

**MINUTES
BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PRE-AGENDA MEETING**

The Burke County Board of Commissioners held a pre-agenda meeting on March 1, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in the County Board Room, Burke Services Building, 110 N. Green Street in Morganton, N.C. The meeting was streamed live on the County's YouTube channel, BurkeCountyNC, and it was broadcast on the local cable systems later. The agenda, in its entirety, was posted to the County's website, www.burkenc.org, several days prior to the meeting as usual. Both Burke County and the state of North Carolina had previously declared a state of emergency which was ongoing as of this date due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. Those present were:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Scott Mulwee, Chairman
Johnnie W. Carswell, Vice Chairman
Wayne F. Abele, Sr.
Jeffrey C. Brittain
Maynard M. Taylor

STAFF PRESENT: Bryan Steen, County Manager
Margaret Pierce, Deputy County Manager/Finance Director
J.R. Simpson, II, County Attorney
Kay Honeycutt Draughn, Clerk to the Board

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mulwee called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: To approve the agenda.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Wayne F. Abele, Sr., Commissioner
AYES:	Scott Mulwee, Johnnie W. Carswell, Wayne F. Abele, Sr., Jeffrey C. Brittain and Maynard M. Taylor

PRESENTATIONS

AS - PETS OF THE MONTH

Kay Draughn, Clerk to the Board, filling in for Kaitlin Settlemyre, Animal Services Director, said Animal Services staff will present a dog and a cat in need of their "forever" homes at the regular meeting.

RESULT: MOVED WITHOUT OBJECTION TO THE NEXT MEETING ON MARCH 15, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS

COMM. DEV. - ZONING MAP AMENDMENT ZMA 2022-01 & PUBLIC HEARING - 6:00 P.M.

Alan Glines, Deputy County Manager/Planning Director, presented information regarding ZMA 2022-01 as follows:

REQUEST

Burke County has received a rezoning application from Mickey Evans to rezone one parcel of land totaling 1.15 acres. The request is to rezone the property from its current zoning of Residential Two (R-2) to the General Business (G-B) zoning district.

BACKGROUND AND SITE ANALYSIS

This is a resubmittal of a rezoning application which the Board of Commissioners denied last August 2021. According to Section 8.11(5) of the zoning ordinance, an applicant must wait a minimum of ninety (90) days before resubmitting a rezoning application for the same request. The applicant is, again, requesting the rezoning in order to establish a Contractor's Storage Yard for his existing business (Evans Construction) which is adjacent to the subject property. The applicant has shared that he has purchased property elsewhere to store the recycled asphalt. This issue was part of the complaint of the neighbor to the southwest during the original application request. The applicant submitted a site development plan for the property (REID# 39219) and staff approved that plan on February 2, 2022. On February 3, 2022, the applicant was issued a Zoning Permit to establish a Contractor's Storage Yard on that land.

The parcel is described as follows:

The parcel is further identified in county records as (REID# 59577 / PIN# 2773135760). The subject parcel does not have a 911 address however, Mr. Evans adjoining business address is 2646 Raintree St., Connelly Springs, NC 28612. The parcel is located within the Icard Township and Fire District of Burke County. The parcel is located within a WS-IV PA Water Supply Watershed. Records indicate that the properties are served by public water and private onsite septic. The parcel is at the end of a dead-end street, Ashton Dr., which is a private road with a 45' right-of-way. The road is partially paved and partially gravel.

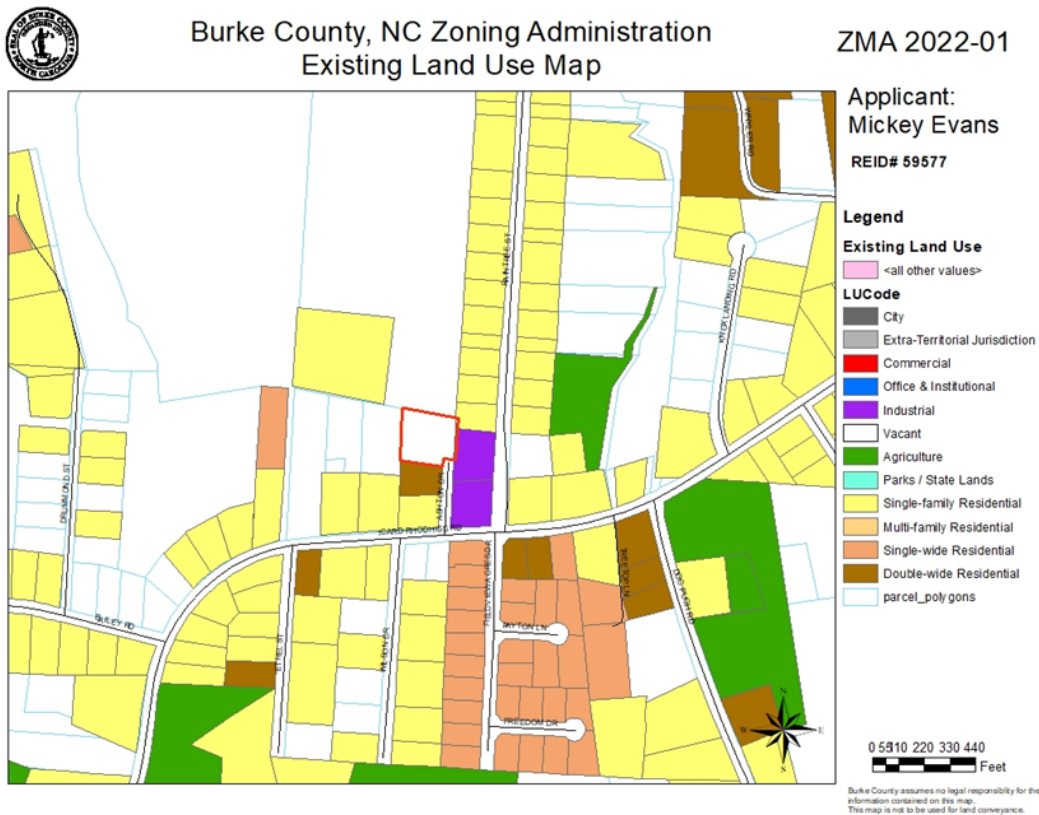
SURROUNDING AREA

The surrounding area is predominantly high density residential in character. Mr. Evans' existing business and one other business on the corner of Icard Rhodhiss Road and Raintree St. are the only non-residential uses in the area. Mr. Evans' existing business is zoned General Business and the other parcel is zoned Industrial. The county zoning in this area consists of Residential-Two (R-2), Residential Three (R-3), Estate Lot Conservation, General Business, and Neighborhood Business Districts.

