

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
December 1, 2025
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 Mike Forte, Chairman
Commissioner J. Martin Cooke, Vice-Chairman
Commissioner Randy Thompson
Commissioner Pat Sykes
Commissioner Frank Williams

STAFF: Steve Stone, County Manager
Bryan Batton, County Attorney
David Stanley, Deputy County Manager
Niel Brooks, 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. Barbour, 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 Forte called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Forte asked for adjustments to the agenda.

Commissioner Thompson requested the following items be moved from the Consent Agenda to Administrative Reports as items X4, X5, and X6 respectively:

VIII8 Governing Board – Resolution – NC Coastal Counties Fisheries Coalition Position (Blue Crab Harvest Limit Changes)

VIII9 Governing Body – Resolution Opposing the Expansion of the Chemours Fayetteville Works Facility

VIII10 Governing Body - Resolution Requesting Kratom Legislation and Regulation

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

IV. ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR

1. Mr. Batton, County Attorney, explained the process of the election of the Chairman and opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Williams moved to nominate Commissioner Mike Forte as Chairman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cooke. Mr. Batton opened the floor discussion. Hearing no further discussion, the nominations were closed. The vote for approval passed (4 to 1) in favor of Commissioner Forte as the Board Chairman. The poll is as follows:

Commissioner Thompson: Aye

Commissioner Forte: Aye

Commissioner Cooke: Aye

Commissioner Sykes: Nay

Commissioner Williams: Aye

Mr. Batton turned the meeting over to Chairman Forte.

V. ELECTION OF VICE – CHAIR

Chairman Forte opened the floor for nominations and moved to nominate Commissioner Cooke as Vice - Chairman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Chairman Forte opened the floor for discussion. Hearing nothing further, the nominations were closed. The vote for approval passed (4 to 1) in favor of Commissioner Cooke as the Vice - Chairman. The poll is as follows:

Commissioner Thompson: Aye

Commissioner Forte: Aye

Commissioner Cooke: Aye

Commissioner Sykes: Nay

Commissioner Williams: Aye

VI. APPROVAL OF THE BONDS

1. Commissioner Sykes made the motion to adopt the resolution approving the Bonding of County Officials. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously (5 to 0). The Resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BONDING OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 105-349(c) requires the Tax Collector to provide a performance bond in an amount prescribed by this Board; and

WHEREAS, NCGS §159-29(a) requires the Finance Officer to provide a performance bond with sufficient sureties in an amount to be fixed by this Board but not less than \$1,000,000; and

WHEREAS, NCGS §161-4 requires the Register of Deeds to provide a performance bond with sufficient surety to be approved by this Board, in an amount of not less than \$10,000 nor more than \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, NCGS §162-8 requires the Sheriff to provide a performance bond of any amount to be determined by this Board but not to exceed \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, NCGS §58-72-55 requires the Clerk to the Board to record in the proceedings the names of those Commissioners who are present at the time of approval of official bonds and who voted for such approval; and

WHEREAS, NCGS §58-72-55 further provides that any Commissioner may cause his or her written dissent to an official bond to be entered into the record

of this Board.

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

1. That this Board hereby accepts and approves bonds for public officials as follows:
 - a. Melissa Radke, Tax Collector, \$500,000.00 with Travelers Insurance;
 - b. Aaron Smith, Finance Director, \$1,000,000.00 with Western Surety Company;
 - c. Dana Varnam, Register of Deeds, \$10,000.00 with Travelers Insurance;
 - d. Brian M. Chism, Sheriff, \$25,000.00 with Western Surety Company;
2. That pursuant to NCGS 58-72-55, the Clerk is hereby instructed to record the names of all Commissioners present at this meeting who vote in favor of this resolution.
3. That pursuant to NCGS 58-72-55, any Commissioner who votes against this resolution may cause his or her written dissent to be entered into the record of the Board.
4. That this resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

Approved and adopted this, the 1st day of December 2025.

Mike Forte, Chair
Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

Attest:
Daralyn Spivey, NCCCC, CMC
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Frank Popelars spoke to his concerns regarding County growth exceeding the services of the County.

Nancy Cook, Mayor of Bolivia, invited the Board of Commissioners and members of the public to attend the unveiling of a monument on January 6, 2026, honoring those lost on National Airlines Flight 2511 that crashed on January 6, 1960. The ceremony will be held at the Bolivia Fire Department.

Fire Chief Charles Drew spoke on behalf of the Fire Chiefs Association regarding the fire funding that will be discussed in this meeting.

