

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

The Burke County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 6:00 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. The agenda, in its entirety, was posted to the County's website, www.burkenc.org, several days prior to the meeting as usual. 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

Commissioner Taylor delivered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

J.R. Simpson, County Attorney, delivered the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: To approve the agenda as amended:

Removal: Presentation of Burke Co. Public School's quarterly financial update for the period ending September 30, 2022.

Addition: Proclamations honoring Commissioners Abele and Taylor for their 20 years of public service.

Move: Move the introduction of the new county manager and approval of the employment agreement to the December meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: To approve the minutes of May 17, 2022 (regular) meeting as written.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [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 - PET OF THE MONTH

Kaitlin Settlemyre, Animal Services Director, presented a dog (Rudy) and cat (Shadow) in need of its "forever" home. Ms. Settlemyre relayed some of the upcoming events. Pet Palooza will be held from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on November 19th at the Crosslink Church and it is an educational event which earns a free voucher for the rabies clinic the following day. On November 20th from 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Crosslink Church, there will be a rabies clinic where the vouchers can be redeemed for dogs; however, the vouchers for cats must be redeemed directly at Animal Services for safety reasons. The fee for a rabies vaccine without a voucher is \$10. Starting December 1st, the fourth annual Santa Claus for Things with Paws begins. This is a Christmas gift collection geared towards shelter animals. The fourth annual Home for the Holidays event will be occurring as well where people can pick out a pet to foster on December 20th – 23rd and then return or adopt the pet on the 27th.

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for questions or comments and issued a friendly reminder to adopt or foster a pet.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN.
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ASFI - PRESENTATION OF RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP EDUCATION PROMO VIDEO & RECOGNITION OF WPCC PERSONNEL ET AL

Kay Draughn, Clerk to the Board, CMC, NCMCC, President of the Animal Services Foundation Inc. (ASFI), reported that the Animal Services Foundation, Inc. received a grant from the Rostan Foundation to provide responsible pet education to the citizens of Burke County to reduce recidivism at the county animal shelter. The concept of a public mass educational event, the Pet Palooza on Nov 19th, was conceived along with creating training videos that can be shared on any social media platform or at any in-person training event.

The Animal Services Director, shelter staff and Dr. Jenni McGrady, DVM, developed seven (7) scripts on responsible pet ownership and how pet owners can comply with the County's animal ordinances. In a collaborative learning endeavor, students from WPCC's Digital Affects & Animation Technology and / or Simulation & Game Development programs filmed and edited the educational videos under the guidance of Jonathan Crumpler and Julie Church. VanNoppen Marketing developed a promotional video for social media.

The students that participated in the filming are as follows: Madison Ellington, Rebecca Carson, Colby Franklin, Samuel Millner, Vivian Moya, Abigail Reyes-Calderon, and Chelsea Caceres.

After viewing the promo, the Board was asked to recognize Jonathan Crumpler, WPCC Program Coordinator, Julie Church, WPCC Instructor, VanNoppen Marketing personnel, Dr. Jenni McGrady, the shelter's veterinarian of record and member of the Animal Advisory Board, as well as participating staff from Animal Services for their roles in this unique endeavor. Jonathan Crumpler said a few words about the impact of the project for both the students and the County. Ms. Draughn thanked the sponsors and collaborators that participated in the project for

their efforts and hard work.

As a reminder, the Pet Palooza will be held on November 19th from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Crosslink Church in Connelly Springs and the goal is to educate 400 pet owners. A low-cost / free rabies vaccination clinic will be held on Nov. 20th from 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the church. Class participants will receive a free rabies vaccination voucher, and the public may purchase a vaccination for their dogs, \$10 each, cash or check only. Rabies vouchers for cats may be purchased at the event and redeemed at Animal Services for safety precautions.

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for questions or comments and then thanked everyone for their hard work. Chairman Mulwee also encouraged citizens to attend the inaugural event of video viewing at Crosslink Church on November 19th. Mrs. Draughn, with the Board's blessing, recognized Alan Wood and Nadine McGrady, Animal Services Foundation board members, that were present at the meeting.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN.

CM - INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

Bryan Steen, County Manager, introduced Heather Joyner as the new director of the Emergency Communications Department. Ms. Joyner expressed her excitement as well as her thanks for the support from the county management team, her internal departmental management team, and the staff at the 911 center for the work that they do.

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for questions or comments and then welcomed her to the team on behalf of the entire Board.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN.

MMFP - RECOGNITION OF MISS MORG. FESTIVAL SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT WINNERS

Michelle Gregory and Michelle Steele, Directors of the Miss Morganton Festival Pageant presented the following information about the scholarship pageant and the 2022 Queens.

The Miss Morganton Festival Scholarship Pageant is open to young ladies, ages 7-24, who reside in North Carolina and takes place prior to the Historic Morganton Festival in August. The pageant celebrates strong, committed young women who are willing to represent our community as a goodwill ambassador. Queens become a role model of today while strengthening Burke County for tomorrow. The Morganton Festival Queens not only work to promote the Morganton Festival throughout the year, but they also spend time working on their personal community service platforms and embracing the spirit of "giving back" to our community. Queens are ambassadors to the City of Morganton and community of Burke County. They represent us for one (1) year mentoring and generously giving back to our community. This year Miss Morganton will be competing in Miss North Carolina.

- Morganton's Ambassador Queen, Kimber Wilson
- Tiny Miss Morganton and Miss Morganton's Carolina Princess, Rebakah Felts
- Junior Miss Morganton and Miss Morganton's OT Princess, Gianah Rometti,
- Morganton's Outstanding Teen, Meea Westerfield

- Miss Morganton, Lani Reece
- Miss Directors, Michelle Gregory and Michelle Steele

The young ladies reported what they did for their service projects. Kimber Wilson set up weekly visits for Alzheimer's patients at Hope Ridge. Rebakah Felts participated in a Stop Bullying campaign. Gianah Rometti is part of the Golden Girls Club in the West Marion Community Forum, which is a group of girls who perform random acts of kindness and participate in various charitable activities. Meea Westerfield's social impact is through Backpack Buddies. She collects school supplies to give as care packages to students and hopes to be able to collect enough supplies to open a shop where students can come in and grab supplies as needed at no cost. For the holiday, Ms. Westerfield is planning a food drive to ensure students can still have access to food when schools will be closed for winter break. Lani Reece focused her service project on animal shelter pets and strives to promote "adopt, don't shop." Ms. Reece started a free pet food pantry and hopes to eventually start a Trap Neuter Release (TNR) program to help prevent animal overpopulation in the community.



Pictured left to right: Maynard Taylor, Wayne Abele Sr., Michelle Gregory, Rebakah Felts, Lani Reece, Meea Westerfield, Kimber Wilson, Gianah Rometti, Michelle Steele, Scott Mulwee, Jeffrey Brittain, Johnnie Carswell

Chairman Mulwee, on behalf of the Board, congratulated all the pageant winners.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN.

