



**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES OF THE
PAMLICO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024**

The Pamlico County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Patsy H. Sadler room of the Pamlico County Courthouse. Commissioners Kari Forrest, Candy Bohmert, Ed Riggs, Doug Brinson, and Pat Prescott were present. Commissioner Carl Ollison was not present. Also present were County Attorney Ross Hardeman, County Manager Tim Buck, and Clerk to the Board Tracy Boyd.

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

Chairman Bohmert asked if there were any corrections, additions, and/or deletions to the January 2, 2024 Regular Session. There were no changes, then on a motion made by Commissioner Brinson and seconded by Commissioner Baskervill, the following resolution was unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, the January 2, 2024 Regular Session Minutes are hereby approved, and the Chairman's signature is authorized thereon.

Chairman Bohmert invited Mr. Reid Parker from Carr, Riggs, & Ingram to present the FY 2022-23 Audit Report. [23-24-126] The County received a favorable review, and there were no concerns or issues found in the Audit.

Chairman Bohmert invited Tim Oakley, Ann Collier, and Jennifer Starkley from Oakley Collier to present the Pamlico County Building/Space Study. [23-24-127]. This study was to focus on assisting Pamlico County in determining the current and future needs of their existing Courthouse, Health Department, and other various County facilities. This assessment includes the evaluation of the facility's needs and space needs.

Chairman Bohmert asked if there were any other additions and/or deletions to the agenda; Commissioner Baskervill made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bohmert and unanimously approved, to add: (3a) A Resolution Opposing Insurance Rate Increases and (3b) To Amend DSS Retention Bonus to the Consent Agenda.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the following FY23-24 Budget Amendment(s) are hereby approved.
[23-24-128]

FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (+) INCREASED	AMOUNT(-) DECREASED
100211-435554	Bridge Access Program	\$ 32,510.00	
105135-512100	Salaries & Wages	\$ 19,000.00	
105135-518100	FICA	\$ 1,000.00	
105135-518101	Medicare	\$ 500.00	
105135-518200	Retirement	\$ 1,000.00	
105135-518300	Insurance	\$ 2,000.00	
105135-519900	Contracted Services	\$ 5,000.00	
105135-529000	Departmental Supplies	\$ 3,010.00	
105135-537000	Advertising	\$ 1,000.00	

Reason for Budget Revision: Provides operational support to local Health Department to improve COVID-19 vaccine access for uninsured and underinsured adults.

FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (+) INCREASED	AMOUNT(-) DECREASED
105126-512100	CD Pandemic Salaries & Wages		\$ 6,350.00
105126-512200	CD Pandemic Overtime	\$ 2,000.00	
105126-518100	CD Pandemic FICA	\$ 50.00	
105126-518200	CD Pandemic Retirement	\$ 300.00	
105126-518210	CD Pandemic 401K	\$ 200.00	
105126-518300	CD Pandemic Insurance	\$ 800.00	
105126-529000	CD Pandemic Departmental Supplies	\$ 3,000.00	
105160-512100	CH Salaries & Wages		\$ 3,800.00
105160-529000	CH Departmental Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	
105160-532000	CH Telephone	\$ 500.00	
105160-533000	CH Electric	\$ 1,000.00	
105160-518100	CH FICA	\$ 300.00	
105164-512100	FP Salaries & Wages		\$ 3,060.00
105164-518100	FP FICA	\$ 1,500.00	
105164-518210	FP 401 K	\$ 60.00	
105164-518300	FP Insurance	\$ 1,500.00	
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Reason for Budget Revision: Coverage for possible short fall.

Department: Senior Services

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FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (+) INCREASED	AMOUNT(-) DECREASED
100400-438303	General Revenue	\$ 2,000.00	
104930-522000	Food & Provisions	\$ 2,000.00	

Reason for Budget Revision: To recognize a donation received.

Department: Register of Deeds

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FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (+) INCREASED	AMOUNT(-) DECREASED
104180-534000	Printing & Binding		\$ 433.00
104180-531000	Travel	\$ 433.00	

Reason for Budget Revision: To transfer funds to cover the cost of attending the 2024 NCARD Legislative/Educational conference March 24-26, 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED, the following Resolution Opposing Proposed Homeowners Insurance Rates Increases are hereby approved. [3a]

RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED RATE INCREASES BY THE NORTH CAROLINA RATE BUREAU

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Rate Bureau is recommending to the North Carolina Department of Insurance a large rate increase for homeowners insurance, which will impact most counties, including Pamlico County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed increase is 33.9 percent for territory 130 which includes Pamlico County; and

WHEREAS, homeowners in Pamlico County already pay premiums up to three times the rates charged for inland properties in addition to having separate wind and hail policies; and

WHEREAS, given the severe negative impact an increase in the cost of insurance will have on homeowners in the coastal counties, the North Carolina Department of Insurance should not approve the proposed rate increase; and

WHEREAS, many homes in Pamlico County are currently uninsured due to the cost of insuring the property and the proposed rate increases will only exacerbate this condition; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rate increases would create a significant hardship on residents of Pamlico County whose residents, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, rank 100th of 100 North Carolina Counties in weekly wage earnings; and

WHEREAS, state law mandates the North Carolina Department of Insurance to receive public comments prior to adopting rate increases.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners encourages Pamlico County residents to participate in this governmental process by filing comments and making their position known regarding this issue by submitting written comments by February 2, 2024 to Kimberly W. Pearce, Paralegal III, addressed to 1201 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1201 or by emailing 2024Homeowners@ncdoi.gov.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners opposes the rate increase requested by the insurance industry for the citizens and homeowners of Pamlico County.

BE IT RESOLVED, the following Amend DSS Retention Bonus to include ALL current employees is hereby approved. [3b]

The Board then turned their attention to the Correspondence Agenda.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the request to Consider Approval of Quotes to Paint Interior of Vandemere WTP is tabled to the February 5th, 2024 meeting. [23-24-129]

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the request from Mr. John Woehrle requesting an appeal for the GAP Bill he received on December 15, 2023, for \$73.82 is hereby approved, and the Chairman's signature is authorized thereon. [23-24-130]

No action was taken in the discussion for Employees Salary Changes. [23-24-131]

Commissioner Bohmert invited Lynn Hardison from the Health Department to present the Quarterly Report to the Board [attached] [23-24-132].

There being no further business, on a motion made by Commissioner Prescott and seconded by Commissioner Forrest, the Board adjourned until the next regular meeting on Monday, February 5, 2024 at 7:00pm. Time Recorded: 9:12pm.

Chairman

Clerk to the Board

Attachments:
Health Dept. Quarterly Report