

The Hoke County Board of Commissioners convened for a regular meeting at 7:00 pm on Monday, November 1, 2021 in the Commissioners Room in the Pratt Building.

PRESENT:

Chairman Harry Southerland  
Vice Chairman Allen Thomas, Jr.  
Commissioner James Leach  
Commissioner Tony Hunt  
Commissioner Lonnie Baldwin via conference call

ALSO PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

None

Chairman Southerland opened the meeting with a quorum. Vice Chairman Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Invocation.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Hoke County  
Board of Commissioners

227 N Main Street  
Raeford, North Carolina  
28376



November 1, 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. Public Comment
3. Appointment of Hoke County Sheriff
4. Public Hearings: Planning Matters
  - a. Application for General Use Rezoning RZ-21-15 submitted by Jamal Shahbain to rezone two (2) 114 acre parcels known as Hoke County Parcel Identification Numbers (PINs) 484740001003 and 494750301009. The properties are currently zoned Residential Agricultural (RA-20) and the applicant requests to rezone the properties to Residential (R-8). The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval. *Tabled at the October 4, 2021 regular meeting.*
  - b. Application for General Use Rezoning RZ-21-17 submitted by Thomas Strickland to rezone an approximately 1.82 acre unaddressed parcel known as Hoke County Parcel Identification Number (PIN) 694150001377. The property is currently zoned Residential Agricultural (RA-20) and the applicant requests to rezone the property to Highway Commercial (HC). The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval. *Tabled at the October 4, 2021 regular meeting.*
  - c. Application for Special Use Permit CU-21-6 submitted by Scott Gentry for the use of "Mini Storage Warehouse Facility" on the approximately 6.25 acre parcel located at 8528 Aberdeen Road also known as Hoke County Parcel Identification Number (PIN) 584980001021. The property is currently zoned Residential Agricultural (RA-20). The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval. *Tabled at the October 4, 2021 regular meeting.*
  - d. Planning Board Reappointments  
Mr. William Hollingsworth – 2<sup>nd</sup> 3-year term  
Mr. Chris Pusey – 2<sup>nd</sup> 3-year term

- 5. Consent Agenda
  - a. Minutes from September 7, 2021 regular meeting
  - b. NC Vehicle Tax Pending Refunds
  - c. DSS request to pay legal fees
  - d. Approval of 2021 Records Retention Schedules
  - e. Finance: Budget Amendments
- 6. NC Parks and Recreation Authority (PARTF) Grant
  - a. Grant Acceptance
  - b. Budget Amendment
- 7. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Board Appointments
  - a. Mr. Richard Leak, Southeastern Behavioral Healthcare Services – Substance Abuse Professional position
  - b. Mrs. Gina Daniels, Hoke County Cooperative Extension – Non-Profit Organization position
- 8. Hoke County Health Department matters:
  - a. Health Board Appointments
    - 1. Reappointment of Dr. Susan Hendrix, OD for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term
    - 2. Resignation of Mr. Keith Walters
    - 3. Transfer Ms. Gail Lowery, MS, FNP-BC from Registered Nurse member to Physician member ILO
  - b. Bad Debt Write-offs
  - c. Agreement Addendums
    - 1. ELC Reopening Schools SH Liaison
    - 2. Advancing Equity
    - 3. Infant Mortality Reduction
    - 4. CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program
- 9. Appointment to Board member vacancy on Sandhills Community College Board
- 10. Approval of Utilities RFQs:
  - a. Replacement of Westgate pump station
  - b. Water & Sewer Relocation for NCDOT widening
  - c. Bulk water interconnection with the City of Raeford
- 11. Manager's Report
  - Approval of Employee Christmas Bonuses
- 12. Chairman's Report
- 13. Adjourn

Chairman Southerland asked the Board if any changes were needed to the agenda. There being none....

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Hunt and second by Vice Chairman Thomas the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as submitted.**

**2. Public Comment**

- a. Daisy McDougal

Ms. McDougal endorsed Mr. Roderick Virgil to serve the remainder of Sheriff Peterkin's term.

