

The Hoke County Board of Commissioners convened for a regular meeting at 7:00 pm on Monday, June 21, 2021 in the Commissioners Room in the Pratt Building.

PRESENT:

Chairman Harry Southerland  
 Commissioner James Leach  
 Commissioner Tony Hunt  
 Commissioner Lonnie Baldwin

ALSO PRESENT:

County Manager Letitia Edens  
 County Attorney Grady Hunt  
 Clerk to the Board Gwen McGougan

ABSENT:

Vice Chairman Allen Thomas, Jr.

**Chairman Southerland opened the meeting with a quorum. Chairman Southerland led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Leach gave the Invocation.**

## 1. Adoption of Agenda

Hoke County  
 Board of Commissioners

227 N. Main Street  
 Raeford, North Carolina  
 28376



June 21, 2021  
 7:00 P.M.

Commissioner's Room  
 Pratt Building

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### A G E N D A

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INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Vice Chairman Allen Thomas, Jr.

ITEM

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Consent Agenda
  - a. Minutes from May 17, 2021 regular meeting
  - b. Minutes from April 5, 2021 Board of Equalization & Review meeting
  - c. Minutes from April 19, 2021 Board of Equalization & Review meeting
  - d. Minutes from May 17, 2021 Board of Equalization & Review meeting
  - e. NC Vehicle Tax System pending refunds
  - f. MOA to transfer mobile message board to Onslow County
  - g. Resolution Adopting Cumberland-Hoke Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan
  - h. Encroachment Agreement HATS-Hoke Health Services, LLC to locate a bus stop on Cape Fear Valley-Hoke campus
  - i. Finance: Budget Amendments
  - j. DSS Line Item Approval
3. Tax Collector's Report
4. Tax Assessor's Report/Releases
5. Property & Liability and Workers Compensation RFP – Approval by Commissioners
6. Designation of Voting Delegate:
  - a. 2021 National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference
  - b. 2021 NC Association of County Commissioners Annual Conference
7. HATS items: Ms. Nancy Thornton
  - a. Surplus vehicles
  - b. Policies:
    1. Drug & Alcohol Testing Policy
    2. Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan
8. Request from Hoke County Sheriff's Department to acquire surplus bus from HATS: Sheriff Hubert Peterkin

- 9. Community Forest Update: Mr. Jesse Wimberley
- 10. Presentation by Hardy Group Consulting for proposed Fayetteville Regional Highway Construction Trade Academy
- 11. Chairman's Report
- 12. Manager's Report
- 13. Recess

Chairman Southerland said that he had a request to move Item #5 (Property & Liability and Workers Compensation RFP) to Wednesday morning, June 23, 2021 at 11:00 am.

Chairman Southerland added that County Attorney Grady Hunt has asked to add "McCain Water Plant" to the agenda. This will now be Item 5.

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Hunt and second by Commissioner Baldwin the Board voted 4-0 to adopt the agenda with the changes listed above.**

**2. Consent Agenda**

- a. Minutes from May 17, 2021 regular meeting
- b. Minutes from April 5, 2021 Board of Equalization & Review meeting
- c. Minutes from April 19, 2021 Board of Equalization & Review meeting
- d. Minutes from May 17, 2021 Board of Equalization & Review meeting
- e. NC Vehicle Tax System pending refunds

North Carolina Vehicle Tax System															
NCVTS Pending Refund report															
Applicant No	Property Owner	Address 1	Address 2	Address 3	Parcel Type	Area	County	State	Vehicle ID	Vehicle Description	Refund Amount	County	Tax Jurisdiction	Emp Type	
CADILLAC THOMAS REIDAN	CADILLAC THOMAS REIDAN	118 W CONNELLSON AVE		RALPHO, NC 28019	Adjustment **	003313028	HANCOCK	PENDING	14021492	Refund Committed due to adjustment on 06/02/2021 003313028-2019	(\$100.00)	Mecklenburg	06/01/2021	COU	
LETTEER TROY ALBERT	LETTEER TROY ALBERT	565 MCWILSON ST		RALPHO, NC 28019	Prepaid	003888264	PERDUE	PENDING	14021492	Refund Committed due to adjustment on 06/02/2021 003888264-2020	(\$100.00)	Wake	06/01/2021	COU	
RAINEY LARRY / SHAN	RAINEY LARRY / SHAN	RAINEY CYNTHIA ELLENOR DR	7517 RED SPRING RD	RALPHO, NC 28019	Prepaid	003904196	WAKE	PENDING	14021494	Refund Committed due to adjustment on 06/02/2021 003904196-2020	(\$100.00)	Wake	06/01/2021	COU	
SCHEE JOSEPH SCOTT	SCHEE JOSEPH SCOTT	280 AMBERLYN RD		RALPHO, NC 28019	Prepaid	001746287	WAKE	PENDING	14021496	Refund Committed due to adjustment on 06/02/2021 001746287-2020	(\$100.00)	Wake	06/01/2021	COU	
											Refund Total:				

