

The Hoke County Board of Commissioners convened for a regular meeting at 7:00 pm on Monday, May 21, 2018, in the Commissioners Room in the Pratt Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Harry Southerland, Vice Chairman  
Robert Wright  
Allen Thomas, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT:

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


NOT PRESENT:

James Leach, Chairman  
Tony Hunt

Vice Chairman Southerland called the meeting to order with a quorum present and welcomed everyone.

Commissioner Wright led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mrs. Glendia Black-Flippin gave the invocation.

**ITEM 1. Adoption of Agenda**

<p>Hoke County Board of Commissioners</p> <p>227 N Main Street Rutherford, North Carolina 28170</p>		<p>May 21, 2018 7:00 P.M.</p> <p>Commissioner's Room Pratt Building</p>
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<p><u>INVOCATION &amp; PLEDGE:</u> Commissioner Robert Wright</p>		
<p><b>ITEM</b></p>		
<p>1. Adoption of Agenda</p>		
<p>2. Consent Agenda</p>		
<p>a. Minutes from May 7, 2018 regular meeting</p>		
<p>b. NCVTS Pending Refunds</p>		
<p>c. Finance: Budget Amendments</p>		
<p>3. Tax Collector's Report</p>		
<p>4. JCPC Board appointments</p>		
<p>a. Christ Church</p>		
<p>b. Daphne Dudley</p>		
<p>c. Jackie McLean</p>		
<p>d. Stanley Morrison-Sims</p>		
<p>5. Budget Amendment Request – Sheriff Hubert Peterkin</p>		
<p>6. Tax Assessor: Discussion of Hoke-Robeson boundary issue</p>		
<p>7. Manager's Report Proclamation for Hoke County Schools Splash Pad Week</p>		
<p>8. Closed Session</p>		
<p>9. Adjourn</p>		

Vice Chairman Southerland asked if there were any changes to the Agenda.

**Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to add “Selection of Design Build Firm” to the Agenda as Item 7 (adjusting subsequent item numbers), seconded by Commissioner Wright.**

**Action: The motion passed 3-0.**





c. Finance: Budget Amendments

**AMENDMENT TO THE HOKE COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE**  
20170218  
Amendment

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

Increase/Decrease Appropriations:

Title XX	20,000
Public Assistance	(280,000)
Public Assistance	280,000
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Total	\$ 20,000

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:

Social Services	20,000
Social Services	(280,000)
Social Services	280,000
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Total	\$ 20,000

This amendment:

- Appropriates additional state funds for DSS crisis intervention programs (Energy assistance program) Transfers \$20,000 from Daycare to Foster Care Programs to prevent over crowding

Funding Source: State Funds

Submitted: 5-21-2018

Respectfully Submitted by: Alvin J. Jordan Assistant Finance Officer

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ County Manager

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**AMENDMENT TO THE HOKE COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE**  
20170218  
Amendment

Appropriations of the Hoke County Budget Ordinance, pertaining to the Multi-Year Grant Fund operations of the County, shall be amended as follows:

Increase/Decrease Appropriations:

Multi-Year Grant Fund Expenditures	123,027
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Total	\$ 123,027

Revenues of the Hoke County Budget Ordinance, pertaining to the Multi-Year Grant Fund operations of the County, shall be amended as follows:

Increase/Decrease Revenues:

Transfer from General Fund	123,027
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Total	\$ 123,027

This amendment:

- Appropriates to project funds to close old project funds to prevent future audit findings concerning projects in Fund 29 Multi-Year Grant Funds. Please note that these funds have already been taken out of our fund balance by the auditor.

Funding Source: Fund Balance General Fund

Submitted: 5-21-2018

Respectfully Submitted by: Alvin J. Jordan Assistant Finance Officer

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ County Manager

**AMENDMENT TO THE HOKE COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE**  
20170218  
Amendment

Appropriations of the Hoke County Budget Ordinance, pertaining to the CD00 Capital Projects Fund operations of the County, shall be amended as follows:

Increase/Decrease Appropriations:

CD00 Capital Projects Fund Expenditures	44,114
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Total	\$ 44,114

Revenues of the Hoke County Budget Ordinance, pertaining to the CD00 Capital Projects Fund operations of the County, shall be amended as follows:

Increase/Decrease Revenues:

Transfer from General Fund	44,114
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Total	\$ 44,114

This amendment:

- Appropriates to Fund 41 CD00 Capital Project fund to close old project funds to prevent future audit findings concerning Fund 41. Please note that these funds have already been taken out of our fund balance by the auditor.