- b. Harold Brock

Mr. Brock endorsed Mr. David Newton to serve the remainder of Sheriff Peterkin's term. Mr. Brock also spoke in favor of the Rezoning request RZ-21-15 to rezone properties from RA-20 to R-8. (See agenda item 4a)

- c. April Bratcher

Ms. Bratcher endorsed Mr. Roderick Virgil to serve the remainder of Sheriff Peterkin's term.

d. Larry Chason

Mr. Chason spoke in favor of the Rezoning request RZ-21-15 to rezone properties from RA-20 to R-8. Mr. Chason also endorsed Mr. David Newton to serve the remainder of Sheriff Peterkin's term.

e. Deborah Purcell

Ms. Purcell endorsed Mr. Roderick Virgil to serve the remainder of Sheriff Peterkin's term.

f. Jim Davis

Mr. Davis spoke in his capacity of elected Chairman of the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Democrat Party. He asked the Board to select a Democrat to serve the remainder of Sheriff Peterkin's term.

g. Larry Ray

Mr. Ray spoke in his capacity of Chairman of the Hoke County Democrat Party. The Party put together a list of six candidates that they believe could do the job of Sheriff for the remainder of Sheriff Peterkin's term.

h. Franklin Bowden

Mr. Bowden was Sheriff Peterkin's brother-in-law. Mr. Bowden asked the Board of Commissioners to remember who the Sheriff mentored and trained in making their decision.

i. Mr. Avarado

Mr. Avarado spoke on behalf of the Hispanic community in Hoke County. The Hispanic community wants to be part of the community as a whole, and they want to work closely with the new Sheriff.

j. Kenneth Gregory

Mr. Gregory spoke about overcrowding at the Hoke County High School and the likelihood that High School graduates will not return to Hoke County after they complete their education. He is also concerned about the number of houses being built and worries that they will become run down.

k. Earline Harper

Ms. Harper spoke against the rezoning request to rezone areas from RA to R-8. She is concerned that the density will make overcrowding in the schools worse.

Vice Chairman Thomas reminded the Board and those in attendance that persons who wish to speak about issues on the agenda should do so at the designated Public Hearing time for the matter, not during Public Comment.

**3. Appointment of Hoke County Sheriff**

Chairman Southerland opened the floor for nominations for the person who will serve the remainder of Sheriff Peterkin's term. Commissioner Hunt nominated Mr. Roderick Virgil. Vice Chairman Thomas nominated Mr. David Newton.

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Leach and second by Vice Chairman Thomas the Board voted unanimously to close the nominations.**

Vice Chairman Thomas spoke about why he plans to vote the way he does.

Commissioner Baldwin also shared his thoughts before he voted.

Chairman Southerland read the following statement into the record: "The board of county commissioners shall not make any appointment under this section without first being presented with a valid disclosure statement of no felony convictions or expungements, issued within 90 days prior to the appointment, prepared by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 17E of the General Statutes with respect to the individual being appointed". (NC General Statute §162-5, 8(a))

**Chairman Southerland then opened the voting by asking all in favor of Roderick Virgil say "aye". The "ayes" were Chairman Southerland, Commissioner Leach and Commissioner Hunt. "Nays" were Vice Chairman Thomas and Commissioner Baldwin.**

Chairman Southerland said, "Approved for Roderick Virgil to take over the remaining balance of Sheriff Peterkin's term" and congratulated Mr. Virgil.

