

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
February 6, 2023
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 Mike Forte, Vice-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
Daralyn Spivey, Clerk to the Board
LeAnn Weigand, Executive Assistant
Meagan Kascsak, Communications Director
Currie Elkins, IT
Lt. Beck, 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.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Thompson asked for adjustments to the agenda.

Commissioner Sykes made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. William Flythe requests the Board approve a resolution in support of school funding using the Leandro Plan.

Mr. David Howard introduced himself as the new Health Director for Brunswick County.

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Vice – Chairman Forte moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously (5 to 0). See individual items for approval status:

- 1. Clerk to the Board - Meeting Minutes – January 17, 2023 Goals and Objectives Workshop and January 17, 2023 Regular Meeting - Approved**

The Board approved the Minutes from the January 17, 2023 Goals and Objectives Workshop and January 17, 2023 Regular Meeting.

- 2. **County Attorney – Assessment Tool and Criteria for Prequalification of Sub – Contractors for the North Brunswick High School Improvements- Approved**
The Board approved the assessment tools and criteria for the prequalification of sub-contractors for the North Brunswick High School improvements.

- 3. **County Attorney – Beach Walk, Phase 1 DOD - Approved**
The Board approved the Deed of Dedication for water and sewer infrastructure for Beach Walk, Ph 1.

- 4. **Finance – Brunswick County Resolution Supporting Compression Salary Increases for the Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Detention and Youth Development Center Staff - Approved**
The Board approved the Resolution supporting compression increases for the Department of Public Safety Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and Youth Development Center staff. The Resolution reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING COMPRESSION INCREASES FOR
DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY
PREVENTION DETENTION AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
CENTER STAFF**

WHEREAS, the Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention provides short term secure confinement in Juvenile Detention Centers and long term commitment services in the State’s Youth Development Centers; and

WHEREAS, the overarching mission of the Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the local Juvenile Crime Prevention Council to provide services and programming to ensure the protection of the community and rehabilitation of youth offenders; and

WHEREAS, Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention facilities are contending with an average 36% vacancy rate with Wake Juvenile Detention Center currently at a 40% vacancy rate, largely due to impact of the pandemic which has driven salaries and wages higher across the board; and

WHEREAS, Compression Salary Increases for Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention facility staff were removed from the state’s budget prior to final approval; and

WHEREAS, similar salary adjustments or increases WERE approved for Department of Public Safety staff in adult facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Brunswick County Commissioners support the adequate and timely increase of the salaries of juvenile facility staff in Wake County and across the State of North Carolina to make those positions competitive and to ensure qualified staff are compensated adequately for years of experience for the purposes of retention, as well as lay the groundwork for recruitment of qualified staff for youth facilities which will ensure the immediate and ongoing protection of the community and strengthen rehabilitative services for those juveniles most in need.

Adopted this 6th day of February, 2023.

Randy Thompson, Chair
Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

Attest:
Daralyn Spivey NCCCC
Clerk to the Board

- 5. **Finance - Fiscal Items- Approved**

The Board approved Budget Amendments, Capital Project Ordinances and Fiscal Items of a routine nature on the consent agenda to include the following:

-Opioid Settlement Budget Amendment and CPO
Appropriated \$89,325.61 of additional Opioid Settlement dollars from the Mallinckrodt bankruptcy disbursement to local governments. This appropriation is in addition to the opioid settlement previously projected for local governments for FY22-23 pursuant to the Opioid Settlement MOA.

- 6. **Health Services – WARM 2023 Urgent Repair Program Support Request – Approved**
The Board approved the resolution supporting an application and twenty percent (20%) funding match up to a maximum of \$20,000 for the 2023 Urgent Repair Program to be submitted by the Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry, Inc. (WARM) for their housing rehabilitation activities in Brunswick County. The Resolution reads as follows:

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY WARM URGENT
REPAIR APPLICATION RESOLUTION OF COMMITMENT**

WHEREAS, Brunswick County wishes to demonstrate local support for the Wilmington Area Building Ministry, Inc. (WARM) Urgent Repair application; and

WHEREAS, WARM wishes to submit a competitive application to the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency to assist Brunswick County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Brunswick County hereby resolves to commit \$ 20,000.00 in unrestricted local revenues to the Urgent Repair Program project. If the project is funded, these funds will be restricted in use for Brunswick County residents and be disbursed for “hard cost only” at the discretion of the Urgent Repair administrator during the FY-2024 budget year.

RESOLVED this 6th day of February, 2023.

