BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
November 18, 2024
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 Commissioner Frank Williams
STAFF:	Steve Stone, County Manager Bryan Batton, County Attorney David Stanley, Deputy County Manager Aaron Smith, Finance Director Daralyn Spivey, Clerk to the Board LeAnn Weigand, Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk Meagan Kascsak, Communications Director Jim Hartsell, IT Sgt. Beach, 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 6:00 p.m.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Thompson asked for adjustments to the agenda.

Mr. Batton requested the addition of a Closed Session citing NCGS 143-318.11(a)(1)(3) and (5) to approve Closed Session Minutes of September 23, 2024, to consult with its attorney in order to preserve attorney/client privilege and discuss the acquisition of property.

With the above amendment to the agenda, Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Vice – Chairman Forte and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

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).

1. **Clerk to the Board – Meeting Minutes November 4, 2024, Regular Meeting.**

The Board approved the Minutes of the November 4, 2024, Regular Meeting.

2. **County Attorney – Coastal Club of the Carolinas, Ph.1 & 2 Deed of Dedication**
The Board approved the deed of dedication for water and sewer infrastructure for Coastal Club of the Carolinas Phase 1 & 2.

3. **County Attorney – Duke Energy Utility Easement**
The Board approved a utility easement to change out an existing power pole at 109 Town Hall Dr. Leland.

4. **County Attorney – The Village at Brunswick Plantation, Ph. 1 Lots 1-10, 85-114, and 197-207 Deed of Dedication**
The Board accepted the Deed of Dedication for water and sewer infrastructure for The Village at Brunswick Plantation, Ph. 1 Lots 1-10, 85-114, and 197-207.

5. **EMS – Columbus County EMS Franchise Agreement**
The Board approved the annual franchise agreement with Columbus County.

6. **EMS - Stryker ProCare Service Agreement**
The Board approved the annual Stryker Medical ProCare Service Agreement.

7. **EMS – Type 1 Ambulance Purchase**
The Board approved the purchase of four (4) Type 1 Ambulances for Emergency Medical Services from Emergency Transportation Associates.

8. **Finance – Advanced Funding for New Elementary School Using School Capital Reserves**
Vice - Chairman Forte made the motion to approve the resolution declaring the County's intent to reimburse itself for capital expenditures incurred prior to debt financing. The Resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK, NORTH CAROLINA DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK, NORTH CAROLINA TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF CERTAIN TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Brunswick, North Carolina (*"County"*) has determined that it is in the best interest of County to finance the construction and equipping of an elementary school facility in the County (the *"Project"*);

WHEREAS, the County presently intends, at one time or from time to time, to finance all or a portion of the costs of the Project with proceeds of tax-exempt obligations and reasonably expects to cause to be executed and delivered tax-exempt obligations (the *"Obligations"*) to finance, or to reimburse itself for, all or a portion of the costs of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to proceed with the Project and will incur and pay certain expenditures in connection with the Project prior to the date of execution and delivery of the Obligations (the *"Original Expenditures"*), such Original Expenditures to be paid for originally from a source other than the proceeds of the Obligations, and the County intends, and reasonably expects, to be reimbursed for such Original Expenditures from a portion of the proceeds of the Obligations to be executed and delivered at a date occurring after the dates of such Original Expenditures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Brunswick, North Carolina as follows:

Section 1. Official Declaration of Intent. The County presently intends, and reasonably expects, to reimburse itself for the Original Expenditures incurred and paid by the County on or after the date occurring 60 days prior to the date of adoption of this Resolution from a portion of the proceeds of the Obligations. The County reasonably expects to execute and deliver the Obligations to finance all or a portion of the costs of the Project and the maximum principal amount of Obligations expected to be executed and delivered by County to pay for all or a portion of the costs of the Project is approximately $90,000,000.

Section 2. Compliance with Regulations. The County adopts this Resolution as a declaration of official intent under Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations promulgated under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, to evidence the County's intent to reimburse itself for the Original Expenditures from proceeds of the Obligations.

Section 3. Itemization of Capital Expenditures. The Finance Director of the County, with advice from bond counsel, is authorized, directed and designated to act on behalf of the County in determining and itemizing all of the Original Expenditures incurred and paid by the County in connection with the Project during the period commencing on the date occurring 60 days prior to the date of adoption of this Resolution and ending on the date of execution and delivery of the Obligations.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon the date of its adoption.