Funding Source: Fund Balance General Fund

Submitted: 5-21-2018

Respectfully Submitted by: Alvin J. Jordan Assistant Finance Officer

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ County Manager

**AMENDMENT TO THE HOKE COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE**  
20170218  
Amendment

Appropriations of the Hoke County Budget Ordinance, pertaining to the Administrative Capital Projects Fund operations of the County, shall be amended as follows:

Increase/Decrease Appropriations:

Administrative Capital Projects Fund Expenditures	1,831,800
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Total	\$ 1,831,800

Revenues of the Hoke County Budget Ordinance, pertaining to the Administrative Capital Projects Fund operations of the County, shall be amended as follows:

Increase/Decrease Revenues:

Transfer from General Fund	1,831,800
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Total	\$ 1,831,800

This amendment:

- Appropriates to project fund to close old project to prevent future audit findings concerning projects in Fund 48 Administrative Capital Projects Fund. Please note that these funds have already been taken out of our fund balance by the auditor.

Funding Source: Fund Balance General Fund

Submitted: 5-21-2018

Respectfully Submitted by: Alvin J. Jordan Assistant Finance Officer

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ County Manager



**ITEM 3. Tax Collector's Report**

Tax Collector Daphne Dudley presented the following report for tax collections in April, 2018:

**HOKE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**May 21, 2018**

Tax Levy 2017	\$27,188,554.80
Additions to Levy YTD	\$931,465.92
Total 2017 Levy to Date	\$28,130,050.72
Refunds 2017	\$71,378.27
Releases/Abatements	\$18,007.57
Discounts	\$388,574.37
Adjustments	\$147.84
Write Offs	\$528.66
Advertising Charged 2017 Tax Bills	\$3,368.00
Collectable Levy to Date	\$28,121,188.99
Collected To Date	\$26,884,409.82
Uncollected Balance 2017 Tax Levy	<u>\$1,236,789.17</u>

Collections April 2018	\$254,100.49
Releases April 2018	\$0.00
Percent of Levy Collected (Receipts)	95.60%
Percent of Levy Collected (Releases, Etc.)	0.06%

Prior Years Tax Levy April 2018	\$2,011,283.45
Prior Years Collected in April 2018 To Date	\$1,092,907.50
Uncollected Balance Before Releases	\$1,818,375.95
Refunds	\$159,553.91
Releases/Abatements	\$551,219.87
Discounts	\$49.34
Adjustments	\$958.44
Write Offs/Insolvent	\$38,912.15
Uncollected Balance Prior Years	<u>\$1,296,390.53</u>

Prior Years Collected in April 2018	\$96,820.72
Releases Prior Years April 2018	\$0.00
Percent Prior Years Collected (Receipts)	37.54%
Percent Prior Years Collected (Releases, Etc.)	30.31%
Total Uncollected Taxes	<u>\$2,533,179.70</u>

**2016 Taxes**

Tax Levy April 2017	\$27,622,250.75
Collections April 2017	\$214,221.61
Releases April 2017	\$3,060.38
Percent Collected (Receipts)	94.75%
Percent Collected (Releases, Etc.)	0.09%
Prior Years Tax Levy April 2017	\$2,691,453.95
Collections April 2017	\$86,163.43
Releases April 2017	\$81.15
Insolvent	\$0.00
Percent Collected (Receipts)	32.33%
Percent Collected (Releases, Etc.)	0.93%

**ITEM 4. JCPC Board Appointments**

JCPC Chairperson Ronald Flippin submitted 4 names for reappointment to the JCPC Board:

- a. Gwen Quick
- b. Daphne Dudley
- c. Jackie McLean
- d. Shirley Morrison-Sims

The nominees were approved by the JCPC Board at their April 18, 2018 meeting. All have agreed to serve another term and all are County Commissioner Appointee seats.

