MINUTES
Board of County Commissioners Meeting
Monday, June 5, 2023 4:00 PM
Pender County Public Assembly Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fred McCoy
Jacqueline A. Newton
Jerry Groves
Wendy Fletcher-Hardee
Brad George

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: David Andrews, County Manager
Trey Thurman, County Attorney
Lexi Stanfield, Clerk to the Board
April Radford, Interim Clerk to the Board
Allen Vann, Assistant County Manager
Other Staff and Members of the Press and Public.

1 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Newton called the meeting to order at 4pm.

2 INVOCATION

Vice Chair Hardee led the invocation.

3 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.1 Commissioner McCoy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Fred McCoy, seconded by Jerry Groves

Commissioner McCoy motioned to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Groves seconded the motion.

	For	Against	Abstained	Absent

Fred McCoy	x			
Jacqueline A. Newton	x			
Jerry Groves	x			
Wendy Fletcher-Hardee	x			
Brad George	x			
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CARRIED.

5 PUBLIC HEARING

5.1 Notice of Public Hearing for FY 2023-2024 Budget Ordinance and Fee Schedule

Meg Blue, Finance Director, presented the Notice of Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget Ordinance and Fee Schedule. This is a statutorily obligated Public Hearing. The public did not have any comments as relevant to the budget.

The Board motioned to move the swearing in of Melissa Radke, the new Tax Administrator, to public hearing. Chair Newton led the swearing in of Radke. Afterwards, Radke joined the Board for a picture.

6 PUBLIC INFORMATION

6.1 Tax Department Status Report

Melissa Radke, Tax Admin, gave a status report of the Tax Administration department since she took over. Radke reported that Pender County has 800 permits that need to be checked and entered into the system for valuation. Radke reported the Tax department is understaffed, both the collection and assessing side. Radke reported enforced collections is not being utilized resulting in a lower collection rate. Radke reported these issues seem to be due to a combination of staffing issues and rapid population growth within Pender County. The Tax department currently has four (4) vacancies. Two of these vacancies are in Collections and two are in Assessing. Radke stressed these positions need to be filled to ensure proper functioning of the department.

The Collections side of the department is behind due to inadequate staffing and software issues. Radke reported there are three staff members on this side of the department handling 60,000 tax bills annually. The Collections staff did not receive proper training on the *software utilized resulting in them teaching themselves. Software used does not allow the ability to process garnishments in mass, meaning staff are required to process them individually which takes more time.*

Radke reported the current sales ratio is low (62.66%). The Sales Ratio is the relationship between the current market value and assessed value. Per the NC DOR, if the ratio falls below 90% in 4 or 7 years after a reappraisal, Public Service Company (PSC) Values will be equalized. PSCs are companies such as Duke Energy and Airlines. Radke reported the sales ratio has been low for years, this being the fourth year from reappraisal. Radke reported if a new appraisal is not done soon, Pender County could lose 1.4 million dollars over the next four (4) years. Next appraisal is due by 2027.

Radke stated her plan to get Pender County's tax department on the right track. Radke proposed Pender County hire Vincent Valuations to assist while the Tax Department is short staffed. Radke proposed hiring 2-3 contracted appraisers to work 45 days to catch up on backlogged permits. This would cost Pender County $58,500. Radke stated by adding $32.50 in value to each permit property, the cost of the contracted appraisers would be paid for. Radke also stated she plans to fill the vacancies within the Tax Department. Once fully staffed, the Tax Department will be able to focus on catching up with enforced collections. Radke proposed working with the software vender to get on-site training and put into places needed programing upgrades.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Dennis and Johnathan Mote appeared before the Board to discuss an issue they have with item 9.3 "Approval of Offer & Authorize Closing Process for Sale of Surplus Property - Parcel 2385-65-4988-0000 located off Willard Rd in Union." Johnathan stated he had successfully bid on this property on "govdeals.com" but was locked out of his account. Johnathan Mote stated he spoke with Andy DeVane, Asset Manager, who directed him to appear before the Board. Chair Newton stated the Board does not work with the website. Meg Blue stated the bid was closed but the Board could table the item since there were technical issues with the website and reauction it at a later date. Chair Newton stated the Board would hear the item later in the meeting and would promptly table it so staff could review the issues and take proper action.

8 CONSENT AGENDA

8.1 Approval of MOU with United States Secret Service and Pender County Sheriff's Office - JOPS Funding in the amount of $5,000.00.