Justin Whiteside, Town of Ocean Isle Beach, spoke regarding the fire funding that will be discussed in this meeting.

VIII. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the amended Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

1. **Administration – County Manager Temporary Contract and Purchase Authority**
The Board authorized any time-sensitive purchases or contracts during the time interval between December 2, 2025, and January 20, 2026, so long as there are funds budgeted for the items.
2. **Clerk to the Board – Meeting Minutes – November 17, 2025**
The Board approved the Meeting Minutes for November 17, 2025.

- 3. **County Attorney - Extension of Time for Subdivision Bond**
The Board approved a four-year extension for the bonds on the Seawatch subdivision Phases 7B through 10 and authorized the County Manager to execute an agreement subject to approval from the County Attorney.
- 4. **County Attorney - Hall Trach, Ph. 1 Deed of Dedication**
The Board accepted the Deed of Dedication for water and sewer infrastructure for Hall Tract, Phase 1.
- 5. **County Attorney - Osprey Isle Phase 2 & 3 Deed of Dedication**
The Board accepted the Deed of Dedication for water and sewer infrastructure for Osprey Isle, Phase 2 & 3.
- 6. **County Attorney - Pelican Cove, Phase 1 Deed of Dedication**
The Board accepting the Deed of Dedication for water and sewer infrastructure for Pelican Cove, Phase 1.
- 7. **Finance - Fiscal Items**
The Board approved Budget Amendments, Capital Project Ordinances and Fiscal Items of a routine nature on the consent agenda to include the following:

-PTC8 FEMA Mitigation Southport Manholes
Appropriated FEMA restricted dollars in the amount of \$58,178 to support PTC8 Mitigation Project to replace 18 manholes in Southport that were compromised with new manhole frames and lid covers.
- 8. **Governing Board - Resolution — NC Coastal Counties Fisheries Coalition Position (Blue Crab Harvest Limit Changes)**
Moved as amended to Administrative Report Item X4.
- 9. **Governing Board - Resolution Opposing the Expansion of the Chemours Fayetteville Works Facility**
Moved as amended to Administrative Report Item X5.
- 10. **Governing Board - Resolution Requesting Kratom Legislation and Regulation**
Moved as amended to Administrative Report Item X6.
- 11. **Library - ARP-Enabled Funding for Bookmobile Supplies**
The Board approved ARP-enabled funds for Bookmobile supplies and a computer in the amount of \$4,200.
- 12. **Library - Ingram Content Group Contract for Books**
The Board approved a contract with Ingram Content Group to supply physical books with value-added services to Brunswick County Library.
- 13. **Operations Services - Electronics Recycling Services Agreement**
The Board approved a service agreement for electronics recycling services to Southern Environmental Solutions of the Carolinas, LLC.
- 14. **Planning - Split Jurisdiction Resolution**
The Board approved a resolution assigning planning and development services for Tax Parcels 240KB041 & 2400000202 to Brunswick County and authorizing the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Town of Carolina Shores. The Resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION ASSIGNING JURISDICTION FOR PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO BRUNSWICK COUNTY FOR
PORTIONS OF PARCELS 240KB041 AND 2400000202 WITHIN

THE TOWN OF CAROLINA SHORES

WHEREAS, the property owner Calabash Re 1 LLC. owns Tax Parcels 240KB041 & 2400000202, located at 9920 & 9990 Ocean Hwy W. which are split between two jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Parcels 240KB041 & 2400000202 are located within the Town of Carolina Shores Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) and unincorporated Brunswick County jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, N.C. General Statute 160D 203 states that in the event of split jurisdiction, one of the governing entities may, with consent of the property owner, "assign exclusive planning and development regulation jurisdiction under this Chapter" for all portions of parcels to the other governing entity; and

WHEREAS, the statute also states that such an assignment of jurisdiction over planning and development regulations "shall not affect taxation or other nonregulatory matters"; and

WHEREAS, Calabash Re 1 LLC has requested that the planning and development jurisdiction for the portion of properties in the Town's jurisdiction (Tax Parcels 240KB041 & 2400000202) be assigned to Brunswick County; and

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2025, the Town of Carolina Shores Council approved a resolution relinquishing planning and development control for the portions of Tax Parcels 240KB041 & 2400000202 located within the Town of Carolina Shores and assigning planning and development control of Brunswick County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Brunswick County hereby agrees to accept assignment of planning and development control for the portions of Tax Parcels 240KB041 & 2400000202 within the Town of Carolina Shores Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ).

Adopted this, the 1st day of December 2025.

