

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
April 4, 2022
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 Randy Thompson, Chairman
Commissioner Mike Forte, Vice-Chairman
Commissioner J. Martin Cooke
Commissioner Pat Sykes
Commissioner Frank Williams

STAFF: Steve Stone, County Manager
Bob Shaver, County Attorney
David Stanley, Deputy County Manager
Haynes Brigman, Deputy County Manager
Aaron Smith, Finance Director
Daralyn Spivey, Clerk to the Board
Meagan Kascak, Communications Director
Raquel Perez, Executive Assistant
Lt. Bond, Sheriff's Office

Board Action, containing all items in this set of minutes, is filed within the Clerk to the Board's office.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Thompson asked for adjustments to the agenda. No adjustments were requested.

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gary Goldenbaum spoke to the need of increasing staff for the Veterans Services office and his appreciation of the work that office does.

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Forte moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cooke and passed unanimously (5 to 0). See individual items for approval status:

1. Clerk to the Board – Brunswick Community College Budget Review Form - Approved

The Board approved the required budget sign off form stating that the Brunswick Community College Budget has been reviewed and approved for FY 21-22.

2. Clerk to the Board – Meeting Minutes March 21, 2022 - Approved

The Board approved the draft minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 21, 2022.

3. **County Attorney – Teen Court Agreements for District Attorney - Approved**
The Board approved two agreements with the District Attorney's Office, AOC, and CIS to enable the Brunswick County Teen Court to operate for the remainder of the fiscal year.
4. **Health and Human Services – Health Services – FY 22-23 State Consolidated Agreement – Approved**
The Board approved the consolidated agreement for FY 22-23 between the State of North Carolina and Brunswick County Health Services.
5. **IT Infranet – eRate Library Agreement - Approved**
The Board ratified the agreement with Infranet Technologies Group for networking equipment needed for each of the five Brunswick County libraries.
6. **Sheriff's Office – GHSP LEL Grant Application – Approved**
The Board approved a grant application for the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program Law Enforcement Liaison position. This grant is valued at \$25,000 with no county match required.
7. **Sheriff's Office – GHSP Traffic Grant Application Approval – Approved**
The Board approved the application for the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program grant for a Sheriff's Office Traffic Unit, consisting of four deputies. This grant, which was part of Sheriff Ingram's presentation at the Goals Workshop, has a 15% matching requirement for the County in the first year.
8. **Sheriff's Office ICAC Grant Application Approval– Approved**
The Board approved an application to the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association for a grant to support efforts of investigating internet crimes against children. The value of the grant is \$72,678.87 and requires no county match.
9. **Sheriff's Office – SCAAP Grant Application Approval - Approved**
The Board approved a grant application for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) offered by the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). This grant requires no matching funds from the County, is submitted annually by the Sheriff's Office, and is typically valued between \$10,000-\$15,000.
10. **Soil and Water – Streamflow Rehabilitation Assistance Program Application - Approved**
The Board approved the application for funding from the NCDA&CS Division of Soil and Water Streamflow Rehabilitation Assistance Program (StRAP) in order to remove stream debris within several streams throughout the county.
11. **Utilities – ADM Industrial Bulk Water Agreement – Approved**
The Board approved the Industrial Bulk Water Service Agreement between ADM (Archer Daniels Midland Company) and Brunswick County, authorized the Chairman to execute the agreement, and authorized the County Attorney to make clerical changes to the agreement.
12. **Utilities On Call Engineering Services Task Order No. 1 – Approved**
The Board authorized the Chairman and Clerk to the Board to execute the Task Order No. 1 with CDM Smith in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for engineering services associated with the On-Call Engineering Contract.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

1. **Clerk to the Board – Proclamation National Lineman Appreciation Day**
The Board heard a request to adopt a proclamation in recognition of National Lineman Appreciation Day. Commissioner Cooke moved to approve the

Proclamation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sykes and passed unanimously (5 to 0). The Proclamation reads as follows:

**PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING APRIL 18, 2022
AS LINEMAN APPRECIATION DAY IN BRUSWICK
COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, Brunswick County celebrates the profession of linemen; and

WHEREAS, their profession requires passion, dedication and ongoing training; and

WHEREAS, linemen are often first responders during storms working to repair broken electrical lines to make the area safe for other public safety heroes; and

WHEREAS, linemen must work power lines 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to keep electricity flowing; and

WHEREAS, linemen play a vital role by maintaining and growing the electrical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, linemen risk their lives every day working at precarious heights and with dangerous high voltage; and

WHEREAS, the US House of Representative recognizes the efforts of linemen in keeping the power on and protecting public safety and supports the designation of National Linemen Appreciation Day; and

WHEREAS, 116 TH CONGRESS 2d Session, H. RES. 262 first designated April 18th, 2022 as the National Lineman Appreciation Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim April 18, 2022 as “Lineman Appreciation Day” in Brunswick County.

This, the 4th day of April 2022.

Randy Thompson, Chair
Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:
Daralyn Spivey NCCCC
Clerk to the Board

2. **Clerk to the Board – Proclamation Sexual Assault Awareness Month**
The Board heard a request to adopt a proclamation in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Commissioner Cooke moved to approve the Proclamation. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Forte and passed unanimously (5 to 0). The Proclamation reads as follows:

**PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING APRIL AS SEXUAL
ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH IN
BRUNSWICK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month – a time to draw attention to the prevalence of sexual assault and educate individuals and communities about how to prevent it. Sexual harassment, abuse, and assault are widespread problems. In the United States alone, nearly one in five women and one is sixty-seven men have been raped at some time in their lives (Smith et al, 2017) and one in every four girls and one in twenty boys is sexually abused by the age of seventeen (Finkelhor et al, 2014); and,

WHEREAS, Sexual harassment, assault, and abuse can happen anywhere, including in online spaces. Now more than ever, screens and technology connect us with others – but for too long, harassment, cyberbullying, and sexual abuse have been seen as unavoidable behaviors online.

