Minutes

Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting
Monday, September 16, 2024 at 4:00 PM
Pender County Public Assembly Room
805 S. Walker Street, Burgaw, NC

PRESENT:	Chairman Brad George Vice-Chairwoman: District 4 Jackie Newton Commissioner: District 5 Fred McCoy Commissioner: District 3 Jerry Groves Commissioner: District 2 Randy Burton
ABSENT:	
OTHER PRESENT:	David Andrews, County Manager Trey Thurman, County Attorney April Radford, Interim Clerk to the Board Allen Vann, Assistant County Manager Other Staff and Members of the Press and Public

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1. CALL TO ORDER

   Chairman George called the meeting to order at 4:00PM.

2. INVOCATION

   Commissioner Burton gave the invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

   Vice Chair Newton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

   Item 8.9, item 21.1, and item 21.2 continued to the October 7th meeting.
   Item 8.12 and item 8.14 were moved to Approvals and Resolutions as items 9.1 and 9.3 respectively.
   Item 9.8 Proclamation Honoring the late Topsail Mayor Steven Smith.

   Vice Chair Newton made the motion.
   Commissioner Burton seconded the motion.
   Motion passed unanimously.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

6. PUBLIC INFORMATION

   6.1 Trillium Annual Report — Victoria — 4-15

Jackson

Victoria Jackson, Trillium Regional Vice President, provided the Trillium Health Resources Annual Report for Pender County. Jackson reviewed many topics including the Medicaid legislative changes, the consolidation effort made within Trillium, the health resource area, and the FY 22-23. Jackson discussed the number of individuals served within Pender County (1,662), the community and stakeholder engagement, and the tailored plan for Pender County and the rest of the region. Jackson reviewed the different project Trillium is working on. The Board had no questions or comments.

6.2 Pender County 4-H — Mark Seitz — 16-32

Traci Spencer, Extension Agent for the Youth Program, provided the Board with an update for the 4-H program. The 4-H program is the largest youth organization in the USA. Spencer reviewed the different programs offered to the youth through 4-H. Some of these include STEM, Agriculture, Healthy Living, etc. Spencer discussed the summer programs that have been going on in Pender County over the last couple of months. The kids partook in various field trips, classes, and activities.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Donald Sullivan of Atkinson discussed water and sewer access to citizens near Hoover Rd.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

8.1 August 19, 2024, BOCC Meeting Minutes — Lexi Stanfield — 33-44

Commissioner Burton made the motion to Approve the Consent Agenda.
Vice Chair Newton seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

8.2 Approval of a Budget Amendment to Increase Health Department Revenues and Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024-2025: $7,885 — Carolyn Moser — 45-55

8.3 Approval of a Budget Amendment to Increase Health Department Revenues and Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024-2025: $16,024.50 — Carolyn Moser — 56-59

8.4 Approval of position title change from “Part-Time Transfer Station Scale House Operator – Temporary” to “Part-Time Transfer Station Scale House Operator – Permanent” — Susan Barnhill — 60

8.5 Approve the Resolution to accept State Revolving Loan offer of $13,187,000 for the Scotts Hill Tank & Wells Project — Anthony Colon — 61-67

8.6 Approval of Purchase Order to Sanders Ford in Jacksonville for Ford Explorer 4WD in the amount of $45,145.00 — Anthony Colon — 68-70

8.7	Approval of Purchase Order to A.C. Schultes to repair the Regional Lift Station for $369,903.00	Anthony Colon	71-76
8.8	Approval of Purchase Order to Marine Chevrolet in Jacksonville for Chevrolet 1500 4WD Truck in the Amount of $48,305.00	Anthony Colon	77-81
8.9	Approval of Purchase Order for DSS Contracted Services $170,437	Wes Stewart	82-86

This item was tabled.

8.10	Approval to reclass an Income Maintenance Caseworker II position to an Income Maintenance Supervisor I position	Wes Stewart	87-90
8.11	Consideration of request from Duke Energy to grant an easement for the relocation of a power line and associated power pole on County-owned property	Daniel Adams	91-106
8.13	Approval of PO to Superior Mechanical for $37,433.00 for Heat Pump Replacement at DSS	Wyatt Richardson	109-112

9. APPROVALS AND RESOLUTIONS

8.12	Approval of Budget Amendment to carryover and re-budget E911 Grant funds	Alan Cutler	107-108

Sheriff Cutler answered Commissioner Burton's questions regarding this item. The budget amendment is to carry over and re-budget 911 grant funds that were awarded to the law enforcement center.

Vice Chair Newton made a motion to approve.
Commissioner Burton seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

8.14	Law Enforcement Officer Separation Allowance Policy Update	Pam Brame	113-116

Pam Brame, Human Resources Director, answered questions regarding part-time employees and their benefits within the new allowance policy.

Vice Chair Newton made a motion to approve.
Commissioner Burton seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

9.1	Updated Program Integrity Claims Management Plan	Wes Stewart	117-120

Wes Stewart, DSS Director, presented the item. It is an amendment to the annual plan to bring charges to those who fraudulently collect benefits past $10,000.00.

Vice Chair Newton made a motion to approve.
Commissioner Groves seconded the motion.
The item passed unanimously.

9.2 Approval of Resolution accepting the revised Pender County Opioid Settlement Strategic Planning Report 2023 - 2027 — Carolyn Moser — 121-164

Carolyn Moser, Health and Human Services Director, presented the revised opioid settlement strategic plan report for 2023-2027. The original plan presented to the Board did not meet all the criteria needed for the settlement. Revisions to the plan included having a Vision statement, additional potential strategies, further budgeting, and timelines. Additionally, root causes of opioid use were added to the plan. Vice Chair Newton asked questions regarding the programs and efforts that have been used since the Board last discussed the settlement.

Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve the item.
Commissioner McCoy seconded the motion.
Chairman George, Commissioner Burton, Commissioner McCoy, and Commissioner Groves voted to approve the item.
Vice Chair Newton voted against approval of the item.
Motion passed.

9.3 Approval of a Resolution to authorize Option A Strategy: Collaborative Strategic Planning — Carolyn Moser — 165-167

Carolyn Moser, Health and Human Services Director, presented the item. This item is a resolution authorizing the option A strategy and permission to send it to the state for review. This resolution would also pay for the addition of a program coordinator to run the Opioid Settlement Funds program.

Commissioner McCoy made a motion to approve the item.
Commissioner Burton seconded the motion.
Chairman George, Commissioner Burton, Commissioner McCoy, and Commissioner Groves voted to approve the item.
Vice Chair Newton voted against approval of the item.
Motion passed.

9.4 Resolution approving the addition of a Health Promotion Program Coordinator to the Pender County Pay Classification Plan, and to hire coordinator to manage the Pender County Opioid Settlement fund. — Carolyn Moser — 168-174

Carolyn Moser, Health and Human Services Director, presented the item. This resolution approves the addition of a Health Promotion Program Coordinator to the Health and Human Services staff. This position would report to the Health Department and oversee the Opioid Settlement Funds program.

Commissioner Burton made a motion to approve the item.
Commissioner McCoy seconded the motion.
Chairman George, Commissioner Burton, Commissioner McCoy, and Commissioner Groves voted to approve the item.
Vice Chair Newton voted against approval of the item.
Motion passed.

9.5 Operation Green Light Resolution For Veterans | Michelle Leach | 175-180

Michelle Leach, Veterans Services Director, presented the item. November 4, 2024–November 11, 2024, the County's Administration Building and Hampstead Annex will be lit with green lights to honor veterans.

Vice Chair Newton made the motion to approve.
Commissioner Groves seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

9.6 Proclamation Honoring Steven George Smith, Late Mayor of Topsail Beach | Michael Silverman

Michael Silverman, County Manager, presented the item. Topsail Beach Mayor Steven George Smith passed away on September 13th, 2024. He served numerous years as the mayor and held other positions on various boards in an effort to serve his community. Silverman read aloud the proclamation honoring him. Chairman George shared his fond memories and praises of Steven Smith. Commissioner McCoy also shared his thoughts and prayers.

Commissioner Burton made the motion to approve.
Vice Chair Newton seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

10. DISCUSSION

11. APPOINTMENTS

11.1 Appointment to the Firefighter Local Relief Fund Board for Pender EMS and Fire, Inc. | Lexi Stanfield | 181-183

Lexi Stanfield, Clerk to the Board, presented the item. Mathew Cox has applied to fill a vacant seat on the Firefighter Local Relief Fund Board for Pender EMS and Fire, Inc. Mr. Cox has a well established background suited for the board. The Board members did not ask any questions.

Vice Chair Newton made the motion to approve.
Commissioner Burton seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

11.2 Appointment of County Commissioner to the Southeastern Economic Development Committee | Lexi Stanfield | 184

Vice Chair Newton nominated and made the motion to approve Commissioner Burton to serve on the Southeastern Economic Development Committee.
Commissioner McCoy seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

12. MAPLE HILL WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

13. ROCKY POINT WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

14. SCOTTS HILL WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

15. MOORE'S CREEK WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

16. CENTRAL PENDER WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

17. PENDER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

18. SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

19. ITEMS FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY, COUNTY MANAGER, ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER, & COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Trey Thurman, County Attorney, requested the Board go into closed session for item three (3) Attorney Client Privilege, item five (5) Acquisition of Real Property, and item six (6) personnel.

Michael Silverman, County Manager, announced the Kiwanis Park Groundbreaking Ceremony in October and the LEC Groundbreaking in November.

Commissioner Burton stated he was honored to attend the 9/11 Ceremony.

Commissioner Grvoes also spoke about the 9/11 Ceremony, water access for citizens, the Malpass Corner light, and the Smart Start open house.

Chairman George and the other commissioners granted a thirty (30) day extension for the item 21.2 SUP permit.
Vice Chair Newton made the motion to approve.
Commissioner Groves seconded the motion.
Motion approved unanimously.

20. CLOSED SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)

The Board entered closed session at 5:20PM for item three (3) Attorney Client Privilege, item five (5) Acquisition of Real Property, and item six (6) personnel.

Vice Chair Newton made the motion.
Commissioner Burton seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

21. 7PM PUBLIC HEARINGS: SPECIAL USE PERMITS/ZONING MAP AMENDMENTS/RESOLUTIONS

21.1 REZONE 2024-68: Request to modify the existing GB-CD1 conditional zoning district to expand the existing dry stack boat storage facility and allow for an office, retail space, boat sales, and boat service in the Topsail Township	Adam Moran	185-245

Item was continued until the October 7th BOCC Meeting.

21.2 SUP 2024-47: Request to revise a Special Use Permit that permits non-metallic mineral mining and quarrying at the Martin Marietta mine in the Rocky Point Township	Taylor Davis	246-308

Item was continued until the October 7th BOCC Meeting.

22. ADJOURNMENT

The exited closed session and adjourned the meeting at 7:30PM.

Vice Chair Newton made the motion to adjourn.
Commissioner Groves seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.