

**MINUTES
BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

The Burke County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Burke County Services Building, 110 N. Green Street, Entrance E, in Morganton, N.C. 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 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Johnson, Sr., Shiloh AME Church, delivered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

County Attorney, J.R. Simpson, II, led the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented including a technical correction to Consent Item No. 2, Resolution Updating Plat Review Officer for Rutherford College. The name of the planner was updated to Scott Berson.

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: To approve the minutes of the February 3, 2022 (regular budget retreat - day 1) meeting as written.

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

PRESENTATIONS

AS - PET OF THE MONTH

Animal Services Director, Kaitlin Settlemyre, presented dogs, Paisley and Halo, and a cat, Murphy, in need of their "forever" homes. She also reviewed the "Dogs Day Out Program" and stated the need for fosters, adopters and advised that adoption fees have been reduced to relieve overcrowding. She also responded to questions from the Board and Chairman Mulwee encouraged citizens to spay or neuter their pets.

RESULT:	NO ACTION TAKEN.
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GENERAL SERVICES - PRESENTATION OF DESIGNS FOR JONAS RIDGE AND EAST BURKE CONVENIENCE SITES

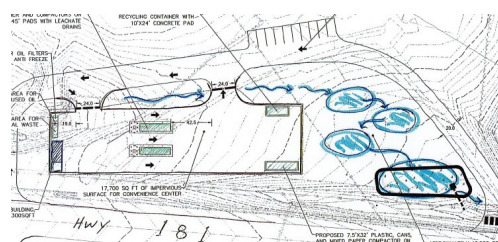
General Services Director, Mark Delehant, presented design layouts for the new convenience sites to replace the ones located at Jonas Ridge and East Burke as follows:

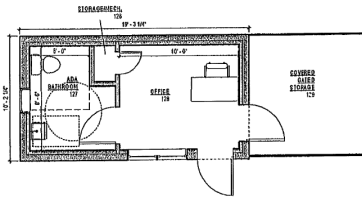
Jonas Ridge was constructed in 1993 and East Burke dates back to 1987. Waste Management has changed a lot since that time, primarily due to the public's interest in recycling and the Statewide landfill bans which prohibit the disposal of certain materials in landfills. The list of materials that are now banned from being landfilled includes: yard waste, white goods, aluminum cans, plastic bottles, whole scrap tires, lead-acid batteries, electronics, antifreeze, used oil, and pallets. The challenge is to offer recycling opportunities to our citizens in the most cost-effective way possible. In addition to reducing the transport cost, I wanted a design that was easy for our staff to manage and easy for our citizens to use. I believe this general design achieves that. As you will see, the basic components of both sites are very similar. Both are designed to allow for a drive-through visit, and both are set up in such a way to make recycling easier to use and manage.



This slide shows the overall layout of the Jonas Ridge site with the primary entrance lining up with the entrance to Gingercake Acres. Everything outside of the paved driveway is, although not part of this project, was considered as we looked at placement of the convenience site. We

have asked that the well and septic be sized to accommodate the future community center as well. As you look at the next slide you can see the stormwater retainage areas and the site itself. We have placed the site attendant building so that the attendant can have a good view





of folks entering and using the sites facilities. The site attendant building will include a small office area, a small counter / kitchenet area, and an ADA accessible restroom.

Next to the attendant building we will have a special waste area like the one in this photo.

The traffic flow through the site will allow citizens to stop and drop off their household waste and then drive forward to the dual stream recycling compactor and deposit

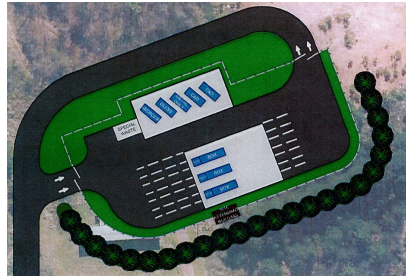


recyclables such as plastic bottles, mixed paper, aluminum and tin cans. Clear and easy to understand signage with pictures is an important component to educate the public as to not only what goes where but also what is NOT allowed.

This slide shows the overall site plan for East Burke and includes the footprint of what we hope one day will be the water sewer office with the existing water sewer maintenance facility behind it. A large part of the site development cost includes the turn lane that will be needed at the entrance / exit which will serve as the entrance for the other facilities planned for that property.



of the same components. However, at this site, we will have three compactors side by side with the one in the middle being used for dual stream recycling. If the site visitor has both household trash and recyclables, they would use the lane between the two boxes and if they only had household trash, then they would use one of the outside lanes.



This is a difficult time to project construction costs, but a safe, "Not to Exceed", number for the Jonas Ridge site would be \$1.1 million, and \$1.5 million for the East Burke site. Design services for the Jonas Ridge site were provided by McGill and West Consultants has assisted us with the East Burke location.

Mr. Delephant and Alan Glines, Deputy Co. Manager/Planning Director, responded to a variety of questions from the Board. In response to an inquiry from Commissioner Brittain, County Manager Steen advised that today's report is for information, and he reviewed a tentative timeline for bidding both projects.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN.

BOC - RECOGNITION OF THE HEALTH DEPT. FOR RECEIVING THE RONALD H. LEVINE LEGACY AWARD

Vice Chairman Carswell reported Danny Scalise, Local Health Director, was awarded the 2022 Ron H. Levine Public Health Award at the annual North Carolina Public Health Leader's Conference on May 19th. The Ron Levine Legacy Award is a prestigious award named for former North Carolina State Health director Dr. Ron Levine. Since 2004, 28 individuals have been similarly honored for their distinguished efforts to improve North Carolina's public health system, expand the scope or capacity of public health services, or build new and lasting partnerships.



Vice Chairman Carswell (right) asked Director Scalise (middle) and Board of Health Chairman, Isaac Crouse, (left) to take a commemorative photo.

The Board along with Chairman Crouse congratulated Mr. Scalise on his impressive accomplishment and he received a round of applause from the audience.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS

COUNTY MANAGER - ADOPTION OF FY 22-23 BUDGET AND PUBLIC HEARING - 6:00 P.M.

The County Manager presented the recommended budget for FY 2022-2023 to the Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, with a continued tax rate of 69.5 cents per \$100 valuation. A copy of the recommended budget was filed in the office of the Clerk to the Board that day and was available for public inspection on the County's website, www.burkenc.org, libraries and senior centers. Budget meetings were held on May 19th and May 27th and changes requested by the Board were incorporated into the budget document. A public hearing on the recommended budget is required.

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for comments or questions from the Board. Commissioner Taylor distributed a document about the importance of keeping scores and compared the FY 22-23 budget to an old movie entitled, The Good, The Bad and The Ugly.

At 6:40 p.m., Chairman Mulwee opened the public hearing. The Public Hearing Notice was published on June 9, 2022, in the News Herald and it was also posted on the County's website, www.burkenc.org. There was no one present to address the Board; therefore, Chairman Mulwee closed the public hearing and called for a vote.

Motion: To adopt the FY 22-23 Budget Ordinance (No. 2022-03) as presented and to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between Burke County and the Burke County Board of Education for FY 22-23.

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

Motion: To recuse Commissioner Brittain from the discussion and vote concerning the funding and contract for Burke Development Inc.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4-0]
MOVER:	Johnnie W. Carswell, Vice Chairman
AYES:	Scott Mulwee, Johnnie W. Carswell, Wayne F. Abele, Sr. and Maynard M. Taylor
RECUSED:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

Motion: To approve funding in the amount of \$318,000 for BDI (Burke Development Inc.) and to approve the related contract between Burke County and BDI for FY 22-23 pursuant to NCGS 153A-499 and 159-40 and in accordance with SL 2021-191.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Johnnie W. Carswell, Vice Chairman
AYES:	Scott Mulwee, Johnnie W. Carswell, Wayne F. Abele, Sr., and Maynard M. Taylor
RECUSED:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

Motion: To authorize the County Manager to execute the contract between Burke County and BDI on behalf of the Board.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Johnnie W. Carswell, Vice Chairman
AYES:	Scott Mulwee, Johnnie W. Carswell, Wayne F. Abele, Sr., and Maynard M. Taylor
RECUSED:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

Motion: To instruct the Deputy Co. Mgr./Finance Director to provide \$318,000 for BDI in the FY 22-23 budget pursuant hereto.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Johnnie W. Carswell, Vice Chairman
AYES:	Scott Mulwee, Johnnie W. Carswell, Wayne F. Abele, Sr., and Maynard M. Taylor
RECUSED:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

Motion: To appoint Commissioner Brittain as the temporary chairman for the VEDIC (Valdese Economic Development Investment Corporation) series of motions.

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

Motion: To recuse Chairman Mulwee and Vice Chairman Carswell from the discussion and vote concerning the funding and contract for VEDIC.

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 0]
MOVER:	Jeffrey C. Brittain, Commissioner / Temporary Chairman
AYES:	Wayne F. Abele, Sr., Jeffrey C. Brittain and Maynard M. Taylor
RECUSED:	Scott Mulwee and Johnnie W. Carswell

Motion: To approve funding in the amount of \$10,000 for VEDIC, and to approve the related contract between Burke Co. and VEDIC for FY 22-23 pursuant to NCGS 153A-449 and NCGS 159-40 and in accordance with SL 2021-191.

