

PERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEMBERS PRESENT

November 20, 2023
OTHERS PRESENT

Gordon Powell
C. Derrick Sims
Kyle W. Puryear
Charlie Palmer
Jason Thomas

Katherine M. Cathey, County Manager
Michele Solomon, Clerk to the Board
S. Ellis Hankins, County Attorney

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Person, North Carolina, met in regular session on Monday, November 20, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Boardroom 215 in the Person County Office Building located at 304 S. Morgan Street, Roxboro, NC.

Chairman Powell called the meeting to order. Chairman Powell offered an invocation and Commissioner Palmer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Palmer and **carried 5-0** to approve the agenda.

INFORMAL COMMENTS:

The following individuals appeared before the Board to make informal comments:

Andrea Childers of 270 Blackberry Ln., Rougemont spoke on matters related to the proposed Moriah Energy Center. She stated that she has lived in Person County for the past 31 years. Childers stated that over the past month she has heard that Cary has a natural gas storage facility and that it is wonderful. She stated the only comparison between the Moriah Energy Center and the Cary facility is that they both would store natural gas. She stated that the Cary facility was built in the 70's. Childers proceeded to state the subdivisions around the facility came after, which meant the people chose to live near the facility. She advised that residents in Person County did not have that choice. Childers stated that residents' wells and drinking water could potentially become contaminated and polluted. She advised the Board that their constituents deserve better than that. Childers stated the Board needed to be more transparent. She stated the Moriah Energy Center is a bad choice for Person County.

Bernhard Lampert of 5970 Mt. Harmony Church Rd., Rougemont stated that Person County needed economic development, not the Moriah Energy Center, as it will only employ 12 jobs. He stated that the Moriah Energy Center would not be beneficial to Person County residents and would not promote economic development.

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Karolyn Mangeot of 112 Elderberry Ln., Rougemont spoke in opposition to the proposed Moriah Energy Center. She stated that she recently began looking at Person County's Joint Comprehensive Land Use Plan, and the ordinances against storage of hazardous materials and solar energy. She stated that LNG is dangerous and potentially harmful to Person County.

Diane Lesman of 106 Elderberry Ln., Rougemont thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak. She stated that we are stewards of the earth, do not own the land we stand on, and are here for a limited time. Lesman stated if you approve the Dominion Project, you would do great harm to the 465 acres it sits upon. She asked the Board to consider how Person County would benefit from this project.

Tracy Sexton of 453 Berman Clayton Rd., Timberlake spoke on matters related to Dominion Energy's Proposed Moriah Energy Center. She had concerns on whether Dominion Energy conducted an environmental impact study, and if so, has the study been reviewed by independent agencies, including the NC Department of Natural Resources and has the study been made available to the public, Sexton stated concerns of long-term environmental impacts on land, water, and air in Person County, and how it is factored in to the decision-making process.

PJ Gentry of 541 Byrd Creek Ln., Hurdle Mills spoke on matters related to the Person County Department of Social Services (DSS). Gentry provided a handout to the Board and stated they were presented this information in 2021 on options to restructure DSS. She urged the Board to make the right decision.

DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT/APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Chairman Powell asked for removal of Item F-Award Contract to Benefits Consultant from the Consent Agenda and for it to be placed on a future Board meeting for presentation. A **motion** was made by Commissioner Palmer and **carried 5-0** to approve the Consent Agenda with the following items excluding Item F-Award Contract to Benefits Consultant:

- A. Approval of Minutes of October 24, 2023,
- B. Resolution Amending the Board of Commissioners' 2023 Schedule of Meetings to Change Location of the December 4, 2023 Meeting,
- C. Resolution Adopting the board of Commissioners' Schedule of Meetings for 2024,
- D. Budget Amendment # 11,
- E. Budget Amendment # 12,
- F. ~~Award Contract to Benefits Consultant~~, and
- G. Continuing Disclosure Policy

NEW BUSINESS:

**PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023**

Finance Director Amy Wehrenberg introduced Alan Thompson, a representative from Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co, P.A., the accounting firm that completed the annual county audit. Mr. Thompson stated that county finances are good from an audit standpoint. He presented the following audit results to the Board.

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Presentation of Audit Results

Fiscal Year Ended
June 30, 2023



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October 27, 2023

To the Board of Commissioners
Person County
Roxboro, North Carolina

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Person County for the year ended June 30, 2023. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance), as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated May 23, 2023. Professional standards also required that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Person County are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. The County adopted GASB Statement 96 "Subscription Based Information Technology Agreements," effective for fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. We noted no transactions entered into by Person County during the year that were both significant and unusual, and of which, under professional standards, we are required to inform you, or transactions for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. Significant estimate(s) for the County are allowance for doubtful accounts and depreciation. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the allowance and useful lives for depreciation in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent, and clear. Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statement users. There are no such disclosures identified.

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Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representation

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated October 27, 2023.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Auditing Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as Person County's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

There were several items noted in the Medicaid compliance testing that are described in the audit report as findings 2023-001, 2023-002, 2023-003, and 2023-004.

The Local Government Commission (LGC) will no longer initiate communications about concerns or findings (formerly considered unit letters). They have created a spreadsheet that has to be completed and submitted with the audit report. If that worksheet identifies what they consider a "Financial Performance Indicators of Concern" (FPICs), we are required to communicate those items to the Board. The County is required to submit a response within 60 days of the Board meeting in which the financial statements are presented. The detailed audit response should be presented to the entire Board, and signed by the entire Board, Finance Officer, and Manager. The indicators identified on the Data Input sheet related to budgeting an insufficient amount for transfers made between the General Fund and Capital Investment Fund for Restricted Sales Tax.