Mike Forte, Chairman
Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

Attest:
Daralyn Spivey
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

15. Tax - Bi-Tek LLC - Tax Software - Multi-Year Contract Renewal

The Board approved the renewal of the multi-year contract with Bi-Tek, LLC, the County's current tax office software provider.

16. Utilities - Mulberry Branch Water Reclamation Facility - Harper Corporation GC - Change Order #3 -Time Only

The Board approved Change Order No. 3 for the 0.75 MGD Mulberry Branch Water Reclamation Facility project, extending the contract time by 72 days with no change to the contract amount.

17. Utilities - Sewer Collections Budget Amendment

The Board approved the additional funds in the amount of \$100,000 to adequately support ongoing repair and maintenance of transmission main air release valves and associated infrastructure.

- 18. **Utilities - Dewberry - US 74-76 Industrial Parks Water Tank - PSA Amendment No. 3**
The Board authorized the Chairperson and Clerk to the Board to approve Contract Amendment No. 3 with Dewberry Engineers Inc. and the associated budget amendment in the amount of \$39,340 and extending the contract for continued construction administration services associated with the US 74/76 Industrial Parks Water Tank Project.

IX. PRESENTATION

- 1. **Utilities - 2025 NC One Water Disaster Preparedness Award**
The Board received the NC One Water Disaster Preparedness Award from the NC One Water combined organization of the North Carolina Chapter of the American Water Works Association and the North Carolina Water Environment Association (NC AWWA- WEA).
- 2. **Utilities - 2025 NC One Water Golden Manhole Society Award**
The Board recognized Donald Dixon as the NC One Water Golden Manhole Society Award Recipient.
- 3. **Utilities - 2025 NC One Water Meter Madness Operations Challenge & Hydrant Hysteria Competition**
The Board recognized Trevor Page in his third-place finish in the NC One Water Meter Madness Operations Challenge and recognize our NC One Water Hydrant Hysteria team comprised of Connor Cook and Clifton Hawley taking a fourth-place finish.
- 4. **Utilities - 2025 NC One Water Raymond E. “Red” Ebert Award**
The Board recognized Mickey Thompson as the NC One Water Raymond E. “Red” Ebert Award Recipient.
- 5. **Utilities - 2025 NC One Water Wastewater Collections Operator of the Year**
The Board recognized Jake Elliott as the NC One Water Wastewater Collections Operator of the Year.

X. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- 1. **Administration - Brunswick Community College Property Request**
Mr. Stone advised that Brunswick Community College requested the Board to consider transferring approximately 17.5 acres of parcel 1530000121 to Brunswick Community College for the Fire Service and Driving Pad training facilities. Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the transfer. Vice – Chairman Cooke seconded and passed unanimously (5 to 0).
- 2. **Administration - Fire Service Funding and Contract Revisions**
The Board received information regarding County funding of the fire service for FY 2027. Staff will return to the Board on January 20, 2026, Regular Meeting with a contract and standards for consideration. No other action was taken.
- 3. **Utilities - Adjustment of PTE Utility Dispatcher to FTE**
Commissioner Sykes made the motion to approve replacing one PTE Dispatcher with a FTE Utilities Dispatcher position. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion with all in favor (5 to 0).
- 4. **Governing Board - Resolution — NC Coastal Counties Fisheries Coalition Position (Blue Crab Harvest Limit Changes)**

Amended from Consent Item VIII.8. Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5 to 0). The Resolution reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL COUNTIES
FISHERIES COALITION POSITION**

(Regarding Proposed Blue Crab Harvest Limit Changes)

WHEREAS, the coastal counties of North Carolina depend heavily on a balanced, sustainable, and well-managed commercial and recreational fishing industry that supports local economies, working families, and our state's cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) and Marine Fisheries Commission (MFC) have announced their intent to consider new restrictions on blue crab harvest under Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan Amendment 3 during their November 2025 meeting; and

WHEREAS, according to information presented during the September 16, 2025, Coastal Counties Fisheries Coalition meeting, no scientific or biological evidence of a decline in the blue crab population was presented as justification for these new restrictions; and

WHEREAS, meeting transcripts reflect that crab harvest levels have remained consistent despite fewer fishermen participating, and that local watermen and independent observers have reported stable or increasing crab populations, indicating that there is no verified biological basis for reducing current harvest limits; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 peer-reviewed study by Lee & Kwak, published in Fisheries Oceanography, concluded that long-term changes in marine species composition are driven primarily by environmental variables such as temperature and salinity, not fishing pressure; and

