

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
April 6, 2026
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
Aaron Smith, Finance Director
Daralyn Spivey, Clerk to the Board
LeAnn Weigand, Executive Assistant
Pete Gillis, 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

Vice - Chairman Cooke gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Forte asked for adjustments to the agenda.

Commissioner Sykes requested item V19 Sheriff's Office - Inmate Medical Contract be moved to Administrative Report as VIII4.

Commissioner Thompson requested items from Consent as V7 County Attorney – Calabash Pointe, Ph 1 Units 1-110 Deed of Dedication, V8 County Attorney - Gulls Landing at Sea Trail Phases 1&2 Lots 1-93, and V9 County Attorney – Summer Walk, Ph 2 Lots 32-42, 44-50, 63-104, 106-115 Deed of Dedication be moved to Administrative Report, as VIII5, VIII6 and VIII7 respectively.

Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sykes and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rich Alt expressed his support for the consideration of the County to donate \$25K to the Fourth of July Festival held in Southport each year. He also spoke to his support for the ongoing discussion regarding the fire fee affecting twenty- two (22) departments across the County.

Shirley Sullivan spoke of her concerns regarding the Planning Board resignations and the inconsistencies within the Planning Board.

Charles Drew, President of the Fire Chiefs Association, spoke of the Associations concerns with the proposed contract and fire fees. The departments stand united against a single county-wide district and are holding on any contract changes until a new funding mechanism can be obtained and approved.

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1. **Administration - Clerk of Court Allocation of Funds Request**
The Board allocated funding to improve security in the Courthouse by adding an alarm to the exit door leading to the secure parking lot and relocating the Hope Harbor & Custody Mediation Office to the first floor.
- 2. **Administration - Approval of Letter of Endorsement for Justin Whiteside for the Board of Directors for the North Carolina League of Municipalities**
The Board approved a letter of recommendation for Justin Whiteside, the Town Manager of Ocean Isle Beach, to serve as a member of the North Carolina League of Municipalities Board of Directors.
- 3. **Clerk to the Board – Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2026, Regular Meeting.**
The Board approved the Meeting Minutes for the March 16, 2026, Regular Meeting.
- 4. **Clerk to the Board - Voting Delegate NACo 2026**
The Board appointed Commissioner Williams as the voting delegate for the 2026 NACo Conference in July.
- 5. **Code Administration - Resolution to Approve the City of Southport to Permit and Inspect Fireworks.**
The Board approved a resolution allowing the City of Southport to permit and inspect fireworks. The Resolution reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CITY OF SOUTHPORT TO
PERFORM FIREWORK PERMITTING AND INSPECTIONS**

WHEREAS, the City of Southport has requested that the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners authorize the City of Southport, pursuant to G.S. 14-413(a1), to grant and issue permits for the use of pyrotechnics to be exhibited, used and discharged within the City of Southport’s corporate limits; and

WHEREAS, the City of Southport believes the authorization will promote efficiency in the permitting process and enforcement of applicable fire codes and safety regulations; and

WHEREAS,; the City of Southport states that in accordance with this authorization it shall provide “Enhanced Safety Oversight” with a designated fire code official within Southport that shall be a Fire Level III certification and shall provide on-site inspection and oversight, and shall ensure that all displays meet NFPA and North Carolina State Fire Code requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Southport believes that the authorization shall provide support for local businesses that benefit from pyrotechnic displays; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Brunswick County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the City of Southport to issue permits for the exhibition, use and discharge of pyrotechnics and all required on-site inspections to the City of Southport in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 14-413(a1) for all areas within the corporate limits of the City of Southport.

In acceptance of the above noted authority, the City of Southport shall accept all liability issues arising from the implementation of said authority and shall hold harmless Brunswick County from all claims arising from the City of Southport use of said authority.

This the 6th day of April 2026.

