

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
February 20, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on the above date at 6:00 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

ABSENT: 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
Jim Hartsell, IT
Lt. Bond, 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 6:01 p.m.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Thompson asked for adjustments to the agenda.

Commissioner Cooke made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sykes and passed unanimously (4 to 0).

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Thompson opened the public comment period at 6:04 p.m. with the following comments:

Ms. Cherri Cheeks spoke to the Inlet Hazard Area concerns and the upcoming meeting with the Coastal Resources Commission.

Mr. Hale Johnson spoke to a chain link fence in the Eagle Run Community along the Crow Creek Golf Course.

Mr. Doug Dillman spoke to unregulated growth, planning in the county and traffic concerns along River Road (NC133) in Brunswick County.

Ms. Sally Learned spoke to the support of the Blueprint Brunswick 2040 Plan and the need of affordable housing.

Ms. Lauren Cranidiotis spoke to uncontrolled growth, planning/traffic concerns along River Road (NC 133) in Brunswick County and to consider the ecological impacts of development.

Ms. Nina McPherson spoke in support Brunswick Blueprint 2040 Plan and the need for a community pool in the Southport/Oak Island area.

Ms. Diana Fotinatos spoke in support of the hiring of Patricia Dew, the improvements to the County Libraries and requested the Board support the upcoming FY23/24 budget requests for the Library.

Ms. Nancy McMurray spoke to the Inlet Hazard Area and the upcoming Coastal Resource Commission meeting.

Ms. Ann McMath spoke in support of the Brunswick Blueprint 2040 Plan and the need for a community pool in the Southport/Oak Island area.

Mr. Nick Cherasaro spoke to the upcoming tax assessment, making the tax rate revenue neutral and the need for the Commissioner’s Meetings to be broadcasted.

V. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 1. **Administration - Southeastern Community and Family Services, Inc. Community Service Block Grant Application FY 2023 - 2024 - Approved**
The Board reviewed the provided information on Southeastern's Community Service Block Grant refunding application for FY 2023-2024 and authorized the clerk to sign the provided documentation form.
- 2. **Clerk to the Board - Meeting Minutes – February 6, 2023 Regular Meeting - Approved**
The Board approved the Minutes from the February 6, 2023 Regular Meeting.
- 3. **County Attorney – BSRI Amended Resolution for Property Transfer - Approved**
The Board approved the amended Resolution for property transfer to BSRI and modification of the Deed of Transfer. The Resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION CONVEYING PROPERTY TO BRUNSWICK SENIOR RESOURCES, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AMENITIES AND HOUSING TO SENIORS

WHEREAS, Brunswick County has a growing population of adults over sixty years of age within Brunswick County; and

WHEREAS, Brunswick County also has shortage of housing for Seniors; and

WHEREAS, Brunswick County acquired vacant parcels adjacent to the Center at Calabash at the time of acquisition of the property; and

WHEREAS, Brunswick County provides financial support, buildings and other resources to Brunswick Senior Resources, Inc., a non-profit corporation (“BSRI”), as Brunswick County’s lead agency with the mission to facilitate senior programs within Brunswick County; and

WHEREAS, Brunswick Senior Resources, Inc. intends to partner with a for-profit entity to construct housing which shall be subject to ad valorem taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners conveys the following real property parcels to Brunswick Senior

Resources, Inc. in accordance with NCGS 160D-1316 and NCGS 160A-279 to be used exclusively for Seniors: Parcel 2550007409 and Parcel 2550007411 (collectively, the "Property").

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners that:

1. The Board authorizes a private sale of the Property to BSRI at a price of \$1.00;
2. An amenity building ("Amenity Building") will be built on the Property as an accessory use to the adjacent multi-family housing development ("Housing Development") and will also be made reasonable available for use by BSRI and the Center at Calabash;
3. The residential units in the Housing Development associated with the Amenity Building will be available for lease to Brunswick County residents, including the senior residents, but the residential units are not required to be exclusively marketed or leased to such individuals;
4. The Housing Development and Amenity Building will be subject to ad valorem taxation;
5. The Amenity Building must be substantially complete with applicable occupancy permits no later than four (4) years after the date of transfer of the Property from Brunswick County, unless BSRI has requested and been granted an extension of time by the Board of County Commissioners;
6. Should BSRI fail to meet the any of the above conditions, the parcels shall automatically revert back to Brunswick County.

Adopted this the ____ day of _____, 2023.

