



MINUTES
Board of County Commissioners Meeting
Monday, April 4, 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.

1 CALL TO ORDER

Call to order by Chairman Piepmeyer at 4:00PM

2 INVOCATION

Commissioner Brown

3 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Newton

4 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

4.1 Motion to adopt agenda

Moved by Fred McCoy, seconded by George Brown

Agenda Adopted

	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 INFORMATION

5.1 Update on the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) - Hurricane Florence

Commissioner Brown stated he had spoken to a Pender County citizen that still had not had received any help or funding from the HMGP Florence grant and requested Daniel Adams, Flood Plan Administrator come and give a brief update on the program and where the state stands on getting the help to the citizens.

Daniel Adams, explained the difference in the two HGMP programs. He explained the process for the grant program as follows:

- Homeowners submit applications to the County, who then submit them to North Carolina Emergency Management (NC EM).

NC EM completes an initial review and removes applicants who do not qualify (e.g., secondary residences, structures not in a flood zone, not cost effective) before submitting them to FEMA. FEMA then completes the final review and allocates money to the state for project implementation.

The timeline for HMGP is as follows:

Applications from residents were due to the County by March 2019 and subsequently submitted to NC EM.

- 149 acquisition applications
- 84 elevation applications
- 36 reconstruction applications

NC EM completed their review and submitted applications to FEMA in February 2020.

May and September 2021, FEMA announces allocation of \$11.5 million to acquire 61 homes as part of the HMGP acquisition project with more funding expected.

Mr. Adams explained the implementation of the program and what it means as follows:

Starting with the Hurricane Florence project, NC EM has recommended implementing the HMGP projects under a “state-centric” model. The goal of the state-centric model is to increase the pace at which the

projects are executed so residents will be assisted as quickly as possible. This includes the state hiring contractors and consultants to handle the professional services (i.e., surveys, appraisals, construction) and administrative work necessary to execute this project. The state-centric model was designed to achieve the following:

- Increase the speed of relief to homeowners and shorten their recovery period.
- Quickly hire contractors and consultants to execute this project.
- Reduce the financial and administrative burden on local governments.

The current status shows 61 acquisition properties have been approved by FEMA with over \$11.5 million allocated. None of the elevation or reconstruction properties have been approved by FEMA and NC EM has not been able to procure any contractors to implement the HMGP project and it appears to be at a standstill.

Six months after Florence, we had to take in the application. So March 2019, is when the county received those applications. We, as I said, we're just a pass through, so we pass them on to the state. NC EM completed their initial review in February of 2020. and sent the applications to FEMA in May, as Commissioner Brown mentioned, and then again, in September of 2021, FEMA announced an allocation totaling 11 and a half million to acquire 61 homes as part of the acquisition portion of this project. As Mr. Adams mentioned in that article, but as they've told us, there's more funding expected, FEMA is reviewing these in what they're calling batches. So rather than hold the entire application of reviewing them in batches and approving them in batches. Mr. Adams explained to the board that the chain of command for this program goes through Dept. of Public Safety and Division of Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation section. The board discussed where the state was at based on where the county was at. The board directed Chad McEwen, County Manager, and Daniel Adams to draft a letter to Raleigh.

5.2 Presentation of the FY2021 Audit Report

Meg Blue, Finance Director, presented to the board a preliminary update of our final numbers for the general fund. Our auditors will actually be here next meeting, the LDC has implemented new requirements for presentations for auditors this year. But 2021 was kind of a different year. So I wanted to come ahead of them. So kind of preface some of the things that they'll that you'll see. This next slide is a summary of the last three years. It shows you beginning fund balance plus revenues, less expenditures, less net transfers, and other which is ending fund balance. And at the bottom is the change in fund balance each year. And to the right shows you the dollar change the percent

change of revenues and expenditures. before anybody gets too excited about some of these numbers, I have a lot of explanation of some of them in the following slides. As you can see, 2021 showed a lot of change. But the main thing to note here is the change in the transfers and other in fiscal year 2020. We had the \$5.5 million transfer to the courthouse project, as well as other larger transfers to other funds due to conservative budgeting related to COVID.

