

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
May 18, 2026
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 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
Currie Elkins, 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 6:00 p.m.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Forte asked for adjustments to the agenda.

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nancy Cook, Mayor of Bolivia, spoke to her concerns regarding gun safety, responsible gun ownership and requested to work with the County to create an ordinance to control indiscriminate discharge of firearms.

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1. Clerk to the Board – Meeting Minutes May 4, 2026, Regular Meeting and Yay 4, 2026, Special Budget Meeting**

The Board approved the Meeting Minutes for the May 4, 2026, Regular Meeting and May 4, 2026, Special Budget Meeting.

2. **Code Administration – Resolution to Approve the Town of Oak Island Perform their Own Fireworks**

The Board approved a Resolution allowing the Town of Oak Island to permit and inspect their fireworks. The Resolution reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION APPROVING TOWN OF OAK ISLAND TO
PERFORM FIREWORK PERMITTING
AND INSPECTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Town of Oak Island has requested that the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners authorize the Town of Oak Island, 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 Oak Island corporate limits; and

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Oak Island states that in accordance with this authorization it shall provide “Enhanced Safety Oversight” with a designated fire code official within Oak Island 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 Oak Island 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 Town of Oak Island to issue permits for the exhibition, use and discharge of pyrotechnics and all required on-site inspections to the Town of Oak Island in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 14-413(a1) for all areas within the corporate limits of the Town of Oak Island.

In acceptance of the above noted authority, the Town of Oak Island 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 Oak Island use of said authority.

This the 18th day of May, 2026.

Mike Forte, Chairman
Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

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

3. **County Attorney – Calabash Pointe Ph. 2, Units 111-156 Deed of Dedication**

The Board approved the Calabash Pointe Ph. 2, Units 111-156 Deed of Dedication for sewer and water infrastructure.

4. **County Attorney – Cedar Hill Landing Ph. L Deed of Dedication**

The Board approved the Cedar Hill Landing Ph. L Deed of Dedication for sewer and water infrastructure.

5. **County Attorney – Jonas Creek Ph 3 (Cottage Point, LLC) Deed of Dedication**
The Board approved the Jonas Creek Ph 3 (Cottage Point, LLC) Deed of Dedication for sewer and water infrastructure.
6. **County Attorney – Jonas Creek Ph 3 (S. Port Marina, LLC) Deed of Dedication**
The Board approved the Jonas Creek Ph 3 (S. Port Marina, LLC) Deed of Dedication for sewer and water infrastructure.
7. **County Attorney – Riverlake Subdivision Phase 1A Deed of Dedication**
The Board approved the Riverlake Subdivision Phase 1A Deed of Dedication for sewer and water infrastructure.
8. **County Attorney – Sterling Oaks Ph 1A Lots 37-41, 99-109 Deed of Dedication**
The Board approved the Sterling Oaks Ph 1A Lots 37-41, 99-109 Deed of Dedication for sewer and water infrastructure.
9. **EMS – MOU Between NCDHHS and Brunswick County EMS**
The Board approved the SMAT III MOU between North Carolina Department of Health and Human Service, Division of Health Services Regulation, Office of Emergency Medical Services, and Brunswick County Emergency Medical Services.
10. **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:
 - NC Education Lottery Application**
The Board approved and delegated signing authority to the County Manager to execute the North Carolina Education Lottery application, approved by the Board of Education on May 5, 2025. Cherie Wisse, Brunswick County Schools Finance Officer, provided the attached State lottery funding application for \$1,000,000 in lottery funds used for the 2015 and 2022 LOBS debt payments in FY 2026-2027.
 - New DHHS/EOC Building Water and Sewer Connections Fees Budget Amendment and CPO**
The Board approved the transfer of funding from undesignated in the reserve to the project for water and sewer connection fees in the amount of \$340,000.
 - Occupancy Tax Budget Amendment**
The Board approved the appropriation of Occupancy Tax revenue of \$1,155,000 and corresponding expenditures for projected Occupancy Tax through June 30, 2026.
 - BCCCP Donated Funds Budget Amendment**
The Board approved the use of donated funding for Brunswick County Health for the Breast and Cervical Cancer program in the amount of \$2,800.00 and will utilize these funds to purchase patient education and awareness items that can be distributed within the Health Clinic as well as during various outreach events held throughout the year. A portion of these funds will also be utilized to replace laboratory equipment needed to support the BCCCP program.
 - West Brunswick WRF Expansion Project Budget Amendment and CPO**
The Board approved the transfer of additional System Development Fee advanced funding to the West Brunswick WRF Expansion project for project hours and necessary laboratory testing associated with the project.
 - Financial Reports for April 2026 (unaudited)**
Summary Information for General and Enterprise Funds, ARPA, and Opioid project statuses, key revenue indicators, and Cash and Investment details are included. All year-to-date fiscal reports are provided at:

