



**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES OF THE
PAMLICO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023**

The Pamlico County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 3, 2023 at 7:00pm. Due to public attendance, the meeting was moved from the Patsy H. Sadler room to the Courtroom 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, Assistant County Manager Justin Oakes, and Clerk to the Board Chantelle Allison.

Chairman Riggs called the meeting to order. Rev. Grady Simpson offered the invocation, and Chairman Riggs led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Riggs asked if there were any corrections, additions, and/or deletions to the March 20, 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 March 20, 2023 Regular Session minutes are hereby approved, and the Chairman's signature is authorized thereon.

Chairman Riggs tabled the review and request for approval of the Closed Session Minutes until a later date.

Chairman Riggs invited Cooperative Extension Director Daniel Simpson and 4-H Agent Kait Neeland to present their agency's Report to the People. Mr. Simpson briefly described the agency's role in the community and detailed their accomplishments over the past year, ongoing programs, tips for healthy crops & gardens, and agency needs. Ms. Neeland provided updates on current 4-H youth programs (both in schools and extracurricular) and upcoming summer camps [22-23-183].

Chairman Riggs then invited NAACP Representative Doug Pearsall to speak regarding Partisan Board of Education Elections. Mr. Pearsall spoke in opposition to *SB-286/HB-179 – Make Pamlico Board of Education Elections Partisan*. He stated he did not feel the public was included sufficiently and asked the Board to reconsider their decision [22-23-184].

Public Comment: 14 members of the public signed up to speak, 12 of which wished to speak regarding SB-286/HB-179, and 2 wished to speak about a different subject but later withdrew their request to address the Board. Commissioner Riggs invited each of the following speakers to address the Board individually: Ann Holton, Vanessa Cole, Michael Schachter, Lucas Seijo, Bill Hines, Diane Lemieux, Nell Hudson, John McCotter (representing the Chair of the School Board), Vickie Jones, Carinna Smith, Kathryn Garcia, and John Phillips. All the above spoke in opposition to Partisan School Board Elections; most were Pamlico County residents. A few residents from nearby Counties spoke as well, either sharing their experiences with Partisan School Boards, or of concern that their County too would opt for the same. Concerns from all speakers included: feeling left out of the discussion regarding Partisan School Board Elections, imposing change on a system they felt was working well as it is, School Board focus shifting from the children to politics, difficulty for unaffiliated residents who want to serve

on the Board of Education to be able to get on the ballot, minority representation concerns, and requests that the Board of Commissioners revisit the item, hold a public hearing, and reconsider their decision. Signed petitions in opposition to the bill were given to the Chairman as well. During Public Comment, by a motion from Commissioner Bohmert and second from Commissioner Prescott, the Board unanimously voted to extend the Public Comment period to allow all who signed up, the opportunity to speak.

Chairman Riggs thanked everyone in attendance for coming and took a short recess before continuing with the meeting.

Chairman Riggs asked if there were any other additions and/or deletions to the agenda; Commissioner Baskervill made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bohmert to add 4 items to the agenda: 1. Discussion regarding a Residential Park Ordinance, 2. Closed Session – Litigation, 3. EOC Grant Funded request for Electronic Equipment, 4. Request for a Mower purchase.

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 [22-23-185].

<i>Department:</i> Soil Conservation			#23-117
FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023			
ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (+)	AMOUNT(-)
NUMBER		INCREASED	DECREASED
104961-531000	Travel		\$ 555.00
104961-519930	Stream Debris Removal	\$ 555.00	
<i>Reason for Budget Revision:</i> To move funds to purchase new drone batteries.			

<i>Department:</i> DSS			#23-118
FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023			
ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (+)	AMOUNT(-)
NUMBER		INCREASED	DECREASED
105800-548704	Transportation – Senior Services		\$ 10,115.00
105800-548703	Transportation - DSS	\$ 10,115.00	
105801-548708	Transportation – RGP Grant	\$ 32,435.00	
100212-435808	Rural General Public Grant	\$ 32,435.00	
105374-548709	Work First Transportation	\$ 1,107.00	
100212-435803	Work First Employment Transportation	\$ 1,107.00	
<i>Reason for Budget Revision:</i> To revise accounts to FY ROAP Grant received and to reflect expense and revenue accounts.			

Department: DSS

#23-119

FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (+) INCREASED	AMOUNT(-) DECREASED
105310-549750	APS Essential Service	\$ 336.15	
100212-435468	APS Essential Services Funding	\$ 336.15	

Reason for Budget Revision: To reflect new actual money received from the State. New funding service.

Department: Sheriff Department

#23-120

FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (+) INCREASED	AMOUNT(-) DECREASED
104310-539801	Controlled Substance		\$ 2,500.00
104310-539801 RCAR	Controlled Substance	\$ 2,500.00	

Reason for Budget Revision: To correct Budget Amendment #23-106 that was typed up wrong.

Department: Water Department

#23-121

FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (+) INCREASED	AMOUNT(-) DECREASED
307140-529001	Dept Supplies & Chemicals		\$ 1,000.00
307140-529001MIL	Dept Supplies & Chemicals	\$ 1,000.00	
307140-529001	Dept Supplies & Chemicals		\$ 1,200.00
307140-529001VAN	Dept Supplies & Chemicals	\$ 1,200.00	
307140-512600	Salary & Wages PT		\$ 1,000.00
307140-512200	Overtime	\$ 1,000.00	

Reason for Budget Revision: To cover possible shortfalls.

Department: Health Department

#23-122

FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (+) INCREASED	AMOUNT(-) DECREASED
105111-529000	Departmental Supplies		\$ 1,000.00
105111-531000	Travel	\$ 1,000.00	

Reason for Budget Revision: To move funds to allow for travel to mandatory preparedness and response symposium in May.