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 0]
MOVER:	Maynard M. Taylor, Commissioner
AYES:	Wayne F. Abele, Sr., Jeffrey C. Brittain and Maynard M. Taylor
RECUSED:	Scott Mulwee and Johnnie W. Carswell

Motion: To authorize the County Manager to execute the contract between Burke Co. and VEDIC on behalf of the Board.

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 0]
MOVER:	Maynard M. Taylor, Commissioner
AYES:	Wayne F. Abele, Sr., Jeffrey C. Brittain and Maynard M. Taylor
RECUSED:	Scott Mulwee and Johnnie W. Carswell

Motion: To instruct the Deputy County Manager/Finance Director to provide \$10,000 for VEDIC in the FY 22-23 budget pursuant hereto.

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 0]
MOVER:	Wayne F. Abele, Sr., Commissioner
AYES:	Wayne F. Abele, Sr., Jeffrey C. Brittain and Maynard M. Taylor
RECUSED:	Scott Mulwee and Johnnie W. Carswell

Commissioner Brittain relinquished his role as the temporary chairman and Commissioner Mulwee served as Chairman for the remainder of the meeting.

Motion: To authorize the County Manager to execute contracts with all other nonprofit corporations (IRC 501c-3) that receive funding in the FY 22-23 budget in accordance with NCGS 153A-449 and 159-40.

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

Ord. No. 2022-03 reads as follows:

**BUDGET ORDINANCE
FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023**

Ord. No. 2022-03

SECTION I. BUDGET ADOPTION

There is hereby adopted the following Budget Ordinance for the County of Burke for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023:

GENERAL FUND

A. Revenues Anticipated:

SOURCE

AMOUNT

Ad Valorem Taxes	\$52,205,000
Local Option Sales Taxes	\$10,406,000
Other Taxes	\$1,732,675
Permits and Fees	\$2,096,020
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$19,661,485
Sales and Services	\$4,492,700
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$564,120
Transfers from Other Funds	\$6,359,945
Fund Balance Appropriation	\$3,076,935

Total Revenues - General Fund \$100,594,880

B. Expenditures Authorized:

General Government

County Manager	\$459,150
Courts	\$16,550
Debt Service	\$7,585,565
Elections	\$520,590
Finance	\$765,370
General Services	\$1,015,250
General Services - Buildings Summary	\$2,450,465
Governing Board	\$232,205
Human Resources	\$695,065
Information Technology	\$2,223,600
Legal Services	\$187,000
Non Departmental	\$2,549,855
Register of Deeds	\$508,960
Tax Assessors and Collections	\$1,536,690
Tax Revaluation	\$836,070

Subtotal \$21,582,385

Public Safety

Animal Services	\$581,630
Building Inspections	\$536,235
Communications	\$2,625,355
Community Development/Planning	\$642,040
Emergency Medical Services	\$7,713,065
Fire Marshal/Emergency Services	\$428,075
Other Public Safety	\$837,870
Sheriff	\$8,334,000
Sheriff - Jail	\$5,749,295

Subtotal \$27,447,565

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Environmental Protection	Cooperative Extension Service	\$488,005
	Soil and Water Conservation	\$151,675
	Subtotal	\$639,680
Transportation	Transportation	\$71,095
	Subtotal	\$71,095
Economic/Physical Development	Aids and Donations	\$448,920
	Economic Development	\$1,592,120
	Subtotal	\$2,041,040
Human Services	Department of Social Services	\$19,071,045
	Health Department	\$3,937,045
	Mental Health	\$210,695
	Senior Services	\$513,805
	Veterans Services	\$53,640
	Subtotal	\$23,786,230
Education	Burke County Board of Education	\$16,303,010
	Western Piedmont Community College	\$2,683,610
	Subtotal	\$18,986,620
Cultural and Recreational	Library	\$1,678,825
	Recreation	\$854,645
	Subtotal	\$2,533,470
Transfers to Other Funds	Transfer to Sales Tax Fund 150	\$250,000
	Transfer to Sales Tax Fund 151	\$2,575,235
	Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	\$50,000
	Transfer to Water/Sewer Capital Project Fund	\$250,000
	Transfer to Solid Waste Fund	\$381,560
	Subtotal	\$3,506,795
Total Expenditures - General Fund		\$100,594,880

ARTICLE 42-HALF CENT SALES TAX FUND

A. Revenues Anticipated:

SOURCE

AMOUNT

Article 42 Sales Tax	\$3,825,700
ABC Profit Distributions	\$120,000
Fines and Forfeitures	\$315,000
Interest Income	\$7,500
Transfer from General Fund	\$250,000
Total Revenues - Article 42 Sales Tax Fund	\$4,518,200

B. Expenditures Authorized:

School Equipment/Capital Requests	\$4,203,200
Fines and Forfeitures	\$315,000
Total Expenditures - Article 42 Sales Tax Fund	\$4,518,200

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ARTICLE 39-ONE CENT SALES TAX FUND

A. Revenues Anticipated:	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
	Article 39 Sales Tax	\$6,700,000
	Lottery Funds	\$860,000
	Medicaid Hold Harmless	\$2,575,235
	Total Revenues - Article 39 Sales Tax Fund	<u>\$10,135,235</u>
B. Expenditures Authorized:		
	School Equipment/Capital Requests	\$3,942,950
	Transfer to General Fund - Debt Service	\$4,792,285
	Transfer to General Fund - Maint/Repairs	\$1,400,000
	Total Expenditures - Article 39 Sales Tax Fund	<u>\$10,135,235</u>

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SURCHARGE FUND

A. Revenues Anticipated:	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
	Emergency Telephone Surcharge	\$446,940
	Interest Income	\$1,000
	Fund Balance Appropriation	\$32,490
	Total Revenues - Emergency Telephone Surcharge Fund	<u>\$480,430</u>
B. Expenditures Authorized:		
	Functions	\$30,000
	Software	\$23,460
	Employee Training	\$25,000
	Telephone and Furniture	\$216,600
	Hardware	\$185,370
	Total Expenditures - Emergency Telephone Surcharge Fund	<u>\$480,430</u>

LAW ENFORCEMENT RESTRICTED FUND

A. Revenues Anticipated:	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
	Federal Forfeiture Funds	\$25,000
	Total Revenues - Law Enforcement Restricted Fund	<u>\$25,000</u>
B. Expenditures Authorized:		
	Public Safety	\$25,000
	Total Expenditures - Law Enforcement Restricted Fund	<u>\$25,000</u>

TRAIL CAPITAL PROJECT FUND

A. Revenues Anticipated:	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
	Transfer from General Fund	\$50,000
	Total Revenues -Trail Capital Project Fund	<u>\$50,000</u>
B. Expenditures Authorized:		
	Fonta Flora Trail Projects	\$50,000
	Total Expenditures -Trail Capital Project Fund	<u>\$50,000</u>

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DSS CLIENT TRUST FUND

A. Revenues Anticipated:	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
	Client Funds Received	\$350,000
	Total Revenues - DSS Client Trust Fund	<u>\$350,000</u>

B. Expenditures Authorized:	Client Funds Paid Out	\$350,000
	Total Expenditures - DSS Client Trust Fund	<u>\$350,000</u>

FIRE TAX DISTRICTS FUND

A. Revenues Anticipated:	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
	Brendletown	\$328,500
	Carbon City	\$12,000
	Chesterfield	\$234,000
	Drowning Creek	\$83,500
	Enola	\$116,000
	George Hildebran	\$295,000
	Glen Alpine	\$158,000
	Icard	\$775,000
	Jonas Ridge	\$178,000
	Lake James	\$235,000
	Longtown	\$164,000
	Lovelady	\$530,000
	Oak Hill	\$427,500
	Salem	\$495,000
	Smokey Creek	\$35,000
	South Mountain	\$100,000
	Triple Community	\$374,000
	West End	\$412,000
	Total Revenues - Fire Districts Fund	<u>\$4,952,500</u>

B. Expenditures Authorized:	Brendletown	\$328,500
	Carbon City	\$12,000
	Chesterfield	\$234,000
	Drowning Creek	\$83,500
	Enola	\$116,000
	George Hildebran	\$295,000
	Glen Alpine	\$158,000
	Icard	\$775,000
	Jonas Ridge	\$178,000
	Lake James	\$235,000
	Longtown	\$164,000
	Lovelady	\$530,000
	Oak Hill	\$427,500
	Salem	\$495,000
	Smokey Creek	\$35,000
	South Mountain	\$100,000
	Triple Community	\$374,000
	West End	\$412,000
	Total Expenditures - Fire Districts Fund	<u>\$4,952,500</u>

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		<u>WATER / SEWER CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND</u>	
A. Revenues Anticipated:	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
	Transfer from General Fund	\$250,000	
	Total Revenues - Water/Sewer Capital Projects Fund	<u>\$250,000</u>	
B. Expenditures Authorized:	Set aside for future projects	\$250,000	
	Total Expenditures - Water/Sewer Capital Projects Fund	<u>\$250,000</u>	
		<u>WATER / SEWER FUND</u>	
A. Revenues Anticipated:	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
	Sales and Services	\$2,044,200	
	Miscellaneous Revenues	\$24,500	
	Total Revenues - Water/Sewer Fund	<u>\$2,068,700</u>	
B. Expenditures Authorized:	Operations	\$2,068,700	
	Total Expenditures - Water/Sewer Fund	<u>\$2,068,700</u>	
		<u>SOLID WASTE FUNDS</u>	
A. Revenues Anticipated:	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
	Intergovernmental Revenues	\$297,000	
	Sales and Services	\$5,550,625	
	Miscellaneous Revenues	\$11,100	
	Transfer from General Fund	\$381,560	
	Total Revenues - Solid Waste Fund	<u>\$6,240,285</u>	
B. Expenditures Authorized:	Disposal Operations	\$5,209,370	
	Collection Operations	\$1,030,915	
	Total Expenditures - Solid Waste Fund	<u>\$6,240,285</u>	

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SECTION II. TAX RATES LEVIED

An ad valorem tax rate of \$0.695 per \$100 at full valuation is hereby established as the official tax rate for Burke County for the fiscal year 2022-2023. This rate shall be levied on the estimated taxable value at \$7,449,106,902. Revenues are projected at a collection rate not to exceed the latest audited percentage.

