

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2020
3:00 P.M.**

The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on the above date at 3:00 p.m., Commissioners' Chambers, David R. Sandifer Administration Building, County Government Center, Bolivia, North Carolina.

PRESENT: Commissioner Randy Thompson, Vice-Chairman
Commissioner J. Martin Cooke
Commissioner Pat Sykes
Commissioner Mike Forte

ABSENT: Commissioner Frank Williams, Chairman

STAFF: Randell Woodruff, County Manager
Steve Stone, Deputy County Manager
Bob Shaver, County Attorney
Julie Miller, Finance Director
Andrea White, Clerk to the Board
Jared Galloway, Deputy Clerk to the Board
Meagan Kascak, Public Information Officer
Cpt. Lamar Siler, Sheriff's Office

Board Action, containing all items in this set of minutes, is filed within the Clerk to the Board's office.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Cooke gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Thompson asked for any adjustments to the agenda. No adjustments were requested.

Commissioner Cooke moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Forte and the vote of approval was unanimous (Chairman Williams absent).

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vice-Chairman Thompson announced that one individual had signed up to speak.

1. William Flythe, resident of Southport, requested that the Board of Commissioners consider resolutions on the following three issues: 1) shared costs for the reverse osmosis system for

water purification by Brunswick County and Chemours; 2) immediate reactivation of the North Carolina Department of Transportation Plan to build a fourth bridge across the Cape Fear River; 3) prohibition of seismic testing and offshore drilling along the North Carolina coast.

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Thompson asked for a motion on the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Forte moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cooke and the vote of approval was unanimous (Chairman Williams absent).

The following items were approved:

1. **Administration - Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget Calendar Amendment**
Amended the FY 2020-2021 Budget Calendar to move the Countywide Goal Workshop from February 17, 2020 to March 16, 2020, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
2. **Clerk to the Board - Meeting Minutes**
Approved the draft minutes from the January 16, 2020 Special Meeting and the January 21, 2020 Regular Meeting.
3. **Finance - Contract to Audit Accounts Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, P.A.**
Approved a one-year contract for audit services with Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, P.A.
4. **Finance - Financial Advisory Services Phase Two (2) School General Obligation Bonds**
Received information and approved the agreement with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc. to serve as the County's financial advisor for the upcoming phase two (2) general obligation bonds issue of \$47,550,000.
5. **Health and Human Services - BSRI - Council of Governments Grant Agreement for Aging Services**
Approved and executed the FY 2020 Home and Community Care Block Grant for Older Adults Agreement for the Provision of Community-Based Aging Services ending June 30, 2020.
6. **Health and Human Services - Health Services - Contract for NC Alliance of Public Health Agencies FY 19-20**
Approved and executed the contract with the North Carolina Alliance of Public Health Agencies for fiscal year 2019-2020.
7. **Health and Human Services - Public Housing - Request to Schedule a Public Hearing**
Scheduled a public hearing on April 20, 2020 to hear any comments or suggestions on the Public Housing Agency Five-Year Plan.
8. **Tax Administration - Annual Tax Advertisement Order for 2019 Unpaid Tax Liens**
Approved the advertisement of 2019 unpaid tax liens on real property.
9. **Tax Administration - December 2019 Releases**
Approved the December 2019 releases.

VI. PRESENTATION

1. Health - Recognition of All-Star Award Recipient

Request that the Board of Commissioners recognize Cherie Browning as the recipient of the NCPHA All-Star Award.

Mr. Cris Harrelson, Health Director, introduced Ms. Cherie Browning, Director of Nursing, as the recipient of the All-Star Award given by the North Carolina Public Health Association. To qualify, she had to be “that special spirited someone that epitomizes public health.” Mr. Harrelson shared the following remarks: The most enduring quality of Ms. Browning is her positive, optimistic spirit. She is a pleasant, motivated, and competent leader. The atmosphere of our clinics is optimistic and upbeat with no signs of complaints or discontent. She reflects a positive attitude that is contagious to the staff. She is highly motivated, energetic, and maintains a positive attitude at all times. She consistently models the characteristic of teamwork. She is confident in whatever role she is assigned. She motivates her staff and coworkers with her positive attitude and can-do spirit. She is also open to input from her staff and others, and she is willing to step in and contribute when needed. She has consistently reflected the spirit of true public service. She advocates for our clients and will go the extra mile to ensure they are served. She is always open to providing outreach events and other means in which to communicate and educate the public about our services and their health needs. In conclusion, these three qualities, optimism, a spirit of teamwork, and a love for customer service resulted in her receiving the Public Health All-Star Award.

Following a standing ovation, Ms. Browning expressed her appreciation of Mr. Harrelson, the management in Health Services, and Brunswick County in general. She recognized the amazing staff at the Health Department and the good work being done every day to help people and to improve the community.

Vice-Chairman Thompson expressed the Board’s appreciation for the difference the Health staff is making.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Vice-Chairman Thompson asked if there were any other items of business or discussion.

Commissioner Sykes discussed the following:

1. Sheriff and Register of Deeds salary – Commissioner Sykes expressed concern with newly elected officials receiving the same salary as outgoing elected officials. The Board instructed staff to look at these salaries as part of the budget process.
2. Passports – Commissioner Sykes expressed concern with the residents born in Brunswick County, who purchased a certified copy of their birth certificate prior to a certain date, having to pay for a second certified birth certificate in order to obtain a passport. The Board instructed the County Manager to obtain additional information.
3. Signs – Commissioner Sykes expressed concern with roadside advertisement signs not being collected and the county ordinance or state law not being enforced. Mr. Woodruff stated that he would speak with the Planning Director regarding this issue.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Forte moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:16 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sykes and the vote of approval was unanimous (Chairman Williams absent).

Frank Williams, Chairman
Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Andrea White, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board