

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

The Burke County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 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: Scott Mulwee, Chairman
Randy Burns
Johnnie W. Carswell
Phil Smith

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Jeffrey C. Brittain, Vice Chairman (Out of town.)

STAFF: Brian Epley, 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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented.

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: To approve the minutes of August 2, 2022 (pre-agenda) and August 16, 2022 (regular) meetings as written.

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

PRESENTATIONS

AS - PET OF THE MONTH

Kaitlin Settlemyre, Animal Services Director, presented a dog (Maya) in need of her "forever" home. The cat of the month was returned to her owner today, according to Ms. Settlemyre. Next, she displayed photographs from the Cops and Slobbers outreach initiative which featured members of the Burke County Sheriff's Department and she alerted the Board about a positive rabies case in the Lake James Community as well as an upcoming low-cost rabies clinic.

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for questions or comments. Commissioner Burns and Chairman Mulwee expressed appreciation to Ms. Settlemyre. In response to a question, she reported the shelter currently has 12 dogs and 20 cats, which leaves some kennels currently unoccupied as a result of a recent, highly successful adoption event.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN.

BCCOC - PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 24-29, 2023, AS SPRING LITTER SWEEP

Tonia Stephenson, Burke Co. Chamber of Commerce President, requested a proclamation declaring April 24-29, 2023, as "Spring Litter Sweep" in Burke County. She encouraged anyone who is interested in participating to sign up. So far, 115 people, forming 16 teams, have already registered. This year is the first year they are able to do recycling as part of the litter sweep due to the support of their sponsor, Republic Services. The top three (3) teams that collect the most trash will receive a cash prize; 1st place will receive \$500, 2nd place will receive \$250, and 3rd place will receive \$100.

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for questions or comments. Both the Chairman and Commissioner Burns expressed appreciation to Ms. Stephenson for taking on this cause.

Motion: To approve Proclamation No. 2023-04.

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

Proclamation No. 2023-04 reads as follows:

Burke County
North Carolina

A Proclamation Declaring April 24 - 29, 2023 as
Burke County Chamber of Commerce Second Annual Litter Sweep Week

WHEREAS, The Burke County Chamber of Commerce has proclaimed April 24 – April 29, 2023, as the "SECOND ANNUAL LITTER SWEEP WEEK" in Burke County, North Carolina; and the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and staff encourages citizens from across the county to take an active role in making their community cleaner; and

WHEREAS, the Burke County Chamber of Commerce will be supported by the North Carolina Department of Transportation to organize this Second Annual Litter Sweep Week County wide roadside clean up to ensure clean and beautiful roads in Burke County; and

WHEREAS, Chamber members' Board and staff, community service workers, local government agencies, community leaders, civic and community organizations, businesses, churches, schools, and environmentally concerned citizens conduct local cleanups during this "SECOND ANNUAL LITTER SWEEP WEEK"; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 cleanup is the second for the Burke County Chamber of Commerce and its more than 600 members, it is the hope that this will continue to grow for years to come; and

WHEREAS, the "SECOND ANNUAL LITTER SWEEP WEEK" cleanup will be a part of educating the children of this great county regarding the importance of a clean environment to the quality of life in Burke County, North Carolina.

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Commissioners for Burke County, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 24 - 29, 2023, as the Burke County Chamber of Commerce "SECOND ANNUAL LITTER SWEEP WEEK." We urge all our citizens to participate in this event to maintain the great beauty of our county. The cleanup will increase awareness of the need for cleaner roadsides, emphasize the importance of not littering, and encourage recycling of solid waste.

Approved this 18th day of April 2023.

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

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS

COMM. DEV. - ZONING MAP AMENDMENT ZMA 2023-02 & PUBLIC HEARING - 6:00 P.M.

Alan Glines, Planning Director / Deputy County Manager presented the following rezoning request:

Rezoning Application ZMA 2023-02 (G-B to R-1)

Applicant: Buddy Fisher

Owners: Venture Capital, LLC

PIN#: (Portion of 1764487507)

Request: Changing the zoning district from General Business (G-B) to Residential One (R-1).

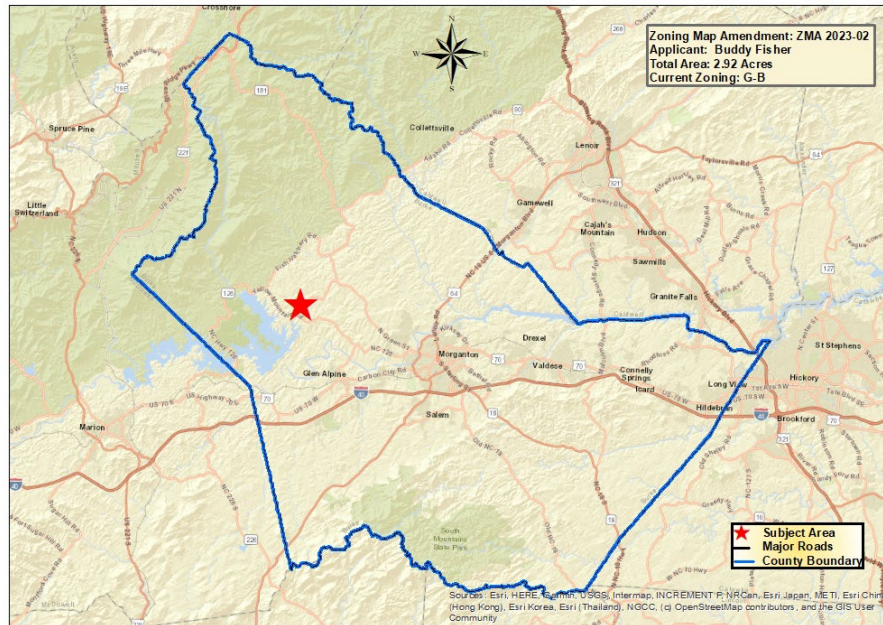
Size: Area to be rezoned is approximately 2.92-acres portion of a 30.56-acre tract.

Location: The subject parcels are located on Hawksbill Drive near NC 126.



County Context Map

ZMA 2023-02



Burke County, NC Zoning Administration Aerial Land Use Map

ZMA 2023-02

Applicants:
Issac Fisher
Venture Capital

PIN# 1764487507



Current Uses of Subject Area and Surrounding Properties

Subject Properties Uses: The subject property is currently vacant and is not being utilized at this time. The subject parcel was originally part of the concept for the Hawksbill Subdivision which included commercial and residential uses. The owner wishes to rezone the property to residential in order to subdivide the land and build more residential single-family dwellings.

Adjacent Area Uses: The surrounding area primarily consists of vacant land aside from one single-family home at the entrance to Hawksbill Subdivision. Land to the south and across NC 126 is a mixture of residential dwellings and a community church.