#### **4. Public Hearings: Planning Matters**

- a. Application for General Use Rezoning RZ-21-15 submitted by Jamal Shahbain to rezone two (2) 114 acre parcels known as Hoke County Parcel Identification Numbers (PINs) 494740001003 and 494750301009. The properties are currently zoned Residential Agricultural (RA-20) and the applicant requests to rezone the properties to Residential (R-8). **The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval. Tabled at the October 4, 2021 regular meeting.**

Planner Robert Farrell reminded the Board that this matter was tabled in order for him to get information regarding the Hoke County School System's estimated number of students that will be impacted by new development within the County. Mr. Farrell met with the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Operations and they reviewed this specific matter and past cases throughout the County this year. They concluded that on a rezoning to a higher density zoning district, estimations and speculation can be made about approximate numbers of new students that may move to a particular area. But Mr. Farrell said he'd prefer to direct any specific questions about their operations to the superintendent or the Board of Education. They make determinations on school district boundary adjustments, busing choices, all that based on the actual factual number of prospective students. The School Board, using those calculations, brings enrollment estimates and facility recommendations to the Board of Commissioners each year.

Speakers for the Public Hearing:

Ms. Panda Rowland

Ms. Rowland spoke against rezoning the property to R-8. She would prefer R-15 which would take the number of houses per acre to 3 as opposed to 5 with R-8 zoning.

Ms. Lisa Thayer

Ms. Thayer said she'd spoken with someone from the school system, and they weren't aware of this development being considered. Ms. Thayer said the houses will be too close together and she is concerned that traffic will be a problem. Rockfish Road is a two-lane road that can't handle that large an increase in travel. She is also concerned that the Land Use Plan is outdated. She would prefer the R-15 zoning designation.

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Leach and second by Commissioner Hunt the Board voted unanimously to close the public hearing.**

Vice Chairman Thomas thanked the speakers for their community advocacy. Their comments are very thought-provoking. The Board is very aware of the issues on Rockfish Road, from traffic to schools. They must consider past zoning decisions and the impact that decisions made now will have on future development.

Commissioner Hunt encouraged citizens to attend the School Board meetings and talk to them about school overcrowding as well as other issues. The Board of Education brings their requests, including facility needs, to the Board of Commissioners each year at budget time, based upon data that they have collected. Commissioner Hunt added that the Board is not only looking at current issues, but they are also looking ahead at future issues. For example, the sewer plant was built because the density of development in the Rockfish area meant that if those residents had no choice but to use septic tanks, those septic tanks would start failing in about 60 years. Not only would that be a problem in itself, but the potential is there to contaminate the well water in that area. The Board is trying to maintain smart growth.

**Motion: Upon motion by Vice Chairman Thomas and second by Commissioner Hunt the Board voted unanimously to approve Application for General Use Rezoning RZ-21-15.**

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The applicant was not present, so the Board made a decision to table the matter once more. If no one is present then, the matter will be closed. The Board will not table it again. Commissioner Leach suggested holding the item open until the end of the meeting in case the applicant comes in.

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Hunt and second by Vice Chairman Thomas the Board voted unanimously to table the matter once more but the matter will not be tabled again.**

- c. Application for Special Use Permit CU-21-6 submitted by Scott Gentry for the use of "Mini Storage Warehouse Facility" on the approximately 6.25 acre parcel located at 8528 Aberdeen Road also known as Hoke County Parcel Identification Number (PIN) 584980001021. The property is currently zoned Residential Agricultural (RA-20). **The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval. Tabled at the October 4, 2021 regular meeting.**

Mr. Farrell indicated on the map where the property is located. The applicant plans to construct an unmanned mini-storage facility that is proposed to eventually total twelve buildings. The facility will be open 24 hours to their customers, who will access their units via a code at the gate.

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Hunt and second by Vice Chairman Thomas the Board voted unanimously to close the public hearing.**

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Hunt and second by Commissioner Leach the Board voted unanimously to approve Special Use Permit CU-21-6.**

- d. Planning Board Reappointments
  - Mr. William Hollingsworth – 2<sup>nd</sup> 3-year term
  - Mr. Chris Pusey – 2<sup>nd</sup> 3-year term

Mr. Farrell advised the Board that both Mr. Hollingsworth and Mr. Pusey have agreed to serve another term on the Planning Board.