Total Refunds \$1,206.92

North Carolina Vehicle Tax System															
NCVTS Pending Refund report															
Applicant No	Property Owner	Address 1	Address 2	Address 3	Parcel Type	Area	County	State	Vehicle ID	Vehicle Description	Refund Amount	County	Tax Jurisdiction	Emp Type	
MATVE VICTOR ARMANDO	MATVE VICTOR ARMANDO	111 FALLINGLEAF DR		RALPHO, NC 28019	Adjustment **	002708428	DOUGLAS	AUTHORIZED	14021490	Refund Committed due to adjustment on 06/02/2021 002708428-2020	(\$100.00)	Mecklenburg	06/01/2021	COU	
MCCANNETT MATTHEW DAVID	MCCANNETT MATTHEW DAVID	202 TRINITY CT		RALPHO, NC 28019	Adjustment **	003313064	HANCOCK	AUTHORIZED	14021492	Refund Committed due to adjustment on 06/02/2021 003313064-2020	(\$100.00)	Mecklenburg	06/01/2021	COU	
PARKS ALESHA MARIE	PARKS ALESHA MARIE	PARKS JACOB RAYMOND	129 SORREL CT	RALPHO, NC 28019	Adjustment **	004822723	PERDUE	PENDING	14021498	Refund Committed due to adjustment on 06/02/2021 004822723-2020	(\$100.00)	Mecklenburg	06/01/2021	COU	
SATTERLY AARON COLE	SATTERLY AARON COLE	131 DOLPHIN DR		RALPHO, NC 28019	Adjustment **	008113876	CLATSOP	AUTHORIZED	14021496	Refund Committed due to adjustment on 06/02/2021 008113876-2020	(\$100.00)	Mecklenburg	06/01/2021	COU	
											Refund Total:				

f. MOA to transfer mobile message board to Onslow County

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

Between the

**COUNTY OF HOKE, NORTH CAROLINA**

AND

**COUNTY OF ONSLOW, NORTH CAROLINA**

This Memorandum of Agreement is made this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, by Hoke County, North Carolina, and Onslow County, North Carolina.

**WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. §160A-274, Hoke County desires to donate to Onslow County a variable mobile message board, described more fully in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

WHEREAS, Onslow County agrees to accept the equipment purchased with Homeland Security Grant funds in accordance with the terms indicated below.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to N.C.G.S. §160A-274, the parties hereto do mutually agree as follows:

1. Hoke County received a grant for Equipment from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management for the implementation of the State of North Carolina's goals and strategies of the State Homeland Security Strategy 2016. Funds from this Planning and Equipment grant were used to purchase the equipment designated more fully in the document attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit A. The aforesaid Memorandum of Agreement between the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management and Hoke County is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit B.
2. Hoke County is donating the equipment in Exhibit A to Onslow County for its use in implementing the State of North Carolina's goals and strategies of the State Homeland Security Strategy.
3. Onslow County is bound by the terms and conditions of the aforesaid attached Memorandum of Agreement between the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management and Hoke County in the use of the equipment described in Exhibit A.

4. Onslow County shall hold the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management and Hoke County harmless against all claims regardless of nature arising out of Onslow County's use of the equipment donated under this Memorandum of Agreement.
5. This Memorandum of Agreement must be forwarded to the Division of Emergency Management and approval granted prior to its execution by Hoke County and Onslow County.
6. Onslow County agrees to maintain a complete and accurate inventory of the equipment and associated supplies and to maintain a documented list of location(s) of the equipment that can be produced upon request by an internal or external agency for the purpose of inspection, inventory, financial, or fiscal audits. Onslow County further warrants that said equipment will be used for the purposes authorized under the Department of Homeland Security grant.
7. It is understood that Onslow County will retain custody of the property listed in Exhibit A and will assume complete responsibility for the equipment including security, maintenance (preventative or otherwise), insurance, and any associated expenses for supplies (disposable or reusable), not already included in the original purchase, and Onslow County agrees to maintain the listed property in proper working condition per manufacture recommendations and requirements.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Memorandum of Agreement in triplicate originals, the day and year indicated above.