WHEREAS, former NCDMF Chief of Fisheries Management Jess Hawkins, a thirty-year veteran fisheries scientist, has likewise stated publicly that shrimp and crab population fluctuations in North Carolina are predominantly environmentally and habitat driven, and that management changes should therefore be grounded in environmental monitoring and science-based data rather than arbitrary regulation; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Coastal Counties Fisheries Coalition (NCCFC), representing local governments and stakeholders from across the state's coastal region, has adopted a formal position urging the MFC and DMF to delay implementation of any new crab harvest limits until more region-specific, scientifically validated research is completed; and

WHEREAS, premature restrictions imposed without sound scientific justification would have significant negative impacts on local fishermen, seafood markets, and rural coastal economies without providing measurable ecological benefit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners hereby expresses its full support for the North Carolina Coastal Counties Fisheries Coalition's position regarding the proposed blue crab harvest limit changes and formally urges the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to:

1. Refrain from adopting new blue crab limit reductions at this time;
2. Base future management decisions on validated scientific evidence of stock decline or ecosystem stress;

3. Enhance environmental and habitat monitoring programs to ensure that future regulatory actions reflect actual conditions; and
4. Engage with coastal counties, industry representatives, and academic institutions before implementing any additional harvest restrictions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission, the Division of Marine Fisheries, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, and the North Carolina Coastal Counties Fisheries Coalition for inclusion in the official record of public comment on Blue Crab Fishery Management Plan Amendment 3.

This, the 1st day of December 2025.

Mike Forte, Chairman
Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Daralyn Spivey, NCCCC, CMC
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

5. Governing Board - Resolution Opposing the Expansion of the Chemours Fayetteville Works Facility

Amended from Consent Item VIII9. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the resolution. Vice - Chairman Cooke seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5 to 0). The Resolution reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE EXPANSION OF THE CHEMOURS
FAYETTEVILLE WORKS FACILITY**

WHEREAS, the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners recognizes that safe, clean, and reliable drinking water is essential to the health and well-being of County residents and to the long-term environmental and economic vitality of our region; and

WHEREAS, the Cape Fear River serves as the primary drinking water source for residents of Brunswick County and neighboring communities, supporting approximately 500,000 North Carolinians and Brunswick County supplies drinking water to over 300,000 residents and visitors during its peak season; and

WHEREAS, since at least 1980, Chemours and its predecessor, DuPont, have released per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), including GenX, into the Cape Fear River from the Fayetteville Works facility located upstream from Brunswick County; and

WHEREAS, these discharges have resulted in widespread PFAS contamination throughout the Cape Fear River Basin, creating serious concerns about public health, environmental quality, and the financial burden placed on local utilities and ratepayers to provide safe drinking water, as peer-reviewed studies have identified potential associations between long-term PFAS exposure and certain adverse health effects, including increased risks of some cancers, thyroid and liver conditions, and developmental or immune system impacts; and

WHEREAS, the ratepayers of the Brunswick County Public Utilities and its regional partners have invested tens of millions of dollars in treatment upgrades, including the current addition of low pressure reverse osmosis (LPRO) to the Northwest Water Treatment Plant, upgrades to the raw water system to accommodate the additional raw water needed for LPRO, and continue to bear significant annual operating costs to remove PFAS compounds from the water supply; and

WHEREAS, Chemours has applied to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for a permit to expand operations at its Fayetteville Works Facility, which would substantially increase production and has the potential to increase PFAS emissions and discharges; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and other regulatory agencies have the authority and responsibility to deny permit applications that may endanger public health or violate federal or state environmental laws; and

WHEREAS, the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners strongly supports continued oversight by the EPA and DEQ to ensure Chemours achieves full compliance with existing consent orders and implements proven and verifiable controls to prevent additional PFAS contamination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners formally opposes any expansion of the Chemours Fayetteville Works Facility that would result in PFAS emissions or discharges into the environment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality deny Chemours' current expansion permit unless and until the company has:

1. Fully remediated existing contamination;
2. Demonstrated sustained compliance with all applicable environmental laws, consent orders, and permit conditions;
3. Provided independent, verifiable data confirming that proposed operations will not result in the addition of new PFAS releases into the environment; and
4. Provide financial compensation to local governments and public utility organizations for treatment systems and remediation measures implemented as a result of PFAS contamination in the public water supply and their long-term operation and maintenance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners urges Chemours to engage transparently with local governments, utilities, and affected communities to share environmental data, adopt best available control technologies, and prioritize the protection of North Carolina residents and natural resources.

Adopted this 1st day of December 2025.