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Leach and second by Vice Chairman Thomas the Board voted unanimously to approve the reappointments of Mr. William Hollingsworth and Mr. Chris Pusey to their second 3-year term on the Planning Board.**

## 5. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes from September 7, 2021 regular meeting
- b. NC Vehicle Tax Pending Refunds

North Carolina Vehicle Tax System																				
NCVTS Pending Refund report																				
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PLATE	PLATE OWNER	OWNER	ADDRESS	ADDRESS 2	ADDRESS 3	STATUS	DATE	STATE NUMBER	STATUS	ISSUE DATE	REASON FOR CANCELLATION	REASON	DATE	TAX JURISDICTION	TAX TYPE	AMOUNT	PAID	REFUND	TAX CHANGE	
BARKER	KATHY MARIE	BARKER, KATHY MARIE	1105 SART	JONES LOOP		RAEFORD, NC 28376	Adjustment + \$100	0091294296	T0M2332	AUTHORIZED	133330918	Refund Generated due to adjustment on Bill #0091294296-2020-2020-0000-00	Military	10/07/2021	COU F02	Tax	\$27.80	\$0.00	(\$27.80)	(\$27.80)
BARKER	ROBIN BULLOCH	BARKER, ROBIN BULLOCH	531	QUEYNS FLE RD		ASHEBORO, NC 28515	Proration	0062187328	TJA1161	AUTHORIZED	153764643	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0062187328-2021-2021-0000-00	Vehicle Sale	10/06/2021	COU F08	Tax	(\$21.94)	\$0.00	(\$21.94)	(\$21.94)
BEER	ARAJ	BEKOVA, KATHLENE ELIZABETH	151	SANDCRAFT		RAEFORD, NC 28376	Adjustment + \$100	0032259660	CH17728	AUTHORIZED	143414178	Refund Generated due to adjustment on Bill #0032259660-2021-2021-0000-00	Military	10/05/2021	COU F03	Tax	(\$77.82)	\$0.00	(\$77.82)	(\$77.82)
COOK	DEBBIE ROSETTE	COOK, DEBBIE ROSETTE	180 SAINT	OLDS DR		RAEFORD, NC 28376	Proration	0052066782	74020V	AUTHORIZED	134375478	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0052066782-2020-2020-0000-00	Vehicle Sale	10/18/2021	COU F02	Tax	(\$63.58)	\$0.00	(\$63.58)	(\$63.58)
FIGUEROA	DANIEL J	FIGUEROA, DANIEL J	103	PEREGRINE PL		FAVETTEVILLE, NC 28338	Adjustment ++ \$100	0091215338	F1A2042	PENDING	132026240	Refund Generated due to adjustment on Bill #0091215338-2020-2020-0000-00	Military	10/07/2021	COU F03	Tax	(\$182.02)	\$0.00	(\$182.02)	(\$182.02)
GASAN	FRANCY	GASAN, FRANCY	341	EDSWELL ST		RAEFORD, NC 28376	Adjustment ++ \$100	0062812668	JHC8863	PENDING	133943310	Refund Generated due to adjustment on Bill #0062812668-2021-2021-0000-00	Military	10/11/2021	COU F02	Tax	(\$184.89)	\$0.00	(\$184.89)	(\$184.89)
HARMER	DAVID GERALD	HARMER, DAVID GERALD	107	WATTECHAPPEL LN		RAEFORD, NC 28376	Proration	008081381	TPP1548	PENDING	133604818	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #008081381-2020-2020-0000-00	Vehicle Sale	10/04/2021	COU F03	Tax	(\$90.82)	\$0.00	(\$90.82)	(\$90.82)
HODGES	DEVOUR ROLAND SR	HODGES, DEVOUR ROLAND SR	PO BOX	828		ASHEBORO, NC 28515	Proration	0052402781	H440745	AUTHORIZED	132943478	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0052402781-2020-2020-0000-00	Vehicle Sale	10/16/2021	COU F08	Tax	(\$18.37)	\$0.00	(\$18.37)	(\$18.37)
LEACH	HALESH JONES	LEACH, HALESH JONES	118	BROADBROOK CT		RAEFORD, NC 28376	Proration	0062877114	JHC4391	AUTHORIZED	133841296	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0062877114-2021-2021-0000-00	Vehicle Sale	10/05/2021	COU F04	Tax	(\$81.81)	\$0.00	(\$81.81)	(\$81.81)
MARR	EDWARD WALTER	MARR, EDWARD WALTER	313	TARDER RD		RAEFORD, NC 28376	Adjustment ++ \$100	0061870023	PMA8458	PENDING	132744364	Refund Generated due to adjustment on Bill #0061870023-2021-2021-0000-00	Military	10/05/2021	COU F02	Tax	(\$199.33)	(\$12.94)	(\$212.27)	(\$212.27)
MCCALL	BRADLEY JONARD	MCCALL, BRADLEY JONARD	124	HOLLY LN		RAEFORD, NC 28376	Proration	0062775346	TJA0682	PENDING	133201780	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0062775346-2021-2021-0000-00	Vehicle Sale	10/04/2021	COU F02	Tax	(\$363.19)	\$0.00	(\$363.19)	(\$363.19)