TDA - FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPT. 30, 2022

Ed Phillips, TDA CEO, in accordance with Session Law 2007-265, HB 78, reported on the receipts and expenditures for the preceding quarter as follows:

BURKE COUNTY TDA BUDGET TO ACTUAL JULY 1, 2022-SEPT. 30, 2022			
Income	Budget	Actual	Available Balance
4010 • Burke Co. Govt. - Occup. Tax	\$ 750,000	106,862.72	\$ 643,137.28
4110 • Interest Income	\$ -	181.54	\$ (181.54)
4120 • Miscellaneous	\$ 44,500	12,411.44	\$ 32,088.56
5000 • Trolley Revenue	\$ 7,500	9,438.79	\$ (1,938.79)
Total Income	\$ 802,000	128,894.49	\$ 673,105.51
Expense			
5010 • Accounting	\$ 8,500	-	\$ 8,500.00
5020 • Marketing/Advertising	\$ 199,600	45,082.81	\$ 154,517.19
5102 • Membership Dues	\$ 2,500	1,020.00	\$ 1,480.00
5110 • Building Maintenance	\$ 2,000	297.50	\$ 1,702.50
5113 • City of Morganton/Tourism	\$ 168,750	24,022.11	\$ 144,727.89
5115 • Town of Valdese/Tourism	\$ 93,750	13,357.84	\$ 80,392.16
5117 • Bank Charges	\$ 200	82.88	\$ 117.12
5140 • Website Upkeep	\$ 500	524.03	\$ (24.03)
5150 • Insurance	\$ 28,000	8,841.36	\$ 19,158.64
5180 • Office Supplies	\$ 4,000	1,256.32	\$ 2,743.68
5200 • Payroll Expenses	\$ 260,000	71,087.19	\$ 188,912.81
5250 • Postage	\$ 2,500	277.52	\$ 2,222.48
5280 • Office Rent	\$ 6,000	1,650.00	\$ 4,350.00
5290 • Telephone	\$ 3,500	739.82	\$ 2,760.18
5300 • Travel/Training	\$ 14,500	1,497.29	\$ 13,002.71
5301 • Trolley Expenses	\$ 7,500	1,278.66	\$ 6,221.34
5400 • Misc. Expense	\$ 200	10.88	\$ 189.12
Total Expense	\$ 802,000	171,026.21	\$ 630,973.79
Net Income	\$ -	-42,131.72	42,131.72

BURKE COUNTY TDA
SEPT. 30, 2022

Assets		
1014 First Citizens Bank	\$	711,051.56
Total Checking	\$	711,051.56
Liabilities		
2000 Accounts Payable	\$	-
2040 Deposits Received	\$	444.60
2050 City of Morganton - Payable	\$	66,291.82
2075 Town of Valdese - Payable	\$	61,451.93
2100 Payroll Liabilities	\$	255.00
Total Liabilities	\$	128,443.35
Equity		
3900 Retained Earnings	\$	624,739.93
Net Income	\$	(42,131.72)
Total Equity	\$	582,608.21
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$	711,051.56

Mr. Phillips also reported that the Fall Color Tours set a new record of 17 tours in October.

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for comments or questions. Mr. Phillips responded to questions from Commissioner Taylor about trolley fees.

Motion: To accept the report 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

UW - PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOV. 29TH AS "1 BURKE GIVES" DAY IN BURKE COUNTY

Grayson Barnette, Marketing & Communications Coordinator, Foothills Conservancy and Beth Willard Patton, Community Engagement Specialist, South Mtn. Children & Family Services, informed the Board that they were part of the planning committee for 1Burke Gives. Ms. Willard reported that this is the third annual 1Burke Gives event which is solely online the Tuesday after Thanksgiving which is hosted by United Way.

The following proclamation declares November 29th as 1BurkeGives Day in Burke County. An initiative of Burke County United Way, 1BurkeGives, is a 24-hour day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration.



Chairman Mulwee opened the floor to questions or comments. Ms. Willard responded to a question from Commissioner Taylor.

Motion: To approve Proclamation No. 2022-09.

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

Proclamation No. 2022-09 reads as follows:

BURKE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

PROCLAMATION
BURKE COUNTY, NC NONPROFIT DAY
(A.K.A. 1BURKEGIVES)

Whereas, charitable nonprofit organizations throughout Burke County save taxpayers thousands of dollars through their services and contribute significantly to the high quality of life for all citizens; and

Whereas, these organizations are committed to serving the educational, cultural, civic, health, religious, human and animal services, recreational, philanthropic, environmental, and other diverse needs of Burke County; and

Whereas, the staff and volunteers of all Burke County nonprofit organizations are dedicated to upholding the highest standards of community service, donating their time and effort to making a difference in the lives of others; and

Whereas, Tuesday, November 29, 2022, observance of "Burke County, NC Nonprofit Day" (a.k.a. 1BurkeGives) provides a unique opportunity for the citizens of Burke County to join together in appreciation and support of the many contributions made by nonprofit organizations to our continued wellbeing while boosting awareness for continued growth.

Now, therefore, the Burke County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, November 29, 2022, as Burke County, NC Nonprofit Day (a.k.a. 1BurkeGives) and encourage all citizens to recognize the positive impact nonprofit organizations have on the quality of life of the citizens of Burke County.

Approved this 15th day of November 2022.

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

BCPS – BURKE CO. PUBLIC SCHOOLS' PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL DATA FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPT. 30, 2022

This item was removed from the agenda during the approval of the agenda.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS

BDI - BUILDING REUSE GRANT FOR PROJECT FILL AND PUBLIC HEARING - 6:00 P.M.

Alan Wood, President and CEO, Burke Development Inc., requested the County's support for Project Fill, a local company, through a Building Reuse grant. Project Fill will focus on building improvements to assist with their growth. A grant application for up to \$500,000 has been submitted to the NC Department of Commerce by the City of Morganton. Burke County and the City of Morganton will provide the 5% match of \$25,000 or \$12,500 each. Project Fill will create 78 new jobs with the project. The jobs exceed the average county wage by approximately 20% and will include healthcare benefits. Furthermore, the City of Morganton will be contracting with the WPCOG to administer the grant, if awarded.

Budgetary Effect: The County's portion of the local match, \$12,500, was not included in the FY 2022-23 budget. The local match funds would need to be appropriated from Fund Balance.

At 6:38 p.m., Chairman Mulwee opened the public hearing. The Public Hearing Notice was published in the News Herald on November 3, 2022, and the notice was posted on the County's website (www.burkenc.org) on that same day. There was no one present to address the Board; therefore, Chairman Mulwee closed the public hearing.

