

**SAMPSON COUNTY,  
NORTH CAROLINA**

**July 9, 2018**

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened for their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 9, 2018 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 convened the meeting and recognized Vice Chairperson Lee. She called upon Commissioner Godwin for the invocation. She then called upon Commissioner Kivett to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda**

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the following changes: Appointment to the Eastpointe LME Board was added to Item 3 (e); Resolution Appointing Review Officers and Zoning Officers/Administrators was added as Item 4 (k); Social Media Policy (previously provided as a draft to the Board in June 2018) was added as Item 4 (l); Clinton City Schools Additional Budget Amendments (close out budget amendments) was added as Item 4 (m); Replacement Signing Statement to Accompany the Memorandum of Understanding (Fiscal Year 2018-19) Between the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and Sampson County was added to Item 3 (d).

**Item 1: Reports and Presentations**

Recognition of Retirees Service plaques were presented to retirees Michelle Simmons, Lula Carter, Connie Hall, and Joseph Royal.

Presentation - Guardian Ad Litem NC Guardian Ad Litem District 4 Administrator Lori McClain provided the Board with an overview of the program, noting that the program's main objective is to provide advocacy for children involved in the court system who have been abused and neglected. She noted that Sampson County had an assigned case load of 124 children, with 78 of those children currently without an advocate. After listing the volunteer requirements, which are that volunteers undergo a criminal background check and be willing to spend 8-10 hours monthly, Ms. McClain encouraged Sampson County residents to volunteer for the Ad Litem Program. She concluded by providing information on how to volunteer.

Presentation – Friends of Sampson County Waterways Friends of Sampson County Waterways President Don Meese provided the Board a presentation on the work of the Friends of Sampson County Waterways noting that the non-profit organization labors to ensure that the 300 miles of Sampson County waterways are cleaned of trees, trash and debris, as is necessary for the County to qualify for FEMA funding for river clearing in emergency or storm events. He mentioned that the organization also provided boating and canoeing paddle trips for groups throughout the country, which benefits county tourism. Vice President Phillip Bell added that the organization had been made aware that a citizen had found an old burnt out Native American canoe (possibly predating European colonization) in the South River. The canoe was currently being curated and preserved at the Underwater Archeology Lab at Fort Fisher, but the organization was seeking to have the historical artifact returned to Sampson County to be housed at either the Coharie Tribal Center or the Sampson County History Museum. He also informed the Board that the Coharie Tribe was applying for a grant through the Duke Energy Water Resources Fund program to assist in funding a variety of projects and solicited the County's assistance via a letter of support which will be provided to funding partners.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Godwin and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to authorize staff to provide the organization a letter of support.

**Item 2:        Planning & Zoning Items**

RZ-6-18-1 The Chairman acknowledged Senior Planner Anita Lane, who informed the Board that the owner requested that the request be tabled to the August Board of Commissioners meeting. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kivett and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee the Board voted unanimously to table RZ-6-18-1 to the August Board of Commissioners meeting.

**Item 3:        Action Items**

Tax Settlement and Charge to Tax Collector Tax Administrator Jim Johnson presented the Board with a settlement of the outstanding balance of all delinquent taxes for FY 2017-2018 at \$1,163,317.66 which is a difference of \$253,803.61 from the FY 2016-2017 balance of \$1,417,121.27. Mr. Johnson noted that the collection rate for FY 2017-2018 was 97.05%, which was up from the 96.56% collection rate for FY 2016-2017. He stated that it was a good year overall, noting that the State collected \$4,631,407.74 in Sampson County registered motor vehicle taxes. Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to accept the tax settlement for FY 2017-2018 and to charge the Tax Collector with

collection of taxes for FY 2018-2019 (Copy of the Tax Charge filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_, page \_\_\_).

Designation of Voting Delegate - NCACC Annual Conference (August 23-25, 2018) Upon a motion made by Chairman Wooten and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to designate County Manager Ed Causey to serve as the voting delegate at the 2018 NCACC Annual Conference, August 23-25, 2018. (Copy of the NCACC Designation Form filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_, Page \_\_\_).