Recommended by:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hoke County Emergency Manager  
 COUNTY OF HOKE

Recommended by:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Onslow County Emergency Manager  
 COUNTY OF ONSLOW

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Hoke County Manager

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Onslow County Manager

Attest:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 County Clerk

Attest:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 County Clerk

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This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

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 Hoke County Finance Director  
 Approved as to Form and Legality:

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 Onslow County Finance Director  
 Approved as to Form and Legality:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Hoke County Attorney

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 Onslow County Attorney

g. Resolution Adopting Cumberland-Hoke Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

RESOLUTION  
ADOPTING CUMBERLAND-HOKE REGIONAL  
HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the citizens and property within County of Hoke are subject to the effects of natural hazards that pose threats to lives and cause damage to property, and with the knowledge and experience that certain areas of the county are particularly vulnerable to drought, extreme heat, hailstorm, hurricane and tropical storm, lightning, thunderstorm wind/high wind, tornado, winter storm and freeze, flood, hazardous material incident, and wildfire; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to seek ways to mitigate the impact of identified hazard risks; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of North Carolina has in Part 6, Article 21 of Chapter 143; Parts 3, 5, and 8 of Article 19 of Chapter 160A; and Article 8 of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes, delegated to local governmental units the responsibility to adopt regulations designed to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of North Carolina has enacted General Statute Section 166A-19.41 (*State emergency assistance funds*) which provides that for a state of emergency declared pursuant to G.S. 166A-19.20(a) after the deadline established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency pursuant to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2002, P.L. 106-390, the eligible entity shall have a hazard mitigation plan approved pursuant to the Stafford Act; and.

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 states that local governments must develop an All-Hazards Mitigation Plan in order to be eligible to receive future Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds and other disaster-related assistance funding and that said Plan must be updated and adopted within a five year cycle; and

WHEREAS, the County of Hoke has performed a comprehensive review and evaluation of each section of the previously approved Hazard Mitigation Plan and has updated the said plan as required under regulations at 44 CFR Part 201 and according to guidance issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Commissioners of County of Hoke to fulfill this obligation in order that the County will be eligible for federal and state assistance in the event that a state of disaster is declared for a hazard event affecting the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners of June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 hereby:

1. Adopts the Cumberland-Hoke Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

2. Vests County of Hoke Emergency Management with the responsibility, authority, and the means to:

- (a) Inform all concerned parties of this action.
- (b) Cooperate with Federal, State and local agencies and private firms which undertake to study, survey, map and identify floodplain areas, and cooperate with neighboring communities with respect to management of adjoining floodplain areas in order to prevent exacerbation of existing hazard impacts.

3. Appoints County of Hoke Emergency Management to assure that the Hazard Mitigation Plan is reviewed annually and every five years as specified in the Plan to assure that the Plan is in compliance with all State and Federal regulations and that any needed revisions or amendments to the Plan are developed and presented to the Davidson County Board of Commissioners for consideration.

4. Agrees to take such other official action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Adopted this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Harry Southerland, Chairman  
 Hoke County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Gwen, McGougan  
 Hoke County Board of Commissioners

Certified by: \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- h. Encroachment Agreement HATS-Hoke Health Services, LLC to locate a bus stop on Cape Fear Valley-Hoke campus
- i. Finance: Budget Amendments

AMENDMENT TO THE HOKE COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE  
2020/2021  
Amendment

Section 1 of the Hoke County Budget Ordinance, pertaining to the General Fund operations of the County, shall be amended as follows:

Increase/(Decrease) Appropriations:

Special Appropriations 75,000

Total \$ 75,000

Section 2 of the Hoke County Budget Ordinance, pertaining to the General Fund operations of the County, shall be amended as follows:

Increase/(Decrease) Revenues:

Sales Tax 75,000

Total \$ 75,000

This amendment:

- To cover cost for Revaluation and prevent overspending

Funding Source: Additional Sales Tax revenue

Submitted: 06-21-2021

Respectfully Submitted by: *[Signature]*  
Assistant Finance Director

Approved by: *[Signature]*  
County Manager

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AMENDMENT TO THE HOKE COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE  
2020/2021  
Amendment

Section 1 of the Hoke County Budget Ordinance, pertaining to the General Fund operations of the County, shall be amended as follows:

Increase/(Decrease) Appropriations:

Health Administration 115,500

Total \$ 115,500

Section 2 of the Hoke County Budget Ordinance, pertaining to the General Fund operations of the County, shall be amended as follows:

Increase/(Decrease) Revenues:

Fund Balance 115,000

Total \$ 115,000

This amendment:

- To increase Health Department budget to cover cost associated with new A/C unit being installed.

Funding Source: Restricted Health Department Fund Balance

Submitted: 06-21-2021

Respectfully Submitted by: *[Signature]*  
Assistant Finance Officer

Approved by: *[Signature]*  
County Manager

JUN 21 2021

**AMENDMENT TO THE HOKE COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE  
2020/2021  
Amendment**

**Section 4** of the Hoke County Budget Ordinance, pertaining to the General Fund operations of the County, shall be amended as follows:

Increase/(Decrease) Appropriations:

Puppy Creek	15,500
Hillcrest	12,500
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 28,000</b>

**Section 4** of the Hoke County Budget Ordinance, pertaining to the General Fund operations of the County, shall be amended as follows:

Increase/(Decrease) Revenues:

Puppy Creek	15,500
Hillcrest	12,500
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 28,000</b>

This amendment:

- To prevent over spending in fire districts

Funding Source: Additional fire tax revenue

Submitted: 06-21-2021

Respectfully Submitted by: Alison Pope Assistant Finance Director  
 Approved by: [Signature] County Manager  
 JUN 21 2021

**AMENDMENT TO THE HOKE COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE  
2020/2021  
Amendment**

**Section 1** of the Hoke County Budget Ordinance, pertaining to the General Fund operations of the County, shall be amended as follows

Increase/(Decrease) Appropriations:

Governing Body	7,230
Administration	33,614
Grants Management	2,126
Tax Collection	5,055
Register of Deeds	2,800
Information Technology	13,500
Public Buildings	17,374
Grounds Recycling Maintenance	3,080
Sheriff	115,710
communications	78,775
Jail	(110,000)
Jail	7,913
Inspections	16,958
Animal Control	4,122
Transportation	(4,122)
Planning & Zoning	12,000
Cooperative Extension	3,129
Soil & Conservation	3,598
Health Administration	125,374
DSS Administration	143,558
Veterans Service	1,168
Senior Services	68,800
Library	12,100
Recreation	65,860
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 749,331</b>

**Section 2** of the Hoke County Budget Ordinance, pertaining to the General Fund operations of the County, shall be amended as follows

Increase/(Decrease) Revenues:

Sales Tax	132,128
Non Departmental	617,203
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 749,331</b>

This amendment:

- To allocate salaries and benefits for accrual at year end

Funding Source: Additional sales tax and non-departmental salary accrual

Submitted: 05-21-2021

Respectfully Submitted by: [Signature] Assistant Finance Director  
 Approved by: [Signature] County Manager  
 JUN 21 2021



AMENDMENT TO THE HOKE COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE  
2020/2021  
Amendment

Section 16 of the Hoke County Budget Ordinance, pertaining to the Revaluation Fund operations of the County, shall be amended as follows:

Increase/(Decrease) Appropriations:

Special Appropriations	75,000
	\$ 75,000

Total

Section 16 of the Hoke County Budget Ordinance, pertaining to the Revaluation Fund operations of the County, shall be amended as follows:

Increase/(Decrease) Revenues:

Additional Sales Tax	75,000
	\$ 75,000

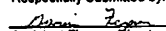
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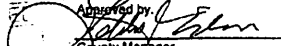
This amendment:

- To reflect transfer from the General Fund to ensure adequate funding for revaluation fund.

