# PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA JUNE 20, 2022

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners met today in a regular meeting on Monday, June 20, 2022 in Courtroom C in the Pasquotank County Courthouse.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lloyd E. Griffin, III, Chairman

Charles H. Jordan, Vice-Chairman

Cecil Perry

William "Bill" Sterritt

Barry Overman Sean Lavin Jonathan Meads

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sparty Hammett, County Manager

R. Michael Cox, County Attorney Sheri Small, Finance Director Lynn Scott, Clerk to the Board Patrice Stewart, Tax Administrator Sharon Cooper, Tax Appraiser

Katherine Lane and Chase Pearson, Pearson Appraisal Service

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Lloyd Griffin. Vice-Chairman Charles Jordan gave the invocation and Commissioner Jonathan Meads led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Griffin welcomed those in attendance.

## 1. <u>AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:</u>

Vice-Chairman Charles Jordan requested that the agenda be amended to add the following items recommended by the Finance Committee to the Consent Agenda: 1) Approval of Scrap Tire Recycling and Disposal Contract; 2) Approval of Letter of Intent for Kitty Hawk Property; 3) Approval of Budget Amendments from 06-20-22 Finance Committee Meeting; and 4) Approval of appropriation of \$47,000 for settlement of Worker's Compensation claim.

Motion was made by Charles Jordan, seconded by Sean Lavin to amend the agenda to add Items #1-4 to the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

## 2. **PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2022-23 COUNTY BUDGET:**

Chairman Griffin declared the meeting to be a public hearing on the proposed 2022-23 County Budget. He asked if anyone would like to address the Board regarding the budget.

Mr. Bill Hiemer of 107 Osprey Cove said he feels the water rate hike is absurd. He feels the rates should be looked at more often as to avoid large increases all at one time. He stated that the additional \$9 per month is clearly unfair to the County's average water users. He suggested splitting the hike over time.

At the absence of further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Barry Overman, seconded by Charles Jordan to approve the FY 2022-23 County Budget as proposed. The motion carried unanimously and the following budget ordinance was adopted.

# **BUDGET ORDINANCE** FISCAL YEAR 2022-23

BE IT ORDAINED THIS  $20^{\text{th}}$  DAY OF JUNE, 2022 BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA:

# I. GENERAL FUND

SECTION 1 – <u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund for the operation of county government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this county:

Governing Boar	
County Manager	498,315
Human Resources	244,160
Finance Department	474,410
Information Technology	517,200
Tax Administration	758,073
County Attorney	256,335
Court Facilities	40,000
Elections Board	358,215
Register of Deeds	300,880
Public Buildings	1,723,793
Health & Social Services Building	278,171
Non-Departmental	537,100
Sheriff's Department	4,949,328
School Resource Officers	529,560
Jail	2,072,977
Central Communications	1,650,754
Emergency Management	205,810
Central Fire Department	1,724,165
	67,850
Intercounty Fire Department	•
Newland Fire Department	80,950
Weeksville Fire Department	73,150
Providence Fire Department	92,900
Nixonton Fire Department	71,400
Building Inspector	223,340
Emergency Medical Services	5,714,708
Animal Control	227,255
Planning Department	252,704
Geographic Information Systems	155,085
Economic Development	1,060,500
Cooperative Extension Service	329,455
Soil & Water Conservation	206,966
Public Health	260,251
Public Schools	12,873,362
College of The Albemarle	2,472,500
Parks & Recreation & Senior Center	1,479,512
Special Appropriations:	
-Miscellaneous	539,891
-Contribution to:	
Public Assistance Fund	4,086,001
Pasquotank Library Fund	836,309
Reappraisal Reserve	55,000
Contingency	490,000
Transfer to Capital Reserve	1,060,284
Debt Retirement	_2,966,801
TOTAL GENERAL FUND \$	2,892,595
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SECTION 2 – <u>REVENUES</u> : It is estimated that the following revenues will l	oe available
in the General Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June	
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Ad Valorem Taxes\$	26 615 500
Sales Taxes	11,615,500
Rent, Fees & Charges	7,305,076
Land Transfer Tax	1,900,000
	400,000
Lottery Fund	•
Other Revenue Sources	4,249,319
Fund Balance Appropriated	<u>806,800</u>