WHEREAS, each of us has the power to change that. Together, we can make a difference to build including, safe, and respectful communities that thrive online and offline; and

WHEREAS, 2022 marks the twenty-first anniversary of SAAM, and the theme if this year’s campaign is “Building Safe Online Spaces Together”. We can build online communities free from sexual harassment, abuse, and assault by practicing digital consent, intervening when we see harmful behaviors, and promoting online communities that value inclusion, safety, and respect.

NOW THEREFORE, the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month joining other advocates and communities across the country in resolving that we can build safe online spaces together.

This the 4th day of April, 2022.

Randy Thompson, Chairman
Brunswick County Commissioners

ATTEST:
Daralyn Spivey, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board

3. **Clerk to the Board – Resolution National County Government Month**
The Board heard a request to adopt a resolution in recognition of National County Government Month. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Forte and passed unanimously (5 to 0). The Resolution reads as follows:

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

WHEREAS, the nation’s 3,142 counties, parishes and boroughs serving more than 334 million Americans provide essential services to create healthy, safe and vibrant communities; and

WHEREAS, counties provide public health services, administer justice, keep communities safe, foster economic opportunities and much more; and

WHEREAS, Brunswick County 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, under the leadership of National Association of Counties President Larry Johnson, NACo is demonstrating how “Counties THRIVE,” especially in supporting residents and businesses during the coronavirus pandemic; 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 RESOLVED THAT, the Brunswick County Board of County Commissioners do hereby proclaim April 2022 as National County Government Month and encourage all county officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in county government celebration activities.

ADOPTED this 4th day of April, 2022

Randy Thompson, Chairman
Brunswick County Commissioners

ATTEST:
Daralyn Spivey, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board

4. Health and Human Services – Health Services – Recognizing National Public Health Week

The Board heard a request to adopt a proclamation in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Commissioner Cooke moved to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and passed unanimously (5 to 0). The Resolution reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APRIL 4-10, 2022 AS NATIONAL
PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK IN BRUNSWICK
COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, the Brunswick County public health workforce is a critical component of our emergency response to natural and man-made disasters and widespread disease outbreaks in our county, including COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, our county and state public health workers have been courageous, inventive and tireless in their work to protect our residents from the threats of the COVID-19 pandemic, while continuing to perform their other essential public health functions, often times at the risk of their own safety and health; and

WHEREAS, public health measures to control and eliminate infectious diseases, improve environmental sanitation, and promote healthy lifestyle practices have been the greatest cause of improved health status and increased life expectancy for the residents of our County and all North Carolina's residents; and

WHEREAS, public health plays a critical role advancing health equity and preventing chronic diseases and injuries, resulting in improved productivity and decreased health care costs for all North Carolinians; and

WHEREAS, the Brunswick County Board of Health is committed to a continued emphasis on prevention in public health, and to helping our county and all North Carolina reach a better state of health through actions outlined in the Healthy North Carolina 2030 objectives; and

WHEREAS, communities, local health departments, employers, hospitals and health care providers, individuals and families, insurers, county leaders and policy makers, faith-based communities, and schools and childcare facilities must work together to identify and develop innovative solutions to health problems facing the people of Brunswick County; and

WHEREAS, the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners encourages all residents to recognize that public health is working to ensure that all residents are protected from threats such as COVID-19, influenza, foodborne disease, injury, and chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, and asthma.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners in regular session, does hereby proclaim April 4-10, 2022, as "Public Health Week"

in Brunswick County, and commend its observance to all county residents and conveys our deepest gratitude to those public health professionals who serve our county every day.

This, the 4th day of April, 2022.

Randy Thompson, Chairman
Brunswick County Commissioners

ATTEST
Daralyn Spivey, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- 1. Planning – Addressing Transportation in Brunswick County**
The Board received information on transportation and considered the implementation of strategies that will better address transportation in Brunswick County from Kirstie Dixon and Helen Bunch.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMAL DISCUSSION

There was no other business or informal discussions from the Board.

IX. CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Commissioner entered into closed session pursuant to G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(1)(3) and (4) to approve Draft Closed Session Minutes from January 18, 2022 and February 21, 2022, to consult with Attorney, and to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body.

Mr. Shaver noted the above statutory requirements and that these were noted in the agenda.

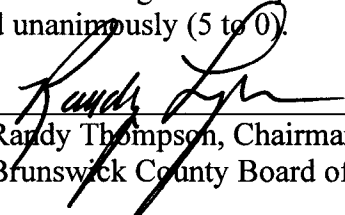
Commissioner Sykes made the motion to enter Closed Session at 4:14 p.m. with Commissioner Williams seconding and all in favor (5 to 0).

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

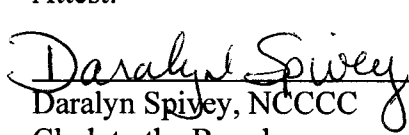
No action to report.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Williams moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cooke and passed unanimously (5 to 0).



Randy Thompson, Chairman
Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

Attest:


Daralyn Spivey, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board