<https://brunswickcountync.gov/finance/reports>

11. **Health Services – Agreement with Novant Health Coastal Region and the Health Department OB/GYN Certified Nurse Midwife Services**
The Board approved the agreement with Novant Health Coastal Region and the Health Department for non-surgical obstetric medical services provided by OB/GYN Certified Nurse Midwives or Nurse Practitioners which offer a more cost-effective option than utilizing higher level providers.
12. **Sheriff's Office – Agreement with Motorola 911 Console Purchase**
The Board approved an agreement with Motorola Solutions for the purchase of a 911 dispatch console operator position valued at \$126,618.
13. **Sheriff's Office – Resolution to Donate Surplus Body Worn Cameras**
The Board adopted a resolution to approve the donation of surplus body worn cameras and associated equipment to another municipal or county law enforcement agency. The Resolution reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BRUNSWICK COUNTY SHERIFF
TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF BRUNSWICK COUNTY LAW
ENFORCEMENT BODY CAMERAS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the citizens of Brunswick County, wishes to support another municipal or county law enforcement agency within the United States; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 160A-280, personal property that the Board of Commissioners deems to be surplus, obsolete, or unused may be donated to another governmental unit within the United States, a sister county, or a non-profit organization incorporated by the United States, one of the United States, or the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office has dozens of body cameras and associated chargers and docking stations that are no longer compatible for County law enforcement or other County purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Brunswick County Sheriff requests that the aforementioned equipment be deemed surplus, obsolete, and unused and that he be allowed to transfer ownership and possession of same to another municipal or county law enforcement agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

1. That the above-described equipment be deemed surplus, obsolete, and unused, as it is no longer compatible for County law enforcement or other County purposes.
2. That the Sheriff, or his designee, is hereby authorized to transfer ownership and possession of the equipment to another municipal or county law enforcement agency in North Carolina.
3. That the transfer of the above-described equipment is "AS IS, WHERE IS" and without any warranties, express or implied.
4. That this resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

Adopted this the 18th day of May, 2026.

Mike Forte, Chairman
Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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

14. Tax – May 2026 Releases

The Board approved the May 2026 releases.

15. Utilities – Budget Amendment for Public Utilities – Collections 627220

The Board approved the budget amendment in the amount of \$325,000 to address unanticipated repair and maintenance expenditures associated with the County's critical wastewater collections systems.

16. Utilities – Mid-Atlantic Industrial Rail Park Water Tank – Golden LEAF Revised Grant Agreement

The Board accepted the revised Golden LEAF Grant (G-202408-08288) and delegated Steve Stone, County Manager, to sign the Grant Agreement along with the associated documents for the Mid-Atlantic Industrial Rail Park Water Tank Project grant.

17. Utilities – Purchase of 3000 Neptune Water Meters

The Board approved the contract with Core and Main in the amount of \$536,418.75 for the purchase of 3000 water meters.

VI. PRESENTATION

1. Planning - UDO Modernization Project Schedule Update

Kirstie Dixon, Planning Director, updated the Board with the current dates for next steps for the Unified Development Ordinance (to become the Land Development Ordinance – LDO) modernization project and the concerns with the current House and Senate Bills working through the lawmaker's office in Raleigh. No action was taken at this time.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Administration – Public Hearing for Bond Order Authorizing the Issuance of \$349,600,000 General Obligation School Bonds of the County of Brunswick, North Carolina.

Brunswick County School Superintendent, Dale Cole, presented the Board with information for consideration regarding the need for the bond referendum.

Vice – Chairman Cooke made a motion to open the public hearing at 7:01 p.m. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5-0).