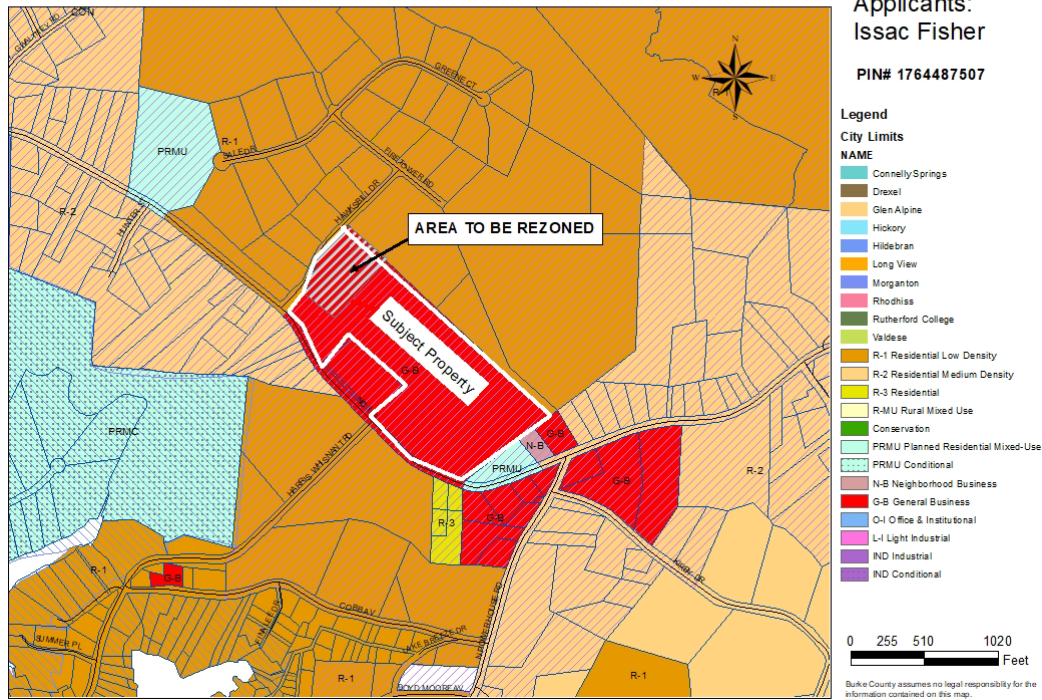


Burke County, NC Zoning Administration Current Zoning Map

ZMA 2023-02

Applicants:
Issac Fisher

PIN# 1764487507



Current Zoning

Application of Current Zoning: The subject property is currently zoned General Business (G-B). Properties to the north, west, and south of the subject parcel are primarily zoned Residential One (R-1) and Residential Two (R-2). The Water's Edge Subdivision to the west is zoned Planned Residential Mixed Use Conditional District. Properties to the east are zoned Neighborhood Business (N-B) and General Business (G-B).

District Comparison

General Business: The General Business District (GB) is intended for those commercial activities which serve the general public, including those which function rather independently of each other.

Residential One: The R-1 Residential District is intended for low density residential development utilizing site built or modular construction.

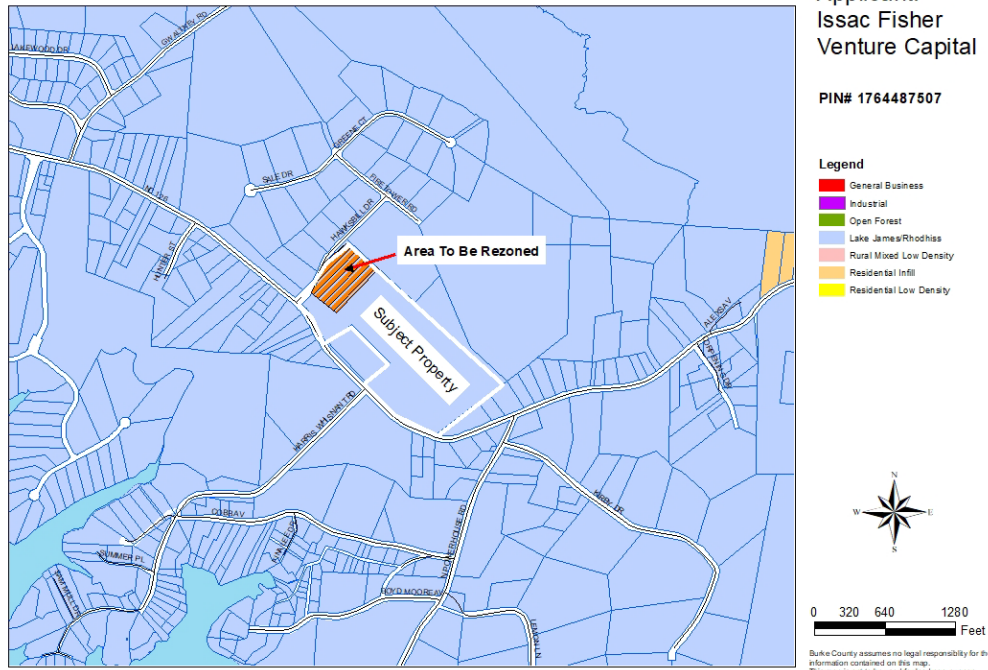


Burke County, NC Zoning Administration
Future Land Use Map

ZMA 2023-02

Applicant:
Issac Fisher
Venture Capital

PIN# 1764487507



Blueprint Burke Strategic Land Use Plan

The current land use plan for Burke County is the Blueprint Burke Strategic Land Use Plan (*Blueprint Burke Plan*).

The subject property is located in close proximity to Lake James. The Blueprint Burke Plan places this area of the county within the Lake James Scenic Area (LJS).

Characteristics:

The natural and environmental resources in the area make it a center for multiple outdoor recreation uses as well as major residential subdivisions. It is necessary to balance development and recreational uses while maintaining the area's natural resources.

- Uses allowed: single family residential, lake focused commercial activities such as restaurants, resorts, agritourism, recreation tourism focused uses.
- Uses requiring special approval: marinas, motorized sports tracks, multifamily residential, campgrounds, and hotels.

Staff Comments

In staff's opinion, rezoning the parcel from the General Business (G-B) zoning district to the Residential One (R-1) District would be appropriate for this area and be consistent with the Blueprint Burke Plan.

Planning Board Recommendation

The Planning Board met on February 23, 2023, to hear the proposed rezoning request. Staff presented the report provided above. The applicant presented their request, and the Board

asked several questions. The floor was then opened to public comment. No one spoke at the meeting. The public meeting was closed, and the Chairperson asked the Board if they had any other questions. The Board asked several questions of staff and then the Chairperson asked for a motion. A motion to approve the rezoning was made and seconded. The Board voted 4/1 to recommend approval of the rezoning request.