Chairman Piepmeyer stated the fund balance is like our savings account. And a lot of people may question why we have such a large amount of money in our fund balance. Let me say this that helps us in terms of our credit rating. So it's just like you when you individually go to apply for a home loan or new automobile purchase. If if we're in good standing and actually have some assets and had some money in this savings account, when you're able to borrow money, same thing works for for government, local government, in this case, the county, there's a set number that they measure against as a percentage of the total revenues that are generated each year. And if we do a real good job and come above and beyond that percentage number, when, when that affects in a positive manner, our rating, our credit rating, so that we need money for big projects, which we always do when we're able to get it.

Okay, so right now, we're rated very highly from a credit standpoint. I don't know that we're AAA, but I think we're double A at least, right. Okay. And it's very, very important that we maintain a significant amount of percentage of our total revenues, and that fund balance, so that when we have a Florence, and we have to write a \$10 million check to the school, three days after Florence has gone so that they can start getting the mold and mildew out of the school so that we can get our children back into schools. That's a good thing, that we have that money in that savings account, to be able to help get that taken care of. Okay, so And there's other activities that are significant were when we have that money readily available, we've been able to allocate it in write a check, to these different department departments in a time of content test roughly where otherwise, the citizens would have suffered. In this case, our kids would not have been able to get back to school in a very short period of time, they would have had to wait for us to be able to accumulate their money. And that would have taken some time. Ms.

Blue stated that what you'll see here is actually in 2019, where expenses are higher than revenues. And then when we were doing 2020, budget, we had to be very conservative, because you don't know exactly what's coming up and be you're in the middle of pandemic trying to make sure what's going on. We were very conservative, we forecasted a 15% decrease in sales tax, because again, at the time, we weren't sure what that was going to do storage for shutting down all that kind of stuff. Plus, we had to, we were statutorily required to budget a 2% decrease in our warm tax collections, because our rate had gone down also due to COVID. And we conservatively projected all of our other revenues,

which brought our expenses down relatively, in 2021, realize that the conservative decreases had paid off, but weren't as much of an impact as we initially thought. We tried to keep our 2021 revenues budgeted close to to go 2020 pandemic year, because we couldn't tell whether it was up or down, although it did go up a little bit in 2020. So far, and to explain the difference between the revenues and expenses in 2001, we've collected previous decrease in property tax collections of around \$2 million, we received reimbursement for over \$7 million in FEMA revenues in 2019. Growth has not stopped. The register of deeds and inspections are on a fast incline, which is another 2 million. And then sales tax, even though we projecting conservatively has actually gone up significantly. This is our local option sales tax. This is sales tax from purchases made in Pender County, we conservatively budgeted like mentioned earlier, a 14% decrease in 2020. And little to no change in 21. Just the general fund portion, increased by \$2.9 million from 2020 to 2021. And the total is around \$4 million. The total because there are some of our sales tax revenues that are dedicated to school debt service, and they're not in the general fund. They're in a school debt service funds. Just for clarification, that's why the total increase is \$4 million. The big increase in 2021 is again that \$7 million that was received from FEMA, along with some other COVID grants that departmental folks got either got passed down from the state or applied for and received. I wanted to note that the 2.5 or \$2.4 million Coronavirus, relief funds are not accounted for in the general fund, they were required to be in their own fund. And they covered sheriff's office payroll. But those are not included here. They're in their own fund. permits and fees. This is largely inspections, and there's an increase of \$714,000 or about 38%. So still a pretty big increase. Charges for service, this is mostly attributable to register beats. There's a \$1.3 million increase or 44%. But actually a couple of months last year where other registered deeds were closed. A lot of people were coming to our registered deeds for certain things that you can do outside of the county other than other than property. Education is 34%, General Government is 19, Public Safety 17, Human Services 21. Typically, you'll see public safety hire the general government, but again, \$2.4 million worth of sheriff's office payroll that is not in the general fund this year. It's in front 20. General Government, this shows an increase. Most of this is actually related to the registered deeds increase. So when we get their revenues in, we have to pay a portion of them back out. So as their revenues go up, their expenses go up accordingly. That's what most of this increases from. Public Safety. Back in 2019, that top bar is about \$13.2 million that was spent on hurricane Florence. So the actual public safety expenditures were about 11.1. The rest is due to Hurricane Florence 2020 was a little more of a typical year with a lot of overtime, as was just normal Sheriff's Office. Wages were covered by Coronavirus relief funds in 2021. This is not all of the sheriff's office payroll, but it is a

