



**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES OF THE
PAMLICO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2023**

The Pamlico County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 20, 2023 at 7:00pm in the Patsy H. Sadler room of the Pamlico County Courthouse. Commissioners Missy Baskervill, Kari Forrest, Candy Bohmert, Ed Riggs, Doug Brinson, Pat Prescott, and Carl Ollison were present. Also present were County Attorneys Dave Baxter and Trey Ferguson, County Manager Tim Buck, Finance Officer Bill Fentress, and Interim Clerk Amanda Carey.

Chairman Riggs called the meeting to order and led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Riggs asked if there were any corrections, additions, and/or deletions to the February 2, 2023 Regular Session minutes. There were no changes, then on a motion made by Commissioner Baskervill and seconded by Commissioner Bohmert, the following resolution was unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, the February 6, 2023 Regular Session minutes are hereby approved, and the Chairman’s signature is authorized thereon.

Chairman Riggs asked if there were any other additions and/or deletions to the agenda, and Commissioner Baskervill made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bohmert to add a late addition Budget Amendment to the Consent Agenda.

The Board then turned their attention to the Consent Agenda.

On a motion made by Commissioner Baskervill and seconded by Commissioner Bohmert, the following resolutions were unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, the following Budget Amendment(s) are hereby approved [22-23-157].

<i>Department: Jail</i>		#23-099	
FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023			
ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (+) INCREASED	AMOUNT(-) DECREASED
100000-439900	Fund Balance Approp.	\$ 64,400.00	
104320-519900	Contracted Services	\$ 64,400.00	
<i>Reason for Budget Revision:</i> To increase funds for Summerill cost of negotiating federal contract.			

Department: Register of Deeds

#23-100

FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (+) INCREASED	AMOUNT(-) DECREASED
104180-532001	Postage		\$ 200.00
104180-549100	Dues and Subscriptions		\$ 15.00
104180-531000	Travel	\$ 215.00	

Reason for Budget Revision: To transfer funds to cover travel request and also some upcoming district workshop registration

Department: Water Department

#23-101

FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (+) INCREASED	AMOUNT(-) DECREASED
307140-519900	Contracted Services		\$ 25,000.00
307140-535000	M&R Plant	\$ 25,000.00	

Reason for Budget Revision: To cover possible shortfalls.

Department: Senior Services

#23-102

FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (+) INCREASED	AMOUNT(-) DECREASED
<i>(Michelle Boomer)</i>			
104934-512100	Salaries & Wages	\$ 27,688.96	
104930-512100	Salaries & Wages		\$ 27,688.96
104934-518200	Retirement	\$ 3,464.00	
104930-518200	Retirement		\$ 3,464.00
104934-518500	Unemployment Insurance	\$ 214.00	
104930-518500	Unemployment Insurance		\$ 214.00
104934-518210	401K Employer Contribution	\$ 284.89	
104930-518210	401K Employer Contribution		\$ 284.89
104934-518600	Workers Compensation	\$ 229.34	
104930-518600	Workers Compensation		\$ 229.34
104934-518300	Group Insurance	\$ 8,670.00	
104930-518300	Group Insurance		\$ 8,670.00
104934-518100	FICA	\$ 1,651.52	
104930-518100	FICA		\$ 1,651.52
104934-518101	Medicare	\$ 386.36	
104930-518101	Medicare		\$ 386.36
104934-512700	Longevity	\$ 1,176.92	
104930-512700	Longevity		\$ 1,176.92
<i>(Tracy Shaw)</i>			
104945-512100	Salaries & Wages	\$ 38,385.76	
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104945-518200	Retirement	\$ 4,667.78	
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104945-518500	Unemployment Insurance	\$ 214.00	
104930-518500	Unemployment Insurance		\$ 214.00

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104945-518210	401K Employer Contribution	\$ 404.33	
104930-518210	401K Employer Contribution		\$ 404.33
104945-518600	Workers Compensation	\$ 325.49	
104930-518600	Workers Compensation		\$ 325.49
104945-518300	Group Insurance	\$ 8,670.00	
104930-518300	Group Insurance		\$ 8,670.00
104945-518100	FICA	\$ 2,314.78	
104930-518100	FICA		\$ 2,314.78
104945-518101	Medicare	\$ 541.32	
104930-518101	Medicare		\$ 541.32
104945-512700	Longevity	\$ 1,247.55	
104930-512700	Longevity		\$ 1,247.55

Reason for Budget Revision: To move Michelle Boomer's salary from 104930-512100 to 104934-512100 and Tracy Shaw's salary from 104930-512100 to 104945-512100.

BE IT RESOLVED, the request for approval of the Tax Office Board Releases is hereby approved, and the Chairman's signature is authorized thereon [22-23-158].

BE IT RESOLVED, the request to convey Parcel #M031-88 to Goose Creek Island Volunteer Fire Department, is hereby approved [22-23-159].

BE IT RESOLVED, the request to approve a County Nondiscrimination Policy, is hereby approved [22-23-161].