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for questions or comments. Mr. Glines answered several clarifying questions from Commissioner Burns.

At 6:19 p.m., Chairman Mulwee opened the public hearing. The Public Hearing Notice was published in the News Herald on April 6 and 13, 2023, and the notice was posted on the County's website (www.burkenc.org) on April 6, 2023. There was no one present to address the Board; therefore, Chairman Mulwee closed the public hearing.

Motion: To adopt Ordinance No. 2023-06 as it relates to ZMA 2023-02, a request to rezone: a 2.92-ac. portion of (PIN# 1764487507) located on Hawksbill Drive from the General Business District (G-B) to the Residential One District (R-1) and find the rezoning to be consistent with the Blueprint Burke Plan and also find the rezoning to be reasonable and in the public interest of Burke County for the following reasons:

- 1. Changing the zoning to residential would allow single-family residential uses which are needed throughout the county and compatible with the surrounding area.**
- 2. Currently the property is vacant and rezoning this portion of land will encourage its development.**

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

Ordinance No. 2023-06 reads as follows:

Burke County
North Carolina

An Ordinance Amending the Official Burke County Zoning Map
ZMA 2023-02

Be it ordained that the Official Burke County Zoning Map is hereby amended as follows:

A 2.92-acre. portion of (PIN: 1764487507) shall be rezoned from the General Business (G-B) zoning district to the Residential One (R-1) district. (Attached survey map is used for reference).

Consistency Statement

The Commissioners find that Ordinance No. 2023-06 related to rezoning application ZMA 2023-02 and located on Hawksbill Drive, Morganton, to be consistent with the Blueprint Burke Plan and the Future Land Use map by allowing additional residential uses which are consistent with the Lake James Scenic Area and compatible with the surrounding character of the

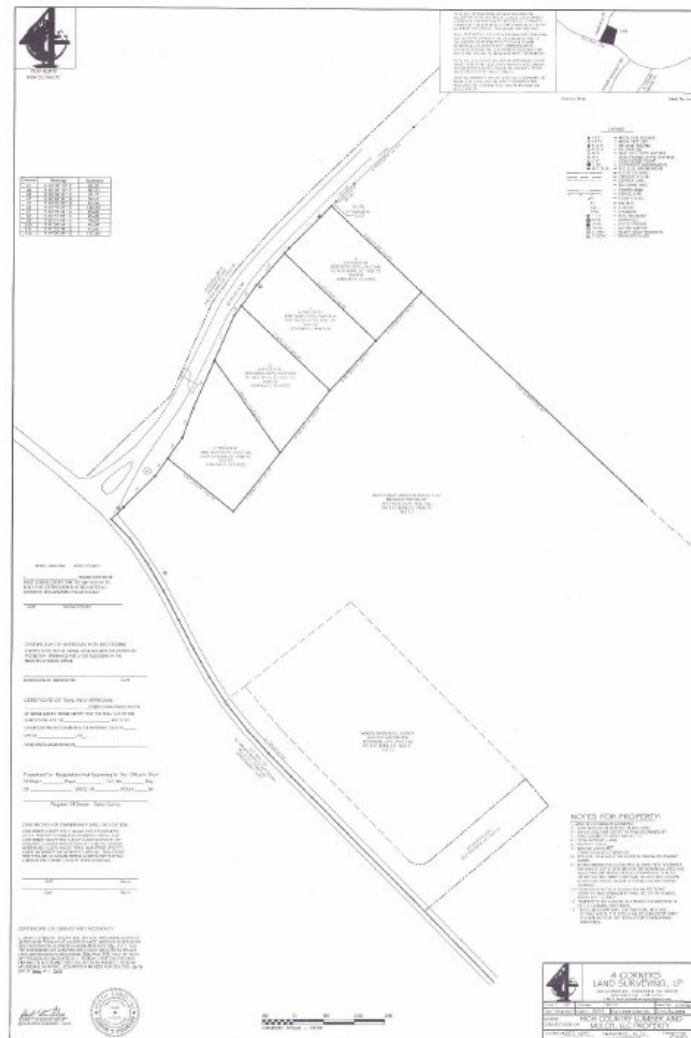
neighborhood. Rezoning this portion of land to Residential One will allow for more needed residential housing in this area.

Adopted this 18th day of April 2023.

/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



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

Alan Wood, President and CEO, Burke Development Inc., presented the following resolution for the County to support Project Piano through a Building Reuse grant. Project Piano, a local

company, will be upfitting their current location to meet their growing needs. The grant being submitted was approved for \$200,000 and the County will be required to provide a 5% match (\$10,000) through in-kind grant administration. Project Piano will be investing approximately \$500,000 towards this project and will create 25 new jobs with the project. The jobs will pay an average salary of \$54,000 which is 20% more than the average wage of \$40,700 and will include healthcare benefits. In addition to the \$200,000 Building Reuse grant, there will be an additional \$30,000 to fund training that would be supplied through the Workforce Development Community College. The grant will be administered by Burke County and the funding will primarily be used to repair the roof of the building.

Budgetary Effect: The County's portion of the local match, \$10,000, was not included in the FY 2023-24 budget, as it would be produced through in-kind grant administration.

At 6:23 p.m., Chairman Mulwee opened the public hearing. The Public Hearing Notice was published in the News Herald on April 6, 2023, 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 adopt Resolution No. 2023-07 and approve in-kind grant administration as the matching funds for the grant from the NC Department of Commerce.

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

Resolution No. 2023-07 reads as follows:

Burke County
North Carolina

Authorizing Resolution
Rural Economic Development Division
North Carolina Department of Commerce
Building Reuse Program
2023 Project Piano

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly authorized in 2023 funds to the North Carolina Department of Commerce Rural Economic Development Division to stimulate economic development and job creation. A portion of the funding authorized the making of grants to aid eligible units of government to stimulate the creation of jobs through the expansion and renovation of buildings that will spur economic activity; and

WHEREAS, Burke County desires to assist through an in-kind match grant funding for Project Piano; and

WHEREAS, Burke County intends to request grant assistance from the NC Department of Commerce, Rural Economic Development Division, Building Reuse Program for the renovation of the facility:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BURKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

That Burke County will provide a maximum of up to 5% match, up to \$25,000, through in-kind grant administration, should the grant be awarded.

That Brian Epley, County Manager, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of Burke County with the NC Department of Commerce, Rural Economic Development Division for a grant to assist in the pre-development of the project described above.

That Brian Epley, County Manager, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the NC Department of Commerce, Rural Economic Development Division may request in connection with such application or the project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That Burke County has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to the grants pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the 18th day of April 2023.

/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

INFORMAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for informal public comments and asked speakers to limit their comments to three minutes. Six (6) people pre-registered to speak.