Randy Thompson, Chair
Brunswick County Commissioners

Attest:

Daralyn Spivey, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board

4. **County Attorney – Calabash Palms DOD - Approved**
The Board accepted the Deed of Dedication for water and sewer infrastructure for Calabash Palms.
5. **County Attorney - Cape Fear Regional Jetport Water DOD - Approved**
The Board accepted the Deed of Dedication for water infrastructure for the Cape Fear Regional Jetport.
6. **County Attorney - Declaration of Surplus Property - Approved**
The Board declared property obtained by the County through tax foreclosure (Parcel # 156MC00402) as surplus property to be placed on the County's website for possible future purchase.
7. **County Attorney - Interlocal Agreement Regarding Raw Water Pipeline System Improvements - Approved**
The Board approved the Interlocal Agreement and authorized the County Manager to sign on behalf of the County.
8. **County Attorney - Northern Lights Phase 5 DOD - Approved**
The Board accepted the Deed of Dedication for water and sewer infrastructure for Northern Lights, Phase 5.
9. **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:

-ARPA - Parks in QCT - Repair and Maintenance

Disappropriated \$2,000,000 of American Rescue Plan funds allocated for the Parks in QCT - Repairs and Maintenance project. The project no longer meets ARPA eligibility criteria in serving disproportionate and/or low-income primary beneficiaries due to increased population and growth reflected in current census data for the County. The project will be funded with ARPA-enabled dollars upon board approval.

-Parks - Repair and Maintenance - ARPA Enabled

Appropriated \$2,000,000 of fund balance for park improvements at Navassa, Leland, NW, Cedar Grove, Shallotte, Lockwood Folly, and Waccamaw parks. The project will be funded by ARP-enabled dollars.

-Health Family Planning Additional Revenues Budget Amendment

Appropriated \$1,458 of additional state revenues restricted to be utilized for the purchase of family planning methods based on the needs of the community.

-Cooperative Extension Miscellaneous Revenues Budget Amendment

Appropriated \$657 of miscellaneous revenue for use in the 4-H Club programs.

-Emergency Telephone Fund Budget Amendment

Appropriated \$40,345 of transfer to the general fund for FY 2020 and 2021 eligible expenditures and \$18,108 from the general fund for ineligible expenditures through June 30, 2022.

-Financial Reports for January 2023 (unaudited)

Summary Information for General and Enterprise Funds, ARPA and Opioid project statuses, key revenue indicators, and Cash and Investment details are included. All year-to-date fiscal reports are provided
at: <http://brunswickcountnc.gov/finance/reports>

- 10. **Health Services - Approval of the enCompass Training Contract, Utilizing ABC Funds – Approved**
The Board approved to execute a contract valued at \$24,000 with the Addiction Policy Forum for the delivery of enCompass train-the-trainer training and materials. This request is funded by budgeted and restricted NC ABC bottle tax revenue.
- 11. **Human Resources - Renewal of Medical and Dental Insurance - Approved**
The Board approved the renewal of the medical insurance with the North Carolina Health Insurance Pool (NCHIP), and the dental insurance with Delta Dental, and authorize the County Manager to execute required renewal documentation. Additionally, the Board approved a request for Human Resources to schedule open enrollment for plan year 2023-2024 (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024).
- 12. **Information Technology - SHI- Microsoft Enterprise Agreement- First Amendment - Approved**
The Board approved the (1st) Amendment to the (SHI) 2022- 2025 Microsoft Enterprise Agreement with the addition of (253) Microsoft 365 (M365) licenses for BCSO end users.
- 13. **Operation Services - Detention Center and LEC Direct Digital Controls Replacement Goods and Services Agreement - Approved**
The Board approved the goods and services agreement with Champion Systems, Inc. for replacement of the direct digital controls for the hvac units in the detention center and law enforcement center.
- 14. **Operation Services - Tip Fee Exemption Request - Approved**
The Board approved a tip fee exemption at the Brunswick County Landfill for Christian Recovery Centers, Inc.
- 15. **Sheriff’s Office - Agreement Approval - 911 Backup Site Network Infrastructure RFP - Approved**

The Board approved an agreement with Infranet Technologies Group Inc., the vendor selected in a recent RFP related to the Backup 911 Center and its network infrastructure. The total value of the contract is \$97,571.59 before taxes, and the County's portion of this project is approximately 79%.

16. Soil and Water – Streamflow Rehabilitation Assistance Program Grant Scope Revision - Approved

The Board approved the grant scope of work revision to include Division of Soil and Water Conservation Debris Removal & Processing Recommendations.

17. Superior Court - Superior Court Judge Adult Treatment Court Grant Applications (SAMHSA & BJA) - Approved

The Board approved the Superior Court to submit applications for two grant opportunities (SAMHSA and BJA) to support the Adult Treatment Court.

1. 2023 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) expands substance abuse use disorder treatment capacity in adult treatment drug courts. Notice of Funding TI-23-007. Award period is up to five years and up to \$400k per year. (\$2M). Applications are due March 6, 2023.

2. 2023 Bureau of Justice Assistance Adult Treatment Court Discretionary Grant Program to plan, implement and enhance treatment courts. Grants are up to \$2.5M over four years with a 25% match. Applications are due April 11, 2023.

18. Tax – Tax Admin - February 2023 Releases - Approved

The Board approved the February 2023 releases.

19. Utilities – Utilities - Purchase of 3 Odor Control Units from Evoqua Water Technologies LLC - Approved

The Board approved a budgeted purchase of three (3) Whisper odor control units from Evoqua Water Technologies LLC., in the amount of \$225,303.00 in accordance with N.C.G.S 143-129(e)(6).