<i>Department:</i> Tribal Grant		#23-123	
FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023			
ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (+)	AMOUNT(-)
NUMBER		INCREASED	DECREASED
140223-437230	Tribal Grant Revenue	\$ 100,000.00	
144992-500000	Expenditures	\$ 100,000.00	
<i>Reason for Budget Revision:</i> To set up budget for Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund.			

<i>Department:</i> Water Department		#23-124	
FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023			
ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (+)	AMOUNT(-)
NUMBER		INCREASED	DECREASED
307140-519500	Engineering Services		\$ 3,000.00
307140-529001VAN	Dept Supplies & Chemicals	\$ 3,000.00	
307140-533000MIL	Electrical		\$ 5,000.00
307140-529001GRT	Dept Supplies & Chemicals	\$ 5,000.00	
307140-535000	M&R Plant		\$ 15,000.00
307140-529001KER	Dept Supplies & Chemicals	\$ 15,000.00	
307140-535000MIL	M&R Plant		\$ 1,000.00
307140-535000GRT	M&R Plant	\$ 1,000.00	
307140-537000	Advertising		\$ 750.00
307140-532000	Telephone	\$ 750.00	
<i>Reason for Budget Revision:</i> To cover possible shortfalls.			

<i>Department:</i> Senior Services		#23-125	
FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023			
ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (+)	AMOUNT(-)
NUMBER		INCREASED	DECREASED
100600-434263	Insurance Claims Loss	\$ 4,660.23	
104930-525100	Auto Supplies	\$ 4,660.23	
<i>Reason for Budget Revision:</i> To recognize monies received from Sedgewick for repairs to Senior Services van.			

BE IT RESOLVED, the request for approval of the Tax Office Board Releases is hereby approved, and the Chairman’s signature is authorized thereon [22-23-186].

BE IT RESOLVED, the request from the Tax Administrator for approval of a Resolution designating Stormy Meadows and Lauren Murray as a Review Officers for Pamlico County, is hereby approved [22-23-188].

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT STORMY MEADOWS AS A REVIEW OFFICER FOR PAMLICO COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA AND REVOKE APPOINTMENT OF PREVIOUS APPOINTEES NO LONGER EMPLOYED BY PAMLICO COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA.

WHEREAS, G.S. 47-30.2 of the North Carolina General Statute requires the Board of Commissioners of each county designate by name one or more persons experienced in mapping or land records management as Review Officer to review each map and plat required to be

submitted for review before the map or plat is presented to the Register of Deeds for recording;

WHEREAS, each person designated as Review Officer shall, if reasonably feasible, be certified as a property mapper pursuant to G.S. 147-54.4;

WHEREAS, a Resolution designating a Review Officer shall be recorded in the county registry and indexed on the grantor index in the name of the Review Officer;

WHEREAS, upon a person's departure from employment with the County, their responsibilities as a Review Officer will be revoked;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Stormy Meadows as a Review Officer with an effective date of April 3, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as of the date of this resolution, Lauren Murray and Stormy Meadows are the Review Officers on record for Pamlico County and the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners hereby revokes the appointments of any other previously appointed Review Officers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as of the date of this resolution, the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners hereby continues to allow up to 5 business days for the Review Officer to review maps.

BE IT RESOLVED, the request to accept Commissioner Prescott's resignation as the County appointed representative for the Eastern Carolina Council of Government (ECCOG) Board, and appoint Commissioner Riggs to fill the vacancy, is hereby approved [22-23-189].

BE IT RESOLVED, the request to reclassify the positions for the following employees: Shane Hardison - from Investigator I/68/\$40,474 to Investigator II/69/\$42,902 and Sonya Hankins from Admin Tech II/61/\$31,316 to Admin. Asst II/65/\$32,569 is hereby approved [22-23-190].

BE IT RESOLVED, the request to upgrade the Public Services office for \$12,000+/- as quoted, to include flooring, paint, cabinets, and other general remodel items, is hereby approved [22-23-191].

BE IT RESOLVED, the request from the Emergency Management Department to use \$29,150 in grant funds to purchase monitors, cameras, and other electronic equipment, is hereby approved [22-23-194].

On a motion made by Commissioner Baskervill and seconded by Commissioner Riggs, the following resolution was unanimously approved. Commissioner Forrest was recused from voting by a motion from Commissioner Baskervill.

BE IT RESOLVED, the request from the Public Services Department to purchase a mower for \$14,000+/- is hereby approved [22-23-195].

On a motion made by Commissioner Baskervill, seconded by Commissioner Bohmert and unanimously approved, the request for a Proclamation designating April 29-May 6 as Resilient and Thriving Communities Week was tabled until the next meeting on April 17, 2023 [22-23-187].

The Board discussed a proposed Residential Park Ordinance from the Planning Board and agreed that it could be circulated to Department Heads, EMS/Fire for comments and concerns. No formal action was taken at this time. A public hearing would be scheduled if/when the Board decides to move forward with the Ordinance [22-23-192].

On a motion made by Commissioner Bohmert, seconded by Commissioner Forrest, 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: 8:26pm [22-23-193]

Discussion regarded Windmill Pointe litigation.

No action was taken during Closed Session, then on a motion made by Commissioner Brinson, seconded by Commissioner Riggs, and unanimously approved, the Board went back into Open Session. Time Recorded: 8:32pm

There being no further business, on a motion made by Commissioner Baskervill and seconded by Commissioner Riggs, the Board recessed until the Budget Retreat at Camp Seafarer on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 9:00am. The next regular meeting will be on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 7:00pm. Time Recorded: 8:35pm.

Chairman

Clerk to the Board