Adopted this, the 18th day of November 2024.

The foregoing Resolution entitled **"RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK, NORTH CAROLINA DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK, NORTH CAROLINA TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF CERTAIN TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS"** was seconded by Commissioner Williams and was adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County on the following vote:

AYES:
Randy Thompson, Chairman
Mike Forte, Vice – Chairman
J. Martin Cooke, Commissioner
Pat Sykes, Commissioner
Frank Williams, Commissioner

NAYS:
None

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK)

I, *Daralyn Spivey*, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of the County of Brunswick, North Carolina, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a resolution entitled **"RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK, NORTH CAROLINA DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK, NORTH CAROLINA TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF CERTAIN TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS"** duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Brunswick, North Carolina at a meeting held on the 18th day of November, 2024.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the County of Brunswick, North Carolina, this the 18th day of November 2024.

(SEAL)

Daralyn Spivey
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners
County of Brunswick, North Carolina

9. **Finance Fiscal Items**
The Board approved Budget Amendments, Capital Project Ordinances, and Fiscal Items of a routine nature to include the following:

-Community Care of North Carolina Budget Amendment
Health Services received funding from CCNC - Community Care of North Carolina on June 24, 2024, to assist in improving workflows to close care gaps and quality gaps as well as other activities to drive value-based care performance improvement. Funds will be rolled into FY25 to assist with paying for i2i software implementation and annual license costs.

-Health Insurance Refunds Budget Amendment
Appropriated $1,813 of insurance refund revenues to partially reimburse for repairs needed for vehicle H1968 that was damaged during PTC#8.

-Water and Wastewater Taps and Connections Budget Amendment
Appropriate $1,500,000 of taps and connections revenue for equipment to facilitate the installation of water taps and connections.

-Financial Reports for October 2024 (unaudited)
Summary Information for General and Enterprise Funds, ARPA, and Opioid project statuses, key revenue indicators, and Cash and Investments details are included. All year-to-date fiscal reports are provided at:
https://brunswickcountync.gov/finance/reports

10. **Operations Services – Law Enforcement Center and Detention Center Roof Replacement**
The Board approved a Construction or Repair Agreement with Owens Roofing, Inc. for the Law Enforcement Center and Detention Center Roof Replacement.

11. **Operation Services – Purchase of Heavy-Duty Truck Lift.**
The Board approved a Goods and Services Agreement with Coastal Equipment, Inc. in the amount of $100,965 for a heavy-duty lift.

12. **Sheriff's Office – Lenovo Agreement Approval**
The Board approved a contract with Lenovo for the purchase of computers approved for the Sheriff's Office, Detention Center, 911 Communications, and Animal Protective Services budget requests.

13. **Sheriff's Office – Power DMS Agreement Approval**
The Board approved the agreement with PowerDMS for the continued use of software services at the Sheriff's Office for a three (3) year term including services that assist with training, accreditation, policy management, and other document management services.

14. **Tax Administration – November 2024 Releases**
The Board approved the November 2024 tax releases.

15. **Utilities – Approval of Contract with Sunny Wright's Backflow Services, Budget Amendment, and Rate Adjustment for FY2025 Backflow Prevention Testing**
The Board approved a contract with Sunny Wright's Backflow Services in the amount of $247,250.00 to perform the FY2025 backflow prevention testing services, associated budget amendment in the amount of $80,412.00 based on recently received bids, and a rate change to $36.75 per backflow test.

16. **Utilities – Approval of Hach Company Contract**
    The Board approved the contract with Hach Company for laboratory supplies used in wastewater treatment operations for Brunswick County in the amount of $37,458.00.

17. **Utilities – LCFWASA FTE Transfer**
    The Board approved transfer of 0.5 FTEs from the LCFWSA budget to the NWWTP budget along with associated salary and benefit funds.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

1. **Clerk to the Board – Trillium Health Resources Mid-Year Report**
   The Board received a report from Cecelia Peers with Trillium Health Resources regarding the Tailored Plan launch, benefits, support and Medicaid recipient data.