The following people were heard, and all spoke in favor of the Bond Order Authorizing the Issuance of \$349,600,000 General Obligation School Bonds for the County of Brunswick:

Allison Dixon, Principal of Belville Elementary School
Felcia Sexton – President of Southport – Oak Island Chamber of Commerce
Maggie Rollison – Principal of North Brunswick High School
Daniel Richardson – Board of Directors, Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce
Art Dornfeld – Mayor of Shallotte

Hearing no further comments, Commissioner Williams made the motion to close the public hearing at 7:19 p.m. Commissioner Sykes seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5to 0).

Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the Bond Order. Vice – Chairman Cooke seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5 to 0). The Bond Order reads as follows:

BOND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$349,600,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK, NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of the County of Brunswick, North Carolina (the "County") has ascertained and hereby determines that it is necessary to pay the capital costs of constructing, improving, and renovating school facilities, including, but not limited to, the construction and renovation of classroom facilities, the acquisition and installation of furnishings and equipment, the acquisition of land, rights-of-way and easements in land required therefor, and related public infrastructure development; and

WHEREAS, an application has been filed with the Secretary of the Local Government Commission of North Carolina (the "Commission") requesting Commission approval of the General Obligation School Bonds hereinafter described as required by the Local Government Bond Act, and the Clerk to the Board has notified the Board that the application has been accepted for submission to the Commission.

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

Section 1. To raise the money required for the purpose described above, in addition to any funds which may be made available for such purpose from any other source, General Obligation School Bonds of the County are hereby authorized and shall be issued pursuant to the Local Government Finance Act of North Carolina. The maximum aggregate principal amount of such General Obligation School Bonds authorized by this order shall be \$349,600,000.

Section 2. Taxes will be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest of the General Obligation School Bonds.

Section 3. A sworn statement of the County's debt has been filed with the Clerk to the Board and is open to public inspection.

Section 4. The bond order will take effect when approved by the voters of the County at a referendum scheduled for November 3, 2026.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK SS

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 the bond order entitled "Bond Order Authorizing the Issuance of \$349,600,000 General Obligation School Bonds of the County of Brunswick, North Carolina" which was introduced by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Brunswick, North Carolina, at a meeting held on April 20, 2026.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said County, this the 20th day of April 2026.

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

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

1. Administration – Resolution Setting a Special Bond Referendum and Directing the Publication of Notice of a Special Bond Referendum and Notification of the Board of Elections.

Commissioner Sykes made the motion to approve the Resolution Setting a Special Bond Referendum and Directing the Publication of Notice of a Special Bond Referendum and Notification of the Brunswick County Board of Elections. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5 to 0). The Resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION SETTING A SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM AND DIRECTING THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF A SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM AND NOTIFICATION OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) of the County of Brunswick, North Carolina (the “County”) has adopted the following bond order, and such bond order should be submitted to the voters of the County for their approval or disapproval to comply with the constitution and laws of North Carolina:

“BOND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$349,600,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK, NORTH CAROLINA;”

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Brunswick, North Carolina, as follows:

- (1) For the purpose of determining the question whether the qualified voters of the County shall approve or disapprove (a) the indebtedness to be incurred by the issuance of the General Obligation School Bonds of the County authorized by said bond order, which indebtedness shall be secured by a pledge of the County’s full faith and credit and (b) the levy of a tax for the payment thereof, said bond order shall be submitted to the qualified voters of said County at a special bond referendum to be held in said County on November 3, 2026.
- (2) The Clerk to the Board is hereby authorized and directed to publish a notice of said referendum which shall be entitled “COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK, NORTH CAROLINA NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM.” Said notice of referendum shall be published at least twice. The first publication shall be not less than 14 days and the second publication shall be not less than 7 days before the last day on which voters may register for the special bond referendum.
- (3) The Brunswick County Board of Elections is hereby requested to print and distribute the necessary ballots and to provide the equipment for the holding of said referendum and to conduct and to supervise said referendum.