Ad valorem tax rates as listed below per \$100 at full valuation are hereby established as the official tax rates for Burke County Fire Protection Districts for the fiscal year 2022-2023. These rates shall be levied on the estimated taxable property situated in each district. Revenues are projected at a collection rate not to exceed the latest audited percentage for each district.

<u>Fire District</u>	<u>Property Values</u>	<u>Tax Rate Per \$100 of Value</u>
Brendletown	\$316,769,932	\$ 0.105
Carbon City	\$13,939,255	\$ 0.080
Chesterfield	\$181,801,494	\$ 0.130
Drowning Creek	\$68,423,313	\$ 0.120
Enola	\$110,104,093	\$ 0.105
George Hildebran	\$264,319,506	\$ 0.110
Glen Alpine	\$155,108,383	\$ 0.100
Icard	\$669,712,385	\$ 0.120
Jonas Ridge	\$130,412,935	\$ 0.135
Lake James	\$293,723,983	\$ 0.080
Longtown	\$136,291,014	\$ 0.120
Lovelady	\$510,645,971	\$ 0.105
Oak Hill	\$483,042,945	\$ 0.090
Salem	\$506,429,040	\$ 0.100
Smokey Creek	\$28,156,465	\$ 0.118
South Mountain	\$72,961,917	\$ 0.136
Triple Community	\$480,828,711	\$ 0.078
West End	\$377,447,601	\$ 0.110

SECTION III. FEES

All fees are continued as previously imposed and adopted as shown on Attachment A - Schedule of Fees. Any fee not specifically listed on Attachment A shall be at the last adopted amount. All fees are considered civil penalties whether listed here or in individual ordinances.

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SECTION IV. COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

Employees shall receive a one-half percent (1/2%) merit increase in pay on each two year anniversary they have been in the same position. The actual percentage increase will be determined based on the number of years the employee is in their position and effective on each employee's anniversary date. Employees must have received a positive performance review on the County's established evaluation form with no formal disciplinary action during the performance period to be eligible for the increase. If at any time during the year, the Burke County Manager finds any Burke County employee to be delinquent in any financial obligation to Burke County, the County Manager shall have the authority to suspend that employee from the Burke County merit pay plan for a period of two consecutive years from the date of discovery.

The Burke County Manager shall have the authority to award increases for educational certifications or degrees attained by employees during the year. These increases will be determined on a case by case basis and are dependent on the value to the department and the County. Degrees or certifications must be relevant to the department goals and needs.

The County may pay a holiday bonus of \$100 to all permanent full-time employees and a prorated amount to all regularly scheduled permanent part-time employees. Depending on the economy, the bonus may be paid in December in a separate payroll. Individuals must be continuously employed by the County in a full time or regularly scheduled permanent part time status from July 1, 2022 through Friday of the week prior to the payment date in order to receive the bonus.

SECTION V. PAY PLAN ADJUSTMENTS

The following changes are made to the County's Pay and Classification Plan:

<u>Class Description</u>	<u>Existing Grade</u>	<u>New Grade</u>
911 Shift Supervisor	20	22
911 Telecommunicator I	17	18
911 Telecommunicator II	18	19
911 Telecommunicator III	19	20
Accounting Specialist	19	21
Accounting Technician II	17	18
Accounting Technician III	19	20
Accounting Technician IV	21	22
Animal Services Coordinator	17	18
Animal Services Director	25	27
Animal Services Technician	14	15
Assistant General Services Director	27	28
Assistant IT Director	28	31
Assistant Human Resources Director	28	30
Athletic Program Supervisor	21	23
Building Inspector I	21	22
Building Inspector II	23	24
Building Inspector III	24	27
Business Personal Prop Specialist	17	18
Chief Building Inspector	28	30
Social Services Director	37	38
Concession Worker	N/A	10
Deputy County Mgr/Finance Director	38	40
Deputy Finance Director	31	33

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<u>Class Description</u>	<u>Existing Grade</u>	<u>New Grade</u>
Exec Asst to the Co Mngr/ Deputy Clerk	22	23
Fire Marshal/EM Director	30	31
Health Director	37	38
Human Resource Specialist	21	22
Human Resources Director	34	35
Info Technology Director	33	35
Librarian	23	24
Library Adult Program Coord	20	21
Library Assistant	14	15
Library Assistant Director	26	27
Library Circulation Supervisor	19	20
Library Director	32	33
Library Page	5	10
Library Program Specialist	17	18
Library Technical Assistant	16	17
Library Young Adult Program Coord	20	21
Parks & Recreation Director	29	31
Part-Time 911 Telecommunicator	N/A	17
Payroll/Finance Specialist	21	22
Purchasing Agent	23	24
Real Estate Tax Appraiser	21	22
Recreation Aide	N/A	11
Recreation Program Coordinator	19	21
Senior Accounting Specialist	21	23
Senior Library Program Specialist	18	19
Senior Planner	27	29
Senior Services Asst Director	20	21
Senior Services Director	29	30
Senior Services Site Mgr	19	20
Senior Tax Collections Specialist	18	19
Soil And Water Conserv Director	23	25
Soil And Water Conservationist	20	21
Staff Recruit Develop Specialist	21	22
Support Services Specialist	23	24
Tax Administrator	34	36
Tax Lister	N/A	14
Veterans Services Officer	19	21

The following positions are hereby established and added as funded in the budget:

Accounting Technician III	Income Maintenance Caseworker III
Administrative Specialist	Library Assistant
Building Inspector I	Planner
Emergency Planner	Processing Assistant IV
EMS Major	Social Worker II
GIS Technician	Social Worker II
Income Maintenance Caseworker II	Social Worker III
Income Maintenance Caseworker II	Social Worker Supervisor III

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The following position is to expire upon the retirement of the person currently holding the position:

Sheriff's Office, Jail Sworn Lieutenant (Position #1974)

SECTION VI. CHANGES TO BUDGETED POSITIONS

The following positions are reclassified:

DSS, One Income Maintenance Caseworker III to IMC III Lead Worker
EMS Paramedics-Eight positions changed to optional certification level as Paramedics, Basis, or Intermediate
Finance, Senior Accounting Specialist (Position #1010) to Support Services Specialist
General Services, Senior Accounting Specialist (Position #1960) to Accounting Technician IV
Health Department, Public Health Education Specialist (Position #1173) to Emergency Planner

SECTION VII. BOARD OF EDUCATION

General Statutes of the State of North Carolina provide for budgetary control measures to exist between the County and the public-school system. The Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the following measures for budget administration and review:

1. In accordance with North Carolina General Statute 115C-429(b) the Board of County Commissioners allocates current expense and capital outlay appropriations in lump sum for use by the Board of Education in accordance with the School Budget and Fiscal Control Act, except for an appropriation by function for school nurses.

Furthermore, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 115C-433(b), the Board of Education must obtain the approval of the Board of County Commissioners for an amendment to the budget that increases or decreases the amount of the County appropriation allocated to a function by twenty-five percent (25%) or more from the amount contained in this budget ordinance adopted by the Burke County Board of Commissioners.

2. Further, budget requests are to be accompanied by the school system's State and Federal budgets as required by General Statute 115C-429(c) which states, the school board shall submit its entire budget to the County Commissioners, not just the part for which county support is requested.
3. The Board of Education shall make quarterly financial reports to the Board of Commissioners as to the disbursement and use of local monies granted to the Board of Education by the Board of Commissioners.

SECTION VIII. MANAGERIAL AUTHORITY

The County Manager shall have management authority for the budget in accordance with the February 21, 1995 action of the County Commissioners as follows:

Approve budget amendments to receive and expend State, Federal and other non-tax revenues so long as the action does not commit additional property tax dollars, create additional positions, or initiate a new county function.

Approve budget adjustments for actual pass through of fire tax revenues received for respective fire departments.

Permit transfer of funds within and between departments so long as the action does not commit additional local tax dollars, create additional positions, or initiate a new county function.

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Additionally, the County Manager is authorized as follows:

To impose a hiring freeze, a freeze on capital expenditures, a freeze on travel, and operating reductions up to ten percent (10%) as deemed necessary by Burke County management. The Burke County Board of Commissioners will serve as the Appellate Board for decisions made by the County Manager. All appeals will follow the usual and customary agenda process.

