MINUTES
Board of County Commissioners Meeting
Monday, June 6, 2022 4:00 PM
Pender County Public Assembly Room

MEMBERS PRESENT:	George Brown Fred McCoy Jacqueline A. Newton David Piepmeyer David Williams
MEMBERS ABSENT:	
OTHERS PRESENT:	Chad McEwen, County Manager Trey Thurman, County Attorney Tera Cline, Clerk to the Board Doug Shipley, Assistant County Manager Allen Vann, Assistant County Manager Other Staff and Members of the Press and Public.

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1 CALL TO ORDER

Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM

2 INVOCATION

Commissioner Newton

3 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Brown

4 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

4.1 Motion to adopt agenda.

Moved by Jacqueline A. Newton, seconded by David Williams

Motion Approved

	For	Against	Abstained	Absent
George Brown	x			

Fred McCoy	x			
Jacqueline A. Newton	x			
David Piepmeyer	x			
David Williams	x			
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CARRIED.

5 PUBLIC HEARING

5.1 Public Hearing Proposed FY 2022-2023 Budget and Economic Development and Economic Incentive Appropriations for FY 2022-23 DRAFT BUDGET AVAILABLE TO VIEW IN THE COUNTY MANAGERS OFFICE LOCATED AT 805 S. WALKER STREET BURGAW, NC or ONLINE AT https://www.pendercountync.gov/

Chad McEwen, County Manager, stated that under statutory obligations we are disclose the budget in regards to economic development or economic development incentive appropriations within the FY 22-23 Budget. There are no direct appropriations for specific projects. There are stand partners, the economic development partners that we traditionally work with our our economic development corporations like Wilmington, business Development, North Carolina, Southeast, Southeastern Economic Development Commission, all of those agencies and their distributions are contractual. Distributions are listed in the budget and budget has been available for public view consideration, but couldn't hard copy as well as online.

Mike Korn, Hwy 117 Burgaw, stated he wanted to address the board about the budget, specifically for the Sherriff's office. The Sheriff's Office is very important to the people and first of all, he states he did send a letter. At first, then sent an email and this was in the email. Then he sent a letter and hand delivered it to everyone on the board here, including the manager and the sheriff. Stated he did not get one reply. Law enforcement in Pender County. You've seen the news. You know what's going on. You've seen the things that are very harmful and going on out here in the general public. The fentanyl, the drug problem, the opioids, especially sheriff's offices, unable to respond to most of what we have here in the time we've manner and with the the burglaries. They they are very overburdened. They take reports and they send them to detectives. And they have to decide what they're gonna do and what they're not gonna do. It's it's very shameful situation that we're in and that people need to understand that a proactive professional patrol division would be very beneficial. The things that are happening now here now with the Sheriff's Office having a multiple car wrecks and things like that happen, the officers being injured and stuff like that, that does nothing but cause the county more expenses, more hardship.

Patricia Koluch,125 Spring Chase, expressed her concerns with the Sherriff's office budget and what is being done to fight overdoses in Pender County. Somebody's got to stand up here and speak for the citizens of Pender County. She did about the drug addiction. She stated she has not heard any news from the health department. She has called and left messages. She was trying to find the numbers on the deaths related which should believe you all here. Ask them about that. About two months ago. She said she has not heard anything about the drug death overdose in Pender County.

Public Hearing is closed.

Moved by David Williams, seconded by Fred McCoy

Motion to approve economic development budget.

	For	**Against**	**Abstained**	**Absent**
George Brown	x			
Fred McCoy	x			
Jacqueline A. Newton	x			
David Piepmeyer	x			
David Williams	x			
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CARRIED.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT

Carla Cotton, 83 Hawk Hollow Trail, stated she was in a car accident in front of Heidi Trask High School and the first person that she saw was a Pender County Animal control officer. It was not his job to stop and help, but he did. our Pender County law enforcement, see us at our very worst. They help us when we're hurt or victimized. She went over some statistics she found with the board and shared her concerns for pay of law enforcement in Pender County.