**Motion: Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the reappointment of Gwen Quick, Daphne Dudley, Jackie McLean and Shirley Morrison-Sims to the JCPC Board, seconded by Commissioner Thomas.**

**Action: The motion passed 3-0.**

**ITEM 5. Budget Amendment Request – Sheriff Hubert Peterkin**

Sheriff Peterkin is requesting a budget amendment of \$7,000 to the Asset Forfeiture line item to fund the repair of the HVAC unit at the Sheriff's Annex.

HOKE COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE  
2017/2018  
Amendment

Section 16 of the Hoke County Asset Forfeiture Fund shall be amended as follows:

<u>Increase/Decrease/ Appropriations.</u>	
Asset Forfeiture Expenditures	7,000
Total	\$ 7,000

Section 17 of the Hoke County Asset Forfeiture Fund shall be amended as follows:

<u>Increase/Decrease/ Revenues.</u>	
Asset Forfeiture Revenue	7,000
Total	\$ 7,000

This amendment:

- appropriates funds to the Asset Forfeiture Capital Outlay

Funding Source: Additional Revenue

Submitted: 5-21-2018

Respectfully Submitted by:	Approved by:
<u>Karen Rogers</u>	_____
Assistant Finance Officer	County Manager

**Motion: Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the \$7,000 Budget Amendment submitted by the Sheriff for HVAC repair, seconded by Commissioner Thomas.**

**Action: The motion was passed 3-0.**

**ITEM 6. Discussion of Hoke-Robeson boundary issue**

Tax Assessor Jennie Gibson updated the Board on the dispute of 123 acres on the Hoke-Robeson County line. Both counties believe the properties are within their jurisdiction. Hoke County stands to lose approximately 123 acres valued at

\$3,328,042. This would result in a \$24,960 loss of tax revenue and a \$3,840 loss in Solid Waste fees.

Mr. Gary Thompson from the NC Geodetic Survey office addressed the Board. His office assists when there is a dispute involving boundary issues between counties.

A survey was completed in 2002 and preliminary results were presented to the Board of Commissioners. Robeson County accepted the survey as submitted but Hoke disputed the survey. NC Geodetic Survey is currently in the process of updating the maps. Vice Chairman Southerland asked Mr. Thompson when he expects the map update to be complete. Mr. Thompson said that the field work has been completed and the update should be ready to present in approximately one month.

Commissioner Wright asked what caused this situation. Mr. Thompson replied that there was a difference in interpretation as to where the county boundary is located. Commissioner Thomas asked if Hoke County stands to lose any residents. Mrs. Gibson replied that there are residences affected.

The County Manager asked Mr. Thompson to explain to the Board the methods for bringing this issue to a resolution. Mr. Thompson said that North Carolina General Statute §153A-18 provides two methods of resolution: §153A-18(a) allows for the counties on a cooperative basis to agree to a survey and accept the survey plat as provided. §153A-18(b) provides for a county to appeal to a superior court judge within the jurisdiction, who may then appoint a boundary commission consisting of one resident from each county and a resident of some other county.

County Attorney Grady Hunt asked Mr. Thompson for confirmation that to restart the process both counties would have to make this request to the NC Geodetic Survey. Mr. Thompson said that this is correct and added that it is the responsibility of the counties to make sure the citizens are not double-taxed.

Commissioner Thomas commented that he prefers Hoke County not voluntarily surrender any acreage to another county. Commissioner Thomas asked the County Manager for Hoke County Staff's recommendation. Mrs. Edens replied that this issue can't be resolved at a staff level and must be approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Vice Chairman Southerland said that he agreed with Commissioner Thomas's statement that Hoke County should not voluntarily surrender any acreage.

**Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion that the County proceed with §153A-18(b), which provides an option for the County to seek resolution through the courts, seconded by Commissioner Wright.**

**Action: The motion passed 3-0**



**ITEM 7. Selection of Design-Build Firm**

Vice Chairman Southerland said that on Monday, May 14, 2018 the full Board interviewed firms who had responded to the Request for Qualifications for the Design-Build project. The firms interviewed were:

Metcon, Inc.  
Bobbitt Design-Build

CSI Systems  
Clancy-Theys

Commissioner Wright said that each of the four companies brought their professional staff with them and gave impressive presentations. Commissioner Wright added that he thought Bobbitt Design-Build best met the criteria that the County needs to successfully complete the Parks & Recreation facility and Cooperative Extension building projects.

**Motion: Commissioner Wright made a motion to select Bobbitt Design-Build for the Parks & Recreation facility and Cooperative Extension building projects, seconded by Commissioner Thomas.**

**Action: The motion passed 3-0.**

Vice Chairman Southerland suggested that the Board share the proposed locations with the public in the near future.

**ITEM 8. Manager's Report**

County Manager Letitia Edens presented a Proclamation to designate the Week of June 4-6, 2018 as Hoke County Schools' week at the Splash Pad.

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



Robert Wright  
Commissioner  
Grady Hunt  
County Attorney  
Letitia Edens  
County Manager  
Gwen McGowan  
Clerk to the Board

**PROCLAMATION**

**HOKE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION/HOKE COUNTY SCHOOLS  
SPLASH PAD WEEK**

WHEREAS, Play is a crucial factor in the overall well-being of children. Children who play outdoors are healthier and suffer less obesity and obesity-related health problems such as diabetes and heart disease, and

WHEREAS, Hoke County leaders believe strongly in providing safe and enjoyable activities for the children of Hoke County, and

WHEREAS, Hoke County constructed a Splash Pad to allow the children of Hoke County to enjoy playing in the water without standing water, and

WHEREAS, This Splash Pad is the first in Hoke County and it is designed as a safe way for the children to have some fun in the sun, and

NOW THEREFORE, The Hoke County Board of Commissioners and Hoke County Schools are partnering to open the Splash Pad during the week of June 4 (Hey!) - June 6, 2018 to the County's elementary schools to celebrate the students' hard work and the end of the school year

James Leach, Chairman

Gwen McGowan, Clerk to the Board

**Motion: Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the Proclamation of June 4-6, 2018 as Hoke County Schools' Week at the Splash Pad, seconded by Commissioner Thomas.**

**Action: The motion passed 3-0.**

Parks & Recreation Director Kendric Maynor said each school can sign up for a two-hour period from 9:00-11:00 am or 12:00-2:00 pm.

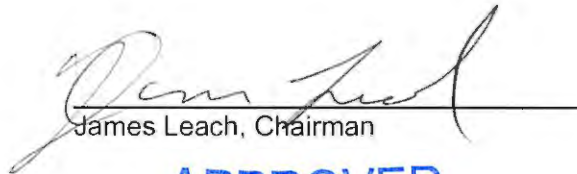
The Splash Pad will open for the 2018 season on Saturday, May 26, 2018. Commissioner Thomas suggested that the County make the May 26 opening an event for the community. Vice Chairman Southerland directed Mr. Maynor to coordinate with Mrs. Stephanie Balaam to inform the public about the event, including advertising in the News-Journal and sending flyers to the schools. Commissioner Thomas suggested making the first day of the Splash Pad season an Annual Community Day.

**ITEM 9. Closed Session**

No Closed Session was held.

**ITEM 10. Adjourn**

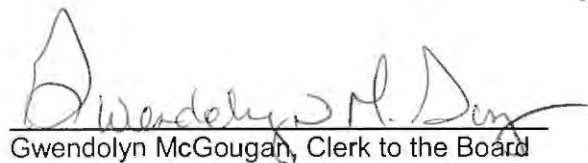
There being no further business, upon motion made by Commissioner Thomas and seconded by Commissioner Wright the Board voted 3-0 to adjourn the May 21, 2018 regular meeting of the Hoke County Board of Commissioners at 7:30p.m.

  
James Leach, Chairman

**APPROVED**

JUN 4 2018 

Hoke Co. Governing Body

  
Gwendolyn McGougan, Clerk to the Board