To require the pre-approval of all out of county travel to attend training classes, workshops, and/or conferences by the Department Head and County Manager prior to the training using the Travel Authorization form. Travel costs incurred without proper authorization may not be paid or be eligible for reimbursement.

To negotiate and approve change order increases up to \$25,000 and all change orders reducing the total contract so long as such change orders do not significantly alter the scope or definition of the project or exceed budgeted funds.

To approve local grants without a local match and accept Federal and State funds without a local match pending Board approval.

To accept both monetary and property donations up to \$25,000 and authorize the appropriate accounting entries.

To approve requests from departments for temporary fee decreases during the budget year for not more than one 90 day period per fiscal year and notify the Deputy County Manager/Finance Director of said reductions.

To approve and execute contracts for budgeted expenditures up to \$90,000 where such contracts are not required to be bid or which G.S. 143-131 allows contracts to be executed on informal bids. The exception to this shall be procurement decisions in which Board action is mandated by a State or Federal requirement.

To execute contracts with outside agencies to properly document budgeted appropriations to such agencies where G.S. 153 A-248 (b), 259, 449 and any similar statutes require such contracts.

To increase the salary for existing staff or new-hires up to the mid point of the applicable pay grade, as needed. These increases will be on a case by case basis.

To review departmental appropriations quarterly and may transfer any anticipated excess funds to a budget account in order to preserve Fund Balance.

To exempt county projects from procurement requirements of Article 3D - Procurement of Architectural, Engineering, and Surveying Services, as permitted by G.S. 143-64.32. This authority may be delegated to the Deputy County Manager/Finance Director.

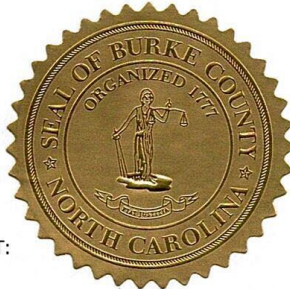
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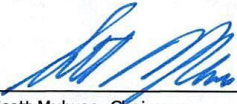
SECTION IX. UTILIZATION OF BUDGET AND BUDGET ORDINANCE

This Ordinance shall be the basis of the financial plan for Burke County government during the 2022-2023 fiscal year. The County Manager shall administer the budget and he shall ensure that operating officials are provided guidance and sufficient details to implement their appropriate portion of the budget. The Deputy County Manager/Finance Director shall establish and maintain records consistent with this ordinance and the appropriate statutes of the State of North Carolina.

A copy of this ordinance shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, the County Manager, and the Deputy County Manager/Finance Director to be kept on file by them for direction in the disbursement of funds.

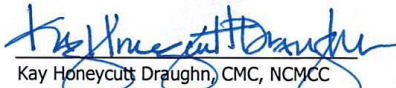


Adopted this 21st day of June 2022.



Scott Mulwee, Chairman
Burke County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Kay Honeycutt Draughn, CMC, NCMCC
Clerk to the Board

Attachment A - Schedule of Fees
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Animal Control and Animal Services

Animal Control Civil Citation 1st offense	\$50.00
Animal Control Civil Citation 2nd offense	\$100.00
Animal Control Civil Citation 3rd offense	\$200.00
Bite Quarantine Pick Up Fee	\$20.00 per pet
Canine Adoption Fee	\$125.00
Feline Adoption Fee	\$90.00
General Board Fee	\$10.00 per night
Isolation Cell Board Fee	\$15.00 per night
Owner Surrender Fee per pet	\$10.00 per pet
Rabies Vaccination	\$10.00 per shot
Rescue Pull Fee Dog	\$27.00
Rescue Pull Fee Puppy between 4 and 8 weeks old	\$12.00
Spay/Neuter Fee	\$60.00
Rescue Pull Fee Cat	\$12.00
Rescue Pull Fee Kitten between 4 and 8 weeks old	\$5.00
Veteran Discount	10%
Working Cat Adoption Fee	

Building Inspection**

Minimum Residential (electric, plumbing, mechanical, building)	\$75.00 per trade or sq ft fee, whichever is greater
Residential (unclassified)	\$75.00
Permit Multiplier - Residential	0.0039
Minimum Commercial (electric, plumbing, mechanical, building)	\$100.00 per trade or sq ft fee, whichever is greater
Commercial (unclassified)	\$100.00
Permit Multiplier - Industrial	0.0043
Mobile Home (Single/Double)	\$200.00
Stick Built/Modular	based on sq ft
Plan Review Fee	\$100.00
Above-Ground Pool	\$75.00
In-Ground Pool	\$150.00
Commercial Pool	\$200.00
Day Care Consultations	\$100.00
Commercial Signs	\$100.00 - \$200.00
Call Back	\$75.00
Temporary Power	\$250.00
Additional Inspection (regular bus hours)	\$75.00
Additional Inspection (after hours/weekend)	\$150.00 min
Homeowner Recovery Fund (as required by G.S. 87-15.6(b))	\$10.00

* If work is performed before issue of permit, double permit fee.

**For the full modifiers and examples, see the Planning Department and the International Building Code, Building Valuation Data chart in effect at July 1 each fiscal year.

DSS

Child Support Application	\$25.00
NC Health Choice (1 child)	\$50.00
NC Health Choice (2 or more children)	\$100.00
HCWD enrollment	\$50.00

EMS-Ambulance Services	
All Transport Fees	135% of Medicare rates
Environmental Health	
<u>On-Site Wastewater Permitting:</u>	
Permitting New Type I, II, III Systems	\$325.00
Permitting New Type IIIb (pump) Systems	\$425.00
Permitting New Type IV Systems	\$525.00
Permitting New Type V or VI Systems	\$825.00
Expansion of Existing System	\$175.00
Verification of Septic System	\$100.00
Repair Permits	No Charge
Call Back Fee	\$50.00
Addendum Fee	\$50.00
<u>Required Septic System Re-Inspections:</u>	
Type IIIb System (every 5 years)	\$100.00
Type IV System (every 3 years)	\$125.00
Type V System (once per year)	\$175.00
Type VI System (every 6 months)	\$175.00
*Fee waived if owner has Certified Operator	
<u>Private Well Water:</u>	
New Well Permit	\$325.00
Well Repair Permit	\$175.00
Bacteriological Well Water Sample	\$60.00
Chemical Well Water Sample	\$110.00
<u>Public Swimming Pools:</u>	
Annual Permit Fee	\$150.00
New Pool/Spa Plan Review	\$250.00
Remodel Pool/Spa Plan Review	\$150.00
<u>Tattoo or Piercing Parlor/Artist:</u>	
Tattoo or Piercing Parlor Annual Fee	\$200.00
Tattoo or Piercing Artist	\$200.00
Tattoo Artist/Parlor Plan Review	\$200.00
<u>Food Service:</u>	
Plan Review (Restaurants, Food Stands, Meat Markets, School Lunchrooms)	\$250.00
Plan Review (Mobile Food Unit)	\$150.00
Plan Review (Push Cart)	\$100.00
Temporary Food Permit	\$75.00
Preliminary/Consultative Visit	\$75.00
Finance	
Returned check fee on all County payments except tax	\$25.00

Fire Inspection Fees

Underground Storage Tank Removal Permit	\$150.00
Underground Storage Tank Installation	\$150.00
Aboveground Tank Installation	\$100.00
Blasting Permit	\$150.00
Bonfire Permit	\$20.00
Fireworks Display Permit	\$100.00
Foster Homes	\$50.00
Family Care Homes	\$100.00
Group Homes	\$100.00
Day Cares	\$100.00
Assembly – Small	\$100.00
Assembly – Large	\$150.00
Business	\$100.00
Factory – Less Than 10,000 Square Feet	\$150.00
Factory – Over 10,000 Square Feet	\$200.00
Hazardous	\$150.00
Institutional	\$150.00
Motels	\$150.00
Storage – Less Than 10,000 Square Feet	\$150.00
Storage – Over 10,000 Square Feet	\$200.00
Fire Suppression System Over Cooking Operations	\$50.00
Sprinkler Systems	\$100.00
ABC Permit	\$100.00
Fire Alarm Install or Upgrade	\$50.00
Vacant Property Placard	\$70.00
Vacant Property Posting	\$100.00
Operational Permits required by NC Fire Code	\$100.00
Construction Permits required by NC Fire Code	\$100.00
Plan Review	\$50.00

Fines for Civil Violations

Improper Use of Drop Cords/Surge Protectors	\$100.00
Fire Extinguisher Violation	\$100.00
Improper Storage of Flammable & Combustible Liquids	\$100.00
Illegal Burning	\$100.00
Failure to Maintain Fire Alarm, Sprinkler, or Cooking	
Suppression System	\$100.00
Failed Re-Inspection - Additional Visit Fee per Visit	\$50.00
Blocked Fire Lane, Fire Hydrant, Standpipe or Fire Department	
Connection	\$50.00
Emergency Exit Light/Emergency Egress Light Violation	\$50.00
Illegal Fireworks Violation (Subject to Seizure of Product)	\$500.00
Occupant Load Violation	\$250.00