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Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the Schedule of County's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability (LGERS), Schedule of County Contributions (LGERS), Schedule of County's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Asset (ROD), Schedule of County Contributions (ROD), Schedule of Change in Total Pension Liability – Law Enforcement Officer's Special Separation Allowance, and Changes in Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios, which is required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the combining and individual non-major fund statement schedules, budgetary schedules, and other schedules, and the schedule of expenditures of federal and State awards, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

We were not engaged to report on the Introductory Information on the Statistical Tables which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Commissioners and management of Person County and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co., P.A.

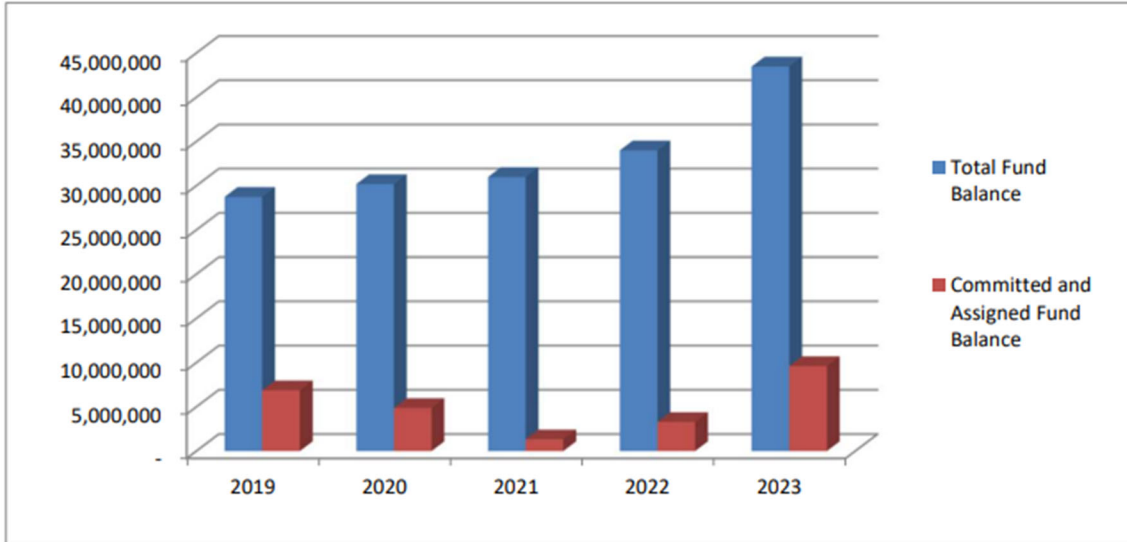
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR 5 YEARS					
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total Fund Balance - General Fund	43,473,088	33,991,489	30,981,684	30,187,382	28,736,001
Unavailable Fund Balance - GF (Nonspendable and Restricted)	9,694,851	9,590,988	7,305,995	7,639,046	6,374,692
Committed and Assigned Fund Balance	9,611,995	3,292,332	1,329,120	4,867,537	6,869,658
General Fund Expenditures (incl transfers out less installment purchase)	68,179,221	67,328,831	61,376,734	57,429,715	53,996,812
Fund Balance Available as % of General Fund Expenditures	49.54%	36.24%	38.57%	39.26%	41.41%
Unassigned Fund Balance	24,166,242	21,108,169	22,346,569	17,680,799	15,491,651
Unassigned Fund Balance as % of General Fund Expenditures	35.45%	31.35%	36.41%	30.79%	28.69%
Revenues over (under) expenditures before transfers and contributions					
General Fund	17,861,242	10,968,987	9,037,959	7,371,661	5,796,574
Stormwater Fund	(172,492)	72,414	108,840	36,381	112,403
Cash vs. Fund Balance					
Cash - General	37,264,661	27,707,443	27,116,626	26,997,733	25,304,489
Cash - Other Governmental	38,550,981	36,865,868	15,081,388	9,604,334	6,856,047
Cash - Stormwater	568,613	773,590	658,880	578,074	509,210
Fund Balance - General	43,473,088	33,991,489	30,981,684	30,187,382	28,736,001
Fund Balance - Other Governmental Funds	21,882,033	16,151,519	10,662,343	9,233,295	6,620,950
Fund Balance - Stormwater	573,204	745,696	673,282	564,442	528,061
Property Tax Rates	0.720	0.720	0.720	0.730	0.700
Collection Percentages	99.47%	98.62%	99.33%	98.90%	98.85%
Collection Percentages (excluding Motor Vehicle)	99.42%	98.50%	99.27%	98.82%	98.75%
Total Property Valuation	5,456,128,040	5,308,914,861	4,751,201,023	4,604,463,787	4,640,852,286
Total Levy Amount	39,309,759	38,252,589	34,255,502	33,682,129	32,502,011
Breakdown of General Fund Revenues					
Ad Valorem Taxes	39,852,732	38,172,626	34,703,380	33,912,575	32,673,488
Other Taxes, License & Permits	15,087,403	13,707,780	11,480,838	9,841,920	9,508,140
Intergovernment Revenue	10,379,183	11,027,306	10,086,325	9,745,471	8,535,384
Sales and Services	5,271,187	5,267,561	4,895,564	4,171,779	4,538,890
Investment Earnings	1,255,004	55,105	6,009	331,430	545,804
Miscellaneous	854,745	1,193,177	905,419	569,193	898,783
Total	72,700,254	69,423,555	62,077,535	58,572,368	56,700,489
Breakdown of General Fund Expenditures					
General Government	8,649,976	8,530,374	8,393,239	6,880,173	6,655,472
Public Safety	15,828,496	14,554,279	14,264,582	13,277,672	12,966,100
Transportation	1,152,245	1,022,038	881,606	1,011,707	1,212,589
Human Services	12,282,682	13,458,392	13,475,971	11,581,512	12,349,600
Environmental Protection	116,713	148,494	145,800	146,863	115,375
Economic and Physical Development	1,210,630	1,104,336	1,088,052	1,136,411	805,270
Cultural and Recreational	2,275,346	1,929,160	1,911,945	1,976,766	1,883,322
Education	12,371,101	11,753,008	11,759,077	11,787,235	10,779,335
Capital Outlay	951,823	5,954,487	1,119,304	1,396,141	2,043,623
Debt Service	-	-	-	2,006,227	2,093,229
Total	54,839,012	58,454,568	53,039,576	51,200,707	50,903,915

