

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

The Burke County Board of Commissioners held a special meeting on Monday, December 5, 2022, at 4:30 p.m., in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Burke County Services Building, 110 N. Green Street, Entrance E, in Morganton, North Carolina. The purpose of the special meeting was to conduct a closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3), (4), (5), (6). Chairman Mulwee executed the public notice, and it was published on November 29, 2022. The open portion of 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. Those present were:

COMMISSIONERS:

Scott Mulwee, Chairman
Jeffrey C. Brittain, Vice Chairman
Randy Burns
Johnnie W. Carswell
Phil Smith

STAFF:

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 4:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: To approve the agenda.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Johnnie W. Carswell, Commissioner
AYES:	Scott Mulwee, Jeffrey C. Brittain, Randy Burns, Johnnie W. Carswell, and Phil Smith

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Mulwee announced that a closed session was needed.

Motion: To go into closed session to prevent the disclosure of privileged or confidential information, discuss threatened or pending litigation, to preserve the attorney-client privilege, to discuss economic development matters, to discuss contractual matters and to discuss personnel matters as authorized by NCGS 143-318.11(a) (1), (3), (4), (5) and (6). Further, invite the County Attorney, the Human Resource Director, and the Local Health Director to join the Board in closed session.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Johnnie W. Carswell, Commissioner
AYES:	Scott Mulwee, Jeffrey C. Brittain, Randy Burns, Johnnie W. Carswell, and Phil Smith

Motion: To: come out of closed session.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Johnnie W. Carswell, Commissioner
AYES:	Scott Mulwee, Jeffrey C. Brittain, Randy Burns, Johnnie W. Carswell, and Phil Smith

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Chairman Mulwee announced that there was a proper motion to come out of closed session.

DIRECTOR OF NURSING SALARY

Chairman Mulwee called for a motion.

Motion: To approve offering the director of nursing candidate a starting salary at 12 percent above the midpoint of the range.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Johnnie W. Carswell, Commissioner
AYES:	Scott Mulwee, Jeffrey C. Brittain, Randy Burns, Johnnie W. Carswell, and Phil Smith

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW COUNTY MANAGER

Chairman Mulwee announced that Brian Epley has agreed to serve as the next County Manager of Burke County, and he has signed the employment agreement which will be voted on by the Board at the regular meeting on December 20, 2022.

Chairman opened the floor for questions or comments. Commissioner Smith expressed his thankfulness for the welcoming atmosphere from the other Commissioners and that he was eager to begin working together.

RESULT:	NO ACTION TAKEN.
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ADJOURN**Motion: To adjourn at 5:13 p.m.**

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Randy Burns, Commissioner
AYES:	Scott Mulwee, Jeffrey C. Brittain, Randy Burns, Johnnie W. Carswell, and Phil Smith

Approved this 15th day of August 2023.



Scott Mulwee, Chairman
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners

Attest:



Kay Honeycutt Draughn, CMC, NCMCC
Clerk to the Board