VI. PRESENTATION

1. Social Services - Income Maintenance Caseworker Positions - Approved

Ms. Lytch discussed and requested eleven (11) new full-time Income Maintenance Caseworker II positions in the Economic Services Division of Social Services.

Vice – Chairman Forte made the motion to approve the additional staff of eleven (11) Income Maintenance Worker II positions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cooke and passed unanimously (4 to 0).

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Planning - Blueprint Brunswick 2040 Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Kirstie Dixon (Planning Director), Aaron Perkins (Parks and Recreation Director), along with Michael Norton and Debbie Wilson (McGill & Associates) and Meg Nealon (Nealon Planning) presented the Brunswick Blueprint 2040 Plan highlights.

Chairman Thompson opened the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m. with the following comments:

Ms. Sherol Lappala spoke in support of Blueprint Brunswick 2040 and the need for adequate aquatic facilities in the Southport/Oak Island area.

Mr. Kenneth Best spoke in support of a feasibility study for additional aquatic facilities.

Mr. Pete Key spoke in support of Blueprint Brunswick 2040, concerns with the need to have another aquatic facility in the County, the importance of maintaining the tree canopy and the need of affordable housing.

Ms. Lowe Davis spoke in support of an aquatic facility in the Southport/Oak Island area.

Ms. Kelly Helbig spoke in support of an aquatic facility in the County for swimming lessons.

Ms. Tara Cumbee spoke in support of Brunswick Blueprint 2040 Plan and for an aquatic facility.

Mr. Dennis Maneri spoke in favor of Brunswick Blueprint 2040 Plan and for an aquatic facility and to explore public/private partnership for an aquatic center.

Mr. Steven Stegman spoke in favor of the Brunswick Blueprint 2040 Plan and for an aquatic facility.

Ms. Katie DelKey spoke in favor of an aquatic facility in the Southport/Oak Island area and the need for affordable housing.

Ms. Mackenzie LeFevre spoke in support of the Brunswick Blueprint 2040 Plan and the need for a pool in the Southport/Oak Island area.

Ms. Peyton Stegman spoke in favor of a community pool.

Mr. James Grever spoke in favor the Brunswick Blueprint 2040 Plan and the need for an aquatic center.

Ms. Shelly Facchina spoke in favor of the Brunswick Blueprint 2040 Plan and the importance of teaching swim lessons.

Ms. Marybeth Weinacht spoke in favor of the Brunswick Blueprint 2040 Plan, the greenspace set aside, and the need for an aquatic facility.

Mr. Paul Witmer spoke to the support of the Brunswick Blueprint 2040 Plan and the need for affordable housing.

Ms. Lora Sharkey spoke to the support of the Brunswick Blueprint 2040 Plan, the development nodes and the greenway development.

Mr. Richard Bober spoke in support of the Brunswick Blueprint 2040 Plan, the need for an aquatic center, and will volunteer to work together to use his expertise in building and designing the facilities.

Mr. Stone recommends the Plan be adopted. Commissioner Sykes moved to adopt the Brunswick Blueprint 2040 Plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cooke and passed unanimously (4 to 0).

Chairman Thompson called for a five (5) minute recess at 8:08 p.m.

Chairman Thompson called the meeting back to order at 8:14 p.m.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

1. Administration - Healing Place of New Hanover County, Inc. Contract

Mr. Stanley discussed a service contract with the Healing Place of New Hanover

County, Inc. not to exceed \$198,000.00 for the remainder of this fiscal year. This request is funded in the Fiscal Year 2023 budget.

Commissioner Sykes moved to adopt the service contract with The Healing Place of New Hanover County, Inc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cooke and passed unanimously (4 to 0).

2. Utilities - Shallotte Water System Merger Agreement

Mr. Stone requested approval of the conveyance of the water system from the Town of Shallotte, authorizing the Chairman to execute the Water Service Agreement with the Town of Shallotte and any additional documents necessary for conveyance, subject to County Attorney approval, and approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$2,027,461.

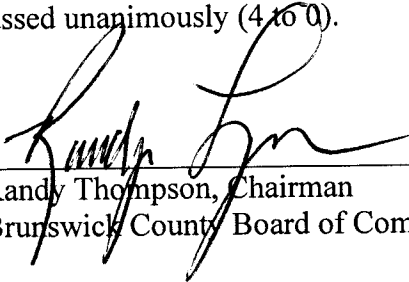
Commissioner Cooke moved to adopt the service contract with the town of Shallotte for the Water Service Agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sykes and passed unanimously (4 to 0).

IX. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMAL DISCUSSION

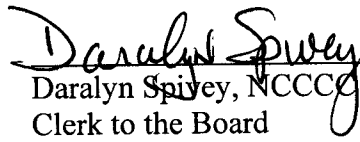
No further discussions.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Sykes moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Vice - Chairman Forte and passed unanimously (4 to 0).


Randy Thompson, Chairman
Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

Attest:


Daralyn Spivey, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board