Existing Zoning and Land Uses within the Surrounding Area		
	Current Zoning	Existing Land Uses
North	R-2, R-3	Residences / Vacant land
South	R-2, R-3	Residences

East	R-2, R-1	Vacant, Residences
West	R-2, R-1	Vacant, Residences

The Existing Land Use Map (Below) provides a visual representation of the existing uses outlined in the "Existing Zoning and Land Uses within the Surrounding Area" table (Above). The subject parcel is outlined in red and is shown as vacant land. The property is adjacent to two parcels shown as Industrial uses. Mr. Evans' business property is actually zoned General Business; however, the use was classified as an industrial use of land. The remaining parcels are shown as either residential or agriculture uses or vacant.



The Aerial Land Use Map (below) coincides with the Existing Land Use Map. Within this map, you are able to visually see the actual structures within the area.

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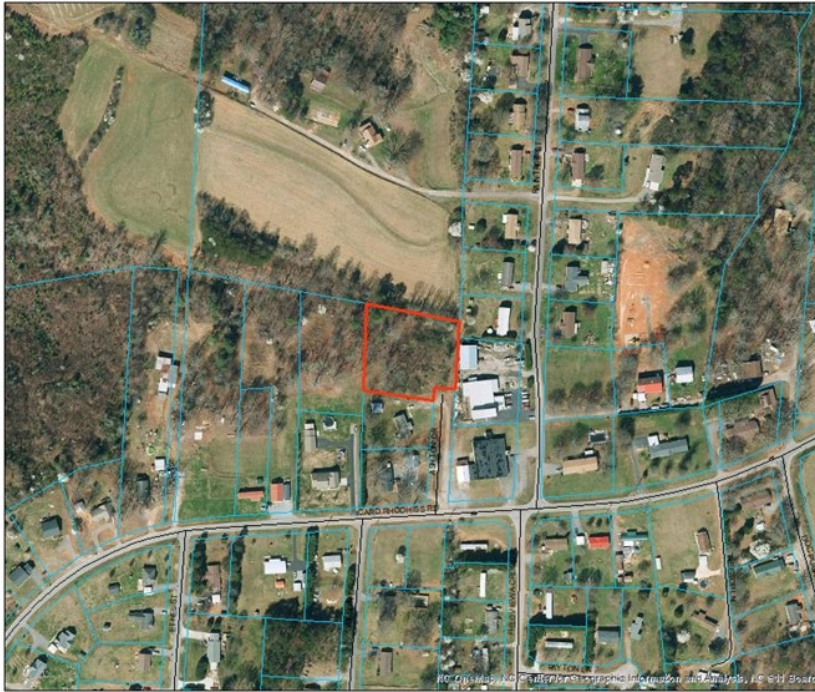


Burke County, NC Zoning Administration
Aerial Land Use Map

ZMA 2022-01

Applicant:
Mickey Evans

REID# 59577

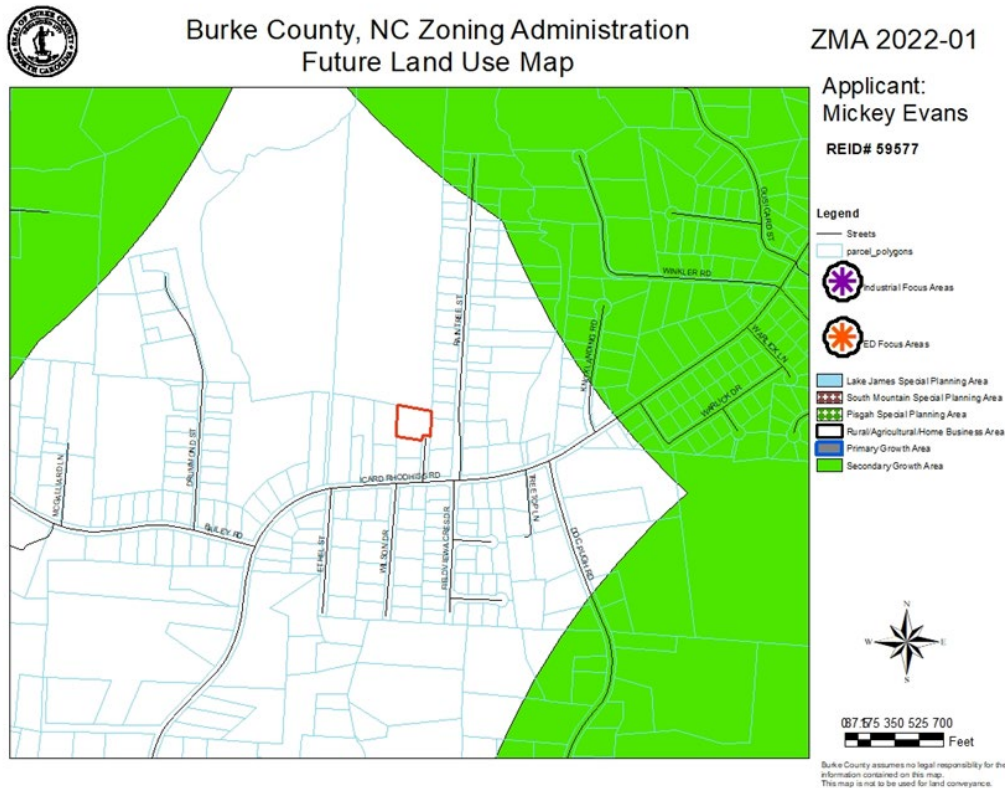


Burke County assumes no legal responsibility for the information contained on this map. This map is not to be used for land conveyance.