good portion of it. So that is in another fun so that's why you kind of see the different colored blocks their economic and fiscal development is 5% and it's pretty consistent from year to year, this is where we contribute to other agencies. Trying to think off the top of my head coming up with money, right, the second, but it's the the area nonprofit situation where they provide a service to our area and we contribute to them for that service. Human Services is about 21%. This is pretty consistent year over year. This is health department, DSS, veterans, and a couple of other smaller departments, but a lot of their funding is consistently coming from the state. The county portion of it is consistent as well, There was a little bit of an increase in 2021. This is because there's some COVID grants that came in that increase our expenses accordingly. Cultural recreational is 3%. This is pretty consistent year over year as well. This is Parks and Rec, shooting range, things like that library. And then education is 34%. In 2019, our actual contributions to the school system are 20.3. That 5 million is the loan we made to them during Hurricane Florence that they did turn around and pay right back, but it is included in the expenses here. So then 2021 is 21 point 9 million and then 2021 is 23.4.

5.3 Update on New Law Enforcement Center / Jail

Allen Vann, Assistant County Manager introduced Brian Payne, project manager with Mosley architects. There's couple of requests for decisions tonight, one being the preference on site layout, whether it's option one or option two, because we do need to move forward into our next phase with one of those two directions. And then the other aspect is that we get approval to move to our next phase of the design process, which is the design development phase. So let's go over the site for the overall site plan. Mr. Payne share the site plan for option 1 and option 2 locations for the LEC. The board stated they wanted the more cost efficient location. It has approximately 242 beds where the 350 core core being kitchen, laundry facilities. It is the core of the building and is sized for future expansion to add some additional beds in future should that need arise. The size of the building is approximately 96,000 square feet there, we have a new sheriff's office a new level of one center as part of the plan a in a new detention center. There is the possibility of taking this lower wing of the building, which is roughly 78 beds as a project alternate. In other words, it will be designed as part of the building. But it will be viewed as an alternate. The upper level of housing that goes over that housing here that we presented last time. Conceptual exterior renderings. This is kind of a conceptual idea of what it could look like. Obviously, as we proceed with design, this could change depending on the counties desires. But this is the kind of the first pass at what the building could look like this is kind of an overall the

sheriff's office would be here detention center would be beyond a little bit closer look, this would be the main public entrance, obviously, where public we come and interact with the sheriff staff. And we know the conceptual image their project costs, we cared about high level cost estimate for this phase. base bid for the project is that 38 point 9 million that would include 164 beds, so that we that I just spoke about doing an alternate is listed under the alternate here. So but this this cost does include it is priced all around site plan option one. So this would obviously reduce now that the board has been elected to go with option two. So alter the alternate is the 78 bands for that week that I just spoke about, that's roughly \$4.9 million. And so your total construction cost is roughly 43.8. But again, that will reduce with the site plan option two. The Chairman requested elevations from the site plan.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT

- 6.1 Graham Watson, 105 Lunington Mill Creek Rd, everyone who has been watching the news is appalled by the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the dreadful carnage inflicted upon its citizens. While the Town of Burgaw can do little to alleviate Ukraine suffering, we can at least give our models support and shown that we care by prominently displaying a Ukrainian flag in front of the courthouse until the mid value Ukrainian military is victorious. Slava Ukrainian, all I'm asking for is a flag to be erected in front of the courthouse. Many, many cities throughout the United States, and indeed throughout the world, have been displaying illuminated buildings to show moral support to the Ukrainian people think it would not cost a great deal of money to erect a flag on the flagpole in front of the courthouse.
- 6.2 Patrice Koluch, 125 Spring Chase, Ms. Koluch stated she has been a Pender County Citizen for about 25 years. She requested meeting time be changed so citizens can attend without taking off of work. She stated she was upset with the Sherriff due to her son overdosing every week and they asked where he got the drugs from. Ms. Koluch stated the county does not have enough mental health and drug rehab facilities.
- 6.3 Commissioner Brown, ask Tammy Proctor, Pender County Tourism Director, to come up a share a few words and recognize Tommy Batson, EM Director, on his First Responder Award that he received.

7 CONSENT AGENDA

- 7.1 Approval of a Budget Amendment for funds in Insurance/Property Loss in the amount of \$9,864.00.
- 7.2 Approval of Budget Amendment for Grant funding by the Governor's Crime Commission for Interview room Recording Equipment Upgrades in the amount of \$21,770.00.

- 7.3 Approval of Tax Releases and Refunds
- 7.4 Approve the request to reclassify the current Transportation Supervisor Position to the rank of Sergeant with the target salary of \$47,963.54.
- 7.5 Approval of a Budget Amendment for Fuel Depot
- 7.6 Approval of Budget Amendment for Concealed Weapon Permit Revenues & State Distributions through remainder of FY2022
- 7.7 Approval of Budget Amendment for Cooperative Extension Program Revenues & Expenses for the remainder of FY2022
- 7.8 Approval of BOCC meeting minutes from March 14, 2022
- 7.9 Special Event Liability Insurance Policy Change
- 7.10 Approval of Budget Amendment to establish 421 Roadway Improvements Project
- 7.11 Motion to adopt consent agenda
- 7.12 Motion to approve consent agenda

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 APPROVALS AND RESOLUTIONS

8.1 Approval to Terminate Easement

Chad McEwen presented a resolution essentially to terminate an easement on the existing BASF property. He showed where the easement cuts through it was for future utility purposes, that are no longer needed or desired by TCU. He requested that the board formally acknowledge and abandon this easement. So proper documentation that's included, in fact be signed and recorded.

Moved by David Williams, seconded by George Brown

Motion to Terminate Easement

	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 Approval of final change order for BASF property for SR&R

Chad McEwen, County Manager, stated to the board that the county encountered a few unforeseen circumstances there were a couple of vaults found underneath the buildings found at the BASF property. There was additional PVC CMP and RCP piping that was was not located. When we did the ground penetrating radar testing. All of it was reasonable. It was reviewed by our own site project manager and the environmental engineer he worked with and consider to be reasonable in terms of their cost. He is requesting under 8.2 that you approve that change order. All the work has been completed at BASF. It's been backfield degrade. And the biggest thing is the contractor met the timeline that we gave him so kudos to them.

Moved by Fred McCoy, seconded by David Williams

Motion to approve Change Order

	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 Approval for increase of purchase order 464 and Budget Amendment for SR&R Change Order

Chad McEwen, County Manager, stated this change was for ASR that includes additional services. There were some things beyond scope that were included, that we had to add for the unforeseen as well as there were some revisions made to our erosion and sedimentation control permit. After our contract was awarded. The state added some additional requirements, which added calls. The request is you also approve BOA and 8.3 effectively closing out the project in terms of the necessary.

Moved by Jacqueline A. Newton, seconded by David Williams

Motion to approve BOA

	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.

- 8.4 Approve Amendment No. 1 to Contract with CDM Smith for Engineering Services During Construction for the Elevated Tank & Wells Project, Budget Ordinance Amendment, and Associated Purchase Order Revision

Kenny Keel, Director of Utilities, Stated to the board that this is the first two amendments to be considered tonight. One is related primarily to our tank and well project. We are actually under advertisement currently for that project. So we're moving forward with that hope to admit it, or the bid date is May third, and should get a starting construction, probably around July or August. The original contract with CDM did not include construction services. It went up through bidding. Because there are a lot of unknowns with the projects that are under this contract, the taken boils and the art plant. And so at this point, we're we're getting close to, to construction, indeed to amend the contract so that we have engineering services during construction inspection. And, and close out included in the contract with an amendment. We are looking for approval of that amendment one is \$869,170. Jonathan Treadway is

here in the audience with CDM. In case you have any questions directed toward the engineering firm.