#### II. SOCIAL SERVICES FUND

SECTION 1 – <u>APPROPRIATIONS</u> : The following amounts are hereby appropriated in
the Social Services Fund for administration of and payments to recipients of public
assistance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023:

Administration	\$ 8,171,761
Services	4 400 707

#### TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES FUND

\$ 9,311,548

SECTION 2 – <u>REVENUES</u>: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the Social Services Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023:

Federal and State Grants & Other Sources	\$ 5,225,547
Contribution from General Fund	4,086,001

## TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES FUND

\$ 9,311,548

#### III. LIBRARY FUND

SECTION 1 – <u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Library Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

#### TOTAL LIBRARY FUND

\$ 848,234

SECTION 2 – <u>REVENUES</u>: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Library Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023:

Fees & Fines\$	6,500
Copies	5,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	
Contribution from Pasquotank County General Fund	

TOTAL LIBRARY FUND \$ 848,234

# IV. CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

SECTION 1 – <u>APPROPRIATIONS:</u> The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Capital Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023:

Capital Reserve	\$	751,400
Medical Services		8,138,680
Reserve – Commerce Park		25,240
Reserve – Landfill		815,820
Reserve – Rec Fees		985
Reserve – Schools	_	<u>4,881,060</u>

# TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

\$ 14,613,185

SECTION 2 – <u>REVENUES:</u> It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Capital Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023:

Interest Earned	\$	5,000
Fund Balance Appropriated	13	3,444,301
Transfer from Solid Waste		100,000
Miscellaneous Revenue		3,600
General Fund Transfer		

# TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

#### V. EMERGENCY TELEPHONE FUND

SECTION 1 – <u>APPROPRIATIONS</u> : The following amounts are hereby appreciate Emergency Telephone Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 June 30, 2023:	
Operating Expenses	\$ 208,740

SECTION 2 - REVENUES: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Emergency Telephone Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023:

NC 911 PSAP\$	208,704
Interest Earned	<u>36</u>

TOTAL EMERGENCY TELEPHONE FUND \$ 208,740

# VI. REAPPRAISAL RESERVE FUND

SECTION 1 - <u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Reappraisal Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023:

Reappraisal	\$	55,000
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#### TOTAL REAPPRAISAL RESERVE FUND

TOTAL EMERGENCY TELEPHONE FUND

\$ 55,000

208,740

SECTION 2 – <u>REVENUES</u>: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Reappraisal Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023:

Transfer from General Fund	\$ 55,000

TOTAL REAPPRAISAL RESERVE FUND

TOTAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT FUND

\$ 55,000

5,350

\$

## VII. DRAINAGE DISTRICT FUND

SECTION 1 – <u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Drainage District Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023:

Maintenance	\$ 5,350

SECTION  $2 - \underline{\text{REVENUES}}$ : It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Drainage District Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023:

Revenue from Assessments	\$ 5,300
Interest	<u>50</u>

TOTAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT FUND \$ 5,350

#### VIII. OCCUPANCY TAX FUND

SECTION 1 – <u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Occupancy Tax Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023:

Tourism Board	\$	850,000
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TOTAL OCCUPANCY TAX FUND \$ 850,000

SECTION 2 – <u>REVENUES</u> : It is estimated that the following revenues will in the Occupancy Tax Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and 30, 2023:	
Occupancy Tax Revenue	\$ 850,000
TOTAL OCCUPANCY TAX FUND	\$ 850,000

#### IX REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE

SECTION 1 – <u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Representative Payee Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023:

Administration	\$	25,000
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## TOTAL REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE FUND

\$ 25,000

SECTION 2 – <u>REVENUES</u>: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Representative Payee Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023:

Social Security Benefits	\$	25,000
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#### TOTAL REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE FUND

\$ 25,000

### X. DEED OF TRUST FUND

SECTION 1 – <u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Deed of Trust Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023:

Payment to State Treasurer	\$	30,000
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### TOTAL DEED OF TRUST FUND

\$ 30,000

SECTION 2 - <u>REVENUES</u>: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Deed of Trust Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023:

Recording Fees	\$	30,000
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TOTAL DEED OF TRUST FUND \$ 30,000

## XI. FINES AND FORFEITURES FUND

SECTION 1 – <u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Fines and Forfeitures Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023:

Payment to ECPPS\$	160.000

## TOTAL FINES AND FORFEITURES FUND

\$ 160,000

SECTION 2 – <u>REVENUES</u>: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Fines and Forfeitures Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023:

Fines & Forf	itures	\$ 160.000
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## TOTAL FINES AND FORFEITURES FUND

\$ 160,000

## XII. UTILITIES FUND

SECTION 1 – <u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Utilities Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023:

Constal (Author)	\$ 2,367,51
Capital Outlay	974,00
Water Purchase	1,500,00
Transfer to RO	4,565,67
Operating Expenses – Waste Water	<u>357,32</u>
TOTAL WATER SYSTEM FUND	\$ 9,764,51
SECTION 2 – <u>REVENUES</u> : It is estimated that the following revenue Utilities Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June	
Sale of Water	
Sewer Revenue	•
Penalties & Fees	
Miscellaneous	•
Fund Balance Appropriated	<u>4,821,01</u>
TOTAL WATER SYSTEM FUND	\$ 9,764,51
XIII. REVERSE OSMOSIS PLANT FUND	
SECTION 1 – <u>APPROPRIATIONS</u> : The following amounts are her Reverse Osmosis Plant Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 202	
2023:	
Operating Expenses	
Capital Outlay	5,452,00
Debt Retirement	<u>1,081,8</u> 0
TOTAL REVERSE OSMOSIS PLANT FUND	\$ 7,398,67
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SECTION 2 - REVENUES: It is estimated that the following revenue	s will be available to th
Reverse Osmosis Plant Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 202 2023:	
	22 and ending June 3
2023:	22 and ending June 3 \$ 2,555,00
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Sale of Water	22 and ending June 3
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Sale of Water	22 and ending June 3

#### XV. WATER/SEWER CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

SECTION 1 – <u>APPROPRIATIONS:</u> The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Water/Sewer Capital Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023:

Reserve Debt	\$	75,000
RO Plant Expansion	2	200,000

#### TOTAL WATER/SEWER CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

\$ 275,000

SECTION 2 – <u>REVENUES</u>: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Water/Sewer Capital Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023:

System Development Fees\$	20,000
Interest Earned	300
Fund Balance Appropriated	<u>154,700</u>

### TOTAL WATER/SEWER CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

\$ 275,000

#### XVI. SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS

SECTION 1: The appropriation to the Board of Education first shall be made from any such funds which are dedicated to the use of the schools and secondly shall be made from general county fund revenues to the extent necessary to meet approved appropriations.

SECTION 2: The total appropriation for Current Expense from General Fund is \$11,364,000.

SECTION 3: The total appropriation for Capital Outlay from General Fund is \$1,509,362.

#### **XVII. OTHER PROVISIONS**

SECTION 1: The County Budget Officer is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations within a fund as contained herein under the following conditions:

- a) He may transfer amounts between objects of expenditure within a department except salary amounts without limitation.
- b) He may not transfer any amounts between departments or funds from any contingency appropriation within any fund.

SECTION 2: No expenditure may be made in any line item that exceeds the amount set forth in the chart of accounts without prior authorization by the County Manager or Board of Commissioners.

SECTION 3: The County Manager and Clerk to the Board are hereby authorized to execute the necessary agreements within funds included in the Budget Ordinance for the following purposes: (1) Form grant agreements to public and non-profit organizations; (2) Purchases of apparatus, supplies and materials, and equipment which are within budgeted departmental appropriations; (3) Leases of real property which are of a duration of one year or less; (4) Services and service contracts which are within budgeted departmental appropriations; (5) Agreements for acceptance of State, Federal, public, and non-profit organization grant funds, and funds from other governmental units for services to be rendered; (6) Construction or repair work where formal bids are not required by law; and (7) Liability, health, life, disability, casualty, property or other insurance or retention and faithful performance bonds (other than for the Sheriff and Register of Deeds). Other appropriate county officials are also authorized to execute or approve such insurance and bond undertakings as provided by law.

