

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**August 1, 2022**  
**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, Chairman  
Commissioner J. Martin Cooke  
Commissioner Pat Sykes  
Commissioner Frank Williams

STAFF: Steve Stone, County Manager  
Bob Shaver, County Attorney  
David Stanley, Deputy County Manager  
Haynes Brigman, Deputy County Manager  
Aaron Smith, Finance Director  
Andrea White, Interim Clerk to the Board  
LeAnn Weigand, Executive Assistant  
Amber Merklinger, Communications Specialist  
Currie Elkins, MIS

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**III. ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Thompson asked for adjustments to the agenda. No adjustments were requested. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cooke and passed unanimously (4 to 0).

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Linda Adams spoke of her concerns regarding the budget, ARPA Funding and County funding of the Continuity of Operations Plan.

Mr. Gary Otsby spoke to the stormwater issues in the County and the current FEMA maps.

Mr. Dan Cook spoke to his appreciation of the lead and copper mitigation plan and water testing.

Mr. Nick Cherasaro requested streaming of the meetings to ensure community involvement.

Ms. Linda Drecchio spoke to keeping the citizens informed and looking for the support of the Board in maintaining open meetings for the public to be engaged

**V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Cooke moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously (4 to 0). See individual items for approval status:

**1. Administration - Resolution for International Logistics Park Left Turn Lane-Approved**

The Board Approved a resolution asking NCDOT to provide economic development funding for a left turn lane on US74/76 W. at the NC International Logistics Park. The Resolution reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR USE OF  
CONTINGENCY FUNDS FOR A LEFT TURN LANE ON  
US 74/76 INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS PARK**

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Transportation has submitted a request to use contingency funds for a left turn lane along US 74/76 International Logistics Park; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to pursue the necessary funding, the Department of Transportation requires a resolution of support for the project from the County Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners has considered the above-described request and is in support of road improvements along US 74/76 International Logistics Park.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners that it expresses its support of the above-described project recommended by the North Carolina Department of Transportation and requests that the project proceed once the necessary funding has been established.

This the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2022.

Randy Thompson, Chairman  
Brunswick County Commissioners

Attest:

LeAnn Weigand  
Clerk to the Board

**2. Health and Human Services - Health Services – 2021 Child Fatality Prevention Team Annual Report - Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the 2021 Child Fatality Prevention Team Annual Report.

**3. Health and Human Services - Social Services - Brunswick Family Assistance (BFA) Funded Agency Agreement for FY 22-23 – Approved**

The Board approved the renewal of the funded agency agreement between Brunswick County and the non-profit agency - Brunswick Family Assistance.

**4. Operation Services - NCDPS Probation and Parole Leases - Approved**

The Board approved a lease agreement and a sublease agreement for 3 years beginning August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2025 to provide office space for NC Department of Public Safety Probation and Parole at no cost to the state agency.

**5. Operation Services - Tip Fee Exemption Request - Approved**

The Board approved the tip fee exemption at the Brunswick County Landfill for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh.

**VI. PRESENTATION**

**1. Engineering - Presentation - Proposed Update to Stormwater Management Manual**

The Board received a presentation from Brigit Flora, Stormwater Engineer, on updating the Brunswick County Stormwater Management Manual. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the update. Chairman Thompson amended the motion to enhance the stormwater capability with more control of stormwater and to engage other stakeholders within the County. Commissioner Sykes seconded the amended motion and passed unanimously (4 to 0).

**2. Health and Human Services - Health Services – Community Health Assessment Update**

The Board received an update from Cris Harrelson, Health Director, on the 2022 Community Health Assessment.

**3. Parks & Recreation - Recognition of 2022 Special Olympics USA Games**

Aaron Perkins, Parks and Recreation Director, requested the Board recognize Brunswick County athletes, Katherine Juda, Jillian Meyer and Ashley Lederer that competed at the Special Olympics USA Games in Bocce. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the three Resolutions. Commissioner Sykes seconded the motion and passed unanimously (4 to 0). The Resolutions read as follows:

**RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF BRUNSWICK COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS  
KATHERINE JUDA**

**WHEREAS**, it is in the nature of life to learn many lessons early on, and wherever those places exist that mix the spirit of learning with a fun and competitive environment, the products are usually excellence, pride and a peaceful sense of self-assurance; and

