MINUTES
BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

The Burke County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 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 Jeffrey C. Brittain, Vice Chairman Randy Burns Johnnie W. Carswell
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:	Phil Smith (Sick)
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
Randy Burns, Commissioner, 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 with the addition of a tax appeal to Section 9, Consent Agenda.

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
Motion: To approve the minutes of January 3, 2023 (pre-agenda), January 17, 2023 (regular), February 14, 2023 (pre-agenda) and February 28, 2023 (regular) meetings as written.

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

PRESENTATIONS

AS - PETS OF THE MONTH
Elizabeth Guffey, Animal Enforcement Officer, presented Frankie (dog) and McDreamy (cat) in need of their "furever" home. She then relayed some information on upcoming animal shelter events and fundraisers.

Chairman Mulwee recognized Frankie and McDreamy as pets of the month, then issued a friendly reminder to adopt or foster a pet and encouraged citizens to spay and neuter their pets.

RESULT:	**NO ACTION TAKEN.**

NCDVRS - NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH (OCT.) 2023
Sascha Prebor, Direct, Vocational Rehabilitation also known as WorkSource West, informed the Board that her organization is a state and federally funded agency with a mission to help individuals with disabilities obtain and / or maintain employment. They have a vocational skills training facility where people can obtain various certifications. Then Kay Smith introduced Amy Carlton, Business Relations Representative, NC Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, and relayed that they both assist individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing with job placement. As part of that assistance, they go to businesses and teach basic ASL (American Sign Language) to assist with language barriers. Ms. Carlton discussed the internship program that is offered by their organization. There is a Vocational Rehabilitation program in every single county in North Carolina, and combined, they had successful job placements of 1,388 individuals in FY23. Ms. Prebor noted that they were hosting a community job fair on October 5th and also requested approval of a proclamation declaring October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor to questions or comments. Commissioner Burns praised Ms. Prebor, Ms. Smith, and Ms. Carlton for all their hard work and everything that they do for the community. Chairman Mulwee inquired how many job placements were done in Burke County in the last year, but not having that information on hand, Ms. Prebor said she would provide that information to him at a later time.

Motion: To approve Proclamation No. 2023-07.

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

Proclamation No. 2023-07 reads as follows:

Burke County
North Carolina

Proclamation
78th Anniversary of National Disability Employment Awareness Month

WHEREAS, October 2023 marks the 78th anniversary of National Disability Employment Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of National Disability Employment Awareness Month is to educate about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The history of National Disability Employment Awareness Month traces back to 1945 when Congress enacted a law declaring the first week in October each year "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week;" and

WHEREAS, In 1962, the word "physically" was removed to acknowledge the employment needs and contributions of individuals with all types of disabilities; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed the name to National Disability Employment Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Workplaces welcoming of the talents of all people, including people with disabilities, are a critical part of our efforts to build a comprehensive community and strong economy; and

WHEREAS, Activities during this month will reinforce the value and talent people with disabilities add to our workplaces and communities and affirm Burke County's commitment to a comprehensive community that increases access and opportunities to all, including individuals with disabilities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Burke County Board of Commissioners recognize and commemorate the 78th anniversary of National Disability Employment Awareness Month; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Commissioners call upon employers, schools, and other community organizations in Burke County, North Carolina to observe October with appropriate programs and activities, and to advance its important message that people with disabilities add value and talent to our workplaces and communities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Burke County Board of Commissioners pledge to continue to take steps throughout the year to recruit, hire, retain, and advance individuals with disabilities and work to pursue the goals of opportunity, full participation, economic self-sufficiency, and independent living for people with disabilities.

Approved this 19th day of September 2023.

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

BOC - PRESENTATION & RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR MYFUTURENC

Kim H. Case, Ed.D., myFutureNC Regional Impact Manager, presented information about her organization and statewide goal for 2 million North Carolinians to have a high-quality credential

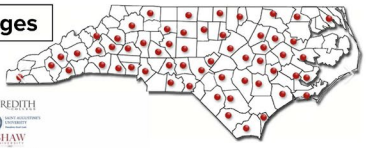
or postsecondary degree by 2030. myFutureNC is a statewide nonprofit organization focused on educational attainment and is the result of cross-sector collaboration between North Carolina leaders in education, business, and government.

Highlights of her presentation were as follows:

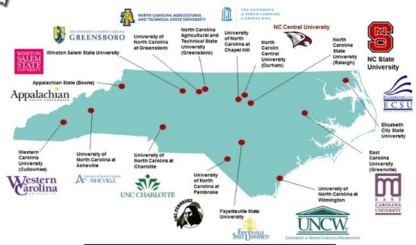


NC: MOST ROBUST EDUCATION INFRASTRUCTURE IN NATION

58 Community Colleges





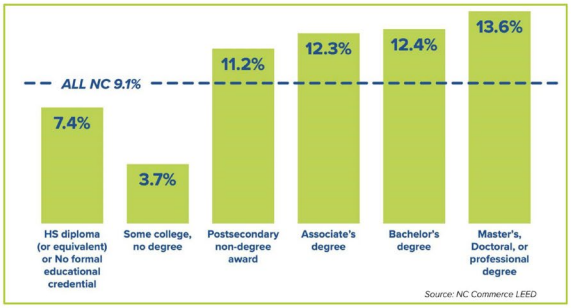


36 Private Institutions
including 5 HBCUs

16 Public Institutions
including 5 HBCUs

MINIMUM EDUCATION LEVELS FOR FUTURE NC JOBS

The majority of NC occupations will require post-secondary education in the form of credentials or degrees.



Projected growth rates of occupations in North Carolina by required minimum education 2021-2030

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UNDERSTANDING THE CHALLENGES

362,170
job openings in North Carolina November 2022



of North Carolinians aged 35-44 did not earn a **family-sustaining wage** in 2021

1.2 million
North Carolinians aged 25-44 **without a postsecondary degree or credential** as of 2021

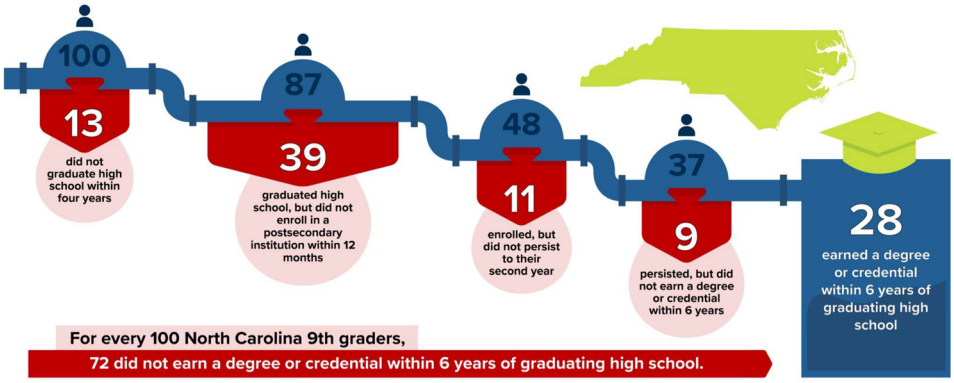


Nearly 2 in 3 prospective students identify cost as a top barrier to enrollment

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LEAKY PIPELINE



For every 100 North Carolina 9th graders,
72 did not earn a degree or credential within 6 years of graduating high school.

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NC Northwest Prosperity Zone

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The Leaky Pipeline

	On-time High School Graduation Rate	On-time postsecondary enrollment rate	If enroll college on-time		
			Persist to 2nd Year	Graduate within 6	
Alexander County	87%	52%	78%	64%	29
Alleghany County	88%	59%	77%	53%	27
Ashe County	85%	52%	78%	56%	25
Avery County	90%	62%	74%	65%	36
Burke County	91%	50%	77%	59%	27
Caldwell County	87%	54%	77%	62%	29
Catawba County	87%	55%	74%	65%	31
McDowell County	85%	43%	65%	59%	21
Mitchell County	76%	55%	83%	58%	24
Watauga County	92%	60%	81%	68%	37
Wilkes County	89%	53%	77%	59%	28
Yancey County	88%	44%	72%	65%	25

Of 100 9th graders, how many would graduate high school on-time, going to college on-time, and earn a degree or credential within 6 years?

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Measuring Progress Towards North Carolina's GOAL

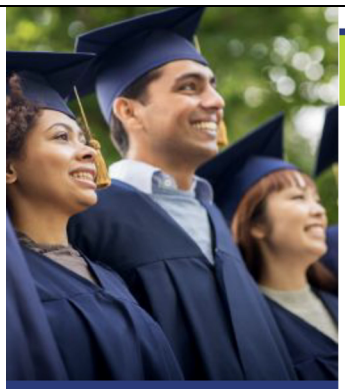
2 MILLION BY 2030



31,000 below **where the state needed to be at this time**

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AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

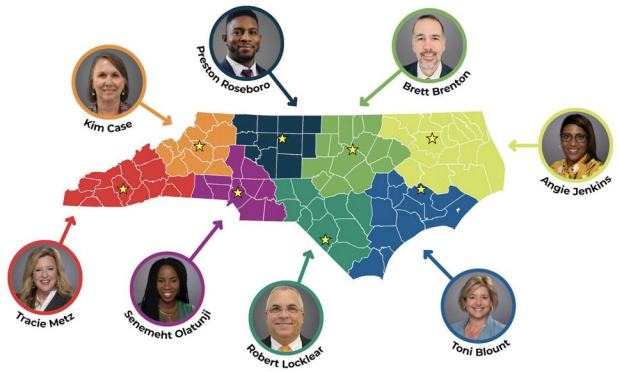
We believe a better educated North Carolina is the key to economic prosperity and upward mobility for all citizens.

To achieve our goal, myFutureNC will:

- Accelerate Action
- Monitor & Report Progress
- Identify & Advocate for Policy Solutions

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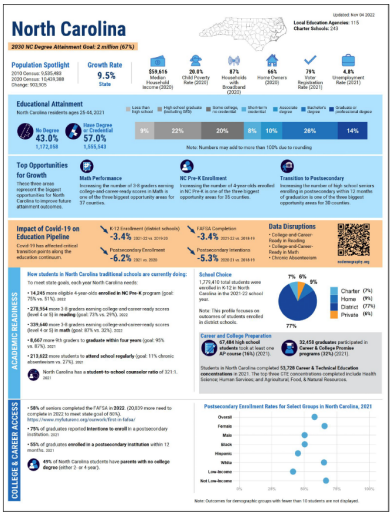
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2022 COUNTY ATTAINMENT PROFILES

- 100 Unique County Attainment Profiles
- Local Performance on Key Indicators
- Recommended Local Goals
- Opportunities for Growth

WEB LINK
qrco.de/dataresources

SCAN ME

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FOUR KEY TRANSITION AREAS

Academic Readiness
Building the foundation Pre-K to 12; high-quality early learning and strong academic progress in early years helps prepare children for future success.

College & Career Access
Activities that prepare students to navigate the transition to postsecondary include gaining experience in college-level coursework and applying for financial assistance.

Postsecondary Completion
Student progression and educational attainment from high school graduation to postsecondary completion.

Labor Market Alignment
Alignment between the skills of college graduates and the needs of North Carolina employers.

Postsecondary Foundations for Success
- **Broadband** access, affordability, and adoption
- **Data analysis** of key performance indicators for educational attainment.

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18 KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Academic Readiness
- NC Pre-K Enrollment
- College- & Career-Ready in Reading
- NAEP Fourth Grade Reading
- College- & Career-Ready in Math
- NAEP Eighth Grade Math

College & Career Access
- Chronic Absenteeism
- High School Graduation Rate
- ACT Performance
- FAFSA Completion Rate
- Postsecondary Enrollment Rate

Postsecondary Completion
- First-Yr Postsecondary Persistence
- Postsecondary Completion Rate: 4-Yr Public
- Postsecondary Completion Rate: 4-Yr Private
- Postsecondary Completion Rate: 2-Yr Public

Workforce Alignment
- Labor Market Alignment
- Opportunity Youth
- Labor Force Participation Rate
- Family-Sustaining Wage

Key:
- Likely to Meet/ Exceed Target
- Trending Toward Target
- No Trend Data
- Flatline Trend
- Trending Down

Trends toward 2030 targeted values are logarithmic forecasts using the first year of available data and the last year of available data forecasting into 2030.

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COUNTY PROFILES - OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

- Adult & Non-Traditional Learners
- Chronic Absenteeism
- College & Career-Ready in Math
- College & Career-Ready in Reading
- Opportunity Youth
- Earning College Credit in High School
- FAFSA Completion
- First-Year Persistence
- NC Pre-K Enrollment
- Postsecondary Completion
- School Counselors
- Transition to Postsecondary (On-Time College Enrollment)
- High School Graduation

highlighted is top 3 for North Carolina

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH - 2022

Burke County
Top 3 Opportunities for Growth

- Opportunity Youth
- FAFSA Completion
- Transition to Postsecondary

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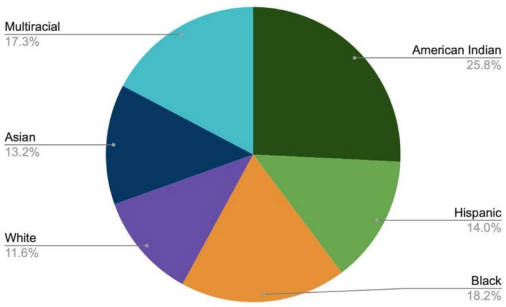
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OPPORTUNITY YOUTH

Opportunity youth are teen and young adults between the ages of 16 and 24 who are not enrolled in school or working.

1 in every 9
16 to 24-year-olds is not in school or working.

Who are NC's Opportunity Youth?



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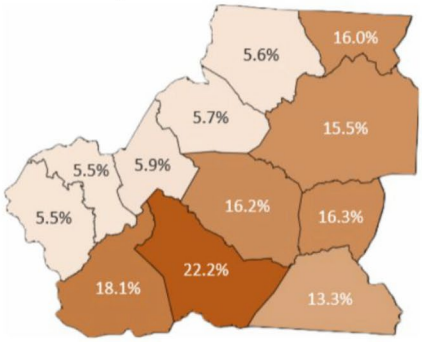
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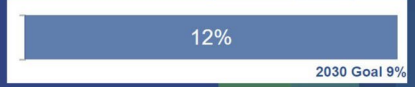
OPPORTUNITY YOUTH

County-level is 2019 Census data



2021 Census data

Over 1 in every 9 *(155K)*
North Carolina 16-24 year-olds not in school or working

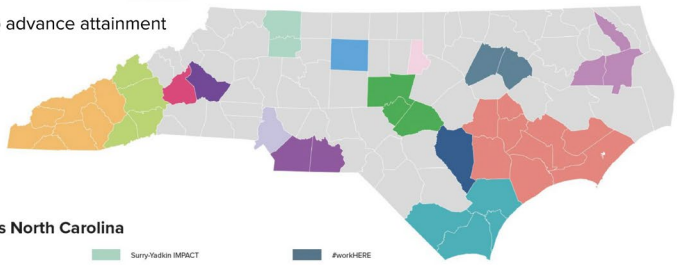


2030 Goal = 9% or less

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LOCAL EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT COLLABORATIVES (LEAC)

- 15 Local Educational Attainment Collaboratives (LEAC)
- Representing 42 counties
- Cross-sector partnerships to advance attainment



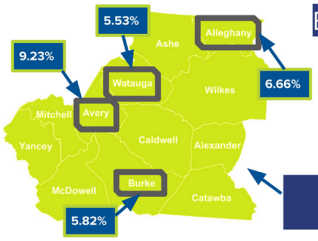
LEACs Across North Carolina

AchieveHIGHTS! | Surry-Yadkin IMPACT | #workHERE
Land of Sky Education & Workforce Collaborative | GuildfordJobs2030 | OurFutureENC: Educate. Equip. Excel.
McDowell Pipeline: Growing Our Own | Our Future in UNISON | Sampson Connect
Work in Burke | Central Carolina Connections: Chatham, Harnett, Lee County Collaborative | Our Future Cape Fear: A Roadmap to Meaningful Careers
Queen City Collaborative | Durham's Opportunity Collaborative | Empower NE NC: An Educational Collaborative

UNC SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT ncIMPACT Initiative
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COUNTY ATTAINMENT GAINS (2018 - 2021)



Educational Attainment: Adults Ages 25-44

- ***Population declined 1%*** (2018-2021)
- ***# of individuals holding*** postsecondary ***degree or credential grew 8%*** in same period.

NW Prosperity Zone counties with +5% increases over 3 years (4 out of 16 NC counties)

	Total population (aged 25-44)	Do not hold a degree/credential	Hold a degree/credential
2018	142,046	85,670	56,376
2021	140,670	79,551	61,119
Net change	(1,376)	(6,119)	4,743
Percent change	-0.97%	-7.14%	8.41%

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Locally Owned & Driven Work = 2 million by 2030



Western Piedmont Students

How might we collaborate to increase our collective impact?