#### XVIII. FEES

SECTION 1: There is hereby established a fee of \$69 per ton for residential garbage and \$72 per ton for commercial garbage disposed of at the Pasquotank County Transfer Station for the purpose of raising the revenue listed in the Landfill Fund – Part XI, Section 2 of this ordinance.

SECTION 2: There is hereby established a fee of \$53 per ton for land clearing and inert debris disposed of at the Pasquotank County LCID Landfill for the purpose of raising the revenue listed in the Landfill Fund - Part XI, Section 2 of this ordinance.

SECTION 3: There is hereby established a fee of \$53 per ton for construction and demolition material disposed of at the Pasquotank County C&D Landfill for the purpose of raising the revenue listed in the Landfill Fund-Part XI, Section 2 of this ordinance.

SECTION 4: There is hereby established a solid waste availability fee of \$144 per household for the purpose of raising the revenue listed in the Landfill Fund-Part XI, Section 2 of this ordinance. The solid waste availability fee will remain at \$75 for low-income senior citizens who qualify for the property tax reduction.

SECTION 5: There is hereby established a Pasquotank County Water and Sewer System Development Fees Schedule as follows:

Meter Size	Tap Fee
¾ inch	\$2,500
2 inch	\$5,000
3 inch	\$9,000
4 inch	\$10,500
6 inch	\$16,000
8 inch	\$21,000

#### XIX. TAX LEVY

SECTION 1: There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of sixty two cents (62¢) per One Hundred Dollar (\$100.00) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2022 for the purpose of raising the revenue listed in the General Fund - Part I, Section 2 of this ordinance.

SECTION 2: This rate of tax is based on a total valuation of property for the purpose of taxation of \$4,311,476,812 and an estimated rate of collection of 96.7%.

SECTION 3: There is hereby levied an assessment of twenty-seven cents (27¢) per acre for the Drainage District Fund for the purpose of raising the revenue to maintain the drainage in the Newland service district.

Approved on June 20, 2022 by the following vote of the members of the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners: \_7 in favor; \_0 opposed.

Attest:	Lloyd E. Griffin, III, Chairman Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners
Lynn B. Scott Clerk to the Board	

# 3. **BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW:**

The Board reconvened as the Board of E&R for 2022 for the purpose of continuing the tax appeals for Woodstock I (P89-31), Woodstock II (P121-18A), and Woodstock III (P121-18B).

Ms. Katherine Lane, Pearson Appraisals, explained that we are here tonight to follow up on the three Woodstock appeals from our June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Ms. Lanes explained that the Board of E&R will conclude the almost two year project for the reappraisal. Informal appeals began in January. The informal process went on until such time as the Board of E&R convened. They were able to resolve most of those appeals. Only one residential appeal out of 308 and 10 commercial appeals out of 73 were heard by the Board of E&R. The others were resolved during the informal appeals process. The Board of E&R will conclude the reappraisal process once the final three appeals are heard. The informal appeals process is used to correct data characteristics that can sometimes avoid being heard before the Board. Less than 2% of the County's overall population asked for informal appeals. About eight years ago there were 3% and two appeals came before the Board of E&R. She said they feel

really good about their product. She thanked Tax Administrator Patrice Stewart and her staff, as well as the County's IT Department for all their help during the process.

Ms. Lane provided the following appeal summary for the Woodstock apartments:

- Calvary Real Estate Ross Litkenhous is the authorized tax agent for the taxpayer.
- Woodstock I, II, and III are low-income housing properties.
- N.C. Gen. Stat. 105-277.16 provides the statutory means for valuing such properties. Within the language of this statute, the income approach is the only approved method of valuation.
- The properties were timely appealed to the Pasquotank County Board of Equalization and Review on June 6, 2022.
- Following presentations from Calvary Real Estate and Pearson staff, the Board delayed rendering a decision, instead provided some instruction for the parties to have further discussion and review of data before the June 20, 2022 Board meeting.
- Other one time income items, include notably forgiven PPP loans, were deducted from the NOI.
- Both parties agreed to utilize a combined cap rate of 7.78%, as well as, take into account market reserve replacements and one-time income items as being deducted from the NOI.