Funding Source: Transfer from the General Fund

Submitted: 06-21-2021

Respectfully Submitted by:  
  
Assistant Finance Director

Approved by:  
  
County Manager

j. DSS Line Item Approval

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Leach and second by Commissioner Baldwin the Board voted 4-0 to approve Consent Agenda items 2a – 2j.**

**3. Tax Collector's Report**

Tax Collector Daphne Dudley presented the following collections report for May, 2021:

**HOKE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
June 21, 2021

Tax Levy 2020		\$29,312,051.44
Additons to Levy YTD		\$1,110,896.02
Total 2020 Levy to Date		\$30,422,947.46
Refunds 2020		\$85,634.53
Releases/Abatements		\$12,544.85
Discounts		\$417,572.61
Adjustments		\$536.34
Write Offs		\$217.71
Advertising Charged 2020 Tax Bills		\$2,934.00
Collectable Levy to Date		\$30,413,872.95
<b>Collected To Date</b>		<b>\$29,367,731.75</b>
Uncollected Balance 2020 Tax Levy		<u>\$1,046,141.20</u>

Collections May 2021	<b>\$165,078.38</b>	
Releases May 2021	<b>\$76.97</b>	
Percent of Levy Collected (Receipts)	<b>96.56%</b>	
Percent of Levy Collected (Releases, Etc.)	<b>0.04%</b>	

Prior Years Tax Levy May 2021		\$2,118,980.67
Prior Years Collected in May 2021 To Date		<b>\$864,514.13</b>
Uncollected Balance Before Releases		\$1,254,466.54
Refunds		\$1,105.93
Releases/Abatements		\$2,190.84
Discounts		\$0.00
Adjustments		\$708.54
Write Offs/Insolvent		\$18,865.65
Uncollected Balance Prior Years		<u>\$1,252,045.68</u>

Prior Years Collected in May 2021	<b>\$95,323.40</b>	
Releases Prior Years May 2021	<b>\$0.00</b>	
Percent Prior Years Collected (Receipts)	<b>40.80%</b>	
Percent Prior Years Collected (Releases, Etc.)	<b>0.17%</b>	
Total Uncollected Taxes		<u>\$2,288,186.88</u>

**2019 Taxes**

Tax Levy May 2020		\$29,586,282.64
Collections May 2020		<b>\$149,555.56</b>
Releases May 2020		\$36.98
Percent Collected (Receipts)	<b>95.02%</b>	
Percent Collected (Releases, Etc.)	<b>0.07%</b>	
Prior Years Tax Levy May 2020		\$2,140,903.70
Collections May 2020		<b>\$58,250.01</b>
Releases May 2020		\$102.32
Insolvent		
Percent Collected (Receipts)	<b>42.30%</b>	
Percent Collected (Releases, Etc.)	<b>0.46%</b>	

**4. Tax Assessor's Report/Releases**

Tax Assessor Jennie Gibson presented the following release requests:

06/11/2021 10:50 9698mpar		COUNTY OF HOKE RELEASES - 06/21/2021 TO 06/21/2021				1 P Encrpt	
OWNER NAME AND ADDRESS	CAT YEAR PROPERTY REASON	BILL HPP DATE JUR	REF NO	VALUE	CHARGE	AMOUNT	
235617 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UNITED STATES DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE 4300 GOODFELLOW BLVD BLDG 105F FC215 ST LOUIS, MO 63120	RE 2017 29440-00-01-107 RELEASES EXEMPT PROPERTY	23228 06/21/2021 2	68513		0 COU F10 SWF	3.96 .53 .96 ----- 5.45	
235617 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UNITED STATES DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE 4300 GOODFELLOW BLVD BLDG 105F FC215 ST LOUIS, MO 63120	RE 2018 29440-00-01-107 RELEASES EXEMPT PROPERTY	23416 06/21/2021 2	68514		0 COU F10 SWF	528.68 70.49 128.00 ----- 727.17	
235617 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UNITED STATES DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE 4300 GOODFELLOW BLVD BLDG 105F FC215 ST LOUIS, MO 63120	RE 2019 29440-00-01-107 RELEASES EXEMPT PROPERTY	23925 06/21/2021 2	68515		0 COU F10 SWF	528.68 70.49 128.00 ----- 727.17	
235617 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UNITED STATES DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE 4300 GOODFELLOW BLVD BLDG 105F FC215 ST LOUIS, MO 63120	RE 2019 49475-04-01-095 RELEASES EXEMPT PROPERTY	23927 06/21/2021 4	68517		0 COU F03 SWF	826.80 99.22 128.00 ----- 1,054.02	
235617 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UNITED STATES DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE 4300 GOODFELLOW BLVD BLDG 105F FC215 ST LOUIS, MO 63120	RE 2020 29440-00-01-107 RELEASES EXEMPT PROPERTY	24147 06/21/2021 2	68516		0 COU F10 SWF	528.68 70.49 128.00 ----- 727.17	
235617 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UNITED STATES DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE 4300 GOODFELLOW BLVD BLDG 105F FC215 ST LOUIS, MO 63120	RE 2020 49475-04-01-095 RELEASES EXEMPT PROPERTY	24149 06/21/2021 4	68518		0 COU F03 SWF	826.80 99.22 128.00 ----- 1,054.02	
DETAIL SUMMARY	COUNT: 6	RELEASES - TOTAL		0		4,295.00	