CONFORMITY WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The current land use plan for Burke County is the 2016-2030 Blueprint Burke Strategic Land Use Plan. The subject parcel is located in the Rural/Agricultural Area (see map below). This designation is given to all areas of the county which are not designated as Primary Growth or Secondary Growth Areas. These areas are typically considered rural in nature and may allow a variety of land uses, although non-residential uses will be limited by the infrastructure and utilities found within the area. The existing construction business is considered an existing non-conforming use because it was established prior to zoning and does not comply with current zoning standards. Approval of the rezoning would allow the non-conforming use to expand.

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CONFORMITY WITH THE BURKE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE

The current Zoning Map (below) shows the zoning for the subject parcels and surrounding area. As stated earlier, the "current" zoning district for this parcel is Residential Two (R-2). The applicant wishes to establish a contractor's storage yard on this property in order to park equipment and store materials used for his existing non-conforming paving business which adjoins this property. The subject property is adjacent to residential zoning and single-family residential dwellings. Although the existing business is well established, there was a complaint from a property owner when Mr. Evans expanded the business use onto the property proposed in the rezoning. Code Enforcement investigated the complaint and found the properties to be in violation of the R-2 zoning allowances. This prompted Mr. Evans to seek rezoning of the subject property. Since the BOC denied the original rezoning, Mr. Evans has moved most of the stored material from the property, however, he is still parking some business equipment on the residential lot. Although the Land Use Plan classifies the area rural and expects a variety of different land uses to take place, consideration must be given to the residential character and existing residential uses in the area. Although screening would be required for the proposed storage yard, there may be other components of the operation such as noise which could impact the surrounding properties. Additionally, in the future, any use permitted under General Business would also be permitted there, such as general retail, mini storage, auto/body repair, bars, etc.

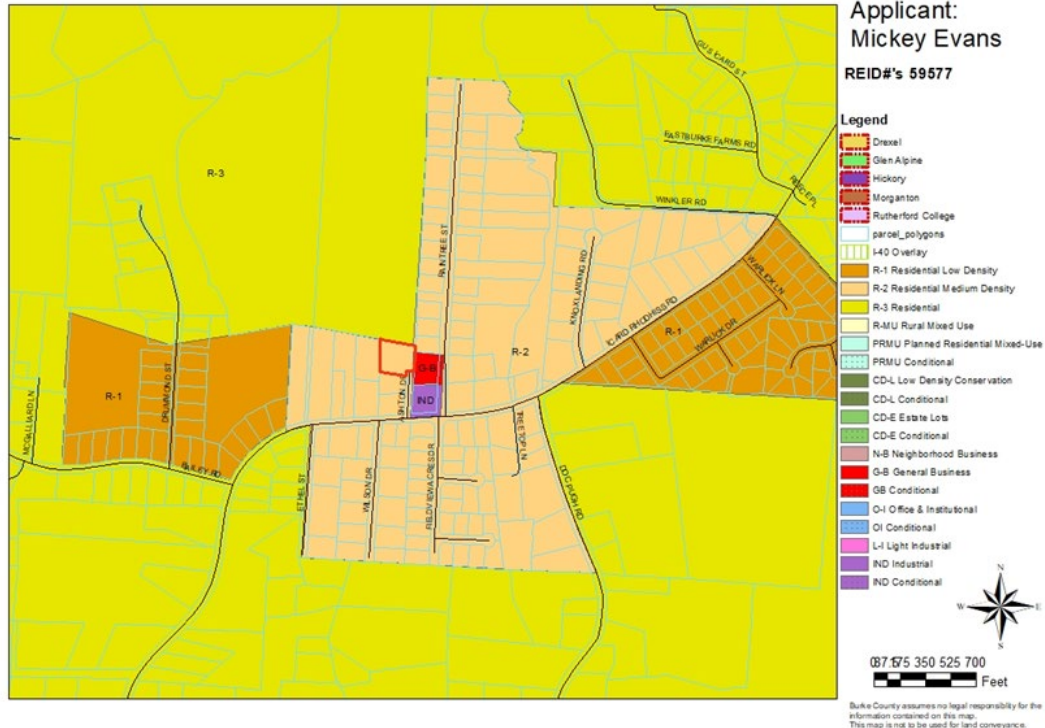


Burke County, NC Zoning Administration
Current Zoning Map

ZMA 2022-01

Applicant:
Mickey Evans

REID#s 69577



STAFF COMMENTS

Staff's comments are very similar to those of the previous report since the only potential change is the storage of asphalt may be moved to another site. The applicant has an existing construction business and would like to expand the business to the adjoining parcel in his ownership. Although the applicant is proposing to establish another site for the business, if a contractors storage yard is approved on the proposed Ashton Dr. location, the applicant would be able to store equipment, vehicles, and materials which are related to the work being performed by the business. The fact that the business is surrounded by residential development could have a negative impact on the surrounding property owners. State Statutes prohibit conditions to be placed on a "general" rezoning approval. Therefore, only the non-residential development regulations within the zoning ordinance would apply to the proposed use.

From a staff perspective, there are several questions to consider.