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Ms. Case requested the adoption of a resolution in which Burke County is asked to endorse the state educational attainment goal of 2 million by 2030, to adopt the local goal of 10,206

individuals obtaining a high-quality credential or postsecondary degree by 2030 and to collaborate with cross-sector partners to develop a local attainment plan.

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor to questions or comments; there being none he opened the floor for a motion.

Motion: To receive the presentation on myFutureNC and adopt Resolution No. 2023-17.

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

Resolution No. 2023-17 reads as follows:

Burke County
North Carolina

Resolution to Support the myFutureNC Attainment Goal

WHEREAS, myFutureNC is a statewide non-profit organization focused on educational attainment and is the result of cross-sector collaboration between North Carolina leaders in education, business and government; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has the goal that 2 million North Carolinians will have a high-quality credential or postsecondary degree by 2030; and

WHEREAS, Burke County is committed to ensuring that 44% of individuals ages 25 - 44 have a postsecondary degree or credential by 2030; and

WHEREAS, Burke County, along with other key partners, will help advance the educational attainment of students in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Burke County agrees that North Carolina faces a gap between the projected needs for citizens with high-quality credentials or postsecondary degrees and the attainment of those high-quality credentials or postsecondary degrees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISIONERS OF BURKE COUNTY:

That Burke County supports and endorses the attainment goal of myFutureNC that 2 million North Carolinians should have a high-quality credential or postsecondary degree by 2030; and

That Burke County supports and adopts the local educational attainment goal of 10,206 individuals with a high-quality credential or postsecondary degree by 2030 in Burke County; and

That Burke County, along with leaders in business, education, state and local government, and community organizations will continue to foster collaboration to achieve the goal by developing

an action plan, defining success with measurable outcomes, executing on the action plan, and sharing successful practices with MyFutureNC and peer communities.

Adopted this 19th day of September 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

EMS - DEPARTMENT / EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS & 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Jason Black, EMS Director, reported that through their heroic efforts, Burke County EMS employees have directly saved four (4) lives and impacted countless others in their line of duty. These frontline heroes have gone above and beyond their normal duty and from that, several trauma calls that could have been disastrous ended up with desirable outcomes. Recognition of Ashleigh Taylor, Scott Brasecker, Tina Stamey, Robert Ledbetter, David Angley, Dakota Davis, and Cameron Hartung was requested. They received a round of applause and a standing ovation from the Commissioners and audience.

Major Nicole Hudson, EMS Training Officer, relayed that Burke County EMS was awarded the American Heart Association (AHA) Mission Lifeline EMS GOLD Award for the 8th consecutive year. This award is earned by providing state-of-the-art cardiac care over 24 months by meeting and exceeding the AHA's strict guidelines.

Further, as of September 1, 2023, Burke County EMS celebrates 50 years of service to the citizens of Burke County. Mr. Black presented a departmental highlight of how the department has changed over the years. Highlights of his presentation were as follows:



THEN AND NOW... A LOOK AT OUR BASES


Burke EMS open house, dedication set Sunday

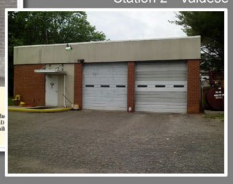
Morganton EMS facility.

Station 1 - Burke County's first EMS base opened in 1975. This base is still in operation today but will be replaced in 2024.




Open house Sunday

Station 2 - Valdese



Station 3 – Glen Alpine




Far-flung areas welcome EMS service expansion

Northern, eastern ends of county see enhancements

Want To Go?



Station 4 - Hildebran

Station 5 – Jonas Ridge





Station 6 – George Hildebran



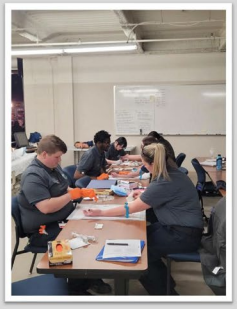
Station 7 – Morganton

THEN... AN EXPANDED ROLE


EMT-IVs Phillip Reece, kneeling, and John Stroupe practice their intravenous technique on John Ryrd of the EMS. (Staff photo by Andy Hern)

Burke EMS trained for new treatment

NOW...





Current paramedic students practice IVs on each other. They were able to practice interosseous fluid administration on a chicken leg.

1978 saw the expansion of the EMT role to EMT-IV. This allowed the crews to initiate IV fluids in the field, providing early treatment to patients in need.

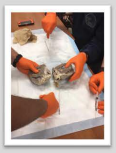
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CPR TRAINING 1979



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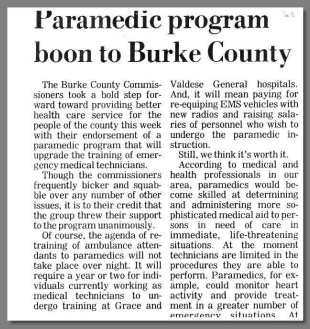






CPR techniques have come a long way. Pictured here, employees are training on intubation and the use of the AutoPulse Resuscitation system to provide uninterrupted high-quality CPR. Paramedics train extensively on how the heart works!

THEN...
PARAMEDIC PROGRAM APPROVED IN 1983



Paramedic program boon to Burke County

The Burke County Commissioners took a bold step forward toward providing better health care service for the people of the county this week with their endorsement of a paramedic program that will upgrade the training of emergency medical technicians.

Though the commissioners frequently bicker and squabble over any number of other issues, it is to their credit that the group threw their support to the program unanimously.

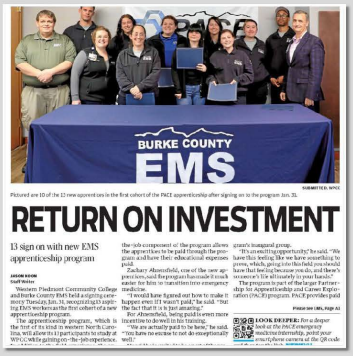
Of course, the agenda of retraining of ambulance attendants to paramedics will not take place over night. It will require a year or two for individuals currently working as medical technicians to undergo training at Grace and Valdese General hospitals. And, it will mean paying for re-equiping EMS vehicles with new radios and raising salaries of personnel who wish to undergo the paramedic instruction.

Still, we think it's worth it.

According to medical and health professionals in our area, paramedics would become skilled at determining and administering more sophisticated medical aid to persons in need of care in immediate, life-threatening situations. At the moment technicians are limited in the procedures they are able to perform. Paramedics, for example, could monitor heart activity and provide treatment in a greater number of emergency situations. At

On April 1st, 1984, 28 Burke County EMS employees started the then year long program to become Paramedics.

NOW...



Pictured are 10 of the 12 new apprentices in the first cohort of the PACE apprenticeship after signing on to the program Jan. 31.

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

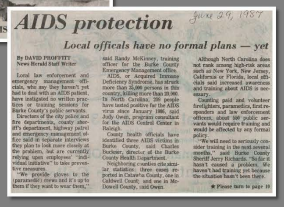
13 sign on with new EMS apprenticeship program

Burke County EMS in cooperation with WPCC has developed an EMS Academy. The first Paramedics from this program will graduate in December 2023.

THEN...
IN 1987, NEW EQUIPMENT WAS ADDED - GLOVES



Sanitary gloves are provided for local EMS



AIDS protection

Local officials have no formal plans — yet

While it is unthinkable to not use gloves now for every patient interaction, in 1987, gloves were provided but not required.

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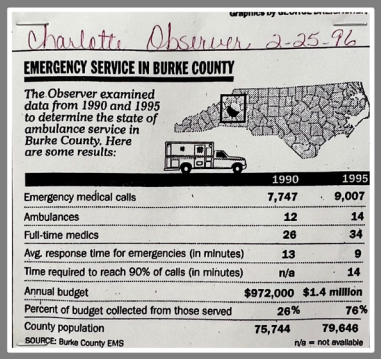




In partnership with UNC Health BlueRidge, BCEMS can administer blood transfusions in the field.

NC EMS Agencies Using Whole Blood

THEN...
A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS



Charlotte Observer, 2-25-96

EMERGENCY SERVICE IN BURKE COUNTY

The Observer examined data from 1990 and 1995 to determine the state of ambulance service in Burke County. Here are some results:

	1990	1995
Emergency medical calls	7,747	9,007
Ambulances	12	14
Full-time medics	26	34
Avg. response time for emergencies (in minutes)	13	9
Time required to reach 90% of calls (in minutes)	n/a	14
Annual budget	$972,000	$1.4 million
Percent of budget collected from those served	26%	76%
County population	75,744	79,646

SOURCE: Burke County EMS

n/a = not available

NOW...

	2022
Emergency medical calls	19,023
Ambulances	16
Full-time employees	80
Average response time	10:38 (911 emergency calls only)
Annual budget	$8,639,608
Percent of budget collected from those served	52% ($4,540410.26)
County population	87,611 (2021 census)

BURKE COUNTY EMS – BEYOND THE AMBULANCE

Besides responding to approximately 19,000 yearly calls for service, Burke County EMS has several specialty divisions including:

- Community Paramedic Program
- Special Operations
- P.I.E.R Team
- Events Medicine
- Tactical Medicine

COMMUNITY CARE PARAMEDIC PROGRAM

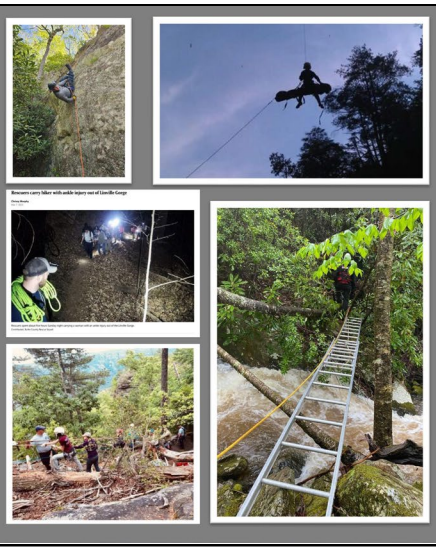
CERTIFIED COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC
KNOWLEDGE.EXPERIENCE.EXCELLENCE
CP-C

In July 2023, Burke County EMS promoted our first Community Paramedic.

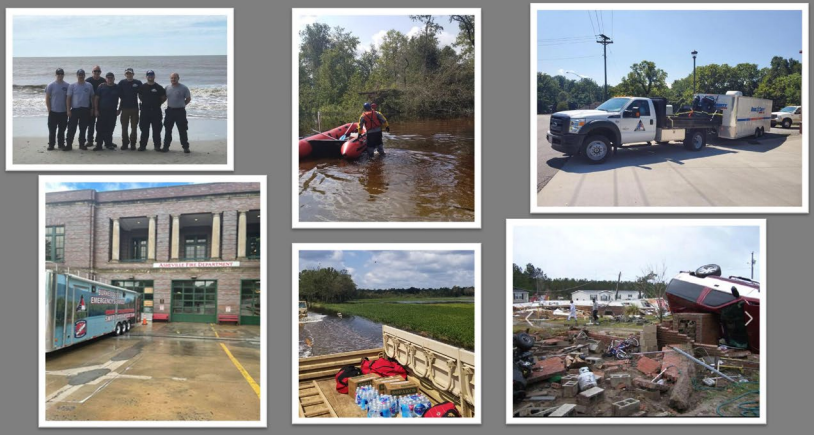


BURKE COUNTY SPECIAL OPERATIONS

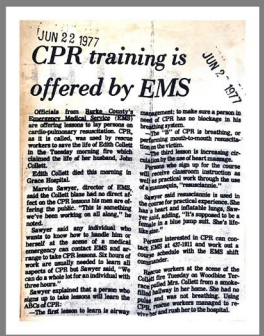
Established in the early 1990s, our Special Operations team was developed to offer advanced life saving treatments in rugged terrain.



Burke County EMS along with Burke County Emergency Management have become the only Type II water rescue team that is a state asset made up entirely of EMS personnel.



PIER – PUBLIC INFORMATION EDUCATION RELATIONS TEAM



JUN 22 1977

CPR training is offered by EMS

JUN 22 1977

Officials from Burke County's Emergency Medical Service (EMS) are offering lessons to lay persons on cardio-pulmonary resuscitation. CPR, as it is called, was used by rescue workers to save the life of Edith Collett in the Tuesday morning fire which claimed the life of her husband, John Collett.

Edith Collett died this morning in Grace Hospital.

Marvin Sawyer, director of EMS, said the Collett blaze had no direct effect on the CPR lessons his men are offering the public. "This is something we've been working on all along," he noted.

Sawyer said any individual who wants to know how to handle him or herself at the scene of a medical emergency, or contact EMS and arrange to take CPR lessons. Six hours of work are usually needed to learn all aspects of CPR but Sawyer said, "We can do a whole lot for an individual with three hours."

Sawyer explained that a person who signs up to take lessons will learn the ABCs of CPR:

--The first lesson to learn is airway management; to make sure a person in need of CPR has no blockage in his breathing system.

--The "B" of CPR is breathing, or performing mouth-to-mouth resuscitation on the victim.

--The third lesson is increasing circulation by the use of heart massage.

Persons who sign up for the course will receive classroom instruction as well as practical work through the use of mannequins, "resuscitation."

Sawyer said resuscitation is used in the course for practical experience. She has a heart and inflatable lungs. Sawyer said, adding, "It's supposed to be a female in a blue jump suit. She's lifelike, also."

Persons interested in CPR can contact EMS at 437-3811 and work out a course schedule with the EMS shift commander.

Rescue workers at the scene of the Collett fire Tuesday on Woodlake Terrace, Morganton, Mrs. Collett from a smoke-filled hallway in her home. She had no pulse and was not breathing. Using pulse and rescue workers managed to restore CPR, rescue workers managed to restore her heart and rush her to the hospital.

Public Information Education Relations (PIER) Team, formed around 2011, provides community education through job fairs, hands on CPR events, and participation in various programs throughout the community.

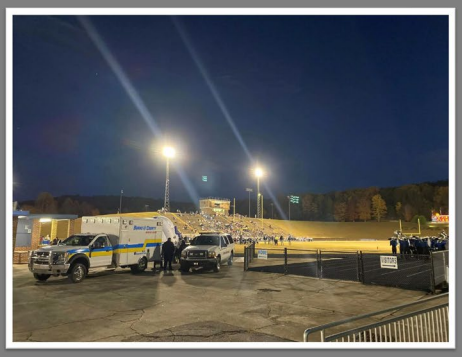


EVENTS MEDICINE TEAM





Our Events Medicine Team coordinates medical coverage for festivals, race events, sporting events, and any other gathering within the community.



TACTICAL MEDICINE



BEING PREPARED

Burke County EMS Capt. John Hood, left, secures a tourniquet on the arm of Burke County Sheriff's Office Lt. Tyler Gantt during a training event for school system employees Monday.

School leaders get stop the bleed training in multi-agency collaboration

CHASSEY MURPHY, Staff Writer

It takes less than a minute for a person to die if they start to bleed out from an artery without intervention.

But in Burke County, educators leaders hope to be prepared to provide that intervention, no matter what may make it necessary.

The leadership team at Burke County Public Schools spent Monday learning about casualty care from Burke County EMS Capt. John Hood, who also serves as a reserve deputy with the Burke County Sheriff's Office and is a member of the SWAT team.

The class came to be after Hood spoke to a meeting with School Board Vice Chair Aaron Johnson, who also is a volunteer firefighter/EMT and a

Please see TRAINING, Page A4

BCEMS developed the "Teacher Casualty Care" classes for teachers and administration of Burke County Public School. This class helps to equip school staff with knowledge to quickly provide care until EMS arrives.

ORIGINAL STORY (POSTED: MAY 22, 2019):

HICKORY, N.C. – A Burke County SWAT Officer shot a man after investigators served a no-knock search warrant at a Hickory residence, on Wednesday morning, according to the Burke County Sheriff's Department.

On Wednesday morning, Burke County Narcotics Investigators issued a no-knock search warrant at a mobile home located on Airport/Rhodhiss Road.

The warrant was issued with knowledge that the suspect and possibly other people in the residence had firearms in the home and on their persons. After Burke County SWAT entered the residence, the suspect's girlfriend was escorted out of the mobile home.

Investigators say the suspect refused to get out of a bed or show officers his hands, which were obscured by covers, despite the officers' commands.

After the suspect made numerous threats to kill the officers or make the officers kill him, the suspect quickly moved his hands under the covers, at which point a SWAT Officer shot him, according to the Burke County Sheriff's Office.

Officials say officers and the SWAT medic immediately rendered aid and that Burke County EMS responded quickly, as they had been staged nearby. The suspect was airlifted to a medical center, but no word about his condition has been given.

