

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
June 1, 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
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 3:00 p.m.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Forte asked for adjustments to the agenda.

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Keith McGee spoke to his concerns regarding the long-term capacity of the water systems within the Calabash Fire District and the ability to support effective fire suppression operations in the future.

Nancy Whitman spoke concerning prospective data centers in the Boliva/Shallotte areas and the use of excessive electricity and water to run those centers.

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1. **Clerk to the Board – Meeting Minutes May 18, 2026, Regular Meeting**
The Board approved the Meeting Minutes for the May 18, 2026, Regular Meeting.
- 2. **County Attorney – Cameron Pines, Lots 1-124 and Amenity Center**
The Board approved the Deed of Dedication for water and sewer infrastructure for Cameron Pines, Lot 1-124 and Amenity Center.
- 3. **County Attorney – The Sanctuary at Angels Trace, Ph 4, Lots 106-126, 136-152, and 162-191 (Total of 68 Lots) Deed of Dedication**
The Board approved Deed of Dedication for water and sewer infrastructure for The Sanctuary at Angels Trace, Phase 4, Lots 106-126, 136-152, and 162-191 (Total of 68 Lots).
- 4. **County Attorney – The Tides at Ocean Isle Beach Sub., Ph 1A Deed of Dedication**
The Board approved the Deed of Dedication for water and sewer infrastructure for The Tides at Ocean Isle Beach Subdivision, Phase 1A (44 Lots).
- 5. **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:

-American Rescue Plan Act Fund Closeout
Appropriated revenue to transfer Investment Earnings on ARPA deposits to the General Fund as allowed by the granting agency, finalizing the ARPA SRF. Also authorizing the Finance Director to adjust the budget for May Investment Earnings and to close the fund as of June 30, 2026.

-System Development Fee Water and Wastewater Year End Transfer Budget Amendment
Appropriated \$19,250,000 of water and sewer system development fee revenues to be transferred to the Enterprise Capital Reserve Funds. These funds were collected in compliance with the North Carolina General Assembly amended Chapter 162A, Article 8 of the General Statutes, amended by House Bill 436. These reserves will be used to fund eligible capital improvement projects. Also, authorizing the Finance Director to adjust the budget for final collections as of June 30, 2026.

-BSL Cleanup Budget Amendment
On June 21, 2022, the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners appropriated \$3,000,000 for transfer to the County Capital Reserve to provide financial support for the City of Boiling Spring Lakes Dam project. Under the original agreement, funding of up to \$750,000 per year was to be distributed over the subsequent four fiscal years. To date, funding has only been requested for the first year (FY 2024). Funds originally budgeted for FY 2025 were carried forward into the FY 2026 operating budget; however, \$1.5 million of the appropriated funds has not yet been requested. Funds designated for FY 2027 will remain in reserve until the terms of the agreement are met and distribution is requested. This budget amendment returns the \$1.5 million currently available in the FY 2026 budget to the County Capital Reserve, resulting in a total reserve balance of \$2.25 million.

-General Fund Revenues Budget Amendment
Appropriated \$603,400 of Register of Deeds revenue and \$300,000 of Solid Waste Fee Revenues and anticipated expenditures of \$65,600, Law Enforcement Separation expenditures \$35,000, Soil and Water expenditures \$2,800, and the remaining amount in Non-Departmental for fringe benefits and miscellaneous expense for projection of actual needs. Amounts in Non-Departmental are authorized to be transferred within the General Fund by the Fiscal Operations Director as needed to prevent a statutory exception in excess of amounts budgeted at year end.

-Public Housing Voucher Revenue Budget Amendment

Appropriated additional Public Housing Voucher revenues and anticipated expenditures through June 30, 2026.

-Bond Projects Arbitrage Adjustment Budget Amendment

Closed bond portion of 2016 Bond Referendum Projects Phase 2 and Phase 3 and correct investment earnings for arbitrage payments due at close out of projects.

-Excess Collections Schools Budget Amendment and CPO

Appropriated estimated excess collections of Ad Valorem and Legislated Sales Tax in excess of budget to transfer to the Schools Capital Reserve and authorizes the Fiscal Operations Director to adjust the budget for final collections as of June 30, 2026.