7 CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 Approval of Tax Releases and Refunds

7.2 Approval of a Budget Amendment for DSS Trust Fund Representative Payee through end of fiscal year

7.3 Approval of a Budget Amendment for EMS & Fire Tax Collections through end of fiscal year

7.4 Approval of a Budget Amendment for Jail Inmate Trust Fund through end of fiscal year

7.5 Approval of a Budget Amendment for proceeds from sale of surplus property to go back into General Fund Fund Balance

7.6 Approval of a Budget Amendment for Town Tax Collections through end of fiscal year

7.7 Approval of Surplus Property Advertisement for Auction - 4131 US Hwy 117, Rocky Point

7.8 Approval of the Board of Commissioner Meeting Minutes May 16, 2022

7.10 Consent Agenda approval

Moved by David Williams, seconded by George Brown

Motion to approve consent agenda

	For	**Against**	**Abstained**	**Absent**
George Brown	x			
Fred McCoy	x			
Jacqueline A. Newton	x			
David Piepmeyer	x			
David Williams	x			
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CARRIED.

8 APPROVALS AND RESOLUTIONS

8.1 Notice of Intent to File for 2022 School Bond and Reimbursement Resolutions

Chad McEwen, County Manager, introduced a resolution of intent to proceed with the referendum on the general obligation bonds for school facilities. The referendum will be on the November 8th 2022 ballot in the amount of 178 million. We will move forward to outline our intent to apply with the LGC for bonds related to that vote in November. Assuming that the vote is approved and directing staff to work with Sanford Hauser as well as the LGC. The second part is notice to apply with the LGC for approval of general obligation school bonds in the amount of $178 million. Any citizen or taxpayer of Pender County can contact the NC Local Government Commission in Raleigh within 7 days of this notice with a written statement of any objections regarding the issuance of these bonds. The next portion is the reimbursement resolution for the bond proceed or for the bond its proved authorizing the county reimburse itself for early project expenses for later finance pursuits. If the voters fail to approve the general obligation bond the county will either have to use alternative financing or forego reimbursement for the project cost. The recommendation is to approve all three portions of this resolution related to the 2022 school bond and reimbursement resolutions. There was discussion on the need for this bond and the effect it will have on the taxpayers.

Moved by David Williams, seconded by Jacqueline A. Newton

Motion Approved

	For	**Against**	**Abstained**	**Absent**
George Brown	x			
Fred McCoy	x			
Jacqueline A. Newton	x			
David Piepmeyer	x			
David Williams	x			
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CARRIED.

8.2 Bond Counsel Engagement Letter Pender County School Bond 2022

Chad McEwen, County Manager, shared the proposed school bond engagement letter with Sanford Holshouser outlining the roles and the scope and fee structures.

Moved by George Brown, seconded by Fred McCoy

Motion approved

	For	**Against**	**Abstained**	**Absent**
George Brown	x			
Fred McCoy	x			
Jacqueline A. Newton	x			
David Piepmeyer	x			
David Williams	x			
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CARRIED.

8.3 Adoption of FY 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance and Fee Schedule 13 - 24

Chad McEwen, County Manager, stated the budget is balanced. There are no tax increases other than the two cent requested by Burgaw related to Pender Central Fire District. The overall general fund budget is 84 million, The fund balance was not appropriated to balance the budget even with the recent request by the sheriff's office and Pender Fire and EMS for pay increases by adjusting some revenue numbers and making cuts to county departments. Mr. McEwen stated that a 5% COLA is being proposed as part of this budget. The sheriff's department staff is receiving the 5% COLA and an additional $342,000.00 was included for market adjustments related to the spreadsheet that was provided. Additionally 3.7 million of additional funding is being provided by direction of the board. He stated as discussed before that this is not going to be a sustainable approach in terms of budgeting. There was discussion in regards to surrounding counties giving increases and that the BOCC does not dictate how these funds are spent.

Moved by David Williams, seconded by George Brown

Motion approved

	For	**Against**	**Abstained**	**Absent**
George Brown	x			
Fred McCoy	x			
Jacqueline A. Newton	x			
David Piepmeyer	x			
David Williams	x			
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CARRIED.