Total = \$2466.62

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MCKENNA	DANIEL S	MCKENNA, DANIEL S	127	CALVERT CT		RAEFORD, NC 28376	Adjustment ++ \$100	0091151837	PDH3300	PENDING	133604308	Refund Generated due to adjustment on Bill #0091151837-2020-2020-0000-00	Military	10/04/2021	COU F02	Tax	(\$160.85)	\$0.00	(\$160.85)	(\$160.85)
MELTON	WILLIAM WAYNE	MELTON, WILLIAM WAYNE	223	DECLARATION DR		RAEFORD, NC 28376	Proration	0055863751	GM4EDV	PENDING	134118823	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0055863751-2020-2020-0000-00	Vehicle Sale	10/14/2021	COU F01	Tax	(\$199.53)	\$0.00	(\$199.53)	(\$199.53)
PAGAN	DIANEIRA CHERVON	PAGAN, DIANEIRA CHERVON	251	OLD BLOSSOM CT		RAEFORD, NC 28376	Proration	0043441251	RJPK1LP	AUTHORIZED	134002098	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0043441251-2020-2020-0000-00	Vehicle Sale	10/15/2021	COU F03	Tax	(\$19.84)	(\$3.82)	(\$23.66)	(\$23.66)
REESE	DEANNA TANYA	REESE, DEANNA TANYA	373	CREEK FARMS DR		PARLINGTON, NC 28371	Proration	0054111327	FF18863	AUTHORIZED	133808124	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0054111327-2020-2020-0000-00	Vehicle Sale	10/07/2021	COU F03	Tax	(\$21.26)	\$0.00	(\$21.26)	(\$21.26)
ROBERSON	CHEERLEE	ROBERSON, CHEERLEE	382	WOOD VALLEY LN		RAEFORD, NC 28376	Proration	0034225308	HJ4324	PENDING	143440004	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0034225308-2020-2020-0000-00	Vehicle Sale	10/19/2021	COU F02	Tax	(\$174.50)	\$0.00	(\$174.50)	(\$174.50)
SMITH	JOSEPH ALAN	SMITH, JOSEPH ALAN	120	EMMA LN		RAEFORD, NC 28376	Proration	0024684486	H467	AUTHORIZED	133604827	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0024684486-2020-2020-0000-00	Vehicle Sale	10/04/2021	COU F02	Tax	(\$87.19)	\$0.00	(\$87.19)	(\$87.19)
SWANSON	RATHAN W	SWANSON, RATHAN W	1387	CLAY CAMPBELL DR		RAEFORD, NC 28376	Adjustment ++ \$100	0062323452	1KV4428	AUTHORIZED	143440033	Refund Generated due to adjustment on Bill #0062323452-2020-2020-0000-00	Military	10/19/2021	COU F02	Tax	(\$29.54)	(\$4.22)	(\$33.76)	(\$33.76)
VAN VLEEM	ROBERT	VAN VLEEM, ROBERT	6733	HILLSIDE DR		HARBOR SPRINGS, NC 27843	Proration	0034287334	EM427	AUTHORIZED	134178528	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0034287334-2020-2020-0000-00	Reg. Out of State	10/16/2021	COU F04	Tax	(\$9.36)	\$0.00	(\$9.36)	(\$9.36)
VAN VLEEM	ROBERT	VAN VLEEM, ROBERT	6733	HILLSIDE DR		HARBOR SPRINGS, NC 27843	Proration	0041502089	PHY4132	AUTHORIZED	134178534	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0041502089-2020-2020-0000-00	Reg. Out of State	10/16/2021	COU F04	Tax	(\$1.87)	\$0.00	(\$1.87)	(\$1.87)
WEBB	DIANEIRA AYUNNE	WEBB, DIANEIRA AYUNNE	128	DAVID CT		RAEFORD, NC 28376	Proration	0032831842	HCA6249	AUTHORIZED	142733332	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0032831842-2020-2020-0000-00	Vehicle Sale	10/18/2021	COU F02	Tax	(\$89.16)	\$0.00	(\$89.16)	(\$89.16)
WORTON	TYLER WADE	WORTON, TYLER WADE	181	SEALEY BARK DR		RAEFORD, NC 28376	Adjustment ++ \$100	0051976218	JAV9043	PENDING	143415440	Refund Generated due to adjustment on Bill #0051976218-2020-2020-0000-00	Military	10/20/2021	COU F03	Tax	(\$149.95)	(\$13.87)	(\$163.82)	(\$163.82)