- (4) The ballots to be used at said referendum will indicate that it is being held on behalf of the County and will contain the following words:

“Additional property taxes may be levied on property located in the County of Brunswick in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on bonds if approved by the following ballot question. SHALL the order authorizing \$349,600,000 of bonds plus interest to provide funds to pay the capital costs of constructing, improving, and renovating school facilities, including, but not limited to, the construction and renovation of classroom facilities, the acquisition and installation of furnishings and equipment, the acquisition of land, rights-of-way and easements in land required therefor, and related public infrastructure development, and providing that additional taxes may be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds be approved, in light of the following:

 - (1) The estimated cumulative cost over the life of the bonds, using the highest interest rate charged for similar debt over the last 20 years, would be \$545,767,552 (consisting of \$349,600,000 principal amount of the bonds plus \$196,167,552 of interest).
 - (2) The estimated amount of property tax liability increase for each one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) of property tax value to service the cumulative cost over the life of the bond provided above would be \$54.66 per year.”;

with squares labeled “YES” and “NO” beneath or beside such words in which squares the voter may record his or her choice on the question presented; and
- (5) The Clerk to the Board shall mail or deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Brunswick County Board of Elections within three days after this resolution is adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective on the date of its adoption.

READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on May 18, 2026.

Mike Forte, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

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

- 2. **Administration – Initial Resolution for Installment Financing Contract Related to Limited Obligation Bonds, Series 2026**

Vice – Chairman Cooke made the motion to approve the Initial Resolution authorizing the negotiation of an Installment Financing Contract, calling a public hearing for June 1, 2026, and making certain findings related to Limited Obligation Bonds, Series 2026. Commissioner Sykes seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5-0). The Resolution reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONER OF THE COUNTY OF
BRUNSWICK, NORTH CAROLINA, AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION OF AN
INSTALLMENT FINANCING CONTRACT, DIRECTING THE PUBLICATION OF
NOTICE WITH RESPECT THERETO, DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE COUNTY TO
REIMBUSE ITSELF FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FROM THE PROCEEDS THEREOF,
AND PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN OTHER RELATED MATTERS THERETO**

WHEREAS, the County of Brunswick, North Carolina (the "*County*") is a validly existing political subdivision, existing as such under and by virtue of the Constitution, statutes and laws of the State of North Carolina (the "*State*");

WHEREAS, the County has the power, pursuant to the General Statutes of North Carolina, to (1) enter into installment contracts to purchase, or finance or refinance the purchase of, real or personal property and to finance or refinance the construction or repair of fixtures or improvements on real property and (2) create a security interest in some or all of the property financed or refinanced to secure repayment of the purchase price;

WHEREAS, the County has previously entered into an Installment Financing Contract, dated as of April 1, 2015, with the Brunswick County Leasing Corporation (the "*Corporation*"), the proceeds of which were used to finance the construction of an addition to North Brunswick High School and a gymnasium/multi-purpose building at Waccamaw School (collectively, the "*Refunded Projects*");

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to (1) finance the acquisition, construction, renovation, redevelopment, equipping, and improvement of County administrative facilities (such projects referred to herein as the "*New Money Projects*" and together with the Refunded Projects, the "*Projects*"), including, but not limited to, a portion of a new Health & Human Services/Emergency Operations Center building (the "*HHS/EOC Building*"), and (2) refinance the Refunded Projects;

WHEREAS, the Corporation will assist the County by the execution and delivery of its Limited Obligation Bonds (County of Brunswick, North Carolina), Series 2026 (the "*2026 Bonds*") to finance the New Money Projects and refinance the Refunded Projects;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to finance the New Money Projects and refinance the Refunded Projects by entering into (1) an Installment Financing Contract (the "*Contract*") with the Corporation, and (2) a Deed of Trust, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing (the "*Deed of Trust*") related to the County's fee simple interest in the real property on which the HHS/EOC Building will be located, together with all improvements and fixtures thereon (collectively, the "*Mortgaged Property*"), that will provide security for the County's obligations under the Contract;

WHEREAS, the Corporation will execute and deliver its 2026 Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$40,000,000, evidencing proportionate undivided interests in rights to receive certain Revenues (as defined in the Contract) pursuant to the Contract;