Moved by David Williams, seconded by George Brown

Approve amendment 1

	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 Approve Amendment No. 2 to Contract with CDM Smith for Engineering Services for the Surface Water Plant High Service Pump Upgrade Project, Capital Project Ordinance & Resolution, Budget Ordinance Amendment, and Associated Purchase Order

Kenny Keel, Director of Utilities, presented the next amendment stating, while it's related to the work that's already been done under the current contract. It is at a different site is at our water plant to Basically put into facilities necessary for us to be rated at four MGD production for water plant. Currently, our water plant is legally rated officially rated at two MGD. Mainly because the pumping capacity out of the plant and the need for redundancy requirements that the state has in place. And so this amendment will have the design work done to put in an additional high surface pump to pump water out of the plant. And there's a lot of electrical upgrades that are associated with that rather large pump to go in. And so we're doing this amendment separately to just kind of keep it a little bit separate from the rest of that work going on over on the other side of the county. And so we're this contract will actually include all the design work, the bidding and the construction services, because this project was a little more defined. And they've already done the initial study portion of the project to get a preliminary approval from the state that this is all we need to do to be able to upgrade plan, officially to foreign GDP. we still will be able to go up another two MGD. But to get up to 600 GB, it will take a lot more construction work and addition to the facilities, the four MGD I believe when we first built it, they were a little bit of upgrades needed to the filters to help us get before MGD. And we were able to do that with it over the last about two or three years ago, I

believe we we went ahead and charged one of the empty filters in order to make that filtering that additional filtering capability available. Chairman Piepmeyer requested an update on Factory Road project. Mr. Keel stated construction is complete about a week or so ago, we were doing the final pressure test to ensure that the system was tight and not leaking. And there was a leak. And they have been trying to find exactly where that spot is. James Proctor, Assistant Utilities Director, stated the leak had been found and another pressure test would be done.

Moved by Fred McCoy, seconded by George Brown

Approve Amendment 2

	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 Approval of Purchase Order to O.C. Welch Ford Lincoln, Inc for the purchase of 2022 Ford F-150 Responder pickup truck in the amount of \$35,320.80.

Sheriff Alan Cutler, stated to the board that this request were not budgeted funds. These are actually insurance payout funds. Will be replacing vehicle.

Moved by David Williams, seconded by Fred McCoy

Approve purchase of vehicle

	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

9.1 Grandfathering for firearm businesses

Commissioner Brown, opened the discussion with we're not going to have an abundance of gun shops in the county. But we might have one or two and with the county growing and becoming more congested. This type of gun shop, has responsibilities for example, a customer comes in, they want to test fire the weapon, make sure it fires when historically they've always been able to do that. Well with the ordinance, for discharging a firearm without someone's permission and adjoining areas permission within 200 Feet. Mr. Brown asked if there's some way that we could kind of grandfather, these small group of businesses, to where they wouldn't have to be concerned with congestion, they might still be able to carry on the business. This particular shop has been around for over 40 years. He would like for them to be able to continue that type of business. He stated we're going to probably run into some problems if we don't get something done. Travis Henley, Planning Director, stated a variance could not be done due to the ordinance not being part of the UDO but rather in the Code of Ordinances. Trey Thurman, Attorney, stated that the board could amend the ordinance and hold a public hearing and vote. Mr. Henley was directed to work with the County Attorney on the amendment to the ordinance.