Brad Camp, spoke up about the increasing rates of litter in the County. He was pleased to hear about the litter sweep, but he believes that is not enough. Mr. Camp expressed his desire to see a public service campaign about the litter in the County. He asserted that advertisements, signage, and an increase in fines could be helpful in resolving this issue.

John Flood spoke in favor of removing the confederate statue that stands on the grounds at the historic courthouse.

Debbie Van Ordstrand spoke against the presence of confederate flags in the County and the confederate monument that stands on the grounds at the historic courthouse.

Caroline Avery, member of Burke Coalition for Reconciliation, thanked Chairman Mulwee for attending the Symbols of the South event. She spoke in favor of removing the confederate monument and she cited how South Carolina removed the confederate flag from their capital building.

Carla Kincaid spoke in favor of removing the confederate monument from the grounds at the historic courthouse. She stated that Edenton, NC, has a billboard as you enter the town apologizing for having a confederate statue.

Barbara Beier spoke in favor of removing the confederate monument from the grounds of the historic courthouse to a more appropriate location.

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, Brian Epley, County Manager, reviewed the following six (6) items on the consent agenda which were approved by a single motion.

BOC - RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE INNOVATION CAMPUS PROJECT OF THE INDUSTRIAL COMMONS

The following resolution supports the Industrial Commons' Innovation Campus project and encourages the NC General Assembly to support the project through an appropriation in the amount of \$5 million.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2023-08.

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

Resolution No. 2023-08 reads as follows:

BURKE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE INDUSTRIAL COMMONS' INNOVATION CAMPUS PROJECT

Whereas, the Industrial Commons is a nonprofit entity established in 2015 that founds and scales employee owned social enterprises and industrial cooperatives, and supports frontline workers to build a new southern working class that erases the inequities of generational poverty and builds an economy and future for all; and

Whereas, the Industrial Commons is the current owner of a 27.87-acre parcel located at 211 E. Fleming Drive in Morganton, NC, which was home to the former Drexel Heritage Furniture Plants 3 & 5; and

Whereas, a fire destroyed the structures on the site in 2009; and

Whereas, since then, the parcel has fallen into a state of disrepair and the property has become a public nuisance and safety concern for both the City of Morganton and Burke County; and

Whereas, the Industrial Commons educates businesses and trains manufacturing workers, and has grown to be a significant economic driver in the community, creating 125 jobs and generating \$32M in revenue over the past five years; and

Whereas, the Industrial Commons, has created a plan for redevelopment of the parcel to become a driver of local and regional economic development in the textile and manufacturing industry to be known as the Innovation Campus; and

Whereas, the Industrial Commons, through their resourcefulness and vision, raised \$500,000 for initial cleanup activities, and another \$18,000,000 for construction services; and

Whereas, the Industrial Commons seeks an appropriation from the North Carolina General Assembly of \$5 million to help leverage these committed funds to the project, filling a critical gap for necessary architectural, engineering and site work; and

Whereas, Burke County and the City of Morganton, residents and visitors alike, would benefit from the redevelopment and revitalization of this large parcel in the heart of the community.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Burke County Board of Commissioners strongly support this project, as it will resolve a serious public safety concern, and become a driver of employment and a point of pride for the community.

Be it further resolved that the Burke County Board of Commissioners encourage the North Carolina General Assembly to support this project through an appropriation, and help the community realize this important redevelopment effort.

Adopted this 18th day of April 2023.

/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

CM - PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 4, 2023, AS NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The National Day of Prayer tradition predates the founding of the United States of America, evident by the Continental Congress' proclamation in 1775 setting aside a day of prayer. In 1952, Congress established an annual day of prayer and, in 1988, that law was amended, designating the National Day of Prayer as the first Thursday in May.

Though the National Day of Prayer focuses most of its efforts promoting the annual day of prayer, we realize that true life-altering, world-changing prayer cannot happen in a single day. It must become a discipline. The theme for the 2023 National Day of Prayer is "Pray Fervently in Righteousness and Avail Much." The Board was requested to adopt a proclamation.

Motion: To approve Proclamation No. 2023-03.

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

Proclamation No. 2023-03 reads as follows:

BURKE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023

WHEREAS, civic prayers and national days of prayer have a long and venerable history in our constitutional republic dating back to the First Continental Congress in 1775; and,

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence, our first statement as Americans of national purpose and identity, made "the Laws of Nature and Nature's God" the foundation of our United States of America and asserted that people have inalienable rights that are God-given; and,

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court has affirmed the right of state legislatures to open their sessions with prayer, and the Supreme Court and the United States Congress themselves begin each day with prayer; and,

WHEREAS, in 1988 legislation setting aside the first Thursday in May of each year as a National Day of Prayer was passed unanimously by both Houses of Congress and signed by President Ronald Reagan; and,

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer is an opportunity for Americans of all faiths to join in united prayer to acknowledge our dependence on God, to give thanks for blessings received, to request healing for wounds endured, and to ask God to guide our leaders and bring wholeness to the United States and her citizens; and,

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to give thanks to God by observing a day of prayer in Burke County when all may acknowledge our blessings and express gratitude for them, while recognizing the needs for strengthening religious and moral values in our state and nation; and,

WHEREAS, this year's theme is "Pray Fervently in Righteousness and Avail Much."

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the County Commissioners for Burke County, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 4, 2023, to be designated as "A Day of Prayer in Burke County" and encourage the citizens of Burke County to observe the day in ways appropriate to its importance and significance.

Approved this 18th day of April 2023.

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

CLERK - REAPPOINTMENTS TO CPCFPT

Reappointing Sheriff Hinceman, (Seat 1, Law Enforcement), Nicole Hudson (Seat 2, EMS) and Chris Jernigan (Seat 4, At-large) on the Child Protection Child Fatality Prevention Team for 3-year terms was requested.

Motion: To reappoint Sheriff Hinceman (Seat 1, Law Enforcement), Nicole Hudson (Seat 2, EMS) and Chris Jernigan (Seat 4, At-large) to the Child Protection Child Fatality Prevention Team for 3-year terms ending April 30, 2026.

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

GS - PROJECT ORDINANCE FOR JONAS RIDGE CONVENIENCE CENTER

Adoption of a project ordinance for the Jonas Ridge Convenience Site is requested. Funding for the construction of this asset was approved in November 2022.

Motion: To adopt Ordinance No. 2023-04.

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

Ordinance No. 2023-04 reads as follows:

Jonas Ridge Waste & Recycling Convenience Center Capital Project Budget Ordinance

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Burke County, that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following capital project ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section 1. The project authorized is the construction of the Jonas Ridge Waste & Recycling Convenience Center in the Jonas Ridge Township.

Section 2. The officers of the County are hereby directed to proceed with the capital project within the budget contained herein.

