



Minutes

**Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting
Monday, July 28, 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 Margaret Blue, Interim County Manager
PRESENT: Trey Thurman, County Attorney
Other Staff and Members of the Press and Public

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. INVOCATION

Commissioner George gave the invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner George led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Vice Chair Springer made a motion to adopt the agenda.
Commissioner George seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

6. PUBLIC INFORMATION

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Frankie Saunders spoke about the Pender EMS & Fire and the Pender Post Topsail Local Paper.
Bill McAbee spoke about the noise ordinance.
Julie Walker spoke about the noise ordinance.
Jay Dixon spoke about the noise ordinance.
Chad Nichols spoke about the noise ordinance.
Kenny Fowler spoke about the noise ordinance.
Tim Williams spoke about the noise ordinance.
Trey Cooke spoke about the noise ordinance.

Harrison Foust spoke about the noise ordinance.
Jon Carne spoke about the noise ordinance.
Grady Richardson, attorney, spoke about the noise ordinance.
Jeff Janowski spoke about the noise ordinance.
Diane Gideon spoke about Union Rescue Squad.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

9. APPROVALS AND RESOLUTIONS

9.1 Adoption of Amended Noise Ordinance Margaret Blue
Margaret Blue, Interim County Manager, presented the item. Blue requested the approval of the revised noise ordinance.

Commissioner Groves made a motion to approve.
Commissioner Tate seconded the motion.
Vice Chair Springer voted in favor of the motion.
Chairman Burton and Commissioner George voted in opposition.
The motion carried.

9.2 Approval of Contract and Purchase Order for proposal Pam Brame
from Developmental Associates LLC for assistance in
the hiring of the next County Manager
Pam Brame Human Resources Director, presented the item. Brame requested the Board's approval of a contract and purchase order to hire Developmental Associates LLC for assistance in hiring the next County Manager.

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

9.3 Approval of Budget Amendment Ordinance to finalize Margaret Blue
year-end taxes
Margaret Blue, interim County Manager, presented the item. Blue requested the approval of the Budget Amendment Ordinance to finalize year-end taxes.

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

9.4 Approval of Budget Amendment Ordinance to finalize Margaret Blue
year-end trust account
Margaret Blue, interim County Manager, presented the item. Blue requested the approval of the Budget Amendment Ordinance to finalize year-end trust account.

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

- 9.5 Approval of a Purchase Order to Carolina Advanced Digital (CAD) for Barracuda Total Email Protection for Microsoft Office 365 Annual Support & Maintenance Renewal in the amount of \$73,958.64 Marcel Miranda

Marcel Miranda, IT Director, presented the item. Miranda requested the approval of a Purchase Order to Carolina Advanced Digital (CAD) for email protection, support and maintenance.

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

- 9.6 Approval of a Purchase Order to Carolina Advanced Digital (CAD) for Barracuda Backup Server Annual Support & Maintenance Renewal in the amount of \$48,974.88 Marcel Miranda

Marcel Miranda, IT Director, presented the item. Miranda requested the approval of a Purchase Order to Carolina Advanced Digital (CAD) for backup server support and maintenance.

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

10. DISCUSSION

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

Trey Thurman, County Attorney, requested the Board go into closed session for items three (3) Attorney Client Privilege and six (6) Personnel.

12. CLOSED SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)

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

Commissioner George made a motion to end closed session.
Vice Chair Springer seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Groves made a motion to hire Hartzog Law Group to inquire if Risk Pull can deny the claim.
Vice Chair Springer seconded the motion.
Chairman Burton voted in favor.
Commissioners Tate and George voted in opposition.
The motion carried.

Vice Chair Springer made a motion to appoint Chairman Burton and Vice Chair Springer as the points of contact for the Pender Post lawsuit.
Commissioner Groves seconded the motion.
Chairman Burton voted in favor.

Commissioners Tate and George voted in opposition.
The motion carried.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53PM.

Commissioner Groves made a motion to adjourn.
The motion carried unanimously.

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