Signed Budget ordinance 21-22

8.4 Approval of Budget Amendment and Purchase Order for Demolition Contract for Long Creek and select Tax Foreclosures with 4 Seasons Demolition in response to RFP #220512-228

Zach White, Parks and rec, stated this agenda item is for the purchase order, for the demolition of the old Long Creek School property and several vacant foreclosure properties owned by the county. The buildings that are still on site at Long Creek as well as the seven of our tax foreclosures that still have a vacant structures on them. Emergency

Management and the fire Marshall's office did control burns at the location as part of a training exercise.

Moved by George Brown, seconded by David Williams

Motion approved

	For	Against	Abstained	Absent
George Brown	x			
Fred McCoy	x			
Jacqueline A. Newton		x		
David Piepmeyer	x			
David Williams	x			
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CARRIED.

8.5 Approval of Budget Ordinance Amendment for Penderlea Community Park

Zach White, Parks and rec, requested approval for a budget ordinance amendment for the Penderlea Community Park. Due to supply chain issues and securing a contractor for the restroom and picnic shelter that was approved in the current budget he is requesting $100,000 approved in the Parks and Recreation capital outlay fund be moved to the Penderlea Community Park fund.

Moved by Jacqueline A. Newton, seconded by David Williams

Motion Approved

	For	Against	Abstained	Absent
George Brown	x			
Fred McCoy	x			
Jacqueline A. Newton	x			
David Piepmeyer	x			
David Williams	x			
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CARRIED.

8.6 Award of Contract for Architectural and Engineering Design of future Health & Human Services Building with Bobbitt Construction in response to RFQ #220318-224

Carolyn Moser, Health Director, approval of contract for architectural and engineering design of the health and human services building to Bobbitt construction in response to RFQ #220318-224. Ms. Moser stated that 47% of the project will be funded by the state. She stated that all Medicaid revenues have been put into an escrow in the amount of $6 Million dollars. The land is already owned by the county

Moved by George Brown, seconded by Jacqueline A. Newton

Motion approved

	For	**Against**	**Abstained**	**Absent**
George Brown	x			
Fred McCoy	x			
Jacqueline A. Newton	x			
David Piepmeyer	x			
David Williams	x			
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CARRIED.

9 DISCUSSION

10 APPOINTMENTS

10.1 Approval to remove District 1 Appointee to the ABC Board and "At Large" appointee on the Tourism Development Authority

Commissioner David Williams made a recommendation to the board to remove the appointed District 1 person on the ABC board and the at-large person on the Tourism Development Authority board due to improper statements in regards to the BOCC.

Moved by David Williams, seconded by George Brown

Motion approved

	For	**Against**	**Abstained**	**Absent**
George Brown	x			
Fred McCoy	x			
Jacqueline A. Newton	x			
David Piepmeyer	x			
David Williams	x			
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CARRIED.

10.2 Approval of Appointment of Vice Chairman for the the Pender County Board of County Commissioners

Vote for new vice chairman will be added to the June 20th Agenda.

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

17 SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

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

Trey Thurman, attorney, stated opioid money is coming and items for closed session are Items 3 attorney client, item 4 economic development and item 6 personnel.

Commissioner McCoy congratulated Chad McEwen on his award from the Burgaw Chamber of Commerce for all his effort and great work for the county. Mr. McCoy noted that June 6th is D-day.

Commissioner Newton stated that the farmers market in Burgaw on Saturday was a great event.

19 CLOSED SESSION (IF APPLICABLE).

19.1 Motion to enter into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11: 3) To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged. General policy matters may not be discussed in a closed session and nothing herein shall be construed to permit a public body to close a meeting that otherwise would be open merely because an attorney employed or retained by the public body is a participant. The public body may consider and give instructions to an attorney concerning the handling or settlement of a claim, judicial action, mediation, arbitration, or administrative procedure. If the public body has approved or considered a settlement, other than a malpractice settlement by or on behalf of a hospital, in closed session, the terms of that settlement shall be reported to the public body and entered into its minutes as soon as possible within a reasonable time after the settlement is concluded; 4) To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations. The action approving the signing of an economic development contract or commitment, or the action authorizing the payment of economic development expenditures, shall be taken in an open session; and 6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. General personnel policy matters may not be considered in a closed session. A public body may not consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, appointment, or removal of a member of the public body or another body and may not consider or fill a vacancy among its own membership except in an open meeting. Final action making an appointment or discharge or removal by a public body having final authority for the appointment or discharge or removal shall be taken in an open meeting.

