

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
May 1, 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 J. Martin Cooke
Commissioner Pat Sykes
Commissioner Frank Williams
Commissioner Mike Forte, Vice-Chairman

STAFF: Steve Stone, County Manager
Bob Shaver, County Attorney
David Stanley, Deputy County Manager
Haynes Brigman, Deputy County Manager
Aaron Smith, Finance Director
LeAnn Weigand, Deputy Clerk/ Executive Assistant
Meagan Kasczak, Communications Director
Currie Elkins, IT
Lt. 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 3:02 p.m.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Thompson gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Thompson also recognized the many guests that were in attendance for the swearing in of Sheriff Chism.

III. ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Vice - Chairman Forte made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cooke and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Thompson opened the public comment period at 6:08 p.m. with the following comments:

Mr. Kenneth Coleman spoke of his concerns regarding code enforcement in the area of Shell Point.

Mr. Gary Ostby spoke of his concerns regarding the budget and the need to broadcast the Board of Commissioners meetings.

Ms. Denise Donnelly spoke of her concerns about having safe water available countywide.

Ms. Jacqueline Delts spoke of her concerns regarding the rising tax bill and the lack of services other areas of the County receive.

Mr. Nick Cherasaro spoke of his concerns with the need to broadcast the Board of Commissioners meetings and the tax revaluation process.

Ms. Willistine McMillan spoke of her concern for safe drinking water in the community and the lack of water infrastructure to existing homes.

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Sykes 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 -April 20, 2023 Regular Meeting - Approved**
The Board reviewed and approved the Minutes of the April 20, 2023 Regular Meeting.
- 2. County Attorney - Villas at Shingletree Sewer DOD - Approved**
The Board accepted the Deed of Dedication for water and sewer infrastructure for the Villas at Shingletree sewer.
- 3. Engineering - FY16 Enterprise Water Mains Top (7) _ Contracts C & D _ Notice of Award to T. A. Loving Company, Inc. - Approved**
The Board approved the Notice of Award to the T. A. Loving Company, Inc., for the FY16 Enterprise Water Mains Contracts C & D in the amount of \$7,250,000.00.
- 4. Finance - Board of Education - Request to Delay Budget Submittal - Approved**
The Board approved the Brunswick County Schools' request to submit budget after Statutory Date due to the current funding agreement.
- 5. Finance - Brunswick County Schools Contract for Supply Elementary School Fire Alarm System Replacement - Approved**
The Board approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a contract in the amount of \$317,200 with M-R Electrical and Security Alarm Systems for the replacement of the Fire Alarm System at Supply Elementary School.
- 6. Finance – Fiscal - Items - Approved**
The Board approved Budget Amendments, Capital Project Ordinances, and Fiscal Items of a routing nature on the consent agenda.
- 7. Health Services - Consider Acceptance of a Grant to Health Services - - Approved**
The Board accepted the grant to Health Services in the amount of \$49,200.00.
- 8. Operation Services - New Transfer Station Budget Amendment - Approved**
The Board approved a budget amendment in the amount of \$606,734 for the completion of the new transfer station to add concrete and asphalt around the building.
- 9. Utilities - Purchase of 2700 Neptune Water Meters - Approved**
The Board approved the budgeted purchase of 2700 Neptune 3/4" water meters from Core and Main in the amount of \$383,400.00 to support the merger with the Town of Shallotte in accordance with N.C.G.S 143-129(e)(6).

VI. APPOINTMENT OF SHERIFF

- 1. Administration - Resolution Appointing Brian Chism as Sheriff of Brunswick County**
Vice Chairman Forte made the motion to approve the appointment of Brian Chism as the Sheriff of Brunswick County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously (5-0). The Resolution reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPOINTING BRIAN CHISM AS SHERIFF OF BRUNSWICK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Brunswick County Sheriff John W. Ingram, V announced his retirement effective April 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 162-5.1 requires the Board of County Commissioners to consult with the county executive committee of the political party that nominated Sheriff Ingram to his current elected position; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Brunswick County Republican Party has informed the Board of Commissioners that they have unanimously recommended Chief Deputy Brian Chism to succeed Sheriff Ingram and serve the remainder of Sheriff Ingram's term of office; and

WHEREAS, Chief Deputy Brian Chism is well and duly qualified to serve the citizens of Brunswick County as their Sheriff.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Brian Chism the Sheriff of Brunswick County. Adopted this the 1st day of May 2023.

Randy Thompson, Chair
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

LeAnn Weigand
Deputy Clerk

Judge Jason Disbrow read the following Oath of Office:

Oath of Sheriff

I, Brian Michael Chism, do solemnly swear that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as Sheriff of Brunswick County, so help me God.

I, Brian Michael Chism, do solemnly and sincerely swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me God.

I, Brian Michael Chism, do solemnly swear that I will execute the Office of Sheriff of Brunswick County to the best of my knowledge and ability, agreeably to law; and that I will not take, accept or receive, directly or indirectly, any fee, gift, bribe, gratuity or reward whatsoever, for returning any man to serve as a juror or for making any false return on any process to me directed; so help me God.

Brian Michael Chism

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of May, 2023.

Honorable Jason C. Disbrow
Senior Resident Superior Court Judge

VII. PRESENTATION

- 1. Clerk to the Board – Water and Sewer Infrastructure Funding Petition**
The Board received a presentation from Mr. Carl Parker, NAACP President, regarding a funding petition for water and sewer infrastructure. Staff received direction to reach out to our lobbyist, Mr. McIntyre, for any assistance that can be garnered.
- 2. Brunswick County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)**

Mr. McIntire presented the Board with the EOP and the COOP plans for discussion, approval, and implementation. Consensus of the Board is to move this to the May 15, 2023, Commissioners meeting, allowing for further review of the documents.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

1. Utilities – Wastewater Master Plan Approval

Mr. Lockamy presented the Board with the Wastewater Master Plan prepared by McKim and Creed, Inc. dated April 2023 for discussion and adoption. The motion was made by Commissioner Williams to adopt the Master Plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sykes with all in favor (5 to 0).

2. Administration – Community Enforcement Approach Presentation

The Board received information on the County's approach to Community Enforcement cases. Mr. Brigman will work with the County Attorney and will bring information forward for Board approval.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMAL DISCUSSION

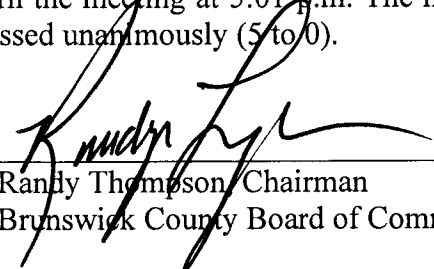
No further business before the Board.

X. CLOSED SESSION

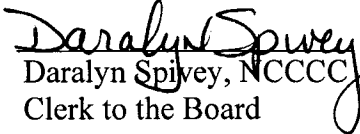
No closed session necessary.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Williams moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:01 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