Section 3. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete this project:

Burke County General Fund	\$1,567,100
Total	<u>\$1,567,100</u>

Section 4. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

Professional Services	\$67,000
Construction	\$1,400,000
Contingency	<u>\$100,100</u>
Total	<u>\$1,567,100</u>

Section 5. The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the Capital Project fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of local, state, and federal regulations. The Finance Director is further directed to make amendments to the capital project ordinance as needed.

Adopted this 18th day of April 2023.

/s/: Scott Mulwee
 Scott Mulwee, Chairman
 Burke County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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

TAX DEPT. - TAX COLLECTION REPORT FOR MARCH 2023

The Board of Commissioners was presented with the Tax Collection Report for the period between July 1, 2022, and March 31, 2023. 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	\$46,621,855.80	101.79%	(\$821,744.80)
Motor Vehicle Tax	\$6,000,000.00	\$4,543,429.98	75.72%	\$1,456,570.02
Current Year Taxes	\$51,800,000.00	\$50,536,450.70	97.56%	\$1,263,549.30
Delinquent Taxes	\$700,000.00	\$589,244.07	84.16%	\$110,855.93
Late List Penalty	\$315,000.00	\$283,493.15	90.00%	31,506.85

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	\$47,901,269.02	\$46,621,744.80	97.33%	\$1,279,524.22

Motion: To accept the Tax Collection Report for March 2023 as presented.

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

TAX DEPT. - RELEASE REFUND REPORT FOR MARCH 2023

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)	\$12,038.50	\$2,255.99	\$9,452.51	\$0.00

VTS Refunds Over \$100	
	Refund Amount
VTS Adjustments	\$0.00

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

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The Release Refund 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					
0000103465-2004-2004-0000-00-REG	MILLER, MARK LAWSON	7/1/2004	LINDA WILBUR	3/13/2023	12.30	12.30	0.00
0000105472-2005-2005-0000-00-REG	LANE, MAXINE	7/1/2005	JOHN BRIDGERS	3/24/2023	168.60	168.60	0.00
0024031018-2018-2018-0000-00-REG	KELLER, STEPHEN WAYNE	8/2/2018	LINDA WILBUR	3/13/2023	1.06	1.06	0.00
0024042378-2019-2019-0000-00-REG	KELLER, STEPHEN W	12/5/2019	LINDA WILBUR	3/13/2023	5.73	5.73	0.00
0024045890-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	MCSWAIN, BRITTANY	7/1/2022	LINDA WILBUR	3/6/2023	94.51	94.51	0.00
0024060285-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	FONTENOT, JOHN M	7/21/2022	LINDA WILBUR	3/13/2023	21.10	21.10	0.00
0024061174-2022-2021-0000-00-REG	TONEY, JANICE WIAIT	8/18/2022	LINDA WILBUR	3/8/2023	33.60	33.60	0.00
0024070911-2023-2022-0000-00-REG	BRITTAIN, COURTNEY WHITE	3/29/2023	LINDA WILBUR	3/29/2023	352.86	32.08	320.78
Subtotal					689.76	368.98	320.78
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY		RELEASE REASON: Business Closed					
0000083353-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	SHERRILL, JOHN H	7/1/2022	CONNIE HOLDER	3/10/2023	37.99	37.99	0.00
0000111534-2008-2005-0011-00-REG	COOK, JACKIE R JR	10/21/2008	JOHN BRIDGERS	3/22/2023	11.90	11.90	0.00
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0000111537-2008-2007-0011-00-REG	COOK, JACKIE R JR	10/21/2008	JOHN BRIDGERS	3/22/2023	2.82	2.82	0.00
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Subtotal					72.35	72.35	0.00
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY		RELEASE REASON: Situs Correction					
0000085998-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	HENRY, JOHN M	7/1/2022	RACHAL CARSON	3/17/2023	495.72	495.72	0.00
0024033310-2019-2019-0000-00-REG	A1 TREE SERVICE	7/1/2019	CONNIE HOLDER	3/13/2023	20.65	20.65	0.00
0024033310-2020-2020-0000-00-REG	A1 TREE SERVICE	7/1/2020	CONNIE HOLDER	3/13/2023	18.58	18.58	0.00
0024033310-2021-2021-0000-00-REG	A1 TREE SERVICE	7/1/2021	CONNIE HOLDER	3/13/2023	16.74	16.74	0.00
0024033310-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	A1 TREE SERVICE	7/1/2022	CONNIE HOLDER	3/13/2023	16.74	16.74	0.00
Subtotal					568.43	568.43	0.00
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY		RELEASE REASON: Release LFUF					
0000017700-2020-2020-0000-00-REG	MILLER, DAVID A	7/1/2020	AMANDA CONLEY	3/8/2023	398.98	72.00	326.98
0000017700-2021-2021-0000-00-REG	MILLER, DAVID A	7/1/2021	AMANDA CONLEY	3/8/2023	402.98	76.00	326.98
0000017700-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	MILLER, DAVID A	7/1/2022	AMANDA CONLEY	3/8/2023	408.98	82.00	326.98
0000029176-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	MCCALL, STEVE LARRY	7/1/2022	AMANDA CONLEY	3/7/2023	256.38	82.00	174.38
0024009772-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	MORGANTON WOODS MHP LP	7/1/2022	LINDA WILBUR	3/8/2023	167.08	164.00	3.08
Subtotal					1,634.40	476.00	1,158.40
Bill #	Taxpayer Name	Bill Date	Operator ID (Name)	Release Date	Orig Bill Amount(\$)	Release Amount(\$)	Bill Amount after
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY		RELEASE REASON: Exempt Property					
0000038929-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	HAWKINS, SANDRA	7/1/2022	AMANDA CONLEY	3/22/2023	1,668.16	1,668.16	0.00
Subtotal					1,668.16	1,668.16	0.00
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY		RELEASE REASON: Not in Burke County					
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0000082226-2013-2013-0000-00-REG	SWISHER HYGIENE USA	7/1/2013	JOHN BRIDGERS	3/22/2023	15.63	15.63	0.00
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0000105461-2005-2005-0000-00-REG	NORRIS, TIMOTHY WAYNE	7/1/2005	JOHN BRIDGERS	3/16/2023	65.56	65.56	0.00
0000107198-2006-2006-0000-00-REG	SHUPING, MICHAEL	7/2/2006	LINDA WILBUR	3/16/2023	69.94	69.94	0.00
0000107288-2006-2006-0000-00-REG	NORRIS, TIMOTHY WAYNE	7/2/2006	JOHN BRIDGERS	3/16/2023	68.32	68.32	0.00
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0000109192-2007-2007-0000-00-REG	NORRIS, TIMOTHY WAYNE	6/30/2007	JOHN BRIDGERS	3/16/2023	65.86	65.86	0.00
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0000112486-2008-2008-0000-00-REG	RIDDLE, DONALD LEE	7/1/2008	JOHN BRIDGERS	3/16/2023	144.99	144.99	0.00
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0000125951-2011-2011-0000-00-REG	TALLENT, RITCHIE	7/1/2011	JOHN BRIDGERS	3/22/2023	100.50	100.50	0.00
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0000140926-2012-2012-0000-00-REG	NORRIS, TIMOTHY WAYNE	7/1/2012	JOHN BRIDGERS	3/16/2023	22.60	22.60	0.00
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0024033328-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	NITE FURNITURE COMPANY	7/1/2022	RACHAL CARSON	3/6/2023	7.46	7.46	0.00
0024044140-2019-2019-0000-00-REG	BUEZO EUCEDA, FRANCIA	12/5/2019	JOHN BRIDGERS	3/16/2023	12.98	12.98	0.00
0024044931-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	STEPANEK, NICKOLAS	7/1/2022	LINDA WILBUR	3/9/2023	19.26	19.26	0.00
0024063327-2022-2021-0000-00-REG	HOMAN, RONALD JAMES	8/18/2022	LINDA WILBUR	3/22/2023	103.10	103.10	0.00

