Minutes

Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting
Monday, August 4, 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: Margaret Blue, Interim County Manager
Trey Thurman, County Attorney
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

   Commissioner Tate gave the Invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

   Commissioner George made a motion to approve the agenda.
   Commissioner Tate seconded the motion.
   The motion was approved unanimously.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

6. PUBLIC INFORMATION

6.1 Recognition of Mr. James Williams and Presentation of The Order of the Long Leaf Pine — Brian Terry, Anthony Colon

Anthony Colon, Public Utilities Director and Brian Terry, Water & Sewer Superintendent introduced Mr. James Williams and presented him with The Order of the Long Leaf Pine for his exemplary service while employed with the county.

6.2 Pender County Future Leader's Interns summer internship program experience — Kimberly Wickline-Bennett

The summer interns thanked the County for the opportunity while going over some of the things they learned during the experience.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rachelle Whiteside spoke about holding public meetings.
Karen Malloy spoke about holding public meetings.
Amy Jones spoke about holding public meetings.
Charlie Schoomaker spoke about Union Rescue Service.
Martha Daniel spoke about holding public meetings.
Aimee Schooley spoke about holding public meetings.
Betty Schoomaker spoke about Union Rescue Service.
Tom Brown spoke about holding public meetings.
Don Coble spoke about holding public meetings.
Cindy Moore spoke about holding public meetings.
Cheri Proctor spoke about holding public meetings and Board following an ethical manner and procedures.
William Smith spoke about water being supplied to Willard and holding public meetings.
Joan Olsen spoke about holding public meetings and tax assessments.
Kay Walwer spoke about holding public meetings.
Gina Marasco spoke about holding public meetings.
Frankie Suanders spoke about holding public meetings, lawsuits, Pender EMS Fire merger and tax increases.
Michelle Pare spoke about holding public meetings.
Char McClain spoke about holding public meetings.
Donald Hufha spoke about holding public meetings.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Tate made a motion to resind the Noise Ordinance, and to revisit it at the 8/18 meeting.
Commissioner Springer seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Groves made a motion to accept the agenda but to pull 8.4 for discussion.
Commissioners Tate and Springer seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

8.1	Approval request to carry over and re-budget a Purchase Order for sludge removal at the Water Treatment Plant in the amount of $150,000.00	James Proctor
8.2	Approval request to carry over and re-budget a Purchase Order for Material Testing at the Water Treatment Plant in the amount of $3,500	Anthony Colon
8.3	Approval request to carry over and re-budget a Purchase Order for the construction of the Maple Hill Office in the amount of $12,279.24	Anthony Colon

8.4	Approval Request to carry over and re-budget a Purchase Order for the Feasibility Study for Rocky Point Wastewater in the amount of $122,679.85	Anthony Colon

Anthony Colon, Public Utilities Director, presented the item. Commissioner Groves asked for the location of the studies. Colon stated the locations are the Corbett property on Hwy 133, behind Paul's Place on Hwy 133 and the Regional Pump Station.

Commissioner Groves made a motion for approval.
Commissioner Sprigner seconded.
The motion carried unanimously.

8.5	Approval request to carry forward and re-budget the Purchase Order for Clarion Associates, LLC for the Imagine Pender 2050 Comprehensive Land Use Plan Project	Daniel Adams
8.6	Approval to carry over and re-budget a Purchase Order for Compute Infrastructure Replacement in the amount of $88,379.00.	Marcel Miranda
8.7	Approval requested for a Purchase Order to Cardinal Health for vaccines in the amount of $80,000 for FY 25-26	Carolyn Moser
8.8	Approval requested for a Purchase Order to McKesson Medical Surgical in the amount of $60,000 for medical supplies in FY 25-26	Carolyn Moser
8.9	Approval of Purchase Order for the Renewal of ManageEngine Endpoint Central to CDWG in the amount of $35,084.09.	Marcel Miranda
8.10	Approval of Closed Session Minutes from January 2020 through June 2025	Margaret Blue
8.11	Approval of a Purchase Order to SHI International Corp. for the annual renewal of Endpoint Detection & Response (EDR) platform and Identity Threat Protection in the amount of $114,035.51.	Marcel Miranda
8.12	Approval of the Lease Renewal for a portion of the Hampstead Annex for use by the NC Department of Public Safety- Division of Juvenile Justice	Margaret Blue