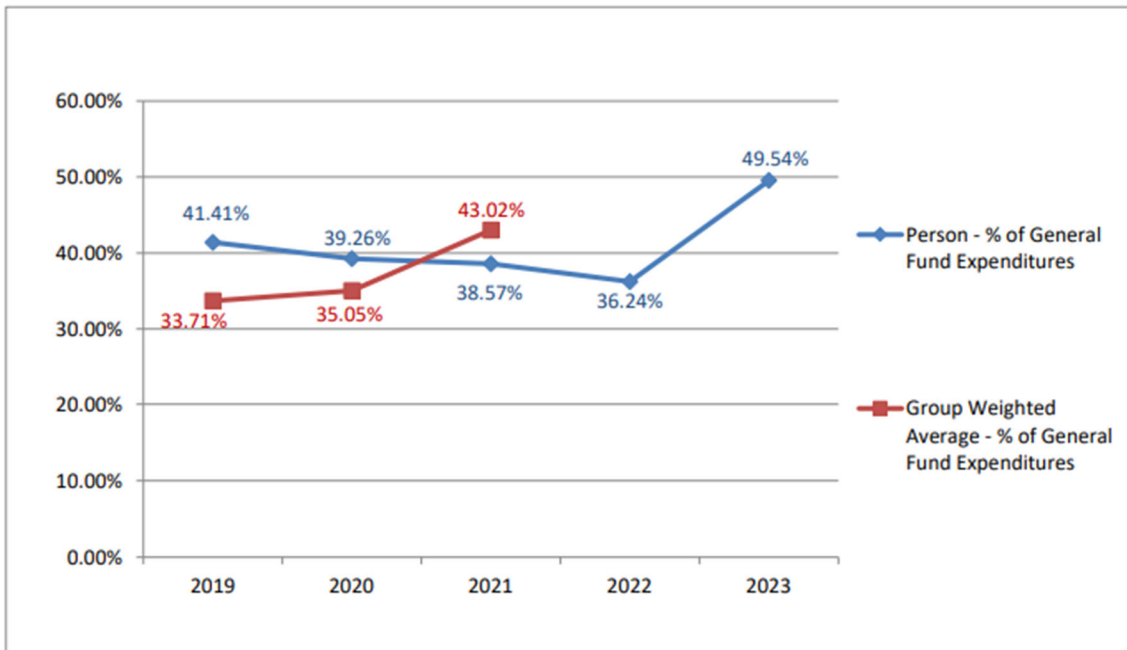
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Analysis of Fund Balance



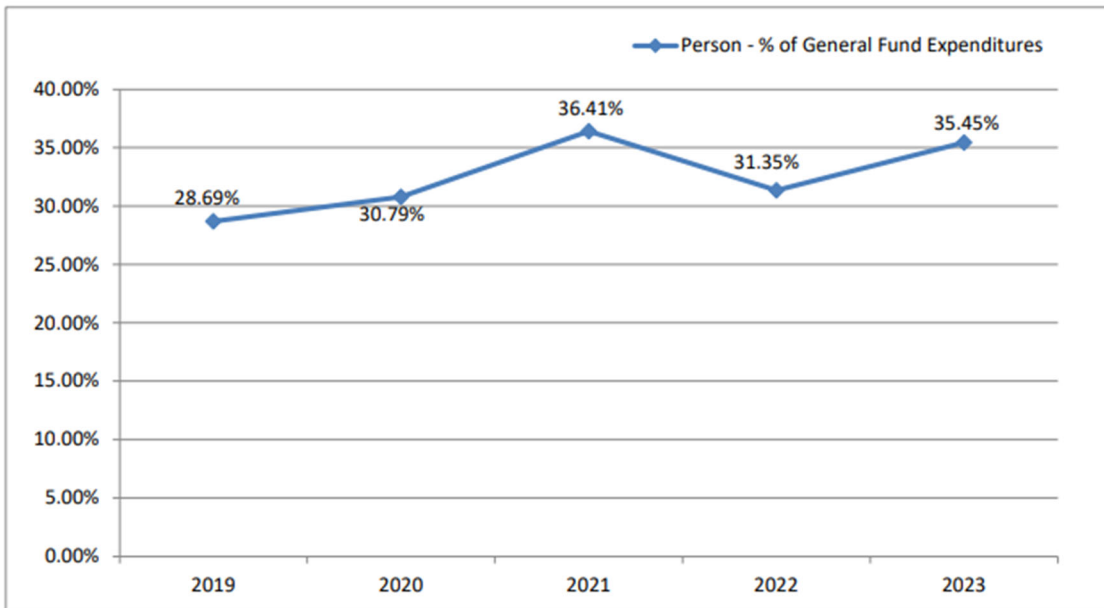
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Analysis of Fund Balance Available

(Note - 2022 and 2023 Group Weighted Average Not Available at Date of Presentation)