Mike Forte, Chairman
Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

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

6. Code Administration - Resolution to Approve the Town of Ocean Isle Beach to Permit and Inspect Fireworks.

The Board approved a resolution allowing the Town of Ocean Isle Beach to permit and inspect fireworks. The Resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION APPROVING TOWN OF OCEAN ISLE BEACH TO PERFORM FIREWORK PERMITTING AND INSPECTIONS

WHEREAS, the Town of Ocean Isle Beach has requested that the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners authorize the Town of Ocean Isle Beach, pursuant to G.S. 14-413(a1), to grant and issue permits for the use of pyrotechnics to be exhibited, used and discharged within the Town of Ocean Isle Beach’s corporate limits; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ocean Isle Beach believes the granting of the authority will promote efficiency in the permitting process and enforcement of applicable fire codes and safety regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ocean Isle Beach states that the granting of the authority shall provide “Enhanced Safety Oversight” with a designated fire code official within Ocean Isle Beach that shall be a Fire Level III certification and shall provide on-site inspection and oversight, and shall ensure that all displays meet NFPA and North Carolina State Fire Code requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ocean Isle Beach believes that the granting of the authority shall provide support for local businesses that benefit from pyrotechnic displays.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Town of Ocean Isle Beach to issue permits for the exhibition, use and discharge of pyrotechnics and all required on-site inspections to the Town of Ocean Isle Beach in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 14-413(a1) for all areas within the corporate limits of the Town of Ocean Isle Beach.

In acceptance of the above noted authority, the Town of Ocean Isle Beach shall accept all liability issues arising from the implementation of said authority and shall hold-harmless Brunswick County from all claims arising from the Town of Ocean Isle Beach use of said authority.

This the 6th day of April 2026.

Mike Forte, Chairman
Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

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

- 7. **County Attorney – Calabash Pointe, Ph 1, Units 1-110 Deed of Dedication**
Per the amended agenda, this item is moved to Administrative Report VIII5.
- 8. **County Attorney - Gulls Landing at Sea Trail, Phases 1 & 2, Lots 1-93**
Per the amended agenda, this item is moved to Administrative Report VIII6.
- 9. **County Attorney - Opioid Settlement Agreement with Various Defendants**
The Board approved the Settlement Agreement and release with six pharmaceutical companies.
- 10. **County Attorney - Summer Walk, Ph 2, Lots 32-42, 44-50, 63-104, 106-115 Deed of Dedication**
Per the amended agenda, this item is moved to Administrative Report VIII7.
- 11. **Finance - Brunswick County Schools Additional Funding for New North End Elementary School Project for Design Development**
The Board approved the transfer of \$1,048,000 from the Brunswick County Schools Ad Valorem contingency to the North End New Elementary School for Design Development.
- 12. **Finance – EMS Capital Project Funding**
The Board approved an appropriation of EMS Charges and EMS Medicaid Cost Settlement revenues to fund future projects planned in the current FY 2026 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan.
- 13. **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:
 - Medical Examiner Budget Amendment**
Appropriating EMS revenues for additional contracted services - medical examiners for anticipated Medical Examiner services provided to the County.
 - Building C Insurance Proceeds Budget Amendment**
Appropriating insurance proceeds of \$317,572 for expenditures associated with the Building C fire.
 - Insurance Proceeds Budget Amendment**
Appropriating insurance proceeds to the Detention Center in the amount of \$3,905 and Central Communications in the amount of \$4,997 for repair and maintenance vehicles for repairs to damaged vehicles.
 - Health Services Additional State Revenues Budget Amendment**
Health Services receiving additional State Restricted funds for the Maternal Health program (Rev 1) in the amount of \$3,983 that will be utilized for a replacement fetal doppler unit, replacement biohazard trash bins, and the remainder for contract services to support client caseload needs.

Health Services has received additional State Restricted funds for Family Planning (Rev 2) in the amount of \$4,156 that will be utilized to purchase client's preferred long-acting contraceptive methods.

Health Services receiving the State Agreements for Restricted funds for the Environmental Health Program for more funds than were budgeted for FY26. The \$14,094 will be utilized for contracted services to continue the mandated inspections of Food/lodging facilities and pools.

Health Services receiving additional State Agreements for Restricted funds for the Family Health Personnel in the amount of \$54,211 and will be combined with existing AA 117 funds budgeted in Salary and Wages - Regular.

14. Health Services – Consolidated Agreement for FY 2026-2027 with NC DHHS Division of Public Health and Division of Child and Family Well-Being.

The Board approved the annual FY 2026-2027 Consolidated Agreement with NC DHHS Division of Public Health and Division of Child and Family Well-Being.

15. Parks and Recreation - ARPA Enabled - Park Amenities

The Board approved an ARPA-enabled allocation of \$55,234.66 for the following vendors and amounts: \$12,644.56 to Park Warehouse, \$22,176.12 to Sportsfield Specialties, \$9,657 to Triple A Steel Structures, and \$10,756.98 Nevco, totaling \$55,234.66.