Motion: To approve a General Fund, Fund Balance appropriation of \$12,500 for an economic development incentive for Project Fill for the County's portion of the local grant match, pending notification of a Building Reuse 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

INFORMAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for informal public comments and asked speakers to limit their comments to three minutes.

Ron Michaux of Morganton expressed his willingness to help students who cannot afford to go to college by mentoring them to learn a trade skill in partnership with the County and / or Western Piedmont Community College. Mr. Michaux also warned about being cognizant of used syringes left in the grass by homeless people.

Caroline Avery of Morganton thanked Commissioner Taylor and Commissioner Abele for their 20 years of service. Ms. Avery expressed her ongoing support for the removal of the confederate statue as a member of Burke Coalition for Reconciliation. This group has formed over the past few years with over 250 members and is made up of a diverse group of people all in favor of removing the statue as a step towards healing the community.

Carla Kincaid of Morganton spoke about the Confederate Union and slavery. Ms. Kincaid referenced: Pew Research statistics, the *Declaration of the causes which impel the state of Texas to secede from the Federal Union: also the ordinance of secession* written in February 2, 1861, and Alexander H. Stephens' Cornerstone Speech.

There was no one else to address the Board; therefore, Chairman Mulwee closed this portion of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

At the request of the Board, Bryan Steen, County Manager, reviewed the following nine (9) items on the consent agenda which were approved by a single motion.

CLERK - REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURE BOARD

The terms of appointment have ended for the following members of the Voluntary Agriculture Board: Barry Clark (Seat 3, Farming), Josh Pless (Seat 4, At-large), Doug Pitts (Seat 5, Farming), Evan Crawley (S&W Nominee) and Bruce Sisk (Seat 7, Farming). All five (5) members desire reappointment to complete the remainder of 4-year terms ending August 2026.

Motion: To reappoint Barry Clark (Seat 3, Farming), Josh Pless (Seat 4, At-large), Doug Pitts (Seat 5, Farming), Evan Crawley (S&W Nominee) and Bruce Sisk (Seat 7, Farming) to the Voluntary Agriculture Board to complete the remainder of 4-year

terms ending August 31, 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

CLERK - APPOINTMENT TO THE CPCFPT

CPCFPT (Child Protection Child Fatality Prevention Team) Seat No. 3 represents a parent with a child under the age of 18 and is occupied by Kathy Smith. Ms. Smith has served on this board since 2016 and is willing to serve the remainder of another 3-year term ending April 30, 2025, if reappointed. An exception to the residency provision in Section 2-88 of the Code of Ordinances is also requested.

Motion: To reappoint Kathy Smith to the Child Protection Child Fatality Prevention Team, Seat No. 3, to complete the remainder of a 3-year term ending April 30, 2025, and grant an exception to the residency provision set forth in 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

DSS - APPROVAL OF RENEWAL CONTRACT WITH VERITAS, HHS, LLC

Burke County initially contracted with Veritas HHS, LLC. for the provision of child support services beginning in 2019. Since then, Veritas has provided all the state mandated child support services for the County in accordance with NC General Statutes and the executed MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between Burke County and DHHS. Over the course of the initial term, Burke County has seen tremendous improvements in the provision of these services.

In the past three years:

- Paternity established has increased 17.03%.
- Cases under order have increased 21.19%.
- Current support paid has increased 3.96%.
- Cases paying in arrears have increased 9.13%.

The current contract expires in January 2023, but it includes renewals for two (2) additional 1-year terms. Renewal is recommended. The cost is \$730,984 for February 2023 - January 2024 and is a 1.2% (\$8,781) increase.

Budgetary Effect: Funding for the remainder of FY 22-23 is included in the budget. The remainder of the funds will be budgeted in FY 23-24.

Motion: To approve the renewal of the contract between Burke County and Veritas HHS, LLC for \$730,984, 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

FM - REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A WRITTEN AGREEMENT BETWEEN HOME TRUST BANK AND BRENDLETOWN FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Brendletown Fire Protection and Rescue Association, Inc. is entering into an agreement with Home Trust Bank for the purchase of new fire apparatus (pumper / tanker) and related equipment. The Board of Directors of the fire department believes the department is fiscally responsible and financially able to buy the fire apparatus and respectfully requests the Burke County Board of Commissioners to endorse the verification documents from Home Trust Bank pertaining to the loan agreement. The endorsement would not in any way constitute a financial obligation to the County of Burke.

Motion: To support Brendletown Fire Protection and Rescue Association, Inc.'s effort to upgrade its fire apparatus and endorse the verification documents for purchase and finance of a new fire apparatus through Home Trust Bank.

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 - TRANE USA CONTRACT FOR CONTROLS & UV AIR PURIFICATION

General Services has received a contract from Trane USA for installation of Controls and UV Air Purification. A majority of the HVAC units at the Burke Services Building were replaced last year but are still being controlled with a control system from 2003. This will be the first county building to have a UV Air Purification system. (Note: Contracts over \$90,000 require Board approval.)

Budgetary Effect: None. Funding for this expenditure has been included in the FY 22-23 budget.

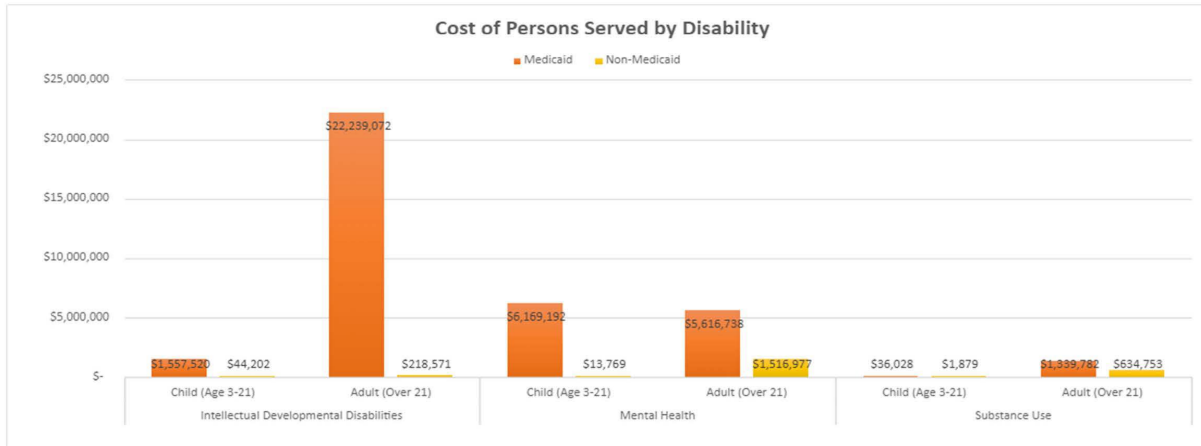
Motion: To approve a contract with Trane USA for \$114,100, subject to review and/or revision by the County Attorney and authorize the County Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the Board.