c. DSS request to pay legal fees

Terry Stanton  
Director



TELEPHONE  
(910) 675-4775  
FAX  
(910) 675-4044

Memo: Letitia Edens, Hoke County Manager  
Hoke County Board of Commissioners  
From: Terry Stanton, Director  
Re: Approval request for use of funds  
Date: October 25, 2021

Hoke County Dept. of Social Services currently has a contract for services with The Charleston Group which includes funds for extraordinary expenses. The contract indicates: "The remaining \$20,000.00 will require County Commissioners' advance approval for use in extraordinary matters including, for example and not by way of limitation, other litigation types not set forth hereinabove and appeals".

Hoke County Dept. of Social Services is requesting the use of funds from FY 21/22 POW 53100017 in order to pay invoices for September 2021 service months of extraordinary litigation cases.

- Invoice #23268- September 2021 service month \$92.10

The total requested amount for use is \$92.10 to pay the September 2021 Invoices.

The total requested amount for use thus far is:

- > \$16,386.12 + \$92.10 = \$16,478.22; (82%) of the funded amount.

Thank you for your consideration.

d. Approval of 2021 Records Retention Schedules

The 2021 General Records Schedule for Local Governments and the 2021 Program Records Schedule for Local Governments are hereby incorporated as a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendix A and Appendix B, respectively.

e. Finance: Budget Amendments

AMENDMENT TO THE HOKE COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE  
2021/2022  
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

Environmental Health	12,700
Health Administration	9,663
Health Education	21,887
Covid Grant Funds Health	115,000
Health Education	39,900
Health Administration	9,645
Covid Grant Funds Health	78,479

Total \$ 287,474

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

Health Department Revenue	12,700
Health Department Revenue	31,750
Health Department Revenue	115,000
Health Department Revenue	39,900
Health Department Revenue	88,124

Total \$ 287,474

This amendment:

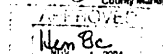
- To record additional State funds in the amount of \$287,474 for the Health Department

Funding Source: State Funds

Submitted: 11-01-2021

Respectfully Submitted by  
*Alicia Deaton*  
Assistant Finance Officer

Approved by  
*Letitia Edens*  
County Manager





**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Leach and second by Vice Chairman Thomas the Board voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda items a – e.**

**6. NC Parks and Recreation Authority (PARTF) grant**

a. Grant Acceptance

Grants Manager Andrew Jacobs advised the Board that he received word on September 22, 2021 that Hoke County has received a matching grant of \$269,587 for inclusive play equipment on the site of the James A. Leach Aquatic and Recreation Center. Those funds will be used to equip the playground area with equipment suitable for special-needs children.