-Brunswick County Schools Miscellaneous Revenues Budget Amendment

Appropriated \$100,000 of miscellaneous revenues for miscellaneous expense for Brunswick County Schools.

-Sheriff Seizure Budget Amendment

Appropriated \$250,000 Sheriff Seizure restricted revenues to account for the liability and corresponding expenditure lines to adjust this accounting for GASB 84. Authorizing the Finance Director to adjust the budget for final collections as of June 30, 2026.

-Sheriff Trust Budget Amendment

Appropriated \$50,000 of Sheriff Trust revenue to be used in the corresponding expense line. Authorizing the Finance Director to adjust the budget for final collections/distributions as of June 30, 2026.

-GASB 96 and GASB 87 for Leases and SBITA Budget Amendments

Appropriated \$6,736,802 of General fund, \$10,000 of Public Housing, \$10,000 of Health Fund, \$10,000 of Social Services Fund, \$10,000 of Emergency Telephone System Fund, \$70,066 of Water Fund, and \$25,714 of Wastewater Fund Other Financing Source: Lease and Subscription Financing revenue to be used in Lease Capital Outlay and SBITA Capital Outlay corresponding account lines. This is for GASB 87 and 96, which require the accounting of leases and long-term software subscriptions. Also, authorizing the Fiscal Operations Director to adjust the budget for final Leases and SBITA calculations as of June 30, 2026.

-Foster Care Additional Revenue Budget Amendment

Appropriated \$212,000 of foster care revenues and transfer \$113,000 of salaries to foster care expense for program needs through June 30, 2026.

6. Health Services - Annual Report to Board of Health of the Communicable Disease Report

The Board received the annual Communicable Disease Report.

7. Health Services - The 2025 Child Fatality Prevention Team Annual Report

The Board received the 2025 Child Fatality Prevention Team annual report.

8. Health Services - 2025 Community Health Assessment (CHA)

The Board received and approved the 2025 Community Health Assessment.

9. Health Services - The Healing Place National Opioid Settlement Fund Additional Appropriation

The Board approved the use of additional National Opioid Settlement funding and the associated Ordinance and Resolution for the 2026 agreement with The Healing Place for Substance Use Recovery Services.

- 10. **Operation Services - Contract and Sole Source Approval for Owens Roofing, Inc.**
The Board approved the Sole Source Resolution and contract with Owens Roofing, Inc. in the amount of \$63,513. The Resolution reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF
THERMOPLASTIC POLYOLEFIN WALKWAY UNDER SOLE
SOURCE EXCEPTION TO FORMAL BIDDING
REQUIREMENTS**

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S 143-129(e)(6), Procedure for Letting of Public Contracts, allows for the waiver of formal bidding requirements for purchases of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment when performance or price competition for a product are not available, or a needed product is available from only one source of supply, or standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration; and

WHEREAS, Brunswick County utilized a thermoplastic polyolefin (“TPO”) walkway on the previous Detention Center roof for safety and drainage purposes; and

WHEREAS, Brunswick County recently completed a roof replacement project at the Detention Center; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for a new TPO walkway to be installed on the new roof; and

WHEREAS, the original roofing contractor, Owens Roofing, Inc., must complete the addition of the new TPO walkway to maintain the warranty on the new roof membrane; and

WHEREAS, the governing board must approve the purchase under this bidding exemption prior to awarding the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners approves the purchases described herein utilizing the exception to formal bidding requirements contained in N.C.G.S. 143-129(e)(6) and finds that the conditions described in that statute have been met.

Adopted this the 1st day of June, 2026.

Mike Forte, Chairman
Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

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

- 11. **Operation Services - Southport Yacht Club - Tip Fee Exemption Request**
The Board approved a tip fee exemption request at the Brunswick County Landfill for Southport Yacht Club of North Carolina, Inc.
- 12. **Sheriff’s Office - Resolution to Donate Surplus Vehicles**
The Board adopted a resolution to approve the donation of vehicles currently assigned to the Sheriff’s Office to the City of Northwest. The Resolution reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BRUNSWICK COUNTY SHERIFF TO
TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF BRUNSWICK COUNTY
LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES**

WHEREAS, the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the citizens of Brunswick County, wishes to support another governmental unit in Brunswick County seeking to make the County a better place for its citizens; 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 Town of Northwest is another governmental unit within the State of North Carolina and situated in Brunswick County; and