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

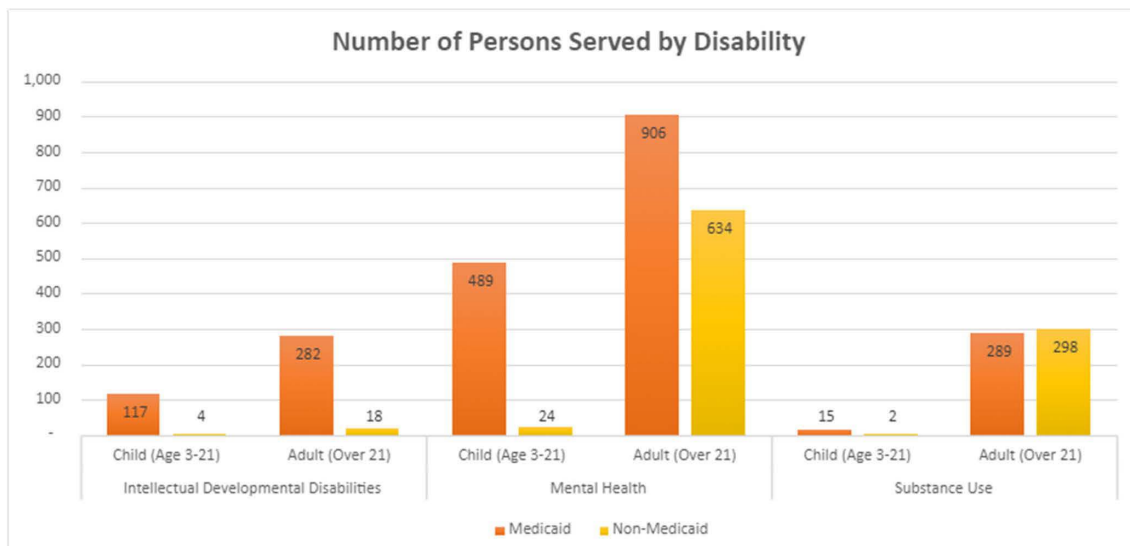
PHM - PARTNERS HEALTH MANAGEMENT REPORTS

At the pre-agenda meeting, Katie Varnadoe, Regional Director of Community Operations for Partners Health Management, provided a report on Partners' activities for the end of FY 21-22 and the period ending Sept. 30, 2022. A brief update on the launch of the Tailored Plan was also presented.

Cost of Persons Served by Disability *July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022*



Persons Served by Disability *July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022*



Final Expenses for end of FY21-22

Burke County Quarterly Report							
June 30, 2022							
Burke County Fund Allocation:							
	FY 2022					FY 2022	Remaining
	Annual Budget	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	YTD Revenues	Balance
FY 2022 County Approved FB	\$ 54,305.00						
County Approved Allocation	210,695.00	52,673.01	52,672.99	52,673.01	52,672.99	210,692.00	3.00
ABC Funds							
Carry over (fund balance) from June 30, 2021							
	265,000.00	52,673.01	52,672.99	52,673.01	52,672.99	210,692.00	3.00
	FY 2022					FY 2022	Remaining
	Annual Budget	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	YTD Expenses	Balance
Expenditure Plan:							
Care Coordination Liaisons	10,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	10,000.00	-
SOC Collaborative Expenses	8,000.00	-	-	-	7,979.69	7,979.69	20.31
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
Correctional Behavioral Health	5,000.00	-	-	-	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
CVBH- Embedded Peer Support Specialist Jail	39,000.00	6,533.16	13,213.00	1,438.82	7,329.25	28,514.23	10,485.77
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	2,704.04	-	20,000.00	-
CVBH- Psychiatric Support	72,140.00	18,035.00	32,820.00	21,285.00	-	72,140.00	-
Good Samaritan Clinic	10,000.00	939.63	1,257.77	2,199.80	5,602.80	10,000.00	-
Greater Hickory CCM (Soar/HUD)	1,875.00	1,875.00	-	-	-	1,875.00	-
Housing Reserves-various providers	5,000.00	100.00	380.00	360.00	3,038.65	3,878.65	1,121.35
Nami - Support Groups	3,000.00	-	-	-	3,000.00	3,000.00	-
	210,067.00	42,495.79	85,799.56	30,487.66	34,450.39	193,233.40	16,833.60
Remaining Balance	\$ 54,933.00						

Funded Programs for FY 22-23

Service Category	Provider of Service	Impact
System of Care Collaborative	Partners Community Collaborative	Recovery Rally, other programs and initiatives developed by the community collaborative group.
Consumer Reserves/IDD	Partners	Emergency reserve funding for individuals with intellectual differences.
Consumer Reserves MH/SU	Partners	Emergency reserve funding for individuals with mental health or substance use needs.
Whole Person Transitional Care	Partners	Care Management Services in collaboration with DSS and Juvenile Justice

Funded Programs for *FY 22-23*

Service Category	Provider of Service	Impact
MH Jail Services	Correctional Behavioral Health	Mental health assessments for individuals in Burke County detention center.
SU services in jail Peer Support jail services	CVBH	Substance use resources for individuals in Burke County detention center.
Psychiatric support	CVBH	Psychiatric services for uninsured individuals in Burke County.
MORES Program	CVBH	Family partner support for individuals experiencing mental health crises.
Embedded therapist @ DSS	Support Incorporated	Support for DSS staff- consulting and assessments for individuals with DSS involvement
Behavioral Health Medication Assistance	Good Sam Clinic	Behavioral health medication assistance for individuals that otherwise do not have access to medications, or their medications are unaffordable to them.

Funded Programs for *FY 22-23*

Service Category	Provider of Service	Impact
Support Groups	NAMI	Local support groups for individuals and families with behavioral health concerns.
Housing Reserves	Partners	Emergency housing reserves for individuals experiencing homelessness or imminent homelessness.
Housing Case Management	Partners	Case management services to provide housing security/stability.