WHEREAS, financing the New Money Projects and refinancing the Refunded Projects are essential to the County's proper, efficient and economic operation and to the general health and welfare of its inhabitants; financing the New Money Projects and refinancing the Refunded Projects will provide essential uses and have and will permit the County to carry out public functions that it is authorized by law to perform; and entering into the Contract and Deed of Trust is necessary and expedient for the County by virtue of the findings presented herein;

WHEREAS, the Contract would allow the County to finance the New Money Projects and refinance the Refunded Projects and take title thereto at a favorable interest rate currently available in the financial marketplace and on terms advantageous to the County;

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of financing the New Money Projects and refinancing the Refunded Projects, including payment of the costs of execution and delivery of the Contract, is an amount not to exceed \$40,000,000 and such cost exceeds the amount that can be prudently raised from currently available appropriations, unappropriated fund balances and non-voted bonds that could be issued by the County in the current fiscal year pursuant to Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution of the State;

WHEREAS, although the cost of financing the New Money Projects and refinancing the Refunded Projects pursuant to the Contract is expected to exceed the cost of financing the New Money Projects and refinancing the Refunded Projects pursuant to a bond financing for the same undertaking, the cost of financing the New Money Projects and refinancing the Refunded Projects pursuant to the Contract and Deed of Trust and the obligations of the County thereunder are preferable to a general obligation bond financing or revenue bond financing for several reasons, including but not limited to the following: (1) the cost of a special election necessary to approve a general obligation bond financing, as required by the laws of the State, would result in the expenditure of significant funds; (2) the time required for a general obligation bond election would cause an unnecessary delay which would thereby decrease the financial benefits of financing, refinancing, constructing, and improving the Projects; and (3) the Projects would produce insufficient revenues to permit a revenue bond financing;

WHEREAS, the estimated costs of financing the New Money Projects and refinancing the Refunded Projects pursuant to the Contract reasonably compares with an estimate of similar costs under a bond financing for the same undertaking as a result of the findings delineated in the above preambles;

WHEREAS, any future property tax increase, if necessary, to pay installment payments falling due under the Contract will not be excessive;

WHEREAS, the sums to fall due under the Contract will be adequate but not excessive for its proposed purpose;

WHEREAS, no deficiency judgment may be rendered against the County in any action for its breach of the Contract, and the taxing power of the County is not and may not be pledged in any way directly or indirectly or contingently to secure any money due under the Contract;

WHEREAS, the County is not in default under any of its debt service obligations;

WHEREAS, the County's budget process and Annual Budget Ordinance are in compliance with the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act, and external auditors have determined that the County has conformed with generally accepted accounting principles as applied to governmental units in preparing its Annual Budget Ordinance;

WHEREAS, past audit reports of the County indicate that its debt management and contract obligation payment policies have been carried out in strict compliance with the law, and the County has not been censured by the North Carolina Local Government Commission (the "LGC"), external auditors or any other regulatory agencies in connection with such debt management and contract obligation payment policies;

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the Contract after publication of a notice with respect to such public hearing must be held, and approval of the LGC with respect to entering into the Contract must be received;

WHEREAS, the County will incur and pay certain expenditures (the "*Original Expenditures*") in connection with the New Money Projects prior to the date of execution and delivery of the Contract, such Original Expenditures to be paid for originally from a source other than the proceeds of the Contract, and the County intends, and reasonably expects, to be reimbursed for such Original Expenditures from a portion of the proceeds of the Contract; and

WHEREAS, all findings, conclusions and determinations of the County in this Resolution are subject to modification or affirmation after all interested parties have been afforded the opportunity to present their comments at a public hearing regarding the execution and delivery of the Contract, the Deed of Trust, and the Projects financed and refinanced thereby, as applicable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK, NORTH CAROLINA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Authorization to Negotiate the Contract. The County Manager and the Finance Director, or their respective designees (collectively, the "*Authorized Officers*"), with advice from the County Attorney and Bond Counsel, are authorized and directed, individually and collectively, to proceed and negotiate on behalf of the County the Contract for a principal amount not to exceed \$40,000,000 to finance the New Money Projects and refinance the Refunded Projects, to be entered into pursuant to Section 160A-20 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as amended, and to provide in connection with the Contract, as security for the County's obligations thereunder, the Deed of Trust, conveying a lien on and security interest in the Mortgaged Property.