WHEREAS, the Brunswick County Sheriff’s Office has two (2) vehicles, namely: a 2018 Dodge Charger, VIN# 2C3CDXAT6JH147704, and a 2018 Dodge Charger, VIN# 2C3CDXAT8JH147705, that are fixed assets of Brunswick County that are no longer suitable or useful for law enforcement or other County purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Brunswick County Sheriff requests that the aforementioned vehicles 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 vehicles be deemed surplus, obsolete, and unused, as they are 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 two (2) above-described vehicles from Brunswick County to the Town of Northwest.
- 3. That the transfer of the vehicles is “AS IS, WHERE IS” and without any warranties, express or implied.
- 4. That this resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

Adopted this, the 1st day of June 2026.

Mike Forte, Chairman
Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

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

- 13. **Social Services – Energy Outreach Plan FY2026-2027**
The Board approved the Social Services Energy Outreach Plan for fiscal year 2026-2027.
- 14. **Social Services – Childcare Assistance Local Policy Plan Fiscal Year 2026-2027**

The Board approved the Childcare Assistance Local Policy Plan for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

- 15. **Utilities – Approval of 211 WTP Sludge Removal Contract**
The Board approved a contract with Kenneth McClain Landscaping, LLC in the amount of \$439,320.00 for the removal and disposal of lime residuals.
- 16. **Utilities – Eckel and Vaughan LLC Strategic Communications Plan Development Services Agreement and Budget Amendment Request**
The Board approved the contract with Eckel & Vaughn LLC for strategic communications and community engagement services related to National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit matters (NPDES).

VI. **PUBLIC HEARING**

- 1. **Administration - Public Hearing for Installment Financing Contract Related to Limited Obligation Bonds, Series 2026 and Subsequently Consider Adoption of the Approving Resolution**
Steve Stone, County Manager, requests the Board of Commissioners hold a public hearing to receive comments on the County's execution and delivery of an Installment Financing Contract and the projects financed and refinanced and subsequently consider adopting the Approving Resolution authorizing the transactions.

Commissioner Thomspson made the motion to open the Public Hearing at 3:13 p.m. Vice – Chairman Cooke seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

Hearing no comments from the public, Vice – Chairman Cooke made the motion to close the public hearing at 3:14 p.m. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONER OF THE COUNTY OF
BRUNSWICK, NORTH CAROLINA, APPROVING AN INSTALLMENT FINANCING
CONTRACT AND DELIVERY THEREOF; APPOINTING A DIRECTOR OF BRUNSWICK
COUNTY LEASING CORPORATION; AND PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN OTHER
RELATED MATTERS**

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 money advanced therefor;

WHEREAS, the County has previously entered into an Installment Financing Contract, dated as of April 1, 2015 (the “2015 Contract”), 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, the Board of Commissioners of the County (the "*Board*") previously determined that it is in the County's best interest to enter into (1) an Installment Financing Contract (the "*Contract*") in an amount not to exceed \$40,000,000 with the Corporation to (a) 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 (b) refinance the Refunded Projects; 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 is located, together with the improvements and fixtures thereon (the "*Mortgaged Property*"), that will provide security for the County's obligations under the Contract;

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the above plan, the Corporation will execute and deliver its Limited Obligation Bonds (County of Brunswick, North Carolina), Series 2026 (the "*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), under the terms of an Indenture of Trust (the "*Indenture*") between the Corporation and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as trustee;

WHEREAS, in connection with the sale of the 2026 Bonds by the Corporation to Robert W. Baird & Co. Inc. (the "*Underwriter*"), the Corporation will enter into a Contract of Purchase between the Corporation and the Underwriter, and the County will execute a Letter of Representation to the Underwriter with respect to the 2026 Bonds (the "*Letter of Representation*");

WHEREAS, there have been described to the Board the forms of the following documents (collectively, the "*Instruments*"), copies of which have been made available to the Board, which the Board proposes to approve, enter into and deliver, as applicable, to effectuate the proposed installment financing:

- (1) the Contract;
- (2) the Indenture, including the form of the 2026 Bonds;
- (3) the Deed of Trust; and
- (4) the Letter of Representation;