The Burke County Sheriff requested the SBI investigate the situation and the SWAT officer was placed on paid administrative leave until the investigation is complete.

Authorities say no officers were injured in the incident.

BCEMS along with BCSO established the SWAT Medic program after an officer was shot on a call out in 2008. BCEMS SWAT Medics are trained at the Counter Narcotics and Terrorism Operational Medical Support (CONTOMS) in Washington, DC. This class provides an EMT-Tactical certification. In 2016 Burke County sent two "SWAT Medics" to attend Basic Law Enforcement Training at WPCC. This has allowed advanced tactical medical care in any environment. BCEMS is now the only EMS agency in the state to have sworn tactical medics. This has proven to be successful when in 2019, a SWAT Medic was able to provide medical care to a suspect from a gunshot wound within seconds of the injury. This suspect would have succumbed to the injury without this program in place.

Thank you

to our **AMAZING** employees, past and present, for being the faces of help and hope for the citizens and visitors of Burke County for 50 years!

SEPTEMBER 1, 1973 – SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

BURKE COUNTY EMS

TRADITION WITH A FUTURE – 50 YEARS

Burke County EMS received two (2) new trucks that were available for viewing at the

Commissioners' meeting.

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for questions or comments. Commissioner Burns expressed his gratefulness for all the EMS team does.



Pictured from left to right: Chairman Mulwee, Commissioner Burns, EMS Director Jason Black, Paramedic Cameron Hartung, Community Paramedic Tina Stamey, Field Training Officer James Deal, EMT Alexis Robbins, Field Training Officer David Angley, EMT Dakota Davis, Captain Ronnie Taylor, Field Training Officer Robert Ledbetter, Major Robby Milton, Major Nicole Hudson, Captain Scott Brasecker, Vice Chairman Brittain, and Commissioner Carswell.

Kay Draughn, Clerk to the Board, relayed that every member of EMS was given a commemorative 50-year anniversary pin that they can wear with their uniform.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN.

CM - GFOA'S CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

Brian Epley, County Manager, reported that the County has been awarded for the second consecutive year, a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. The Board was asked to recognize and congratulate the Finance Department for this accomplishment.

At an invitation from Chairman Mulwee, Margaret Pierce, Finance Director / Deputy County Manager, approached the podium. She relayed that Finance staff were essential to getting the approximately 140-page report compiled. Ms. Pierce recognized Brian Nieft, Purchasing Agent, Jessica Helms, Controller, and Pat Lunsford, Payroll Finance Specialist, for being the major contributors to the report but noted that only Mr. Nieft was able to attend the meeting.



Purchasing Agent Brian Nieft and Finance Director Margaret Pierce

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for questions or comments. Ms. Pierce received a comment from Commissioner Burns.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN.

CM - PRESENTATION ON THE COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION INITIATIVE

Ashley Baker, Senior Executive Assistant, presented information on the Community Beautification initiative with Goldstar. Highlights of her presentation were as follows:



FY 22-23 Commissioners' Strategic Plan

FOCUS AREA 1: COMMUNITY ADVANCEMENT
To invest in cultural capital and advancement strategies that promote participative governance that elevates a community to live, work and play – while also positioning Burke County as a community of choice.

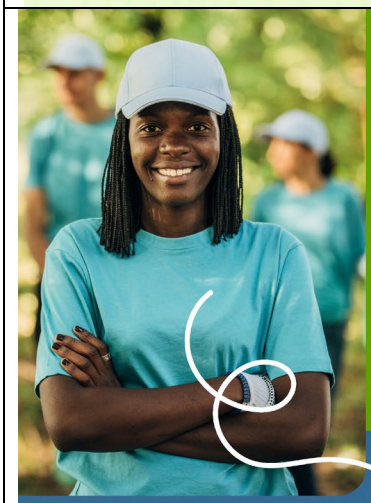
FOCUS AREA 2: ECONOMIC GROWTH & SUSTAINMENT
Promotion of Burke County as a business and economic center in the region through recruitment of new industry, creating a healthy business climate for existing businesses.

FOCUS AREA 3: PUBLIC SAFETY& WELL BEING
To ensure the safety of our residents through efficient and effective public safety agencies.

FOCUS AREA 4: FISCAL STEWARDSHIP
Pursuit of the high-performing organization model that ensures high quality, transparent and efficient use of public resources.

FOCUS AREA 5: EMPLOYER OF CHOICE
To promote a professional value-based employee centric workplace that promotes innovation, performance, and integrity, and differentiation.

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Objectives

01 Enhance the aesthetic appeal of our community.

02 Reduce litter and promote cleanliness

03 Foster community engagement and participation.







02

Beautification Strategy

Making Our Community Cleaner & More Beautiful



03

Identify prominent litter hotspots within the local community.

Deploy The Goldstar team to designated locations 2X a week to enhance their asthetic appeal and cleanliness.

Develop & Launch a website page to foster community engagement.

Assess community feedback, prioritize requests with the Goldstar Team.

Develop & Launch a campaign within our school system to teach our kids not to litter and foster a culture of cleanliness.

Explore opportunities for projects focused on landmarks and community buildings. This will enhance the aesthetic appeal of our community's key areas

IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES

Huffman Bridge Road
Amherst Road -> Kirksey Drive
NC 18 US 64 -> Antioch Road
Hartland Road -> NC 18 US 64
Periodic Cleanup Around Convenience Sites

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Deploy The Team

We are proud to announce that we have partnered with Goldstar Project Group, LLC out of Fayetteville, NC to work on Community Beautification. Goldstar Project Group has a solid reputation with the North Carolina Department of Transportation supplying highway litter control for county and city municipalities.

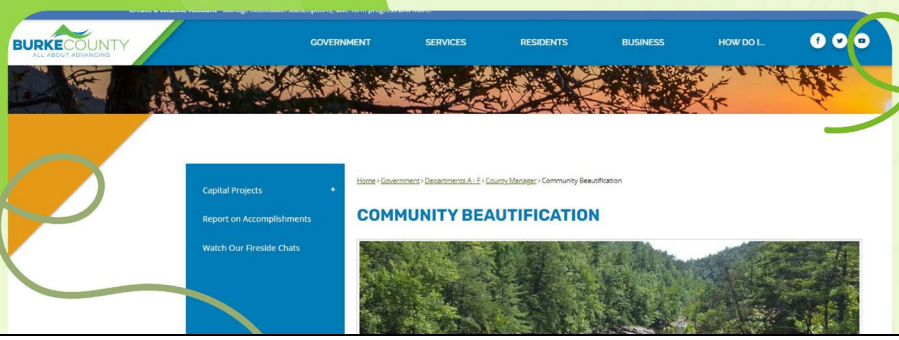
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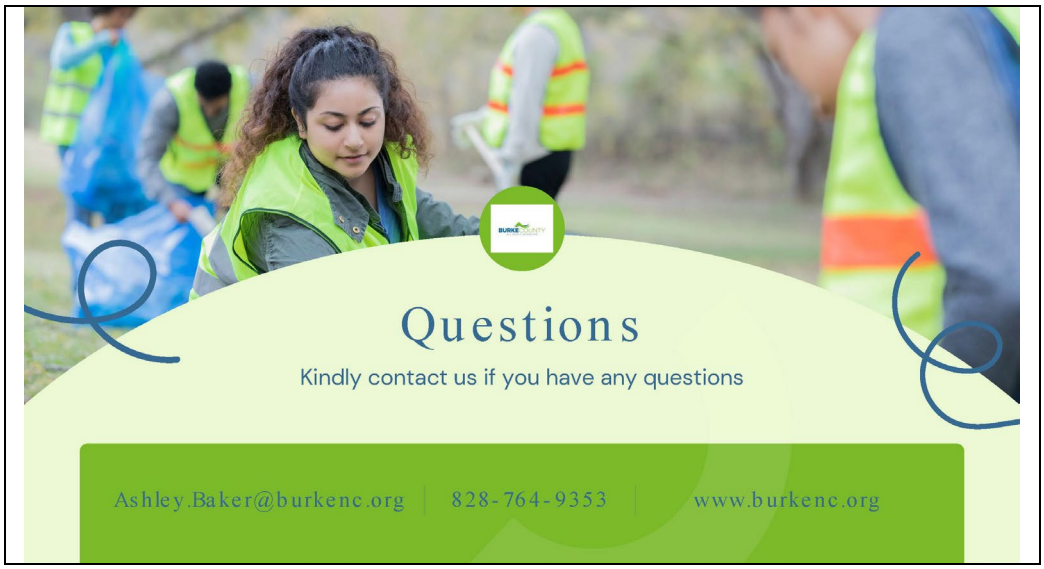
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Website for Community Feedback

https://www.burkenc.org/Beautification

We encourage active participation from our community members. The voices of our community matters. We ask everyone to visit our website to provide feedback.





Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for questions or comments. Ms. Baker received a suggestion from Vice Chairman Brittain and appreciatory comments from Commissioner Carswell. Then she responded to a question from Chairman Mulwee.

Motion: To accept the report as presented.

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

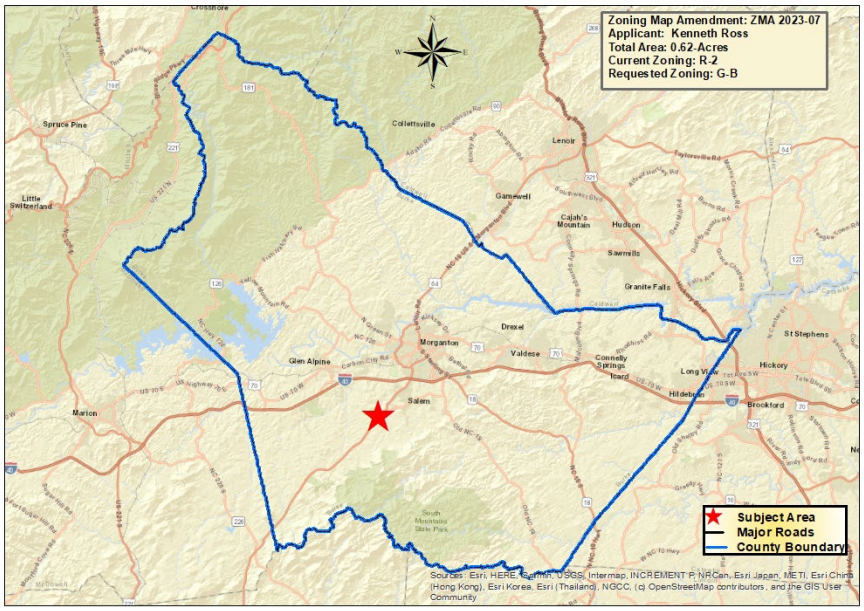
SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS

COMM. DEV. - ZONING MAP AMENDMENT ZMA 2023-07 & PUBLIC HEARING - 6:00 P.M.

Alan Glines, Planning Director / Deputy County Manager, relayed the following rezoning request.

Rezoning Request: ZMA 2023-07
Applicant: Kenneth Ross
PIN: 1791172477
Request: Change the zoning district from Residential Two (R-2) to General Business (G-B)
Size: Approximately 0.62-acres.
Location: The subject parcel is located on Rodeo Lane approximately 195 feet off US-64 S.

County Context Map ZMA 2023-07



Burke County, NC Zoning Administration
Aerial Land Use Map

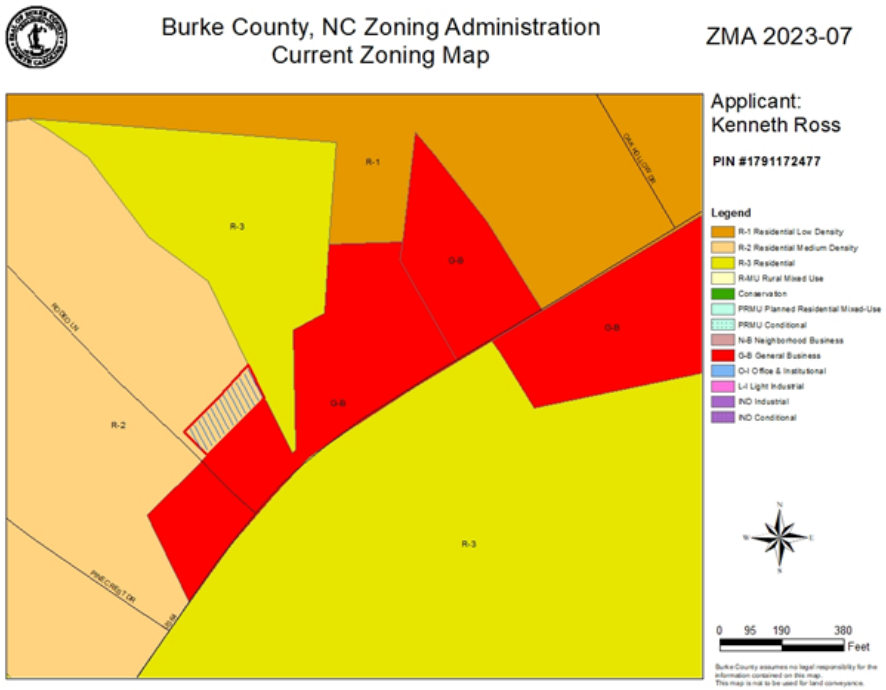
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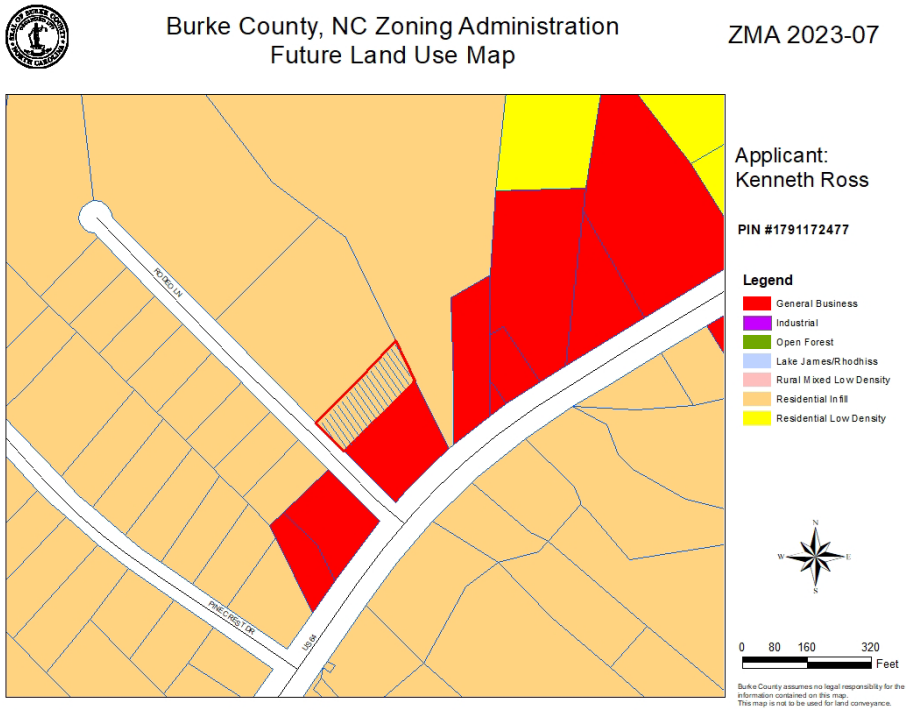
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BLUEPRINT BURKE LAND USE PLAN

Due to its location along one of Burke County's principal arterial roads, the Blueprint Burke Plan places this area of the county within multiple land use categories. The subject parcel is located within the Residential Infill category, but it is adjacent to the General Business land use category.



STAFF COMMENTS

In staff's opinion, rezoning the parcel from the Residential Two (R-2) District to the General Business District is appropriate for this area for the following reasons:

- The Blueprint Burke Future Land Use Map supports commercial uses in this area.
- There is General Business zoning in the surrounding area, including the adjacent property.
- More economic development is desired within Burke County and rezoning the parcel to G-B would allow the property owner to combine the parcel with his adjoining parcel to expand commercial opportunities.

For these reasons, staff supports the rezoning request.









CONVENIENCE STORE ACROSS RODEO LN.



PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Board met on July 27, 2023, to hear the proposed rezoning request. Staff presented the report and the applicant responded to questions from the Board. The floor was then opened to public comment and when no one spoke, the Chairperson asked for a motion. A motion to approve the rezoning was made and seconded and the Board voted 6/0 to recommend approval of the rezoning request.

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for questions or comments; there being none, he opened the public hearing at 6:57 p.m. The Public Hearing Notice was published in The News Herald on September 7, 2023, and September 14, 2023. Further, the notice was also posted on the County's website (www.burkenc.org) on September 7, 2023. There being no one present to address the Board; therefore, the public hearing was closed at 6:57 p.m.

