$1,000.
11449200	512100	Salaries	\$17,168.	
11449200	518100	FICA	\$682.	
11449200	518120	Medicare FICA	\$189.	
11449200	518200	Retirement		\$500.
11449200	518700	Cafeteria Fees	\$6.	
11449200	518901	401K County Contribution		\$1,200.
11558200	512100	Salaries	\$6,595.	
11558200	512600	Part-Time Salaries	\$63.	
11558200	518100	FICA	\$62.	
11558200	518120	Medicare FICA	\$33.	
11558200	518200	Retirement	\$490.	
11558200		Cafeteria Fees		\$24.
11558200	518901	401K County Contribution	\$253.	
75243100	512600	Special Separation Allowance	\$6,451.	
75243100	518100	FICA	\$338.	

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75034310	499900		nd Balance Approp	\$6,869.	
11039999	409900	Fur	nd Balance Approp	\$731,431.	
EXPENDITURE		Clir	nton City Schools - State		
Code Number		<u>Des</u>	scription (Object of Expenditure)	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
			Salary RtA Teacher	\$55,292.	
1.5120.014.418	3.308.308	.00	Computer Supplies & Software		\$450.
1.5850.016.198	3.000.000	.00	Summer RtA Tutoring	\$22,483.	
1.5350.016.198	3.000.000	.00	Summer RtA Tutoring		\$14.
1.5210.029.142	2.000.000	.00	Salary – Teacher Assistant		\$3,803.
1.5100.130.412	2.000.000	.00	Textbooks	\$18,864.	
EXPENDITURE		Clir	nton City Schools – Capital Outlay		
Code Number		<u>Des</u>	scription (Object of Expenditure)	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
4.4491.440.000	0.000.000	.00	K-12 Athletic Facilities Grant	\$106,536.	
4.4910.000.000	0.000.000	.00	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$226,524.	
EXPENDITURE		Clir	nton City Schools - Federal		
Code Number			scription (Object of Expenditure)	<u>Increase</u>	Decrease
	.000.000		Salary - Teacher	\$4,165.	
			Salary – Teacher	\$2,592.	
			EC – Supplies and Materials		\$5.
3.5330.050.411	.000.000	.00	Supplies and Materials	\$4.	
3.5210.060.121	.000.000	.00	Salary – Teacher	\$31,193.	
3.5110.103.163	3.000.000	.00	Salary – Substitute	\$104.	
3.5270.104.198	3.000.000	.00	Salary – Tutor	\$491.	
3.5110.108.411	.000.000	.00	Supplies and Materials	\$154.	
3.5100.171.411	1.000.000	.00	Supplies and Materials	\$5,379.	
3.5330.181.418			Computer Supplies	\$18,831.	
3.5210.185.411			Supplies and Materials	\$40,106.	
3.5230.186.411			Supplies and Materials	\$4,272.	
3.5100.203.108			Salary – Bonus	\$22,633.	
3.5860.191.311			Contracted Services	\$25,919.	
3.5860.192.311	1.000.000	.00	Contracted Services	\$30,290.	

Consent - Board of Commissioners and Board of Health

p. Approve revised Health Dept Fees/CPT Update

Item 5: Board Information

The Board Received the following items and information only:

- a. March 21, 2022 Minutes from SCHD Advisory Committee Meeting
- b. March 21, 2022 Minutes from Dangerous Dog Appeal Hearing
- c. 2021 Sampson County Health Assessment (CHA)

Item 6: County Manager's Report

Chairperson Lee called upon County Manger Causey who had nothing to report.

Item 7: Public Comment Period

Chairperson Lee opened the floor for public comments. The following were received:

Edward Gillam: Good evening. My name is Edward Gillam. I live at 817 West 2nd Street, Garland, North Carolina. I want to start by saying thank you for all that you've done to make this dream a reality bringing water to the Ivanhoe area and surrounding areas as well. I feel we have made great strides in attempting to secure current infrastructure grant opportunities and utilizing this with the advancement of Sampson County Water System. I would like to recognize Mr. Reynolds for his hard work and dedication. I also want to address the importance of communicating with communities on what the status, meeting dates, and other important information. I received an email in regards to the Lakewood project which inspired me to research current water project information for Sampson County. I googled it and found www.sampsonnc.com website, gave me additional information regarding water projects and locations. Including a link with an application for water information which was actually the email address about where to find the application at. I think we still need a County Water Board which includes several different representatives from each part of the underserved county for communication and updates. I feel the Community Water Board could assist in helping each other. I research every day. Its just part of my DNA, but everyone does not have the capabilities or resources to do so. I feel disabled, disadvantaged people should be advised and educated on important matters such as the public water project. A committee could get information out there. Where to find the application, status of grants, assisting customers with improvement, and direct locations in the County. Um, lets just go ahead and continue this path of progression, communication, and unification to do this. Like I said, I was just thinking about one person signing up in Lakewood. You know, maybe if we get a little bit more and I'm not saying what we have right now is not good, but a little bit more direct information out to the people and whatnot, I think it would get a whole lot more people to sign up and everything. And we have people throughout the county that's actually willing to do that and help out and assist in that. That's it. Y'all have a great evening and God Bless.