Public Hearing - Naming of Private Roads The Chairman opened the hearing and called upon Assistant County Manager Susan Holder who reviewed the recommendations for naming certain private roads. The floor was opened for public comments and none were received. The hearing was closed. Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to name private roads as follows:

PVT 1602 2416	Lola Lane
PVT 1321 959	Paradise Lane
PVT 1006 7599	Gloria Jean Lane

Submission of Memorandum of Understanding between Sampson County and NC Department of Health and Human Services County Attorney Joel Starling reminded the Board that at the Board's meeting on June 13, 2018, staff was directed to comply with the NC Department of Health and Human Service's mandate to submit a duly executed Memorandum of Understanding, pursuant to NC 108A-74. The Board further directed at that previous meeting that such MOU should be accompanied by a Signing Statement which set forth the Board's concerns regarding the foreseeable challenges in meeting the performance standards contained in the agreement which, because they were standardized, did not address any county's specific issues, challenges and resource limitations. He informed the Board that the documents were duly submitted, but the DHHS had responded, acknowledging the County's concerns but advising that they could not sign the MOU with the attached signing statement, and requesting that the MOU be resubmitted without the statement. Mr. Starling informed the Board that the revised statement would be accepted if the documents were re-submitted as separate documents. He continued by stating that because of the Board's previous formal action, staff is seeking direction on re-submission of the mandated document.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kivett and seconded by Commissioner Godwin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the revised Signing Statement and direct that the MOU and Signing Statement be re-submitted as separate documents (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_).

Appointment - Library Board of Trustees Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Chairman Wooten, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Linda Jewell Carr to the Library Board of Trustees.

Appointment - Transportation Advocacy Group Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Chairman Wooten, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Jerol Kivett to the Transportation Advocacy Group. Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Steve Stefanovich to the Transportation Advocacy Group.

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Arnold Page to the Transportation Advocacy Group.

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Billy Lockamy to the Transportation Advocacy Group.

Appointment - Eastpointe LME Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted unanimously to appoint County Attorney Joel Starling to the Eastpointe LME Board.

**Item 4: Consent Agenda**

The Chairman acknowledged Mr. Ronnie Jackson who provided comments regarding Item 4 (b) Adopt Resolution Supporting Agriculture. Mr. Jackson noted that Sampson County is one of the country's leading agriculture producers, placing emphasis on the pork industry. He continued by making mention of recent legislation changes that would make it difficult for the pork industry to sustain production. Mr. Jackson solicited the Board's support of the NC Farm Act of 2018 by signing the resolution.

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

- a. Approved the minutes of the June 4, 2018 and June 13, 2018 meetings

- b. Adopted the Resolution Supporting Agriculture (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_.)
- c. Approved the contract between Sampson County and the North Carolina Forestry Service for FY 2018-19 (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_.)
- d. Approved execution of the proposal for professional services by The Wooten Company for an EMS Facility Space Needs Study (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_.)
- e. Accepted a Fire Prevention Grant from FM Global in the amount of \$2,315 for equipment to assist fire investigations and inspections (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_.)
- f. Approved fee revisions as recommended by the Health Advisory Board (CPT Code 90750 Shingrix vaccine and CPT Code 87210 Smear, Wet Mount) (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_.) *(Approved in capacity as Board of Commissioners and Board of Health)*
- g. Accepted Community Health Grant funding in the amount of \$150,000 and authorized execution of contract documents (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_.) *(Approved in capacity as Board of Commissioners and Board of Health)*
- h. Approved the delinquent disabled veteran tax exclusion application for Willie M. Bowden, Jr.
- i. Approved tax refunds and releases as submitted:

#8599	Kathryn Wilson	\$141.19
#8606	Robert Blackburn	\$217.63
#8607	Sharlie Lee	\$117.37
#8620	Reginald Iverson	\$139.24
#8622	Arthur Watt, Jr.	\$140.30

- j. Approved budget amendments as submitted:

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Clinton Fire District</u>	
<u>Code Number</u>	<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>23243410</u>	<u>Increase</u>
581022	Clinton Fire Department		\$18,900.00
			<u>Decrease</u>
<u>REVENUE</u>			
<u>Code Number</u>	<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
23043422	499000 Fund Balance Appropriated	\$18,900.00	

- k. (Walk On) Adopted the Resolution Appointing Review Officers and Zoning Officers/Administrators (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_.)