Foothills Higher Education Conference Center

In-County

<u>Conference Area:</u>	Daily Rate	Damage Deposit
North Hall or South Hall (7,360 sq ft, 350 ppl)	\$700.00	\$700.00
Multi-Purpose Room (14710 sq ft, 700 ppl)	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
Alcohol Fee (Must rent Multi-Purpose)	\$250.00	--
Kitchen (600 sq ft)	\$300.00	--
Small Meeting(A/V equipped) (590 sq ft, 30 ppl)	\$200.00	\$75.00

Break Out Rooms:

Small Room(1000 sq ft, 40 ppl)	\$125.00	\$100.00
Large Room (1680 sq ft, 60 ppl)	\$175.00	\$150.00
County Department Fee (non-training events, 700 ppl)	\$325.00	--

* If admission is charged- 10% of gross receipts or 10% of table sales

Out-of-County

<u>Conference Area:</u>	Daily Rate	Damage Deposit
North Hall or South Hall (7,360 sq ft, 350 ppl)	\$725.00	\$700.00
Multi-Purpose Room (14710 sq ft, 700 ppl)	\$1,425.00	\$1,400.00
Alcohol Fee (Must rent Multi-Purpose)	\$250.00	--
Kitchen (600 sq ft)	\$300.00	--
Small Meeting(A/V equipped) (590 sq ft, 30 ppl)	\$225.00	\$75.00

Break Out Rooms:

Small Room(1000 sq ft, 40 ppl)	\$150.00	\$100.00
Large Room (1680 sq ft, 60 ppl)	\$200.00	\$150.00

* If admission is charged- 10% of gross receipts or 10% of table sales

IT/GIS

Letter	\$0.15
Map prints and copies	
Letter size map	\$1.00
Ledger (11x17)	\$1.00
Arch C (18x24)	\$3.00
Arch D (24x36)	\$6.00
Arch E (36x48)	\$12.00
Oversize - per square foot	\$1.00 per sq ft

Health Dept

Contact the Health Department for a complete list of fees.

Library

Replacement library card	\$5.00
Lost or damaged book	actual cost
Copier, printer, & wordprocessor	.25 page
Fax	\$1.00 page

Parks / RecreationPicnic Shelters

4 Hours	\$35.00
8 Hours	\$60.00

Ball Field Rentals

Per Field per Day	\$90.00
Per Field per day with Lights	\$165.00
Per Hour per Field (Out of County Teams)	\$15.00
Per Hour Light Usage	\$25.00

Ball Field Rentals

Baseball and Softball (Tarheel dues additional)	\$80.00 /team
Basketball	\$95.00 /team
Football	\$95.00 /team
Indoor Soccer	\$70.00 /team
Outdoor Soccer	\$80.00 /team

* If a team forfeits more than twice in a season, there may be a \$50.00 forfeit fee.

Planning/Zoning

Residential Zoning Permit	\$35.00
Non-Residential Zoning Permit	\$100.00
Non-Residential Zoning Permit & Minor Site Plan Review	\$150.00
Non-Residential Zoning Permit & Major Site Plan Review	\$250.00
Telecommunications Tower - New	\$3,500.00
Telecommunications Tower - Co-location – Major Upgrade	\$2,000.00
Telecommunications Tower - Co-location – Minor Upgrade	\$1,000.00
Sign Permit	\$50.00
Minor Shoreline Protection Permit	\$150.00
Major Shoreline Protection Permit	\$300.00
Resubmittal, Re-inspection, or Call Back Fee	\$50.00
Rezoning Application	\$650.00 + \$25/ac
Zoning Ordinance Amendment	\$650.00
Special Use Permit Application	\$450.00
Zoning Variance Request	\$450.00
Interpretation of Use District Map	\$450.00
Zoning Appeal	\$450.00
Zoning Conformity Letter	\$35.00
Exempt Subdivision Review	\$25.00
Minor Subdivision Review	\$100.00
Major Subdivision Review (Prelim)	\$500.00 + \$5/lot
Major Subdivision Review (Final)	\$500.00 + \$3/lot
Street Signs	\$200.00
Subdivision Appeal	\$450.00
Subdivision Text Amendment	\$650.00
Subdivision Variance Request	\$450.00
Floodplain Development Permit	\$100.00
Floodplain Ordinance Appeal	\$450.00
Short Term Rental Permit	\$100.00

* If work is performed before issue of permit, double permit fee.

Sheriff's Office

Fingerprints	\$10.00
New Conceal Carry Permit	\$90.00
New Conceal Carry Permit - Active LEO	\$80.00
New Conceal Carry Permit - Retired LEO	\$45.00
Renewal Conceal Carry Permit	\$75.00
Renewal Conceal Carry Permit - Retired LEO	\$40.00
Handgun Purchase Permit	\$5.00 each
Service Fee for Civil Papers	\$30.00 per person
Sale of Property by Judgment (necessary expenses for sale)	5% on the first \$500, 2.5% on all sums over \$500

Register of DeedsLand Records:

Instruments In General	\$26.00 15 pages, \$4 each additional page
Deeds of Trusts or Mortgages	\$64.00 35 pages, \$4 each additional page
State Excise Tax on Real Estate Conveyances	\$2.00 per thousand (\$1.00 up to \$500.00)
Additional Index Reference on Assignment	\$10.00
Additional Required Indexed Party (Over 20)	\$2.00 per name
Multiple Instruments In one Document	\$10.00 each additional instrument
Nonstandard Document	\$25.00 + other applicable recording fees

Plats:

Each Original or Revised Plat Recorded	\$21.00 per sheet or page
Certified copy	\$5.00

Uniform Commercial Code:

One or Two Pages	\$38.00
Three to Ten Pages	\$45.00
Over Ten Pages	\$45.00 10 pages, \$2 each additional page
Removal of Graves Certificate	\$12.00 first page, \$3 each additional page

Right-Of-Way Plans:

Each Original or Amended Plan And Profile Sheet	\$21.00 first page, \$5 each additional page
Certified copy	\$5.00
Comparing copy for Certification	\$5.00

Military Service Record:

Filing And Recording Discharge	No Fee
1 Certified copy	No Fee
Certified copy which no other provision is made	\$5 first page, \$2 each additional page

Marriage License Fees:

Issuing License	\$60.00 - cash only
Delayed Certificate with 1 Certified copy	\$20.00
Amendment of Marriage App, License or Certificate, with 1 certified copy	\$10.00
Certified copy of a Vital Record (Birth, Death, Marriages)	\$10.00

Register of Deeds, continued

Register Birth Certificate:

Prepare paperwork when birth to be registered in another county	\$10.00
Register papers prepared in another county with 1 certified copy	\$10.00
Prepare papers and register in the same county with 1 certified copy	\$20.00

Amendment of Birth or Death Record:

Prepare amendment affecting correction	\$25.00
1 certified copy	\$10.00

Legitimations:

Prepare documents (does not include a certified copy)	\$25.00
Certified copy of birth record	\$10.00
Qualifications of Notary Public	\$10.00
Notary Authentication	\$5.00
Acknowledgements	\$5.00 per signature, \$10.00 per electronic
State Vital Records Search	\$14.00
State Vital Records for Network Access	\$24.00 first copy, \$15.00 each additional copy

Miscellaneous Services:

Passport Photo Service	\$10.00 per 2x2 picture
Plain copies	\$.25 per page
Expedited Mail Services-Domestic	\$16.00
Expedited Mail Services-International	\$45.00

Tax

Garnishment Fee	\$30.00
Returned Checks on tax payments	\$25.00 or 10%, whichever is greater
Room Occupancy Tax	6%
Failure to pay	\$5.00 or 10%, whichever is greater
Failure to file	5% of tax + 5% for each month up to 25%
Short term Rental Vehicles	County 1.5% of gross receipts City of Hickory 1.5% of gross receipts

ABC License

On-premises malt (Beer)	\$15.00
Off-premises malt (Beer)	\$5.00
On-premises unfortified wine and/or fortified wine	\$15.00
Off-premises unfortified wine and/or fortified wine	\$10.00

Solid Waste	
Residential Dwelling Fee	
Regular Rate	\$82.00 per year
Qualified Reduced Rate	\$41.00 per year
Boiler Fuel	\$12.75 per ton
Brush	\$36.75 per ton
Commercial/Industrial	\$79.00 per ton
Construction/Demolition	\$43.25 per ton
Pallets	\$46.50 per ton
Roofing Material	\$43.25 per ton
Single Wide Mobile Homes	\$625.00 each
Double Wide Mobile Homes	\$760.00 each
Triple Wide Mobile Homes	\$900.00 each
Rims with Tires (up to 20")	\$4.00 per rim
Rims with Tires (Greater than 20")	\$5.50 per rim
Sale of Wooden Pallets	\$1.50 each
Weigh Truck only	\$10.00 each
Water	
Basic Monthly Service	\$25.00
Consumption Rate	\$6.00 per 1,000 gallons
3/4" Tap and meter	\$1,500.00
1" Tap and meter	\$2,000.00
2" Tap and meter	\$3,800.00
3" Tap and meter	\$10,750.00
Account Deposit	\$150.00
Re-connect	\$50.00
Unauthorized Tap	\$2,500.00
Meter Tampering 1 offense	\$500.00
Meter Tampering 2 offense	Revocation
Meter Re-installation	\$350.00
Late Fee	10% of outstanding balance
Leak adjustment credit is computed by taking the 12-month average gallons used off the amount of gallons listed on the bill the credit requested. The remaining gallons are credited back at \$2.00 per gallon.	
Sewer	
Basic Monthly Service	\$25.00
Consumption Rate	\$6.00 per 1,000 gallons
Tap	
4"	\$1,000.00
6"	\$1,750.00
8"	\$5,000.00
Account Deposit	\$150.00
Unauthorized Tap	\$2,500.00
Late Fee	10% of outstanding balance

INFORMAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

At 6:47 p.m., Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for informal public comments and reminded speakers to keep their comments to three (3) minutes. There were seven (7) people who signed up to address the Board.