WHEREAS, to make an offering and sale of the 2026 Bonds, there will be prepared a Preliminary Official Statement with respect to the 2026 Bonds (the "*Preliminary Official Statement*"), a draft thereof having been presented to the Board, and a final Official Statement relating to the Preliminary Official Statement (together with the Preliminary Official Statement, the "*Official Statement*"), which Official Statement will contain certain information regarding the County;

WHEREAS, it appears that each of the Instruments and the Preliminary Official Statement is in an appropriate form and is an appropriate instrument for the purposes intended;

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the Contract, Deed of Trust, and the Projects to be financed and refinanced thereby, after publication of a notice with respect to such public hearing, must be held and the Board conducted such public hearing at this meeting;

WHEREAS, the County will file an application to the North Carolina Local Government Commission (the "*LGC*") for approval of the Contract; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to bylaws of the Corporation, one director of the Corporation must be appointed by the Board, and it is in the best interest of the County that the Board make such appointment at this meeting;

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

Section 1. Ratification of Instruments. All actions of the County Manager and the Finance Director, and their respective designees (individually and collectively, the “*Authorized Officers*”), whether previously or hereinafter taken, in effectuating the proposed financing, including the making of application to the LGC, are approved, ratified and authorized pursuant to and in accordance with the transactions contemplated by the Instruments.

Section 2. Authorization of the Official Statement. The form, terms and content of the Preliminary Official Statement are authorized, approved, and confirmed, and the Underwriter’s use of the Preliminary Official Statement and the final Official Statement in connection with the sale of the 2026 Bonds is authorized, approved and confirmed. The Authorized Officers are authorized and directed, individually and collectively, to deliver, on behalf of the County, the Official Statement in substantially such form, with such changes, insertions and omissions as he or she may approve.

Section 3. Authorization to Execute the Instruments. The Board authorizes and approves the financing of the New Money Projects and refinancing of the Refunded Projects in an amount not to exceed \$40,000,000 and in accordance with the terms of the Instruments, which will be valid, legal and binding obligations of the County in accordance with their terms. The form and content of the Instruments are authorized, approved and confirmed, and the Authorized Officers and their respective designees are authorized, empowered and directed, individually and collectively, to execute and deliver the Instruments, including necessary counterparts, in substantially the form and content presented to the Board, but with such changes, modifications, additions or deletions therein as they may deem necessary, desirable or appropriate, their execution thereof to constitute conclusive evidence of the County’s approval of any and all changes, modifications, additions or deletions therein from the form and content of the Instruments presented to the Board. From and after the execution and delivery of the Instruments, the Authorized Officers, and their respective designees, are authorized, empowered and directed, individually and collectively, to do all such acts and things and to execute all such documents as may be necessary to carry out and comply with the provisions of the Instruments as executed.

Section 4. County Representatives. The Authorized Officers are designated as the County’s representatives to act on behalf of the County in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Instruments and the Preliminary Official Statement, and are authorized to proceed with financing the New Money Projects and refinancing the Refunded Projects in accordance with the Instruments and the Preliminary Official Statement and to seek opinions as a matter of law from the County Attorney, which the County Attorney is authorized to furnish on behalf of the County, and opinions of law from such other attorneys for all documents contemplated hereby as required by law. The Authorized Officers, and their respective designees, are authorized to select any co-managing underwriters for the 2026 Bonds if they determine such selection to be in the best interest of the County. The Authorized Officers, and their respective designees, are authorized, empowered and directed, individually and collectively, to do any and all other acts and to execute any and all other documents, which they, in their discretion, deem necessary and appropriate to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Instruments and the Preliminary Official Statement or as they deem necessary or appropriate to implement and carry out the intent and purposes of this Resolution

Section 5. Appointment of Director of the Corporation. The Board hereby appoints Bryan W. Batton as a Director of the Corporation, to serve in such capacity until his death, resignation, retirement, removal or disqualification, or until a successor has been duly appointed and qualified.

Section 6. Severability. If any section, phrase or provision of this Resolution is for any reason declared to be invalid, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the sections, phrases or provisions of this Resolution.

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

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

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

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 titled **“RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONER OF THE COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK, NORTH CAROLINA, APPROVING AN INSTALLMENT FINANCING CONTRACT AND DELIVERY THEREOF; APPOINTING A DIRECTOR OF BRUNSWICK COUNTY LEASING CORPORATION; AND PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN OTHER RELATED MATTERS”** adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Brunswick, North Carolina in regular session convened on June 1, 2026, as recorded in the minutes of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Brunswick, North Carolina.