9.2 Pender Memorial Hospital

Chairman Piepmeyer stated to the board and audience that this item put on the agenda, just for some clarification. Many in the public may or may not know, the county has been leasing the hospital here in Burgaw for several decades to New Hanover County, hospital for operations, so they conduct all the operations at Pender Memorial Hospital, and have for several decades. And that contract, that lease is coming to an end next year. With that knowledge and also with the knowledge that NHRMC and Pender Memorial Hospital now is owned and operated by Novant we have started having some discussions relative to that lease. And there will be a future presentation for public presentation at a meeting relative to what Novant is proposing in terms of continuation or extension of that lease. Mr. Chairman stated he wanted to just be transparent. We're proactively trying to work through this this situation and outlook, not let it run its course and find ourselves with having to only accept one proposal, potentially Novant comes in and addresses the comments that this board has made through prior discussions. And this is just easy. We have time to get the best situation for our citizens.

And that's what we're looking for. We're looking for the best situation for citizens in terms of medical coverage here in Burgaw. The board wanted to relieve any scuttlebutt, that's rolling around the county relative to what's going on with the hospital. What's going on with any personal things relative to that. And also, wanted to give the opportunity for any of the county commissioners to make comments relative to the subject at this time.

10 APPOINTMENTS

10.1 Approval of reappointment of Mr. Garry Silivanch to the Southeastern Economic Development Commission (SEDC)

Moved by George Brown, seconded by Jacqueline A. Newton

Motion to reappoint Mr. Silivanch 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 resolution to appoint Tiffanie Boswell to the Town of Burgaw Planning and Zoning Board

Moved by Fred McCoy, 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.

11 MAPLE HILL WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

12 ROCKY POINT WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

12.1 Approve State Loan and Grant Funding Resolution and Application for Reverse Osmosis Water Plant Project

Opened as the Rocky Point Water and Sewer Board at 6:01. Kenny Keel, Director of Utilities, is updating our application for funding from North Carolina Division of water infrastructure. Basically, we initially applied for funds for the reverse osmosis water plant. It was 2020. And each resolution is good. An application is good for two cycles of funding. And they have two years. So basically, it's good for 12 months. We renewed this 12 months ago. So far, we've received \$23.75 million for that project from this agency. And we are we're basically continuing to ask until you know, we get fully funded either through them or through other agencies. The current estimated project cost is just under \$79 million. And so we've we're not quite a third of the way there as far as the funding that's been approved so far. But anyway, this this approval of this resolution will get us to more cycles and and hopefully with the ARPA funds coming down from the federal government. Closed as the RPWS board at 6:03 pm

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.

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 2021 State of the County Health Report

Opened as the Pender County Board of Health at 6:04 pm. Carolyn Moser, Health Director, shared the standard accounting Health Report for 2021. There hasn't been a lot to change between the 2021 report and the 2020 report. Still following from the 2018 community health assessment, the three priorities that were identified, would be mental health, nutrition, physical activity and cancer education and prevention as of starting around July, we will initiate the seven to nine month process to do our 2022 community health assessment. We will be seeing some changes as of next year. As far as activities go, the data that's in this report hasn't changed much since this data has been added and updated from 2020 census. But otherwise, a lot of the data has not been updated since the time that this report was to be submitted to the state. The state rate for women that are pregnant, that is slowly declined, we have not seen a decline in prenatal patients that smoke. Those patients that come to the Health Department, which the HD sees about a third of prenatal patients for the counseling. They get quite an in depth education and on a regular basis as far as the importance of not smoking during pregnancy, just reminding them when they smoke for babies, folks. Our WIC program received and has received in the past many state awards wards for breastfeeding, postpartum. And that percentage is for as women that leaves the hospital. And our breastfeeding is at 85%, which we have an awesome WIC staff. And we also have breastfeeding, peer counseling that's available 24 hours a day. So anyone having difficulty can contact her, and they do not have to be a patient of our health department. And we still are not seeing a lot of primary care physicians that want to gravitate to Pender County. And so we remain at 2.8 Primary Care Providers per 10,000. relation. A lot of the primary care physicians are connected with some kind of group of providers, which are located in other counties. Many private providers that would be out on their own anymore are not seen very often anymore. Our rate is 2.8 providers per 10,000 years, the state rate is seven. It's very important for the public health to assess and address and assure and if we can assure that there's some primary care going on that is another justification for an A to provide the child health and adult health care that we do. As far as the 10 leading causes of death in Pender County, those death rates have not changed from the last State of the County Health Report. Just making a note that, once again, the majority of these deaths can be preventable. And it takes typically generations to see changes. We track in the county that are related to suicide. The only other thing that we weren't finding out as far as the data was just still, the fact that we are seeing life expectancy is 77.9 years for the white population, and it's about four years lower for African Americans. And that is not uncommon across the state nation, there is always an area where we'd like to see improvement. The rest of the

