

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
EMERGENCY MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2021
3:00 P.M.**

The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners held an Emergency Meeting 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 Mike Forte, Vice-Chairman
 Commissioner J. Martin Cooke
 Commissioner Pat Sykes
 Commissioner Frank Williams

STAFF: Randell Woodruff, County Manager
 Bryan Batton, Assistant County Attorney
 Steve Stone, Deputy County Manager
 Julie Miller, Finance Director
 Andrea White, Clerk to the Board
 Jared Galloway, Deputy Clerk to the Board
 Neal Galloway, MIS
 Meagan Kasczak, Communications Director
 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

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

Commissioner Williams gave Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Thompson thanked the Board members for changing their schedules in order to hold the meeting and thanked all those who responded to the community’s needs following the tornado event of February 16, 2021, to include the volunteers and response agencies.

II. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- **Address Public Safety Concerns Related to Debris Created by the Tornado**

Chairman Thompson recognized County Manager Randell Woodruff.

Mr. Woodruff explained that County staff had thoroughly analyzed the debris situation as a result of the tornado in the Ocean Ridge community and surrounding areas. Ms. Stephanie Lewis and staff engaged with the debris contractor, North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) officials, as well as the local community to arrive at the best process for cleanup efforts for the Board’s consideration. The process would include working with the NCDOT for removal of vegetative debris and possibly using County staff for removal of construction and demolition (C&D) debris.

Ms. Lewis reviewed the debris estimates as a result of the assessments. The contractor estimated approximately 7,000 cubic yards of vegetative debris and 200 cubic yards of C&D debris currently on the right-of-way. The C&D amount does not include the damaged homes on private property. The County’s plans are on hold until the official confirmation from NCDOT has been received. If NCDOT removes the vegetative debris, County staff is prepared to remove the C&D amounts currently on the roadside. This does not include the C&D amounts associated with demolition of homes on private property.

Chairman Thompson noted, in speaking with Chad Kimes, Division Engineer for the Wilmington NCDOT office, that the council for the Governor sent the Executive Order to be signed by the Governor to assist impacted communities with cleanup of vegetative debris.

Chairman Thompson clarified that the County would wait to hear back from NCDOT to confirm that they will remove the vegetative debris throughout the impacted areas. If that confirmation is received and the Board approves, the County will remove the curbside C&D

totaling approximately 200 cubic yards and will assist NCDOT with identifying a temporary debris site and coordinate the removal of any ground debris or final product.

Following a brief discussion on the importance of creating a plan for the future should such an event happen again, Chairman Thompson requested that Operation Services work with NCDOT and the County's Communications Director to formulate information to be shared with the public and the HOA so that everyone knows the timetable for debris removal.

Commissioner Williams moved to authorize staff to proceed with the removal of C&D debris using County resources, contingent upon NCDOT removing the vegetative debris.

Ms. Lewis shared the list of affected roads with the Board. Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Williams amended his motion to authorize staff to proceed with removal of C&D debris in the areas defined by staff, contingent upon NCDOT removing the vegetative debris.

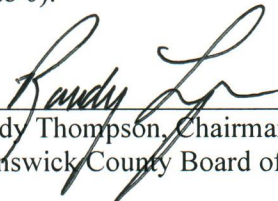
Ms. Lewis noted that debris removal does not include debris placed in the right-of-way in front of vacant lots or commercial lots.

With no further discussion, Chairman Thompson referenced the amended motion. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sykes and the passed unanimously (5 to 0).

The Board members shared their appreciation of the agencies and the hundreds of volunteers that stepped forward to assist with this event.

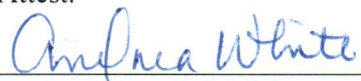
III. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Williams moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:29 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously (5 to 0).



Randy Thompson, Chairman
Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

Attest:



Andrea White, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board