Mike Forte Chairman
Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

Attest:
Daralyn Spivey, NCCCC, CMC
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

6. **Governing Board - Resolution Requesting Kratom Legislation and Regulation**
Amended from Consent Item XVIII10. Commissioner Sykes made the motion to approve the resolution. Vice – Chairman Cooke seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5 to 0). The Resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING KRATOM LEGISLATION AND REGULATION

WHEREAS, Kratom (*Mitragyna speciosa*) is an herbal substance that can produce opioid- and stimulant- like effects and is currently sold over the counter in various

forms without consistent regulation; and

WHEREAS, the unregulated sale of Kratom products poses potential health risks, including addiction, respiratory issues, and other serious health concerns; and

WHEREAS, the lack of standardized labeling and quality control in Kratom products can lead to consumer misinformation and potential misuse; and

WHEREAS, there is a growing concern about the accessibility of Kratom products to minors due to the absence of age restrictions on sales; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners urges the North Carolina General Assembly to:

- 1. Enact legislation prohibiting the over-the-counter sale of unregulated Kratom products, ensuring that only products meeting established safety and quality standards are available to consumers;
- 2. Implement age restrictions on the sale of Kratom products, preventing access by minors and safeguarding youth from potential health risks;
- 3. Establish comprehensive regulatory guidelines for the production, labeling, and distribution of Kratom products, including requirements for ingredient disclosure, dosage recommendations, and health warnings;
- 4. Support research into the health effects and potential therapeutic uses of Kratom, to inform evidence-based policy decisions and public health strategies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be forwarded to the members of the North Carolina General Assembly, the Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, and other relevant stakeholders for consideration during the upcoming legislative session.

This, the 1st day of December 2025.

Mike Forte, Chairman
Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

Attest:
Daralyn Spivey, NCCCC, CMC
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

XI. BOARD APPOINTMENTS

1. Clerk to the Board - Board Re-Appointment Ocean Isle Beach Board of Adjustments (BOA) ETJ

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the re-appointment of Mr. Ron Austin as the BOA ETJ Appointee and Mr. Ed Miller as the BOA ETJ Alternate. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

2. Clerk to the Board - Board Appointment – Annual Board Seat Assignments

Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve annual calendar year Board assignments. Commissioner Sykes seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5 to 0). The Board seat assignments are as follows:

Brunswick Business & Industry Development: Chairman Forte and Vice – Chairman Cooke.

Brunswick Columbus Industrial Park: Chairman Forte

Cape Fear Council of Governments: Chairman Forte and Vice - Chairman Cooke as the alternate.

Cape Fear Rural Planning Organizational Transportation Advisory Board: Commissioner Williams will remain.

Grand Strand MPO Transportation Advisory Committee: Commissioner Thompson and Commissioner Sykes will maintain their seats.

Greater Wilmington Metro Transportation Advisory Committee: Commissioner Williams with Chairman Forte as the alternate will remain.

Health and Human Advisory Board: Vice Chairman Cooke will remain.

JCPC: Vice - Chairman Cooke will remain in that role and if the by-laws allow, Commissioner Sykes will sit as an alternate.

Local Emergency Protection Committee: Vice – Chairman Cooke will remain.

Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority: Commissioner Williams will remain.

Trillium Regional Board: Vice - Chairman Cooke will remain.

Southeastern Economic Development Commission: Commissioner Sykes will remain.

MOTSU: Commissioner Sykes with Chairman Forte as the alternate will remain.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMAL DISCUSSION

No further business before the Board.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered Close Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1)(3) to approve Closed Session Minutes from the November 17, 2025, meeting and to consult with its attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege.

Mr. Batton noted the above statutory requirements.

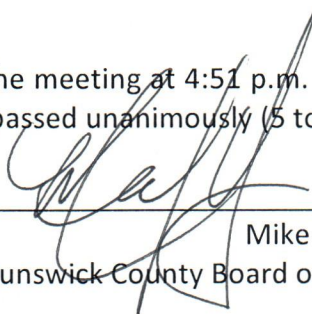
Vice – Chairman Cooke made the motion to enter Closed Session at 4:29 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

Chairman Forte called the Regular Session to order at 4:50 p.m.

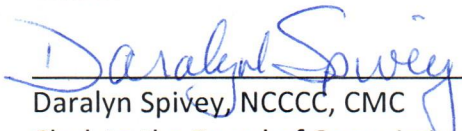
Mr. Batton advises there is nothing to report from Closed Session.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Williams moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:51 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed unanimously (5 to 0).


Mike Forte, Chairman
Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

Attest:


Daralyn Spivey, NCCCC, CMC
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