Moved by George Brown, seconded by David Williams

Motion to enter closed session at 5:57 PM

	For	**Against**	**Abstained**	**Absent**
George Brown	x			
Fred McCoy	x			
Jacqueline A. Newton	x			
David Piepmeyer	x			
David Williams	x			
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CARRIED.

20 NEXT MEETING DATE

June 20, 2022
4:00 PM
805 S. Walker Street
Burgaw NC

BOCC Meeting Room

21 ADJOURNMENT

PENDER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
FISCAL YEAR 2021 – 2022 BUDGET ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Pender County, North Carolina as follows:

Section 1A. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund (Fund #10) for the operation of the County Government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, in accordance with the Chart of Accounts heretofore established for Pender County:

Pender County Schools	$21,720,842
Pender County Schools Capital Outlay	2,917,084
Cape Fear Community College	620,286
Board of Commissioners	244,791
County Manager	592,843
Human Resources	409,469
County Attorney	136,755
Finance	891,944
Information Technology	2,375,144
Board of Elections	383,192
Register of Deeds	1,567,839
Tax Administration	1,752,641
Planning & Community Development	668,486
Permitting & Inspections	1,510,500
Parks & Recreation	686,873
JCPC Programs	211,315
Shooting Range	168,245
Library	954,391
Facilities & Fleet Services –Facilities Maintenance	2,836,155
Facilities & Fleet Services – Fleet Maintenance	260,724
Facilities & Fleet Services – Grounds Maintenance	606,851
Emergency Management	631,473
Sheriff/Jail/Animal Control/SRO	12,808,557
Tourism	243,486
Veterans Service Office	211,090
Transfer to Health Department	2,942,568
Transfer to Public Assistance	4,772,629
Clerk of Superior Court	19,500
Division of Forest Resources	262,098
NC Cooperative Extension Services	182,713
Outside Agencies-Economic Development	696,016
Outside Agencies – Health & Human Services	798,719
Outside Agencies – Cultural & Recreational	10,000

Insurance Claims Expenditure	397,000
Option 4 Sales Tax	1,013,654
Medical Examiner	85,000
Debt Service	769,372
Non-Departmental	3,114,451
Transfer to Water Treatment Plant	817,646
Transfer to Countywide Fire	744,931
Transfer to Revaluation	235,500
Transfer to Rescue Squad Fund	172,000
Transfer to Housing	25,938
Transfer to Public School Capital Fund	4,952,905
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	**$77,423,616**

Section 1B. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund (Fund #10) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Property Taxes – Current Year	$49,517,139
Property Taxes – Prior Year, Penalties & Interest, etc.	1,382,347
Property Taxes – Motor Vehicles	4,630,426
Sales Tax	12,193,975
Sales, Services, and Other Revenues	6,731,158
Intergovernmental Revenues	2,968,571
Total Revenues	**$77,423,616**

Section 1C. There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of sixty-four point five ($.645) per one hundred dollars ($100) valuation of property listed as of January 1, 2021, for the purpose of raising revenue included in "Property Taxes" in the General Fund in Section 1B of this ordinance. This rate of tax is based on an estimated total valuation of property for the purpose of taxation of $7,848,217,434 and an estimated collection rate of 97% plus utilities at $142,787,053 at 100% collection rate.