2. **Cooperative Extension – Potential County Youth Council**
   The Board received a report from Amy Mead, County Extension Director, regarding the potential for Brunswick County implementing a County Youth Council through the NC Cooperative Extension Office with support and participation from Brunswick County staff.

3. **Engineering – Potential Changes to Brunswick County Stormwater Ordinance to Reduce Flooding Impacts and Stormwater Utility Information**
   The Board received a report from Brigit Flora, Deputy Engineering Services Director, and Rich Christensen, Stormwater Engineer, regarding potential updates to the Stormwater Ordinance and Manual and information regarding Stormwater Utilities as requested at the meeting of October 21, 2024.

4. **Utilities – 2024 NC ONE Water Disaster Preparedness Award**
   Mr. John Nichols, Utilities Director, presented the Board with the NC ONE WATER Disaster Preparedness Award from the NC ONE WATER combined organization for the North Carolina Chapter of the American Water Works Association and the North Carolina Water Environment Association (NC AWWA – WEA).

5. **Utilities – 2024 Water Distribution System of the Year Award**
   Mr. John Nichols, Utilities Director, presented the Board with the Large Water Distribution System of the Year Award from NC ONE WATER – the combined association of the NC American Water Works Association and the North Carolina Water Environment Association (NC AWWA-WEA).

6. **Utilities – NC ONE WATER Distribution System Operator of the Year**
   Mr. John Nichols, Utilities Director, requested the Board recognize Cody Knox as the NC ONE WATER Distribution Operator of the Year.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

1. **Administration – Bond Order for 2025 Enterprise Systems Revenue Refunding Bonds**
   Mr. Stone requested the Board approve the Bond Order Authorizing the Issuance, Directing the Application to the Local Government Commission and Requesting Local Government Commission Approval of Enterprise System Revenue Refunding Bonds for the County of Brunswick, North Carolina, Series 2025 (the "2025 Bonds").

   Commissioner Williams moved that the following resolution, a copy of which was available to the Board of Commissioners of the County (the "Board") and which was read by title, be adopted reading as follows:

BOND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, DIRECTING THE APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION, AND REQUESTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION APPROVAL OF

ENTERPRISE SYSTEMS REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK, NORTH CAROLINA, SERIES 2025

WHEREAS, the County of Brunswick, North Carolina (the *"County"*) is authorized by The State and Local Government Revenue Bond Act, General Statutes of North Carolina, Section 159-80 *et seq.* (the *"Act"*), to issue, subject to the approval of the Local Government Commission of North Carolina (the *"Commission"*), at one time or from time to time, revenue bonds and refunding revenue bonds of the County for the purposes as specified in the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board previously adopted a resolution at a meeting held on November 4, 2024 making certain findings of fact, which findings are incorporated herein by reference, and directing the application to the Commission for approval of County of Brunswick, North Carolina Enterprise Systems Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2025 (the *"2025 Bonds"*) and hereby further determines to issue the 2025 Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $39,000,000 to: (a) refund a portion of the County's outstanding Enterprise Systems Revenue and Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2015 (the *"2015 Bonds"*) and (b) pay the costs of issuing the 2025 Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to (a) retain Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP, as bond counsel (*"Bond Counsel"*); (b) retain Davenport & Company LLC, as financial advisor; (c) retain Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated (the *"Underwriter"*); (d) retain U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as trustee for the 2025 Bonds (the *"Trustee"*); and (e) approve the selection by the Underwriter of Pope Flynn, LLC, as counsel to the Underwriter (collectively, the *"Financing Team"*); and

WHEREAS, the County will issue the 2025 Bonds under (a) the General Trust Indenture dated as of May 1, 2004 (the *"General Indenture"*) between the County and First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company, the successor to which is the Trustee, and (b) Series Indenture, Number 13 dated as of January 1, 2025 (the *"Series Indenture"*) between the County and the Trustee; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the issuance of the County's Enterprise Systems Revenue Bonds, Series 2023, the Board previously determined that it is in the best interest of the County to make certain amendments to the General Indenture with the primary purpose of (1) modernizing provisions to reflect current market standards for enterprise systems revenue bonds, (2) conforming covenants and other provisions to reflect current operations of the Enterprise Systems and (3) providing operational and financial flexibility for the future performance of the Enterprise Systems (the *"Proposed Amendments"*), and the Board previously approved and confirmed the form and content of the Proposed Amendments; and