Motion: To adopt Ordinance No. 2023-14 as it relates to ZMA 2023-07, a request to rezone a 0.62-ac. parcel of land (PIN# 1791172477) located on Rodeo Lane from the Residential Two (R-2) District to the General Business District (G-B) District. Further, the Board finds the rezoning to currently be inconsistent with the Blueprint Burke Plan but notes that conditions have changed because the owner is seeking to expand commercial opportunities among the two parcels. Furthermore, the Board finds the rezoning request to be reasonable and in the public interest of Burke

County for the following reasons:

- **The Blueprint Burke Future Land Use Map supports commercial development in this area.**
- **There is General Business zoning in the surrounding area, including the adjacent property.**
- **More economic development is desired within Burke County and rezoning the parcel would allow additional commercial development.**

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

Ordinance No. 2023-14 reads as follows:

Burke County
North Carolina

An Ordinance Amending the Official Burke County Zoning Map
ZMA 2023-07

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

A 0.62-acre parcel of land corresponding to (PIN: 1791172477) shall be rezoned from the Residential Two (R-2) district to the General Business (G-B) zoning district.

Consistency Statement
The Commissioners find that Ordinance No. 2023-14 related to rezoning application ZMA 2023-07 and located on Rodeo Lane, Morganton, to be consistent with the Blueprint Burke Plan and the Future Land Use map by showing that the surrounding parcels to the east and south as General Business. Conditions for the parcel have changed for the property owner who seeks to expand the commercial use of the property. The change would be in harmony with other surrounding commercial parcels that front along the commercial highway. The Future Land Use Map is adjusted to be General Business.

Adopted this 19th day of September 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 (3) minutes.

Carla Kincaid, Oakhill community, had pre-registered to speak but had to leave the meeting early. Sam Avery, member of Burke Coalition for Reconciliation (BCR), said he had her written comments. Chairman Mulwee asked Mr. Avery to provide Ms. Kincaid's document to the Clerk. A synopsis of her submitted comments were as follows: Despite a national survey indicating that a majority of Americans share the desire to cultivate relationships with individuals of different races and agree that if a monument is removed, it should be replaced with something more reflective of community values, there exists a trust deficit between various groups. Addressing this issue requires effective communication. Trust and communication are pivotal in fostering connections across the racial divide and are essential components in the process of removing Confederate statues and reimagining public spaces.

Sam Avery 115 Riverside Court, member of Burke Coalition for Reconciliation (BCR), reported that they listened to Bruce Hawkins' personal story at their last meeting, and then he relayed the story to the Board. Mr. Avery implored the Board to bring people together.

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 seven (7) items on the consent agenda, which were approved by a single motion.

BOC - RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
The National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM) organization is a partnership of national public service organizations, professional medical associations and government agencies working together to promote breast cancer awareness, share information on the disease, and provide greater access to screening services. This is an annual international health campaign organized by major breast cancer charities every October. Since its inception more than two decades ago, NBCAM has been at the forefront of promoting awareness of breast cancer issues, education, and empowerment for women to increase their knowledge of the disease while raising funds for research into its cause, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and cure.

Motion: to adopt Resolution No. 2023-16.

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

Resolution No. 2023-16 reads as follows:

BURKE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE
NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH (NBCAM)

WHEREAS, The National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM) organization is a partnership of national public service organizations, professional medical associations, and government

agencies working together to promote breast cancer awareness, share information on the disease, and provide greater access to screening services.

WHEREAS, The National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM) is an annual international health campaign organized by major breast cancer charities every October to increase awareness of the disease and to raise funds for research into its cause, prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure.

WHEREAS, The National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM) for more than two (2) decades has been at the forefront of promoting awareness, education, and empowerment for women to take charge of their own breast health by practicing regular self-breast exams to identify any changes, scheduling regular visits and annual mammograms with their healthcare provider, adhering to prescribed treatment, and knowing the facts about recurrence.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Burke County Board of Commissioners hereby supports National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in an effort to save more lives and improve the quality of life for all of those touched by breast cancer.

Adopted this 19th day of September 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 - APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2, FY 2023-2024 BUDGET
Approval of budget amendment (No. 2), in the amount of $452,603, which recognizes new funds received for Soil & Water, the Oak Hill Park (Canoe Creek) project, and DSS was requested.

Motion: To approve Budget Amendment No. 2 as presented.

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

Budget Amendment No. 2 reads as follows:

BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2			
REVENUES			
ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
100-52000-01-434615	Special Adoption Funds	$171,646	
100-61000-01-433491	NC Dept of Ag and Con Services	$80,957	

100-00000-01-433100	DWR Stream Restoration Grant	$200,000	
EXPENSES			
ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
100-52060-20-561500	Special Adoption Funds	$171,646	
100-61000-35-533404	Streamflow Rehab Grant	$80,957	
100-55000-25-569007	Oak Hill Park Canoe Creek	$200,000	
Purpose: To recognize grants and other new funds received and the accompanying expenditures. Soil and Water received $80,957 in additional funds from NCDACS to complete an existing stream bank restoration project. DWR awarded $200,000 for the Canoe Creek Stream Restoration Phase I project within Oak Hill Park. This project is in conjunction with Foothills Conservancy and Riverkeepers. NCDHHS provided $171,646 to enhance adoption services programs.			
A copy of these amendments shall be furnished to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer of the County to be kept on file for direction in the disbursement of funds.			

Approved this 19th day of September 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

CD - REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE BURKE CO. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The terms of appointment for the following members of the Burke County Board of Adjustment end September 30th: Jennie Cook (Seat No. 1, East), Ray Johnson (Seat No. 3, West), Joyce Counihan (Seat No. 5, At-large), and Ed Hallyburton (Seat No. 6, Alternate At-large). All members desire reappointment and are in good standing. The terms are for three (3) years and end September 2026.

Motion: To reappoint Jennie Cook (Seat No. 1, East), Ray Johnson (Seat No. 3, West), Joyce Counihan (Seat No. 5, At-large), and Ed Hallyburton (Seat No. 6, Alternate At-large) to the Burke Co. Board of Adjustment for 3-year terms ending September 30, 2026.

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

FIRE MARSHAL - PROCLAMATION OF FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, OCTOBER 8 - 14, 2023

The National Fire Protection Association has sponsored Fire Prevention Week since 1922. In

1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance. Fire Prevention Week is observed annually during the week of October 8th in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. This proclamation supports the fire prevention efforts of the citizens and local fire departments. This year celebrates the 101st anniversary of National Fire Prevention Week with the theme, "Cooking safety starts with YOU! Pay attention to fire prevention."

Motion: To approve Proclamation No. 2023-06.

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

Proclamation No. 2023-06 reads as follows:

Burke County
North Carolina

Proclamation of Fire Prevention Week
October 8 – 14, 2023

WHEREAS, the County of Burke is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our County; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, home fires caused 2,880 civilian deaths in the United States in 2021, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 361,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS, smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have as little as 2 minutes to escape safely; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

WHEREAS, Burke County residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the smoke alarms and knows how to respond; and

WHEREAS, Burke County residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, Burke County residents will make sure their smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Burke County first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, Burke County residents that are responsive to public education measures are better able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Cooking safety starts with YOU! Pay attention to fire prevention.", effectively serves to remind Burke County citizens it is important to have a home fire escape plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Burke County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim October 8 - 14, 2023, as Fire Prevention Week throughout the County, and urge all the people of Burke County to plan and practice a home fire escape for Fire Prevention Week 2023 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Burke County's fire and emergency services.

Approved this 19th day of September 2023.

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

TAX DEPT. - TAX COLLECTION REPORT FOR AUGUST 2023

The Board of Commissioners was presented with the Tax Collection Report for the period ending August 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	$52,699,577.00	$32,569,720.07	61.80%	$20,129,856.93
Motor Vehicle Tax	$6,200,000.00	$1,099,261.35	17.73%	$5,100,738.65
Current Year Taxes	$58,899,577.00	$33,668,981.42	57.16%	$25,230,595.58
Delinquent Taxes	$700,000.00	$211,781.32	30.25%	$488,218.68
Late List Penalty	$329,000.00	$57,601.64	17.51%	$271,298.36

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	51,882,444.89	$32,569,720.07	62.78%	$19,312,724.82

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

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

TAX DEPT. - RELEASE REFUND REPORT FOR AUGUST 2023

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.

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 of real or personal property.
- ☐ The postmark reveals a payment was timely sent.

Tax System Refunds and Releases				
	Report Amount	Rebilled Amount	Net Release	Refund Amount
Releases (TR-304)	$245,793.26	$32,936.10	$212,857.16	$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: Adjustment							
0000002392-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	KEDZIERSKI, KATE	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/23/2023	314.34	2.80	311.54
0000005651-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	BRITTAIN, PALMER WAYNE	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/24/2023	425.28	425.28	0.00
0000005651-2023-2023-0000-01-REG	BRITTAIN, PALMER WAYNE	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/24/2023	794.55	794.55	0.00
0000020574-2023-2023-0000-01-REG	GOFORTH, TAMMY HART	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/22/2023	718.09	718.09	0.00
0000027545-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	TOMLINSON, DANNY EUGENE	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/8/2023	47.77	47.77	0.00
0000035423-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	LAIL, WILLIE FAYE	7/3/2023	BURGESS	8/17/2023	98.30	98.30	0.00
0000036365-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	BURGESS, HELEN	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/11/2023	303.21	303.21	0.00
0000072328-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	CANNON DRUG CO	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/1/2023	175.36	15.94	159.42
0000074671-2013-2013-0000-00-REG	JAVIER, CERVANTES RAMOS	7/1/2013	LINDA WILBUR	8/8/2023	191.52	190.14	1.38
0000074671-2014-2014-0000-00-REG	JAVIER, CERVANTES RAMOS	7/1/2014	LINDA WILBUR	8/8/2023	190.14	190.14	0.00
0000074671-2015-2015-0000-00-REG	JAVIER, CERVANTES RAMOS	7/1/2015	LINDA WILBUR	8/8/2023	191.54	191.54	0.00
0000074671-2016-2016-0000-00-REG	JAVIER, CERVANTES RAMOS	7/1/2016	LINDA WILBUR	8/8/2023	182.76	182.76	0.00
0000074678-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	ROCK DRUG OF VALDESE LLC	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/1/2023	221.60	20.15	201.45
0000074678-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	ROCK DRUG OF VALDESE LLC	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/1/2023	201.45	201.45	0.00
0000086792-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	INC	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/1/2023	3,669.46	3,669.46	0.00
0000086792-2023-2023-0000-01-REG	INC	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/1/2023	4,274.49	388.59	3,885.90
0000114290-2009-2009-0000-00-REG	JAVIER, CERVANTES RAMOS	7/2/2009	LINDA WILBUR	8/8/2023	157.05	157.05	0.00
0000118674-2010-2010-0000-00-REG	JAVIER, CERVANTES RAMOS	7/1/2010	LINDA WILBUR	8/8/2023	159.80	159.80	0.00
0000124221-2011-2011-0000-00-REG	JAVIER, CERVANTES RAMOS	7/1/2011	LINDA WILBUR	8/8/2023	161.25	161.25	0.00
0000140484-2012-2012-0000-00-REG	JAVIER, CERVANTES RAMOS	7/1/2012	LINDA WILBUR	8/8/2023	152.16	152.16	0.00
0024009488-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	HARBISON, LESLIE C	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/29/2023	1,917.26	1,917.26	0.00
0024009652-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	VEKA EAST, INC	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/23/2023	70,384.17	70,384.17	0.00
0024009846-2023-2023-0000-01-REG	SIMENTAL, VICTORIA MARIE	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/24/2023	88.00	88.00	0.00
0024020277-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/29/2023	1,635.51	1,635.51	0.00
0024064808-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	BOND, BRIAN	7/1/2022	LINDA WILBUR	8/1/2023	76.45	76.45	0.00
0024067209-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	FREEMAN, CONNIE SUE	12/14/2022	BURGESS	8/29/2023	411.56	411.56	0.00
0024067486-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	WILLIAMS, SAVANNAH	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	7/31/2023	6.16	0.56	5.60
0024069741-2023-2023-0000-01-REG	THE INDUSTRIAL COMMONS	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/1/2023	611.27	55.57	555.70
0024069804-2023-2022-0000-00-REG	BILLS REPAIR SHOP	8/14/2023	BURGESS	8/25/2023	1.70	1.70	0.00
0024069947-2023-2022-0000-00-REG	COFFEY, CLINT RAYMOND	8/14/2023	BURGESS	8/25/2023	1.37	1.37	0.00

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0024070049-2023-2022-0000-00-REG	YOUNT, JOHN WALTER	8/14/2023	BURGESS	8/25/2023	2.99	2.99	0.00
0024070679-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	AND FINANCE	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/1/2023	616.00	616.00	0.00
0024070976-2023-2022-0000-00-REG	SIGMON, DAVID ALLEN	8/14/2023	BURGESS	8/25/2023	0.98	0.98	0.00
0024070984-2023-2022-0000-00-REG	BANKS, BRUCE	8/14/2023	BURGESS	8/25/2023	1.56	1.56	0.00
0024071161-2023-2022-0000-00-REG	KING, SHANNON WESLEY	8/14/2023	BURGESS	8/25/2023	3.19	3.19	0.00
0024071416-2023-2022-0000-00-REG	LYNN, JOHNNY LAWRENCE JR	8/14/2023	BURGESS	8/28/2023	3.48	3.48	0.00
0024071451-2023-2022-0000-00-REG	OSBORNE, GRADY	8/14/2023	BURGESS	8/25/2023	0.85	0.85	0.00
0024071655-2023-2022-0000-00-REG	GREGOR, KHRISTIAN NICOLE	8/14/2023	BURGESS	8/25/2023	3.16	3.16	0.00
0024071751-2023-2022-0000-00-REG	HUGHES, MITCHELL WILSON	8/14/2023	BURGESS	8/25/2023	1.23	1.23	0.00
0024071821-2023-2022-0000-00-REG	HUGHES, MITCHELL WILSON	8/14/2023	BURGESS	8/25/2023	1.37	1.37	0.00
0024072478-2023-2022-0000-00-REG	SMITH, SCOTT ALLEN	8/14/2023	BURGESS	8/25/2023	1.27	1.27	0.00
0024072760-2023-2022-0000-00-REG	BEAVER, CHAD ALLEN	8/14/2023	BURGESS	8/25/2023	3.36	3.36	0.00
0024072922-2023-2022-0000-00-REG	ABACUC	8/14/2023	BURGESS	8/25/2023	0.85	0.85	0.00
0024073381-2023-2022-0000-00-REG	CHAPMAN, JULIA FOWLER	8/14/2023	BURGESS	8/25/2023	1.81	1.81	0.00
0024073430-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	COFFEY, JOHNATHAN C	7/3/2023	BURGESS	8/17/2023	5.60	5.60	0.00
0024073475-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	LEDFORD, HOWARD DALE	8/14/2023	BURGESS	8/28/2023	3.32	3.32	0.00
0024073638-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	VANG, KHOUA	8/14/2023	BURGESS	8/28/2023	3.19	3.19	0.00
0024073646-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	SHUFORD, MARSHALL DAVID	8/14/2023	BURGESS	8/25/2023	2.40	2.40	0.00
0024073880-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	BENFIELD, AMANDA NICHOLE	8/14/2023	BURGESS	8/25/2023	2.75	2.75	0.00
0024074090-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	DONNELLY, SCOTTY GENE	8/14/2023	BURGESS	8/25/2023	0.84	0.84	0.00
Subtotal					**88,423.77**	**83,302.78**	**5,120.99**
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY RELEASE REASON: Adjustment Release							
0024070467-2023-2022-0000-00-REG	TRAMBLE, KATISHA DAWN	8/14/2023	PEGGY SEATON	8/23/2023	1.45	1.45	0.00
Subtotal					**1.45**	**1.45**	**0.00**
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY RELEASE REASON: Amended Listing							
0000081337-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	ADAMS, DIANA L	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	7/31/2023	8.54	0.87	7.67
0024059037-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	MATERIAL RETURN LLC	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/1/2023	310.01	310.01	0.00
0024067486-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	WILLIAMS, SAVANNAH	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	7/31/2023	15.40	9.24	6.16
0024069634-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	PUETT, CHARLES	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/3/2023	6.16	6.16	0.00
0024069741-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	THE INDUSTRIAL COMMONS	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/1/2023	308.00	308.00	0.00
0024070660-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	WEAVER, PAUL EARL	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/2/2023	6.16	6.16	0.00
0024072677-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	QUINTANA, EMILY	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/15/2023	11.02	11.02	0.00
Subtotal					**665.29**	**651.46**	**13.83**
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY RELEASE REASON: Assessed In Error							
0000084876-2021-2021-0000-00-REG	KOWALCZYK, STANLEY	7/1/2021	JOHNSON	8/16/2023	160.77	160.77	0.00
0000084876-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	KOWALCZYK, STANLEY	7/1/2022	JOHNSON	8/16/2023	166.77	166.77	0.00
0000084876-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	KOWALCZYK, STANLEY	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/16/2023	113.69	113.69	0.00
0024059739-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	LINARD, JAY	7/1/2022	LINDA WILBUR	8/16/2023	833.07	833.07	0.00
0024072792-2023-2022-0000-00-REG	DUCKWORTH, GERALD EDWARD	8/14/2023	JOHNSON	8/24/2023	67.01	67.01	0.00
Subtotal					**1,341.31**	**1,341.31**	**0.00**
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY RELEASE REASON: Deceased							
0024023275-2018-2018-0000-00-REG	BAKER, SHAWN CHRISTOPHER	7/1/2018	BURGESS	8/10/2023	9.42	9.42	0.00
0024023275-2019-2019-0000-00-REG	BAKER, SHAWN CHRISTOPHER	7/1/2019	BURGESS	8/10/2023	9.33	9.33	0.00
0024023275-2020-2020-0000-00-REG	BAKER, SHAWN CHRISTOPHER	7/1/2020	BURGESS	8/10/2023	8.41	8.41	0.00
0024023275-2021-2021-0000-00-REG	BAKER, SHAWN CHRISTOPHER	7/1/2021	BURGESS	8/10/2023	7.57	7.57	0.00
0024023275-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	BAKER, SHAWN CHRISTOPHER	7/1/2022	BURGESS	8/10/2023	7.57	7.57	0.00
Subtotal					**42.30**	**42.30**	**0.00**
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY RELEASE REASON: Duplicate Billing							
0000059292-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	LO, THONG	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/2/2023	650.91	650.91	0.00
0024025949-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	DAVIS, JAMES C	7/1/2022	LINDA WILBUR	8/2/2023	14.79	14.79	0.00
0024025949-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	DAVIS, JAMES C	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/2/2023	11.92	11.92	0.00
0024050050-2020-2020-0000-00-REG	PATTON, DAWN MARIE	7/1/2020	LINDA WILBUR	7/31/2023	28.74	28.74	0.00
0024050050-2021-2021-0000-00-REG	PATTON, DAWN MARIE	7/1/2021	LINDA WILBUR	7/31/2023	25.88	25.88	0.00
0024050050-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	PATTON, DAWN MARIE	7/1/2022	LINDA WILBUR	7/31/2023	25.88	25.88	0.00
0024050050-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	PATTON, DAWN MARIE	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	7/31/2023	18.79	18.79	0.00
0024052271-2021-2021-0000-00-REG	ABEE, RICKEY HAROLD	7/1/2021	LINDA WILBUR	8/16/2023	16.40	16.40	0.00
0024064710-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	CORPORATION	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/14/2023	120.15	120.15	0.00
0024069649-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	ROGERS, STEVEN D	7/3/2023	BURGESS	8/7/2023	6.16	6.16	0.00
0024070214-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	FINANCE	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/3/2023	39.08	39.08	0.00
Subtotal					**958.70**	**958.70**	**0.00**
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY RELEASE REASON: Exempt Property							
0000018555-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	PATTON, CLINT	7/3/2023	CONLEY	8/14/2023	208.22	208.22	0.00
0024069872-2023-2022-0000-00-REG	CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH	8/14/2023	BURGESS	8/23/2023	2.90	2.90	0.00
Subtotal					**211.12**	**211.12**	**0.00**
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY RELEASE REASON: Late Listing							
0024054743-2023-2023-0000-01-REG	NC SPORT CUTS LLC	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/2/2023	612.45	612.45	0.00
Subtotal					**612.45**	**612.45**	**0.00**
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY RELEASE REASON: Mapping Correction							
0000007473-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	FLETCHER, JENNIFER PATTERSON	7/3/2023	BRIDGERS	8/24/2023	583.35	387.05	196.30
0024069265-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	FLETCHER, JENNIFER PATTERSON	7/3/2023	BRIDGERS	8/24/2023	120.89	120.89	0.00

