



Minutes

**Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 2, 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: Tracy Sholders, Interim Clerk to the Board
Other Staff and Members of the Press and Public

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Burton called the meeting to order at 4PM.

2. INVOCATION

Chairman Burton led the invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Springer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Commissioner George made a motion to adopt the agenda.
Commissioner Groves seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

5.1 Local Match for Pender Adult Services- Transportation Cathy Guidry
Program Application

Cathy Guidry, Pender Adult Services, presented the item. PAS-Tran needs a local match to receive grants. The total match required by the County is \$190,851, but if the state matches, they will need \$100,851. Pas-Tran is open to all Pender County residences, not just the needy.

6. PUBLIC INFORMATION

6.1 Park Projects Update Zach White

Zach White, Parks & Recreation Director, presented the item. White gave an update on Pender County parks. Kiwanis Phase IV grand opening is 9/4/25 at 4:30PM. Central Pender Park Phase 1 is very active and completion is anticipated to be October 2025. Abbey Nature

Reserve is now owned by Pender County and bids will be accepted soon. Commissioner Tate suggested looking at some of the FEMA buyback property to add more water access points to Pender County on the Western side.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rochelle Whiteside spoke about Pender Fire & EMS merger.

Tom Brown spoke about Pender Fire & EMS merger and town hall meetings.

Zach White spoke about the Special Olympics in Pender County.

Martha Daniel spoke about town hall meetings.

Donald Hufham spoke about a building moratorium, water run off, and trash disposal.

Walter Davis spoke about district voting for Pender County.

Rovenia Stringfield spoke about water for her area and ditch cleanouts.

Frankie Saunders spoke about Pender Fire & EMS merger, ditches, transparency and taxes.

George Laakso spoke about Pender Fire & EMS merger.

Lasilo Almasi spoke about volunteering to pick up trash and signs for Pender County.

Sandra Malpass spoke about the Montague trash facility.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Springer made a motion to accept the consent agenda.

Commissioner Tate seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

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| 8.1 | Approval of a Purchase Order to Paragard Direct, and approval as a sole source vendor for Paragard in the amount of \$5,900. | Carolyn Moser |
| 8.2 | Approval of Lease Renewal for Penderland Greenway | Zach White |
| 8.3 | Approval of Surplus Property advertisement for auction – Parcel ID# 4303-06-8842-0000. | Margaret Blue |
| 8.4 | Approval of Surplus Property advertisement for auction – mobile and portable radios. | Margaret Blue |
| 8.5 | Accept \$19,521.60 from Tropical Storm Helene Deployment and approval of budget ordinance amendment. | Tommy Batson |
| 8.6 | Accept \$25,000 from Duke Energy Foundation and approval of budget ordinance amendments | Tommy Batson |
| 8.7 | Approval of FY 2025-26 NCACP Grant Award in the amount of \$13,200.00 | Alan Cutler |

8.8	Approval to accept \$3,627.00 from 1033 Federal Excess Property Program	Alan Cutler
8.9	Approval of Local Match for Pender Adult Services-Transportation Program Application	Sarah Fulton
8.10	Approval of Annual Purchase Orders for Water and Sewer Repair Supplies Inventory to Ferguson Waterworks in the Amount of \$125,000.00 and to Core & Main in the Amount of \$75,000.00 from account 072-403308 (Supplies & Materials - Water Stock Inventory).	Brian Terry
8.11	Motor Vehicle Releases and Refunds	Mark Walker
8.12	Refund/Release Requests for items meeting NC G.S. 105-381	Mark Walker
8.13	Approval of a resolution for the acquisition of real property from the Board of Education	Andy Devane
8.14	Approval to carry forward Housing grant funds into FY 25-26	Margaret Blue

9. APPROVALS AND RESOLUTIONS

9.1	Approval of Purchase Order in the Amount of \$185,189.00 to Universal Chevrolet in Wendell NC for a Specialized Crane Truck for the Centralized Maintenance Departments from Account 065-407403 (Capital Outlay-Vehicles)	Brian Terry
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Brian Terry, Water & Sewer Superintendent, presented the item. Terry explained that this pump was needed to dump the pumps and the current one, once fixed, would be used at smaller pump stations.

Commissioner Tate made a motion for approval.
Commissioner George seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

9.2	Approval of Tower Lease Agreement with Verizon Wireless	Andy Devane
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Andy Devane, Public Safety Communication System Administrator, presented the item. Devane

Commissioner George made a motion for approval.
Commissioner Springer seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

Sarah Fulton

Commissioner Springer made a motion for approval.
Commissioner Groves seconded the motion.
Chairman Burton and Commissioner George voted in affirmation.
Commissioner Tate opposed the motion.
The motion passed 4 to 1.

Brent Springer

11. APPOINTMENTS

Margaret Blue

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

20. CLOSED SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)

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

22. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Groves made a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Tate seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:32PM.

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