Section 2. Application to LGC. The Authorized Officers are directed to file with the LGC an application for its approval of the Contract and all relevant transactions contemplated thereby on a form prescribed by the LGC and to state in such application such facts and to attach thereto such exhibits regarding the County and its financial condition as may be required by the LGC.

Section 3. Direction to Retain Professionals. The Authorized Officers, with advice from the County Attorney, are authorized and directed to retain the assistance of Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP, as bond counsel, Davenport & Company LLC, as municipal advisor, Robert W. Baird & Co. Inc., as underwriter, and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as trustee. The Authorized Officers are authorized to retain such other professionals as they deem necessary in their judgment to carry out the transaction contemplated in this Resolution.

Section 4. Public Hearing. The Board of Commissioners of the County shall conduct a public hearing (the "*Public Hearing*") on June 1, 2026 at 3:00 pm in the Commissioners Chambers, David R. Sandifer Administration Building, 30 Government Center Drive NE, Bolivia, North Carolina, concerning the Contract, the proposed financing of the New Money Projects and refinancing of the Refunded Projects, and any other transactions contemplated therein and associated therewith.

Section 5. Notice of Public Hearing. The Clerk to the Board is directed to cause a notice of the Public Hearing, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, to be published once in a qualified newspaper of general circulation within the County no fewer than 10 days prior to the Public Hearing.

Section 6. Reimbursement. The County presently intends, and reasonably expects, to reimburse itself for Original Expenditures in an amount not to exceed \$40,000,000 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 Contract. 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 Contract. The Authorized Officers, with advice from Bond Counsel, are 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 New Money Projects 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 the execution and delivery of the Contract.

Section 7. Repealer. All motions, orders, resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Resolution is effective on the date of its adoption.

On motion of Commissioner Cooke, the foregoing resolution entitled “Resolution of the Board of Commissioner of the County of Brunswick, North Carolina, Authorizing the Negotiation of an Installment Financing Contract, Directing the Publication of Notice with Respect Thereto, Declaring the Intent of the County to Reimburse Itself for Capital Expenditures from the Proceeds Thereof, and Providing for Certain Other Related Matters Thereto” was duly adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Forte, Cooke, Thompson, Sykes and Williams.

Nays: None

EXHIBIT A
Notice of Public Hearing

At its meeting on May 18, 2026, the Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) of the County of Brunswick, North Carolina (the “County”) adopted a resolution which authorized the County to:

- (1) enter into an installment financing contract in an amount not to exceed \$40,000,000 (the “Contract”) to (1) finance the acquisition, construction, renovation, redevelopment, equipping, and improvement of County administrative facilities (such projects referred to herein as the “New Money Projects”), including, but not limited to, a portion of a new Health & Human Services/Emergency Operations Center building (the “HHS/EOC Building”), and (2) refinance all or a portion of the County’s outstanding installment payment obligations related to an Installment Financing Contract, dated as of April 1, 2015, with the Brunswick County Leasing Corporation, the proceeds of which were used to finance the construction of an addition to North Brunswick High School and a gymnasium/multi-purpose building at Waccamaw School (the “Refunded Projects” and together with the New Money Projects, the “Projects”); and
- (2) execute and deliver a Deed of Trust, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing (the “Deed of Trust”) related to the County’s fee simple interest in the real property on which the HHS/EOC Building will be located, together with the improvements and fixtures thereon (collectively, the “Mortgaged Property”), as may be required by the entity providing the funds to the County under the Contract.

The Mortgaged Property will be located at 67 Government Center Drive NE, Bolivia, North Carolina 28422.

The Mortgaged Property will be mortgaged under the Deed of Trust. The Contract and the Deed of Trust permit the County to enter into amendments to finance or refinance additional projects using the Mortgaged Property as collateral and the County may or may not grant additional collateral in connection with such amendments. On payment by the County of all installment payments due under the Contract, including any future amendments to finance or refinance projects, the Deed of Trust and any lien created thereunder will terminate and the County’s title to the Mortgaged Property will be unencumbered.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 160A-20 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, that on June 1, 2026 at 3:00 pm in the Commissioners Chambers, David R. Sandifer Administration Building, 30 Government Center Drive NE, Bolivia, North Carolina, a public hearing will be conducted concerning the approval of the execution and delivery of the Contract and the Projects financed and refinanced thereby, as applicable. All interested parties are invited to present comments thereon at the public hearing.