0024069701-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	HOUK, SIDNEY L	7/3/2023	CONLEY	8/24/2023	57.86	57.86	0.00
0024069702-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	HOUK, SIDNEY L	7/3/2023	CONLEY	8/24/2023	57.86	57.86	0.00
0024069703-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	HOUK, SIDNEY L	7/3/2023	CONLEY	8/24/2023	76.46	76.46	0.00
Subtotal					**896.42**	**700.12**	**196.30**

TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY RELEASE REASON: Not in Burke County

0024047559-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	ARNETT, JAMIE L	7/3/2023	BURGESS	8/17/2023	53.01	24.64	28.37
0024068405-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	SMITH, FRANKIE LYNN	12/14/2022	LINDA WILBUR	8/7/2023	44.43	44.43	0.00
0024070606-2023-2022-0000-00-REG	HUGHES, JENNIFER ASHELY	8/14/2023	JOHNSON	8/29/2023	88.09	88.09	0.00
0024072631-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	K & A MANAGEMENT	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/30/2023	92,400.00	92,400.00	0.00
0024072672-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	CHURCH, THOMAS	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/15/2023	497.42	497.42	0.00
0024073187-2023-2022-0000-00-REG	CURTIS, HARRIS LEE	8/14/2023	BURGESS	8/23/2023	533.99	533.99	0.00
Subtotal					**93,616.94**	**93,588.57**	**28.37**

TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY RELEASE REASON: Over Assessment

0000008971-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	STAMEY, CLAUDE O	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/24/2023	574.82	8.32	566.50
0000036365-2023-2023-0000-01-REG	BURGESS, HELEN	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/11/2023	519.23	435.81	83.42
0024074101-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	GENTIEU, KIMBERLY	8/4/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/22/2023	334.10	200.19	133.91
Subtotal					**1,428.15**	**644.32**	**783.83**

TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY RELEASE REASON: Process Correction

0000074671-2017-2017-0000-00-REG	JAVIER, CERVANTES RAMOS	7/1/2017	LINDA WILBUR	8/2/2023	202.40	202.40	0.00
0000074671-2018-2018-0000-00-REG	JAVIER, CERVANTES RAMOS	7/1/2018	LINDA WILBUR	8/2/2023	204.40	204.40	0.00
0000074671-2019-2019-0000-00-REG	JAVIER, CERVANTES RAMOS	7/1/2019	LINDA WILBUR	8/2/2023	194.62	194.62	0.00
0000074671-2020-2020-0000-00-REG	JAVIER, CERVANTES RAMOS	7/1/2020	LINDA WILBUR	8/2/2023	161.90	161.90	0.00
0000074671-2021-2021-0000-00-REG	JAVIER, CERVANTES RAMOS	7/1/2021	LINDA WILBUR	8/2/2023	165.90	165.90	0.00
0000074671-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	JAVIER, CERVANTES RAMOS	7/1/2022	LINDA WILBUR	8/2/2023	171.90	171.90	0.00
0000074671-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	JAVIER, CERVANTES RAMOS	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/2/2023	112.76	112.76	0.00
0024070339-2023-2022-0000-00-REG	NESBITT, BILLY RAY JR	8/14/2023	JOHNSON	8/25/2023	123.43	123.43	0.00
Subtotal					**1,337.31**	**1,337.31**	**0.00**

TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY RELEASE REASON: Refer To File

0000033275-2023-2019-0000-00-REG	NC, INC	3/6/2023	CONLEY	8/25/2023	1,903.49	1,903.49	0.00
0000033275-2023-2020-0000-00-REG	NC, INC	3/6/2023	CONLEY	8/25/2023	2,564.21	2,564.21	0.00
0000033275-2023-2021-0000-00-REG	NC, INC	3/6/2023	CONLEY	8/25/2023	2,568.21	2,568.21	0.00
0000033275-2023-2022-0000-00-REG	NC, INC	3/6/2023	CONLEY	8/25/2023	2,574.21	2,574.21	0.00
0000033275-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	NC, INC	7/3/2023	CONLEY	8/25/2023	2,122.62	2,122.62	0.00
Subtotal					**11,732.74**	**11,732.74**	**0.00**

TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY RELEASE REASON: Release LFUF

0000006777-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	STEWART, BOBBY	7/3/2023	CONLEY	8/14/2023	2,406.23	88.00	2,318.23
0000007473-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	FLETCHER, JENNIFER PATTERSON	7/3/2023	HUTCHINS	8/24/2023	196.30	88.00	108.30
0000011751-2016-2016-0000-00-REG	ROSTAN, LESLIE EDWARDS	7/1/2016	CONLEY	8/15/2023	1,344.15	65.00	1,279.15
0000044469-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	PRUETT, GREGORY L	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/24/2023	88.00	88.00	0.00
0024009846-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	SIMENTAL, VICTORIA MARIE	7/3/2023	BRIDGERS	8/24/2023	88.00	88.00	0.00
0024010010-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	SCHERPENISSE, DARIN	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/24/2023	88.00	88.00	0.00
0024069054-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	ROGERS, CECIL LEROY JR	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/3/2023	93.60	88.00	5.60
0024074104-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	MASHBURN, PAUL DOUGLAS	8/11/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/11/2023	127.42	88.00	39.42
Subtotal					**4,431.70**	**681.00**	**3,750.70**

TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY RELEASE REASON: Situs Correction

0000073518-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	PARISH ALPHA LLC	7/3/2023	WHITESIDE	8/2/2023	380.13	380.13	0.00
0024059554-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	ANDERSON, KARL ERIC	7/3/2023	WHITESIDE	8/2/2023	12.17	12.17	0.00
0024059739-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	LINARD, JAY	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	7/31/2023	671.25	671.25	0.00
Subtotal					**1,063.55**	**1,063.55**	**0.00**

TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY RELEASE REASON: Sold/Traded

0000000128-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	ROGERS, BENJAMIN DALE	7/3/2023	BURGESS	8/7/2023	48.02	7.70	40.32
0000006529-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	ALDERSON, ANNE W	7/3/2023	WHITESIDE	8/3/2023	1,195.46	1,195.46	0.00
0000009648-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	BARRIER, TIMOTHY	7/3/2023	WHITESIDE	8/24/2023	500.81	500.81	0.00
0000012056-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	LAIL, EDNA D	7/3/2023	WHITESIDE	8/24/2023	517.90	517.90	0.00
0000013274-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	LOWMAN, LOY BENJAMIN	7/3/2023	WHITESIDE	8/3/2023	402.31	402.31	0.00
0000020574-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	HART, KENNETH N	7/3/2023	WHITESIDE	8/21/2023	424.06	424.06	0.00
0000020683-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	PAGE, DARRELL M	7/3/2023	WHITESIDE	8/24/2023	471.72	471.72	0.00
0000031740-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	ESTES, VERLIN V	7/3/2023	WHITESIDE	8/24/2023	636.31	636.31	0.00
0000032753-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	PIERSON, RACHEL L	7/3/2023	WHITESIDE	8/3/2023	1,299.15	1,299.15	0.00
0000036365-2023-2023-0000-01-REG	BURGESS, HELEN	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/11/2023	83.42	83.42	0.00
0000043927-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	MEMMEL, FAMILY TRUST	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/2/2023	1,261.99	1,261.99	0.00
0000046104-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	KENDALL, CARL	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/3/2023	2,871.12	2,871.12	0.00
0000055002-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	VELEZ-ARROYO, BRYAN	7/3/2023	WHITESIDE	8/24/2023	985.61	985.61	0.00
0000058506-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	HARRIS, KAY DECKER	7/3/2023	WHITESIDE	8/24/2023	363.54	363.54	0.00
0000073808-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	HERRICK, BENJAMIN F JR	7/3/2023	BURGESS	8/9/2023	34.84	6.16	28.68
0000073808-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	HERRICK, BENJAMIN F JR	7/3/2023	BURGESS	8/9/2023	28.68	16.36	12.32
0000081147-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	BARRIER, DIANE KAY	7/3/2023	BURGESS	8/29/2023	113.26	113.26	0.00
0000081409-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	ALBRIGHT, ROY JR	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/15/2023	6.16	6.16	0.00
0024007902-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	CARSWELL, MARK A	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	7/31/2023	19.22	19.22	0.00
0024010207-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	KEELING, SPENCER TRAY	7/3/2023	BURGESS	8/11/2023	86.98	86.98	0.00

0024023275-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	BAKER, SHAWN CHRISTOPHER	7/3/2023	BURGESS	8/10/2023	6.16	6.16	0.00
0024034659-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	SALTAIR AIRCRAFT LEASING	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/15/2023	3,801.55	448.00	3,353.55
0024044837-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	DAVIS, NATHAN E	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/23/2023	184.00	128.56	55.44
0024059739-2023-2023-0000-01-REG	LINARD, JAY	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/15/2023	671.25	671.25	0.00
0024060181-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	WHISNANT, SHIRLEY B	7/22/2022	LINDA WILBUR	8/2/2023	6.12	6.12	0.00
0024060181-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	WHISNANT, SHIRLEY B	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	8/2/2023	6.16	6.16	0.00
Subtotal					**16,025.80**	**12,535.49**	**3,490.31**
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY RELEASE REASON: Value Change							
0000026441-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	ICARD, MELBA S	7/3/2023	CONLEY	8/22/2023	1,199.83	206.52	993.31
0000047388-2018-2018-0000-00-REG	CHARLES	7/1/2018	CONLEY	8/15/2023	1,445.46	104.06	1,341.40
0000047388-2019-2019-0000-00-REG	CHARLES	7/1/2019	CONLEY	8/15/2023	1,649.91	153.22	1,496.69
0000047388-2020-2020-0000-00-REG	CHARLES	7/1/2020	CONLEY	8/15/2023	1,649.91	153.22	1,496.69
0000047388-2021-2021-0000-00-REG	CHARLES	7/1/2021	CONLEY	8/15/2023	1,653.91	153.22	1,500.69
0000047388-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	CHARLES	7/1/2022	CONLEY	8/15/2023	1,659.91	153.22	1,506.69
0000047388-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	CHARLES	7/3/2023	CONLEY	8/15/2023	2,041.78	176.33	1,865.45
0000048736-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	MARTIN, ROXANNA BUTLER	7/3/2023	CONLEY	8/14/2023	1,433.46	893.48	539.98
0024045621-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	DREW, MICHAEL C	7/3/2023	CONLEY	8/23/2023	9,765.65	954.78	8,810.87
0024069265-2023-2023-0000-01-REG	FLETCHER, JENNIFER PATTERSON	7/3/2023	CONLEY	8/25/2023	504.44	504.44	0.00
Subtotal					**23,004.26**	**3,452.49**	**19,551.77**
			Grand Total		**245,793.26**	**212,857.16**	**32,936.10**

VTS Refunds Over $100	
	Refund Amount
VTS Adjustments	$144.58

Payee Name	Primary Owner	Address 1	Address 3	Refund Type	Bill #	Refund Description	Tax Jurisd.	Levy Type	Change	Interest Change	Total Change
ANDRADE ROBLES, LUIS DEMETRIO	ANDRADE ROBLES, LUIS DEMETRIO	308 PATTON ST	MORGANTON, NC 28655	Adjustment >= $100	0073912063	Refund Generated due to adjustment on Bill #0073912063-2023-2023-0000-00	01	Tax	($76.38)	$0.00	($76.38)
							57	Tax	($68.20)	$0.00	($68.20)
										Refund	$144.58
										Refund Total	$144.58

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

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

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

TAX - APPEAL FROM EAST VALDESE BAPTIST CHURCH

This request was to release property taxes in the amount of $3,068.80 for East Valdese Baptist Church (EVBC) for 2023, retroactively, and to exempt them from future property taxes in accordance with NCGS 105-278-5. In May 2022, EBVC purchased the former First Christian Church of Valdese property located at 916 Berry Avenue SE in Valdese for use as student ministry (aka Sunday school) and completed an "application for property tax exemption or exclusion." However, the Tax Office has no record of receiving it; therefore, EVBC was issued a tax bill in the amount of $3,068.80 for the newly acquired property. With staff's assistance, EVBC has recently completed a new application for exemption / exclusion and approval of the late application, for good cause, was requested in accordance with NCGS 105-282.1 (a1).

Budgetary Effect: A reduction in property tax collections of $3,068.80.