16. Parks and Recreation - U.S. Tennis Association Grant (National, Southern, North Carolina)

The Board approved the submittal for the USTA grant with USTA National, USTA Southern and USTA North Carolina for Ocean Isle Beach Park.

17. Public Housing – Public Housing Annual Civil Rights Certification

The Board reviewed and executed the Public Housing Annual Civil Rights Certification.

18. Sheriff's Office – Approval of Agreement with Lenovo

The Board approved an agreement with Lenovo for the purchase of computers approved as part of the FY26 approved budget. The agreement includes the Sheriff's Office, Detention Center, Central Communications, and Animal Protective Services.

19. Sheriff's Office - Inmate Medical Contract Amendment Approval

Per the amended agenda, moved to Administrative Report VIII4.

20. Sheriff's Office – NCACC Reimbursement Program Request

The Board approved the application and accepted funding from the NCACC Reimbursement Program for expenses from ballistic vest purchases.

21. Tax – April 6, 2026, Tax Releases

The Board approved the release of April 6, 2026, taxes

22. Utilities – Grant Application Evaluation - FY27 Community Project Funding (CPF) - Water Line Design Project

The Board ratified the Brunswick County Grant Application Evaluation Form for the FY27 Water Line Design Project, authorizing the County Manager to sign, allowing staff to submit the required application and background data.

23. Utilities – The Wooten Company - Southport Sewer Replacement - PSA Amendment #2

The Board authorized the Chairman and Clerk to the Board to approve Amendment #2 to the contract with L.E. Wooten & Company, dba The Wooten Company, and an associated budget amendment increasing the contract value by \$31,900, for a revised total of \$1,117,800. This amendment covers additional engineering services

needed to address deficiencies identified in four areas of the Southport sewer system.

VI. PRESENTATION

1. **Governing Body – Proclamation – National County Government Month**

Commissioner Williams read and made the motion to approve the Proclamation for National County Government Month. Commissioner Sykes seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5-0). The Proclamation reads as follows:

**PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING APRIL AS NATIONAL COUNTY
GOVERNMENT MONTH IN BRUNSWICK COUNTY,
NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,069 counties, parishes and boroughs serving more than 330 million Americans provide essential services to create healthy, safe and vibrant communities; and

WHEREAS, counties fulfil a vast range of responsibilities and deliver services that touch nearly every aspect of our residents’ lives; and

WHEREAS, Brunswick County and as intergovernmental partners enact local, state and federal programs to address the needs of all residents; and

WHEREAS, and all counties take pride in our responsibility to protect and enhance the health, wellbeing and safety of our residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, the nation is celebrating 250 years of independence this year, and counties have a long and rich history of serving residents; and

WHEREAS, each year since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to elevate awareness of county responsibilities, programs and services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT, the Brunswick County Board of County Commissioners do hereby proclaim April 2026 as National County Government Month and encourage all county officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in county government celebration activities.

This the 6th day of April 2026.

Mike Forte, Chairman
Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

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

2. **Clerk to the Board – Proclamation – Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

Commissioner Thompson read and made the motion to approve the Proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Commissioner Sykes seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5 to 0). The Proclamation reads as follows:

PROCLAMATION SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, April marks Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) — a time to honor 25 years of progress and recommit to creating safer communities for all. For 25 years, SAAM has supported survivors, raised awareness, and inspired action to prevent sexual assault, abuse, and harassment; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "25 Years Strong: Looking Back, Moving Forward," celebrates the resilience of survivors and the communities that have worked for change; and

WHEREAS, we honor the survivors who have shared their stories and the advocates who have led the way. Their courage reminds us that prevention is possible and that each of us has a role to play; and

WHEREAS, we can continue to strengthen prevention, support healing, and create communities where everyone feels safe and valued; and

WHEREAS, Rape Crisis Center of Coastal Horizons provides essential services—including 24-hour crisis response, individual counseling, and advocacy—to victims in New Hanover, Pender, Brunswick, and Duplin Counties, ensuring that those impacted by sexual violence receive the help and support they deserve.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved we hereby proclaim April 2026 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and encourage all citizens to take an active role in preventing sexual violence, supporting survivors, and promoting a safer community for everyone.

