

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
COUNTYWIDE GOALS WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 2, 2021
9:00 A.M.**

The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners held a Workshop on the above date at 9:00 a.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 Pat Sykes
Commissioner Frank Williams

ABSENT: Commissioner J. Martin Cooke

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, Communications Director
Neal Galloway, 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 9:00 a.m.

II. ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

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

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Forte and passed unanimously (4 to 0 Commissioner Cooke being absent).

County Manager Randell Woodruff provided opening remarks.

The following items were presented and discussed:

- **Legal - FY 21/22 Goals & Objectives (Bob Shaver, County Attorney)**

No action was taken following the presentation.

- **Human Resources - FY 21/22 Goals & Objectives and Employee Benefits (Melanie Turrise, HR Director)**

Melanie Turrise presented information on the Estimated Market and Merit Analysis, and the LGERS Contribution in addition to the goals for the department.

A brief discussion was held regarding the health plan. Preliminary renewal discussions indicated no increase based on current plan design. Negotiations are currently underway for the dental plan and information will be provided at a later time. Staff requested direction on the health plan renewal in order that the County Manager might execute plan documents and open enrollment may be scheduled.

Commissioner Sykes moved to approve the renewal for the health plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously (4 to 0 Commissioner Cooke being absent).

- **Tax - FY 21/22 Goals & Objectives (Jeff Niebauer, Tax Administrator)**

Anthony Thomas, GIS Administrator, presented the goals on behalf of Jeff Niebauer.

No action was taken following the presentation.

- **Register of Deeds - FY 21/22 Goals & Objectives (Brenda Clemmons, Register of Deeds)**

No action was taken following the presentation.

- **Sheriff's Office - FY 21/22 Goals & Objectives (John Ingram, Sheriff)**

The presentation included goals for the Sheriff's Office, Detention Center, 911 Center, and Animal Protective Services. No action was taken following the presentation.

- **Emergency Services - FY 21/22 Goals & Objectives (Ed Conrow, Emergency Services Director)**

No action was taken following the presentation.

Vice-Chairman Forte stepped out of the meeting at 10:13 a.m. and returned at 10:15 a.m.

Chairman Thompson recessed the meeting at 10:35 a.m. for a break.

Chairman Thompson called the meeting back to order at 10:52 a.m.

- **Health Services - FY 21/22 Goals & Objectives (Cris Harrelson, Health Director)**

In addition to the Health Services goals presentation, the Board heard from Cathy Lytch, Social Services Director, with regard to Medicaid Transformation. It was the consensus of the Board to receive a more in-depth Medicaid Transformation presentation at a future meeting focusing on how this will impact the citizens, the County, and steps the County can take to get ahead of the curve with regard to public information and education.

No action was taken following the presentation.

- **Social Services - FY 21/22 Goals & Objectives (Cathy Lytch, Social Services Director)**

No action was taken following the presentation.

- **Public Housing - FY 21/22 Goals & Objectives (Cathy Lytch, Social Services Director)**

Following a discussion on the VASH Voucher Program (Veteran housing), the Board suggested highlighting programs such as this on social media to educate the public.

No action was taken following the presentation.

- **Veteran Services - FY 21/22 Goals & Objectives (Anita Hartsell, Senior Veteran Services Officer)**

No action was taken following the presentation.

- **BSRI - FY 21/22 Goals & Objectives (Jim Fish, Executive Director)**

No action was taken following the presentation.

Commissioner Sykes requested that the Animal Shelter be added to the County Complex Site and Building Master Plan Study.

Chairman Thompson recessed the meeting at 12:09 p.m. for lunch.

Chairman Thompson called the meeting back to order at 1:00 p.m.

- **Brunswick County Schools (Dr. Jerry Oates, Superintendent)**

Dr. Oates presented information on the 2016 Bond Phase 2 Update.

No action was taken following the presentation.

- **Brunswick Community College (Dr. Gene Smith, President)**

Following the presentation, the Board directed the County Manager to schedule a meeting between the college and Emergency Services to address the ongoing paramedic training needs and concerns. The Board also encouraged other departments that may be looking for training to contact the college to see what it has to offer.

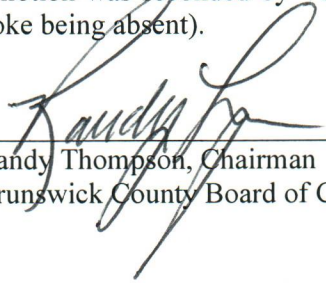
No action was taken following the presentation.

- **Closing Remarks**

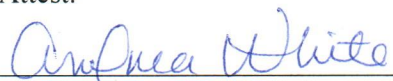
It was the consensus of the Board to keep the tax rate the same or lower, focus on service delivery, and consider rewarding departments who find ways to do things more efficiently by reallocating, within the department, the funds that were saved.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Williams moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Forte and passed unanimously (4 to 0 Commissioner Cooke being absent).


 Randy Thompson, Chairman
 Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

Attest:


 Andrea White, NCCCC
 Clerk to the Board