8.2 Approval of a Purchase Order to Davenport Group for Sheriff's Office Replacement switches in the amount of $50,500.00.

8.3 Approval of Tax Releases and Refunds

8.4 BOCC Meeting Minutes April 17, 2023

8.5 BOCC Meeting Minutes May 1, 2023

8.6 Consideration of a Budget Ordinance Amendment to Transfer Funds Between Line Items

Moved by Brad George, seconded by Fred McCoy

Motion to approve the consent agenda

	For	**Against**	**Abstained**	**Absent**
Fred McCoy	x			
Jacqueline A. Newton	x			
Jerry Groves	x			
Wendy Fletcher-Hardee	x			
Brad George	x			
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CARRIED.

9 APPROVALS AND RESOLUTIONS

9.1 Resolution Authorizing Approval of Union Rescue Pyrotechnic Display on July 1, 2023, in Accordance with North Carolina General Statute 14-413.

Tommy Batson, EMS Director, introduced Pender County's new Fire Marshall Amy Burton as the presenter. Fire Marshall Burton introduced herself to the Board. Chair Newton noted that Fire Marshall Burton is the first female Fire Marshall for Pender County. Fire Marshall Burton stated she would be presenting both item 9.1 and 9.2. Chair Newton asked who the vendors for both firework displays are. Fire Marshall Burton stated both firework display vendors are Zambelli Fireworks. It was stated that Zambelli meets all liability insurance requirements. Chair Newton stated these items would be voted on separately.

Moved by Fred McCoy, seconded by Wendy Fletcher-Hardee

Commissioner McCoy made a motion to approve item 9.1. Vice Chair Hardee seconded the motion.

	For	**Against**	**Abstained**	**Absent**
Fred McCoy	x			
Jacqueline A. Newton	x			
Jerry Groves	x			
Wendy Fletcher-Hardee	x			
Brad George	x			
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CARRIED.

9.2 Resolution Authorizing Approval of Surf City Pyrotechnic Display on July 3, 2023, in Accordance with North Carolina General Statute 14-413.

Tommy Batson, EMS Director, introduced Pender County's new Fire Marshall Amy Burton as the presenter. Fire Marshall Burton introduced herself to the Board. Chair Newton noted that Fire Marshall Burton is the first female Fire Marshall for Pender County. Fire Marshall Burton stated she would be presenting both item 9.1 and 9.2. Chair Newton asked who the vendors for both firework displays are. Fire Marshall Burton stated both firework display vendors are Zambelli Fireworks. It was stated that Zambelli meets all liability insurance requirements. Chair Newton stated these items would be voted on separately.

Moved by Brad George, seconded by Wendy Fletcher-Hardee

Commissioner George made a motion to approve item 9.2. Vice Chair Hardee seconded the motion.

	For	**Against**	**Abstained**	**Absent**
Fred McCoy	x			
Jacqueline A. Newton	x			
Jerry Groves	x			
Wendy Fletcher-Hardee	x			
Brad George	x			
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CARRIED.

9.3 Approval of Offer & Authorize Closing Process for Sale of Surplus Property - Parcel 3320-82-9153-0000 - At 208 Burgaw Creek Loop, Burgaw

Meg Blue, Finance Director, presented Approval of Offer & Authorize Closing Process for Sale of Surplus Property - Parcel 3320-82-9153-0000 - At 208 Burgaw Creek Loop, Burgaw. This surplus property is a tax foreclosure property from 2018. It is a .3 acre cleared residential lot. The tax value for this property is $2,500. A bid of $3,300 was received.

Moved by Fred McCoy, seconded by Wendy Fletcher-Hardee

Commissioner McCoy motioned to approve the Approval of Offer & Authorize Closing Process for Sale of Surplus Property - Parcel 3320-82-9153-0000 - At 208 Burgaw Creek Loop, Burgaw. Vice Chair Hardee seconded the motion.

	For	**Against**	**Abstained**	**Absent**
Fred McCoy	x			
Jacqueline A. Newton	x			
Jerry Groves	x			
Wendy Fletcher-Hardee	x			
Brad George	x			
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CARRIED.

