

## Brunswick County Board of Commissioners 7/17/17

### OBSERVER REPORTING - League of Women Voters, Lower Cape Fear

Highlight: Levels of GenX in water supply trending downward

The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on July 17, 2017, beginning at 6:00 pm in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the David R. Sandifer Building in the County Government Center in Bolivia. All commissioners were present including: Randy Thompson, Martin Cooke, Pat Sykes, Mike Forte, Frank Williams. Staff present included the County Manager, Ann Hardy. An [agenda](#) was posted prior to the meeting. The Wilmington Star News was present.

#### Agenda discussion topics relevant to LWV positions/programs:

The mayor of Shallotte (Walt Eccard) presented the town's Waterfront Development Project. The mayor made note of the 600 jobs this will bring to the community. He provided assurance that precautions are being taken to address any environmental impacts the development poses since it is so close to the water. The presentation goal was to inform the commissioners of the project and request project infrastructure cost support.

A presentation of the Cape Fear Regional Bicycle Plan was made by planning consultants engaged by the Cape Fear Council of Governments. The plan contains goals to provide increased transportation options, help to improve the health and well-being of the community, and address biking safety concerns. The commissioners voted to adopt the plan.

An update was presented to the board on the public water supply. It was noted that the levels of GenX in the water have dropped and are trending downward. Testing will continue on a weekly basis. Governor Cooper has urged the EPA to step forward to address this issue. He is asking the EPA for an enforceable limit on GenX. The board discussed concerns regarding other chemicals in the water supply and the need to look beyond GenX. The Board of Commissioners [web HYPERLINK "http://www.brunswickcountync.gov/genx/"](http://www.brunswickcountync.gov/genx/) site has up-to-date information on water supply issues.

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