/s/ DARALYN SPIVEY
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners
County of Brunswick, North Carolina

Published: May 20, 2026

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK SS:

I, Daralyn Spivey, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of the County of Brunswick, North Carolina, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a resolution entitled **“Resolution of the Board of Commissioner of the County of Brunswick, North Carolina, Authorizing the Negotiation of an Installment Financing Contract, Directing the Publication of Notice with Respect Thereto, Declaring the Intent of the County to Reimburse Itself for Capital Expenditures from the Proceeds Thereof, and Providing for Certain Other Related Matters Thereto”** adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Brunswick, North Carolina, at a meeting held on May 18, 2026.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the County of Brunswick, North Carolina, this May 18, 2026.

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

3. Administration – Recommended Budget Ordinance, Capital Improvement Plan, and Schedule of Fees for FY2027

Mr. Stone presented the Board with the Recommended Budget Ordinance, Capital Improvement Plan, and Schedule of Fees for FY2027. A Public Hearing will be set for June 1, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. and then continued to the June 15, 2026, Regular Meeting, allowing an additional opportunity for the public to make further comments. No further action was taken.

4. Operation Services – FEMA PTC8 Landfill Equipment Project

Rob Billingham, Operation Services Director, presented the Board with a request to approve the goods and services agreement with Linder Industrial Machinery Company, James River Equipment of Virginia, LLC and Gregory Poole Equipment Company to replace landfill equipment damaged during Potential Tropical Cyclone #8. Vice - Chairman Cooke made the motion to approve all three (3) agreements for equipment replacement as a result of PTC#8. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

5. Utilities – McGill PSA- Sewer Pump Stations Rehabilitation Project

Mr. Nichols presented the Board with a request authorizing the Chairman and the Clerk to the Board to execute a Professional Services Agreement with McGill Associates in the amount of \$1,248,000 for services associated with the Sewer Pump Stations Rehabilitation project. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement in the amount of \$1,248,000. Vice – Chairman Cooke seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

IX. BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Reappointments:

District 1: Commissioner Thompspon made the motion to reappoint the following seats:

- *Brunswick Business and Industry Development: Alan Bryant
- *Brunswick Senior Resources Inc.: John Ingraham
- *Fire Fee Committee (Ocean Isle Beach): Wayne Rowell
- *Fire Fee Committee (Shallotte Point): Jerry Thrift
- *Fire Protection Oversight: Jurle Gaver
- *Parks and Recreation: Nora Finch
- *Zoning Board of Adjustments: Robert Williamson

Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5-0).

District 2: Vice Chairman Cooke made the motion to reappoint the following seats:

- *Brunswick Business and Industry Development: John Ward
- *Brunswick Senior Resources Inc.: Joyce Lowrimore
- *Fire Fee Committee (Bolivia): Shane Guyton
- *Fire Fee Committee (Civietown): Napoleon Barefoot
- *Fire Fee Committee (Supply): Warren Kroe
- *Fire Fee Committee (Tri-Beach): Ricky Robinson
- *Fire Protection Oversight: Mark Hewett
- *Parks and Recreation: Laura Botto
- *Zoning Board of Adjustments: Jason Helms

Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5-0).

District 3: Commissioner Sykes made the motion to reappoint the following seats:

- *Fire Fee Committee (Oak Island): Ted Bodenshatz
- *Fire Fee Committee (Sunset Harbor Zion Hill): Micheal Sellers
- *Fire Protection Oversight: James Whitely
- *Zoning Board of Adjustments: Mary Ann McCarthy

Commissioner Sykes also made the motion to table the following seat:

- *Fire Fee Committee (St. James)

Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5-0).

District 4 Chairman Forte made the motion to reappoint the following seats:

- *Brunswick Business and Industry Development - Ray Skipper
- *Brunswick Senior Resources Inc. - Justin Lovin
- *Fire Fee Committee (BSL): Sean Fenick
- *Fire Fee Committee (Shallotte): Kenneth Williams
- *Fire Fee Committee (Waccamaw): Jeremy King
- *Fire Fee Committee (Winnabow): Chris Bordeaux
- *Fire Protection Oversight: Clint Berry
- *Planning Board: Travis Cruse

Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5-0).