9.4 Approval of Offer & Authorize Closing Process for Sale of Surplus Property - Parcel 3224-46-2015-0000 at 600 Cheshire Road, Rocky Point

Meg Blue, finance director, presented Approval of Offer & Authorize Closing Process for Sale of Surplus Property - Parcel 3224-46-2015-0000 at 600 Cheshire Road, Rocky Point. This property is a tax foreclosure from 2019. The tax value is listed at $15,055 and a bid was received in the amount of $25,301. This property is a .46 acre wooded lot with a structure on it. The tax office did verify the structure on the property is worth little to nothing.

Moved by Wendy Fletcher-Hardee, seconded by Fred McCoy

Vice Chair Hardee made a motion to approve Approval of Offer & Authorize Closing Process for Sale of Surplus Property - Parcel 3224-

46-2015-0000 at 600 Cheshire Road, Rocky Point. Commissioner McCoy seconded the motion.

	For	**Against**	**Abstained**	**Absent**
Fred McCoy	x			
Jacqueline A. Newton	x			
Jerry Groves	x			
Wendy Fletcher-Hardee	x			
Brad George	x			
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CARRIED.

9.5 Approval of Offer & Authorize Closing Process for Sale of Surplus Property - Parcel 2277-95-0746-0000 on Union Chapel Road in Burgaw

Meg Blue, Finance Director, presented Approval of Offer & Authorize Closing Process for Sale of Surplus Property - Parcel 2277-95-0746-0000 on Union Chapel Road in Burgaw. This property is a 2019 tax foreclosure property. It is a .49-acre wooded lot in a wetlands area with road access. The tax value is listed for $6,175 and a bid for $6,175 was received. Chair newton asked if this property would perc. Blue stated she did not know but the bidder was aware it is the bidder's responsibility to do their due diligence with the property.

Moved by Brad George, seconded by Fred McCoy

Commissioner George made a motion to approve Approval of Offer & Authorize Closing Process for Sale of Surplus Property - Parcel 2277-95-0746-0000 on Union Chapel Road in Burgaw. Commissioner McCoy seconded the motion.

	For	**Against**	**Abstained**	**Absent**
Fred McCoy	x			
Jacqueline A. Newton	x			
Jerry Groves	x			
Wendy Fletcher-Hardee	x			
Brad George	x			
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CARRIED.

9.6 Approval of Offer & Authorize Closing Process for Sale of Surplus Property - Parcel 2268-97-8277-0000 near Bell Williams Rd in Columbia

Meg Blue, Finance Director, presented Approval of Offer & Authorize Closing Process for Sale of Surplus Property - Parcel 2268-97-8277-0000 near Bell Williams Rd in Columbia. This property is a 2019 foreclosure. The tax value was listed at $18,250 and a bid of $18,250 was received. This lot is a .37-acre wooded lot with no apparent road access. The bidder is Clarkson Theophilius.

Moved by Fred McCoy, seconded by Brad George

Commissioner McCoy motioned to approve Approval of Offer & Authorize Closing Process for Sale of Surplus Property - Parcel 2268-97-8277-0000 near Bell Williams Rd in Columbia. Commissioner George seconded the motion.

	For	**Against**	**Abstained**	**Absent**
Fred McCoy	x			
Jacqueline A. Newton	x			
Jerry Groves	x			
Wendy Fletcher-Hardee	x			
Brad George	x			
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CARRIED.

9.7 Notice of Public Hearing for FY 2023-2024 Budget Ordinance and Fee Schedule

Chair Newton noted this item was redundant with the language from a prior agenda item and in efforts to have complete transparency, the item would be tabled until the next Board of County Commissioner's meeting unless there was a reason state not to. Meg Blue, Finance Director, stated the adoption of the budget was advertised two weeks in advance, the agenda on the website, and the agenda given to those in attendance of today's meeting were all advertised correctly. Chair Newton stated she was not comfortable moving forward with the misprint. County Attorney, Trey Thurman agreed with Chair Newton.

Moved by Brad George, seconded by Fred McCoy

Commissioner George made a motion to carry item 9.9 to the June 19th meeting. Commissioner McCoy seconded the motion.

	For	Against	Abstained	Absent
Fred McCoy	x			
Jacqueline A. Newton	x			
Jerry Groves	x			
Wendy Fletcher-Hardee	x			
Brad George	x			
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CARRIED.

9.8 Approval of FY 2023-2024 Capital Improvement Projects Plan

Meg Blue, Finance Director, asked the Board if they would like to table the Approval of FY 2023-2024 Capital Improvement Projects Plan since the previous FY 2023-2024 Budget item was tabled. Chair Newton agreed.