WITNESS, my hand and the seal of the County of Brunswick, North Carolina, on June 1, 2026.

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

2. Administration – Public Hearing to Receive Comments on the FY 2027 Brunswick County Budget, Fees, and Capital Improvement Plan

Steve Stone, County Manager, requested that the Board of Commissioners hold a Public Hearing to receive comments on the Manager's FY 2027 Recommended Budget, Proposed Fees, and Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan. Steve Stone, County Manager, requested that the Board of Commissioners hold a public hearing to receive comments on the Manager's FY 2027 Recommended Budget, Proposed Fees, and Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan. Mr. Stone advised the Board of one change to the budget since its presentation on May 18, 2026. He explained that projected increases in sales tax allocations and investment earnings would allow the County to revise the initial recommendation resulting from the market study completed earlier this fiscal year. Accordingly, staff recommends providing a three percent (3%) salary increase per pay grade, rather than the previously proposed two percent (2%) increase, for employees who are below the midpoint of their respective pay grades.

Commissioner Thompson made the motion to open the public hearing at 3:17 p.m. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

Chairman Forte stated the public hearing would remain open and allow for further comment at the June 15, 2026, Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.

VII. BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Reappointments:
Nursing Home and Adult Care Home Community Advosiry Committee - Patricia McDaniel

Commissioners Williams made the motion to approve Patrica McDaniel. Commissioner Sykes seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

Vacancies:
Board of Equalization and Review: 2 seats at large
Zoning Board of Adjustments: 1 seat at large

Commissioner Williams made the motion to table both to the June 15, 2026, Regular Meeting for lack of applicants. Vice – Chairman Cooke seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

Library Board: 1 seat at large
Commissioner Sykes made the motion to appoint Rhonda Benton. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Commissioner Sykes commented on the data center that was brought up at the Public Comment expressing opposition to any data center coming to Brunswick County. All the Commissioners expressed the same concerns regarding the number of jobs are minimal with concerns regarding the environment, noise pollution, high water and high electrical usage that would be required.

Commissioner Williams facilitated a meeting with staff and a group of citizens on Friday who are concerned about preserving historic cemeteries in Brunswick County. We had a very productive meeting, agreed on key issues that need to be addressed, and discussed a number of potential approaches moving forward. Staff is developing information for us to review, and we have agreed to meet again in July to discuss next steps.

Secondly, Commissioner Williams would like to see additional appointments to a committee and the suggested structure of that committee from Chief Drew of Southport regarding a new fire funding mechanism. Commissioner Williams would also like to see the County Fire Administrator, member of Management and either Finance or Legal representation as needed and for this to be placed on the June 15 Meeting Agenda to move forward.

Commissioner Cooke commented that staff have been involved in many drills for Emergency Management over the last few weeks and Brunswick County stands ready.

IX. CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Batton requested the Board enter closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1)(3). Chairman Forte asked for (6) to be included in the cites.

The Board entered Close Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1)(3) and (6) to approve Closed Session Minutes from January 20, 2026, February 16, 2026, and March 16, 2026, Meetings, to consult with its attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege and to discuss personnel.

Mr. Batton noted the above statutory requirements.

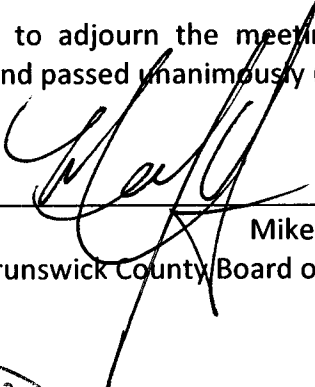
Vice – Chairman Cooke made the motion to enter Closed Session at 3:26 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously (5 to 0).

Chairman Forte called the Regular Session to order at 4:06 p.m.

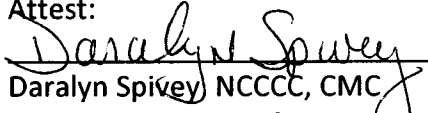
Mr. Batton advised there is nothing to report from Closed Session.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Williams made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:06 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