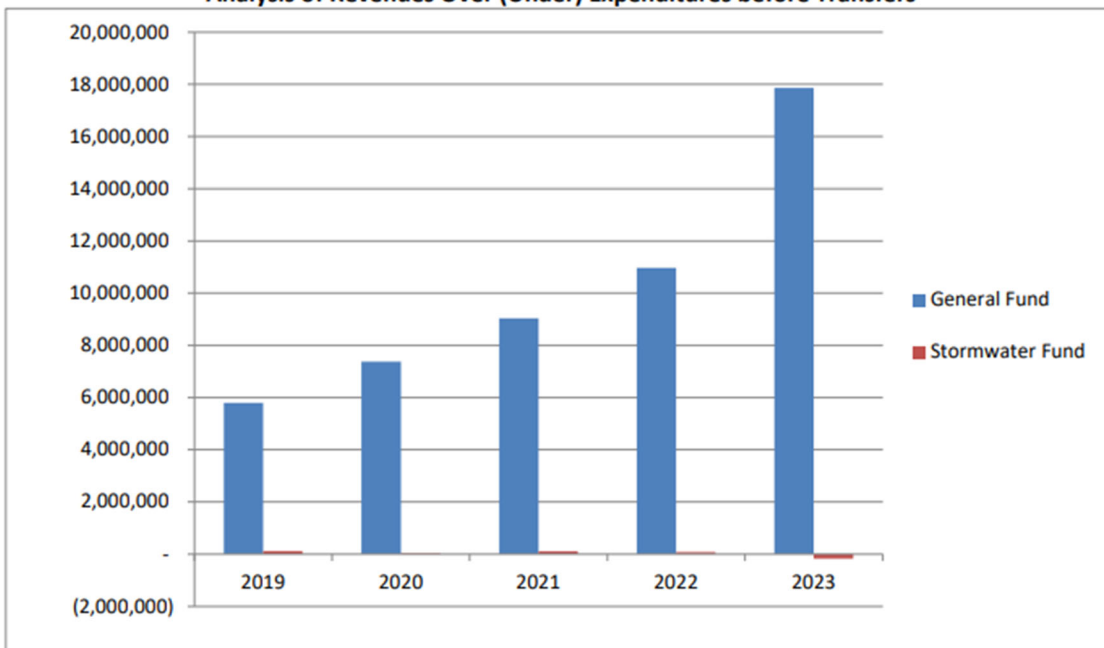
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Analysis of Unassigned Fund Balance as a % of General Fund Expenditures



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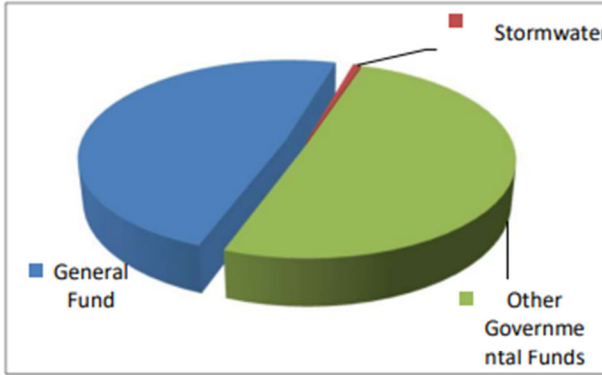
Analysis of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures before Transfers



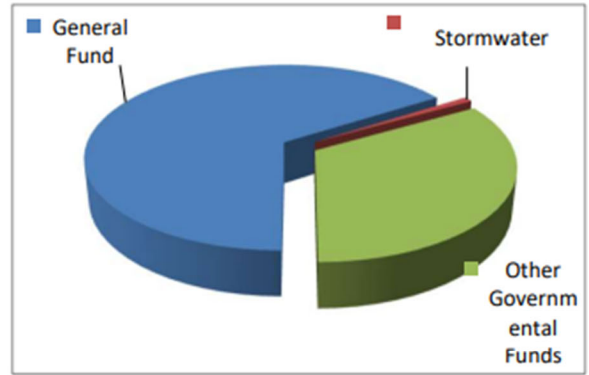
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Analysis of Cash and Fund Balances
at June 30, 2023

CASH BALANCES



FUND BALANCES

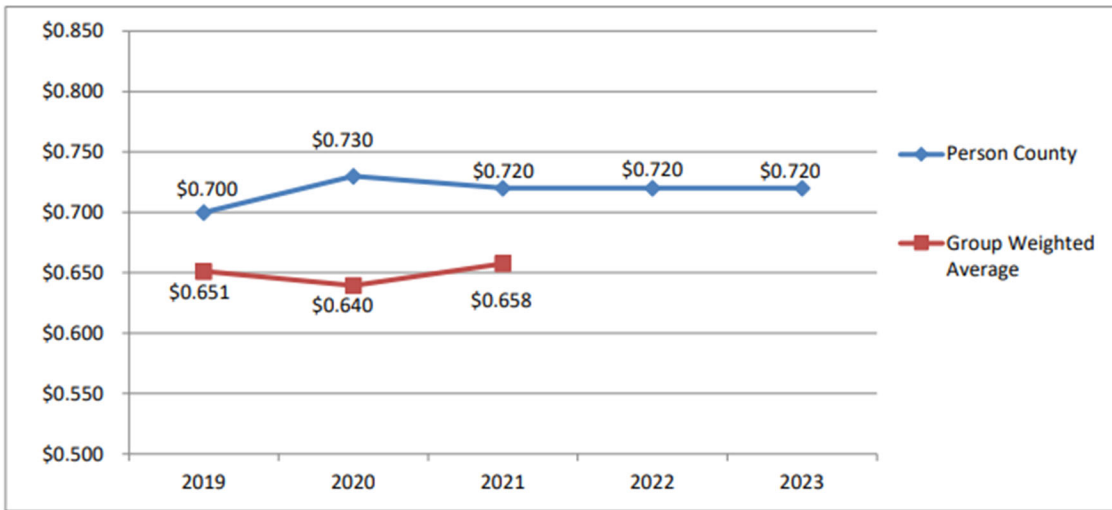


	2023	
	<u>Cash Balances</u>	<u>Fund Balances</u>
General Fund	\$ 37,264,661	\$ 43,473,088
Stormwater	568,613	573,204
Other Governmental Funds	38,550,981	21,882,033
Total	<u>\$ 76,384,255</u>	<u>\$ 65,928,325</u>