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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

The Board of Commissioners was presented with the Tax Collection Report for the period between July 1, 2022, and October 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	\$45,800,000.00	\$33,669,073.86	73.51%	\$12,130,926.14
Motor Vehicle Tax	\$6,000,000.00	\$2,084,728.39	34.75%	\$3,915,271.61
Current Year Taxes	\$51,800,000.00	\$35,753,802.25	69.02%	\$16,047,197.75
Delinquent Taxes	\$700,000.00	\$348,081.29	49.73%	\$351,918.71
Late List Penalty	\$315,000.00	\$99,612.17	31.62%	\$215,387.83

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	\$47,807,633.95	\$33,669,073.86	70.43%	\$14,138,560.09

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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 OCTOBER 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 was 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)	\$88,762.01	\$76,954.95	\$11,807.06	\$0.00

VTS Refunds Over \$100	
	Refund Amount
VTS Adjustments	\$484.80

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

The Tax Release Report reads as follows:

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							
0000073758-2018-2018-0000-00-REG	TURNMIRE, DAVID BRIAN	7/1/2018	LINDA WILBUR	10/6/2022	99.74	99.74	0.00
0000073758-2022-2017-0000-00-REG	TURNMIRE, DAVID BRIAN	10/6/2022	LINDA WILBUR	10/6/2022	478.69	478.69	0.00
0024041637-2019-2019-0000-00-REG	FARMER, KENNETH W	7/1/2019	LINDA WILBUR	10/3/2022	8.34	8.34	0.00
0024041637-2020-2020-0000-00-REG	FARMER, KENNETH W	7/1/2020	LINDA WILBUR	10/3/2022	9.17	9.17	0.00
0024041637-2021-2021-0000-00-REG	FARMER, KENNETH W	7/1/2021	LINDA WILBUR	10/3/2022	9.17	9.17	0.00
0024041637-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	FARMER, KENNETH W	7/1/2022	LINDA WILBUR	10/3/2022	9.17	9.17	0.00
0024055023-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	BEAN, DAVID LEE	7/1/2022	CONNIE HOLDER	10/12/2022	8.79	8.79	0.00
Subtotal					623.7	623.07	0
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY RELEASE REASON: Business Closed							
0024009804-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	BUFF, JEFFREY A	7/1/2022	CONNIE HOLDER	10/10/2022	394.65	394.65	0.00
Subtotal					394.65	394.65	0
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY RELEASE REASON: Deceased							
0000071289-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	BOONE, INA SUE	7/1/2022	CONNIE HOLDER	10/12/2022	41.00	41.00	0.00
0000081466-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	MCCRACKEN, WILLIAM D	7/1/2022	CONNIE HOLDER	10/12/2022	11.47	11.47	0.00
Subtotal					52.47	52.47	0
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY RELEASE REASON: Not in Burke County							
0024059360-2021-2021-0000-00-REG	MONEY, MICHAEL DAVID JR	11/10/2021	LINDA WILBUR	10/28/2022	192.85	192.85	0.00
0024061010-2022-2021-0000-00-REG	COOK, DEVIN LEE	8/18/2022	CONNIE HOLDER	10/20/2022	118.66	118.66	0.00
Subtotal					311.51	311.51	0
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY RELEASE REASON: Over Assessment							
0024020219-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	BUFF, JEFFREY A	7/1/2022	LINDA WILBUR	10/7/2022	264.65	264.65	0.00
Subtotal					264.65	264.65	0
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY RELEASE REASON: Amended Listing							
0000070529-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	SPECTRUM SOUTHEAST LLC	7/1/2022	LINDA WILBUR	10/21/2022	2,243.20	326.24	1,916.96

0000072594-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	SPECTRUM SOUTHEAST LLC	7/1/2022	LOIS WHITESIDE	10/21/2022	1,198.67	79.13	1,119.54
0000075457-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	SPECTRUM SOUTHEAST LLC	7/1/2022	LOIS WHITESIDE	10/21/2022	1,611.18	115.80	1,495.38
0000075911-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	SPECTRUM SOUTHEAST LLC	7/1/2022	LOIS WHITESIDE	10/21/2022	2,065.10	161.11	1,903.99
0000076581-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	SPECTRUM SOUTHEAST LLC	7/1/2022	LOIS WHITESIDE	10/21/2022	715.00	55.78	659.22
0000077519-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	SPECTRUM SOUTHEAST LLC	7/1/2022	LOIS WHITESIDE	10/21/2022	5,546.29	428.25	5,118.04
0000081307-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	SPECTRUM SOUTHEAST LLC	7/1/2022	LOIS WHITESIDE	10/21/2022	725.06	116.27	608.79
0000088130-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	SPECTRUM SOUTHEAST LLC	7/1/2022	LOIS WHITESIDE	10/21/2022	2,692.31	108.40	2,583.91
0000088131-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	SPECTRUM SOUTHEAST LLC	7/1/2022	LOIS WHITESIDE	10/21/2022	2,461.71	194.76	2,266.95
0000089318-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	SPECTRUM SOUTHEAST LLC	7/1/2022	LOIS WHITESIDE	10/21/2022	860.11	94.41	765.70
0000089319-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	SPECTRUM SOUTHEAST LLC	7/1/2022	LOIS WHITESIDE	10/21/2022	1,901.73	294.26	1,607.47
0000089320-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	SPECTRUM SOUTHEAST LLC	7/1/2022	LOIS WHITESIDE	10/21/2022	1,388.27	197.54	1,190.73
0000089321-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	SPECTRUM SOUTHEAST LLC	7/1/2022	LOIS WHITESIDE	10/21/2022	2,383.64	384.79	1,998.85
0000089322-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	SPECTRUM SOUTHEAST LLC	7/1/2022	LOIS WHITESIDE	10/21/2022	1,671.63	245.77	1,425.86
0000089323-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	SPECTRUM SOUTHEAST LLC	7/1/2022	LOIS WHITESIDE	10/21/2022	880.64	73.18	807.46
0000089324-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	SPECTRUM SOUTHEAST LLC	7/1/2022	LOIS WHITESIDE	10/21/2022	838.39	94.14	744.25
0000089325-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	SPECTRUM SOUTHEAST LLC	7/1/2022	LOIS WHITESIDE	10/21/2022	1,010.99	126.45	884.54
0000089326-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	SPECTRUM SOUTHEAST LLC	7/1/2022	LOIS WHITESIDE	10/21/2022	3,234.73	545.49	2,689.24
0000089327-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	SPECTRUM SOUTHEAST LLC	7/1/2022	LOIS WHITESIDE	10/21/2022	28,293.51	736.73	27,556.78
0000089328-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	SPECTRUM SOUTHEAST LLC	7/1/2022	LOIS WHITESIDE	10/21/2022	2,327.36	374.52	1,952.84
0000089329-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	SPECTRUM SOUTHEAST LLC	7/1/2022	LOIS WHITESIDE	10/21/2022	2,449.88	397.37	2,052.51
0000089330-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	SPECTRUM SOUTHEAST LLC	7/1/2022	LOIS WHITESIDE	10/21/2022	375.16	75.03	300.13
0000089331-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	SPECTRUM SOUTHEAST LLC	7/1/2022	LOIS WHITESIDE	10/21/2022	1,216.33	165.15	1,051.18
0000089332-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	SPECTRUM SOUTHEAST LLC	7/1/2022	LOIS WHITESIDE	10/21/2022	1,691.21	138.09	1,553.12
0000089333-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	SPECTRUM SOUTHEAST LLC	7/1/2022	LOIS WHITESIDE	10/21/2022	2,681.22	256.78	2,424.44
0000091387-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	SPECTRUM SOUTHEAST LLC	7/1/2022	LOIS WHITESIDE	10/21/2022	409.30	58.55	350.75
Subtotal					72,872.62	5,843.99	67,028.63

TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY RELEASE REASON: Release LFUF

0000039482-2022-2022-0001-00-REG	WILLIAMS, ANGIE	10/31/2022	LINDA WILBUR	10/31/2022	100.73	82.00	18.73
0000075538-2021-2021-0000-00-REG	CASKEY PROPERTIES LLC	7/1/2021	LINDA WILBUR	10/4/2022	3,886.98	228.00	3,658.98
0000075538-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	CASKEY PROPERTIES LLC	7/1/2022	LINDA WILBUR	10/4/2022	4,054.98	246.00	3,808.98
0024009489-2021-2021-0000-00-REG	HOLLAR, SYLVIA HUGGINS	7/1/2021	LINDA WILBUR	10/11/2022	1,922.69	1,444.00	478.69
0024009489-2022-2022-0000-02-REG	HOLLAR, SYLVIA HUGGINS	7/1/2022	LINDA WILBUR	10/11/2022	2,060.69	1,558.00	502.69
Subtotal					12,026.07	3,558.00	8,468.07

TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY RELEASE REASON: Sold/Traded

0024009804-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	BUFF, JEFFREY A	7/1/2022	CONNIE HOLDER	10/7/2022	422.80	16.89	405.91
0024009804-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	BUFF, JEFFREY A	7/1/2022	CONNIE HOLDER	10/7/2022	405.91	11.26	394.65
Subtotal					828.71	28.15	800.56

TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY RELEASE REASON: Value Change

0000074473-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	IVESTER, STEVEN ANDREW	7/1/2022	LINDA WILBUR	10/24/2022	450.01	177.22	272.79
0000093249-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	DICKENS, HENRY V	7/1/2022	LINDA WILBUR	10/14/2022	938.25	553.35	384.90
Subtotal					1388.26	730.57	657.69

Total

\$88,762.01	\$11,807.06	\$76,954.95
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The VTS Report reads as follows:

Payee Name	Primary Owner	Address 1	Address 3	Refund Type	Bill #	Refund Description	Refund Reason	Tax Jurisdiction	Levy Type	Change	Interest Change	Total Change
BRITTAIN, JULIE RENAE	BRITTAIN, JULIE RENAE	132 2ND ST NE	HILDEBRAN, NC 28637	Adjustment >= \$100	0065895657	Refund Generated due to adjustment on Bill #0065895657-2021-2021-0000	Situs error	01	Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
								51	Tax	\$55.49	\$0.00	\$55.49
								57	Tax	(\$210.87)	\$0.00	(\$210.87)
								57	Vehicle Fee	(\$20.00)	\$0.00	(\$20.00)
								26	Tax	\$37.00	\$0.00	\$37.00
											Refund	\$138.38
NORELL, GREGORY BOHDAN	NORELL, GREGORY BOHDAN	1377 OLD DRY CREEK RD	MORGANTON, NC 28655	Adjustment >= \$100	0068756629	Refund Generated due to adjustment on Bill #0068756629-2022-2022-0000-00	Adjustment	01	Tax	(\$176.53)	\$0.00	(\$176.53)
								20	Tax	(\$20.32)	\$0.00	(\$20.32)
NORELL, GREGORY BOHDAN	NORELL, GREGORY BOHDAN	1377 OLD DRY CREEK RD	MORGANTON, NC 28655	Adjustment >= \$100	0068756754	Refund Generated due to adjustment on Bill #0068756754-2022-2022-0000-00	Adjustment	01	Tax	(\$134.13)	\$0.00	(\$134.13)
								20	Tax	(\$15.44)	\$0.00	(\$15.44)
											Refund Total	\$484.80

Motion: To approve the Tax Releases and Refunds for October 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**WPCC – PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL DATA FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPT. 30, 2022**

An overview of the College's financial data was presented at the pre-agenda meeting for the period ending Sept. 30, 2021. A brief highlight on the year ending June 30, 2022, will also be presented.

WESTERN PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE									
FY 2022-2023 SUMMARY AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2022									
	STATE			COUNTY			INSTITUTIONAL		
Summary of Revenues	BUDGET	ACTUAL	REMAINING	PGLT	ACTUAL	REMAINING	BUDGET	ACTUAL	REMAINING
State Appropriations	14,014,839	3,726,412							
Add. Allocations (detail below)	2,383,418								
County Appropriations				2,683,610	670,903				
Rent & Interest Income				13,000	2,757				
Institutional Funds					25,663		6,371,479	2,465,548	
Total Budgeted Revenues	16,398,257	3,726,412	12,671,845	2,696,610	699,323	1,997,287	6,371,479	2,465,548	3,905,931
Summary of Expenditures									
Institutional Support	3,354,574	825,090	25%	242,472	167,077	69%	682,287	268,991	39%
Curriculum Instruction	6,938,291	1,486,975	21%				328,855	72,460	22%
Non Curriculum Instruction	1,939,237	363,351	19%				52,380	29,202	56%
Academic Support	1,594,856	415,903	26%				1,000	-	0%
Student Support	2,033,522	557,002	27%				954,192	140,390	15%
Plant Operations & Maint.				2,454,138	773,894	32%			
Proprietary / Other							824,200	396,300	48%
Student Aid							3,528,565	1,612,893	46%
Capital Outlay (excluding Capital Improvements)	537,777	103	0%						
Total Budgeted Expenditures	16,398,257	3,648,424	12,749,833	2,696,610	940,971	1,755,639	6,371,479	2,520,236	3,851,243
		22.2%	77.8%		34.9%	65.1%		39.6%	60.4%
ADDITIONAL FUNDING DESIGNATED FOR APPROVED PROJECTS							As of June 30, 2023		
Customized Training Projects	12,495						Total College Budget	\$ 25,466,346	
Budget Stabilization Funds	1,129,267						Total Expenditures	\$ 7,109,631	27.9%
Male Minority Grant - Aviso	38,069								
NCWorks Career Coach	211,104								
Federal Portion - Basic Skills	311,699								
CTP Regional Trainer	147,025								
Underserved Outreach/Advising	65,543						Fund Balance: County Funds		
Longleaf Complete & Commitment	90,368						Fund Balance, Beginning July 1, 2022		898,022
GEER Scholarships	52,144						Current Operating Cash		(241,648)
Carryforward	53,764								
Faculty Recruitment/Retention	34,945								
Apprenticeship Expansion Grt	206,900						Current Fund Balance		656,374
ST Workforce Develop Grant	30,095								
Total Other	2,383,418								24%