Section 1D. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Health Department (Fund #11) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, in accordance with the Chart of Accounts heretofore established for this County:

General Administration	$524,856
Environmental Health	750,602
Women's Health	421,107
Communicable Diseases	373,590
Child Health	489,412
CSC	120,921
Animal Shelter	583,277
Immunization	230,630
WIC	381,562
Maternity Care Coordination	164,235
Mobile Dental Clinic	391,113

Maternal Health	334,902
Health Promotion	118,339
Breast/Cervical Cancer	11,625
Dental Health	534,999
School Nurses	150,000
Bioterrorism	71,624
Adult Public Health	346,944
COVID-19	329,561
Laboratory	250,825
Mosquito Control	344,700
Total Expenditures	**$6,924,824**

Section 1E. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the Public Health Department (Fund #11) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Fees & Services	$1,530,414
State & Federal Funds	2,451,842
Transfer from General Fund	2,942,568
Total Revenues	**$6,924,824**

Section 1F. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Department of Social Services (Fund #12) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, in accordance with the Chart of Accounts heretofore established for this County:

Administration	$8,059,248
Program	2,293,581
Total Expenditures	**$10,352,829**

Section 1G. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the Department of Social Services (Fund #12) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Federal & State Funding	5,529,795
Other	8,365
Fund Balance Appropriated	42,040
Transfer from General Fund	4,772,629
Total Revenues	**$10,352,829**

Section 2A. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Public School Capital Special Revenue Fund (Fund #28) for the expenditures associated with the debt service and other school capital projects funded by the County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, in accordance with the Chart of Accounts heretofore established for this County:

Debt Service Expenditures – 2012	3,482,975
Debt Service Expenditures -- 2016	7,050,613
Option Four Redistribution	408,509
Total Expenditures	**$10,942,097**

Section 2B. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the Public School Capital Fund (Fund #28) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Transfer from General Fund	$4,952,905
Sales Tax	5,357,180
Lottery Funds	632,000
Interest Revenue	12
Total Revenues	**$10,942,097**

Section 3A. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the E911 Fund (Fund #25) for the emergency telephone system during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, in accordance with the Chart of Accounts heretofore established for this County:

E911 Operating	$275,620
Total Expenditures	**$275,620**

Section 3B. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the E911 Fund (Fund #25) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

911 Fees	$275.620
Total Revenues	**$275,620**

Section 4A. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Fire District Fund (Fund #26) for the operation of fire departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, in accordance with the Chart of Accounts heretofore established for this County:

Fire Districts	$5,863,556
Total Expenditures	**$5,863,556**

Section 4B. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the Fire District Fund (Fund #26) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Fire District Taxes	$5,118,625
Contribution from General Fund to Maple Hill Fire	206,383
Contribution from General Fund to Penderlea VFD	288,548
Contribution from General Fund to Shiloh VFD	125,000
Contribution from General Fund to Atkinson Fire	125,000
Total Revenues	**$5,863,556**

Section 4B1. There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of **$0.09** per $100.00 valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2021, located within the Pender Central Fire Tax District for the purpose of supplementing the revenues of the **Burgaw Fire Department**.

Section 4B2. There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of **$0.070** per $100.00 valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2021, located within the Maple Hill Fire Tax District for the purpose of supplementing the revenues of the **Maple Hill Volunteer Fire Department**.

Section 4B3. There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of **$0.0875** per $100.00 valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2021, located within the Rocky Point Fire Tax District for the purpose of supplementing the revenues of the **Rocky Point Volunteer Fire Department.**

Section 4B4. There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of **$0.070** per $100.00 valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2021, located within the Atkinson Fire Tax District for the purpose of supplementing the revenues of the **Atkinson Volunteer Fire Department**.

Section 4B5. There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of **$0.100** per $100.00 valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2021, located within the Northeast Pender Fire Tax District for the purpose of supplementing the fire revenues of the **Town of Surf City.**

Section 4B6. There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of **$0.100** per $100.00 valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2021, located within the Penderlea Fire Tax District for the purpose of supplementing the revenues of the **Penderlea Volunteer Fire Department**

Section 4B7. There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of **$0.100** per $100.00 valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2021, located within the Shiloh Fire Tax District for the purpose of supplementing the revenues of the **Shiloh Volunteer Fire Department**.

Section 4B8. There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of **$.047** per $100 valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2021, located within the **Duplin-Pender Fire District** for the purpose of supplementing the revenues of the **Wallace Fire Department**.

Section 4B9. There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of **$.095** per $100 valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2021, located within the **Sloop Point Fire District** for the purpose of supplementing the revenues of the **Sloop Point Fire Department**.