0024063846-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	GEORGE JAMES C	7/1/2022	LINDA WILBUR	3/13/2023	686.14	686.14	0.00
Subtotal					2,876.45	2,876.45	0.00
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: Sold/Traded							
0000077391-2016-2016-0000-00-REG	CONIFER GROUP INC	7/1/2016	LINDA WILBUR	3/22/2023	112.57	112.57	0.00
0000079054-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	ROBINSON, GRACE E	7/1/2022	LINDA WILBUR	3/16/2023	93.57	93.57	0.00
0024007969-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	MARSHALL, JESSICA	7/1/2022	CONNIE HOLDER	3/10/2023	62.30	62.30	0.00
0024008057-2015-2015-0000-00-REG	MINYARD, JAMES A	7/1/2015	LINDA WILBUR	3/17/2023	69.42	69.42	0.00
0024008057-2016-2016-0000-00-REG	MINYARD, JAMES A	7/1/2016	LINDA WILBUR	3/17/2023	72.42	72.42	0.00
0024008057-2017-2017-0000-00-REG	MINYARD, JAMES A	7/1/2017	LINDA WILBUR	3/17/2023	77.58	77.58	0.00
0024008057-2018-2018-0000-00-REG	MINYARD, JAMES A	7/1/2018	LINDA WILBUR	3/17/2023	81.25	81.25	0.00
0024008057-2019-2019-0000-00-REG	MINYARD, JAMES A	7/1/2019	LINDA WILBUR	3/17/2023	81.33	0.85	80.48
0024008057-2019-2019-0000-00-REG	MINYARD, JAMES A	7/1/2019	LINDA WILBUR	3/17/2023	80.48	80.48	0.00
0024021506-2018-2018-0000-00-REG	VITRONE, MARK	7/1/2018	LINDA WILBUR	3/16/2023	23.35	23.35	0.00
0024021543-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	BENFIELDS LANDING LLC	7/1/2022	LINDA WILBUR	3/15/2023	677.50	8.18	669.32
0024049453-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	DAVIDSON, JOSHUA JAMES	7/1/2022	CONNIE HOLDER	3/6/2023	37.50	37.50	0.00
0024050070-2021-2021-0000-00-REG	SPROUSE, NATOSHA M	7/1/2021	CONNIE HOLDER	3/6/2023	36.88	36.88	0.00
0024050070-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	SPROUSE, NATOSHA M	7/1/2022	CONNIE HOLDER	3/6/2023	36.88	36.88	0.00
0024060030-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	FOX, HELSER DEBRA E	7/25/2022	CONNIE HOLDER	3/7/2023	10.59	10.59	0.00
Subtotal					1,553.62	803.82	749.80
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY RELEASE REASON: Duplicate Billing							
0000080062-2018-2018-0000-00-REG	BERRY, ARIEL LILITH	7/1/2018	RACHAL CARSON	3/9/2023	8.94	8.94	0.00
0000080062-2019-2019-0000-00-REG	BERRY, ARIEL LILITH	7/1/2019	RACHAL CARSON	3/9/2023	8.06	8.06	0.00
0000080062-2020-2020-0000-00-REG	BERRY, ARIEL LILITH	7/1/2020	RACHAL CARSON	3/9/2023	7.26	7.26	0.00
0000080062-2021-2021-0000-00-REG	BERRY, ARIEL LILITH	7/1/2021	RACHAL CARSON	3/9/2023	6.53	6.53	0.00
0000080062-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	BERRY, ARIEL LILITH	7/1/2022	RACHAL CARSON	3/9/2023	6.53	6.53	0.00
0000092753-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	WEBB, JANET	7/1/2022	LINDA WILBUR	3/8/2023	100.73	100.73	0.00
0024050071-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	BINGHAM, ALLEN TONY	7/1/2022	LINDA WILBUR	3/8/2023	130.35	130.35	0.00
0024065469-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	PARKER, MARY K	7/1/2022	RACHAL CARSON	3/13/2023	18.77	18.77	0.00
Subtotal					287.17	287.17	0.00