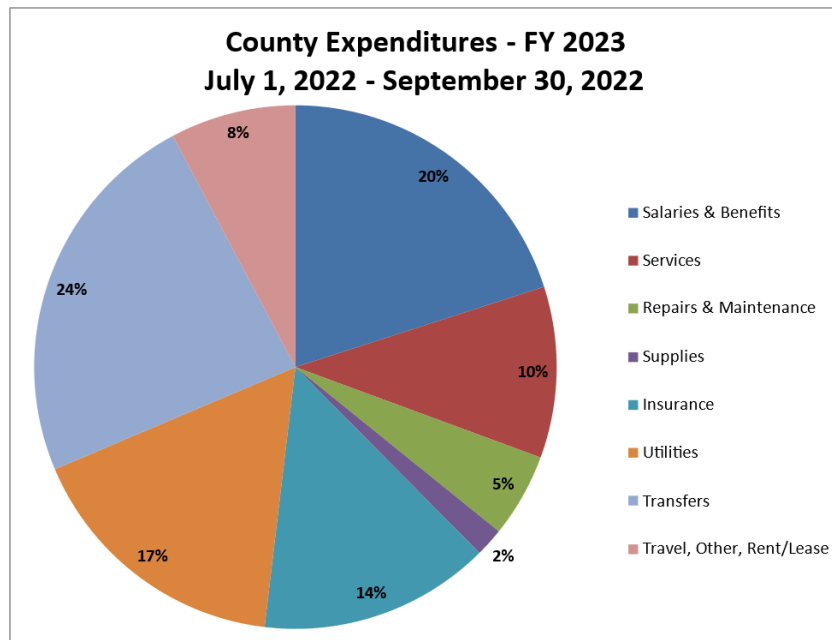
Western Piedmont Community College

County Expenditures by Category

FY 2023 - Actual Expenditures - July 1, 2022 thru September 30, 2022

Salaries & Benefits	188,564	20.0%
Services	99,485	10.6%
Repairs & Maintenance	48,789	5.2%
Supplies	16,611	1.8%
Insurance	134,782	14.3%
Utilities	157,486	16.7%
Transfers	222,083	23.6%
Travel, Other, Rent/Lease	73,171	7.8%

940,971 100%



Motion: To accept the reports 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

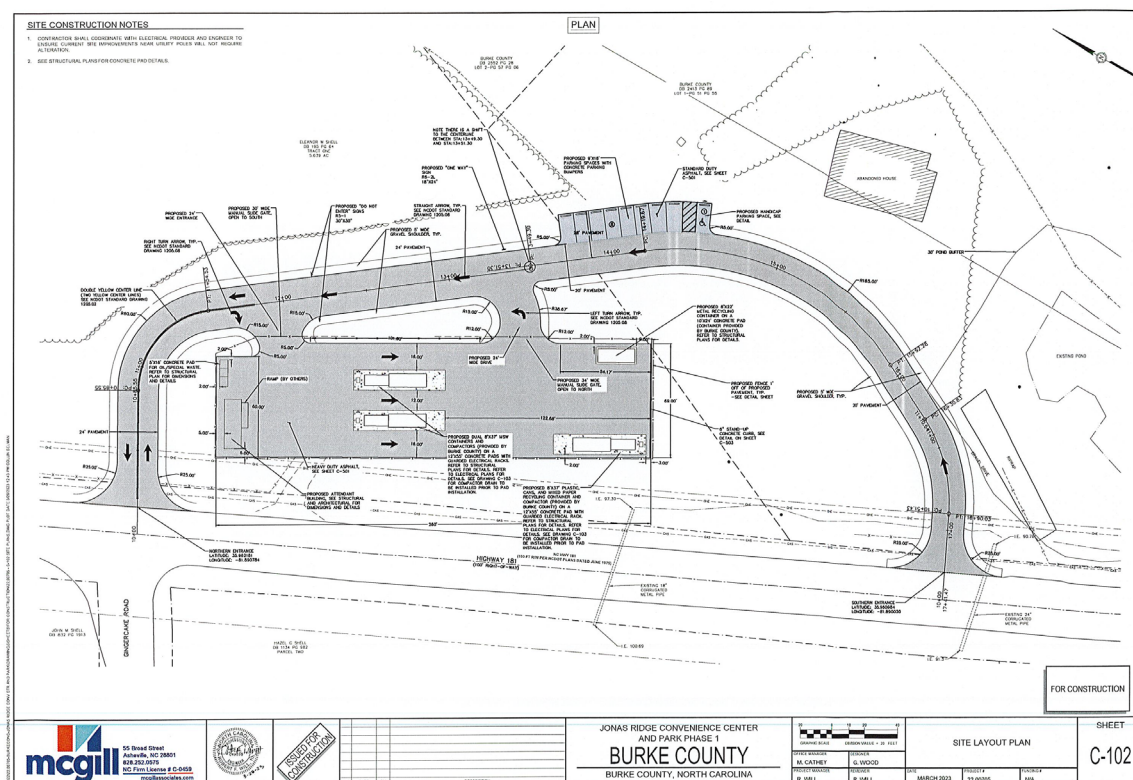
CM - AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR THE JONAS RIDGE CONVENIENCE SITE

Alan Glines, Planning Director, reported that bids were solicited for construction of the Jonas Ridge Convenience Site. On October 8, 2022, the project received two bids. The bids were reviewed, and the recommended low bidder is Fox Built Construction who submitted a bid in the amount of \$1,352,100. The design includes all the convenience site improvements, infrastructure for the future park, the roadway, a parking lot, a well and septic tank. Staff are also requested contingency funding for the project (\$100,000) and funds for the equipment to be installed (compactors, recycling boxes and related equipment totaling \$115,000). The total

BID #:
2022-1028

PROJECT:
Jonas Ridge Convenience Center & Park - Phase 1

Vendor:	Contact:	Phone:	Email:	Total Quote
VPC Builders	Ethan Bean	828-295-07070	ebear@vpcbuilders.com	\$ 1,675,700.00
Fox Built Construction	Samantha Ashlock	828-409-1047	samantha@foxbuiltconstruction.com	\$ 1,352,100.00



Budgetary Effect: Funding for this project was not included in the FY 22-23 budget. And an appropriation of \$1,567,100 from the General Fund Balance is required to move forward.

Motion: To award the construction bid for the Jonas Ridge Convenience Center in the amount of \$ 1,352,100 to Fox Built Construction and authorize additional funds to cover contingencies and equipment for the project in the amount of \$215,000. Appropriate up to \$1,567,100 of General Fund, Fund Balance and authorize the transfer of project funds to the Solid Waste Fund. Further, authorize the County Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the Board, 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

GS - LEASE EXTENSION JONAS RIDGE CONVENIENCE SITE (CURRENT LOCATION)

Alan Glines, Planning Director, requested this item be moved to the December meeting as staff have contacted the owner, but they are still waiting for a response.

Motion: To move the Jonas Ridge lease extension to the next meeting on December 5, 2022.

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

BOC - ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW COUNTY MANAGER & APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

Note: This item was moved to the December agenda when the agenda was approved.