Melanie Miller of Browning View Road presented the following statement:

Good afternoon. My name is Melanie Miller. My family and I reside at 1870 Browning View Road. I am the wife of a public safety sergeant, mom of two and a special education teacher for North Carolina Virtual Academy. In an effort to alleviate childcare costs, I chose to begin teaching virtually. We knew this would be a challenge since we did not have access to high-speed internet during the shutdown in 2020, however we also knew that the time with our children couldn't be replaced. With this in mind, I took the leap and opted to begin working from home. We began spending \$240/month for satellite internet that

didn't meet my needs and I had to begin commuting 5 miles down the road to have access to high-speed internet. Next school year, my daughter will be in kindergarten, and we have chosen for her to attend NCVA as well. In light of recent school shootings and my husband's night shift schedule, completing school at home for Caroline is the best fit for our family. The one obstacle we, and many others around us, are facing is our internet access. We paid out of our Viasat contract and are relying on a Jetpack with Verizon that is often unreliable and incapable of providing the bandwidth we need. After speaking with a representative for Senator Daniels, I was informed that Burke County is considered a Tier 1 county in respect to the RDOF federal grant. I have spoken with two different people with Charter and have not received definitive answers as to when service would be brought to our area. We are surrounded by agriculture, local businesses and individual family units that would greatly benefit from high-speed internet; especially if we are faced with another shutdown like 2020. I am addressing you today to ask for assistance in expediting the process and encouraging the organizations approved on the grant to begin using the funds at their disposal to bring high speed internet to the residents of Browning View/Pea Ridge/Fish Hatchery area.

Rev. Marshal Jolley of King Street in Morganton addressed the removal of the Confederate Monument from the courthouse square and identified numerous cities where similar monuments have been removed from public spaces.

Karen Brazinski of Parkland Street in Morganton addressed the negative symbolism associated with the Confederate Monument on the courthouse square and encouraged the Board to have a dialog with citizens on this issue.

Jo Curtis of Morganton spoke about visiting the courthouse as a child when there were separate restrooms and water fountains for white women and colored women which were removed during the civil rights movement. She said the statute is an affront to our democracy and must be taken down. Now that we know better, we must do better.

Sam Avery of Morganton asked why they cannot have a dialog about issues like the Confederate Monument that divide our community. He said the Board has been asked numerous of times to participate, but they have never received a response. He then spoke of courage, leadership and how open communication is the first step in getting to know your neighbors and fostering goodwill.

Denise Bishop a resident of northwestern Burke County, spoke about how her community was suddenly left without internet and telephone services thanks to corporate profiteering. She addressed her husband's medical issues and her urgent need for a working telephone at an affordable price. She advised that wealthy neighborhoods within five miles in either direction of her home have internet/telephone services as well as both campgrounds at Lake James. She asked the Board for their assistance and to pursue all broadband grant funding.

John Hamer, a resident of northwestern Burke County, also spoke about how his community was suddenly left without internet and telephone services thanks to corporate profiteering. He requested assistance for himself and the whole community.

With there being no other speakers, Chairman Mulwee closed that portion of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

At the Chairman's request, County Manager Steen reviewed the items on the consent agenda.

CLERK - APPOINTMENT TO CPCFPT

This is a request to appoint Brandi Tolbert to the Child Protection Child Fatality Prevention Team to fill vacant Seat No. 7 with a term ending April 30, 2024. Ms. Tolbert is not a county resident and as such, an exemption to the residency provision of the Code of Ordinances is also requested.

Motion: To appoint Brandi Tolbert to the Child Protection Child Fatality Prevention Team, Seat No. 7, at-large, to complete the remainder of a term ending April 30, 2024, and approve a residency exception to Section 2-88 of the Code of Ordinances.

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

CLERK - RESOLUTION UPDATING PLAT REVIEW OFFICER FOR RUTHERFORD COLLEGE

The following resolution updates the plat review officer for the Town of Rutherford College.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2022-08.

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

Res. No. 2022-08 reads as follows:

RESOLUTION UPDATING PLAT REVIEW OFFICERS

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Statutes (GS 47-30.2) requires the board of commissioners in each county, by resolution, to appoint persons to serve as Plat Review Officers to review each plat before it is presented to the register of deeds for recording and certify that it meets the statutory requirements for recording; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Geathers, Jr. is listed as the current plat review officer for the Town of Rutherford; and

WHEREAS, the Town has formally requested that Mr. Geathers be removed from the list of Plat Review Officers for the Town and that Scott Berson, a planner with the Western Piedmont Council of Governments, be added to the list of plat review officers for the Town of Rutherford College.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Burke County Board of Commissioners appoint Scott Berson, planner with the Western Piedmont Council of Governments, as the Plat Review Officer for the Town of Rutherford College.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution designating the Plat Review Officer be recorded in the Burke County Register of Deeds Office and indexed in the name of the Review Officers.

Adopted this 21st day of June 2022.

/s/: Scott Mulwee
 Scott Mulwee, Chairman
 Burke Co. Board of Commissioners

Attest:

/s/: Kay Honeycutt Draughn
 Kay Honeycutt Draughn, CMC, NCMCC
 Clerk to the Board

FINANCE - FY 22-23 GENERAL LIABILITY/WORKER'S COMP INSURANCE RENEWAL

Insurance for property, general liability and worker's compensation is provided through the NC Association of County Commissioners Risk Pools. Vehicle, equipment, and crime insurance is proposed with a \$1,000 deductible with all other coverage on property and liability proposed with a \$5,000 deductible. No excess liability coverage is recommended. Worker's compensation insurance is proposed to continue with the \$350,000 deductible. Renewal cost for the general liability and property insurance is \$564,263 less credits for multiple policies and using varying deductibles. Worker's compensation renewal cost is \$237,686 plus claims. These amounts are an overall increase of \$38,119 or 5% from FY 21-22. Funds for these contracts are included in the FY 22-23 recommended budget.

Motion: To approve renewals in the amounts of \$564,263 and \$237,686 less applicable credits for insurance on property, general liability, and worker's compensation with the NCACC risk pools. Authorize the County Manager to execute the proposals on behalf of the Board.

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

GENERAL SERVICES - RENEWAL OF JANITORIAL SERVICE CONTRACT

The annual contract for janitorial services expires June 30, 2022. The renewal contract is for 3 years with an option to increase pricing the 2nd and 3rd year.

Motion: To approve a contract for janitorial services between Burke County and Patton Cleaning Company, Inc., subject to review and/or revision by the County Attorney.

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

GENERAL SERVICES - LABELLA ASSOCIATES ANNUAL SERVICES FY22-23

Burke County has operated a Construction and Demolition (C&D) landfill at the John's River Waste Management Facility since 1998. The operation of a C&D landfill comes with State requirements for monitoring and reporting. These services are necessary to continue the operation of the landfill. The services are provided on an annual basis by LaBella Associates. Additional work required by the State includes quarterly landfill gas monitoring at Johns River, East Burke and Kirksey Drive Landfills; and design of Landfill Gas remediation at East Burke/Kirksey Dr. Landfills. A contract is needed to perform the engineering tasks required by NCDEQ Division of Waste Management. The proposed contract is provided for review. (Note: Contracts over \$90,000 require Board approval.) Funding for this expenditure is included in the FY 22-23 budget.

Task 01 - General Consulting (estimated)	\$ 25,000
Task 02 - Semiannual Water Quality Sampling & Analysis (fixed)	\$ 71,000
Task 03 - Semiannual Water Quality Reporting (fixed)	\$ 28,000
Task 04 - Quarterly Landfill Gas Monitoring (fixed)	\$ 9,500
Task 05 - Landfill Gas Extraction System O&M (fixed)	\$ 6,000
Task 06 - Landfill Gas Remediation for East Burke and Kirksey Drive Landfills (estimated)	\$ 30,000
Task 07 - Annual SWPPP Training and Review (fixed)	\$ 5,000
Task 08 - Ongoing CQA for Johns River Phase 4 Construction (estimated)	\$ 15,000
Total of proposed tasks	\$189,500

Motion: To approve a contract with LaBella Associates for \$189,500, subject to review and/or revision by the County Attorney and authorize the County Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the Board.

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

JCPC – REMOVALS, REAPPOINTMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS TO THE JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

The Juvenile Crime Prevention Council plans for the needs of adjudicated and at-risk youth and assesses the need for delinquency treatment and prevention services in Burke County. As indicated in the following roster, the terms of appointment for several members on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council end June 30 and some members are interested in being considered for reappointment, some do not.

