



MINUTES
Board of County Commissioners Meeting
Thursday, May 9, 2024 4:00 PM
Pender County Public Assembly Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brad George
Jacqueline A. Newton
Fred McCoy
Jerry Groves

MEMBERS ABSENT: Wendy Fletcher-Hardee

OTHERS PRESENT: David Andrews, County Manager
Lexi Stanfield, Clerk to the Board
Allen Vann, Assistant County Manager
Other Staff and Members of the Press and Public.

1 FIRE - NORTHEAST PENDER (SURF CITY)

4:00PM Allen Wilson - Chief

- 1.1 Chief Allen Wilson presented the Northeast Pender (Surf City) Fire budget. Northeast Pender is asking Pender County for \$250,000. Pender County has proposed \$50,000. There were no questions from the Board.

2 Fire - Rocky Point

- 2.1 Deputy Chief Andrew Short presented the Rocky Point Fire budget. Rocky Point Fire is asking for \$250,000 from Pender County. Pender County proposed the same amount in the budget. Deputy Chief Short reviewed where the funds would be used. Grants have been applied for but were denied. Rocky Point fire plans to use the funds for staff, radios, a new truck, and air packs. Deputy Chief Short answered questions from the Board.

3 DSS

4:15PM Wes Stewart

- 3.1 Wes Stewart, DSS Director, presented the Department of Social Services budget. Stewart discussed strains on the budget and line items he believes DSS will overspend based on the proposed budget by

management and finance. County Manager provided insight to the proposed budget. Stewart answered questions from the Board.

4 PENDER COUNTY UTILITIES

4:45PM Anthony Colon

4.1 Anthony Colon, Utilities Director, presented the Utilities budget. Colon gave a brief overview of the revenue and cash balance for utilities from FY2022-2024. Colon proposed a rate increase and a rate schedule for meters beginning in the FY2024-2025. Colon recommended adding four new positions to the Utilities staff and reclassifying two positions. Colon answered questions from the Board.

5 SOLID WASTE

5:15PM Anthony Colon / Jeremy Drummond

5.1 Anthony Colon and Jeremy Drummond, Utilities Director and Public Works Director respectively, presented the Solid Waste budget. Drummond stated he felt the County Managers office and Finance created a strong budget he agrees with. Colon added insight on how they budgeted certain line items. Solid Waste will be moved from the Utilities and will be under Public Works following the new fiscal year. Colon and Drummond answered questions from the Board.

6 PUBLIC WORKS

5:30PM Jeremy Drummond

6.1 Jeremy Drummond, Public Works Director, presented the Public Works budget. Drummond stated he agreed with the budget proposed by the County Managers office. No questions asked by the Board.

7 PARKS AND RECREATION, SHOOTING RANGE

6:00PM Zach White

7.1 Zach White, Parks and Recreation Director, presented the Parks and Recreation budget. White asked for a new position and there were some contract services proposed in the budget. Most of the budget was the same as FY2023-24. White answered questions from the Board.

White reviewed the Grounds budget. The grounds budget went down some from the previous year due to bringing some contracted services in-house.

While also reviewed the Holly Shelter Shooting Range budget. The shooting range revenues for next year are expected to meet the expenditures. The State has proposed for individuals under the age eighteen to shoot for free.

8 BREAK
6:15PM

9 HOUSING
6:30PM Sue Sava

- 9.1 Sue Sava, Housing Director, presented the Housing budget. Sava reported housing is not asking for anything new for Fiscal Year 2024-25. Sava is proposing a salary increase for one employee. No questions from the Board.

10 INSPECTIONS
6:45PM Daniel Adams

- 10.1 Daniel Adams, Planning Director, presented the Inspections budget. Adams reported not much has changed with the budget. Management has recommended separating Permitting and Inspections from the Planning Department and creating it's own department.

11 PLANNING
7:00PM Daniel Adams

- 11.1 Daniel Adams, Planning Director, presented the Planning budget. Adams stated he had nothing to add to the recommended budget.

12 HAZARD MITIGATION
7:20PM Daniel Adams

- 12.1 Daniel Adams, Planning Director, presented the Hazardous Mitigation budget to the Board. Adams agreed to the recommended budget.

13 HR AND INSURANCES (WC/HEALTH/LGERS)
7:30PM Pam Brame

- 13.1 Pam Brame, Human Resources Director, presented the HR and Insurances budget. Brame reported the HR budget was similar to the FY2023-2024 budget. Workers Comp figures are not in yet. The NCLEGRS employee premiums have not changed. The employer contribution went up last year. The state health plan will go to ETNA in 2025.

- 13.2 The budget work session ended at 6:40PM.