



Minutes

**Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 8, 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

1. 4:00 PM UTILITIES: ANTHONY COLON

Anthony Colon, James Proctor, and Brian Terry reviewed the utilities' budget. Colon is reported the budget is \$620,000.00 less than the year prior. Colon is requesting raises for employees to reduce pay compression. Colon reported the revenue lines and projects within the department. He reviewed the five year plan for utilities, which is currently in year two.

2. 4:40PM SOLID WASTE: SUSAN BARNHILL

Susan Barnhill, Solid Waste Supervisor, reported the Solid Waste budget. Barnhill's budget was straightforward with little change. Barnhill is requesting funding for convenient site cameras and a solid waster director position within the department. The Board discussed the benefits of owning sites rather than leasing. Barnhill answered questions from the Board regarding the contract with GFL and the cleanliness of certain sites.

3. 5:00PM FLEET, FACILITIES, CUSTODIAL GROUNDS: WYATT RICHARDSON

Wyatt Richardson reported the Facilities and Fleet Budget. Richardson reported that the budget did not change much from the previous year. He is requesting to reclassify the assistant director position to deputy director to be aligned with department titles. The contracted services line increases slightly to address non-in-house services. He answered questions regarding take-home vehicles, fleet life cycle, and custodial salaries and retention.

4. 5:20PM PARKS, RECREATION, SHOOTING RANGE: ZACH WHITE

Zach White presented the Parks and Recreation Department budget and the Holly Shelter Shooting Range budget. White reported little change in the budget from the previous year. The Holly Shelter Shooting Range was reported as a break-even budget.

5. 5:45PM BREAK

6. 6:00PM HOUSING: BRI MARTINDALE

This item was moved to the Monday, May 12th, agenda.

7. 6:15PM INSPECTIONS: IVAN BLUME

Ivan Blume, permitting director, presented his budget. Blume is requesting a reclassification of all permitting technicians and asking for one new position. Blume also requested two new vehicles in the budget and to modernize the Hampstead Annex to be more customer-friendly.

8. 6:30PM PLANNING AND HAZARD MITIGATION: DANIEL ADAMS

Daniel Adams, Planning Director, presented the Planning Budget. Adams requested the reclassification of his assistant director to Deputy Director to be aligned with the other departments, otherwise no other enhancements were reported. Adams briefly reviewed housing permit numbers from 2020 to 2025. Retention rates and efficiency were discussed by the Board.

9. 6:45PM JCPC: MEG BLUE

This item was moved to the May 12, 2025, Budget Work Session.

10. 7:00PM DEBT SERVICE: MEG BLUE

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11. 7:15PM NON-DEPARTMENTAL: MEG BLUE

This item was moved to the May 12, 2025, Budget Work Session.

12. 7:30PM OUTSIDE AGENCIES: MEG BLUE

Meg Blue, Interim County Manager and Finance Director, presented this item briefly. The Board requested finance review the different organizations and evaluate whom the County is giving money to, and then present it back to the Board. This item was moved to the May 12, 2025, Budget Work Session.

13. 7:45PM WRAP UP: MEG BLUE

Meg Blue, Interim County Manager and Finance Director, wrapped up the meeting by reviewing changes requested and giving an overview of the next budget work session.

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