# **Assessment Summaries**

• Woodstock I Map P89-31 – Assessment under Appeal: \$3,920,970

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Adjusted Net Operating Income = $283,451.38
Cap rate - 6.30% + Tax rate - 1.48% =
Combined cap rate = 7.78%
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Assessment value agreed upon by Calvary Real Estate and Pearson Appraisal Services \$3,643,333

• Woodstock II Map P121-18A – Assessment under Appeal: \$2,477,000

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Adjusted Net Operating Income = $116,095
Cap rate - 6.30% + Tax rate - 1.48% =
Combined cap rate = 7.78%
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Assessment value agreed upon by Calvary Real Estate and Pearson Appraisal Services \$1,492,225

• Woodstock III Map P121-18B – Assessment under Appeal: \$2,200,000

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Adjusted Net Operating Income = $118,419
Cap rate - 6.30% + Tax rate - 1.48% =
Combined cap rate = 7.78%
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Assessment value agreed upon by Calvary Real Estate and Pearson Appraisal Services **\$1,522,100** 

Motion was made by Charles Jordan, seconded by Sean Lavin to approve the assessment values agreed to by Calvary Real Estate and Pearson Appraisal Services as proposed for Woodstock I, II, and III, and to adjourned the Board of E&R for 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

# 4. <u>APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT TO CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS</u> BOARD:

The Board considered a recommendation made by the Appointments Committee at the last meeting to appoint Randy Cartwright to the Central Communications Board. His application for appointment has been provided to members of the Board. No additional applications were received and no further nominations were made.

Motion was made by Barry Overman, seconded by Cecil Perry to approve the appointment of Randy Cartwright to the Central Communications Board. The motion carried unanimously.

## 5. <u>APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA</u>:

The Board considered the following consent agenda:

Commissioner Lavin noted that Commissioner Sterritt's name was not listed as either present or absent on the June 6, 2022 meeting minutes and requested that be corrected.

## a. Approval of Minutes of June 6, 2022 Commissioner Meeting

## b. <u>Adoption of Order Directing the Tax Administrator to Collect Taxes for the 2022-23 Fiscal</u> Year

Each year, the Board is required to adopt an order authorizing and directing the Tax Administrator to collect taxes for the year.

# c. Approval of Continuation of ½% Discount for Early Payment of Taxes

The County has always offered a discount for early payment of property taxes in July and August. The discount is currently ½%, and it is recommended that the discount be continued because it encourages property owners to pay their taxes early, improves the county's cash flow, and helps spread out the collection of taxes throughout the year, instead of the majority of tax collections being concentrated during the month of December.

## d. Approval of Tax Releases and Refunds

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of the following tax refunds:

#### Tax Refunds

		County	City
1.	Arthur Allen Manigault	108.98	
2.	Robert James McCracken	122.59	
3.	Phuong Thi My Nguyen	144.79	139.15
4.	Rose Lizbeth Vargas	108.98	
5.	Joseph Thomas Wright Jr.	374.22	

# e. <u>Approval of Scrap Tire Recycling and Disposal Contract</u>

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of a five-year contract with Central Carolina Holdings, LLC for the County's scrap tire recycling and disposal. The contract has an \$85 cost per ton for disposal with a Consumer Price Index adjustment added annually that will be calculated in March of each year and applied to the contract price on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The contract includes a transportation cost of \$1,792 per load, with a fuel surcharge and a \$25 Environmental Fee charge.

# f. Approval of Letter of Intent for Kitty Hawk Property

The Finance Committee has recommended approval to sign a nonbinding letter of intent for the \$4.5 million offer submitted by DPJ Residential Acquisitions, LLC for County owned property located at 5200 N. Croatan Highway, Kitty Hawk. The Finance Committee also recommended denying the \$2.7 million offer submitted by the Town of Kitty Hawk.