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Property Tax Rates

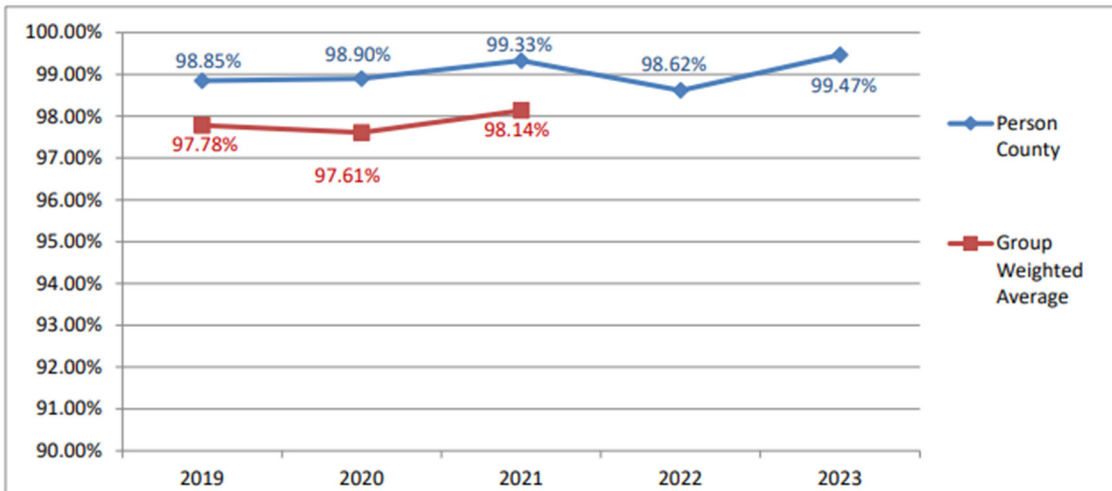
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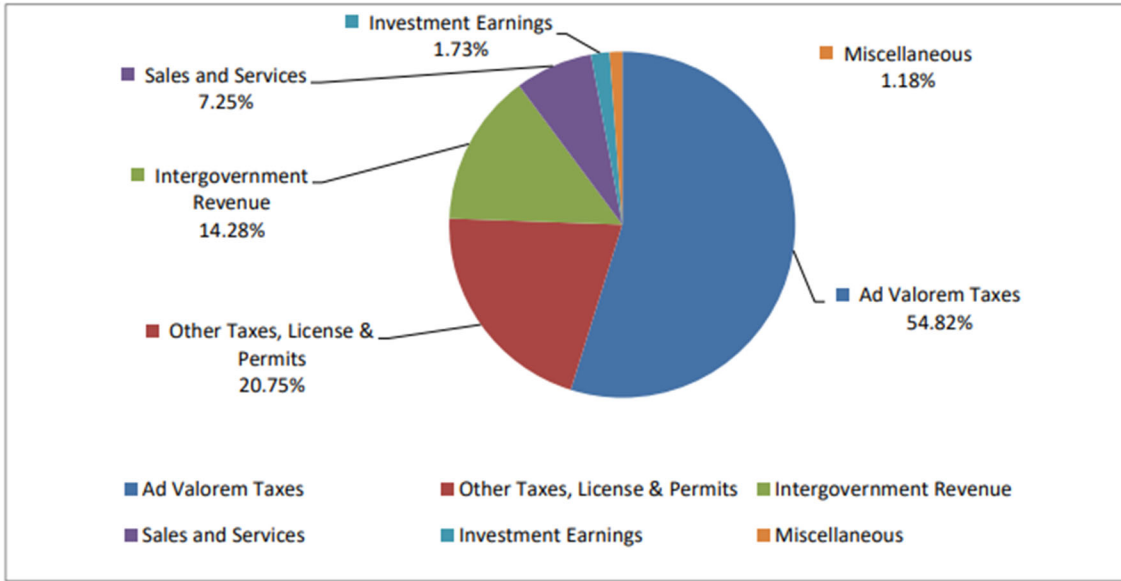
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Collection Percentages

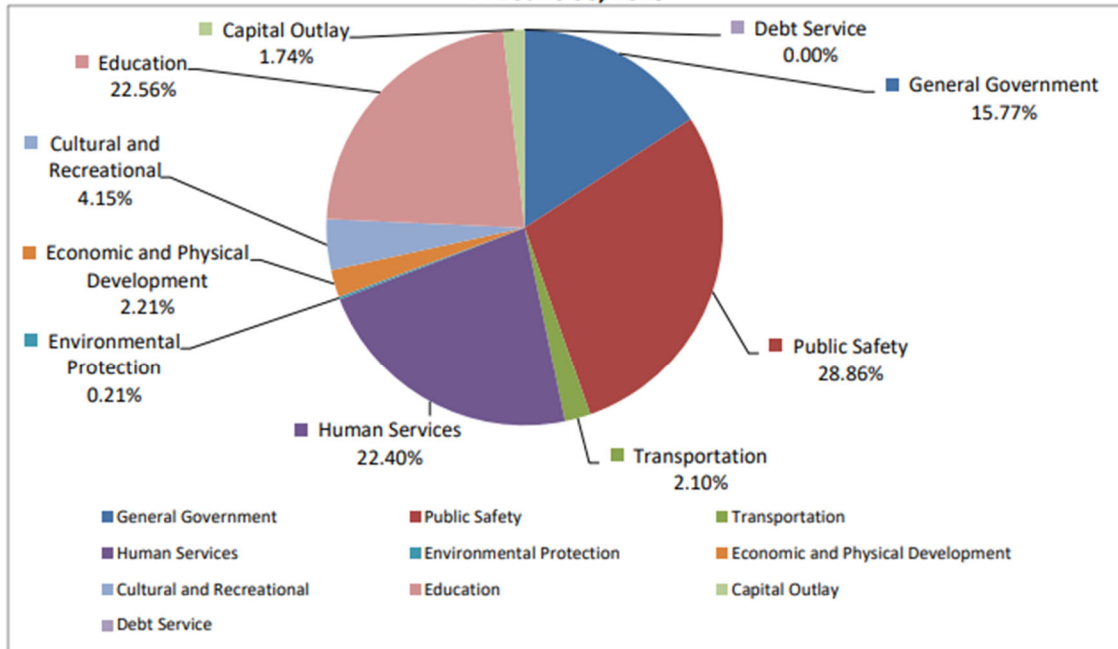
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Break Down of General Fund Revenue
FYE June 30, 2023



