



**PLANNING MEETING MINUTES FOR THE  
PAMLICO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022 AT 9:00AM  
CAMP SEAFARER, TAYLOR LODGE**

The Pamlico County Board of Commissioners met for a Planning Meeting/Fall Retreat on Monday October 24, 2022 at 9:00am at Camp Seafarer's Taylor Lodge. Commissioners Missy Baskervill, Kari Forrest, Candy Bohmert, Doug Brinson, Ed Riggs, Pat Prescott, and Carl Ollison were present. Also present were County Manager Tim Buck, Assistant County Manager Justin Oakes, Finance Officer Bill Fentress, and Clerk to the Board Chantelle Allison. This meeting was open to the public, and proper notice was given.

Chairman Brinson opened the meeting.

Tax Administrator Lauren Murray and Mr. Ryan Vincent of Vincent Valuations presented options for a reappraisal options on real property and discussed the possibility of advancing the revaluation from every 8 years down to every 4-6 years. The North Carolina Department of Revenue sent a recommendation to the County requesting a revaluation to be conducted by January 1, 2025 due to substantial changes in the County's median sales ratio of real property and the overall trimmed coefficient of dispersion ratio being outside of the acceptable range of the standards. Mr. Vincent explained the different types of appraisals that could be performed (Full Measure, Walk Around, Desktop), the detail/accuracy of each type, and approximate cost differences. The last revaluation was done in 2020 and the revaluation process takes between 2.5 – 3 years to complete. The Board discussed the options and requested the topic be put on the agenda before the end of the year (2022).

Keith Conover from the NC State Broadband office provided information on the different Broadband Grants, the current status of the grants, and upcoming changes and opportunities. Several current or upcoming programs include the GREAT Grant Program, the CAB Program, and the Stop Gap Program; more funding may become available through other means as well (NTIA Job Act – coming soon). Mr. Conover mentioned needing accurate data for these grants, and their survey is very helpful to determine current internet speeds at residents' homes. The survey is available on their website, [www.ncbroadband.gov](http://www.ncbroadband.gov). He also mentioned the FCC website has lots of helpful information as well.

Lobbyist Jackson Stancil of Jones Street Consulting presented information on current legislative topics and requested input from the Board on the County's needs as well. Some topics discussed were:

- Medicaid – extra services proposed, potential County issues with staffing to cover the extra services
- Community College – more funding
  - Pamlico Community College – potential projects if funding became available (Sewer/Septic improvements, upgrade building & certify as storm shelter)
- Regional Airport Funding – no interest locally, New Bern airport serves the area very well
- Drainage Issues – storms, debris dredging, beaver management programs

- Consider joining a Drainage District?
  - \$100-200k for Goose Creek dredging study
- Funds for boosting the Oyster Business
  - Board preferred support for existing businesses vs. funding new businesses
- Water & Sewer Funding
  - YES. Always a need for extra funding in this area.
- School Safety – need funding
- Courthouse/Building Updates – need funding (sprinkler system, out of space, general updates – windows, HVAC, etc.)

The Board discussed various current and/or potential County Ordinances, including Brunch Bill, Abandoned House/Structure, Tiny Homes, Solid Waste, and Voting (match other Counties).

Assistant County Manager Justin Oakes gave an update on the Capital Improvement Plan and the Department Head requests that have been received so far.

Finance Director Bill Fentress reviewed recent financial statements, projections, discussion on Jail revenue, and School Loan Debt Service comparisons.

There being no further business, on a motion made by Commissioner Baskervill and seconded by Commissioner Bohmert, the Board adjourned until the next regular meeting on Monday, November 7, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

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Chairman

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Clerk to the Board