# g. Approval of Budget Amendments

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of the following budget amendments:

#### DSS

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Increase	011.0230.4547.00	Special Adoption funds	5,000.00
Increase	011.5310.5682.03	PP Adoption Awareness	5,000.00

# DSS

Increase	011.0240.4380.23	COVID – 19 Funds Received	2,500.00
Increase	011.5400.5999.01	COVID - 19	2,500.00

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DSS	011 0220 4526 01		12,000,00
Increase	011.0230.4536.01	Share the Warmth - Revenue	12,000.00
Increase	011.5400.5688.04	Share the Warmth - Expense	12,000.00
DSS			
Increase	011.0240.4536.00	LIEAP – Revenue	499,500.00
Increase	011.5400.5688.03	LIEAP - Expenditure	499,500.00
Tax Admir	nistration		
Increase	010.0110.4115.00	Interest on Delinquent Taxes	11,000.00
Increase	010.4140.5498.00	Tax Foreclosures	11,000.00
Utilities			
Decrease	060.7130.5388.00	Sludge Removal	36,000.00
Increase	060.7130.5357.00	Maintenance - Lines	36,000.00
merease	000.7130.3337.00	Waintenance - Lines	30,000.00
Utilities	T		
Decrease	060.7130.5991.00	Contingency	25,000.00
Increase	060.7130.5188.00	Insurance - Retiree	25,000.00
Utilities			
Decrease	060.7130.5500.00	Capital Outlay	55,000.00
Increase	060.7130.5251.00	Gas & Oil	25,000.00
Increase	060.7130.5299.00	Chemicals	30,000.00
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Landfill Increase	065.0230.4320.00	White Goods Disposal Tax	11,400.00
Increase	065.0230.4319.00	Scrap Tire Disposal Tax	5,000.00
Increase	065.0350.4742.00	Tipping Fees – Charge	100,000.00
Increase	065.0350.4742.01	Tipping Fees – Cash	52,000.00
Increase	065.0375.4741.00	Scrap Metal	35,000.00
Increase	065.0550.4835.00	Sales of Assets	12,700.00
Increase	065.7420.5251.00	Gas & Oil	50,000.00
Increase	065.7420.5353.00	Maintenance – Vehicles	27,000.00
Increase	065.7420.5381.00	Tire Disposal	25,000.00
Increase	065.7420.5387.00	Electronics Disposal	2,500.00
Increase	065.7420.5440.01	Contracted Services – C & D	100,000.00
Increase	065.7420.5440.02	Contracted Services - LCID	11,600.00
Landfill			
Decrease	065.7420.5991.00	Contingency	26,000.00
Increase	065.7420.5440.03	Contracted Services – Tsf Station	26,000.00
Convenien	065.0375.4745.19	Solid Waste Fee – 19	2,000,00
Increase Increase	065.0375.4746.00	Interest on Delinquent SW Fees	2,000.00 675.00
Increase	065.7425.5498.00	Tax Foreclosures	2,675.00
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Increase	010.0110.4111.11	Ad Valorem Taxes-'11	2,800.00
Increase	010.0110.4111.12	Ad Valorem Taxes-'12	4,600.00
Increase	010.0110.4111.13	Ad Valorem Taxes-'13	8,100.00
Increase	010.0110.4111.14	Ad Volorem Taxes-'14	9,200.00
Increase	010.0110.4111.15	Ad Volorem Toyon '16	13,600.00

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Ad Valorem Taxes-'17

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Ad Valorem Taxes-'19

**Interest on Delinquent Taxes** 

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Increase	010.0180.4240.00	Documentary Stamps	40,000.00
Increase	010.0180.4290.00	Gross Receipts Tax	29,000.00
Increase	010.0180.4832.00	Assessment Revenue	9,600.00
Increase	010.0300.4345.01	Inspection Fees	62,000.00
Increase	010.0300.4418.03	Recording Fees	40,000.00
Increase	010.0400.4117.00	Tax Collection Fees	23,500.00
Increase	010.0400.4118.01	Occupancy Tax Collection Fees	2,500.00
Increase	010.0550.4837.00	ABC Net Revenues	50,000.00
Increase	010.0550.4839.00	Miscellaneous Revenue	540,000.00
Decrease	010.0700.4970.00	Loan Proceeds	1,060,354.00