POLICY AND NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

The County of Pamlico complies with Federal civil rights laws and is committed to providing its programs and services without discrimination in accordance with:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination based on race, color, or national origin (including language).
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination based on disability.
- Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972, which prohibits discrimination based on sex in education programs or activities.
- Age Discrimination Act of 1975, which prohibits discrimination based on age.
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security regulation 6 C.F.R. Part 19, which prohibits discrimination based on religion in social service programs.

It is against the law for the County of Pamlico to retaliate against anyone who takes action to oppose discrimination, files a grievance, or participates in the investigation of a grievance in accordance with the above authorities.

TO FILE A COMPLAINT

If you think that the County of Pamlico has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way based on race, color, national origin (including language), disability, sex, age, or religion, you can file a complaint in person or by mail, fax or email with:

Timothy A. Buck or successor, County Manager
302 Main Street (physical address)
P.O. Box 776 (mailing address)
Bayboro, NC 28515
Email: tim.buck@pamlicocounty.org
Fax: (252) 745-5514

BE IT RESOLVED, the request to approve a Resolution relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation, is hereby approved [22-23-162].

**RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF PAMLICO
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF OPIOID SETTLEMENTS AND APPROVING THE
SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS BETWEEN THE STATE OF NORTH
CAROLINA AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ON PROCEEDS RELATING TO THE SETTLEMENT
OF OPIOID LITIGATION**

- WHEREAS,** the opioid overdose epidemic had taken the lives of more than 32,000 North Carolinians (2000-2021);
- WHEREAS,** the COVID-19 pandemic has compounded the opioid overdose crisis, increasing levels of drug misuse, addiction, and overdose death; and
- WHEREAS,** the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates the total economic burden of prescription opioid misuse alone in the United States is \$78.5 billion a year, including the costs of healthcare, lost productivity, addiction treatment, and criminal justice involvement; and
- WHEREAS,** Pamlico County has the highest death rate from overdoses per 100,000 in North Carolina; and
- WHEREAS,** certain counties and municipalities in North Carolina joined with thousands of local governments across the country to file lawsuits against opioid manufacturers, pharmaceutical distribution companies, and chain drug stores to hold those companies accountable for their misconduct; and
- WHEREAS,** settlements have been reached in litigation against Walmart, Inc., Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., Allergan Finance, LLC, Allergan Limited, CVS Health Corporation, CVS Pharmacy, Inc., and Walgreen Co., as well as their subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, and directors named in these Settlements; and
- WHEREAS,** representatives of local North Carolina governments, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, and the North Carolina Department of Justice have negotiated and prepared a Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds (SAAF) to provide for the equitable distribution of the proceeds of these settlements; and
- WHEREAS,** by joining the settlements and approving the SAAF, the state and local governments maximize North Carolina’s share of opioid settlement funds to ensure the needed resources reach communities, as quickly, effectively, and directly as possible; and
- WHEREAS,** it is advantageous to all North Carolinians for local governments, including Pamlico County and its residents, to sign onto the settlements and SAAF and demonstrate solidarity in response to the opioid overdose crisis, and to maximize the share of opioid settlement funds received both in the state and this county to help abate the harm; and
- WHEREAS,** the SAAF directs substantial resources over multiple years to local governments on the front lines of the opioid overdose epidemic while ensuring that these resources are used in an effective way to address the crisis;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Pamlico County hereby authorize the County Manager or County Attorney to execute all documents necessary to enter into opioid settlement agreements with Walmart, Walgreens, CVS, Allergan, and Teva, to execute the SAAF, and to provide such documents to Rubris, the Implementation Administrator.

Adopted this the 20th day of February, 2023.

On a motion made by Commissioner Baskervill and seconded by Commissioner Brinson, the following resolution was unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, the request from the Health Department to purchase IT equipment using State program funds, for a total of \$25,700 is hereby approved [22-23-160].

The Board then turned their attention to the Correspondence Agenda.

The Board discussed the use of Opioid Settlement funds and reviewed two proposals from internal County departments. On a motion made by Commissioner Bohmert and seconded by Commissioner Prescott, the following resolution was unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board authorized the County Manager to solicit for proposals for use of the Opioid Settlement Funds [22-23-163].

On a motion made by Commissioner Forrest, seconded by Commissioner Bohmert, and unanimously approved, the Board went into Closed Session for Attorney/Client Privilege discussion [N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(3)]. Time Recorded: 7:21pm [22-23-164]

The County Attorneys provided information on a settlement agreement for the Board to review re: Liciardello litigation.

No action was taken during Closed Session, then on a motion made by Commissioner Brinson, seconded by Commissioner Forrest, and unanimously approved, the Board went back into Open Session. Time Recorded: 7:40pm

On a motion made by Commissioner Bohmert and seconded by Commissioner Baskervill, the following resolution was unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, the request to approve a litigation settlement agreement between the County and Janet Licciardello, is hereby approved [22-23-164].

There being no further business, on a motion made by Commissioner Brinson and seconded by Commissioner Bohmert, the Board adjourned until the next regular meeting on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 7:00pm. Time Recorded: 7:53pm.

Chairman

Interim Clerk to the Board