PERSON COUNTY
Break Down of General Fund Expenditures
FYE June 30, 2023



ADDITIONAL REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS

Changes to the Audit Process

The Local Government Commission (LGC) will no longer initiate communications about concerns or findings (formerly considered unit letters). They have created a spreadsheet that has to be completed and submitted with the audit report. If that worksheet identifies what they consider a "Financial Performance Indicators of Concern" (FPICs), we are required to communicate those items to the Board.

You are required to submit a response within 60 days of the Board meeting in which the financial statements are presented. The detailed audit response should be presented to the entire Board, and signed by the entire Board, Finance Officer, and Manager.

The responses are required to be uploaded on the LGC's website. Responses were provided in the Corrective Action Plan section of the audit report. These same responses can be used in your response to the LGC concerning these items. You are not required to address the compliance findings. The following are the items that have to be addressed by responding directly to the LGC with a corrective action plan.

General Performance Indicator

The Unit had material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, statutory violations and /or items identified on the TD info completed by the Auditor tab that should be addressed in the FPIC Response Letter.

Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations: For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the transfers made from the General Fund exceed the authorized appropriations by \$357,201. This resulted in the County receiving more in sales tax that was accrued at year end than anticipated, and the resulting transfer to the Capital Investment Fund that was required for restricted sales tax for the schools was not adequately budgeted for.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear and carried **5-0** to accept the annual comprehensive financial report for FY23.

FUNDING REQUEST FROM PERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

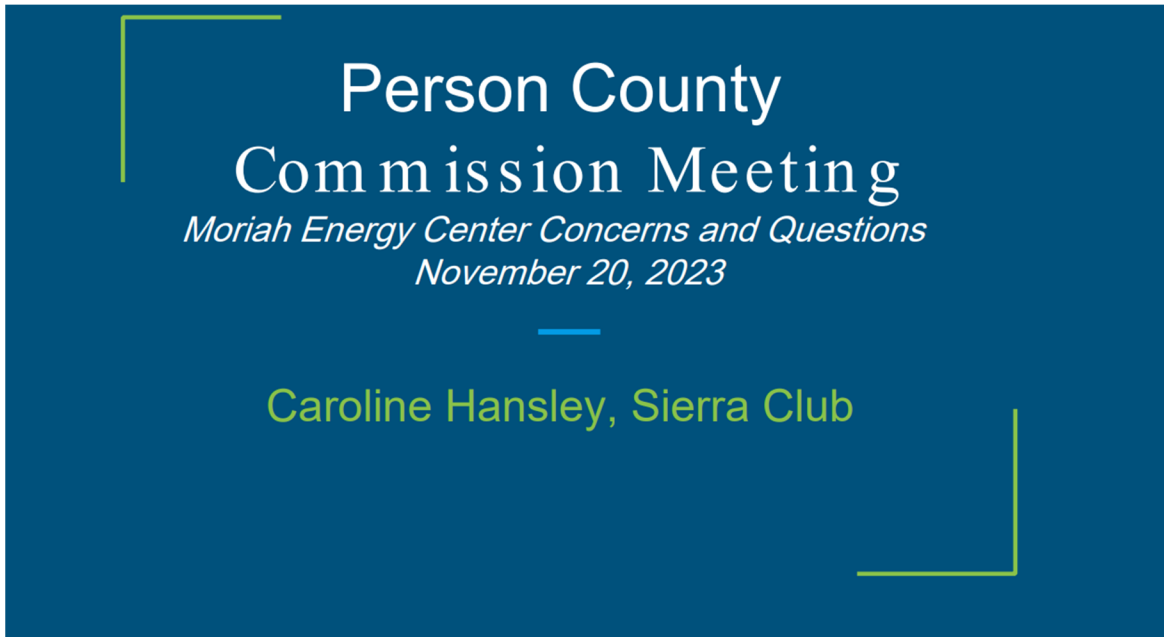
Funding request presented by Person County Schools Superintendent Dr. Rodney Peterson. Dr. Peterson stated Alternate 5 was not a part of the contract voted on by the Board of Education on September 14, 2023. He stated the bid opening for the Person High School ADA and Stadium Improvements on September 12, 2023, exceeded the County's identified contract value of \$11,118,000. Dr. Peterson stated after the contract was awarded to Legacy Builders, the value engineering to the base bid and the project alternates allowed the project to include the stadium bleachers within the identified contract value. He stated Person County Schools is requesting an additional \$3M to fund the completion of the Concession/Bathroom Alternate 5 of ADA/Safety Project for Person High School. Dr. Peterson stated the Board of Education is requesting the funds so the concession and bathroom phase could be completed with the bleacher project. He stated the Board of Education recommends the county approve the additional funding to complete the Concession and Bathroom Alternate 5 of the ADA/Safety Project for Person High School.