#### **Interest Earnings**

Decrease	010.4195.5440.00	Contracted Services	75,000.00
Decrease	010.0500.4831.00	Interest Earned	75,000.00

#### Sheriff

Increase	010.0991.4991.00	Fund Balance Appropriated	1,000,000.00
Increase	010.4310.5454.00	Insurance – Professional Liability	1,000,000.00

# h. <u>Approval of Appropriation of \$47,000 to Travis Jackson for Settlement of Workers Compensation Claim</u>

The Finance Committee has recommended approval of an appropriation of \$47,000 to Travis Jackson for Settlement of his Workers Compensation claim.

Motion was made by Sean Lavin, seconded by Jonathan Meads to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended, with the correction noted to the June 6, 2022 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

# 5. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Sterritt attended the SPCA meeting. He said the SPCA Board is very appreciative of the appropriation they were allotted in the budget. He received a very nice letter thanking him for his support and efforts in making it happen.

Commissioner Meads said he has not had any committee meetings since the Board's last meeting. Chairman Griffin asked that he schedule a Building and Grounds meeting in the near future to discuss courthouse repair needs. Commissioner Meads said the Board needs to keep transfer taxes in mind when planning next year's budget, because he feels they will slow down as interest rates continue to rise. He said sales tax will probably get hit as well as citizens may start pulling back if inflation continues to escalate.

Commissioner Lavin attended the Parks and Recreation Board meeting. The Board is taking shape with their new Chair and Vice-Chair, and their new structure. He is really excited about the changes. He also attended the Elizabeth City Downtown meeting where they discussed next year's budget cycle and the changes in the downtown over the last couple of years. It used to be a place where there was a plethora of open store fronts, and now the ones that are open are going fast. Businesses that were already in Elizabeth City are now locating downtown. A juice bar will be opening in the next couple weeks. He attended vacation bible school at his church last week. He thanked Chairman Griffin for meeting with Senator Steinburg to discuss the needs of our area.

Commissioner Perry attended the College of the Albemarle Board of Trustees meeting. They discussed salaries and how they can support the proposed simulation lab. He also attended the Jail meeting. They are short staff and are trying to offer incentives to new employees. He said if you pay attention to what is happening throughout the country, you will see that this is a problem in many places. He thanked Commissioner Lavin for bringing the need for security at all our local schools to the Board's attention. He hopes that the Board can continue to discuss ideas of how this can happen.

Commissioner Overman attended the swearing in of the newly elected City Council members. He noted that there was standing room only because of the many people who came out to support them. Hopefully, we will have a good working relationship with them in the future. On a personal note, he was blessed to attend the wedding of his elder son this weekend.

Vice-Chairman Jordan attended the Parks and Recreation Board meeting. He said the new structure is working very well. The Chair and Vice-Chair are very energetic about what's going on in Parks & Rec. He thinks we will see some real improvements. He also attended the Regional Library Board meeting. All of the regional libraries in North Carolina have been allocated \$10 million, but they are still waiting to see when and how much they will receive individually. He attended the Economic Development Commission meeting. They are looking into some opportunities that will improve the economic environment in Pasquotank County. Additionally, he attended the Jail Board meeting. One of their challenges is staffing. It is not just a problem here in Pasquotank County, but other places too. He attended the City's swearing-in ceremony for the new mayor and city council. He spoke with some of them and they seem to be very energetic about working together. Lastly, he attended the Juneteenth Celebration where he made comments on behalf of the County.

Chairman Griffin said he traveled to Raleigh twice over the past couple weeks to meet with our legislators. He stated that Senator Steinburg is committed to northeastern North Carolina, and it is unfortunate that he will no longer represent us. He and County Manager Hammett had some really good conversations with him during their trip. He attended the Business after Hours Event for Juneteenth.

Chairman Griffin reminded the Board of the Social Event with the City Council and the School Board scheduled for July 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM, at the Senior Center, as well as other upcoming events.

There being nothing further to come before the Board;

Motion was made by Charles Jordan, seconded by Sean Lavin to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 PM.

	CHAIRMAN	
CLERK TO THE BOARD		