The Council requests the reappointment of:

- Seat # 1: School Superintendent or Designee, Sara LeCroy
- Seat # 6: Mental Health, Katie Varnadoe
- Seat # 9: Substance Abuse Professional, Joseph Martinez
- Seat # 14: Juvenile Def. Attorney, Brooke Mills

The Council requests the appointment of:

- Seat # 4: District Attorney or Designee, Ally Mashburn to replace Stephanie Renzelman
- Seat # 15: Chief District Court Judge or Designee, Brandi Tolbert to replace Judge Smith
- Seat # 21: At-large, Jeffrey Beck to replace David Bridges

Seat # 24: At-large, Chris Norman to replace Brandon Collins

The Council requests the removal of:

Seat #12: Student < 18, Willow Conrad (Attendance)

Seat # 18: United Way, Tayler Hyatt (Relocation)

Seat # 19: Parks & Recreation, Doug Knight (Retirement)

Exceptions to Sec. 2-88 (a & e, membership requirements: residency and length of service) of the Code of Ordinances are requested as needed.

Motions: To remove the following members from the JCPC roster and thank them for their service to the community:

Seat #12: Student < 18, Willow Conrad (Attendance)

Seat # 18: United Way, Tayler Hyatt (Relocation)

Seat # 19: Parks & Recreation, Doug Knight (Retirement)

To reappoint the following members to the JCPC for two (2) year terms ending June 30, 2024:

Seat # 1: School Superintendent or Designee, Sara LeCroy

Seat # 6: Mental Health, Katie Varnadoe

Seat # 9: Substance Abuse Professional, Joseph Martinez

Seat # 14: Juvenile Def. Attorney, Brooke Mills

To appoint the following members to the JCPC for two (2) year terms ending June 30, 2024:

Seat # 4: District Attorney or Designee, Ally Mashburn

Seat # 15: Chief District Court Judge or Designee, Brandi Tolbert

Seat # 21: At-large, Jeffrey Beck

Seat # 24: At-large, Chris Norman

To approve exceptions to Sec. 2-88 (a & e, membership requirements: residency and length of service) of the Code of Ordinances are requested if needed.

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

ROD - MATCHING FUNDS FOR ROD GRANT PROGRAM

Funds were appropriated by the North Carolina General Assembly under Section 24.2 of the Current Operations Appropriations Act of 2021 (SL2021-180) to Register of Deeds offices. Funds must be used for the preservation of historic records and files. The maximum grant amount each office may receive in the first round of funding is \$2,000 with 100% local match for the grant funds. Additional funds shall be disbursed in a second round of applications based on availability of funds. The Burke County Register of Deeds applied for this grant on 4/27/2022 and requested to be considered for any additional funds should they become available. The Burke County Register of Deeds intends to use the grant money for restoration and preservation of two (2) volumes of historic marriage licenses dated 1866-1873 and 1874-1877. These vital records are currently housed in a banker's box and are in need of deacidification and significant restoration to prevent further deterioration of these records and to ensure that we

are able to provide a durable and sustainable permanent record of these important vital records.

Motion: To appropriate up to \$2,000 of General Fund, Fund Balance for the Register of Deeds Grant Application, pending a grant award.

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

TAX DEPT. - TAX COLLECTION REPORT FOR MAY 2022

The Board of Commissioners is presented with the Tax Collection Report for the period between July 1, 2021, and May 31, 2022. This reflects the status of collections by the Burke County Tax Collection's Staff. This information is a supplement to the Annual Settlement Report.

Category	Annual Budget	Amount Collected YTD	% Collected	Balance to Collect
Property Tax	\$45,000,000.00	\$45,547,027.25	101.22%	(\$547,027.25)
Motor Vehicle Tax	\$5,200,000.00	\$5,169,170.21	99.41%	\$30,829.79
Current Year Taxes	\$50,200,000.00	\$50,716,197.46	101.03%	(\$516,197.46)
Delinquent Taxes	\$700,000.00	\$740,635.33	105.85%	(\$40,965.33)
Late List Penalty	\$315,000.00	\$375,204.89	119.11%	(\$60,204.89)

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	\$46,298,001.00	\$45,547,027.25	98.38%	\$750,973.41

Motion: To accept the Tax Collection Report for May 2022 as presented.

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

TAX DEPT. - RELEASE REFUND REPORT FOR MAY 2022

Releases in value and/or refunds of taxes typically occur when:

- ☐ Taxpayers submit information that creates a reduction in value.
- ☐ Situs is corrected between counties and/or municipalities.
- ☐ Valuation appeals reduce the value for real or personal property.
- ☐ The postmark reveals a payment was timely sent.

The Board of Commissioners is presented with the following list of releases and refunds for consideration. The Net Release is a result of the Report Amount minus the Rebilled Amount.

Tax System Refunds and Releases

	Report Amount	Rebilled Amount	Net Release	Refund Amount
Releases (TR-304)	1,935.57	0.00	1,935.57	0.00

VTS Refunds Over \$100	
	Refund Amount
VTS Adjustments	282.90

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

Payee Name	Primary Owner	Address 1	Address 3	Refund Type	Bill #	Refund Description	Tax Jurisdiction	Levy Type	Change	Interest Change	Total Change
BROWN, BOBBY EUGENE	BROWN, BOBBY EUGENE	2620 OLIVER WYKE RD	MORGANTON, NC 28655	Adjustment >= \$100	0066563628	Refund Generated due to adjustment on Bill #0066563628-2021-2021-0000-00	01	Tax	(\$238.32)	\$0.00	(\$238.32)
							23	Tax	(\$44.58)	\$0.00	(\$44.58)
										Refund	\$282.90
										Refund Total	\$282.90

Bill #	Taxpayer Name	Bill Date	Operator ID (Name)	Release Date	Orig Bill Amount(\$)	Release Amount(\$)	Bill Amount after Release(\$)
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY RELEASE REASON: Adjustment							
0000078660-2017-2017-0000-00-REG	SOUTHERN TIRE WHOLESale	7/1/2017	LINDA WILBUR	5/16/2022	0.00	191.51	-191.51
Subtotal						191.51	
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY RELEASE REASON: Business Closed							
0000078660-2013-2013-0000-00-REG	SOUTHERN TIRE WHOLESale	7/1/2013	JOHN BRIDGERS	5/5/2022	299.57	299.57	0.00
0000078660-2014-2014-0000-00-REG	SOUTHERN TIRE WHOLESale	7/1/2014	JOHN BRIDGERS	5/5/2022	299.57	299.57	0.00
0000078660-2016-2016-0000-00-REG	SOUTHERN TIRE WHOLESale	7/1/2016	JOHN BRIDGERS	5/5/2022	187.37	187.37	0.00
0000078660-2017-2017-0000-00-REG	SOUTHERN TIRE WHOLESale	7/1/2017	JOHN BRIDGERS	5/5/2022	191.51	191.51	0.00
0000078660-2018-2018-0000-00-REG	SOUTHERN TIRE WHOLESale	7/1/2018	JOHN BRIDGERS	5/5/2022	191.51	191.51	0.00
0000078660-2019-2019-0000-00-REG	SOUTHERN TIRE WHOLESale	7/1/2019	JOHN BRIDGERS	5/5/2022	191.51	191.51	0.00
0000078660-2020-2020-0000-00-REG	SOUTHERN TIRE WHOLESale	7/1/2020	LINDA WILBUR	5/5/2022	191.51	191.51	0.00
0000078660-2021-2021-0000-00-REG	SOUTHERN TIRE WHOLESale	7/1/2021	LINDA WILBUR	5/5/2022	191.51	191.51	0.00
Subtotal						1,744.06	
Total						1,935.57	

Motion: To approve the Tax Releases and Refunds for May 2022 as presented.

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

ITEMS FOR DECISION

COMM. DEV. - ABATEMENT & DEMOLITION ORDER 7901 HOUSTON AVE.

Steve Holden, Chief Building Inspector, presented the following request:

The Burke County Community Development Department is requesting approval of an abatement and demolition order from the Board of Commissioners for removal, demolition, cleanup, and disposal of a burned home/ structure located at 7901 Houston Ave. The abatement and demolition order would include the demolition and waste removal of all construction materials associated with the burned home/structure. Community Development is requesting approval from the Commissioners to carry out the order, remove the violation, and resolve this nuisance item from the community. The situation and location were first reported to Community Development on February 1, 2022, from Robert Bishop, Burke County Fire Marshal's Office. Mr. Bishop stated that the Burke County Fire Marshal responded to a home/structure fire at the listed address. The owner of the home, David R. Parker, along with several other individuals were displaced because of the fire damage. The home/structure was badly damaged, and it was deemed by the Chief Burke County Building Inspector, Steven Holden, to be *UNSAFE* and was posted the same day. The condemnation of the home/structure was started, and a *NOTICE OF HEARING* was mailed to the owner. The hearing occurred on February 14, 2022. Two different options were offered within a sixty-day window: 1. Repair the structure to make it habitable, or 2. Demolish the structure. The deadline date of April 15, 2022 was based on the hearing date. On April 20, 2022, an inspection from Community Development Code Enforcement staff determined neither remedy had occurred. Staff feels that this property will suffer more damage from vandalism, weather, and neglect. Since the fire, the neighbors have reported an increase of unknown individuals in the area. A camping tent has been erected on the property and it is believed these individuals are living in said tent. Numerous calls for service have been made to law enforcement to check on these individuals and to identify them. As a result of these concerns, some of these individuals have been arrested and/or charged with crimes. This location has become a nuisance to the neighborhood and is an eyesore to the community being so close to several public schools. The total cost for removal or demolition of the home/ structure is unknown at this time. If approved by the Board, bids would be sought with multiple demolition contractors. The cost for removal shall include all demolition work, solid waste removals, and cleanup for the parcel lot.