06/11/2021 10:50 9698mpar		COUNTY OF HOKE RELEASES - 06/21/2021 TO 06/21/2021				2 P Encrpt	
RELEASES - CHARGE SUMMARY FOR ALL CLERKS							
YEAR	CAT	CHARGE				AMOUNT	
2017	RE	COU	COUNTY TAXES REAL			3.96	
2017	RE	F10	ANTIOCH FIRE DIST			.53	
2017	RE	SWF	SOLID WASTE FEE			.96	
			2017 TOTAL			5.45	
2018	RE	COU	COUNTY TAXES REAL			528.68	
2018	RE	F10	ANTIOCH FIRE DIST			70.49	
2018	RE	SWF	SOLID WASTE FEE			128.00	
			2018 TOTAL			727.17	
2019	RE	COU	COUNTY TAXES REAL			1,355.48	
2019	RE	F03	ROCKFLSH FIRE DIST			99.22	
2019	RE	F10	ANTIOCH FIRE DIST			70.49	
2019	RE	SWF	SOLID WASTE FEE			256.00	
			2019 TOTAL			1,781.19	
2020	RE	COU	COUNTY TAXES REAL			1,355.48	
2020	RE	F03	ROCKFLSH FIRE DIST			99.22	
2020	RE	F10	ANTIOCH FIRE DIST			70.49	
2020	RE	SWF	SOLID WASTE FEE			256.00	
			2020 TOTAL			1,781.19	
			SUMMARY TOTAL			4,295.00	

**5. Property & Liability and Workers Compensation RFP - approval by Board**  
**5. McCain Water Plant**

County Attorney Grady Hunt said that the NC Department of Public Safety (DPS) has contacted the County with an offer for the County to operate the McCain plant under a Memorandum of Agreement for the next two years. Before the end of the two-year period that County would transition into full ownership of the facility. Under the agreement, DPS would continue to pay utilities on the facility. Hoke County would provide the chemicals necessary to treat the water.

The County has purchased water from the McCain facility for several years. In 2020 the County purchased over 67M gallons at a cost of roughly \$87,000. Operating the plant will result in a significant cost savings to the County.

Mr. Hunt is requesting that the Board authorize him and the County Manager to develop a Memorandum of Agreement to allow the County to begin operating the facility immediately. Chairman Southerland requested that the Manager and Attorney also negotiate a contract to purchase the facility at the expiration of the Memorandum of Agreement.

Commissioner Leach said that there was a wastewater treatment plant at the McCain facility. The condition of the plant is not known, but he would like for the County Attorney to investigate and see if it could be useful to the County.

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Leach and second by Commissioner Baldwin the Board voted 4-0 to direct the County Attorney and County Manager to negotiate a Memorandum of Agreement to operate the McCain water plant and investigate the possibility of purchasing the McCain wastewater treatment facility.**

Chairman Southerland said that it may be possible for the County to use some of the Federal Infrastructure Aid funds for the acquisition of the McCain water and wastewater facilities.