25 years strong. Every voice matters. Every action counts. By standing in solidarity, we can build a future free from sexual violence and create a world where everyone is safe, valued, and respected.

Adopted this the 6th day of April 2026.

Mike Forte, Chairman
Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

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

3. Library – Proclamation for National Library Week 2026

Vice – Chairman Cooke read and made the motion to approve the Proclamation for Library Week 2026. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5 to 0). The Proclamation reads as follows:

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2026

WHEREAS, libraries spark creativity, fuel imagination, and inspire lifelong learning, offering a space where individuals of all ages can explore new ideas and be drawn to new possibilities; and

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted institutions, striving to ensure access to information and services for all members of the community; and

WHEREAS, libraries connect people to technology by providing access to electronic devices, broadband internet, and training classes that are critical for accessing education systems, telehealth, and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, libraries nurture young minds through storytimes, STEAM programs, and literacy initiatives, fostering curiosity and a love of learning that lasts a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, libraries provide free and equitable access to books, digital tools, and innovative programming, ensuring that all individuals—regardless of background—have the support they need to learn, connect, and thrive; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, and library workers are joining library supporters and advocates across the County of Brunswick and beyond to celebrate National Library Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Forte, Chair of the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners and on behalf of the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 19-25, 2026, as “National Library Week” in Brunswick County. During this week, I encourage all residents to visit their library, explore its resources, and celebrate all the ways that the library draws us together as a community.

This the 6th day of April 2026.

Mike Forte, Chairman
Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

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

4. **Sheriff’s Office - Proclamation — Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week**
Chairman Forte read and made the motion to approve the Proclamation for Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5 to 0). The Proclamation reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL
APPRECIATION WEEK APRIL 12-18, 2026**

WHEREAS, the second full week of April has been designated as the National Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week, with the goal of recognizing, thanking, and commending all animal control staff for the services they provide to the citizens, public safety, and all types of animals across the nation; and

WHEREAS, every day, animal control officers and shelter attendants put themselves in potentially dangerous and often confrontational situations to protect the health and welfare of animals and the public; and

WHEREAS, Brunswick County Sheriff’s Office Animal Protective Services personnel provide humane sheltering, daily care, spay and neuter services, and critical medical care for animals in need, as well as essential community services such as adoptions, lost and found, vaccination clinics, outreach, and humane education; and

WHEREAS, the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners recognizes and commends Brunswick County Sheriff’s Office Animal Protective Services personnel for the many dedicated and long hours of service to the community and for fulfilling the County’s commitment to provide the highest and most efficient level of customer care.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners proclaim and declare the week of April 12th to 18th of 2026 as National Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week in Brunswick County and encourages all citizens to join us in expressing sincere appreciation for the services and dedication of our animal services personnel.

Adopted this 6th day of April 2026.

Mike Forte, Chairman

Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Daralyn Spivey, NCCCC, CMC

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

5. Sheriff's Office – Proclamation Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

Commissioner Williams read and made the motion to approve the Proclamation for Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Vice - Chairman Cooke seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5 to 0). The Proclamation reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY
TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK APRIL 12-18, 2026**

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at any time that require police, fire, or emergency medical services; the 911 Communications Center was created to provide a vital contribution to the quality of life enjoyed by citizens and visitors to Brunswick County; and

WHEREAS, the Telecommunicators are trained, prepared and ready; the safety of our law enforcement officers, firefighters and EMS personnel are dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Brunswick County 911 Communications Center; and

WHEREAS, Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and

WHEREAS, Telecommunicators of the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office 911 Communications Center have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and

WHEREAS, National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week will serve to recognize the Telecommunicators of Brunswick County who provide a vital public safety service.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners proclaim and declare the week of April 12th to 18th of 2026 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Brunswick County, in honor of the men and women whose compassion, diligence, and professionalism keep our County's citizens and visitors safe.

Adopted this 6th day of April 2026.