- Will the traffic down Ashton Dr. increase by approving the rezoning? Would the road deteriorate more quickly if the property is used for the proposed use? There is no data or insight to share other than the county has no control over roads. Ashton Dr. is a private road and therefore, NCDOT would have no involvement either.
- Will the required screening be sufficient to visually and audibly negate the impact of the contractor's storage yard to the surrounding property owners? The zoning ordinance requires the non-residential use to be screened from all residential zoning and uses. Page 205 of the zoning ordinance requires either a vegetative buffer or a fence to be installed. The vegetation must reach seven

(7) feet in height within five (5) years. A fence would need to be seven feet in height. The fence must have opaque slats in order to provide a visual screen.

- Would the property setbacks provide some additional buffer from the proposed use? The county setbacks are 40'-Front (from road right-of-way), 30'-Side, and 30' Rear (from property lines) pertaining to new structures. Material and equipment storage do not have to meet setbacks.
- Will the contractor's storage yard create any odors which might impact the surrounding property owners? There is nothing in the zoning ordinance that addresses odors generated from a use of property.
- Would it negatively impact the values of the surrounding properties? Only a real estate professional could make that determination. In order for that argument to be considered by the Board, written factual evidence showing reduced property values due to a similar situation must be submitted to verify the claim.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION

The Burke County Planning Board held a public meeting on January 27, 2022, to hear this rezoning request. The applicant and four members of the public were in attendance. Staff presented the rezoning case report. The applicant was then asked to present their request. Following the applicant's request, the Board asked if any members of the public wished to speak. Two citizens spoke against the rezoning and one citizen spoke in favor of the rezoning. One of the citizens speaking against the request has a residence and a second property which adjoin the subject property. The other citizen who spoke against is the daughter of the first person. She stated that she and her husband intend to build a new residence on the property that adjoins the subject parcel. She further stated that, if the rezoning is approved, they will cancel those plans. The citizen that spoke in favor of the rezoning owns two parcels on Ashton Drive. One of those parcels adjoins the subject parcel. That citizen does not reside on either parcel. Both parcels are rented out. The renter of the parcel (to the south) adjoining the subject parcel emailed staff and shared their experiences and concerns of the subject parcel being rezoned to business. That citizen is in opposition to the rezoning. Hearing from all in attendance, the Board asked several questions and then the public comment session was closed. The Board Chairman asked for a motion. Board member Evey made a motion to deny the rezoning request. That motion was seconded by Board member Palmer. The Chairperson asked for a full vote of the Board and the motion to deny the rezoning request was upheld 5/1.

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for questions and comments from the Board. Commissioner Taylor asked if the request was recommended for approval the first time it went before the Planning Board. Mr. Glines said he believes the Planning Board recommended denying the request at that meeting. Mr. Glines responded to additional questions from Commissioner Taylor regarding road access and ownership. Photos included in the agenda packet were displayed at the pre-agenda meeting. Chairman Mulwee asked Mr. Glines to provide the details of the Planning Board's vote when this request was originally considered in August 2021.

RESULT: MOVED WITHOUT OBJECTION TO THE NEXT MEETING ON MARCH 15, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.
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CONSENT AGENDA**BDI - MODIFICATION TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR ZRODELTA**

Information from the agenda packet:

The County executed a \$500,000 local grant agreement with Critical Resources, LLC dated February 16, 2018. To be eligible for the grant, the company was required to, among other things, create 82 new full-time jobs within two years of the Agreement, and maintain those new jobs at least six months, according to NCU1 101 records. Since entering into the Grant Agreement, the company has created 56 full time jobs, and is short by 26 jobs. According to Hope Hopkins of BDI, this is because of COVID and labor issues. The company has received a Rural Economic Development Grant from the State of North Carolina that has a similar job creation provision. The Rural Economic Development Division has given the company an extension to meet its job creation goal until December 14, 2022. The company is requesting that the local grant agreement be modified to extend its time to create new jobs until December 14, 2022 as well.

Alan Wood, BDI President & CEO, said ZroDelta is asking to extend their grant until December 14, 2022. The company currently has 56 full-time jobs but were projected to have 82 jobs. With the addition of ten (10) new temporary employees being hired, it brings the number of jobs to about 65. He further said the strong company has 20+ job openings, and that the owners believe they can fill the positions. Regarding recruitment efforts, Mr. Wood reported the company is holding an open house on Thursday and that BDI is working with ZroDelta and a local marketing group to promote their business. He said he feels confident that they will be able to fill the remaining positions by the December deadline. To avoid this situation in the future, BDI will add a force majeure clause to all their economic development incentives going forward. He said finding qualified people to fill their positions is the issue, not a lack of business.

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for questions and comments from the Board. Commissioner Taylor asked if ZroDelta plans to do anything different to fill the remaining positions. Mr. Wood said 10 temporary employees are transitioning to full-time, an open house will be held this week to raise ZroDelta's community profile, and BDI is connecting them with a marketing group that other businesses have used. Mr. Wood further said ZroDelta has done very well, but many citizens do not know who and what they are. A short discussion ensued.

RESULT: MOVED WITHOUT OBJECTION TO THE NEXT MEETING ON MARCH 15, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.

BOC - JOINT RESOLUTION DISSOLVING THE INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES AND POLLUTION FINANCING AUTHORITY

Information from the agenda packet:

The Industrial Facilities and Pollution Financing Authority (aka Industrial Revenue Bond Board) met on February 21, 2022, to act on some old business, voted unanimously to dissolve itself as the Authority is no longer needed and authorized the County Finance Director to execute any remaining documentation on behalf of the Authority. A joint resolution is required to complete the

dissolution.

Margaret Pierce, Deputy County Manager/Finance Director, reported the Industrial Revenue Bond Board was established in the early 1980s and its original function was economic development by assisting companies with loans. However, they no longer have a function now that the State has taken over most economic development activities. Ms. Pierce said the IFPFA/IRBB met recently to cancel two (2) deeds of trust, for a local business that wants to sell their property, that had not been canceled but should have been in the early 2000s. Further, the last time the IFPFA/IRBB met was seven (7) years ago and she said it is an appropriate time to dissolve that Board since BDI handles economic development. The IFPFA/IRBB took action to dissolve itself and asks that the Board of Commissioners do the same. A resolution from both Boards is required to finalize the dissolution.