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Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for questions or comments from the Board. Chief Holden responded to a question from Commissioner Taylor.

Motion: To uphold the condemnation ruling for the burned home/ structure and authorize up to \$20,000.00 of Fund Balance from the General Fund for the Community Development Department to remove the violations and nuisance from the property located at 7901 Houston Ave. (Pin # 2762952018). Further, authorize the County Manager to execute the demolition contract on behalf of the Board, subject to review and/or revision by the County Attorney. Any direct costs, via cleanup, demolition, or removal will be placed within a property lien by the County Attorney and recorded within the Register of Deeds Office.

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

COMM. DEV. - ABATEMENT & DEMOLITION 2581 RAINTREE ST.

Steve Holden, Chief Building Inspector, presented the following request:

The Burke County Community Development Department is requesting approval of an abatement and demolition order from the Board of Commissioners for removal, demolition, cleanup, and disposal of a burned home/ structure located at 2581 Raintree St. The abatement and demolition order would include the demolition and waste removal of all construction materials associated with the burned home/ structure. Community Development is requesting approval from the Commissioners to carry out the order, remove the violation, and resolve this nuisance item from the community. The situation and location were first reported to the Community Development office on December 6, 2021, from the Burke County Fire Marshal's Office, Fire Inspector Matthew Chapman. Inspector Chapman stated that the Burke County Fire Marshal responded to a home/ structure fire at the listed address. The owner of the home, Jimmy H. Smith, had been deceased for some time and the home was vacant. The home was badly damaged, and upon review of the Chief Burke County Building Inspector, Steven Holden, was deemed that the home/ structure was *UNSAFE* and posted the same day. The condemnation process for the home was started, and a *NOTICE OF HEARING* was mailed to the owner, which was returned unclaimed. The required Condemnation Hearing was held at Burke County offices on January 1, 2022. At the hearing, no one attended, but normal options were considered for either completion of repairs to make the structure habitable or demolish the structure from the site. Thirty (30) days was provided to locate family or a responsible party. The Burke County Tax Department assisted and indicated that the property was under tax foreclosure and provided contact information for an attorney's office covering the matter. The attorney related that the property disposition should be decided on in February to demolish or to sell as is. On March 11, 2022, an inspection from Community Development Code Enforcement staff determined no remedy had occurred. Communication was made with an insurance adjustor for the property who stated it would be demolished on February 15, 2022. As of April 22, 2022, the home/structure still remains on the property. Since the fire, the neighbors have noticed an increase

of unknown subjects in the area. Numerous calls for service have been made to law enforcement to check on these individuals and to identify them. Some of these individuals have been arrested and/or charged with crimes. The total cost for removal or demolition of the home/ structure is unknown currently. If approved by this Board, bids would be sought with multiple demolition contractors. The cost for removal shall include all demolition work, solid waste removal, and cleanup for the parcel lot.

BEFORE**AFTER**

Chief Holden also reported the Community Development department recently learned that this property was submitted to the tax attorney for foreclosure, the value of the property is \$111,618 and no progress on abatement has occurred. Commissioner Taylor advised that he visited the property, there is more fire damage than the photos show and that he attempted to contact the owner's daughter, but no one came to the door when he knocked.

Motion: To uphold the condemnation ruling for the burned home/ structure and authorize up to \$20,000.00 of Fund Balance from the General Fund for Code Enforcement to remove the violations and nuisance from the property located at 2581 Raintree St. (Pin # 2773242330). Further, authorize the County Manager to execute the demolition contract on behalf of the Board, subject to review and/or revision by the County. Any direct costs, via cleanup, demolition, or removal will be placed within a property lien by the County Attorney and recorded within the Register of Deeds Office.

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

CLERK - APPOINTMENT TO WPCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Clerk Draughn reported the Western Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees is a 12-member board. Four (4) members are appointed by the County. Seat No. 2 is occupied by Rod Harrelson whose term ends June 30, 2022. Mr. Harrelson is seeking reappointment. An application was also received from Ryan Morgan.

Chairman Mulwee advised that Mr. Harrelson is the Vice Chair of the Trustees and is a very active member. Commissioner Taylor moved to reappoint Mr. Harrelson. Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for other nominations, but none were submitted.

Motion: To reappoint Rod Harrelson to the Western Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees, Seat No. 2, for a 4-year term ending June 30, 2026.

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

TAX - AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT TO CONDUCT REAPPRAISAL REVIEWS

John Bridgers, Tax Administrator, reported the Tax Office has been working with Pearson's Appraisal Services Incorporated as part of the revaluation of property effective January 1, 2023. Originally, a full list and measure of all residential properties was proposed and contracted. As work progressed, it was determined that alternate services would be less costly and provide the appropriate information for the County to conduct the revaluation. The amendment proposed to the contract would allow Pearson to assist with the commercial and industrial valuations. With the recent retirement of two (2) key Tax staff members, this assistance will be critical. Cost for the commercial and industrial reviews will be \$60 per parcel. Cost for analysis of the balance of the residential and vacant land parcels will be \$4.10 per parcel. The full list and measure by Pearson's will cease and this process will be addressed by County staff.

Margaret Pierce, Deputy County Manager/Finance Director, responded to questions from

Commissioner Taylor regarding the cost of the contract.

Motion: Authorize the County Manager to execute the amendment to the contract for reappraisal on behalf of the Board, subject to review and/or revision by the County Attorney.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Johnnie W. Carswell, Vice Chairman

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

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for reports and comments from Commissioners and staff.

Margaret Pierce, Deputy County Manager/Finance Director, advised that the budget will be posted on the County's website tomorrow and departments will receive their budgets then too.

County Attorney Simpson highlighted the activities he has performed since the May regular meeting.

Clerk Draughn reminded citizens to not leave their children or pets in a hot vehicle and to not bring a pet(s) to a fireworks show.

County Manager Steen advised that the county's telephone system will be down for approximately four (4) hours at 5 p.m. on Thursday for an upgrade. However, 911 emergency calls will not be affected.

Commissioner Taylor commented on attending the lengthy opening ceremony of NC School of Science and Math. He also attended County Assembly Day.

Vice Chairman Carswell commented on various events he attended since the last meeting and mentioned several upcoming out-of-state meetings he will be attending. Further, he spoke about what the County Commissioners have done for the past six (6) years to try to address broadband issues. He suggested holding a press conference or making a YouTube video to tell their side of the story.

Chairman Mulwee stated his intent to begin publishing fireside chats videos on YouTube to educate the public on various relevant topics of interest. The budget will be the topic of the first video and Ms. Pierce will be his guest. He also mentioned several upcoming meetings that he plans to attend and commended county staff for their work on the budget. Further, he reminded citizens to not litter, to cover their loads to the landfill or to the convenience centers and reviewed several upcoming public events that Commissioners may attend as well as upcoming Board meetings and a holiday closure.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clerk Draughn announced the following vacancies on county boards or committees:

- Adult Care & Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee

- BURKE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
- City of Morganton - Board of Adjustment (ETJ)
- City of Morganton - Planning Board (ETJ)
- Burke Senior Center Advisory Council
- Child Protection & Child Fatality Prevention Team
- East Burke Senior Center Advisory Board
- Burke County Board of Adjustment
- Council on Aging
- Burke County Board of Health
- Partner's CFAC (Consumer and Family Advisory Committee)
- Animal Advisory Board (At-Large Pet Owner)

Chairman Mulwee encouraged citizens to participate.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Mulwee announced that a closed session is needed to discuss threatened or pending litigation, to preserve the attorney-client privilege, to discuss economic development matters, to discuss contractual matters (land acquisition) and to discuss personnel matters as authorized by NCGS 143-318.11(a) (3), (4), (5) and (6).

Motion: To go into closed session.

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

Motion: To come out of closed session.

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

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

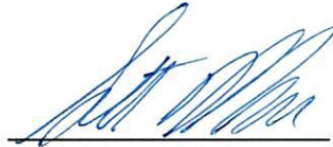
Chairman Mulwee announced that no action was taken in closed session. Further, he extended condolences to the families of former County Commissioners Jim Cates and Martha Hemphill who passed away recently.

ADJOURN

Motion: To adjourn at 7:59 p.m.

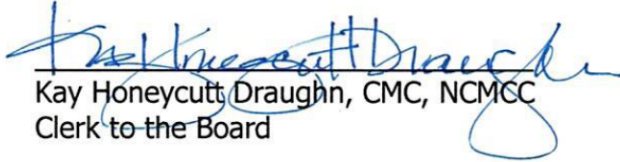
RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Maynard M. Taylor, Commissioner
AYES:	Scott Mulwee, Johnnie W. Carswell, Wayne F. Abele, Sr., Jeffrey C. Brittain and Maynard M. Taylor

Approved this 28th day of February 2023.



Scott Mulwee, Chairman
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners

Attest:



Kay Honeycutt Draughn, CMC, NCMCC
Clerk to the Board