Mike Forte, Chairman

Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Daralyn Spivey, NCCCC, CMC

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

6. Social Services – Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

Commissioner Sykes read and made the motion to approve the Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5 to 0). The Proclamation reads as follows:

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION 2026 PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, children are our state's most vulnerable members as well as our state's most valuable resources, helping to shape the future of North; and

WHEREAS, positive childhood experiences like loving caregivers and safe, stable, and nurturing relationships—can help mitigate trauma and the negative impact of adverse childhood experiences (ACES) to promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and

WHEREAS, childhood trauma, including abuse and neglect, is a serious problem affecting every community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

WHEREAS, preventing child maltreatment is possible because of the partnerships created between families, advocates, child welfare professionals, education, health, community, and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, local, state, and national governments; and

WHEREAS, Brunswick County Department of Social Services has investigated 1258 reports of abuse, neglect, and our local Child Advocacy Center, Carousel Center, completed 146 Child Medical Evaluations during fiscal year 2025; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the need to prioritize kids and continue to invest in prevention initiatives, economic supports, and community-based child abuse prevention programs at the national, state, and local levels; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Forte, Chair of the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners and on behalf of the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April as CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH in Brunswick County and urge all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders, and businesses to support our children and families through new partnerships and continued collaboration in the effort to prevent child abuse.

Adopted this the 6th day of April 2026.

Mike Forte, Chairman
Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

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

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Forte opened the Public Hearing at 3:36 p.m. by a motion from Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Vice – Chairman Cooke with all in favor (5 to 0).

Hearing no comments, upon a motion from Commissioner Sykes and seconded by Commissioner Thompson, Chairman Forte closed the Public Hearing at 3:37 p.m.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

1. Administration – NC Fourth of July

Mr. Stone requested the Board consider appropriating \$25,000 to the North Carolina Fourth of July Festival Committee in support of the festival during this year's event commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Chairman Forte made the motion to approve the appropriation of \$25,000 to the North Carolina Fourth of July Festival Committee. Commissioner Sykes seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

2. Administration – Debris Burning Regulation Option

Mr. Stone requested the Board provide direction as to a possible option to regulate onsite burning of debris through the solid waste ordinance. Suggested direction could range from immediately beginning the text amendment adoption process to incorporating the amendment into the entire UDO update, which is proposed to include the solid waste ordinance, to seeking other alternatives to regulate burning.

Commissioner Thompson requested Staff to return at the April 20, 2026, Regular Meeting with a letter aimed at state legislators for the debris burning issues as it impacts land clearing and allowing the County to create legislation as appropriate to the County with such tools as air curtain burners, grinding and hauling.

Commissioner Thompson requested Staff to return at the April 20, 2026, Regular Meeting with letter to be sent to the state legislators stating our position on the issue of downzoning. The consensus of the Board was to resend the existing letter that was sent in April of 2025.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve a letter being sent to the General Assembly regarding the County's ability to regulate our own tax rate and to be specific to the areas of the State where this is an issue. Commissioner Sykes seconded the motion and passed (3 to 2) with the poll as follows:

Commissioner Thompson: Aye
 Commissioner Forte: Nay
 Commissioner Cooke: Aye
 Commissioner Sykes: Aye
 Commissioner Williams: Nay

3. Sheriff's Office - Hiring Approval

Ms. Bynum requested the Board approve the hiring of a relative of the Sheriff in accordance with state statute. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the hiring request. Vice – Chairman Cooke seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

4. Sheriff's Office - Inmate Medical Contract Amendment Approval

Ms. Bynum requests the Board approve the third amendment to the contract with the inmate medical services provider, Wellpath LLC, for the renewal of services for the next 12 months. The amendment includes a 2.7% increase in the annual fee in accordance with the contract and related CPI increases, with a total annual value of \$2,233,890.42. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the contract with WellPath LLC. Vice – Chairman Cooke seconded the motion and the motion passed (4-1). The poll is as follows:

Commissioner Thompson: Aye
 Commissioner Forte: Aye
 Commissioner Cooke: Aye
 Commissioner Sykes: Nay
 Commissioner Williams: Aye

5. County Attorney – Calabash Point, Ph 1, Units 1-110 Deed of Dedication

Mr. Batton requested the Board accept the Deed of Dedication for water and sewer infrastructure for Calabash Pointe, Phase 1, Units 1-110. Commission Thomspon made the motion to deny the deed of dedication. Commissioner Sykes seconded the motion and the motion failed (2 to 3). The poll is as follows:

Commissioner Thompson: Aye
 Commissioner Forte: Nay
 Commissioner Cooke: Nay

Commissioner Sykes: Aye
 Commissioner Williams: Nay

Vice - Chairman Cooke made the motion to approve the deed of dedication for water and sewer infrastructure for Calabash Pointe, Phase 1, Units 1-110. Commissioner Williams seconded and the motion passed (3 to 2). The poll is as follows:

Commissioner Thompson: Nay
 Commissioner Forte: Aye
 Commissioner Cooke: Aye
 Commissioner Sykes: Nay
 Commissioner Williams: Aye

6. County Attorney - Gulls Landing at Sea Trail, Phases 1 & 2, Lots 1-93 Deed of Dedication

Mr. Batton requested the Board accept the Deed of Dedication for water and sewer infrastructure for Gulls Landing at Sea Trail, Phases 1 & 2, Lots 1-93. Commission Thomspson made the motion to deny the deed of dedication for water and sewer infrastructure for Gulls Landing at Sea Trail, Phases 1 & 2, Lots 1-93. Commissioner Sykes seconded the motion and the motion failed (2 to 3). The poll is as follows:

Commissioner Thompson: Aye
 Commissioner Forte: Nay
 Commissioner Cooke: Nay
 Commissioner Sykes: Aye
 Commissioner Williams: Nay

Vice - Chairman Cooke made the motion to approve the deed of dedication for water and sewer infrastructure for Gulls Landing at Sea Trail, Phases 1 & 2, Lots 1-93. Commissioner Williams seconded and the motion passed (3 to 2). The poll is as follows:

Commissioner Thompson: Nay
 Commissioner Forte: Aye
 Commissioner Cooke: Aye
 Commissioner Sykes: Nay
 Commissioner Williams: Aye

7. County Attorney – Summer Walk, Ph.2 Lots32-42, 44-50, 63-104,106-115 Deed of Dedication

Mr. Batton requested the Board accept the Deed of Dedication for water and sewer infrastructure for Summer Walk, Ph.2 Lots32-42, 44-50, 63-104,106-115 Deed of Dedication. Commission Thomspson made the motion to deny the deed of dedication. Commissioner Sykes seconded the motion and the motion failed (2 to 3). The poll is as follows:

Commissioner Thompson: Aye
 Commissioner Forte: Nay
 Commissioner Cooke: Nay
 Commissioner Sykes: Aye
 Commissioner Williams: Nay

Vice - Chairman Cooke made the motion to approve the deed of dedication for water infrastructure for Summer Walk, Ph.2. Lots 32-42, 44-50, 63-104, 106-115 Deed of Dedication. Commissioner Williams seconded and the motion passed (3 to 2). The poll is as follows:

Commissioner Thompson: Nay
 Commissioner Forte: Aye
 Commissioner Cooke: Aye
 Commissioner Sykes: Nay
 Commissioner Williams: Aye

IX. BOARD APPOINTMENTS

1. Clerk to the Board – Planning Board – District 4

Chairman Forte made the motion to approve Mr. Travis Cruse to the Planning Board as a District 4 appointee. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

X. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMAL DISCUSSION

1. Fire Chiefs Proposal: Commissioner Thompson would like Staff to review the proposal from the Fire Chief's Association discussed at Public Comment and return to the Board of Commissioners with appropriate actions if necessary.

2. District 1 Planning Board: Commissioner Thompson reminded the Board that in March he drafted and submitted a letter to Mr. Clif Cheek, requesting his resignation as the appointee for District 1 Planning Board seat. This results from the contributions received by Mr. Cheek from developers and creating a perception of a conflict of interest. Commissioner Thompson made a motion asking for a letter sent to Mr. Cheek from the entire Board asking Mr. Cheek to resign for the reasons stated. Commissioner Sykes seconded the motion. The motion failed (3 to 2) with poll as follows:

Commissioner Thompson: Aye
 Commissioner Forte: Nay
 Commissioner Cooke: Nay
 Commissioner Sykes: Aye
 Commissioner Williams: Nay

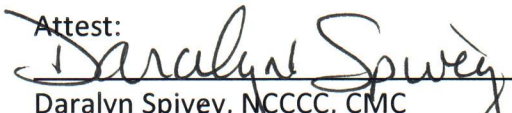
3. Board Member Training: Commissioner Williams would like to see a more formal training process for those currently serving on the different boards within the County. Once the training program is drafted, bring it back to this Board for approval to include a code of conduct requiring annual review and signature.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Williams made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 p.m.



Mike Forte, Chairman
 Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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

