



MINUTES
Board of County Commissioners Meeting
Monday, May 1, 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

1.1 Call to order

Chairwoman Newton called to order at 4:00pm.

2 INVOCATION

2.1 Invocation

Commissioner George led the invocation.

3 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner McCoy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

4.1 Approval of Agenda.

Moved by Fred McCoy, seconded by Brad George

Motion by Commissioner McCoy to approve the minutes with the removal of item 5.2, seconded by Commissioner George.

	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 INFORMATION

5.1 Proclamation to Rank of Eagle Scout

Chairwoman Newton introduced Eagle Scout Abigail Holloman. Ms. Holloman informed the Board and public of the work she did at Veterans Memorial Park to earn her Eagle Scout Badge. Chairwoman Newton presented Ms. Holloman with the North Carolina State flag and signed Proclamation.

5.2 Resolution to Senate Bill 673

Resolution to Senate Bill 673 was removed from agenda.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

6.1 Public Comments for Agenda Items

There were no public comments for agenda items.

7 CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Wendy Fletcher-Hardee, seconded by Fred McCoy

Motion by Vice Chair Hardee to approve consent agenda. Seconded by Commissioner McCoy.

	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.

- 7.2 Approval of March 13 and April 3 Minutes
- 7.3 Approval of a Budget Amendment to Budget Foster Children Donation Monies Received: \$500
- 7.4 Approval of \$43,015 Increase to PO# 52 to 274 Construction Group for Change Order to the Pender Commerce Park Water & Sewer Extensions Project
- 7.5 Approval of BOA for closing transfer for PCU project
- 7.6 Approval of Surplus Property Advertisement for Auction - Listed Parcels
- 7.7 Approval of Tax Releases and Refunds

8 APPROVALS AND RESOLUTIONS

- 8.1 Resolution to Request Approval to Increase Purchase Order to Cape Fear Engineering by \$63,000 to conduct Environmental Investigation Services.

Moved by Brad George, seconded by Fred McCoy

Mrs. Moser asked Buddy to present the increase purchase of PO by \$63,000 by areas of concern funding was needed. There were no questions from the board. Motioned by Commissioner George to approve the increase the PO by \$63,000. Seconded by Commissioner McCoy.

	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.

8.2 Request Approval of FY 2023-2024 Pender County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council's Annual Plan, Funding Recommendation and Board Members

Moved by Fred McCoy, seconded by Brad George

Mrs. Turner requested approval of FY 2023-2024 Pender County JCPC Annual Plan. Mrs. Turner answered questions from the board about RFPs and funding. RFPs were advertised only on the website and shared by Pender County JCPC board members. Motioned by Commissioner McCoy to approve the plan. Seconded by Commissioner George.

	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.

8.3 Consideration of Cooperative Agreement with the North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency for the implementation of their Strategic Buyout Program

Mr. Adams presented a follow up to a presentation made to the board at 1/17/2023 meeting by Maggie Battaglin with the NC Office of Recovery and Resiliency. The request is to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Strategic Buyout Program in Pender County. Part of the recovery efforts from Hurricane Florence. The program is fully grant funded and operational by the state

Mr. Adams introduced Ms. Maggie Battaglin to address questions from the board about change on the buyout program due to flooding. The grant is a voluntary program for Hurricanes Matthew and Florence. They cannot buy out the same property twice. If lot is over 5 acers they will coordinate with local officials to insure that purchase of the property is supportive of local resilience plans. When property is bought out it is removed from property tax rolls.

Deed restrictions to restrict future development on the lot are placed on the land once bought out. There is a generous incentive package to encourage to relocate back in Pender County to help minimize the financial hits to Pender Counties tax base.

Motion by Commissioner McCoy to approve Cooperative Agreement with the North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency for the implementation of their Strategic Buyout Program, seconded by Vice-Chair Hardee.

- 8.4 Approval of Purchase Order to Performance Automotive for the purchase of 9 (nine) 2023 Dodge Charger Pursuit Patrol Vehicles in the amount of \$428,000.00.

Moved by Jerry Groves, seconded by Fred McCoy

Mr. Cutler requested approval of PO to Performance Automotive for the purchase of 9 (nine) 2023 Dodge Charger Pursuit Patrol Vehicles in the amount of \$428,000.00 using an advancement on next year's fund balance. The cruisers were from a local dealership. If the cruisers were not bought through the local dealership, it would be 18-24 months before cars would be available. Mr. Cutler addressed questions from the Board. Commissioner Groves motioned to approve PO to Performance Automotive for the purchase of 9 (nine) 2023 Dodge Charger Pursuit Patrol Vehicles in the amount of \$428,000.00. 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 DISCUSSION

10 APPOINTMENTS

10.1 Appointment to the Board of Adjustment

Moved by Brad George, seconded by Fred McCoy

Mr. Adams requested the appointment of Mr. Gregory Sloan for Board of Adjustment from 3-year term. Mr. Adams addressed questions from the Board. Commissioner George motioned to table request until the next meeting on May 15, 2023 to allow for more research.

	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.

11 MAPLE HILL WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

12 ROCKY POINT WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

13 SCOTTS HILL WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

14 MOORES CREEK WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

15 CENTRAL PENDER WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

16 PENDER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

16.1 Presentation of 2022 Community Health Assessment

Moved by Brad George, seconded by Wendy Fletcher-Hardee

Commissioner George motioned to continue item 16.1 until May 15th, 2023. Seconded by Vice Chair Hardee.

	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.

17 SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

18 PUBLIC COMMENT

**19 ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY, COUNTY MANAGER,
ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGERS, & COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

20 CLOSED SESSION (IF APPLICABLE).

Moved by Brad George, seconded by Wendy Fletcher-Hardee

Motioned by Commissioner George to go into closed session. Seconded by Vice Chair Hardee. They went into closed session at 4:47pm.

	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.

20.2 End Closed Session

Motion by Vice-Chair Hardee to end closed session at 6:25PM,
seconded by Commissioner McCoy.

Motioned by Vice Chair Hardee at 6:25 pm, seconded by Commissioner McCoy.

CARRIED.

21 ADJOURNMENT

21.1 Adjournment

Moved by Wendy Fletcher-Hardee, seconded by Fred McCoy

Motioned by Vice Chair Hardee to adjourn at 6:25pm. 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			
	5	0	0	0

CARRIED.