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TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY RELEASE REASON: Deceased							
0000075773-2015-2015-0000-00-REG	DAVIS, JOSIE J	7/1/2015	LINDA WILBUR	3/22/2023	96.33	85.64	10.69
0000075773-2016-2016-0000-00-REG	DAVIS, JOSIE J	7/1/2016	LINDA WILBUR	3/22/2023	104.96	88.64	16.32
0000075773-2017-2017-0000-00-REG	DAVIS, JOSIE J	7/1/2017	LINDA WILBUR	3/22/2023	91.97	91.97	0.00
0000075773-2018-2018-0000-00-REG	DAVIS, JOSIE J	7/1/2018	LINDA WILBUR	3/22/2023	96.17	96.17	0.00
0000075773-2019-2019-0000-00-REG	DAVIS, JOSIE J	7/1/2019	LINDA WILBUR	3/22/2023	96.17	96.17	0.00
0000079543-2013-2013-0000-00-REG	VEGTER BUILDERS INC	7/1/2013	LINDA WILBUR	3/24/2023	329.49	329.49	0.00
0000079543-2014-2014-0000-00-REG	VEGTER BUILDERS INC	7/1/2014	LINDA WILBUR	3/24/2023	313.93	313.93	0.00
0000079543-2015-2015-0000-00-REG	VEGTER BUILDERS INC	7/1/2015	LINDA WILBUR	3/24/2023	159.13	159.13	0.00
0000087164-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	WEHUNT, MARY ETTA	7/1/2022	LINDA WILBUR	3/6/2023	6.89	6.89	0.00
0000096847-2013-2013-0000-00-REG	CHILDERS, LEWIS WAYNE	7/1/2013	JOHN BRIDGERS	3/24/2023	3.77	3.77	0.00
0000096847-2014-2014-0000-00-REG	CHILDERS, LEWIS WAYNE	7/1/2014	JOHN BRIDGERS	3/24/2023	3.74	3.74	0.00
0000105464-2005-2005-0000-00-REG	BRIDGES, GINGER SUE	7/1/2005	LINDA WILBUR	3/9/2023	207.45	207.45	0.00
0000107292-2006-2006-0000-00-REG	BRIDGES, GINGER SUE	7/2/2006	LINDA WILBUR	3/9/2023	209.44	209.44	0.00
0000109196-2007-2007-0000-00-REG	BRIDGES, GINGER SUE	6/30/2007	LINDA WILBUR	3/9/2023	181.97	181.97	0.00
0000111554-2008-2008-0011-00-REG	HEFNER, BILLIE HENSLEY	10/30/2008	JOHN BRIDGERS	3/17/2023	7.03	7.03	0.00
0000111555-2008-2007-0011-00-REG	HEFNER, BILLIE HENSLEY	10/30/2008	JOHN BRIDGERS	3/17/2023	8.51	8.51	0.00
0000111556-2008-2006-0011-00-REG	HEFNER, BILLIE HENSLEY	10/30/2008	JOHN BRIDGERS	3/17/2023	11.51	11.51	0.00
0000114540-2009-2009-0000-00-REG	PIERCY, GARY LEE	7/2/2009	JOHN BRIDGERS	3/16/2023	130.37	130.37	0.00
0000118778-2010-2010-0000-00-REG	MOSES, BARBARA	7/1/2010	JOHN BRIDGERS	3/16/2023	103.79	103.79	0.00
0000140721-2012-2012-0000-00-REG	SWANN, KEVIN PATTON	7/1/2012	JOHN BRIDGERS	3/27/2023	259.12	259.12	0.00
0000141520-2012-2012-0000-00-REG	CHILDERS, LEWIS WAYNE	7/1/2012	JOHN BRIDGERS	3/24/2023	2.60	2.60	0.00

0024025032-2018-2018-0000-00-REG	GIBSON, GROVER WADE	7/1/2018	LINDA WILBUR	3/13/2023	30.09	30.09	0.00
0024025032-2019-2019-0000-00-REG	GIBSON, GROVER WADE	7/1/2019	LINDA WILBUR	3/13/2023	29.82	29.82	0.00

Bill #	Taxpayer Name	Bill Date	Operator ID (Name)	Release Date	Orig Bill Amount(\$)	Release Amount(\$)	Bill Amount after Release(\$)
0024031177-2018-2018-0000-00-REG	LAIL, RAY LESTER	8/2/2018	JOHN BRIDGERS	3/9/2023	8.51	8.51	0.00
0024033931-2019-2019-0000-00-REG	CAMIDGE, CLIFFORD D	7/1/2019	LINDA WILBUR	3/13/2023	50.95	50.95	0.00
0024033931-2020-2020-0000-00-REG	CAMIDGE, CLIFFORD D	7/1/2020	LINDA WILBUR	3/13/2023	49.19	49.19	0.00
0024033931-2021-2021-0000-00-REG	CAMIDGE, CLIFFORD D	7/1/2021	LINDA WILBUR	3/13/2023	47.63	47.63	0.00
0024033931-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	CAMIDGE, CLIFFORD D	7/1/2022	LINDA WILBUR	3/13/2023	47.63	47.63	0.00
Subtotal					2,688.16	2,661.15	27.01
Total					12,038.50	9,782.51	2,255.99

Motion: To approve the Tax Releases and Refunds for March 2023 as presented.

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

ITEMS FOR DECISION

HEALTH - APPROVAL OF DOGWOOD TRUST GRANT OPIOID PLANNING GRANT

Brian Epley, County Manager, reported that the Health Department was awarded a \$275,000 Opioid planning grant from the Dogwood Health Trust for the creation of a regional residential treatment facility. Funding is for staff, travel, meeting space rental, advertising, technology-related expenses as well as paper and copy supplies. Suggested refinements to the grant's outcomes and performance measures were approved by the Dogwood Health Trust personnel.

Budgetary Effect: \$275,000 in new grant funds.

Motions: To accept the \$275,000 grant award from the Dogwood Health Trust, including refined outcomes and performance measures for the Opioid Planning Grant and to authorize the Local Health Director to execute the grant agreement on behalf of the Board.

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

GENERAL SERVICES - AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR THE EAST BURKE CONVENIENCE SITE

Mark Delehant, General Services Director, presented the following information:

EAST BURKE CONVENIENCE SITE PROJECT UPDATE



2354 US Hwy 70
Connelly Springs, NC

Property Features

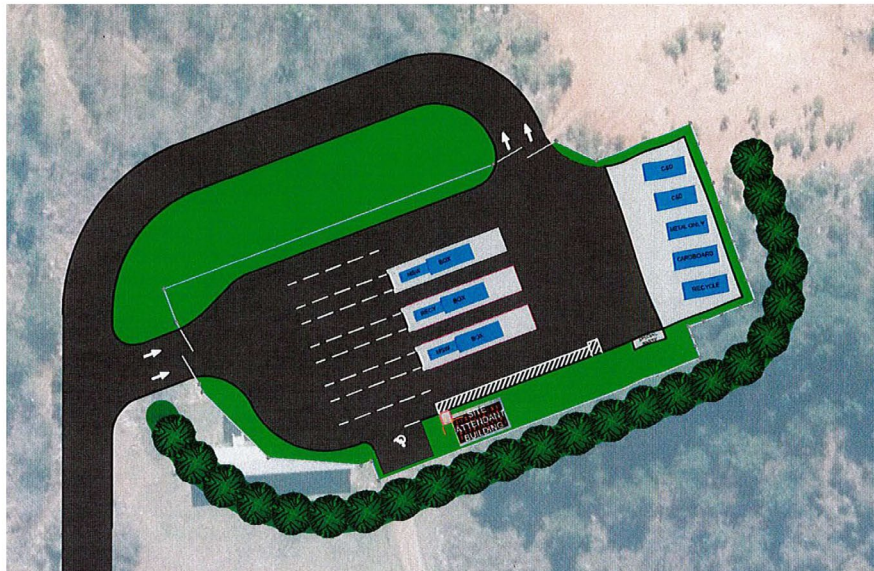
- 14.7 Acres
- 570 Feet of Hwy 70 Road Frontage
- Water & Sewer already available
- I - 40 Exit 116 Ramp Access
- It is zoned industrial
- Property includes a 200' x 100' building with a 100' x 50' building alongside of it
- A security fence around the buildings has been installed.
- Plenty of space is still available for future county needs.