Moved by Brad George, seconded by Wendy Fletcher-Hardee

Commissioner George made a motion to carry item 9.10 Approval of FY 2023-2024 Capital Improvement Projects Plan to the June 19th, 2023, meeting. Vice Chair Hardee seconded the motion.

	For	Against	Abstained	Absent
Fred McCoy	x			
Jacqueline A. Newton	x			
Jerry Groves	x			
Wendy Fletcher-Hardee	x			
Brad George	x			
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CARRIED.

9.9 Consideration of Approval of a Contract for Construction of Storage Building at Biberstein Annex

Buddy Avery, Project Manager, presented Consideration of Approval of a Contract for Construction of Storage Building at Biberstein Annex. Avery noted the need for the building and the previous steps taken to get to this point of construction. There were three bids returned from the RFP submitted. Masonboro Construction was the lowest bidder and who Avery is recommending the Board approve. Commissioner McCoy asked about the demolition process. Avery answered stating a building and some trees would need to be removed.

Moved by Fred McCoy, seconded by Brad George

Commissioner McCoy made a motion to approve the Consideration of Approval of a Contract for Construction of Storage Building at Biberstein Annex. Commissioner George seconded the motion.

	For	**Against**	**Abstained**	**Absent**
Fred McCoy	x			
Jacqueline A. Newton	x			
Jerry Groves	x			
Wendy Fletcher-Hardee	x			
Brad George	x			
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CARRIED.

9.10 Approval of Conceptual Changes to FY24 Solid Waste Fees

Susan Barnhill and Katie Leubner, Solid Waste Coordinator and Project Manager respectively, presented the Approval of Conceptual Changes to FY24 Solid Waste Fees. Leubner stated the decals for this year are based on the 2022 tax forms filed by Pender County residents however, when the tax records were received, they were out of date. The records were showing duplicate properties in the system so some residents were accidentally deleted and received zero decals whereas other residents received an excessive amount. Solid Waste staff have met with the tax office and are working hard to correct these issues. Currently Pender County has two decals. the $220 which are full use decals and the $110 which is for recycling only. Vice Chair asked how the decals are assigned. Leubner stated the decals are based on what code the tax office assigns a resident's property. Chair Newton asked if it was possible to have a grace period for residents who have not received their decals. Barnhill addressed Chair Newton stating a grace period was already given from March 31st until May 31st. Chair Newton and Vice Chair Hardee expressed their concern with residents not receiving their stickers via mail and not knowing the new decals have been sent out. Leubner stated if approved, going forward Pender County would upgrade from two different fees ($220 and $110) to a one fee system of $200. Chair Newton agreed on the basis another grace period was granted until the decal issues were resolved.

Moved by Fred McCoy, seconded by Jerry Groves

Commissioner McCoy made a motion to approve the Approval of Conceptual Changes to the FY24 Solid Waste Fees. Commissioner Groves seconded the motion.

	For	**Against**	**Abstained**	**Absent**
Fred McCoy	x			
Jacqueline A. Newton	x			
Jerry Groves	x			
Wendy Fletcher-Hardee	x			
Brad George	x			
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CARRIED.

9.11 HR Policy Revision for Medicare Eligible Employees

Pam Brame, Human Resources Director, presented the HR Policy Revision for Medicare Eligible Employees. Brame stated this is an amendment to the Pender County Personnel Policy under article 9 section 2. Medicare Eligible County employees would have a choice to stay on the County State Health Plan or have the option to enroll in Medicare Plan B (medical), Plan D (prescription), G (supplement), and/or Plan A (hospitalization). The County would reimburse the monthly premium expense up to the amount the County currently pays for these employees to be on the County State Health Plan. This year that amount is *584.96/month per employee. This would give the Medicare eligible employees the option to choose. On the state Health Plan employees would be able to cover dependents. The Medicare option would only cover county employees. Brame went over scenarios in which this revision could save the County money. Brame answered questions from the Board.

Moved by Wendy Fletcher-Hardee, seconded by Jerry Groves

Motion to approve HR Policy Revision for Medicare Eligible Employees

	For	**Against**	**Abstained**	**Absent**
Fred McCoy	x			
Jacqueline A. Newton	x			
Jerry Groves	x			
Wendy Fletcher-Hardee	x			

Brad George	x			
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CARRIED.