report, information that's provided, is required by the state as far as the progress that we've made, those priorities that were identified from the 2018 community health assessment. And we've make no fit, some of those activities were put on hold, we were up against COVID dealing with a pandemic. Also included for the state, they require us to include new initiatives and emerging issues. And as far as the new initiatives are repeated the substance use prevention new initiative, because this committee had been active COVID. And when we were dormant for a while that has since resumed in one meeting monthly, but that is up and go when we had to put our classes on hold for a little bit for me today of substance use prevention classes that we provide. But that is been reinforced efforts towards a new health and human service facility. The 2022 Community Health Assessment process we'll be starting probably in July. Working on Medicaid transformation. Ms. Moser was in a meeting on Thursday in Chapel Hill, and Secretary Cody Kinsley was in there and she told him how insane this whole process has been as far as the funding that comes into the health departments. The age of public health workforce, you know, 32% of senior leaders and 27% of supervisors and managers want to retire within the next five years. So it's really important that we some public health workers, and as a result funding did come to the state and it's been distributed recently among work for Phipps, dealing with workforce development, and we're working through UNC WF So hopefully we'll have some good things to come out of that and get some staff trained to step up to the plate.

16.2 Presentation of Child Fatality Team Report for 2021

Carolyn Moser, Health Director, stated that every April this report for the child fatality Prevention Team. They have reviewed for 2020, that reviewed five cases, for more closed, they have gone that's pending because they are waiting on additional information about an autopsy. It's listed on this report for causes for these child deaths. And some of them could be preventable. We talked about motor vehicle accidents, because that did involve a teen otherwise, preterm babies, and then we had one gunshot wound to the head, a teenager. As a result of this team, they look randomly at other activities they've been doing, but other things that they can participate in. And our staff has dealt with this suicide, the training, and most of our staff have been trained in Mental Health First Aid, also, then any kind of outreach activities, festivals, whatever they have offered all kinds of health education. And funds were used to purchase 13 pack and plays that allow for the baby to sleep separate from parents. We've just lost in January a two month old that died from sleeping in the bed with with a parent, and they rolled over and the baby died. This is state money. So we'll be purchasing a few more of those that we can pass out to anyone that doesn't have a

place for the baby. Ms. Moser closed with a COVID and Gen X update.
The Board closed as the PCHB at 6:34 pm

17 SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

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

Trey Thurman, County Attorney, Items for closed session are 3, Attorney Client, 5, acquisition of real property, and 6, personnel.

Doug Shipley, Assistant County Manager, mentioned to the board that a new grounds and park superintendent was hired and Mr. Duran Sam will be introduced at a future meeting.

Chad McEwen, County Manager, stated budget meeting process with the department is going along smoothly. They have met about eight departments or so including all the fire departments. He was in Goldsboro for the Golden Leaf. Meeting for the community based grants initiative, grant process. There were several folks from Pender there. There was a nonprofit from the Hampstead area that was what was present as well. So a lot of good information about that great program that will try to put several projects in for good.

18.1 Motion to go into closed session at 6:39 PM

Motion Approved

19 CLOSED SESSION (IF APPLICABLE).

Motion to move to closed session at 6:39 PM made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Newton. 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; 5) To establish, or to instruct the

public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment. 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.

20 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM

21 NEXT MEETING DATE

April 19, 2022 at 4:00 PM
BOCC Meeting Room
Burgaw, NC