Section 4B10. There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of **$.110** per $100 valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2021, located within the **Long Creek Grady Fire District** for the purpose of supplementing the revenues of the **Long Creek Fire Department.**

Section 4B11. There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of **$.095** per $100 valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2021, located within the **Hampstead Fire District** for the purpose of supplementing the revenues of the **Hampstead Fire Department.**

Section 4B12. There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of **$.095** per $100 valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2021, located within the **Scotts Hill Fire District** for the purpose of supplementing the revenues of the **Scotts Hill Department.**

Section 4B13. There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of **$.100** per $100 valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2021, located within the **Northeast Pender Fire District** for the purpose of supplementing the revenues of the **Northeast Pender Department.**

Section 5A. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the **Emergency Medical Service Fund** (Fund #27) for the operation of rescue services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, in accordance with the Chart of Accounts heretofore established for this County:

Operating-EMS	$7,390,331
Total Expenditures	**$7,390,331**

Section 5B. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the Emergency Medical Service Fund (Fund #27) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

EMS Tax	$7,218,331
Contribution from general fund to EMS	172,000
Total Revenues	**$7,390,331**

Section 5B1. There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of **$0.0925** per $100.00 valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2021, located within the County for the purpose of funding **Emergency Medical Services in the County.**

Section 6A. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Revaluation Fund (Fund #29) for the revaluation of property in Pender County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this County:

Reserves	$235,500
Total Expenditures	**$235,500**

Section 6B. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the Revaluation Fund (Fund #29) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Transfer from General Fund	$235,500
Total Revenues	**$235,500**

Section 7A. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Solid Waste Management Fund (Fund #75) for the operation of the collection and disposal of solid waste for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this County:

Solid Waste Collection and Disposal	$6,574,500
Total Expenditures	**$6,574,500**

Section 7B. It is estimated that the following revenues, including user fees at $220, availability fees at $110 and tipping fees at $78 per ton, will be available to the Solid Waste Management Fund (Fund #75) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Solid Waste User Fees	$4,252,000
Landfill Fees	1,800,000
Recycling and Other Revenues	522,500
Total Revenues	**$6,574,500**

Section 8A. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Maple Hill Water & Sewer District Enterprise Fund (Fund #71) for the operation of the Maple Hill water distribution system and sewer system for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this County:

Maple Hill Water & Sewer District	$252,261
Total Expenditures	**$252,261**

Section 8B. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the Maple Hill Water & Sewer District Enterprise Fund (Fund #71) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Water & Sewer Fees	$235,094
Transfer from Fund #59	11,167
Other Revenue	6,000
Total Revenues	**$252,261**

Section 9A. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Rocky Point/Topsail Water & Sewer District Enterprise Fund (Fund #72) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this County:

Rocky Point/Topsail Water & Sewer District Fund	$6,787,610
Total Expenditures	**$6,787,610**

Section 9B. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the Rocky Point/Topsail Water & Sewer District Fund (Fund #72) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Water and Sewer Fees	$6,627,610
Other Revenue	160,000
Total Revenues	**$6,787,610**

Section 10A. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Scotts Hill Water & Sewer District Enterprise Fund (Fund #76) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this County:

Scotts Hill Water & Sewer District	$384,007
Total Expenditures	**$384,007**

Section 10B. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the Scotts Hill Water & Sewer District Enterprise Fund (Fund #76) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Water Fees	$325,000
Transfer from Fund #59	54,007
Other Revenue	5,000
Total Revenues	**$384,007**

Section 11A. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Water Treatment Plant Enterprise Fund (Fund #77) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this County:

Water Treatment Plant	$3,147,484
Total Expenditures	**$3,147,484**

Section 11B. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the Water Treatment Plant Enterprise Fund (Fund #77) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Water Fees	$1,966,204
Transfer from Capacity Fees	1,181,080
Investment Income	200
Total Revenues	**$3,147,484**

Section 12A. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Housing Enterprise Fund (Fund #73 & 74) for the operation of the Pender County Housing Section 8 Program and the Country Court Apartments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this County:

Section 8 Expenditures	$1,450,562
Country Court Expenditures	73,296
Total Expenditures	**$1,523,858**

Section 12B. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the Housing Enterprise Fund (Fund #73 & 74) for the operation of the Pender County Housing Section 8 Program and the Country Court Apartments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Section 8 Revenues	$1,424,624
Country Court Revenues	73,296
Contribution from General Fund to Housing	25,938
Total Revenues	**$1,523,858**

Section 13A. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Automation Enhancement & Preservation Fund (Fund #49) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, in accordance with the Chart of Accounts heretofore established for this County.