Randy Thompson, Chair
Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:
Daralyn Spivey, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board

- 7. **Operation Services – Construction and Demolition Waste Transfer Services Agreement - Approved**
The Board approved the five (5) year service agreement for construction with Waste Industries, LLC d/b/a GFL Environmental for the transportation and disposal of construction and demolition waste.
- 8. **Operation Services – Solid Waste Collection, Transfer and Disposal Agreement - Approved**
The Board approved the fourth amendment from Waste Industries, LLC d/b/a GFL Environmental clarifying expected maintenance and guidelines for operating the new Transfer Station at the Brunswick County Landfill. There are no price changes or contract extensions requested or related to this amendment.
- 9. **Public Housing – Request to Schedule a Public Hearing – Approved**
The Board approved the scheduling of a public hearing for April 17, 2023 to hear any comments or suggestion on the Public Housing Agency’s goals, objectives, and policies.
- 10. **Tax – Annual Tax Advertisement Order for the 2022 Unpaid Taxes – Approved**
The Board approved the advertising of the 2022 unpaid tax liens on real property.

11. Utilities – Northwest WTP Budget Amendment – Approved

The Board approved the request of \$682,418.73 to recover line item 421300 for chemical costs for the remainder of the fiscal year (January- June).

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

1. Administration – LCFWASA Second Parallel Line Funding Resolution

Mr. Stone requested the Board approve a resolution in support of State funding for the second parallel line from the Kings Bluff Pumping Station to the Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority (LCFWASA) partner's systems. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the purchase. The motion was seconded by Vice – Chairman Forte and passed unanimously (5 to 0). The Resolution reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING FUNDING OF A 10 MILE
PARALLEL LINE PHASE 2 FOR THE LOWER CAPE
FEAR WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority (Authority) serves Brunswick, Bladen, Pender, New Hanover, Columbus Counties, and the City of Wilmington with a Board of Directors representing those local governments, and

WHEREAS, the Authority, the most extensive regional water system in Eastern North Carolina, has the primary role to provide raw water from the Cape Fear to supply treatment facilities that serve 550,000 customers; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for Brunswick County wishes to ensure reliable availability and redundancy; and

WHEREAS, in November of 2021, the LCFWASA experienced a significant leak on unparalleled infrastructure in the lower 10 miles of its raw water distribution system; and

WHEREAS, if this leak had occurred during the peak seasonal months, critical regional facilities would have been severely affected including the State Port, ten regional medical facilities, the Sunny Point Military Terminal, the rail terminal in Leland, and the Port terminal in Boiling Springs Lakes, and multiple other essential operations, businesses, and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the retail water systems serviced by the LCFWASA would be compelled to take extreme water conservation measures during a similar worst-case crisis scenario in the summer; and

WHEREAS, according to the analysis and opinion of the LCFWASA Engineer of Record, the direct and cumulative effect of such an event would be "catastrophic"; and

WHEREAS, the design and construction of a 48' parallel raw water line over 51,800 feet in length (Project) from the current termination points of parallel infrastructure in the LCFWASA system to the final meter vaults serving Pender and New Hanover Counties provides a solution to the outstanding risks to the LCFWASA infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the current estimate cost of the Project is \$60.2 million, and the budgetary impact of the Project would effectively double the LCFWASA wholesale rates if it were solely funded by the LCFWASA; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this significant impact in terms of both needs and costs, the Legislature appropriated partial funding in the amount of \$23.5 million to the LCFWASA to begin construction; and

WHEREAS, the LCFWASA's customers, specifically Cape Fear Public Utility Authority and Pender County, have agreed to contribute a total of \$11.7 million to the

Project, for a total of \$35.2 million toward the construction of the first phase of the Project; and

WHEREAS, an additional allocation request of \$25 million will be required to complete the Project in a second phase of construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners request members of the North Carolina General Assembly to appropriate in the FY24-FY25 state budget an allocation of funding for the second phase of the ten-mile parallel line project for redundancy, reliability, and emergency management of the critical regional water supply in Eastern North Carolina.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be recorded in the permanent minutes of this Board.

Adopted this 6th day of February 2023.

Randy Thompson, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST
Daralyn Spivey, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

VII. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMAL DISCUSSION

No further discussions.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

- 1. The Board entered into closed session pursuant to G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(1)(3)(4) to consult with the attorney, approve Closed Session Minutes from January 17, 2023 and to consult with the attorney to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other business.

Mr. Shaver noted the above statutory requirements.

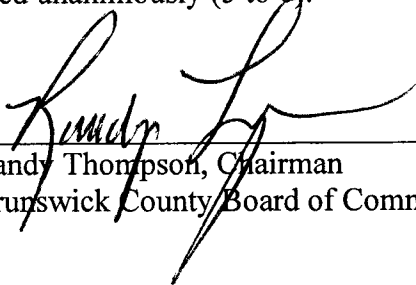
Commissioner Williams made the motion to enter Closed Session at 3:12 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sykes and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

Chairman Thompson called the Regular Session to order at 4:17 p.m.

Mr. Shaver stated there was nothing to report from Closed Session.

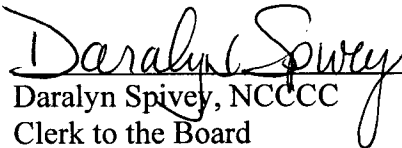
IX. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cooke moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:18 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sykes and passed unanimously (5 to 0).



Randy Thompson, Chairman
Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

Attest:



Daralyn Spivey, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board

