

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**SPECIALMEETING**  
**June 3, 2024**  
**1:00 P.M.**

The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on the above date at 1:00 p.m., Commissioners’ Chambers, David R. Sandifer Administrative 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  
David Stanley, Deputy Manager  
Haynes Brigman, Deputy Manager  
Aaron Smith, Finance Director  
Bryan Batton, County Attorney  
Daralyn Spivey, Clerk to the Board  
LeAnn Weigand, Executive Assistant  
Meagan Kascsak, Communications Director  
Jim Hartsell, IT  
Lt. Cherry, 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 1:00 p.m.

**II. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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

Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Sykes seconded the motion with all in favor (5 to 0).

The following items were presented and discussed:

- The final Fiscal Year 2025 Preliminary Recommended Balanced Budget, Fees, and Capital Improvement Plan and the upcoming schedule of the budget process were discussed to include:
  - Recent General Fund approved budget and fund balances appropriated from FY21 to the current recommended budget
  - 2023 Tax Levy Distribution
  - Updated Recommended Fee Changes

Outside of the above budget presentation the following items were discussed:

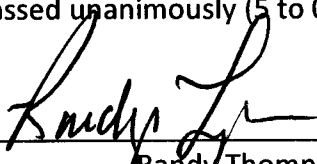
- GSTATS vs. WMPO Dues: Commissioner Williams inquired on the status of the dues to be paid for and by whom regarding GSTATS and WMPO. Staff is directed to draft a resolution and a letter referencing the dues, expansion of the territory the management/leadership of GSTATS to be ready by June 17, 2024, Regular Meeting for

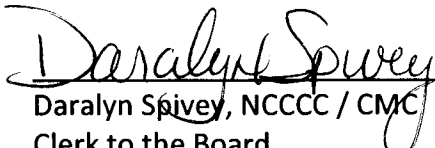
discussion and possible adoption and approval. The consensus of the Board is that the dues should be paid the same for both GSTATS and the WMPO.

- Sheriff’s Office: Members of the Sheriff’s Office answered questions regarding the budget requests for FY2025 regarding vehicles, radios, computers/laptops/iPads, associated equipment (vehicles, offices and deputies), Animal Protective Services, and storage buildings.
- ARPA /County Funding Available – Chairman Thompson requested staff to investigate the available funding that the County can use to purchase that were not considered as part of the proposed FY25 Budget.
- The Board appreciates the work that staff, department heads and our outside partners have completed to meet the directive for a no tax increase for FY 2025 of this Board while adding new positions, fleet requests, computers, technology, etc.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Williams made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m. Commissioner Cooke seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

  
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Randy Thompson, Chairman  
Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

Attest:  
  
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Daralyn Spivey, NCCCC / CMC  
Clerk to the Board