8.13	Motor Vehicle Releases and Refunds	Jessica Hudson
8.14	Consideration of amendment to the FY25-26 fee schedule for the stormwater review fee as part of development applications	Daniel Adams
8.15	Approval of Purchase Order to Sungate Design Group, PA to provide technical services reviewing stormwater systems within development proposals	Daniel Adams
8.16	Approval to accept and budget $1,500.00 donated by McKim & Creed for the 2025 employee wellness fair to account 425-401002-Employee Wellness Account to be used for purchases associated with the employee wellness fair.	Kimberly Wickline-Bennett
8.17	Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment for Fiscal Year 2025 for the year-end expenses in various funds.	Margaret Blue

9. APPROVALS AND RESOLUTIONS

9.1 Approval to accept $11,950.00 in grant from USTA and approval of budget ordinance amendment — Zach White

Zach White, Parks and Recreation Director, presented the item. White explained the selection process for deciding on where a park/recreation area would be built.

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

9.2 Approval to allocate $28,000.00 from account 063-403300 (Supplies & Materials) for the sole source purchase of laboratory testing supplies from IDEXX Corporation. — Brian Terry

Brian Terry, Water & Sewer Superintendent, presented the item. Terry explained that bacterial logical samples where needed.

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

9.3 Approval of Contract with Union Rescue Squad for $777,380 to provide EMS services in the Union District — Sarah Fulton

Sarah Fulton, Assistant to the County Manager, presented the item. Fulton reviewed the project budget and where the money would come from. She answered questions from the Board.

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

9.4 Amended Noise Ordinance

Commissioner Tate made a motion for the Board to suspend the Amended Noise Ordinance from the July 28th meeting for further discussion. The item was moved to 9.4
Commissioner Springer seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Tate made a motion to delay the implementation of the amended noise ordinance until a more in-depth review could be done.
Commissioner George seconded the motion.
Chairman Burton and Commissioner Springer voted afirmative.
Commissioner Groves voted in oposition.

10. DISCUSSION

11. APPOINTMENTS

11.1 Appointment to the Advisory Board of Health — Tracy Sholders

Tracy Sholders, Interim Clerk, presented the item. Sholders went over the applicants for the open position.

Commissioner Groves made a motion to appoint Samenthia Jones.
Commissioner Tate seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

11.2 Appointment to the Beautification Committee — Tracy Sholders

Tracy Sholders, Interim Clerk, presented the item. Sholders went over the applicants for the two (2) open positions.

Commissioner George made a motion to appoint the two (2) applicants.
Commissioner Groves seconded.
The motion carried unanimously.

11.3 Appointment of the Voting Delegate for the NCACC 118th Annual Conference — Margaret Blue

Margaret Blue, Interim County Manager, presented the item. Blue explained that a voting delegate and alternate were needed for the NCACC Annual Conference.

Commissioner Groves made a motion for Commissioner Springer to be the voting delegate, with Commissioner Springer recommending Commissioner Tate as the alternate.
The motion carried unanimously.

11.4 Appointment of an Interim Clerk to the Board — Margaret Blue

Margaret Blue, Interim County Manager, presented the item. Blue explained that Tracy Sholders had volunteered for the position.

Commissioner Groves made a motion to appoint Tracy Sholders as the interim Clerk to the Board.
Commissioner 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

Carolyn Moser, Health Director, noted she would like to introduce the new DSS Director at the next meeting.

18. SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

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

Trey Thurman, County Attorney, requested the Board go into closed session for item three (3) Attorney Client Privilege, item four (4) Economic Development, item five (5) Acquisition of Real Property, and item six (6) Personnel.

Commissioner Springer made a motion to go into closed session.
Commissioner Tate seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

20. CLOSED SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)

21. 7PM PUBLIC HEARINGS: SPECIAL USE PERMITS/ZONING MAP AMENDMENTS/RESOLUTIONS

22. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:58PM.

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