County Manager Katherine Cathey advised the request fits in the debt model with no negative impact.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear and **carried 5-0** to approve a \$3M capital outlay from the Capital Investment Fund for renovations of the Person High School concession building to include ADA accessible restrooms, concessions, a press box and coach's offices.

MORIAH ENERGY CENTER DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS

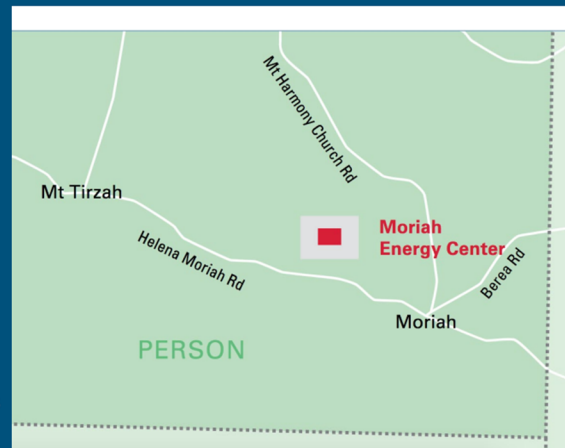
Sierra Club Senior Field Organizer Caroline Hansley presented the following presentation.



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Overview

- Two proposed 25 million gallon storage tanks (2 billion cubic feet) each
 - Could be used as little as 8 days a year
 - ~100 feet tall or 10 stories
 - Current zoning allows 1-2 story buildings
- Dominion has asked to rezone 485 acres from Rural Conservation (RC) to Heavy Industrial, instead of just the 50-70 they plan to develop
- Environmental, safety, and health concerns abound



Lack of Economic Benefits

- According to a recent study by Synapse Economics, Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina already have enough existing gas infrastructure to meet the maximum gas demand until 2030.
- “Up to” to 12 permanent jobs will be created; jobs that are unlikely to go to Personians due to a lack of necessary expertise.
- Dominion Energy promised Rockingham and Alamance Counties >\$1 million per year in 2018 for a pipeline that has yet to be built.

Safety Concerns

- Emergency first responders in rural areas usually do not possess the assets, resources, training, or personnel to properly respond to a catastrophic explosion or leak.
- Homes are located less than ¼ of a mile from the proposed site.
- The federal agency, Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, (PHMSA) has tracked **>30 incidents at LNG facilities since 2011.**



6/7/2018 in WV - Leach Xpress, owned by TransCanada. 6 months into operation

Health and environmental concerns

- Highly pressurized gas facilities are known to leak methane.
- This facility, if built, would emit four tons of hazardous air pollutants annually.
- Those living near LNG facilities have been known to experience adverse health impacts.
- OSHA classifies LNG as a hazardous material.

Water Quality Issues

- Endangered, threatened, and rare freshwater mussels and other threatened species have been documented downstream.
- An environmental impact statement and feasibility study must be conducted.
- Downstream impacts as well as ground, surface, and well water impacts must be considered.



Say no to the rezoning request from Dominion

- Rezoning contradicts Guiding Principle #1 of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan
- Community members are concerned and want more time to understand the project.

GUIDING PRINCIPLE
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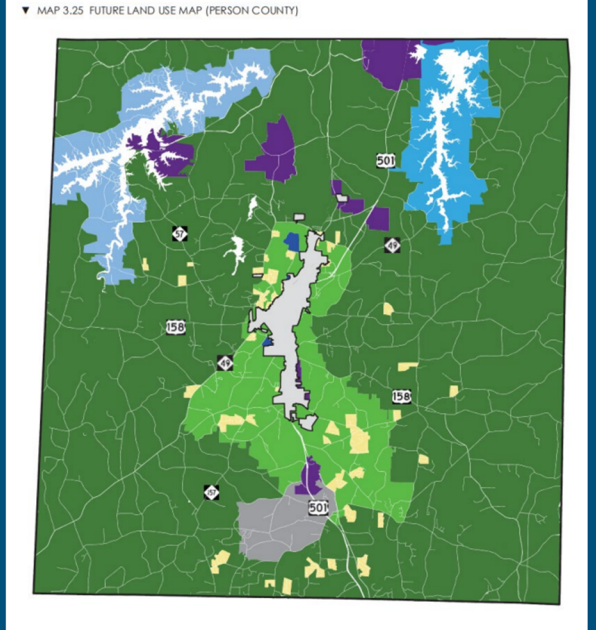
**CELEBRATING OUR
RURAL CHARACTER AND
LIFESTYLE**

We value the agricultural heritage and abundant natural resources that lie at the heart of the economic and cultural foundations of our community.

Person County and the City of Roxboro have valued their agriculture roots for many years. The need to protect and celebrate the County's rural nature and environmental amenities has long been recognized, as evidenced by the previous planning efforts and the more recent Farmland Preservation Plan completed in 2016. The importance of agriculture and rural character emerged again during the stakeholder interviews, community survey, and in discussions with the Steering Committee. The topic emerged as one of the focus areas and was featured as a discussion panel during the process. This guiding principle recognizes the importance of maintaining Person County's rural character and lifestyle well into the future.

Questions?

- Caroline Hansley, Senior Field Organizer, Sierra Club
- caroline.hansley@sierraclub.org



PUBLIC PROPERTY NAMING POLICY

Assistant County Manager Brian Hart presented the following Public Property Naming Policy to be considered for adoption by the Board.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Sims and **carried 5-0** to adopt the Person County Government Public Property Naming Policy authorizing the Person County Board of Commissioners sole authority to designate the name of all public property and facilities.



PERSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT
PUBLIC PROPERTY NAMING POLICY

(Adopted November 20, 2023)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners for Person County that the following policy and process applies to the consideration and adoption of naming rights for public property owned by Person County Government.

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PUBLIC PROPERTY NAMING POLICY

I. Policy Statement and Purpose

Person County has the sole authority to designate the name of all public property and facilities. All County owned property, buildings, facilities and land shall bear such names as the Person County Board of Commissioners shall approve pursuant to this policy. The purpose of this policy is to establish consistent standard procedures and guidelines for the naming of public property, buildings, facilities and land owned by Person County.

II. Policy Guidelines

1. This policy will undergo periodic review by County Manager's Office, County Attorney and other assigned staff, as deemed necessary.
2. Exceptions to this policy of naming property belonging to the County may be made by the Board of Commissioners, as it deems appropriate.
3. This policy shall not be construed as a mechanism for selling the permanent naming rights of County structures, buildings, facilities or land.

III. Criteria for Consideration

1. The Board of Commissioners will consider proposals from the public for the naming of County property, a park, public open space, building or area within a park, building or open space to recognize the following:
 - a. a person,
 - b. organization,
 - c. historical event,
 - d. geographic location or feature, *or*
 - e. a plant or animal indigenous to Person County.
2. The Board of Commissioners will consider naming public property for an individual or an organization only when the individual(s) or organization has made exceptional contributions to the County or the community at large in the form of money, land, time or overall service to the community.
3. The Board of Commissioners cannot control the names of buildings or parcels of land that are sold and are no longer used to provide County Services.
4. Official names for property belonging to the County shall only be changed by the Board of Commissioners as it deems appropriate.
5. This policy does not apply to naming of public roads, streets, alleys or other similar thoroughfares.

IV. Process for Consideration

The proposed naming of a public building, facility or land may generate in the following manner:

1. County-appointed advisory boards or committees may present a request to the Board of Commissioners in writing detailing the merit, basis or cause for the proposed naming of a facility. Consideration of the recommendation shall be made during a public meeting.
2. A County citizen or group of County citizens who wish to recommend the naming of a park, building, public open space or a particular area within a County facility to the Board of Commissioners may make a request in writing to the County Manager for consideration by the Board of Commissioners.
3. The County may accept a donation of land, money, materials and or services by an individual or organization where the donor has stipulated a naming will occur to recognize the contribution. In such instances, the agreement is final and the name cannot be changed unless the Board of Commissioners decides to return the land, money, materials or services to the individual or organization. The agreement may also become null if the individual or organization fails to deliver, in full, the agreed upon land, money, materials or services to the County.

V. Guidelines for Naming of Property

1. Upon receipt of a recommendation during an open meeting, the Board of Commissioners shall state its intent to consider the adoption of a resolution for the naming or renaming of a public building, facility or land at the next or some subsequent meeting as determined by the board; and call for a public hearing with proper public notice to hear comments on the proposal.
2. The County Commissioners may determine that the public building, facility or land is significant enough to require holding community meetings in the targeted area to solicit additional public input.
3. Upon approval of the resolution by the Board of Commissioners, the public building, facility or land shall bear the assigned name to it from here after as the board prescribes.
4. Current names for property belonging to the County shall remain the same unless changed by the Board of Commissioners. Designation of a name shall not prohibit the renaming of the building or property at a future date, or the designation of a sunset for the name at the time of approval.
5. A public building/facility under construction/renovation or land purchased or owned for park development or conservation/preservation will be given a working title that will only become the official name of the property when formally approved by the Board of Commissioners.
6. The County reserves the right to determine how naming recognitions are acknowledged or displayed.
7. The Board of Commissioners may determine that there are certain buildings of such unique importance to the County, such as the County Office Building, and, therefore, they shall not be named; however, rooms within these buildings may be named.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

Chairman Powell reported that economic development inquiries are consistently growing as well as inquiries regarding the Mega Park. He reported that he attended the Person County Employee Longevity Award Lunch, and 45 employees were recognized during this great event to honor employees for their years of service. Powell reported that he attended the Farm City Breakfast and stated it was a great event.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

County Manager Katherine Cathey had no report.

COMMISSIONER REPORT/COMMENTS:

Vice Chairman Sims thanked all in the audience for coming out and expressing concerns. He expressed thanks to all Person County employees for all they do.

Commissioner Palmer thanked the audience for being here today. He reported that he attended the Farm City Breakfast, and it was a great event and great food. Palmer reported that he was pleased to contribute to the Person Industries Stew Sale by purchasing stew.

Commissioners Puryear and Thomas had no report.

CLOSED SESSION #1

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Palmer and carried **5-0** to enter into Closed Session #1 at 10:07 a.m. per General Statute 143-318.11(a)(5) to establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract with the following individuals permitted to attend: County Manager Katherine Cathey, Clerk to the Board Michele Solomon, County Attorney Ellis Hankins, and Finance Director Amy Wehrenberg.

Chairman Powell called the Closed Session #1 to order at 10:10 a.m.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear and carried **5-0** to return to open session at 10:44 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION #2

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear and carried **5-0** to enter into Closed Session #2 at 10:45 a.m. per General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6) for the purpose to discuss personnel with the following individuals permitted to attend: County Manager Katherine Cathey.

Chairman Powell called the Closed Session # 2 to order at 10:49 a.m.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Sims and carried **5-0** to return to open session at 11:34 a.m.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Sims and carried **5-0** to increase County Manager Cathey's salary to \$138,044 effective 7/1/2023.

ADJOURNMENT:

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear and **carried 5-0** to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Michele Solomon
Clerk to the Board

Gordon Powell
Chairman