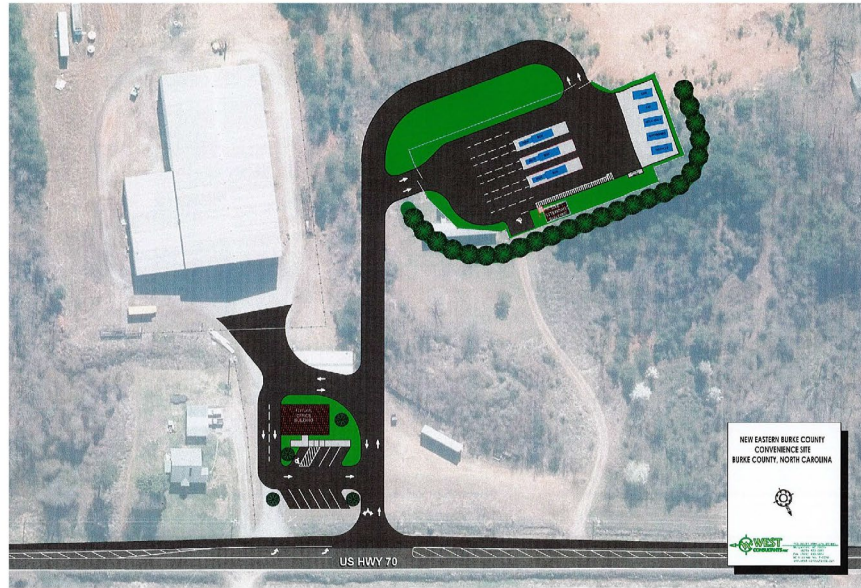


Large Storage Facilities
100 ft x 200 ft and another 50 ft x 100 ft



Interior of Both Buildings
(25,000 SQ FT with 35-foot ceiling at the peak)





In August of 2021, 14.7 acres off Hwy 70 in Connelly Springs was purchased as part of a plan to build a new convenience site as a replacement for the current failing location. West Consultants began design work on the new site last year and some design ideas were presented to the board last June. The design work was completed, and the construction project was advertised for bids on March 13th with an April 14th deadline for responses. The project received five (5) bids.

BID #:	
2023-0413	
PROJECT:	
East Burke Convenience Site Project	
Vendor:	Total Quote
Moss Marlow Building Company, Inc	\$ 1,221,000.00
Beam Construction	\$ 1,235,860.00
Wilkie Construction Company	\$ 1,253,000.00
V. Stewart McKee	\$ 1,337,879.36
Fox Built Construction	\$ 1,369,200.00

The bids were reviewed, and the recommended lowest bidder was Moss-Marlow Building Co., Inc. who submitted a bid in the amount of \$1,221,000. Staff also requested a 10% contingency funding for the project (\$138,000), funds for the equipment to be installed (compactors, recycling boxes and related equipment totaling \$125,000) and \$33,000 for professional services such as engineering and surveying. The total funding request was \$1,517,000 and the adoption of a project ordinance was also requested.

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for questions or comments. Commissioner Carswell inquired as to the cost and the timeline for the entire project. Mr. Delehant was not able to give him an answer at the time as this portion of the project does not cover the entire plans for the site, but he stated that he would get back to him. Commissioner Carswell encouraged Mr. Delehant to

consult with the Division of Environmental Quality for financial and technical assistance with the closure of the Rhodhiss site. Mr. Delehant received a comment of appreciation from Commissioner Burns. Mr. Delehant stated that Moss-Marlow Building Co., Inc. had excellent reviews.

Budgetary Effect: Funding for this project was not included in the FY 22-23 budget. And an appropriation of \$1,517,000 from General Fund, Fund Balance is required to move forward.

Motion: To award the construction bid for the East Burke Convenience Center in the amount of \$1,221,000 to Moss-Marlow Building Co., Inc. and authorize additional funds to cover engineering, contingencies, and equipment for the project in the amount of \$296,000. Appropriate up to \$1,517,000 of General Fund, Fund Balance, authorize the transfer of project funds to the Solid Waste Fund and adopt the related project ordinance (No. 2023-05). 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:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Phil Smith, Commissioner
AYES:	Scott Mulwee, Randy Burns, Johnnie W. Carswell, and Phil Smith
ABSENT:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

Ordinance No. 2023-05 reads as follows:

East Burke Waste & Recycling Convenience Center
Capital Project Budget Ordinance

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Burke County, that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following capital project ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section 1. The project authorized is the construction of the East Burke Waste & Recycling Convenience Center, to be financed by a transfer of funds from the Burke County General Fund to the Burke County Solid Waste Fund.

Section 2. The officers of the County are hereby directed to proceed with the capital project within the terms of the project documents and the budget contained herein.

Section 3. The following revenues are available to complete this project:

Burke County General Fund - Transfer	\$1,517,000
Total	<u>\$1,517,000</u>

Section 4. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

Professional Services	\$ 33,000
Construction & Equipment	\$1,346,000
10% Contingency	<u>\$ 138,000</u>
Total	<u>\$1,517,000</u>

Section 5. The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the Capital Project fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of all state / federal regulations. The Finance Director is further directed to make amendments to the capital project ordinance as needed.

Adopted this 18th day of April 2023.

/s/: Scott Mulwee
Scott Mulwee, Chairman
Burke County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

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

County Attorney Simpson reported that a project he has worked on with the County Manager will be presented at the next meeting. Clerk Draughn reported that April is Guardian Ad Litem Child Advocate Month. The County Manager and Clerk participated in a celebration event for the cause, and she encouraged anyone who is interested in volunteering to check it out. County Manager Epley stated that budget preparation for the new fiscal year has progressed well, and he was impressed with Burke County staff and partners. Commissioner Burns acknowledged National Lineman Appreciation Day. Commissioner Carswell announced that he attended the NCACC Board of Directors meeting in New Bern with Chairman Mulwee and he issued reminders for the NCACC District 13 and 15 annual meeting. He also commented on serious problems affecting children in Burke County and across the state face and reported that the NC Dept. of Health and Human Services does not have solutions. Chairman Mulwee commended staff for all their hard work on the budget. He relayed information on the upcoming meetings, 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
- East Burke Senior Center Advisory Board
- 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.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN.

CLOSED SESSION

RESULT: NOT NEEDED. NOT HELD.

ADJOURN

Motion: To adjourn at 7:11 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Randy Burns, Commissioner

AYES: Scott Mulwee, Randy Burns, Johnnie W. Carswell, and Phil Smith

ABSENT: Jeffrey C. Brittain

Approved this 21st day of November 2023.

Scott Mulwee, Chairman
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Kay Honeycutt Draughn, CMC, NCMCC
Clerk to the Board