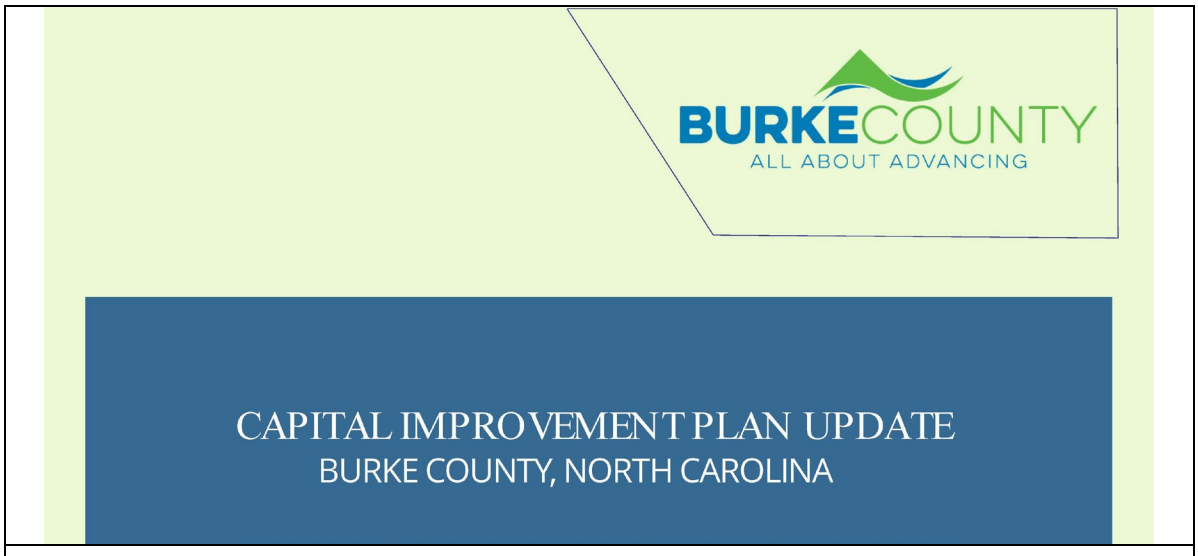
Motion: To approve the release of property taxes in the amount of $3,068.80 for East Valdese Baptist Church with retroactive application supported by just cause of clerical error by the closing attorney in accordance with NCGS 105-278.5 and accept their tax-exempt application.

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

Note: This new consent item was voted on and unanimously approved twice. First, by Commissioner Carswell as part of the consent agenda and then by Commissioner Burns as a standalone item.

ITEMS FOR DECISION

CM – JONAS RIDGE WASTE & RECYCLING CONVENIENCE CENTER PROJECT UPDATE
Brian Epley, County Manager, presented an update on the Jonas Ridge Waste and Recycling Convenience Center. Due to contractual issues that arose with the original contractor, FoxBuilt Construction, and to reduce the risk of scope gap, County Manager Epley proposed the County undergo a re-engagement process utilizing the design-build procurement model / request for qualifications to select a new general contractor in hopes of resurrecting the construction project that came to a halt in mid-to-late June of 2023. Under this proposal, project milestones included a soft opening in December of 2023 with substantial completion occurring on January 31, 2024. Highlights of his presentation were as follows:



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AGENDA

- JONAS RIDGE PROJECT
- PROCUREMENT MODEL & PROCESS
- TIMELINE

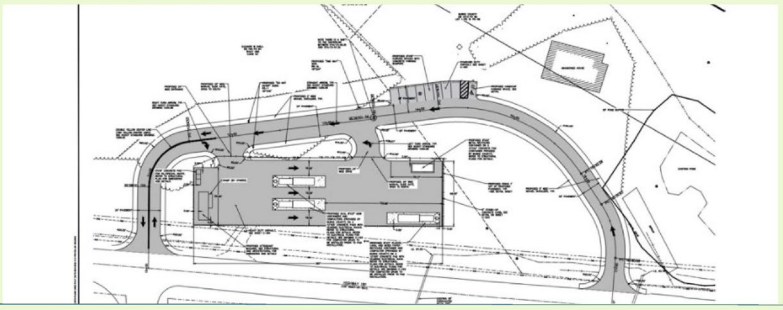
4. QUESTIONS

Board of Commissioners - Projects

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Jonas Ridge Collection Site

- Phase I & Phase II:
- The three-acre parcel owned by the County will house the new convenience site and convert the existing building into a community center with public restrooms. The Convenience site will have more room, additional drop off bins, and new compactors that make it easier to drop off trash.



PROCUEMENT MODEL & PROCESS

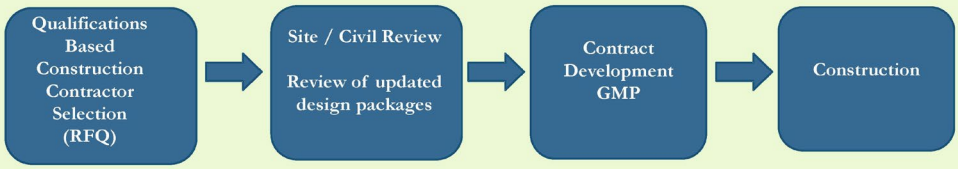
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PROCUREMENT MODEL SELECTION

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(a1) Construction methods. - The State, a county, municipality, or other public body shall award contracts to erect, construct, alter, or repair buildings pursuant to any of the following methods:

(1) Separate-prime bidding.
(2) Single-prime bidding.
(3) Dual bidding pursuant to subsection (d1) of this section.
(4) Construction management at risk contracts pursuant to G.S. 143-128.1.
(5) Alternative contracting methods authorized pursuant to G.S. 143-135.26(9).
(6) Design-build contracts pursuant to G.S. 143-128.1A. → RFQ MODEL
(7) Design-build bridging contracts pursuant to G.S. 143-128.1B.
(8) Public-private partnership construction contracts pursuant to G.S. 143-128.1C.



PROCUREMENT MODEL SELECTION

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Burke County is seeking the services of a qualified General Contractors to help complete/deliver the partially constructed project known as the Jonas Ridge Convenience Site. This project is partially complete with some aspects of the project completed to plan and some components still to be constructed. This project will be handed off to the selected GC to complete all aspects of the design drawings/specifications. This will require working with Burke County staff to coordinate areas where components of the plan are complete, where construction drawings are in place, but work is still needed and finally determine components that need final design and construction.

PROCUREMENT MODEL SELECTION

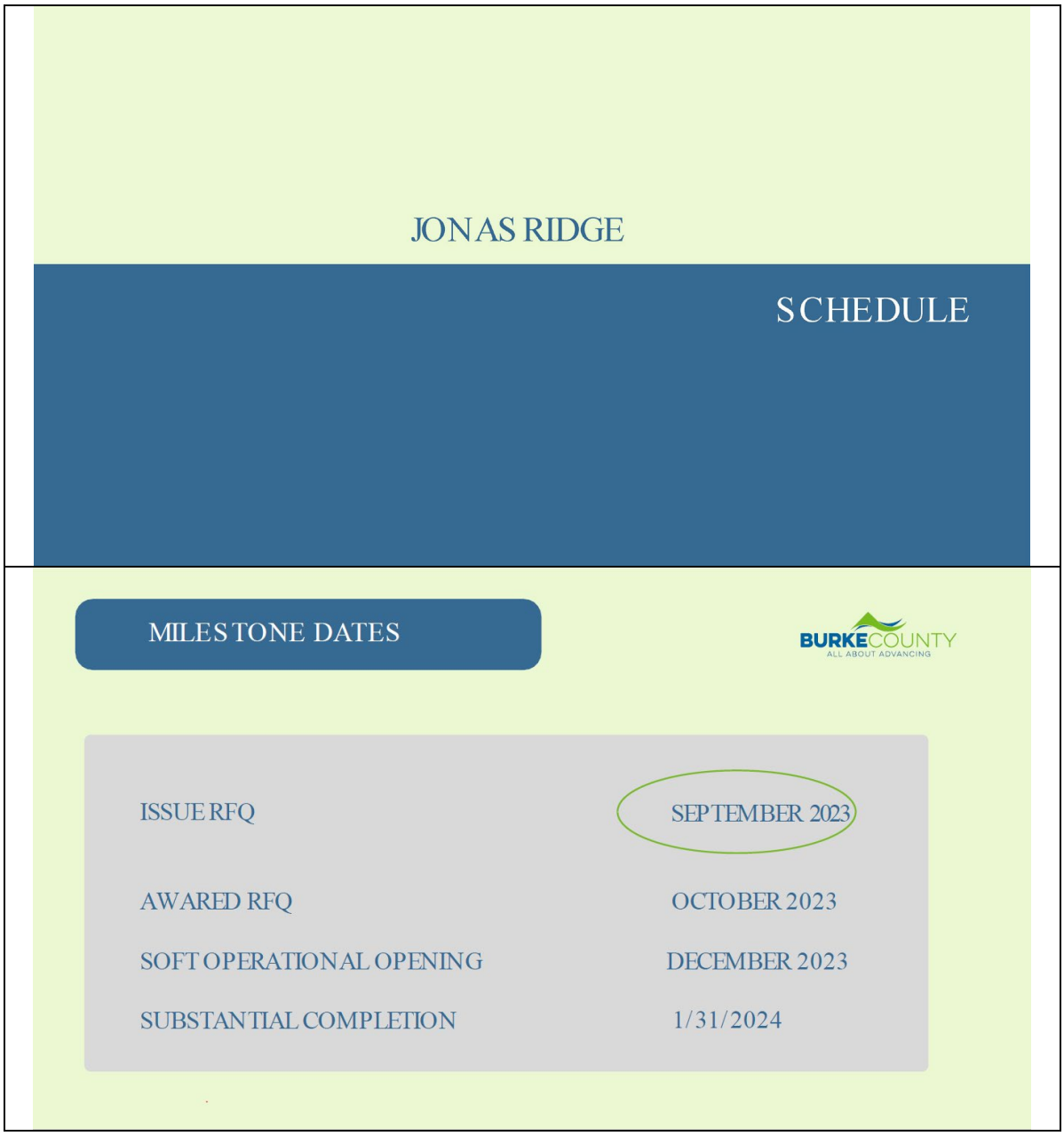
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The Burke County Team will choose a qualified firm on a possible 2 step basis—select firms qualified to provide such services on the basis of demonstrated competence/qualifications.

Interview of individual firms will be held on 09/ 28/ 2023.

The Team will rate the firm based on, but not limited to, the criteria below:

- Overall reputation of the firm/ team
- Key team members —experience and qualifications
- Project references specific to this type of service
- Experience with applicable regulatory agencies and permitting
- Experience with providing these services to local governments
- General project understanding and approach of design development and low/ hard bid design work.
- Design development of similar projects.
- Unique qualities that would make firm/ team best suited for the project. • Proposed team members.



Chairman Mulwee opened the floor to questions or comments; there being none he opened the floor for a motion.

Motion: To accept the report as presented.

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

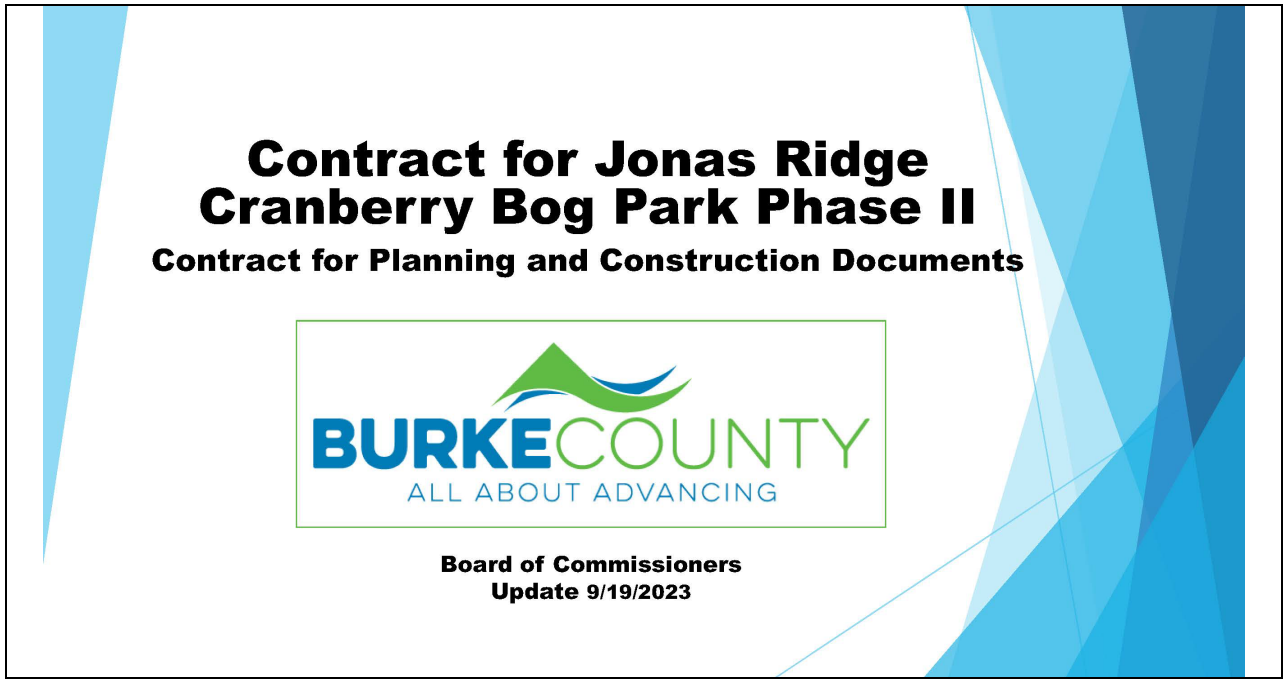
CD - JONAS RIDGE CRANBERRY BOG DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS CONTRACT

Alan Glines, Planning Director / Deputy County Manager, relayed that the County would like to contract with Equinox Environmental Design Firm to develop a final park plan and construction documents for Cranberry Bog Park in Jonas Ridge. This portion of the project is considered Phase 2 of the Jonas Ridge project. The first phase being the Convenience Site development currently in construction.

The cranberry bog is a 16-acre (+/-) high-elevation wetland with many wetland species including native cranberry plants. The site has such high ecological value that part of the funds were provided by the State of North Carolina from the Clean Water Management Trust Fund program. The other portion of the funds was provided by Foothills Conservancy of North Carolina which maintains a conservation easement for the wetlands.

The design firm, Equinox Environmental was selected along with McGill Associates in 2020 following a competitive RFQ process to provide conceptual plans for the convenience site and the cranberry bog park. The contract for this phase will provide two (2) park designs for consideration by Burke County. When the preferred design is selected, Equinox Environmental will proceed to construction document development and environmental permitting through regulating agencies. After the project is let by Burke County, Equinox Environmental will provide construction observation during the park development.

Mr. Glines gave a brief presentation, the highlights of which were as follows:



FY 23-24 Commissioners' Strategic Plan

FOCUS AREA 1: COMMUNITY ADVANCEMENT
To invest in cultural capital and advancement strategies that promote participative governance that elevates a community to live, work and play – while also positioning Burke County as a community of choice.

FOCUS AREA 2: ECONOMIC GROWTH & SUSTAINMENT
Promotion of Burke County as a business and economic center in the region through recruitment of new industry, creating a healthy business climate for existing businesses.

FOCUS AREA 3: PUBLIC SAFETY& WELL BEING
To ensure the safety of our residents through efficient and effective public safety agencies.

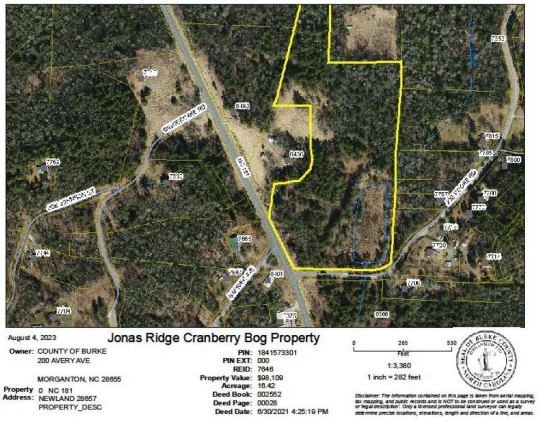
FOCUS AREA 4: FISCAL STEWARDSHIP
Pursuit of the high-performing organization model that ensures high quality, transparent and efficient use of public resources.

FOCUS AREA 5: EMPLOYER OF CHOICE
To promote a professional value-based employee centric workplace that promotes innovation, performance, and integrity, and differentiation.

TALENT

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County Property



- Approximately 16 acres of the bog portion of site
- Convenience site is about 4 acres adjacent to 181
- Foothills Conservancy holds a Conservation easement on Property on behalf of the State of North Carolina through the Clean Water Management Trust Fund

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Park Original Master Plan



ster Plan Rendering

The plan was presented in 2020 to the BOC and was approved.

The project was divided into 2 phases:
Phase 1 is the Convenience Center which is in construction now
Phase 2 being considered today is for a contract to develop final plans so the project may be bid.

This contract will include two designs to select a preferred option

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Cranberry Bog Park Contract





Equinox Environmental Design will Finalize the park design, construction documents, environmental permits, and construction observation

The fees for services are $127,632

The request is for the Board of Commissioners to approve the contract for services

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Budgetary Effect: Cost of services provided by Equinox Design of $127,632. Funding was provided in the FY 23-24 budget in anticipation of the contract for services.