9.12 Approval of FY 2023-2024 Budget Ordinance and Fee Schedule

Tabled until the next Board of County Commissioner Meeting on June 19, 2023.

A motion was made to table the approval of the FY 2023-2024 Budget Ordinance and Fee Schedule. The motion was seconded. That motion was unanimously adopted.

10 DISCUSSION

11 APPOINTMENTS

11.1 Peggy Arsenault Reappointment for TDA Board

Commissioner George motioned to reappoint Peggy Arsenault to the Tourism Development Authority Board for the Resident Position. Commissioner McCoy seconded the motion. Ms. Arsenault was first appointed to the TDA Board 08/07/2022 and served as a Collector. Ms. Arsenault will serve a three-year term that will expire on August. 31, 2026.

Moved by Brad George, seconded by Fred McCoy

Motion to reappoint Peggy Arsenault to the TDA Board

CARRIED.

11.2 James Peay Board Reappointment for EMS and Fire Board of Directors

Commissioner Groves made a motion to reappoint James Peay to the Pender EMS and Fire Board of Directors. Commissioner Hardee seconded the motion. Mr. Peay has served two terms on the Pender EMS and Fire Board of Directors. Mr. Peay will serve a three-year term that will expire on May 31, 2025. Mr. Peay has already served one year of his new term.

Moved by Jerry Groves, seconded by Wendy Fletcher-Hardee

Motion to reappoint James Peay tot he EMS and Fire Board of Directors

CARRIED.

11.3 Amery Wells Board Appointment for ABC Board

Commissioner George made a motion to appoint Amery Wells to the ABC Board. Commissioner Groves seconded the motion. Mr. Wells will serve a three-year term that will expire on May 31, 2026.

Moved by Brad George, seconded by Jerry Groves

Motion to appoint Amery Wells to the ABC Board

CARRIED.

11.4 Loretta Schmitzer Board Appointment for TDA Board

Vice Chair Hardee moved to appoint Loretta Schmitzer to the Tourism Development Authority Board. Commissioner Groves seconded the motion. Ms. Schmitzer will serve a three-year term that will expire on August 31, 2026.

Moved by Wendy Fletcher-Hardee, seconded by Jerry Groves

Motion to appoint Loretta Schmitzer to the TDA Board

CARRIED.

11.5 Ashley Milam Appointment for Library Board

Commissioner Groves made a motion to appoint Ashley Milam to the Library Board. Vice Chair Hardee seconded the motion. Milam will serve a three-year term that will expire on May 31, 2026.

Moved by Jerry Groves, seconded by Wendy Fletcher-Hardee

Motion to appoint Ashley Milam to the Library Board

CARRIED.

12 MAPLE HILL WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

13 ROCKY POINT WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

Chair Newton opened the meeting up as Rocky Point Water and Sewer District at 5:30PM.

13.2 Approve Resolution Accepting the Deed of Dedication of Water Distribution System for Bridgewater Landing

Kenny Keel, Utilities Director, presented both Approve Resolution Accepting the Deed of Dedication of Water Distribution System for Bridgewater Landing and Approve Resolution Accepting the Deed of Dedication of Water Distribution System for Carolina Creek Phase 4, 5, & 6. The resolutions are in regard to the Deed of Dedication of Water Distribution System improvements. This has been approved by the state and inspected by Pender County. It is ready for improvements to be implemented. These improvements will not cost the county money with the exception of any future maintenance. Chair Newton asked when this distribution system was created. Keel stated it was completed this calendar year. Chair Newton stated these items, although discussed simultaneously, will be voted on separately.

Commissioner George made a motion to approve Resolution Accepting the Deed of Dedication of Water Distribution System for Bridgewater Landing. Vice Chair Hardee seconded the motion.

	For	**Against**	**Abstained**	**Absent**
Fred McCoy	x			
Jacqueline A. Newton	x			
Jerry Groves	x			
Wendy Fletcher-Hardee	x			
Brad George	x			
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CARRIED.

13.3 Approve Resolution Accepting the Deed of Dedication of Water Distribution System for Carolina Creek Phase 4, 5, & 6

Moved by Brad George, seconded by Fred McCoy

Commissioner George made a motion to approve Resolution Accepting the Deed of Dedication of Water Distribution System for Carolina Creek Phase 4, 5, & 6. Commissioner McCoy seconded the motion.