WHEREAS, the County will obtain consent from the owners of the 2025 Bonds to the Proposed Amendments and, once the County has received the consent of the owners of a majority in aggregate principal amount of bonds outstanding under the General Indenture, the Proposed Amendments will become effective; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Commission have arranged for the sale of the 2025 Bonds to the Underwriter under the terms of a Bond Purchase Agreement to be dated on or about December 11, 2024 (the *"Purchase Agreement"*); and

WHEREAS, an application has been filed with the Deputy Secretary of the Commission requesting Commission approval of the 2025 Bonds as required by the Act and, included in such application, the Director of Fiscal Operations of the County has requested that the Commission approve (a) the negotiation of the sale of the 2025 Bonds to the Underwriter and (b) the County's use of the Financing Team; and

WHEREAS, copies of the forms of the following documents relating to the transactions described above have been filed with the County:

1. the Series Indenture;
2. the Purchase Agreement; and
3. a Preliminary Official Statement to be dated on or about December 3, 2024 (the "*Preliminary Official Statement*") with respect to the 2025 Bonds; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK, NORTH CAROLINA:

Section 1. The 2025 Bonds are hereby authorized and will be issued pursuant to the Act to raise the money required to (a) refund a portion of the County's outstanding 2015 Bonds, and (b) pay the costs of issuing the 2025 Bonds.

Section 2. The use of the Financing Team is hereby approved in connection with the County's issuance of the 2025 Bonds.

Section 3. The aggregate principal amount of the 2025 Bonds authorized by this Bond Order will not exceed $39,000,000. The 2025 Bonds hereby authorized will be special obligations of the County, secured by and paid solely from the proceeds thereof or from Net Revenues (as defined in the General Indenture).

Section 4. The County's issuance of the 2025 Bonds, in substantially the form to be set forth in the Series Indenture, is hereby in all respects approved and confirmed, and the provisions of the General Indenture and the Series Indenture with respect to the 2025 Bonds (including without limitation the maturity dates and rates of interest) are hereby approved and confirmed and are incorporated herein by reference. The proceeds from the sale of the 2025 Bonds will be deposited in accordance with the Series Indenture.

The principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the 2025 Bonds will not be payable from the general funds of the County, nor will the 2025 Bonds constitute a legal or equitable pledge, charge, lien or encumbrance on any of the County's property or on any of its income, receipts or revenues except the funds which are pledged under the Indenture. Neither the credit nor the taxing power of the State of North Carolina or the County is pledged for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the 2025 Bonds, and no holder of the 2025 Bonds has the right to compel the exercise of the taxing power by the State of North Carolina or the County or the forfeiture of any of its property in connection with any default thereon.

Section 5. The form and content of the Series Indenture and the exhibits thereto are hereby in all respects approved and confirmed, and the Chairman of the Board, the County Manager, and Clerk to the Board are hereby authorized, empowered and directed, individually and collectively, to execute and deliver the Series Indenture for and on behalf of the County, including necessary counterparts, in substantially the form and content presented to the County, but with such changes, modifications, additions or deletions therein as they may deem necessary, desirable or appropriate, their execution thereof to constitute conclusive evidence of their approval of any and all such changes, modifications, additions or deletions therein. From and after the execution and delivery of the Series Indenture, the Chairman of the Board, the County Manager, the Director of Fiscal Operations and Clerk to the Board (collectively, the "*Authorized Officers*"), or their respective designees, are hereby authorized, empowered and directed, individually and collectively, to do all such acts and things and to execute all such documents as may be necessary to carry out and comply with the provisions of the Series Indenture as executed. The Trustee is hereby appointed as Registrar and Paying Agent under the Series Indenture.