Jay Ingram: Good evening. My name is Jay Ingram and I live at 2254 Old Mintz Highway. I'm the President of the Highsmith Side Community Watch. I have two issues and first of all I just want to thank Commissioner Lee. We have come together, and we have talked about the water situation in our area and throughout the County. Actually, all over the world. I feel as though,

well there are two things that everyone in this world needs to have. That's clean water and clean air. Those two things. Now we all can put different things in our body that's going to affect us, like for many years I was a smoker. I'm paying the price for that today. But, that was something that I chose to do. But as we grow older and older with our young children we all deserve to have clean water and clean air. The problem I have with clean air is about a mile down the road from me Smithfield just bought two hog farms. Flies. We can not even open our door. They are rushing in. You know, the smell, for many many days I went outside and I was like, "What is that smell?" And I will admit, I have a few chickens, and I went and I cleaned my pen out because I didn't want nothing to affect nobody else in my community. And then they next day I had that same smell again, and the next day the same smell again. Then I realized where it was coming from. And that's not cool. That's not cool, y'all. That's all I wanted to say. Let us all work together. Thank y'all for what you're doing. Thank you.

Elaine Hunt: Good evening. My name is Elaine Faison Hunt. I live at 7171 Old Warsaw Road, Turkey, North Carolina and I'm back again. And there is nothing new under the sun, and there is nothing new that I desire at this time. My story is the same as last month. I, my neighbors, and my family would like to have county water. I presented a petition to you during the May meeting. I have had correspondence with your staff since the May meeting, but no positive response. After talking to your staff, and I thank Mr. Reynolds for the communication, I felt as if I was in college again. A scoring system. We don't measure up to your scoring system. I truly apologize that the people aren't rushing to move on Old Warsaw Road, and I apologize that were we current reside is not qualified for County water, so I'm told. And I know that this is not a question and answer session, but I do have questions for you. Who created this scoring system? Is it the same for my area as well as other areas? Can the public have access to this scoring system? And how much iron are households expected to consume before this situation becomes important enough to you to not be gauged by your scoring system? You said that this section of road will not qualify for a water extension using your current scoring system. Changes and amendments are made every day. I know you all do it. I've seen other locales do it. And I'm a firm believer that people do what they want to do, and where there's a will, there surely is a way. You are saying we need a minimum of 56 potential customers. I live in Turkey. Do you know the population? Turkey is a small town. 56 potential customers. Your scoring system is not economically feasible, nor in my mind is it sensible. Walking in the morning I noticed markings on the road. Natural gas company with the desire of installing gas lines in our neighborhood. Star has come out and installed faster equipment for internet and I thank God for both of them. But what would be more grateful and appreciated to us is Sampson County water staff coming in our area to provide County water to me, my family, my neighbors. Thank you for allowing me to voice my concerns and my desire. Last month I didn't have five bottles of water to share with you all. I brought five tonight if you all want to share my water. I see you drinking water. She what we have to put up with. Thank you once again.

Assistant County Manager Susan Holder read a written public comment submitted by Lacy and Ruby Bell of 2812 East Darden Road, Faison, North Carolina:

The water petition for this section of East Darden Road has been evaluated by Lin Reynolds and the section qualifies for a water extension based on the scoring with these factors considered:

1. Available funding

- 2. If permits can be obtained
- 3. Approval by the water board

We are asking the county to:

- 1. Provide countywide water for East Darden Road extension and other underserved communities in Sampson County
- 2. Honor the initial tap-on fee reduction for those who paid during the initial tap on, since those funds were not refunded
- 3. Since fees are scheduled to increase in July, we are asking that the county "Grandfather In" all those who sign the Sampson County Public Works Peition for water on or before July 1, 2022, at the lowest tap on fees of $\frac{3}{4}$ " tap \$500 and 1" tap for \$600

Thank you so much for your cooperation and support.

Recess to Reconvene		
Upon a motion by Chairperson Lee and seconded by Vice Chairperson Kivett, the Board vote unanimously to Recess to Reconvene on June 9, 2022 at 10:00 AM.		
Sue L. Lee, Chairperson	Susan J. Holder, Clerk to the Board	