- l. (Walk On) Approved the Social Media Policy (previously provided as draft to BOC in June) (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_.)
- m. (Walk On) Approved Clinton City Schools Budget Amendments No. 5 (State); No. 6 (State); No. 4 (Local); No. 2 (Federal)

**Item 5: Board of Health Information Items (no action needed)**

- a. Received the April 16, 2018 Health Advisory Board Minutes
- b. Received the May 14, 2018 Dangerous Dog Appeal Minutes
- c. Received the 2018 County Health Rankings Report
- d. Received the 2018 Child Health Report

**County Manager Reports**

County Manager Ed Causey informed the Board that the County Attorney transition was going smoothly and expressed his appreciation for having Mr. Starling in the office. Mr. Causey accepted his role as the voting delegate for the NCACC Conference (August 23-25, 2018), and noted that the organization is a great resource and encouraged others to participate when time permits. He then lauded the Board and staff for having the FY 2018-2019 budget approved before the deadline. He then informed the Board of the ongoing State Review of the Animal Shelter conducted by State Veterinarian Dr. Pat Norris and noted the continued hard work of Assistant County Manager Susan Holder, shelter staff, and others.

**Public Comments**

The Chairman opened the floor for comments and the following were received:

Daren Parker: As most of you know, my family owns Parker Gas Company here in Clinton and in Newton Grove. We also own a cylinder exchange company name Rapid Xchange located on 701 near Keener. We had an incident Friday that was really scary. The incident involved a fire that broke out in part of our facility in the back area, in which two of our employees were burned and were airlifted to UNC Chapel Hill Hospital. The good news is that those individuals did not sustain any life-threatening injuries, they are being treated well, and will hopefully recover fully. It will just take some time. I came here tonight on behalf of my family just to say thank you to this county for what they did for us. It was really amazing to see how professionalism of everyone, from the Fire Department, to the emergency response individuals, to the Emergency Management System. They came in there and took control of that situation.

It was a very critical situation and it would have become a lot worse if they had not done the things they did. And I just felt like it was the right thing to do to come tell you guys that we've got a lot to be proud of in this county. Some things you don't realize until you need them. So, thank you. I really appreciate it. It's really hard for me not to get emotional because it was a tough day. If it hadn't been for the community, volunteers, and paid employees we could have lost a lot more than we did. Thank you so much.

Nancy Gump: Good evening. I'm here just to ask for a modification in the Animal Ordinance regarding the topic of tethering. Tethering being either an animal being chained or tied to a structure. Right now, as the Animal Ordinance currently states, there is no specific length on the tether. And I've communicated and chatted with the Animal Control Officers, and they are supportive in this idea. So, I would like to know where I would need to go for the Board to consider a modification that would specifically state the length of tether.

Chairman Wooten referred Ms. Gump to confer with County Attorney Joel Starling.

### **Adjournment**

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

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The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened as the Sampson County Board of Directors of Sampson County Water and Sewer District II at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 9, 2018 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.

### **Approval of Revised Water Shortage Response Plan**

Public Works Director Lin Reynolds explained that the Water Shortage Response Plan for Water District II was approved by the Board on May 21, 2018 and duly submitted to the State. The State subsequently requested small revisions to the plan, which was re-presented for Board approval.

Assistant County Manager Susan Holder read the suggested changes to Sections VIII and IX:

**VIII. Effectiveness**

*The effectiveness of the Sampson County WDII water shortage response plan will be determined by comparing the stated water conservation goals with observed water use reduction data. Other factors to be considered include frequency of plan activation, any problem periods without activation, total number of violation citations, desired reductions attained and evaluation of demand reductions compared to the previous year's seasonal data.*

**IX. Revision**

*The water shortage response plan will be reviewed and revised as needed to adapt to new circumstances affecting water supply and demand, following implementation of emergency restrictions, and at a minimum of every five years in conjunction with the updating of our Local Water Supply Plan. Further, a water shortage response planning work group will review procedures following each emergency or rationing stage to recommend any necessary improvements to the plan to the Sampson County Board of Commissioners. The Sampson County Public Works Director is responsible for initiating all subsequent revisions.*

Upon a motion made by Chairperson Wooten and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the revised Water Shortage Response Plan and adopt the resolution evidencing such approval (Copies filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_.)

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