Commissioner Hunt asked Mr. Jacobs if the County can use incoming donations for the recreation center toward the County's match. Mr. Jacobs replied that in-kind will not be accepted, but the site work for the area can be considered in the County's match.

County Manager Letitia Edens advised the Board that funds were put aside for miscellaneous expenses at the James A. Leach Aquatic and Recreation Center. Chairman Southerland added that those funds and the County's in-kind should be sufficient for the County's match.

**Motion: Upon motion by Vice Chairman Thomas and second by Commissioner Hunt the Board voted unanimously to accept the PARTF grant in the amount of \$269,587.**

b. Budget Amendment

AMENDMENT TO THE HOKE COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE  
2021/2022  
Amendment

To the Hoke County Budget Ordinance, pertaining to the Administration  
Projects Fund operations of the County, shall be amended as follows:

Increase/(Decrease) Expenditures

Expenditure	269,587
Total	<u>\$ 269,587</u>

To the Hoke County Budget Ordinance, pertaining to the Administration  
Project Fund operations of the County, shall be amended as follows:

Increase/(Decrease) Revenues

Revenue	269,587
Total	<u>\$ 269,587</u>

This amendment:

- To reflect N.C. Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Project Grant funds for playground equipment at the James A. Leach Aquatic and Recreation Center.

Funding Source: State grant funds

Submitted: 11-01-2021

Respectfully Submitted by:

*Miriam Pender*  
Assistant Finance Officer

Approved by:

*Sabrina C. Edbo*  
County Manager

Stamp: AT Item 6b NOV 2021

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Hunt and second by Vice Chairman Thomas the Board voted unanimously to approve the Budget Amendment shown to create a revenue line item and expense line item in the FY 2022 Budget for the PARTF grant.**

**7. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Board Appointments**

JCPC Director Lorraine Landry seeks approval of the following persons to fill vacant seats on the JCPC Board:

- Mr. Richard Leak, Southeastern Behavioral Healthcare Services – Substance Abuse Professional position
- Mrs. Gina Daniels, Hoke County Cooperative Extension – Non-Profit Organization position

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Leach and second by Commissioner Hunt the Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Richard Leak and Mrs. Gina Daniels to the JCPC Board.**

**8. Hoke County Health Department matters:**

- Health Board Appointments

1. Reappointment of Dr. Susan Hendrix, OD for a 2nd term

**Motion: Upon motion by Vice Chairman Thomas and second by Commissioner Leach the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Dr. Susan Hendrix to a second term on the Health Board.**

2. Resignation of Mr. Keith Walters

Health Director Helene Edwards advised the Board that Mr. Keith Walters is resigning from the Health Board. He will be moving out of county.

Commissioner Leach nominated Mr. Bobby Wright to fill Mr. Walters' vacancy on the Health Board.

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Leach and second by Commissioner Hunt the Board voted unanimously to nominate Mr. Bobby Wright to fill the vacancy on the Health Board from the resignation of Keith Walters.**

3. Transfer Ms. Gail Lowery, MS, FNP-BC from Registered Nurse member to Physician member ILO

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Hunt and second by Commissioner Leach the Board voted unanimously to approve the transfer of Ms. Gail Lowery from her position as the RN member of the Health Board to the Physician member of the Health Board.**

- b. Bad Debt Write-offs

Ms. Edwards asked approval to write off \$39,380.79 in bad debt for the Health Department. The patient will be charged for their amount due if they return for any services at the Health Department.

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Hunt and second by Commissioner Leach the Board voted unanimously to approve the write off of \$39,380.79 of Health Department bad debt.**

- c. Agreement Addendums

1. ELC Reopening Schools SH Liaison
2. Advancing Equity
3. Infant Mortality Reduction
4. CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program

Ms. Edwards explained that the programs listed are receiving funds from the Division of Public Health. This is new money that does not have to be paid back.

