



Minutes

**Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 3, 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:**

Michael Silverman, County Manager
Trey Thurman, County Attorney
Lexi Stanfield, Clerk to the Board
Allen Vann, Assistant County Manager
Other Staff and Members of the Press and Public

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. INVOCATION

Vice Chair Newton gave the invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Groves led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion to Adopt the Agenda as Presented.

5. CLOSED SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)

Motion to go into closed session for item three (3) Attorney Client privilege including Pender County vs Warmingham, item four (4) Economic Development, item five (5) Acquisition of Real Property, and item six (6) Personnel.

The Board recessed Closed Session at 5:03PM.

6. PUBLIC INFORMATION

6.1 Farm Income Challenges

Mark Seitz

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Mark Seitz, Cooperative Extension Director, presented the item. In July 2024, Seitz requested the Board sign a drought declaration. Following that declaration, Pender County received 20'-25' of rain. The mixture of drought and excessive rain has impacted crops and the NC Farmers.

Corn is not doing well this season. Soybeans appear to be somewhat salvageable, however it is still too early to tell. Seitz reviewed the crop production cost estimates for field corn and soybeans. The expected revenue change for the County is \$18,183,144.00.

6.2 Employee Recognition: Retirement of Ben Kane from the Vector Control Program at the Health Department Carolyn Moser 10

Carolyn Moser, Health and Human Services Director, recognized the upcoming retirement of Ben Kane from the Vector Control Program within Environmental Health. Moser provided a brief background on the Vector Program and Kane's employment history. Moser praised Kane's efforts with the Vector Control program.

Kane, who attended the meeting under the guise he was presenting a mosquito update, provided the Board a short status on the mosquitos within Pender County. Kane reported Pender County has withstood so many Floodings and waterline drops that it is experiencing seven (7) years of mosquito hatching. There are a few disease cases in the United States of Dingy Fever, Malaria, and others due to the migration of mosquitos. The Board praised Kane and thanked him for his service.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

8. CONSENT AGENDA

8.1 Approval of two Purchase Orders to purchase replacement vehicles in the amount of \$162,944 Wes Stewart 11-26

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as it is presented.

Vice Chair Newton made a motion to approve.
Commissioner McCoy seconded the motion.
Item approved unanimously.

8.2 Approval of Purchase Order to Capital Ford in Raleigh for Ford F750 Dump Truck in the Amount of \$110,939.60 Anthony Colon 27-29

8.3 August 5, 2024, Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes Lexi Stanfield 30-44

8.4 Motor Vehicle Releases and Refunds Sarah Pridgen 45-47

8.5 Approval of a Budget Amendment to Increase Health Department Revenues and Expenditures in the amount of \$4,211.25 Carolyn Moser 48-51

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| 8.6 | Approval of a Budget Amendment to Increase Health Department Revenues and Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024-2025: \$177,800. | Carolyn Moser
52-62 |
| 8.7 | Approval of a Budget Amendment to Increase Health Department Revenues and Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in the amount of \$6,661.31 | Carolyn Moser
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9. APPROVALS AND RESOLUTIONS

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| 9.1 | Approval of Purchase Order to Hach Company of Essential Lab Supplies for the Hampstead/Scott's Hill Wells in the Amount of \$40,000.00 | Anthony Colon
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Anthony Colon, Utilities Director, presented the item. Hach is Pender County's sole source vendor for lab supplies. Per the Procurement Policy, the Board needs to approve Hach as the sole source vendor.

Vice Chair Newton made a motion to approve.
Commissioner Burton seconded the motion.
Item approved unanimously.

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| 9.2 | Approval of purchase order and authority to execute a contract with Elite Construction for Hampstead Kiwanis Park Phase IV in the amount of \$1,371,802 | Zach White
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Zach White, Parks and Recreation Director, presented the item. He is asking the Board to approve a purchase order and the authority to execute a contract with Elite Construction in the amount of \$1,371,802.00 for Phase Four of the Hampstead Kiwanis Park project. There is a grant for this project in the amount of \$500,000. The remaining \$800.00 is budgeted. Jimmy Fentress answered questions about stormwater in the area. The Board asked questions.

Vice Chair Newton made a motion to approve.
Commissioner McCoy seconded the motion.
Item was approve unanimously.

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| 9.3 | Resolution approving the County's application for grant funding through the WMPO for the design of a multi-use path along Country Club Drive, Azalea Drive, Jenkins Road and N. St. John's Church Road in Hampstead and resolution for the Great Trails State Program grant opportunity | Adam Moran
82-84 |
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Adam Moran, Planner, presented the item. This item was first heard at the August 19th Board of Commissioners Meeting. Vice Chair Newton apologized to Moran for the misunderstanding during the last time this item was presented. The Board had no questions.

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

Item approved unanimously.

10. DISCUSSION

10.1 Public Water Shellfish Leases

Brad George

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Chairman George asked for this item to be on the agenda after discussing this with the Topsail Shoreline Prevention Commission. Shellfish leases have increased without limitations. This has greatly impacted local fishermen and those who use the water for recreational purposes. The Board does not have authority to create limitations, but they can sign a resolution for the state to create limits or put a moratorium in place. The Board discussed having a public hearing regarding this topic.

11. APPOINTMENTS

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 resume closed session.

Commissioner McCoy apologized for missing the groundbreaking ceremony for the new school.

Commissioner Groves spoke about the groundbreaking ceremony.

Commissioner Burton spoke about the groundbreaking ceremony.

20. ADJOURNMENT

The Board resumed closed session at 5:51PM.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:00PM.