Section 6. The Board requests that the Commission sell the 2025 Bonds to the Underwriter pursuant to the terms of the Purchase Agreement. The form and content of the Purchase Agreement are in all respects approved and confirmed, and the Chairman of the Board, the County Manager, or the Director of Fiscal Operations of the County is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute and deliver the Purchase Agreement for and on behalf of the County, including necessary counterparts, in substantially the form and content presented to the County, but with such changes, modifications, additions or deletions therein as he may deem necessary, desirable or appropriate, their execution thereof to constitute conclusive evidence of their approval of any and all such changes, modifications, additions or deletions therein. From and after the execution and delivery of the Authorized Officers, or their respective designees, are hereby authorized, empowered and directed, individually and collectively, to do all such acts and things and to execute all such documents as may be necessary to carry out and comply with the provisions of the Purchase Agreement as executed.

Section 7. The form and content of the Preliminary Official Statement are in all respects authorized, approved and confirmed, and the use of the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement to be dated on or about December 11, 2024 (the "*Official Statement*") by the Underwriter in connection with the sale of the 2025 Bonds is hereby in all respects authorized, approved and confirmed.

Section 8. The Chairman of the Board, the County Manager or the Director of Fiscal Operations of the County is hereby authorized to execute a no-arbitrage certificate to comply with Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder.

Section 9. If any one or more of the covenants, agreements or provisions contained in this Bond Order is held contrary to any express provision of law or contrary to the policy of express law, though not expressly prohibited, or against public policy, or is for any reason whatsoever held invalid, then such covenants, agreements or provisions will be null and void and will be deemed separable from the remaining agreements and provisions and will in no way affect the validity of any of the other agreements and provisions of this Bond Order or of the 2025 Bonds authorized hereunder.

Section 10. No stipulation, obligation or agreement contained in this Bond Order or contained in the 2025 Bonds, the General Indenture, the Series Indenture, the Purchase Agreement or any other instrument related to the issuance of the 2025 Bonds is a stipulation, obligation or agreement of any officer, agent or employee of the County in his or her individual capacity, and no such officer, agent or employee is personally liable on the 2025 Bonds or subject to personal liability or accountability by reason of the issuance thereof.

Section 11. The Authorized Officers, or their respective designees, are hereby authorized, empowered and directed, individually and collectively, to do any and all other acts and to execute any and all other documents which they, in their discretion, deem necessary and appropriate to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Bond Order, the General Indenture, the Series Indenture or the Purchase Agreement; except that none of the above is hereby authorized or empowered to do anything or execute any document which is in contravention of (a) the specific provisions of this Bond Order, (b) the specific provisions of the General Indenture or the Series Indenture, (c) any agreement to which the County is bound, (d) any rule or regulation of the County or (e) any applicable law, statute, ordinance, rule or regulation of the United States of America or the State of North Carolina.

Section 12. The Authorized Officers, or their respective designees, are hereby authorized and directed, individually and collectively, to prepare and furnish, when the 2025 Bonds are issued, certified copies of all the proceedings and records of the Board relating to the 2025 Bonds, and such other affidavits, certificates and documents as may be required to show the facts relating to the legality and marketability of the 2025 Bonds as such facts appear on the books and records in such party's custody and control or as otherwise known to them; and all such certified copies, certificates, affidavits and documents, including any heretofore furnished, constitute representations of the County as to the truth of all statements contained therein.

Section 13. All acts and doings of the Authorized Officers, or their respective designees, that are in conformity with the purposes and intents of this Bond Order and in the furtherance of the issuance of the 2025 Bonds and the execution, delivery and performance of the Series Indenture and the Purchase Agreement are hereby in all respects approved and confirmed.

Section 14. All resolutions or parts thereof of the Board in conflict with the provisions herein contained are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded and repealed.

Section 15. This Bond Order will take effect immediately on its adoption and, pursuant to Section 159-88 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as amended, need not be published or subjected to any procedural requirements governing the adoption of ordinances or resolutions by the Board other than the procedures set out in the Act.