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Hunt and second by Commissioner Leach the Board voted unanimously to approve the agreement addendums for the listed programs.**

## **9. Appointment to Board member vacancy on Sandhills Community College Board**

Chairman Southerland spoke with Dr. Dempsey, President, Sandhills Community College about the vacancy. Bishop Oscar Cunningham has served on the Sandhills Board for many years, but is unable to continue at this time. Chairman Southerland nominated Rev. Bruce Hurst. Mr. Hurst was in attendance at the meeting and agreed to serve.

**Motion: Upon motion by Vice Chairman Thomas and second by Commissioner Leach the Board voted unanimously to appoint Rev. Bruce Hurst to represent Hoke County on the Sandhills Community College Board.**

#### **10. Approval of Engineers for Utility Projects:**

Utilities Director Hilton Villines explained that the RFQs had been returned and the following engineering firms were chosen to design and oversee the following projects:

- a. Replacement of Westgate pump station – LKC Engineers
- b. Water & Sewer Relocation for NCDOT widening – LL&J Engineers
- c. Bulk water interconnection with the City of Raeford – LKC Engineers

Commissioner Hunt said that the engineering firms were selected based upon the County's past experience with working on projects with them and the areas that they seem most knowledgeable in. Both firms are well qualified to design and manage these projects.

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Hunt and second by Commissioner Leach the Board voted unanimously to select LKC Engineers for the Westgate project and Raeford Water Interconnection and LL&J Engineers for the Wayside/Lindsay Roads widening project.**

#### **11. Manager's Report**

County Manager Letitia Edens proposed the dates of November 22 or November 23 to the Board for the Christmas Bonus distribution and luncheon. After discussion, the Board agreed upon Tuesday, November 23, 2021. The luncheon will be held at the Robert Wright building from 11:30 – 2:00.

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Leach and second by Vice Chairman Thomas the Board voted unanimously to add approval of the Christmas Bonus distribution and the luncheon to the Agenda as Item #11.**

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Leach and second by Vice Chairman Thomas the Board voted unanimously to approve Tuesday, November 23, 2021 from 11:30 – 2:00 at the Robert Wright building.**

#### **12. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman didn't have a report, but he asked that the Board and Citizens continue to pray for each other over the loss of Sheriff Peterkin.

#### **13. Adjourn**

**Motion: There being no further business to come before the Hoke County Board of Commissioners, and upon motion by Commissioner Leach and second by Vice Chairman Thomas the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm.**

  
Gwen McGougan, Clerk to the Board

  
Harry Southerland, Chairman



November 5, 2021

Hoke County Board of Commissioners  
Special Called Meeting

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The Hoke County Board of Commissioners convened for a Special Called Meeting at 11:00 am on Friday, November 5, 2021 in the Robert A. Wright Building.

PRESENT:

Chairman Harry Southerland  
Vice Chairman Allen Thomas, Jr.  
Commissioner James Leach  
Commissioner Tony Hunt  
Commissioner Lonnie Baldwin

ALSO PRESENT:

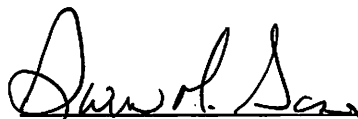
County Manager Letitia Edens  
County Attorney Grady Hunt  
Clerk to the Board Gwen McGougan

**Chairman Southerland opened the meeting with a quorum. Vice Chairman Thomas gave the Invocation.**

Chairman Southerland announced that the purpose of the meeting was to accept an official Bond for Roderick Cornelius Virgil in the amount of \$25,000. This Bond must be approved before Mr. Virgil can be sworn in as Hoke County Sheriff.

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Hunt and second by Commissioner Leach the Board voted unanimously to accept the \$25,000 bond in the name of Roderick Cornelius Virgil, payable to the State of North Carolina to be the Sheriff of Hoke County.**

**Motion: There being no further business to come before the Hoke County Board of Commissioners, and upon motion by Commissioner Hunt and second by Vice Chairman Thomas the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 am.**

  
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Gwen McGougan, Clerk to the Board

  
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Harry Southerland, Chairman