RESULT: MOVED WITHOUT OBJECTION TO THE NEXT MEETING ON MARCH 15, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.

CLERK - APPOINTMENT TO ADULT CARE / NURSING HOME COMMITTEE

Clerk Draughn reported the appointment of Donna W. AuBuchon to the Adult Care / Nursing Home Committee, Seat No. 5 (vacant), is requested by Christina Franklin, Regional Ombudsman, for a 3-year term ending May 31, 2025. Ms. AuBuchon has prior service experience in a neighboring county and comes to us via a relocation to Burke County.

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for questions and comments from the Board. Vice Chairman Carswell asked if the committee members have resumed visiting the nursing homes. Clerk Draughn said they have not.

RESULT: MOVED WITHOUT OBJECTION TO THE NEXT MEETING ON MARCH 15, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.

CLERK - APPOINTMENTS / REMOVALS TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Clerk Draughn reported the reappointment of Isaac Crouch to Seat No. 5 (optometrist or private citizen) on the Board of Health is requested to complete the remainder of a 3-year term ending December 31, 2024. Carol Largent, Seat No. 9 (at-large), has served the maximum number of terms allowed. As such, her removal is requested. The Board of Health requests the appointment of Dr. Laura Gratton to fill vacant Seat No. 10 (at-large) to complete the remainder of a 3-year term ending December 31, 2023.

RESULT: MOVED WITHOUT OBJECTION TO THE NEXT MEETING ON MARCH 15, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.

CM - AMENDMENT TO DEED FOR THE HISTORY MUSEUM OF BURKE COUNTY, INC.

County Manager Steen presented information regarding a deed amendment for the History Museum of Burke County as follows:

The History Museum of Burke County, Inc. (THMOBCI) desires to lease portions of the property located at 203 West Meeting Street to other nonprofit corporations engaged in the same or similar museum pursuits, but the conditions in the 2016 Deed forbid it. The following amendment to the deed allows the Museum to lease portions of the property to other nonprofit, tax-exempt

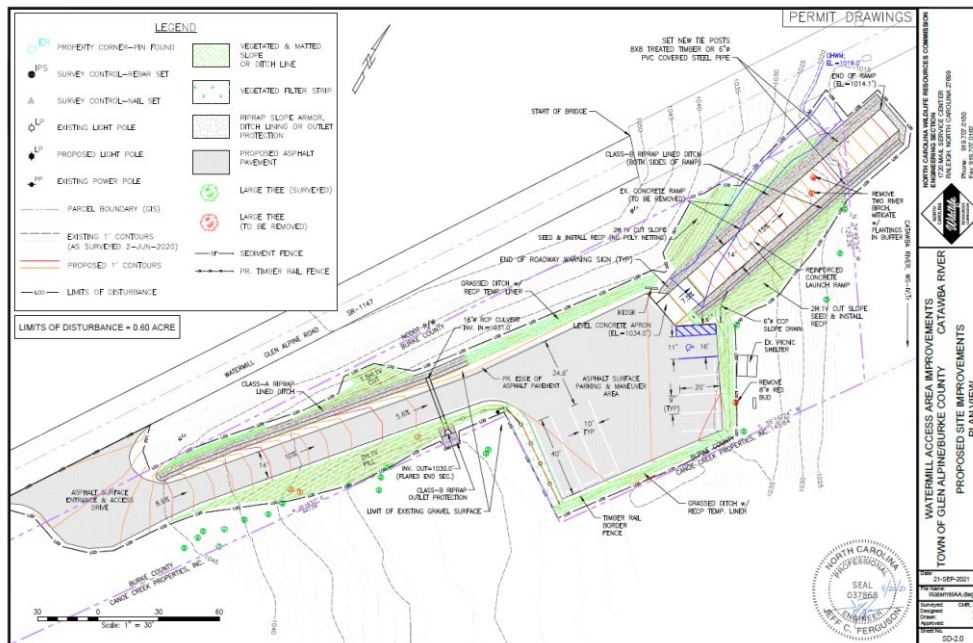
corporations if:

- the lease is for less than a two-year period;
- the lease is in writing, signed by the Grantee and the Lessee;
- the Board of Commissioners shall approve the proposed lease in writing.
- the County may deny any lease for any reason and may revoke its approval at any time.
- less than half of the Property is subject to any lease or leases at any time.

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for questions and comments from the Board. Commissioner Taylor said in two (2) places the deed states that if the property is leased, then the property reverts to Burke County. He asked County Attorney Simpson to explain those provisions. Attorney Simpson advised that one of the original conditions of the deed prohibited the property from being leased. Because Burke County gave property on a conditional basis to a nonprofit entity, who was doing things the county could do themselves, the county wanted to ensure the process stayed the same and the property would not be put to a use that would not qualify. County Attorney Simpson referred to the original deed restrictions and the proposed conditions which allow the property to be leased. Commissioner Taylor pointed out that the deed states that the property was sold instead of being donated and that the deed needs to be corrected. A short discussion ensued, and Chairman Mulwee asked the County Attorney to tweak the amendment.

RESULT: MOVED WITHOUT OBJECTION TO THE NEXT MEETING ON MARCH 15, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.

COMM. DEV. - WATERMILL ACCESS - TEMPORARY EASEMENT AGREEMENT



Shane Prisby, Community Development Operations Manager, reported Burke County is working with the Wildlife Resources Commission to upgrade the facilities at the Watermill Access Area. In order to improve the parking lot and overall drainage, the County will

need a temporary construction easement from the owner of the adjacent property, Canoe Creek Properties, Inc. Canoe Creek Properties is in support of the project and improvements proposed. As part of the agreement, they have requested permission to clear vegetation in front of their new subdivision and replace it with landscaping. At this location, the County's

property is about 40 feet wide and lies between the subdivision and the road right-of-way. The proposed landscaping would not affect the Watermill project.