Supplies & Materials	$1,500
Contracted Services	$59,000
Total Expenditures	**$60,500**

Section 13B. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the Automation Enhancement & Preservation Fund (Fund #49) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Fees Collected	$60,500
Total Revenues	**$60,500**

Section 14A. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Moore's Creek Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund (Fund #56) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, in accordance with the Chart of Accounts heretofore established for this County:

Moore's Creek Water & Sewer District	$310,891
Total Expenditures	**$310,891**

Section 14B. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the Moore's Creek Water & Sewer District Enterprise Fund (Fund #56) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Water Fees	$310,891
Total Revenues	**$310,891**

Section 15A. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Central Pender Water & Sewer District Enterprise Fund (Fund #57) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, in accordance with the Chart of Accounts heretofore established for this County:

Central Pender Water & Sewer District	$309,906
Total Expenditures	**$309,906**

Section 15B. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the Central Pender Water & Sewer District Enterprise Fund (Fund #57) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Water Fees	$200,000
Transfer from Capacity Fees	107,406
Other Revenues	2,500
Total Revenues	**$309,906**

Section 16A. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Capacity Fees Fund (Fund #59) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, in accordance with the Chart of Accounts heretofore established for this County:

Transfer to Central Pender W&S (Fund #57)	$107,406
Reserves	142,918
Transfer to Maple Hill Sewer (Fund #71)	11,167
Transfer to Scotts Hill Water & Sewer (Fund #76)	54,007
Transfer to Water Treatment Plant (Fund #77)	1,181,080
Transfer to Wastewater Treatment Plant (Fund 78)	608,422
Total Expenditures	**$2,105,000**

Section 16B. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the Water/Wastewater Capacity Fees Fund (Fund #59) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Water Capacity Fees	$2,105,000
Total Revenues	**$2,105,000**

Section 17A. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Wastewater Treatment Plant Fund (Fund #78) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, in accordance with the Chart of Accounts heretofore established for this County:

Wastewater Treatment Plant	$1,996,068
Total Expenditures	**$1,996,068**

Section 17B. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Fund (Fund #78) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Wastewater Fees	$570,000
Transfer from General Fund	817,646
Transfer from Capacity Fees (Fund #59)	608,422
Total Revenues	**$1,996,068**

Section 18A. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Fuel Depot Fund (Fund #53) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, in accordance with the Chart of Accounts heretofore established for this County:

Fuel Depot Operations	$519,577
Total Expenditures	**$519,577**

Section 18B. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the Fuel Depot Fund (Fund #53) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Sales to Departments	$290,442
Overhead Fee	58,195
Sales to Outside Agencies	170,940
Total Revenues	**$519,577**

Section 19A. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Water Fund (Fund #79) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, in accordance with the Chart of Accounts heretofore established for this County:

Bond Principal	$495,000
Bond Interest	802,126
Total Expenditures	**$1,297,126**

Section 19B. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the General Water Fund (Fund #79) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Payment from Rocky Pt/Topsail W&S District	$1,297,126
Total Revenues	**$1,297,126**

Section 20A. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Tourism Development Authority Fund (Fund #44) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, in accordance with the Chart of Accounts heretofore established for this County:

Supplies	$30,218
Total Expenditures	**$30,218**

Section 20B. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the Tourism Development Authority (Fund #44) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Occupancy Tax	$30,218
Total Revenues	**$30,218**

Section 21. The Budget Officer is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations as contained herein under the following conditions:

a. They may transfer amounts between line item expenditures within a department without limitation and without a report being required.

b. They may transfer amounts up to $10,000 between departments, including contingency appropriations, within the same fund. They must make an official report on such transfers at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

c. They may not transfer any amounts between funds, except as approved by the Board of Commissioners in the Budget Ordinance as amended.