	For	**Against**	**Abstained**	**Absent**
Fred McCoy	x			
Jacqueline A. Newton	x			
Jerry Groves	x			

Wendy Fletcher-Hardee	x			
Brad George	x			
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CARRIED.

14 SCOTTS HILL WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

15 MOORES CREEK WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

16 CENTRAL PENDER WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

17 PENDER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

18 SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

19 PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Clifford read a statement on behalf of 532 Carl Meeks Rd, also known as Copperhead Ranch. Clifford is a part owner of the property. Clifford spoke about complaints received in regard to the noise of motorbikes being used on the rental property. Clifford stated the efforts put into lessening the amount of noise coming from the bikes such as limited the hours of use from 10am-5pm. He also noted that he and other owners have received backlash. Clifford expressed that he and the other owners do not wish to fight but join the community. Clifford thanked the Board for listening.

20 ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY, COUNTY MANAGER, ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGERS, & COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

20.1 Resolution Appointing Melissa Radke as Tax Administrator

This item was moved to the Public Hearing section of the Board of County Commissioners meeting.

20.2 Order of Collection Authorizing, Empowering, and Commanding the Tax Administrator to Collect the Taxes set forth in the County's tax records.

This item was moved to the Public Hearing section of the Board of County Commissioners meeting.

David Andrews, County Manager, gave a shout out to County Attorney Trey Thurman, Staff Attorney Patrick Buffkin, and Asset Manager Andy DeVane for getting the property transferred to the Board of Education. Chair Newton asked

about the cell tower property. Trey Thurman stated the state owns and will maintain the tower, but Pender County owns the land. Chair Newton asked about the other transfer properties. Manager Andrews stated they are still a work in progress.
Chair Newton stated her appreciation for the hard work and effort put into the new upcoming budget.
Allen Vann, Assistant County Manager, updated the Board on the new Public Defender's office and the upcoming open house on June 28th from 3p-5p.
Trey Thurman stated the feedback he has received regarding the Public Defender's office has been positive. Attorney Thurman also spoke about the updated wetlands law. Daniel Adams, Planning Director, assisted Thurman in explaining the changes. Attorney Thurman also stated the 7pm Public Hearing would not be taking place this evening because the judge associated with that item needed more time.
Commissioner George stated there was an accident in Hampstead earlier in the week, and that he heard and understood the concerns of residents. Commissioner George urged his fellow board members to advocate for more patrol in that area. He also noted the congestion of traffic that occurs in that area.
Vice Chair Hardee responded to Commissioner George stating there was a WNPO meeting this past week and the bypass is moving forward as scheduled which should help with the traffic.
Commissioner McCoy stated tomorrow is the Anniversary of Storming Normandy in France.
Vice Chair Hardee stated WNPO is working on many projects that will hopefully help the flow of traffic not only in Pender County but also to and from Wilmington. Vice Chair Hardee also stated she is looking to appoint a citizen the WNPO Advisory Board.
Commissioner Groves stated he recently attended the 100 County Emergency Management Training in Raleigh and he agrees with Commissioner Groves that everyone needs to work together.
Chair Newton spoke about her experience at the Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority meeting that took place this morning.

21 CLOSED SESSION (IF APPLICABLE).

Moved by Fred McCoy, seconded by Wendy Fletcher-Hardee

Commissioner McCoy made a motion to go into closed session for item (3) Attorney Client Privilege. Vice Chair Hardee seconded the motion.

	For	**Against**	**Abstained**	**Absent**
Fred McCoy	x			
Jacqueline A. Newton	x			

Jerry Groves	x			
Wendy Fletcher-Hardee	x			
Brad George	x			
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CARRIED.

22 7PM PUBLIC HEARINGS: SPECIAL USE PERMITS/ZONING MAP AMENDMENTS/ RESOLUTIONS

22.1 SUP 2022-35 - Special Use Permit Request for the Construction and Operation of a Solar Farm in the Burgaw, Columbia, and Union Townships. On Remand from the Superior Court by Order Issued May 22, 2022 (22 CVS 1029)

This item was not presented to the Board. Please see section 20 of minutes for more details.

23 ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner George made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Hardee Seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:07PM.

Moved by Brad George, seconded by Wendy Fletcher-Hardee

Commissioner George made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Hardee Seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:07PM

	For	Against	Abstained	Absent
Fred McCoy	x			
Jacqueline A. Newton	x			
Jerry Groves	x			
Wendy Fletcher-Hardee	x			
Brad George	x			
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CARRIED.