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for questions and comments from the Board. Commissioner Taylor asked will the County gain any parking spaces from this endeavor. Mr. Prisby said this will allow the County to fix the drainage on the low end, but it will not add additional parking spaces. Chairman Mulwee asked when the estimated completion date for the entire project is. Mr. Prisby said this calendar year, noting that they are currently in the permitting phase. A short discussion ensued on outstanding state or federal permits.

RESULT: MOVED WITHOUT OBJECTION TO THE NEXT MEETING ON MARCH 15, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.

FINANCE - LEASE WITH BDI FOR OFFICE SPACE

Information from the agenda packet:

Burke Partnership for Economic Development (BDI) leases approximately 2,000 square feet of office space located at the Foothills Higher Education Center, 2128 S. Sterling St., Suite 150, Morganton, NC. The current lease has expired, and a new lease is required. BDI and the County have both reviewed the new lease and are agreeable to the terms. Revenue has already been budgeted for current fiscal year.

Margaret Pierce, Deputy County Manager/Finance Director, said the lease with BDI ended in December and a new lease agreement is needed. She said the lease will renew during the current budget year for the same amount as they are currently paying but beginning in the new fiscal year; it will increase to \$10,000 and every consecutive year, increase by \$100 a year. She said the contract has not changed since BDI moved into the building, noting that the rate has been the same for a significant amount of time.

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for questions and comments from the Board. Commissioner Taylor asked if Alan Wood, BDI President & CEO, is agreeable with the new lease agreement. Ms. Pierce responded in the affirmative.

RESULT: MOVED WITHOUT OBJECTION TO THE NEXT MEETING ON MARCH 15, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.

FM - CONTRACTS FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

Information from the agenda packet:

Approval of the 10-year contracts for fire protection services for Longtown, South Mountain, Jonas Ridge, Enola, Oak Hill, Lovelady, Icard, Triple Community, Lake James, George Hildebran, Salem, Brendletown, Chesterfield, West End, Drowning Creek, and North Catawba Fire Departments are requested. Based on changes to accounting standards, all contracts required updating for the end of the fiscal year. Fire Departments were briefed on the contract changes and renewal, and they support the change effective with this agreement.

Mike Willis, Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Director, reported the change will reduce the

cost of the fire departments' audits because they will not be as extensive/comprehensive, and it will bring all the contracts together where they can be updated and approved at one time, in 10-year intervals, rather than coming back to the Board multiple times a year.

Margaret Pierce, Deputy County Manager/Finance Director, said the auditing standards language had a small change but the auditors will still check internal controls, validate payments, and ensure that revenues are appropriately booked. However, the auditors will no longer have to convert the fire departments' books to the accrual basis, which will be cheaper, and allow the audits to be completed faster while still containing the necessary information. She said a cash basis is more appropriate for the fire departments and that she is comfortable with this change.

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for questions and comments from the Board. In response to a question from Commissioner Taylor, Ms. Pierce said the updated contracts are in the Board's agenda packet, noting that number six (6) contains the most significant wording changes. Mr. Willis also responded to an additional question from Commissioner Taylor concerning insurance ratings.

RESULT: MOVED WITHOUT OBJECTION TO THE NEXT MEETING ON MARCH 15, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.

FM - CONTRACT FOR RESCUE SERVICES

Mike Willis, Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Director, reported approval of the 10-year contract for rescue services with the Burke County Rescue Squad is requested. This contract expired January 17, 2022. A contract with the County is one of the requirements by which all rescue agencies in North Carolina must meet and/or retain to be certified to the North Carolina Association of Rescue and EMS standards.

RESULT: MOVED WITHOUT OBJECTION TO THE NEXT MEETING ON MARCH 15, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.

PHM - PARTNERS HEALTH MANAGEMENT FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2021 & DEC. 31, 2021

The Board received reports on Partners' activities for the period ending June 30, 2021 and Dec. 31, 2021 from Dr. Katie Varnadoe, Partners Health Management as follows:

FY 2020-2021 Expenditures

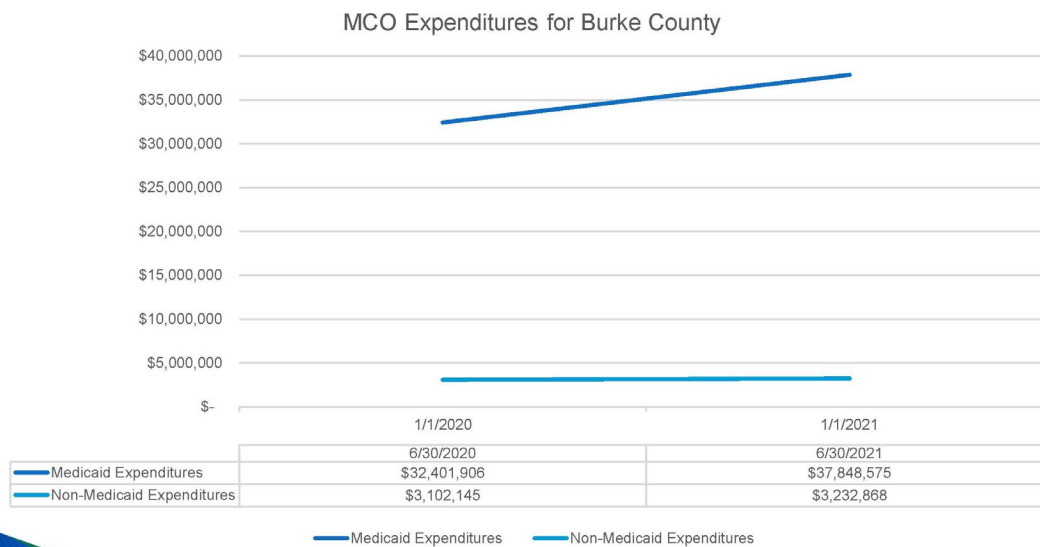
	FY 2021	FY 2021	Remaining
	Annual Budget	YTD Expenses	Balance
FY 2021 County Approved FB			
County Approved Allocation	265,000.00		
ABC Funds			
Carry over (fund balance) from June 30, 2020			
	265,000.00		
Expenditure Plan:			
Care Coordination Liaisons	10,000.00	10,000.00	-
SOC Collaborative Expenses	8,000.00	7,916.69	83.31
Consumer Reserves IDD	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
Consumer Reserves MHSU	3,000.00	125.00	2,875.00
A Caring Alternative- BIH SOAR	26,750.00	26,750.00	-
CVBH- Embedded Peer Support Specialist Jail	39,000.00	31,770.60	7,229.40
CVBH - MH/SA Services in Jail	30,052.00	30,052.00	-
CVBH - MORES Program Family Partner	20,000.00	20,000.00	-
CVBH - Psychiatric Support	72,140.00	72,140.00	-
Good Samaritan Clinic	10,000.00	9,613.76	386.24
Greater Hickory CCM (Soar/HUD)	7,500.00	7,500.00	-
Housing Reserves-various providers	5,000.00	4,859.79	140.21
Nami - Support Groups	3,000.00	3,000.00	-
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	237,442.00	223,727.84	13,714.16

Expenditures through 2nd Quarter FY 2022

	FY 2022			FY 2022	Remaining
	Annual Budget	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	YTD Expenses	Balance
FY 2022 County Approved FB	\$54,305.00				
County Approved Allocation	210,695.00				
ABC Funds					
Carry over (fund balance) from June 30, 2021					
	265,000.00				
Expenditure Plan:					
Care Coordination Liaisons	10,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
SOC Collaborative Expenses	8,000.00	-	-	-	8,000.00
Consumer Reserves IDD	3,000.00	-	561.60	561.60	2,438.40
Consumer Reserves MHSU	3,000.00	-	232.23	232.23	2,767.77
CVBH- Embedded Peer Support Specialist Jail	39,000.00	6,533.16	13,213.00	19,746.16	19,253.84
CVBH - MH/SA Services in Jail	30,052.00	7,513.00	22,539.00	30,052.00	-
CVBH - MORES Program Family Partner	20,000.00	5,000.00	12,295.96	17,295.96	2,704.04
CVBH - Psychiatric Support	72,140.00	18,035.00	32,820.00	50,855.00	21,285.00
Good Samaritan Clinic	10,000.00	939.63	1,257.77	2,197.40	7,802.60
Greater Hickory CCM (Soar/HUD)	7,500.00	1,875.00	-	1,875.00	5,625.00
Housing Reserves-various providers	5,000.00	100.00	380.00	480.00	4,520.00
Nami - Support Groups	3,000.00	-	-	-	3,000.00
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	210,692.00	42,495.79	85,799.56	128,295.35	82,396.65

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Annual MCO Expenditures



Current Services and Outcomes

Service Category / \$\$	Impact	Recommended for FY 22-23
Care Coordination Liaisons \$10,000	DSS/DJJ Transitional Case Management (167 last fiscal year)	Yes
System of Care Collaborative \$8,000	Recovery Rally- BSAN	Yes
Consumer Reserves IDD \$3,000	2 Members Crisis Housing Psychological Evaluation	Yes
Consumer Reserves MH/SU \$3,000	1	Yes

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Current Services and Outcomes		
Service Category / \$\$	Impact	Recommended for FY 22-23
Embedded Peer Support Specialist- Jail \$39,000	46 individuals in jail	Yes
MH/SA Services in Jail \$30,052	226 individuals in jail	Yes
MORES Program Family Partner \$20,000	30 Families	Yes
Psychiatric Support \$72,140	918 individuals	Yes

Current Services and Outcomes		
Service Category / \$\$	Impact	Recommended for FY 22-23
Good Samaritan Clinic \$10,000	Served 214 patients and filled over 1,000 mental health drug prescriptions	Yes
Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministry \$7,500	Moved to internal	No- Move to street outreach
Housing Reserves \$5,000	7 households	Yes
NAMI Support Groups \$3,000	Ongoing monthly support groups	Yes

Dr. Varnadoe also spoke about other community initiatives that PHM is engaged in such as Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) classes, Narcan distribution, Law Enforcement Assistant Diversion (LEAD) program, placing an embedded therapist at DSS, and rebuilding their crisis collaboratives for increased support for crisis services.

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for questions and comments from the Board. Commissioner Taylor commended the presentation and asked is PHM getting to a point where they will no longer have to ask individual counties for funding. Dr. Varnadoe said she would have to follow up with him on that question.

RESULT: MOVED WITHOUT OBJECTION TO THE NEXT MEETING ON MARCH 15, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.

TAX DEPT. - TAX COLLECTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2022

Danny Isenhour, Tax Administrator, presented the tax collection report for February 2022 as follows:

Category	Annual Budget	Amount Collected YTD	% Collected	Balance to Collect
Property Tax	\$45,000,000.00	\$44,666,316.85	99.26%	\$333,683.15
Motor Vehicle Tax	\$5,200,000.00	\$3,577,337.80	68.79%	\$1,622,662.20
Current Year Taxes	\$50,200,000.00	\$48,243,654.65	96.10%	\$1,956,345.35
Delinquent Taxes	\$700,000.00	\$594,481.57	84.93%	\$105,518.43
Late List Penalty	\$315,000.00	\$257,900.28	81.87%	\$57,099.72

The Tax Levy is the total property tax value not including motor vehicles times the tax rate. This amount changes monthly with the addition of discoveries, other changes, or corrections, and when Public Utility Values are added, typically during September.

