Minutes

Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting
Monday, May 5, 2025 at 4:00 PM
Pender County Public Assembly Room
805 S. Walker Street, Burgaw, NC

PRESENT:	Commissioner Brad George Commissioner Jerry Groves Chairman Randy Burton Vice Chair Brent Springer Commissioner Jimmy T. Tate
ABSENT:	
OTHER PRESENT:	Meg Blue, Interim County Manager Trey Thurman, County Attorney Lexi Stanfield, Clerk to the Board Allen Vann, Assistant County Manager Other Staff and Members of the Press and Public

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Burton called the meeting to order at 4:00PM.

2. INVOCATION

Chairman Burton gave the invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Springer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Item 8.1 was tabled until the May 19th Board of Commissioners meeting.

Vice Chair Springer made a motion to adopt the agenda with the tabling of item 8.1.
Commissioner Tate seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

6. PUBLIC INFORMATION

6.1 Local Reentry Council presentation — Sarah Fulton — 3-16

Frankie Roberts, Executive Director of the Local Reentry Council (LINC), presented the item. Roberts explained the mission of LINC, providing support to individuals leaving the prison system and returning to society. LINC has received an award to begin work in Pender County. Linda Thomas, Reentry Coordinator, explained LINC's role, services and programs offered. Michelle Gunn, LINC Deputy Director, reviewed the Nationwide Reentry Program 2023.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Cheryl Highsmith: Pender County Utilities
William Oliphant Jr.: Sheriff's Office issues
William Oliphant III: Sheriff's Office Issues
Kenny Ramsey: Newspapers/Advertisements
Emmaline Kozak: Tourism Department
Michelle Hiiliard: Tourism Department
Terrell Pridgen: HWY421 water access
John Westbrook: Parking in Burgaw
Nancy Ramsey: Newspaper/Advertisement
Mary Tate: Solid Waste Facilities

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Tate made a motion to approve the consent agenda.
Vice Chair Springer seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

8.1	Approval of a Purchase Order for Capital Chevrolet in the amount of $60,584.40.	Alan Cutler	17-18

This item was tabled.

8.2	Approval of Pender County Board of Commissioners Closed Session Minutes from 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009	Lexi Stanfield	19
8.3	March 10, 2025, Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes	Lexi Stanfield	20-30
8.4	Approval of Resolution Establishing the Veterans Commission	Lexi Stanfield	31-34
8.5	Approval of Resolution Establishing the Pender County Beautification Committee	Lexi Stanfield	35-36
8.6	Approval of JCPC Annual Plan	Lexi Stanfield	37-37
8.7	Motor Vehicle Releases and Refunds	Jessica Hudson	58-60

9. APPROVALS AND RESOLUTIONS

9.1	Approval of a Purchase Order to Building Automation Services, LLC. for Transfer Station physical security refresh in the amount of $39,089.51	Marcel Miranda	61-62

Marcel Miranda, ITS Director, presented the item. Miranda reported this item would be new security cameras for the Hampstead Solid Waste facility. Staff put it out to bid, received three quotes, and this was the lowest offer.

Commissioner Groves made a motion to approve.
Commissioner George seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

9.2	Approval of a Budget Amendment and Purchase Order for Compute Infrastructure Replacement to Ark Technology Consulting in the amount of $670,923.00	Marcel Miranda	63-65

This item was tabled until the June 2, 2025, Board of Commissioners Meeting.

9.3	Request for Approval for IKA 40th Anniversary Pyrotechnics Display.	Amy Burton	66-94

Amy Burton, Fire Marshal, presented the item. Burton reported this was a standard firework request for IKA's 40th Anniversary Celebration. All requirements have been met, and a weather analysis will be conducted the day of.

Vice Chair Springer made a motion to approve.
Commissioner Groves seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

10. DISCUSSION

11. APPOINTMENTS

11.1	Appointment to the Pender EMS and Fire Board of Directors	Lexi Stanfield	95-168

Lexi Stanfield, Clerk to the Board, presented the item. Stanfield stated that Chair Burton and Vice Chair Springer had indicated their intent to remain on the Board of Directors for Pender EMS and Fire, so those district applications would not be heard. Stanfield reviewed the applicants for each available district, citing the applicants' employment background, relevant experience, and any social organizations they may be a part of.

Commissioner George made a motion to appoint Kip Boatwright as the District One Representative to the Board of Directors.
Commissioner Groves seconded the motion.
Commissioner George and Groves voted in favor of the motion.
Chair Burton, Vice Chair Springer, and Commissioner Tate voted in opposition to the motion.
The motion failed by a 2-3 vote.

Vice Chair Springer made a motion to appoint Shayne Frey as the District One Representative.
Commissioner Tate seconded the motion.
Commissioner Groves voted in favor of the motion.
Commissioner Tate voted in favor of the motion.
Chair Burton voted in favor of the motion.
Vice Chair Springer voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner George voted in opposition to the motion.
The motion carried by a 4-1 vote.

Commissioner Groves made a motion to appoint James Peay as the District Three Representative.
Commissioner George seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Tate made a motion to appoint Ricky Rivenbark as the District Four Representative.
Vice Chair Springer seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

12. MAPLE HILL WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

13. ROCKY POINT WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

14. SCOTTS HILL WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

15. MOORE'S CREEK WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

16. CENTRAL PENDER WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

17. PENDER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

18. SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

19. ITEMS FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY, COUNTY MANAGER, ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER, & COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Interim County Manager Meg Blue requested the Board go into closed session for item three (3) Attorney Client Privilege and item six (6) Personnel.

County Attorney Trey Thurman also requested the Board go into closed session for item three (3) Attorney Client Privilege and item six (6) Personnel, but added item four (4) Economic Development.

Allen Vann, Assistant County Manager, recognized Lexi Stanfield, Clerk to the Board, for receiving her North Carolina County Clerk Certification.

Commissioner Groves clarified he did not vote to fire Michael Silverman or Andre Hogan, or to freeze funding.

Commissioner George spoke about the deputy injured recently.

Vice Chair Springer spoke about raw sewage.

Chair Burton suggested pruning the Courthouse Square bushes.

20. CLOSED SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)

Vice Chair Springer made a motion to go into closed session for item three (3) Attorney Client Privilege, item four (4) Economic Development, and tem six (6) Personnel.
Commissioner Groves seconded it.
The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chair Springer made a motion to resume open session.
Commissioner Groves seconded it.
The motion carried unanimously.

21. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Springer made a motion to adjourn.
Commissioner Groves seconded it.
The motion carried unanimously.

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