



Minutes

Board of County Commissioners Budget Session Meeting
Monday, May 11, 2026 at 4:00 PM
Pender County Public Assembly Room
805 S. Walker Street, Burgaw, NC

PRESENT: Vice Chair Brad George
Commissioner Jerry Groves
Chairman Randy Burton
Commissioner Jimmy T. Tate

ABSENT: Commissioner Brent Springer

OTHER PRESENT: Colby Sawyer, County Manager
Meg Blue, Assistant County Manager
Katie Barber-Jones, Hartzog Law Group
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

Chairman Burton led the invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Groves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PENDER COUNTY SCHOOLS: DR. BREEDLOVE

Dr. Breedlove presented before and after pictures of projects from this past year. Dr. Breedlove explained that their budget process took eight months (8) and they used a zero-based budget process. For the local budget, they were requesting an additional \$7,534,000 and for the capital outlay, they were requesting an additional \$8,693,765.

5. CAPE FEAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE: MORTON

Jim Morton, President of Cape Fear Community College, presented the item. Morton stated their request was for \$782,229, which was mostly due to the new building and the Burgaw Campus needing a new roof costing \$650,000.

6. FIRE-NORTHEAST PENDER (SURF CITY): CHIEF WILSON

Chief Allen Wilson of Northeast Pender Fire (Surf City) presented the item. Chief Wilson went over their budget and requested the same amount as last year, \$300,000.

7. FORESTRY SERVICE: POLUCK

Chief Ranger, Jonathan Poluck, presented the item. Poluck stated their request for this year was for \$333,474 which was slightly down from last year.

8. FIRE-MAPLE HILL: CHIEF MOTLEY

Chief Harold Motley with the Maple Hill Fire Department presented the item. Chief Motley reported there were no changes to the request from last year.

9. FIRE-ATKINSON: CHIEF RETHERFORD

Chief Doyle Retherford with the Atkinson Fire Department presented the item. Chief Retherford went over their staffing and needs. Chief Retherford noted the building had not been renovated since its inception, so they were asking for an additional \$50,000 for that.

10. FIRE-WALLACE: CHIEF RICH

Chief Wayne Rich of the Wallace Fire Department presented the item. Chief Rich was requesting the .07 fire tax they receive from Pender but needed about \$60,000 in total.

11. UNION RESCUE SQUAD: CHIEF GIDDEONS

Chief Diane Giddeons and Assistant Chief of Operations Micheal Gray presented the item. They went over the budget and explained they had made a few more cuts and the budget was now around \$1,080,000.

12. FIRE-ROCKY POINT: CHIEF SHORT

Chief Andrew Short of the Rocky Point Fire Department presented the item. Chief Short noted there were no changes from last year's budget.

13. FIRE-PENDER CENTRAL (BURGAW): CHIEF PREVATTE

Chief Johnathan Prevatte of Pender Central (Burgaw) Fire Department presented the item. Chief Prevatte explained they were requesting an additional \$300,000.

14. FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE: BURTON

Fire Marshal, Amy Burton, presented the item. Burton explained the changes in the budget were for a vehicle replacement, an assistant Fire Marshal and the way forward.

15. CLOSING REMARKS: COLBY SAWYER

The meeting adjourned at 6:21pm.

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