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor to questions or comments; there being none he opened the floor for a motion.

Motion: To approve the contract with Equinox Environmental Design for the Phase 2 plans and construction documents for the Jonas Ridge Cranberry Bog Park and hereby direct the County Manager to finalize the contract on behalf of the Board,

subject to review and / or revision by the County Attorney.

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

CM - APPROVAL OF LEASE FOR THE HISTORY MUSEUM OF BURKE COUNTY

Brian Epley, County Manager, reported that the deed restrictions placed on property located at 203 West Meeting Street gifted to the Museum several years ago, have created unintended hardship(s) for the nonprofit organization. One hardship is that The History Museum (THM), which is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, is not allowed to lease portions of the property to other entities for events, which hampers its ability to generate revenue. This has hamstrung THM from defraying some of the costs of operations and renovating to improve the building. To eliminate hardships, staff believes the best solution is for THM to re-deed the property back to the County. The County would then enter into a 10-year lease that has automatic renewals with THM for $1 annually.

Budgetary Effect: Inconsequential impact on the FY 23-24 budget.

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor to questions or comments; there being none he opened the floor for a motion.

Motion: To approve the lease between Burke County and The History Museum of Burke County as presented and authorize the County Manager to finalize / execute it on behalf of the Board.

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

CD - REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE BURKE CO. PLANNING BOARD

Alan Glines, Planning Director / Deputy County Manager, reported that the terms of appointment for Brian King (Seat No. 3, East), Sara Chester (Seat No. 4, West) and Joyce Counihan (Seat No. 7, West) on the Burke County Planning Board end September 30th. All members desired reappointment and were in good standing, except Ms. Chester who has missed some meetings over the past year due to her busy schedule. The attendance policy is outlined in the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article IV, Section 2-92 which has been reviewed with her. Staff has spoken with Ms. Chester, and she has reiterated her commitment to serving on the board. Therefore, a 1-year reappointment for her was requested and adherence to the attendance policy will be re-evaluated in 12 months. An application for Carroll Lewis was received for Seat. No. 3.

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for nomination for Seat No. 3, West. Vice Chairman Brittain nominated Brian King. With there being no others, Chairman Mulwee closed the floor for nominations.

Motion: To reappoint Brian King to Seat No. 3, East, to the Burke County Planning Board for a 3-year term ending September 30, 2026.

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

Motion: To reappoint Joyce Counihan (West, Seat No. 7) to the Burke County Planning Board for a 3-year term ending September 30, 2026. To reappoint Sara Chester (West, Seat No. 4) to the Burke County Planning Board for a 1-year term ending September 30, 2024.

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

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

CM - PRESENTATION OF THE END OF YEAR REPORT

Brian Epley presented a synopsis of the fiscal year June 2022 - July 2023, focusing on areas of material impact on organizational performance and priorities. The report is inclusive of the financial position of the County and key performance indicators which serves as a tool that demonstrates the County's tenacity to remain aggressive in achieving the Board's strategic plan.

Highlights of Mr. Epley's presentation were as follows:



FY 22-23 Commissioners' Strategic Plan

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- Focus Area 1: Community Advancement
- Focus Area 2: Economic Growth & Sustainment
- Focus Area 3: Public Safety & Well Being
- Focus Area 4: Fiscal Stewardship
- Focus Area 5: Employer of Choice

HIGH PERFORMANCE IS CULTURE

Strategy	Culture
Goals	Values
Objectives	Practices
Activities	Behaviors

HIGH PERFORMANCE

Culture is how we make decisions

Our Culture Is:

A. Purpose Focused & Value Driven
B. Teams Based
C. Performance & Data Driven

Commitment to High Performance

Be clear about priorities

Allocate resources towards those priorities



Measure performance to carry out the funded programs

Evaluate performance in terms of outcomes

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HIGH PERFORMANCE

January
Mid Fiscal Year Fiscal Report/Audit Report

Febuary/ March
Work-Session & Report Analysis

April
Commissioner Revenue Memo

May
Budget Message/Capital Improvement Plan

September
End of Year Report

December
Strategic Plan Update

Prioritizing Communication

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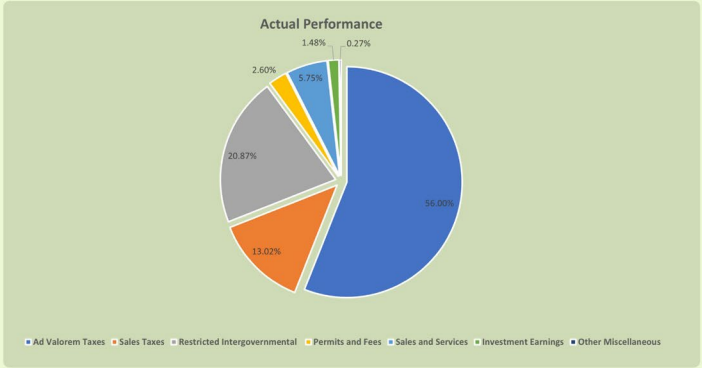
Focus Area 4: Fiscal Stewardship

Pursuit of the high performing organization model that ensures high quality, transparent and efficient use of public resources

- Current Year Financial Performance
- Fund Balance & Key Ratios
- Debt Portfolio



REVENUE PORTFOLIO



Total General Fund Revenue
$96,999,025

Tax Levy Per Capita

This map shows each county's total tax levy per capita for FY 2022-23 at 100% collection.
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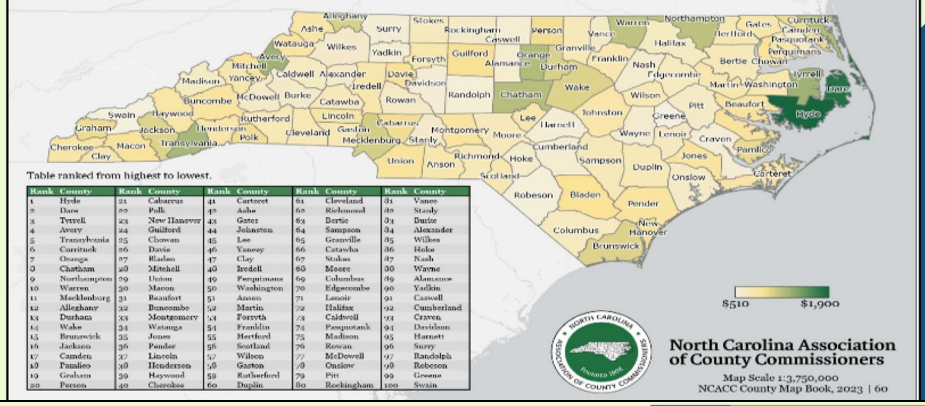
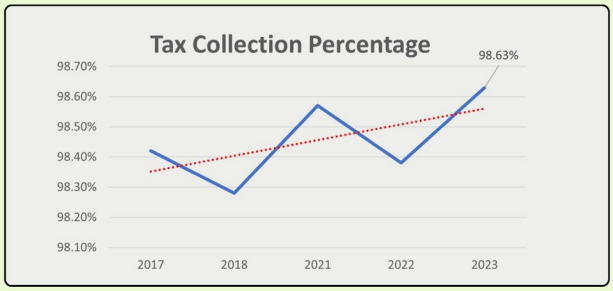


Table ranked from highest to lowest.

Rank	County	Rank	County	Rank	County	Rank	County	Rank	County
1	Hyde	21	Cabarrus	41	Carteret	61	Cleveland	81	Vance
2	Dare	22	Polk	42	Ashe	62	Richmond	82	Stanly
3	Terrell	23	New Hanover	43	Gates	63	Bertie	83	Burke
4	Avery	24	Guilford	44	Johnston	64	Sampson	84	Alexander
5	Transylvania	25	Chowan	45	Lee	65	Granville	85	Wilkes
6	Currituck	26	Davie	46	Yancey	66	Catawba	86	Hoke
7	Orange	27	Rhelen	47	Clay	67	Stokes	87	Nash
8	Chatham	28	Mitchell	48	Iredell	68	Moore	88	Wayne
9	Northampton	29	Union	49	Perquimans	69	Columbus	89	Alamance
10	Warren	30	Macon	50	Washington	70	Edgecombe	90	Yadkin
11	Mecklenburg	31	Beaufort	51	Anson	71	Lenoir	91	Caswell
12	Alleghany	32	Buncombe	52	Martin	72	Halifax	92	Cumberland
13	Durham	33	Montgomery	53	Forsyth	73	Caldwell	93	Craven
14	Wake	34	Watauga	54	Franklin	74	Pasquotank	94	Davidson
15	Brunswick	35	Jones	55	Hertford	75	Madison	95	Harnett
16	Jackson	36	Pender	56	Scotland	76	Rowan	96	Surry
17	Camden	37	Lincoln	57	Wilson	77	McDowell	97	Randolph
18	Pamlico	38	Henderson	58	Gaston	78	Onslow	98	Robeson
19	Graham	39	Haywood	59	Rutherford	79	Pitt	99	Greene
20	Person	40	Cherokee	60	Duplin	80	Rockingham	100	Swain

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PROPERTY TAX REVENUE



FY 23 Tax Rate.....68.5 Cents (58th)

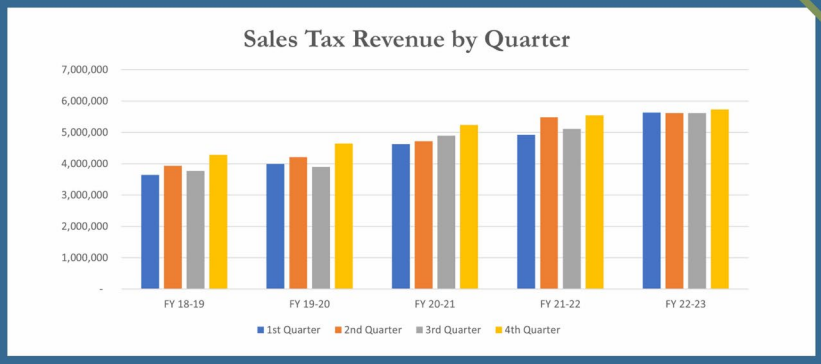
FY 24 Tax Rate.....56 Cents (28th)

TOP 10 TAXPAYERS

1	63111	CONTINENTAL AUTOMOTIVE SYSTEM	$ 110,916,164	$ 621,131
2	103981	GERRESHEIMER GLASS INC	48,376,950	270,911
3	160453	LEVITON MANUFACTURING CO INC	47,456,071	265,754
4	736385	UNIX PACKGING	42,555,254	262,140
5	272845	VALDESE REAL ESTATE LLC	20,807,371	223,679
6	702064	CCHU MORGANTON LLC	36,096,490	223,260
7	625999	SAFT AMERICA INC	19,146,545	205,825
8	239288	SGL CARBON LLC	36,455,787	202,508
9	685731	BLUE RIDGE HEALTHCARE HOSPITAL	34,899,004	197,810
10	272858	VALDESE WEAVERS INC	17,200,514	182,253

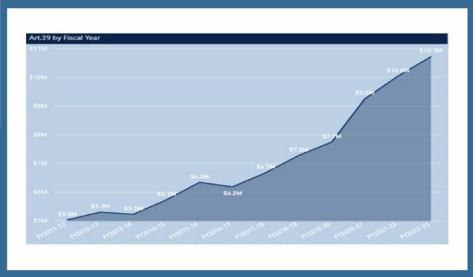
Total Value.....$413,910,150 (5.2%)
Total Revenue.....$2,655,272 (2.7 Cents)

SALES TAX REVENUE

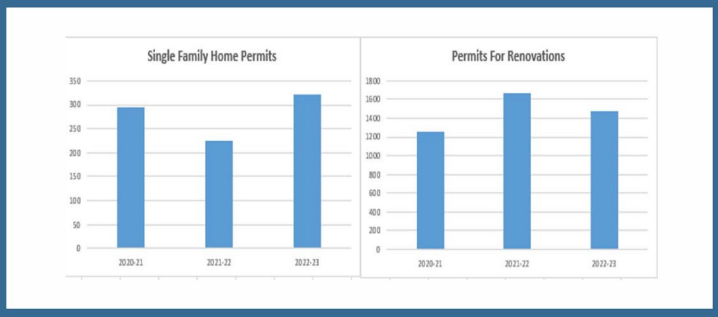


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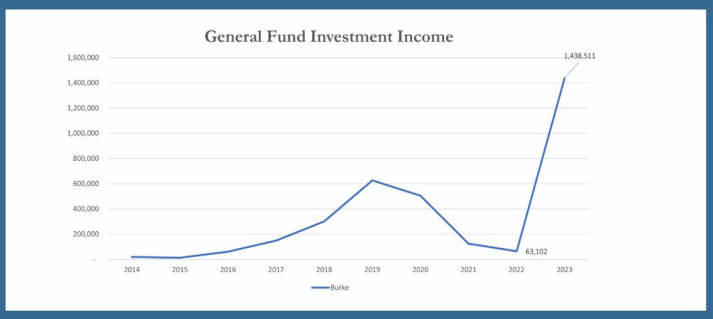
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DEVELOPMENT FEES



INVESTMENT INCOME



GRANT ADMINISTRATION



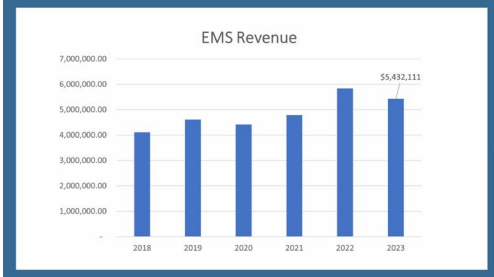
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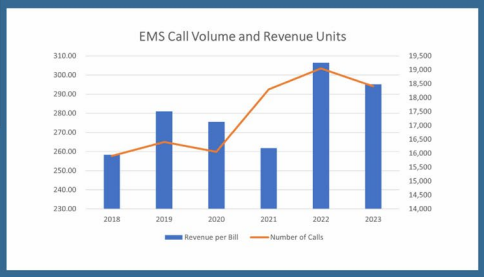
- Direct DHHS Grant.....$12MM
- FEMA Clean Water & Streambank.....$2.5MM
- Public Safety Capital.....$5.0MM
- Water/Sewer AIA & Supply Systems.....$4.0MM

Current & Active Management

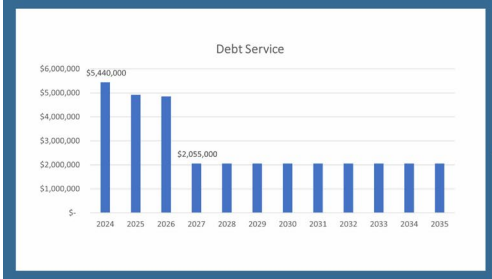
- 21 Unique Operational Grants.....$5.6MM

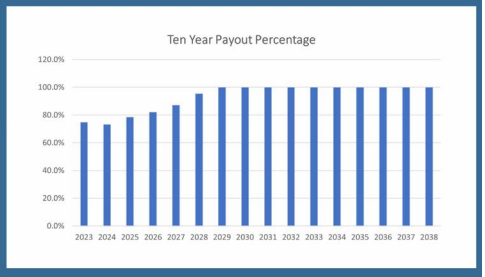
EMS REVENUE





DEBT ADMINISTRATION





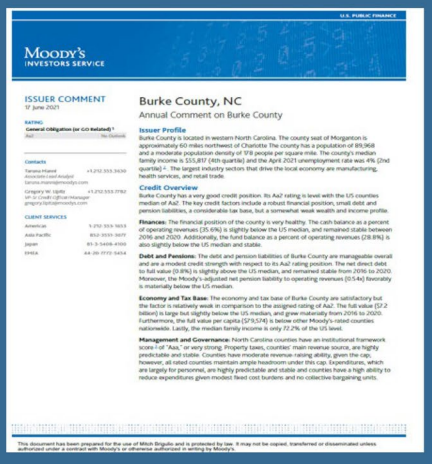
COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL PLANNING

STRENGTHS

- Very Strong credit position.
- Robust financial position.
- Light debt & pension burden with negligible liability.
- Fund balance & Cash balance as percentage of operating revenues are in-line to slightly above the U.S. Median and other Moody's rated counties.

CHALLENGES

- Weak socioeconomic profile, relative to the assigned rating of Aa2.
- Should consider formal financing and debt management policies.
- Median family income is only $55,817 (4th quartile) of the U.S. level.