District 5: Commissioner Williams made the motion to reappoint the following seats:

- *Brunswick Business and Industry Development - Perry Davis
- *Brunswick Senior Resources Inc. - Dan Bruneau
- *Fire Fee Committee (Leland): Bill Wilson
- *Fire Fee Committee (Navassa): Valorie Hatten
- *Fire Fee Committee (Northwest): Darren Grice

Vice - Chairman Cooke seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5-0).

At Large/NA/Public Re-Appointments by Board: Commissioner Thompson made the motion to reappoint the following seats:

- *ABC Board: Stephen McLeroy
- *Brunswick Community College Board of Trustees: Ann Landis
- *Brunswick Columbus International Park: Steve Stone
- *Juvenile Crime Prevention Commission: Bonnie Jordan
- *Juvenile Crime Prevention Commission: Lavar Marlowe
- *Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority: Phillip Tripp
- *Southeastern Community Action Partnership: William Ballard
- *Southeastern Community Action Partnership: David Stanely (alternate)
- *Health and Human Services: Tammy Waterman (Pharmacist)
- *Health and Human Services: Justin Asbury (Physician)
- *Health and Human Services: Lauren Gallagher (Veterinarian)

Reappointments by other entities to be approved by the Board of Commissioners:

Commissioner Williams made the motion to reappoint the following seats:

- *Voluntary Agricultural District: Jim Stanaland
- *Voluntary Agricultural District: Mark Green – Alternate

Commissioner Sykes seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5-0).

Vacancies:

District 1: Commissioner Thompson made the motion to approve the following appointments:

- *Fire Fee Committee (Calabash): Robert Hartwell
 - *Fire Fee Committee (Grissettow/Longwood): Brenda Dixon
 - *Fire Fee Committee (Sunset Beach): George Vaughn
- Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5-0).

District 3: Commissioner Sykes made the motion to approve the following appointments:

- *Brunswick Business and Industry Development: Jim Bradshaw
- *Fire Fee Committee (Southport): Sherol Lappala
- *Library: Helen Whittaker

Commissioner Sykes made the motion to table the following appointments:

- *Brunswick Senior Resources Inc.

Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

District 4: Chairman Forte made the motion to approve the following appointment:

- *Board of Equalization and Review: David Ballengee

Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

District 5: Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the following appointment:

- *Fire Protection Oversight: Berle Jones
- *Planning Board: Robert Needham
- *Substance Use Addiction and Mental Health Commission: Jeremy Gunn

At Large/NA/Alternate/Public Vacancies

*Bald Head Island Transportation Authority – Commissioner Sykes made the motion to table this appointment. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

*Board of Equalization and Review – Alternate – 2 seats: Tabled until the June 1st meeting or June 15th as there are no applications available.

*Library - 2 Seats: Commissioner Williams made the motion to appoint William Eberhardt to one seat. Chairman Forte seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5 to 0). The second appointment was tabled to the June 1st meeting.

*Juvenile Crime Prevention Commission: Vice – Chairman Cooke made the motion to appoint Gregg Spradlin. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

*Health and Human Services Advisory Board – Dentist: Vice - Chairman Cooke made the motion to appoint Dr. Abby Caudell to the Dentist appointment. Commissioner Sykes seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

*Health and Human Services – Optometrist: Tabled to the June 1st meeting.

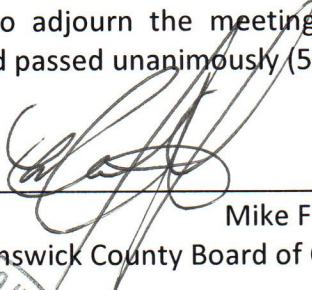
*Zoning Board of Adjustments – Alternate 1 seat: Tabled to the June 1st meeting.

X. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMAL DISCUSSION

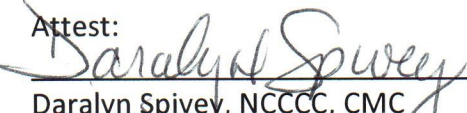
No other business to come before the Board.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Williams made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Commissioner Sykes seconded the motion 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