**WHEREAS**, Katherine Juda has found that balance in the Special Olympics USA Games. She earned a gold medal at the state tournament which qualified her to be considered for the USA Games. At the USA Games she earned a bronze medal during her bocce doubles competition and won a gold medal in her bocce singles match. She put in many hours of practice leading up to the USA Games and did a great job of not only representing Team NC at the USA Games, but Brunswick County as well; and

**WHEREAS**, all the learning that this young lady does is as American as apple pie, and will be learned and sorted out along with the other great lessons that life teaches; and

**WHEREAS**, the lessons that are learned now will be kept for many years, and as she has demonstrated, a full measure of devotion, cooperation, ability, and above all, trust.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners are hereby resolved to recognize and honor Katherine Juda on her achievements and do hereby congratulate her on a job well done, and does hereby encourage her to continue to reach for goals that seems far away, but never out of reach of hope.

This the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2022.

Randy Thompson, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:  
Daralyn Spivey, NCCC  
Clerk to the Board

**RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF BRUNSWICK COUNTY SPECIAL  
OLYMPICS JILLIAN MEYER**

**WHEREAS**, it is in the nature of life to learn many lessons early on, and wherever those places exist that mix the spirit of learning with a fun and competitive environment, the products are usually excellence, pride and a peaceful sense of self-assurance; and

**WHEREAS**, Jillian Meyer has found that balance in the Special Olympics USA Games. She earned a gold medal at the state tournament which qualified her to be considered for the USA Games. At the USA Games she earned a bronze medal during her bocce doubles competition and won a gold medal in her bocce singles match. She put in many hours of practice leading up to the USA Games and did a great job of not only representing Team NC at the USA Games, but Brunswick County as well; and

**WHEREAS**, all the learning that this young lady does is as American as apple pie, and will be learned and sorted out along with the other great lessons that life teaches; and

**WHEREAS**, the lessons that are learned now will be kept for many years, and as she has demonstrated, a full measure of devotion, cooperation, ability, and above all, trust.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners are hereby resolved to recognize and honor Jillian Meyer on her achievements and do hereby congratulate her on a job well done, and does hereby encourage her to continue to reach for goals that seems far away, but never out of reach of hope.

This the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2022.

Randy Thompson  
Chairman Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:  
Daralyn Spivey,  
NCCCC Clerk to the Board

**RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF BRUNSWICK COUNTY SPECIAL  
OLYMPICS ASHELY LEDERER**

**WHEREAS**, it is in the nature of life to learn many lessons early on, and wherever those places exist that mix the spirit of learning with a fun and competitive environment, the products are usually excellence, pride and a peaceful sense of self-assurance; and

**WHEREAS**, Ashley Lederer has found that balance in the Special Olympics USA Games. She earned a gold medal at the state tournament which qualified her to be considered for the USA Games. At the USA Games she earned a bronze medal during her bocce doubles competition and won a gold medal in her bocce singles match. She put in many hours of practice leading up to the USA Games and did a great job of not only representing Team NC at the USA Games, but Brunswick County as well; and

**WHEREAS**, all the learning that this young lady does is as American as apple pie, and will be learned and sorted out along with the other great lessons that life teaches; and

**WHEREAS**, the lessons that are learned now will be kept for many years, and as she has demonstrated, a full measure of devotion, cooperation, ability, and above all, trust.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners are hereby resolved to recognize and honor Ashley Lederer on her achievements and do hereby congratulate her on a job well done, and does hereby encourage her to continue to reach for goals that seems far away, but never out of reach of hope.

This the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2022.

Randy Thompson  
Chairman Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:  
Daralyn Spivey,  
NCCCC Clerk to the Board

**VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

1. **Administration - ARPA Revenue Replacement Project - Radio Upgrades**  
The Board received a presentation from Elizabeth Bynum (Sheriff Department Comptroller) regarding the Revenue Replacement Projects which is part of the overall American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) implementation. This project, titled "Radio Upgrades" on the approved list, is the overhaul of radios used by the Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management, and Health Department and includes more than 500 radios at a value of \$3,156,810.76. Chairman Thompson made the motion to approve the funds. Commissioner Cooke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (4 to 0).

**VIII. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMAL DISCUSSION**

No other business to be brought before the Board

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Cooke moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously (4 to 0).

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Randy Thompson, Chairman  
Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Daralyn Spivey, NCCCC  
Clerk to the Board