Category	Tax Levy	Amount Collected YTD	% Collected	Balance to Collect
Property Tax	\$46,295,681	\$44,666,316.85	96.48%	\$1,629,364.41

RESULT: MOVED WITHOUT OBJECTION TO THE NEXT MEETING ON MARCH 15, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.

TAX DEPT. - RELEASE REFUND REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2022

Danny Isenhour, Tax Administrator, presented the release refund report for February 2022 as follows:

Tax System Refunds and Releases				
	Report Amount	Rebilled Amount	Net Release	Refund Amount
Releases (TR-304)	\$951.05	\$0.00	\$951.05	\$74.48

VTS Refunds Over \$100	
	Refund Amount
VTS Adjustments	\$271.30

*Note: The net loss amount is a result of the report amount minus the rebilled amount.

RESULT: MOVED WITHOUT OBJECTION TO THE NEXT MEETING ON MARCH 15, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.

ITEMS FOR DECISION

FINANCE - RESOLUTIONS APPOINTING INTERIM TAX ADMINISTRATOR AND NEW TAX ADMINISTRATOR

Margaret Pierce, Deputy County Manager/Finance Director, reported with Danny Isenhour's retirement on March 18, 2022, the following actions require Board approval:

1. Accept the current Tax Administrator's settlement report for the period ending March 14, 2022. The report will be presented at the March 15th regular meeting.
2. Adopt a resolution appointing an interim tax administrator, effective March 15, 2022, at 8 a.m. and approve the required bond.
3. Adopt a resolution appointing a new tax administrator, effective April 4, 2022, at 8 a.m. to complete a term ending June 30, 2023, and approve the required bond. The identity of the new Tax Administrator will be presented at the March 15th regular meeting.

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for questions and comments from the Board. Vice Chairman asked if there will be any bond issues with appointing Dawn Hutchins as the interim Tax Administrator. Ms. Pierce said they will do a bond for Ms. Hutchins and the new Tax Administrator, noting she will work with the insurance company on the transfers. A short discussion ensued.

RESULT: MOVED WITHOUT OBJECTION TO THE NEXT MEETING ON MARCH 15, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.

CM - CONTRACT APPROVAL FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR DRUG TREATMENT FACILITY (PLACE HOLDER)

Information from the agenda packet:

A contract for architectural services for converting the former Burke-Catawba District Confinement Facility into a regional long-term drug treatment facility will be reviewed by the County Attorney at the pre-agenda meeting. Funding from the State of N.C. is available and earmarked for this project. Further, funding from the settlement of the opioid litigation is expected to be received in the next few months.

County Manager Steen reported final adjustments to a contract for architectural services are underway which will be presented to the Board at the regular meeting.

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for questions and comments from the Board. Commissioner Taylor said he hopes the Board will get to review the contract because there will be many questions. A brief discussion ensued.

RESULT: MOVED WITHOUT OBJECTION TO THE NEXT MEETING ON MARCH 15, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.

CLERK - APPOINTMENTS TO THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Clerk Draughn reported the appointments of Nikki Costello (Seat No. 1, Forest Hill), Sandy Clark (Seat No. 2, Glen Alpine), Curtis Hildebran (Seat No. 8, Ray Childers), Scott Bollinger (Seat No. 9, Mull), Brandon Clontz (Seat No. 11, Salem) and LaPorsche Cuthbertson or (Seat No. 13, Mtn.

View) to the Parks & Recreation Commission are requested by the Recreation Director.

The terms of appointment are:

Seat 1 - to complete the remainder of a term expiring March 31, 2024.

Seat 2 - to complete the remainder of a term expiring March 31, 2024.

Seat 8 - to complete the remainder of a term expiring March 31, 2023.

Seat 9 - to complete the remainder of a term expiring March 31, 2024.

Seat 11 - to complete the remainder of a term expiring March 31, 2023.

Seat 13 - to complete the remainder of a term expiring March 31, 2023.

For Seat 13, there is an additional application on file from Damion Patton of Morganton who resides in the Mtn. View elementary school district.

Commissioner Taylor asked if these appointments would complete the Parks and Recreation Commission roster. Clerk Draughn said no, there were approximately five (5) applicants who failed to submit their applications by the deadline, but they will be added to a future agenda. A short discussion ensued on potentially adding any additional applications to this item that may be received. Commissioner Taylor said he preferred to follow the normal process.

RESULT: MOVED WITHOUT OBJECTION TO THE NEXT MEETING ON MARCH 15, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.

REPORTS

Chairman Mulwee asked that Board members submit their reports to Clerk Draughn for inclusion in the agenda packet for the regular meeting.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN.

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Chairman Mulwee reminded everyone to please spay / neuter their pets, do not litter, and to secure your loads. He then reminded everyone of the following:

- A retirement party for Danny Isenhour, Tax Administrator, will be held on March 18th in the BOC Meeting Room.
- A building dedication and service recognition ceremony will be held on March 20th for Icard Fire Department's Station No. 2.
- The WPCOG's annual meeting will be held on March 31st.
- On April 28th, Burke County will host the NCACC District 13 / 15 meeting.

Vice Chairman Carswell encouraged everyone to remain vigilant and continue to follow COVID-19 safety procedures.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN.

ADJOURN

MOTION: To adjourn at 4:08 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Maynard M. Taylor, Commissioner

AYES: Scott Mulwee, Johnnie W. Carswell, Wayne F. Abele, Sr., Jeffrey C. Brittain and Maynard M. Taylor

Approved this 16th day of August 2022.

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Scott Mulwee, Chairman
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kay Honeycutt Draughn", written over a horizontal line.

Kay Honeycutt Draughn, CMC, NCMCC
Clerk to the Board