RESULT:	NO ACTION TAKEN.
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BOC - PROCLAMATIONS HONORING COMMISSIONERS ABELE AND TAYLOR FOR 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Chairman Mulwee read proclamation 2022-10 as follows:

PROCLAMATION
HONORING WAYNE F. ABELE, SR.'S
TWENTY YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE
AS A COUNTY COMMISSIONER

WHEREAS, Wayne F. Abele, Sr. a resident of the Morganton Township and member of the Republican party, was first elected to public office in 2002 as a county commissioner and he served in this capacity for 20 consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Abele served as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2012 and 2016 and he served as Vice Chairman in 2003, 2005 and again in 2015. Through his participation, dedication and leadership, many decisions and courses of action were established that benefited the citizens of Burke County for generations; and

WHEREAS, during the course of a two-decade period of dedicated civil public service, Mr. Abele attended at least 500 county commissioners' meetings, if not more, in addition to attending

thousands of committee meetings, and countless public events all while managing a popular local business that operates seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, while serving on the Board, Mr. Abele was an avid supporter of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners where he served as a trustee for the Risk Management Pools for twelve years. In addition to serving on numerous other boards, he also served on the local airport authority, the tourism development authority, and on the Western Piedmont Council of Governments' Policy Board of Directors for many years; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, Mr. Abele and his fellow commissioners had to make many difficult decisions, especially during the great recession of 2008 and the global pandemic of 2020. However, he always tried to be fair in his decision-making process, and he was always mindful of citizens living on a fixed income.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that on behalf of the Burke County Board of Commissioners, Chairman Scott Mulwee hereby expresses his sincere appreciation to Wayne F. Abele, Sr. for his 20 years of honorable, dedicated public service and calls upon all citizens of Burke County, North Carolina to do the same.

Approved this 15th day of November 2022.

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

Chairman Mulwee read proclamation 2022-11 as follows:

PROCLAMATION
HONORING MAYNARD M. TAYLOR'S
TWENTY YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE
AS A COUNTY COMMISSIONER

WHEREAS, Maynard M. Taylor, a resident of the Icard Township and member of the Republican party, was first elected to public office in 2000 as a county commissioner and he served on the Board of Commissioners until 2008; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 Maynard M. Taylor was re-elected to the Board of Commissioners, and he served in that capacity until 2022; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor served as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners in 2005 and 2013 and he served as Vice Chairman in 2004, 2006, and 2014; and

WHEREAS, during the course of his combined 20 years of dedicated civil public service, he attended at least 500 county commissioners' meetings, if not more, in addition to attending thousands of committee meetings, and countless public events; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor was an avid supporter of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners and the UNC School of Government at Chapel Hill; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure as a county commissioner, Mr. Taylor held firm to his convictions, regardless of popularity or public opinion, and his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ was instrumental in his decision-making process; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure on the Board of Commissioners, Mr. Taylor was steadfast in his commitment to using public resources wisely, methodically and for being a good steward of public funds; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, Mr. Taylor and his fellow commissioners had to make many difficult decisions. However, he never shirked his duty, he always tried to be fair, and he was always mindful of citizens living on a fixed income.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that on behalf of the Burke County Board of Commissioners, Chairman Scott Mulwee hereby expresses his sincere appreciation to Maynard M. Taylor for his 20 years of honorable, dedicated public service and calls upon all citizens of Burke County, North Carolina to do the same.

Approved this 15th day of November 2022.

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

Motion: To approve Proclamation No. 2022-10 and 2022-11.

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

BOC - REPORTS & COMMENTS

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for reports and comments from Board members and professional staff.

County Attorney Simpson reported on the items he has worked on since the last Commissioners' meeting. Clerk Draughn thanked Alan Glines, Mark Delehant, Brian Tart, and Mark Rash for their assistance in getting the Board of Commissioners' Room renovated. County Manager Steen reported the Elections Department used the new trailers at the precincts and they worked well. Vice Chairman Carswell expressed his gratitude to County staff on the success of Operation Green Light and relayed that he would be leaving at 10:00 a.m. to attend a legislative goals session for the NC Association of County Commissioners in Raleigh. Commissioner Taylor announced that the highway meeting was rescheduled to November 17, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and that the NC DoT invited the public to provide input on the proposed changes to the bridge and ramps at I-40, Exit 118 (Old Highway 10). Citizens interested in giving feedback can do so at the First Baptist Church. He then went on to express how proud he was at the large participation of a midterm election. Commissioner Abele praised County Manager Steen for all his hard work.

Chairman Mulwee announced an upcoming event for Commissioner Abele and Commissioner Maynard's Public Service Celebration on November 18, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Note: The proclamations for Commissioners Abele and Taylor were framed and presented to them along with framed prints of the Confederate monument / historic courthouse in the snow at the reception. Further, a public service garden was dedicated in their honor at this event. The service celebration was well attended.



Left to right: Commissioner Abele & Vice Chairman Carswell



Left to right: Commissioner Taylor & Chairman Mulwee



Left to right: Chairman Mulwee & Commissioner Taylor



Left to right: Commissioner Abele & Vice Chairman Carswell



Left to right: Commissioner Taylor and Shirley Taylor; Ellie Abele and Commissioner Abele

Chairman Mulwee then issued friendly reminders to not litter, to pick up trash, to cover your loads when transporting trash to the landfill or a convenience site, to spay and neuter your pets and to adopt or foster a pet from Animal Services.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLERK- BOARDS AND COMMITTEES VACANCY REPORT

Kay Draughn, Clerk to the Board, announced the following vacancies on county boards or committees as follows:

- Adult Care & Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee
- 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)
- Hickory Regional Planning Commission

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for questions or comments and then encouraged citizens to

participate and get involved. Vice Chairman Carswell inquired of County Attorney Simpson on the requirements for filling the ETJ positions. A short discussion ensued.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion: To go into closed session to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential, 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).

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

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

After returning to open session, Chairman Mulwee announced that no action was taken in closed session.

ADJOURN

Motion: To adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Wayne F. Abele, Sr., Commissioner

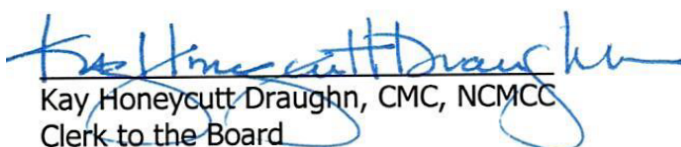
AYES: Scott Mulwee, Johnnie W. Carswell, Wayne F. Abele, Sr., Jeffrey C. Brittain, and Maynard M. Taylor

Approved this 18th day of July 2023.



Scott Mulwee, Chairman
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners

Attest:



Kay Honeycutt Draughn, CMC, NCMCC
Clerk to the Board