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ISSUER COMMENT

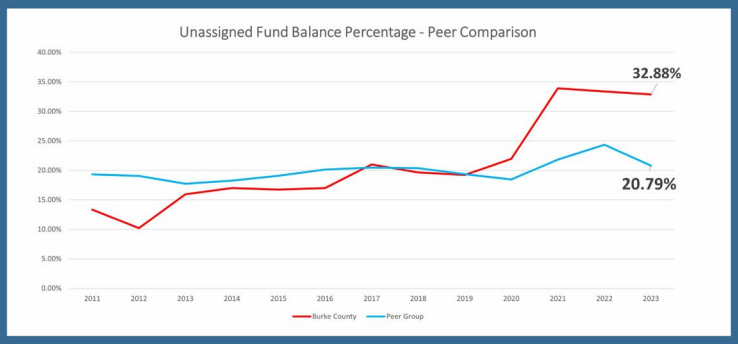
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Annual Comment on Burke County

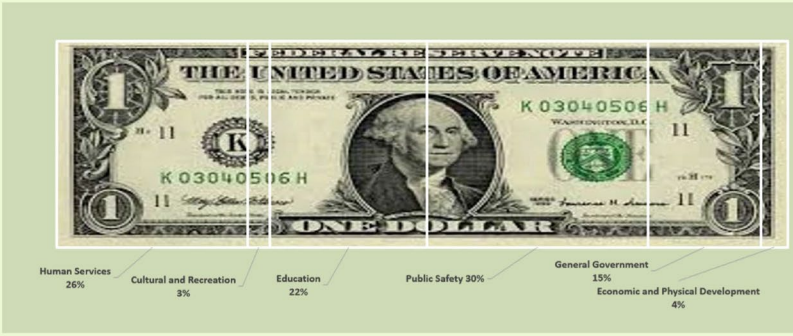
Issuer Profile

Credit Overview

UN-ASSIGNED FUND BALANCE

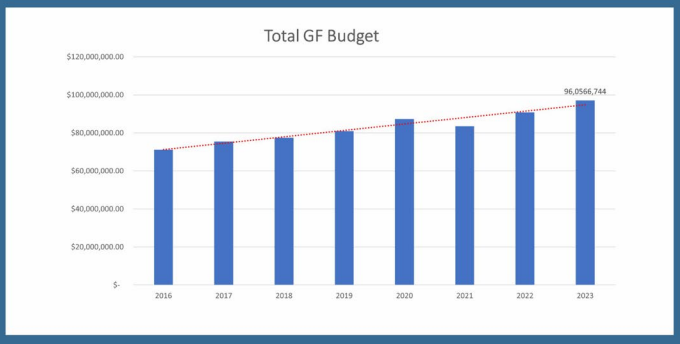


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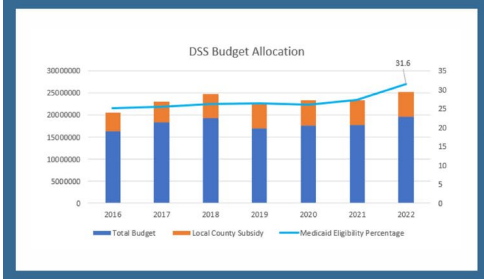


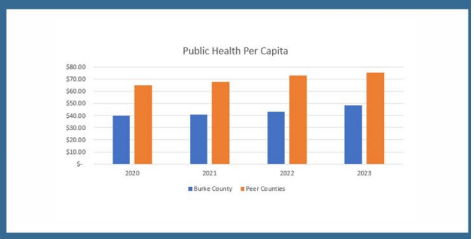
Total General Fund Expenditures
$96,056,744

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

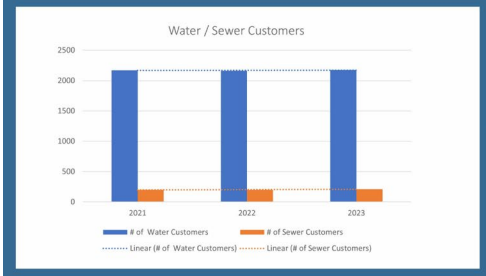


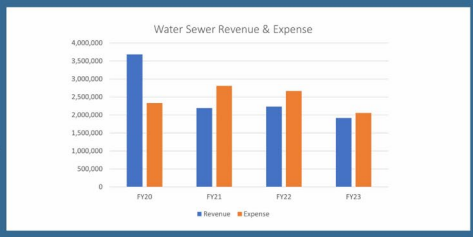
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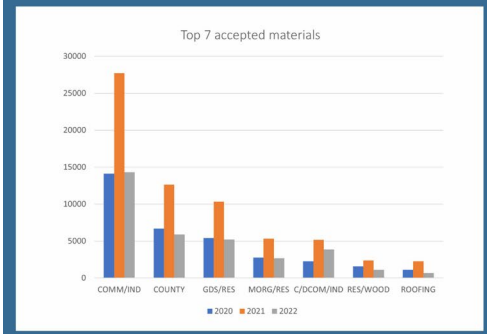


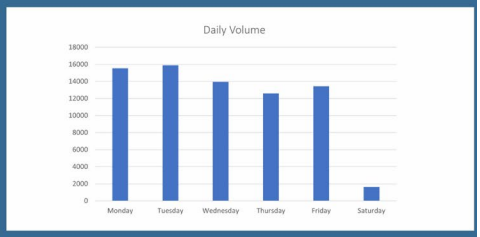


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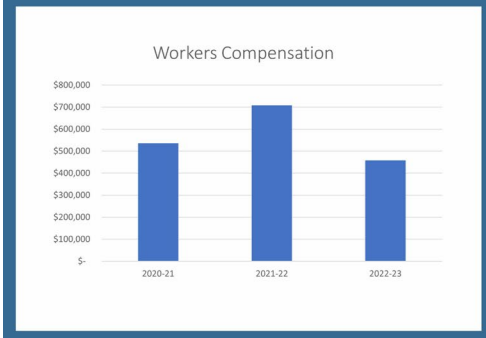


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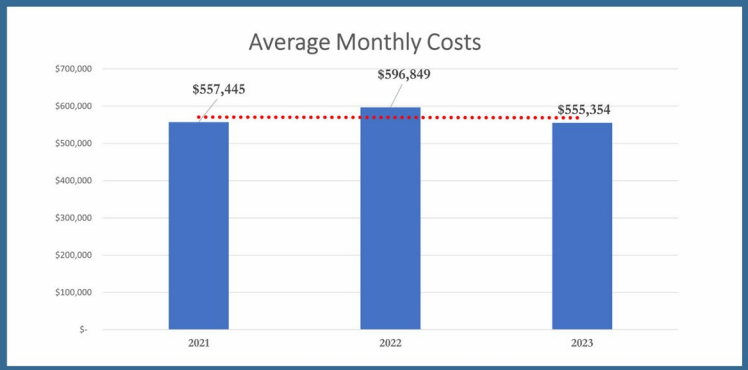


RISK MANAGEMENT





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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING

One-Time Pay as you go Funding	2022-2023	2023-2024		
Capital Expansion	$13,958,615	$2,270,551	$16,229,166	

Capital Project Funding	Pay as you go	Grant	Debt	Total
Jonas Ridge	$ 2,300,000	$ -	$ -	$ 2,300,000
East Burke	1,429,166	-	-	1,429,166
Indian Hills Pump Station	1,300,000	1,118,000	-	2,418,000
Courthouse Renovations	1,000,000	1,000,000	-	2,000,000
HRC Building	-	-	25,000,000	25,000,000
Animal Services Building	5,000,000	-	-	5,000,000
EMS Base #1	3,000,000	5,000,000	-	8,000,000
Regional Rehab Facility (ARC)	-	15,000,000	-	15,000,000
Fonta Flora Trail System	2,200,000	-	-	2,200,000
	$ 16,229,166	$22,118,000	$25,000,000	$63,347,166

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COMMISSIONER STRATEGIC PLAN

Focus Area 1:
Community Advancement

To invest in cultural capital and advancement strategies that promote participative governance that elevates a community to live, work and play - while also positioning Burke County as a community of choice.

- Community Beautification
- Broadband Expansion
- Housing Study
- Education Funding & Policy



COMMISSIONER STRATEGIC PLAN

Focus Area 2:
Economic Growth & Sustainment

Promotion of Burke County as a business and economic center in the region through recruitment of new industry, creating a healthy business climate for existing businesses.

- Airport Agreement & Tax Base Exemption
- Building Feasibility Analysis
- Utility Infrastructure AIA Analysis



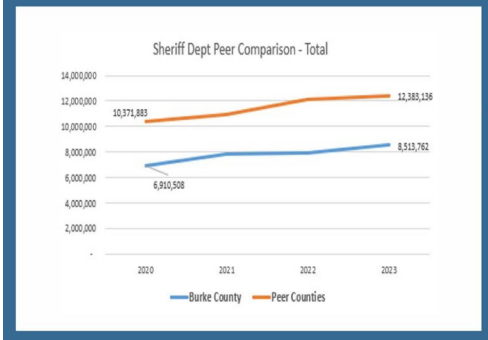
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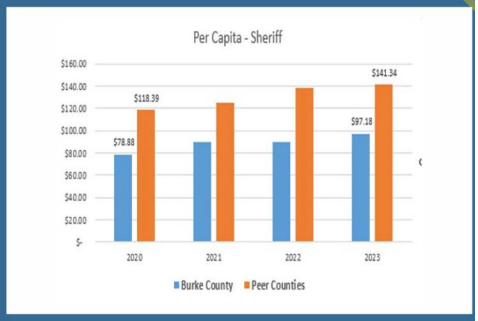
Focus Area 3:
Public Safety & Well Being

To ensure the safety of our residents through efficient and effective public safety agencies.

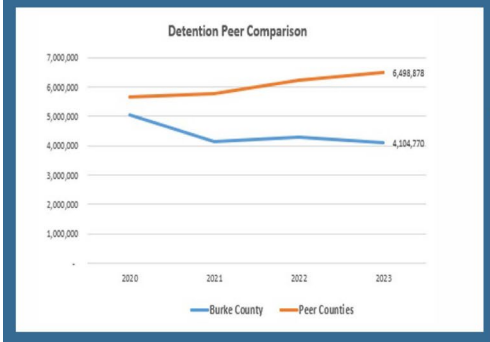
- Public Safety Funding
- Performance Benchmarking
- Opioid Initiative

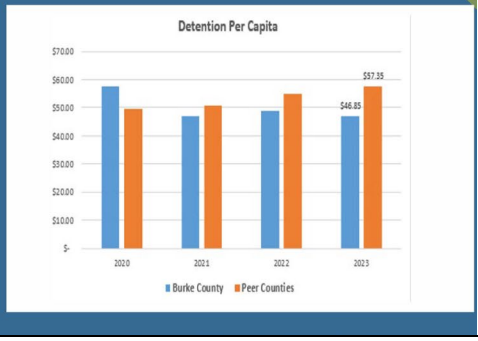
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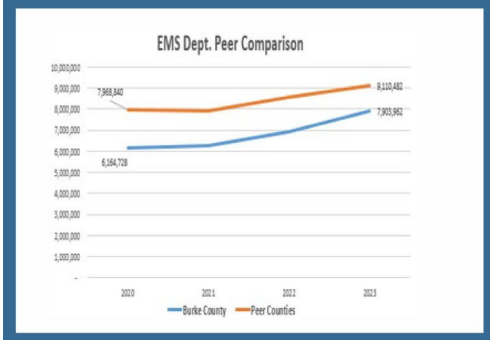


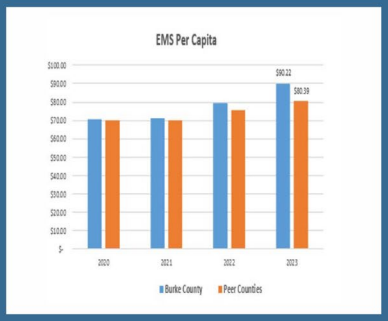
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- Opioid Settlement Funding.....$1,745,215
- Community Paramedic Program
- Updated COOP and EOP Plans
- Additional Sheriff Deputy Staffing

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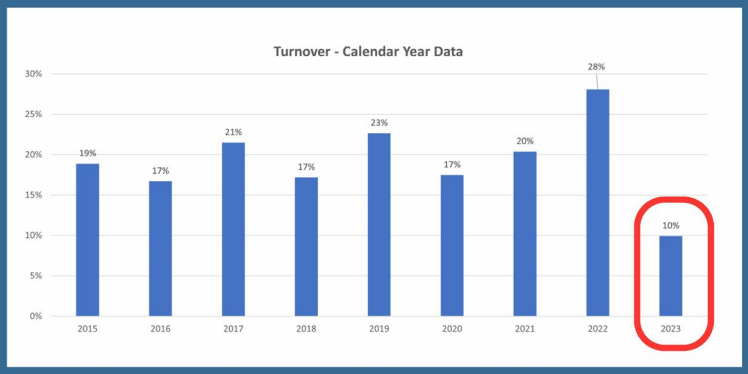
Focus Area 5:
Employer of Choice

To promote a professional value-based employee centric workplace that promotes innovation, performance, and integrity, and differentiation

- Organizational Culture
- Performance Benchmarking
- Human Capital Modernization

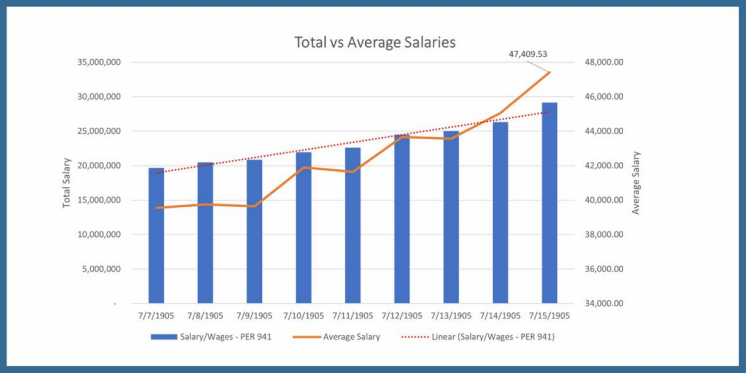
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COMMISSIONER STRATEGIC PLAN

- Comprehensive Pay & Classification Study.....In Progress
- Modernize Payroll System and Technology.....In Progress
- Review & Modernize County Personnel Systems.....In Progress
- Standardized Employee Recruitment Process.....In Progress
- Substantial Equivalency.....In Progress
- Implement Electronic Timekeeping.....In Progress
- Design & Implement Training & Development Program.....TBD
- Increase Flexibility, Pace, & Adaptability in Human Capital Management.....TBD



END OF THE YEAR REPORT
FY 2022-2023

Goals & Priorities	Past Outcomes	Future Vision
Our Organizational Purpose	Unclear/Undefined/Siloed	Clarifying
Our People	Undervalued/Disengaged	Acknowledged & Invested Asset
Our Physical Infrastructure	Overlooked	Planned Progress

At an invitation from Chairman Mulwee, Mr. Epley introduced the budget team, Lucas Jackson, Budget Strategy and Performance Manager, Hugh Sandoe, Budget Strategy and Performance Analyst, as well as Ashley Baker, Senior Executive Assistant, who was integral to putting the report together. Mr. Epley noted that much of this information came from outside of the County Manager's Office and that he was appreciative of the Burke County team as a whole for their contribution to the group effort.

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for questions or comments. Mr. Epley received words of praise about the Burke County team from Commissioner Carswell.

Motion: Accept the report as presented.

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

BOC - REPORTS & COMMENTS

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

Commissioner Burns expressed how proud he was of Commissioner Carswell's appointment to president of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. Commissioner Brittain thanked everyone for their concern over his wife's recent health issue. Commissioner Carswell thanked everyone who came to see Dr. Stephen Lloyd speak at CoMMA. He then announced several of his upcoming panels and speaking engagements. Commissioner Carswell also expressed his excitement over the County Beautification initiative. Chairman Mulwee wished Commissioner Smith a speedy recovery and commended the turnout at the Regional Skills Trades Solution Center. He then listed some capital improvement projects that were on the horizon. Chairman 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
- Hickory Regional Planning Commission
- Drexel Planning Board - ETJ Alternate

Chairman Mulwee opened the floor for questions or comments and then encouraged citizens to participate and get involved.

RESULT:	**NO ACTION TAKEN.**

CLOSED SESSION

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

Motion: To go into closed session 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:	Randy Burns, Commissioner
AYES:	Scott Mulwee, Jeffrey C. Brittain, Randy Burns, and Johnnie W. Carswell
ABSENT:	Phil Smith

Motion: To come out of closed session.

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

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – CONTRACTUAL MATTERS (LAND ACQUISITION)

After returning to open session, Chairman Mulwee announced that a proper motion was made to come out of closed session and the Board took action authorizing the County Manager and County Attorney to finalize a real property transaction.

ADJOURN
Motion: To adjourn at 8:57 p.m.

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

Approved this 20th day of February 2024.

Jeffrey C. Brittain, Chairman
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Kay Honeycutt Draughn, CMC, NCMCC
Clerk to the Board