#### 6. Designation of Voting Delegate:

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Leach and second by Commissioner Baldwin the Board voted 4-0 to designate Chairman Harry Southerland and Vice Chairman Allen Thomas, Jr. as the voting delegates for Hoke County at the NACo Annual Conference and the NCACC Annual Conference.**

#### 7. HATS items: Ms. Nancy Thornton

##### a. Surplus vehicles

HATS Director Nancy Thornton advised the Board that she has replaced two vehicles and she wishes to have those vehicles declared surplus:

2015 Ford LTV	VIN #1FDE4FS6FDA34629	mileage 145,364	Fleet #79
2015 Ford LTV	VIN#1FDEE3FL2FDA34514	mileage 148,541	Fleet #34

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Leach and second by Commissioner Baldwin the Board voted 4-0 to declare the listed vehicles as surplus to the County.**

##### b. Policies

##### 1. Drug & Alcohol Testing Policy

The Drug & Alcohol Testing policy is due for renewal. This is a zero-tolerance policy.

##### 2. Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan

In order to receive 5307 funds, the Federal Transit Administration requires a safety plan.

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Baldwin and second by Commissioner Leach the Board voted 4-0 to approve the Drug & Alcohol Testing Policy and the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan.**

**8. Request from Hoke County Sheriff's Department to acquire surplus bus from HATS: Sheriff Hubert Peterkin**

Chief Deputy David Newton said the Sheriff's Office wants to acquire HATS Bus #79 (VIN #1FDE4FS6FDA34629) to replace the bus that the department has now. The department uses the bus to transport crime scene equipment. The current bus is having equipment issues. The Sheriff's Department will have that bus declared surplus.

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Leach and second by Commissioner Hunt the Board voted 4-0 to approve the transfer of HATS Bus #79 (VIN #1FDE4FS6FDA34629) to the Sheriff's Department.**

**9. Community Forest Update: Mr. Jesse Wimberley**

Mr. Wimberley gave the Board an update on the Hoke Community Forest. The goal of the project is to restore the Longleaf Eco-system and increase landowners engaged in forestry.

Mr. Wimberley wants to set up a meeting for interested parties.

Mr. Wimberley introduced Mr. Rob Drummond with Milliken Forestry. Mr. Drummond summarized the progress to date on the Community Forest:

- The County Manager assisted in negotiating a contract for the timber sale and the County received advance funds.
- Thinning was paused due to above average rainfall earlier in the year. Plans are to resume thinning September 1, 2021.
- Implemented a Harvest Monitoring system.
- The lack of truck drivers is causing delays in logging.
- Once harvesting begins, work will commence on Longleaf Restoration.
- Prescribed burn and replanting of Longleaf Pines.

Mr. Wimberley advised the Board that it is necessary to have representation on hand during a forestry operation.

Mr. Wimberley will contact the County Manager to set up a stakeholder's meeting.

**10. Presentation by Hardy Group Consulting for proposed Fayetteville Regional Highway Construction Trade Academy**

Dr. Ayanna Hamilton-Wallace began the presentation by talking about the NC DOT Office of Civil Rights. Ms. Wallace is a Program Coordinator for the DOT's Office of Civil Rights On-the-Job Training Program. This office provides education and training to prepare well-qualified

applicants for employment with the NC DOT. The Office of Civil Rights also monitors compliance for contract holders.

Laura Hardy with The Hardy Group explained that her firm plans to hold a training academy in Hoke County with the goal of recruiting potential employees and training them to work on the Highway 295 project. The training lasts 4-8 weeks. During that time, participants are educated in the Highway Construction industry and certified in OSHA-10, CPR and Flagging. Participants receive training in Heavy Equipment and Asphalt & Paving.

Ms. Hardy will contact the County Manager about planning a venue in Hoke County during the month of August.

**11. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Southerland remarked on the Juneteenth celebration at Mt. Pisgah Church.

**12. Manager's Report**

County Manager Letitia Edens updated the Board on the Bond closing June 16, 2021. The final amount was \$39,315,000 and will be used to contract the James A. Leach Aquatic and Recreation Center and refinance existing debt. With an interest rate of 1.78%, the County saved \$4.9M. The Deed of Trust will be recorded on June 24, 2021.

**13. Recess**

With no further business to come before the Hoke County Board of Commissioners, and upon motion by Commissioner Leach and second by Commissioner Baldwin the Board voted 4-0 to recess the meeting at 7:55 pm. The meeting will resume at 11:00 am Wednesday, June 23, 2021 in the Commissioners Room in the Pratt Building to work on the FY 22 Budget.

  
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Gwen McGougan, Clerk to the Board

  
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Harry Southerland, Chairman