Section 22. The following are in effect for expenditure control:

a. Purchase orders are required for any purchases over $1,000.

b. Formal approval from the Board is required for all "non-routine" expenditures exceeding $30,000. Routine expenditures include utilities, legally required advertising, postage, fuel, water or sewer purchase contracts, fee distributions, detention assignments, and direct benefit payments (foster care, child support, and retiree benefit payments), as well as specified outside agency distributions.

c. Emergency approval of purchase orders exceeding $30,000 may be conveyed by the County Manager in consultation with the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners and subsequent notification of the Board.

Section 23. The Finance Director is authorized to transfer amounts up to $7,500.00 between line item expenditures within a department without limitation, without Budget Officer approval and without a report being required. These changes should not result in increases in recurring obligations such as salaries.

Section 24. Operating funds encumbered on the financial records as of June 30, 2021, are hereby re-appropriated to this budget.

Section 25. County departments requested for thirty-six new position/reclassifications and wages this year totaled $1,897,984 with twenty-one positions being recommended at $1,054,473. Of this recommended amount, $205,322 will be reimbursed by external sources, leaving the County's portion of the cost at $849,151. These positions include the following: Custodial Foreman, five Custodial Technicians, Maintenance Tech III, Grounds worker, Internal Audit Compliance Officer, Asset Manager, Public Health Nurse II, Environmental Health Specialist, Health Educator, Tele-communicator/shift leader, 2 Tele communicators, CSI Investigator, Project Manager, Solid Waste Maintenance Technician, Utilities inspector, and Watershed and Drainage Technician.

The following grade reclassifications have been requested: Maintenance Technician, Deputy Library Director, Helpdesk Specialist, Floodplain Administrator, Land Records Clerk, Recreation Coordinator II, and Environmental Health Tech.

This budget includes the implementation of a salary study with an effective date of June 27, 2021, with the first payment starting on July 16, 2021. The estimated cost of this implementation is $1,662,660, of which $84,052 is being absorbed by the enterprise funds. Also included is a 2.5% 401(k) contribution for all non-law enforcement staff. The estimated cost of this contribution is $465,646. Law Enforcement staff currently receive a 5% 401(k) contribution.

The North Carolina Department of State Treasurer Retirement Systems Division has notified the county that employer contribution rates have increased from 10.15% to 11.25% for general employees and from 10.90% to 12.04% for Law Enforcement in FY 2021-2022.

Section 26: The County Manager is authorized to exempt the County from the requirements of G.S. 143-64.32 (commonly referred to as the Mini- Brooks Act). This exemption provides the county with the ability to select an architect, engineer, surveyor, or alternative construction delivery method firm by whatever method it chooses (or no method at all). This exemption is capped at $50,000, meaning the estimated cost of the contract cannot exceed this amount. Contracts with an estimated cost of $50,000 must be procured via Qualification Based Selection (QBS). This exemption does not preclude or waiver any other county, state, or federal procurement requirement. Regardless of means of selection of services, all expenditures over the purchase order limit of $20,000 must obtain Board of Commissioners approval and have an executed agreement signed by the County Manager.

Section 27: The County Manager is authorized to negotiate and conduct private sales of personal property valued at less than $30,000, without board approval, upon the condition that the property is sold at fair market value. The County manager must keep a record of all property sold and the sale price.

Section 26. Copies of this Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and to the Budget Officer and Finance Director to be kept on file by them for their direction in the disbursement of funds.

Section 27. There is hereby established, for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022, various fees and charges, as set forth in Attachment "A" (Pender County Fee Schedule-FY 2021-2022, Effective July, 1 2021).

MOVED Commissioner Williams SECONDED Commissioner Piepmeyer

APPROVED ✓ DENIED________ UNANIMOUS 4 to 1 approval

YEA VOTES: Brown ✓ McCoy ✓ Newton____ Piepmeyer ✓ Williams ✓

Commissioner Newton against

George R. Brown

George R. Brown, Chairman 6/7/2021
Date

ATTEST 6/7/2021
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Interim County Clerk