The foregoing order entitled **"Bond Order Authorizing the Issuance, Directing the Application to the Local Government Commission, and Requesting Local Government Commission Approval of Enterprise Systems Revenue Refunding Bonds of the County of Brunswick, North Carolina, Series 2025"** was seconded by Vice – Chairman Forte and was adopted by the Board on the following vote:

AYES:
Randy Thompson, Chairman
Mike Forte, Vice – Chairman
J. Martin Cooke, Commissioner
Pat Sykes, Commissioner
Frank Williams, Commissioner

NAYS:
None

State of North Carolina	)	
	)	ss:
County of Brunswick	)	

I, *Daralyn Spivey,* Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of the County of Brunswick, North Carolina do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a bond order entitled **"Bond Order Authorizing the Issuance, Directing the Application to the Local Government Commission, and Requesting Local Government Commission Approval of Enterprise Systems Revenue Refunding Bonds of the County of Brunswick, North Carolina, Series 2025"** adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Brunswick, North Carolina, at a meeting held on November 18, 2024.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the County of Brunswick, North Carolina, this the 18th day of November, 2024.

Daralyn Spivey
Clerk to the Board
County of Brunswick, North Carolina

2. **Administration – Design/Build Contract Award – Health and Human Services/Emergency Operations Center Building**

Vice – Chairman Forte made the motion to approve the design-build contract, general conditions, and supplemental conditions for the purposes of designing and constructing a new Health & Human Services/Emergency Operations Center facility. Commissioner Cooke seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

3. **Communications – FY23-FY27 Strategic Plan Amendment**
Ms. Meagan Kascsak, Communications Director, presented a proposed Goal/Focus Area and related Objectives to the FY23-27 Strategic Plan based on the Board's discussion during the FY26 Strategic Planning and Goal Setting Workshop held during the regular meeting on Monday, November 4, 2024. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the Strategic Plan Amendment. Commissioner Sykes seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

VIII. BOARD APPOINTMENTS

1. **Board Appointment - Library Board (District 1) and SUAMHC (District 4)**
Library Board District 1: Chairman Thompson made the motion to appoint Yvonne Allen for the District 1 Library Board vacancy. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5 to 0).
Substance Use Addiction and Mental Health Commission District 4: Vice - Chairman Forte made the motion to appoint Mr. Charles Franka for the Substance Use, Addiction and Mental Health Commission (SUAMHC) District 4 vacancy. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

IX. BUSINESS/INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Vice - Chairman Forte commented that he and Commissioner Cooke attended the Legislative Goals Conference in Raleigh earlier in the week. There were statistics that he wanted to share:

- 143,000 a year are moving to North Carolina
- 390 People per day moving to North Carolina
- There are 35 million acres in North Carolina
- Certain areas are overcrowded but as a whole, North Carolina is not.
- Currently 137 people sit on death row, and one of which, has been for 38 years

Commissioner Cooke commented at the same conference:

- There are 100 mental health beds that are empty because of the lack of staff.
- The Department of Social Services in some areas of North Carolina are housing children in their facility and others are building facilities for just that purpose.

Commissioner Williams:

- Appointed to NACo Intergovernmental Disaster Reform Task Force and would like insight on:
    - Specific, tangible, and actionable recommended changes to federal policy relating to disasters
    - Ways to emphasize the importance of including Counties as part of the discussion at a federal level.
- The appointing of two Commissioners to the PTC 8 After Action Task Force is still outstanding.

Commissioner Sykes:

- The Planning Board did not adopt the text amendments to the ordinances at the meeting of November 12, 2024, specifically those relating to:
    - open space
    - useable recreation areas.
- Once completed, the next step would be to move forward with the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO).

Mr. Batton advised there will be text amendments coming forward from the Planning Board at the January 21, 2025, Regular Meeting.

X. CLOSED SESSION

By the amended agenda, the Board entered into Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1)(3) and (5), to approve Closed Session Minutes of September 23, 2024, to consult with its attorney in order to preserve attorney/client privilege and to discuss the acquisition of property.

Mr. Batton noted the above statutory requirements.

Commissioner Williams made the motion to enter the Closed Session at 7:59 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cooke and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

Chairman Thompson called the Regular Session to order at 8:10 p.m.

Mr. Batton requested a motion from the Board to pursue the acquisition of parcel 01000003, up to and including, condemnation. Commissioner Cooke made the motion and Commissioner Williams seconded, passing unanimously (5 to 0).

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Williams moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cooke and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

Mike Forte, Chairman
Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Daralyn Spivey

Daralyn Spivey, NCCCC, CMC
Clerk to the Board

BRUNSWICK COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA