

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

The Burke County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, 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:

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

STAFF:

Brian Epley, County Manager
Margaret Pierce, Finance Director/Deputy County Manager
J.R. Simpson, II, County Attorney
Kay Honeycutt Draughn, Clerk to the Board

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brittain called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Pastor Keith Barnett, Bridge Worship Center Ministries International, delivered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Phil Smith, Commissioner

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – NONE**RECOGNITION OF THE NEW EMS DIRECTOR**

Chairman Brittain recognized James Robinson, the new EMS Director, who was in the audience.

PRESENTATIONS**SHERIFF - RECOGNITION OF DEPUTIES FOR HEROIC ACTIONS**

Sherrif Hinceman commended some of his staff who went above and beyond the call of duty. Deputy Raymond Earley received the Lifesaving Award for his actions on June 12, 2024. At 9:40

a.m., Deputies Earley and Candace White responded to a 911 call at 2651 Campbells Trace, Nebo, where a man's arm had been amputated by drilling machinery. Deputy Earley quickly applied a tourniquet, saving the gentleman's life. This is the second incident where the combat application tourniquet has saved a life this year. Major Hudson from Burke County EMS praised the deputies, stating that Deputy Earley's quick action was crucial to saving the person's life. A Long Town Fire Department First Responder also admired their compassion, noting Deputy Earley held the patient's hand which helped keep the patient calm. The Burke County Sheriff's Office awarded Deputy Earley the Lifesaving Award and both deputies received Commendation Letters for their actions.



Chairman Brittain expressed how proud he was of these officers as well as the rest of the staff who work diligently to serve and protect Burke County.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN.

IT - RECOGNITION OF BRANT MEREDITH ON COMPLETING THE CGCIO COURSE

Scott Black, IT Director, recognized his staff Brant Meredith, Assistant IT Director, for successfully graduating from the 2023 - 2024 Certified Government Chief Information Officers (CGCIO) Program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's School of Government.



The CGCIO program is the first local government-specific program for CIOs in the nation which began in 2005. The program is designed for local government Information Technology Directors and Chief Information Officers whose challenging responsibilities require a broad understanding of management, leadership, legal, regulatory, and enterprise topics. The course is approximately 240 hours in length, over a 10-month period and course instruction covers strategic technology planning, communication, emerging technology trends, risk assessment and management, acquisition management, change management, leadership, cybersecurity, and legal issues related to technology.

The program's director, Dr. Shannon Tufts, has been recognized by *Government Technology*



magazine as one of the 2010 Top 25 Doers, Dreamers, and Drivers for the creation and expansion of this nationally acclaimed program. The program seeks to elevate the position of the dedicated and talented group of public sector technology leaders who work tirelessly to serve the public good through strategic investments in technology.

Brant Meredith is one of the 40 local government, state agency, community college, and K-12 education IT leaders in the state of North Carolina who has successfully completed the course this year. Over the course of its existence, the CGCIO program has graduated over 2,000 public sector technology leaders across the nation.

Chairman Brittain congratulated Mr. Meredith for his achievement on behalf of the Board.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT- ZONING MAP AMENDMENT ZMA 2024-05 & PUBLIC HEARING – 6:00 PM

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

REZONING REQUEST

APPLICANT: Lee Gragg

ADDRESS: 1955 Jamestown Road, Morganton

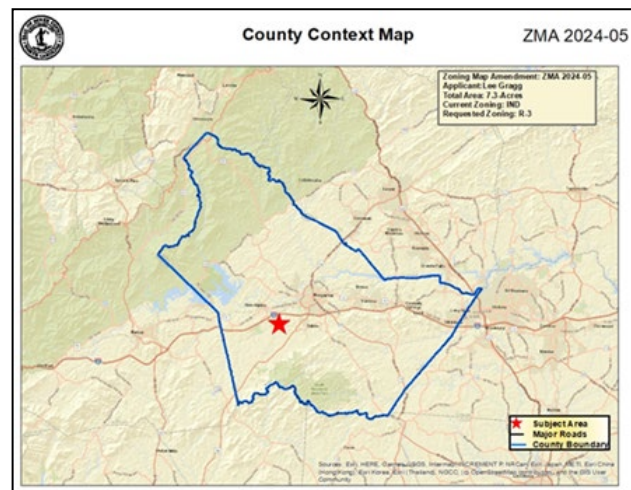
PIN#: 1772419708

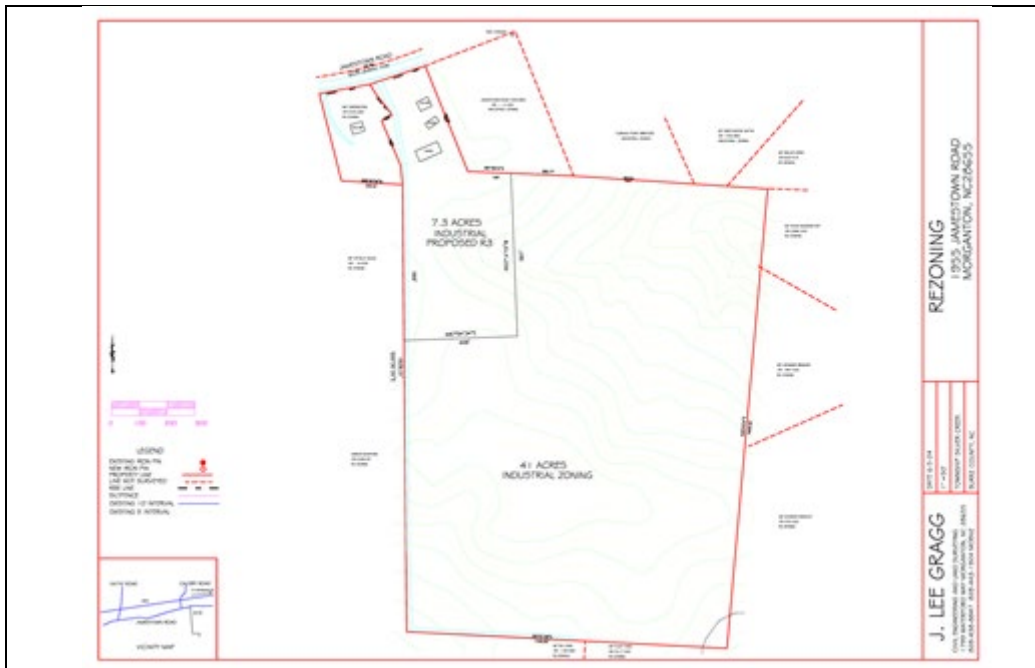
REQUEST: Rezone approximately 7.3-acre portion of a larger tract from Industrial (IND) to Residential-Three (R-3)

PARCEL SIZE: 48.55-acres. The area to be rezoned is 7.3-acres.

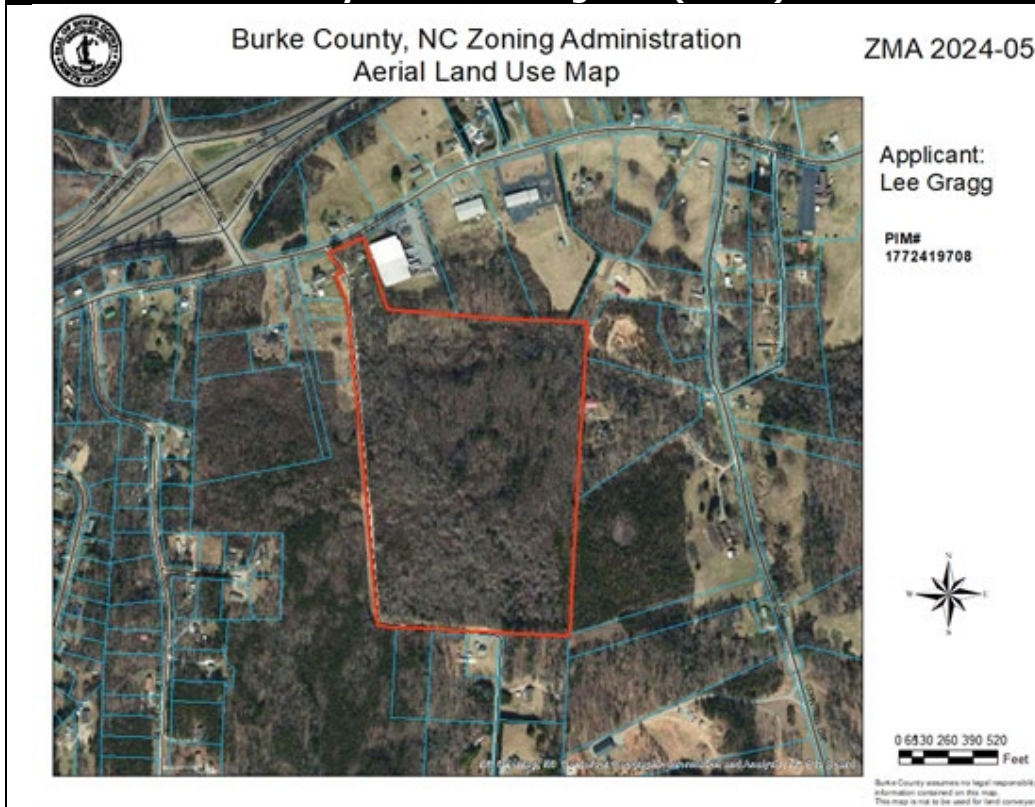
BACKGROUND AND SITE ANALYSIS:

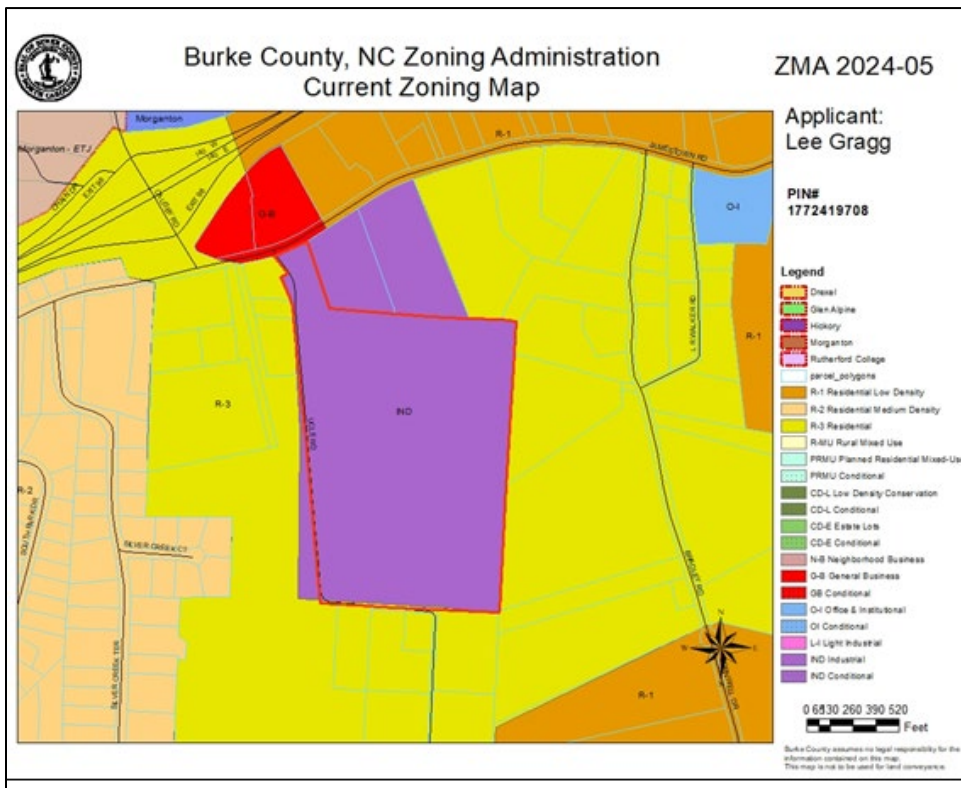
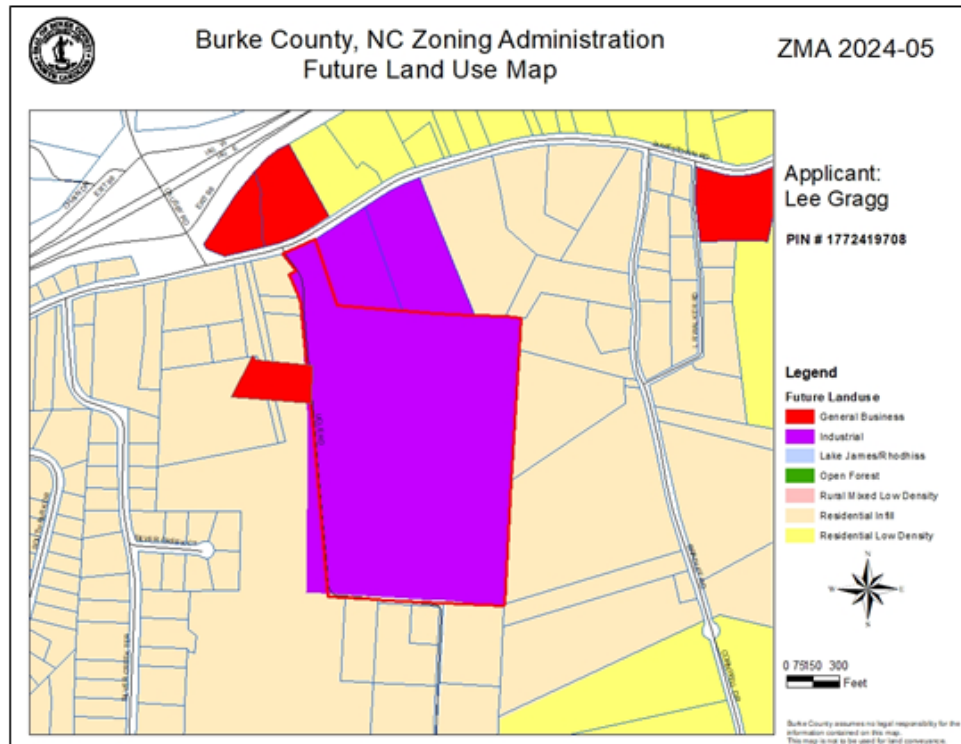
The applicant purchased the land on October 13, 2021, as recorded in Deed Book 2577, page 069. The property is situated in Silver Creek Township and falls within the Brendle Town Fire District of Burke County. It is not located within a Water Supply Watershed. According to records, the parcel is eligible for public water service and can accommodate a private onsite septic system. The property features approximately 220 linear feet of frontage along Jamestown Road (SR# 1142), a state-maintained secondary road. The parcel is not within any Overlay District.





Survey of the rezoning area (above).



**CONFORMITY WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**

The current land use plan for Burke County is the Blueprint Burke Strategic Land Use Plan. Section 9 of the plan relates to Economic Development. The goal of Burke County is to support a positive

economic climate that encourages businesses to prosper, provides citizens with good paying full-time jobs, and supports entrepreneurship.

The Future Land Use Map places the subject parcel in the Industrial land use category. There has been interest in providing industrial-zoned parcels near interstate exits so this and several parcels were zoned Industrial. Since the subject property is zoned Industrial, the Future Land Use Map maintained that category. What has happened over time is that some owners are expecting to find more immediate demand for uses other than industrial and so the rezoning requests have been submitted to staff.

What staff have learned about the current economy is that industry and manufacturing require a trained workforce to be successful. To support the workforce, housing is needed in all formats of rental and homeownership.

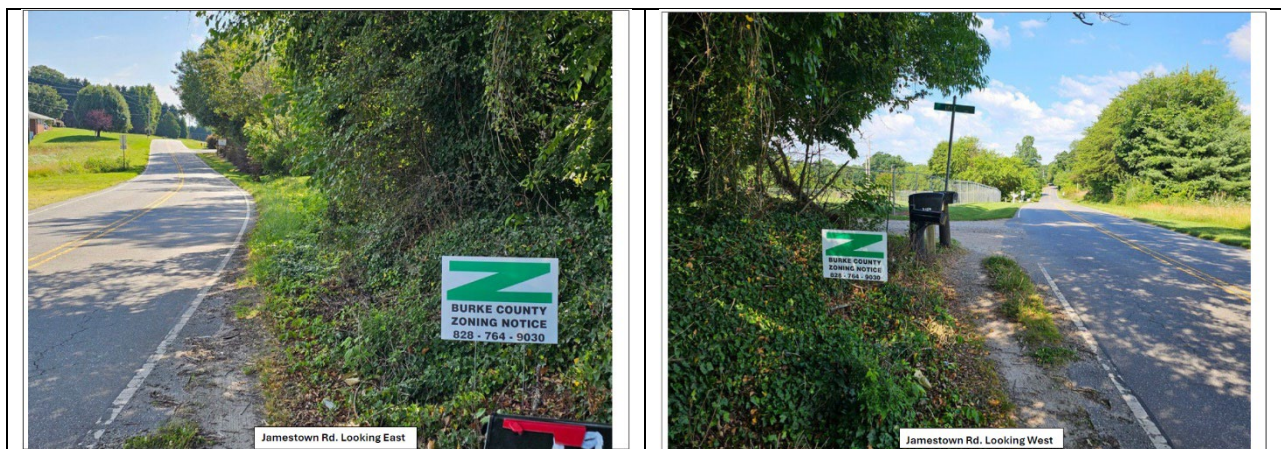
STAFF COMMENTS:

Staff are aware of the need for additional housing in Burke County. In staff's opinion, rezoning the 7.3-acre portion of the parcel fronting on Jamestown Road to the Residential Three (R-3) zoning district would not change the overall character of the area and would be a small step in addressing housing needs in Burke County.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Board met on June 27, 2024, to hear the rezoning request. Staff presented the report, and the Chair referenced a letter provided by the applicant who was unable to attend the meeting. The Chair opened the floor to public comment, and one person stated that they lived nearby and that they were supportive of the change to residential. The Board voted 6/0 to recommend approval of the rezoning request.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:



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Chairman Brittain opened the floor for questions or comments; there being none, he opened the public hearing at 6:17 p.m. The Public Hearing Notice was published in the News Herald on August 8 and August 15, 2024. There was no one present to address the Board; therefore, the public hearing was closed at 6:17 p.m.

Motion: To adopt Ordinance No. 2024-14 as it relates to ZMA 2024-05, a request to rezone 7.3-acres of land located at 1955 Jamestown Road, Morganton, NC, and corresponding to (PIN# 1772419708) from the Industrial (IND) to the Residential-Three (R-3) Zoning District. The Board finds the rezoning to be consistent with the intent of the Blueprint Burke Land Use Plan and the Future Land Use Map because of the mix of different zoning classifications for this area. The Land Use Map shall be adjusted to Residential Infill.

Furthermore, the Board finds that the request is reasonable and in the public interest because:

- **The subject property has access to public water and public road infrastructure.**
- **The rezoning request is compatible with the residential character of the surrounding area.**

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

Ordinance No. 2024-14 reads as follows:

Burke County
North Carolina

An Ordinance Amending the Official Burke County Zoning Map
ZMA 2024-05

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

A 7.3-acre portion of a parcel located at 1955 Jamestown Road, Morganton, NC, and identified by PIN: 1772419708 shall be rezoned from the Industrial (IND) zoning district to the Residential-Three (R-3) district.

Consistency Statement:

The Commissioners find that Ordinance No. 2024-14 related to rezoning application ZMA 2024-05 and located at 1955 Jamestown Road, Morganton, NC, to be consistent with the broader goals of the Blueprint Burke Plan and is consistent with the intent of the Future Land Use map because of the broad range of uses near this property. Further, the Commissioners find that the plan supports residential growth, and the owner is seeking to build residential units. The Future Land Use Map will be amended to Residential Infill.

Adopted this 20th day of August 2024.

/s/: Jeffrey C. Brittain
Jeffrey C. Brittain, Chairman
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - ZONING MAP AMENDMENT ZMA 2024-06 & PUBLIC HEARING - 6:00 P.M.

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

REZONING REQUEST

APPLICANT: May River Properties, LLC

ADDRESSES:

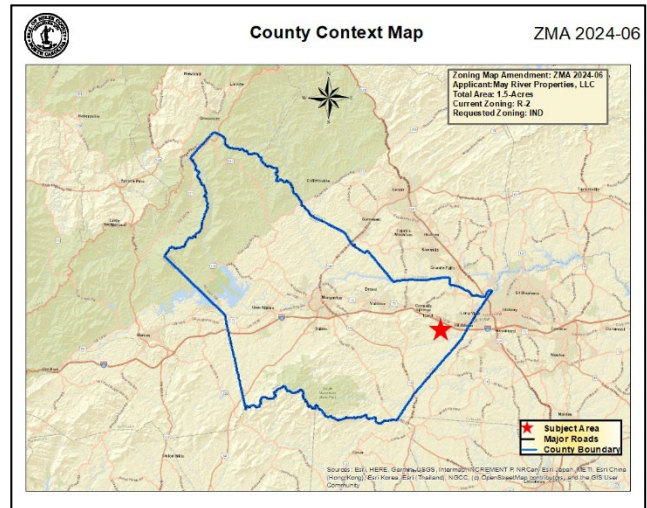
- 3846 Martin Fish Pond Street, Hickory
- 0 - Dowell Street, Hickory
- 3835 Dowell Street, Hickory

PIN#s:

- 2772518757
- 2772517843
- 2772517626

REQUEST: Rezone approximately 1.5-acres from Residential-Two (R-2) to Industrial (IND)

PARCEL SIZE: Parcel #1: 0.8-ac. Parcel #2- 0.21-ac. Parcel #3 – 0.49-ac.

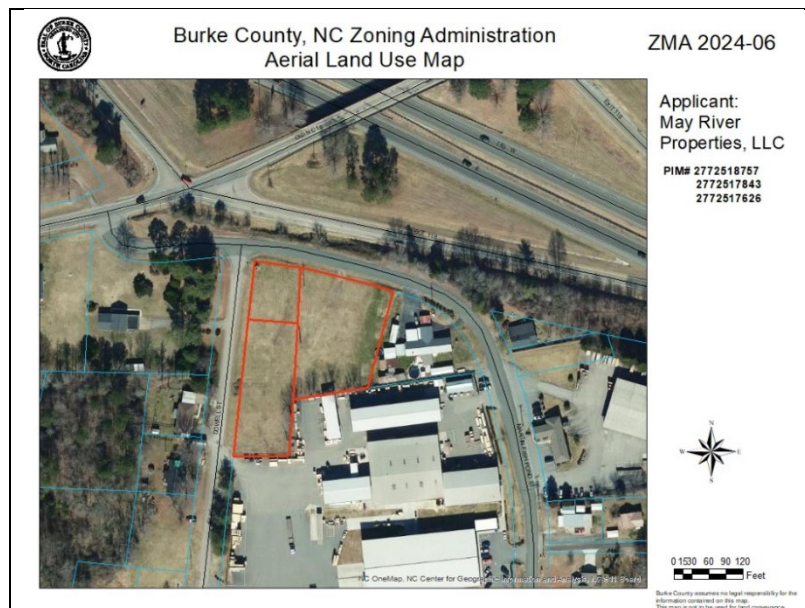


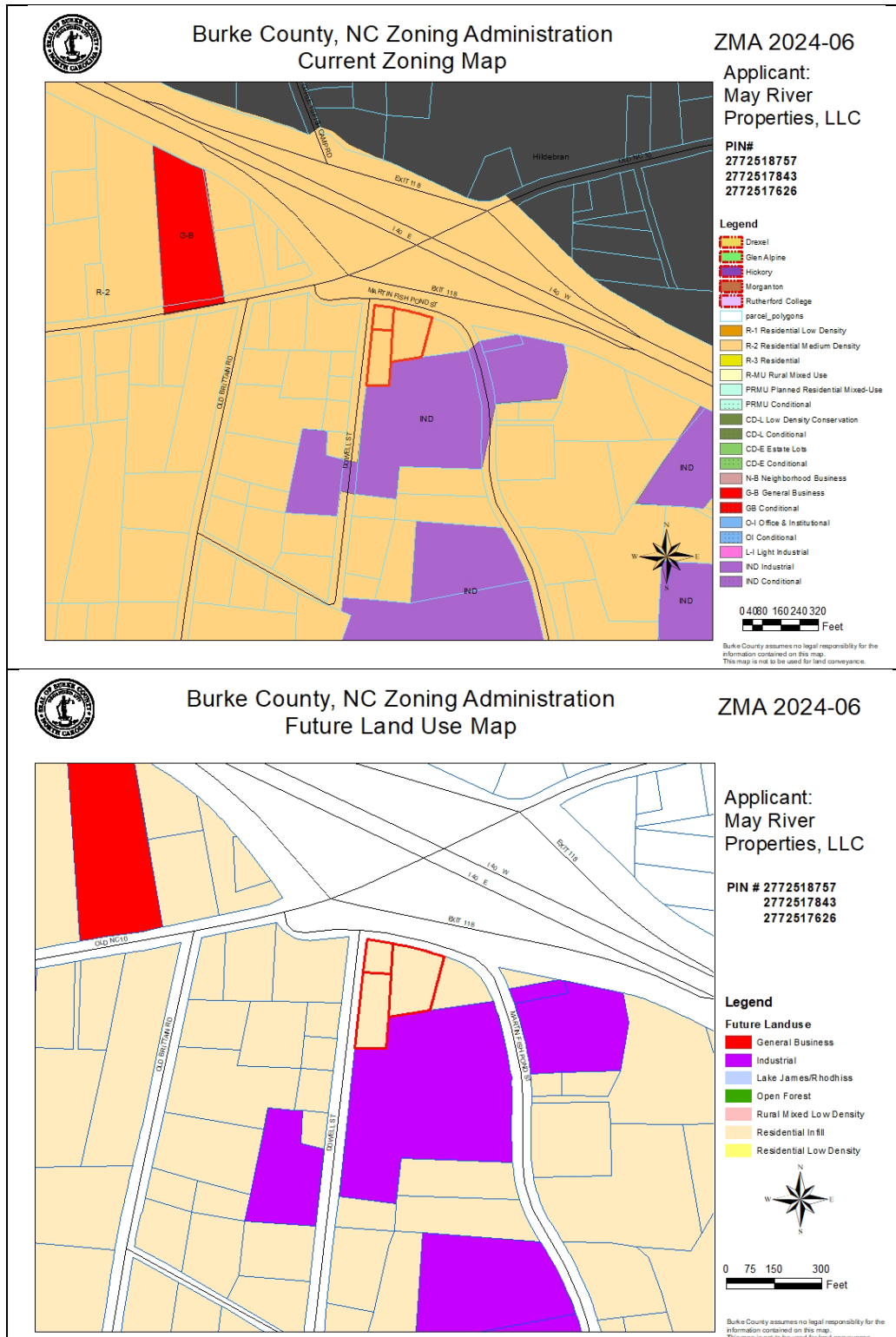
BACKGROUND:

The applicant provides logistics, warehousing, and crating services in North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, and Texas. KONTANE has been operating a packaging and crating facility at its current location since approximately 1986. Over the years, the applicant has expanded the business and needs to expand again to meet demand. The property owner would combine the three (3) parcels into one (1) for their business.

SITE ANALYSIS:

The parcels, identified in county records as PIN#s 2772518757, 2772517843, and 2772517626, are located within the Icard Township and the Icard Fire District of Burke County. Records indicate that the properties can be served by public water and private onsite septic. The parcels front on two (2) public state-maintained roads Dowell Street (SR# 1769) and Martin Fish Pond Street (SR# 1770) as well as having approximately 590 linear feet of total road frontage.



**BLUEPRINT BURKE LAND USE PLAN:**

The current land use plan for Burke County is the Blueprint Burke Strategic Land Use Plan. The Future Land Use Map (*above*) puts the subject parcels in the Residential Infill Use category. Since those properties are relatively small and undeveloped and were zoned residential, they were left

in that category.

Section 9 of the land use plan relates to economic development. Burke County seeks to provide a positive economic climate that encourages businesses to prosper while promoting growth in a flexible, fair and efficient manner.

The county must find a balance between residential districts and higher-intensity districts that are close to one another. The Zoning Ordinance helps mitigate some of the conflicting factors by requiring screening that helps to buffer the two (2) uses. Additionally, the ordinance has increased setbacks, lighting restrictions, and access management requirements which would be coordinated with NCDOT. If required by NCDOT, a Traffic Impact Analysis would be performed.

The Plan supports economic growth and changes in land uses where the request is reasonable and meets county goals.

STAFF COMMENTS:

In staff's opinion, rezoning the 1.5-acres to the Industrial (IND) zoning district is supported because the KONTANE facility has existed at this location for many decades and would like to expand in place. The location provides employment for local residents and the site has good access to the interstate.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Board met on June 27, 2024, to hear the rezoning request. Staff presented the report, and Zack Ray, a plant manager addressed the board. He stated that the KONTANE facility needs to build a new wood storage rack to meet the needs of business demand and expects to hire an additional 15 staff over time. The Chair opened the floor to public comment, and when there was no one present to speak, asked for a motion. The Board voted 6/0 to recommend approval of the rezoning request.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:





Subject Property - 3846 Martin Fish Pond St.



Martin Fish Pond St. Looking East



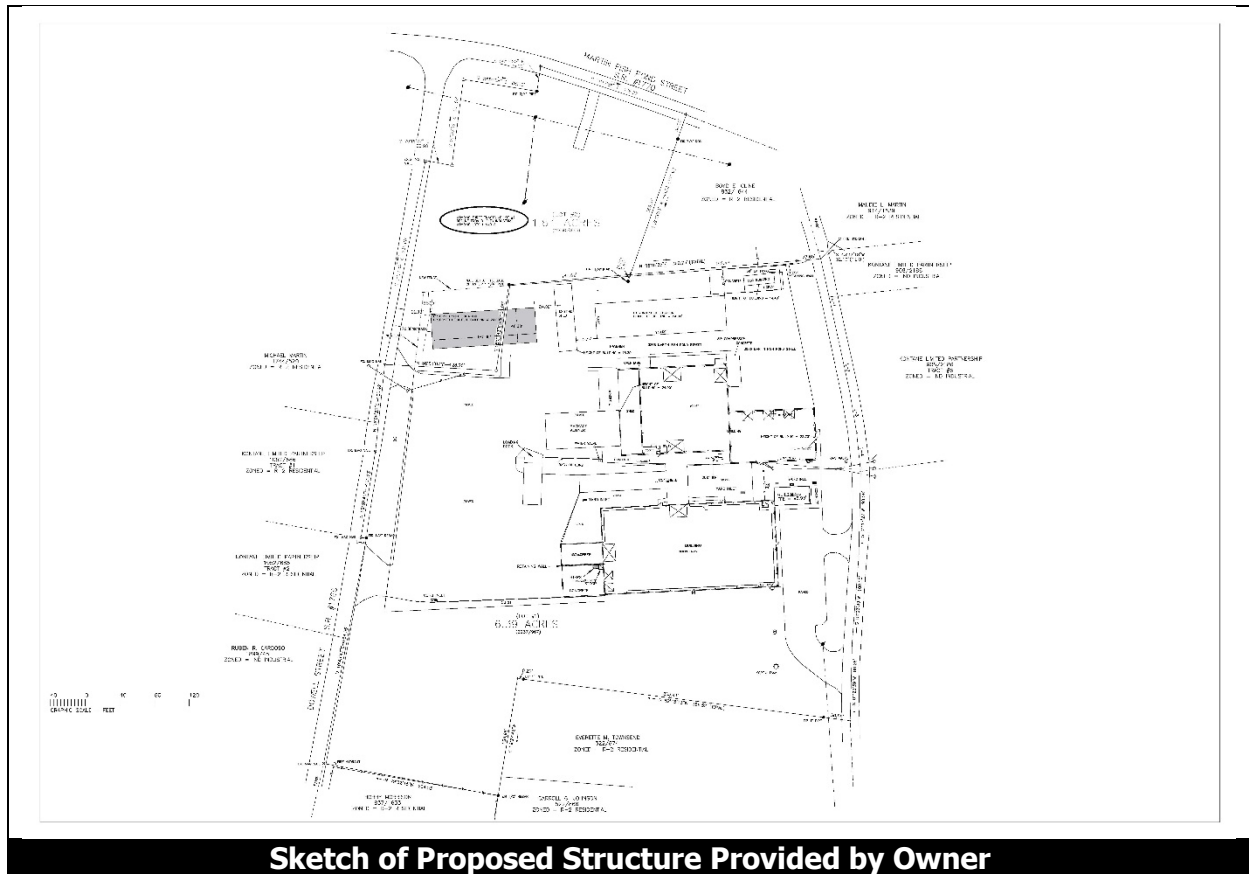
Martin Fish Pond St. Looking West



Martin Fish Pond St. Looking toward Dowell St.



3756 Martin Fish Pond St.



Chairman Brittain opened the floor for questions or comments. Mr. Glines responded to a clarifying question from Commissioner Burns. There being nothing further, Chairman Brittain opened the public hearing at 6:22 p.m. The Public Hearing Notice was published in the News Herald on August 8 and August 15, 2024. There was no one present to address the Board; therefore, the public hearing was closed at 6:22 p.m.

Motion: To adopt Ordinance No. 2024-15 as it relates to ZMA 2024-06, a request to rezone 1.5-acres of land located at 3846 Martin Fish Pond Street, 0 – Dowell Street and 3835 Dowell Street, Hickory, NC and corresponding to (PIN#'s Lot #1 – 2772518757, Lot #2 – 2772517843, and Lot #3 – 2772517626) from the Residential-Two (R-2) Zoning District to the Industrial (IND) District. The Board finds the rezoning to be consistent with the intent of the Blueprint Burke Land Use Plan because expanding the business will create new jobs in an area with similar uses. The Future Land Use Map shall be adjusted to Industrial.

Furthermore, the Board finds that the request is reasonable and in the public interest because:

- The KONTANE facility has existed at this location for 30+ years and needs to expand.
- The zoning requirements and standards help to mitigate any potential impacts to the surrounding area.

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

Ordinance No. 2024-15 reads as follows:

Burke County
North Carolina

An Ordinance Amending the Official Burke County Zoning Map
ZMA 2024-06

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

Three parcels of land totaling 1.5-acres and located at 3846 Martin Fish Pond Street, Hickory, NC, 0 – Dowell Street, Hickory, NC, and 3835 Dowell Street, Hickory, NC, corresponding to (PIN # 2772518757, PIN# 2772517843, and PIN#2772517626) shall be rezoned from the Residential-Two (R-2) zoning district to the Industrial (IND) district.

Consistency Statement:

The Commissioners find that Ordinance No. 2024-15 related to rezoning application ZMA 2024-06 and located at 3846 Martin Fish Pond Street, Hickory, NC, 0 – Dowell Street, Hickory, NC and 3835 Dowell Street, Hickory, NC, to be consistent with the broader goals of the Blueprint Burke Plan and is consistent with the intent of the Future Land Use map because of the broad range of uses near this property. Further, the Commissioners find that the plan supports industrial growth, and the applicant is seeking to expand their existing industrial facilities here, thereby creating new jobs within Burke County. The Future Land Use Map will be amended to Industrial.

Adopted this 20th day of August 2024.

/s/: Jeffrey C. Brittain
Jeffrey C. Brittain, Chairman
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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

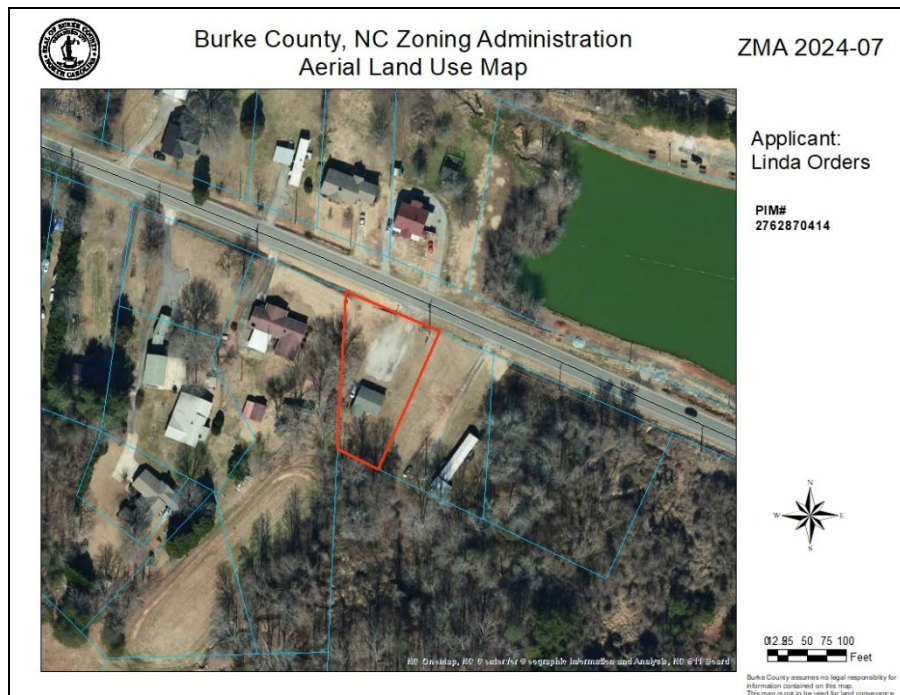
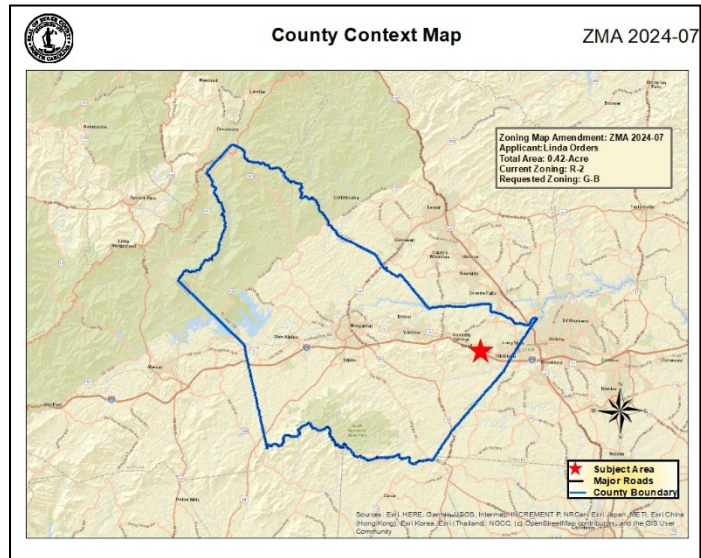
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - ZONING MAP AMENDMENT ZMA 2024-07 & PUBLIC HEARING - 6:00 P.M.

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

REZONING REQUEST

APPLICANT: Linda Orders

The parcel, identified in county records as PIN# 2762870414, is situated within the Icard Township and the Icard Fire District of Burke County, as well as the WS-IV-PA Water Supply Watershed. Records indicate that the property can be served by public water and public sewer. It fronts a state-maintained public road (US-70) with approximately 131 linear feet of road frontage. The parcel is not within any Overlay District.



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STAFF COMMENTS:

The building on the subject property has been used as a business for a long time. It is currently a non-conforming use due to the current residential zoning. The owner wants to sell the business, and the lenders have challenges in underwriting to lend money with the existing non-conformity. Staff supports the effort to adjust the zoning.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Board met on July 25, 2024, to hear the rezoning request. Staff presented the report, and the applicant presented their request. The Chair opened the floor to public comment, and one person stated that they lived across the street and were concerned about what might go there if the beauty shop closed. The Board voted 5/0 to recommend approval of the rezoning request.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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Chairman Brittain opened the floor for questions or comments. Mr. Glines responded to a clarifying question from Commissioner Burns; there being nothing further, Chairman Brittain opened the public hearing at 6:28 p.m. The Public Hearing Notice was published in the News Herald on August 8 and August 15, 2024. There was no one present to address the Board; therefore, the public hearing was closed at 6:28 p.m.

Motion: To adopt Ordinance No. 2024-16 as it relates to ZMA 2024-07, a request to rezone 0.42-acre parcel of land located at 2274 US 70 Connelly Springs, NC and corresponding to (PIN# 2762870414) from the Residential Two (R-2) zoning district to the General Business (G-B) zoning district. The Board finds the rezoning to be consistent with the intent of the Blueprint Burke Land Use Plan and the Future Land Use Map because of the mix of different zoning classifications for this area. The Land Use Map shall be adjusted to General Business.

Furthermore, the Board finds that the request is reasonable and in the public interest because:

- 1. The Blueprint Burke Future Land Use Map promotes and supports General Business, and Industrial land uses in this area.**
- 2. Since the business is an existing non-conforming use, rezoning the property to general business would bring the property into compliance with the Zoning Ordinance.**

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

Ordinance No. 2024-16 reads as follows:

Burke County
North Carolina

An Ordinance Amending the Official Burke County Zoning Map ZMA 2024-07

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

A 0.42-acre parcel located at 2274 US 70 Connelly Springs, NC and identified by (PIN: 2762870414) shall be rezoned from Residential Two (R-2) to the General Business (G-B) zoning district.

Consistency Statement:

The Commissioners find that Ordinance No. 2024-16 related to rezoning application ZMA 2024-07 and located at 2274 US 70 Connelly Springs, NC, to be consistent with the goals of the Blueprint Burke Plan and is consistent with the intent of the Future Land Use map because of the broad range of uses near this property. Furthermore, the Commissioners find that the plan supports commercial growth, and the owner is seeking to bring the existing commercial use into compliance with the zoning district. The Future Land Use Map will be amended to General Business.

Adopted this 20th day of August 2024.

/s/: Jeffrey C. Brittain
Jeffrey C. Brittain, Chairman
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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

COMM. DEV. - ZONING MAP AMENDMENT ZMA 2024-08 & PUBLIC HEARING - 6:00 P.M.

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

REZONING REQUEST

APPLICANT: JBH, LLC

PIN: 2716872387

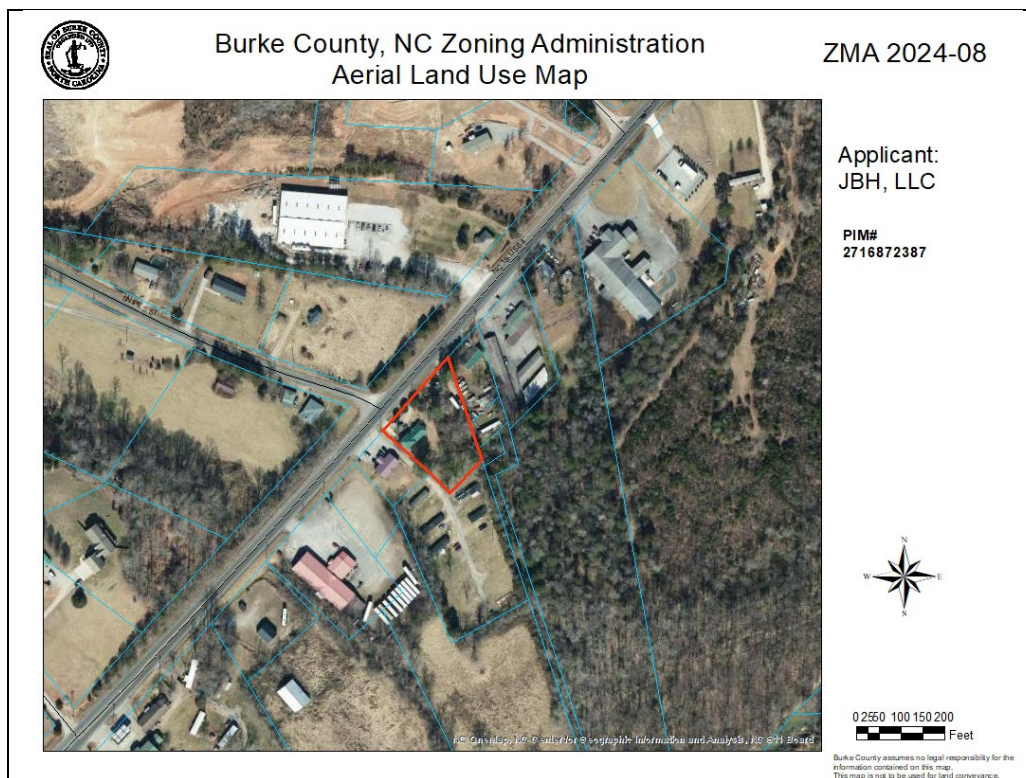
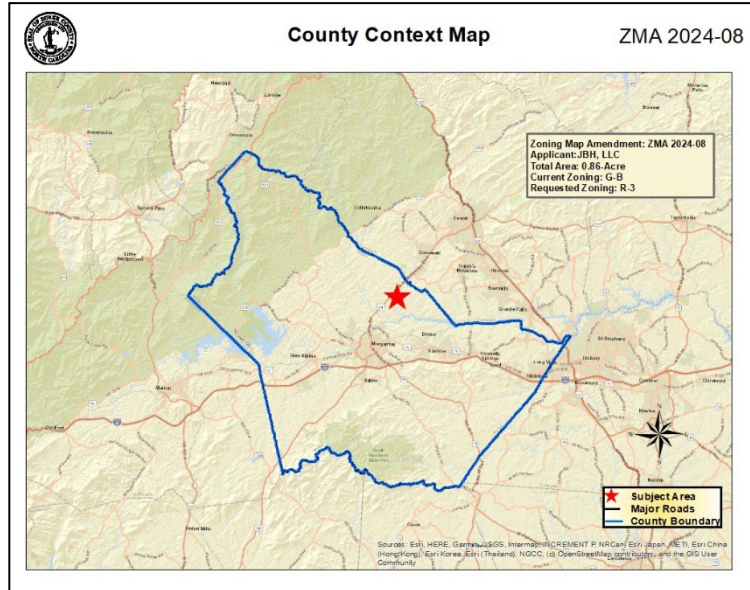
ADDRESS: 3046 NC-18 / US-64,
Morganton

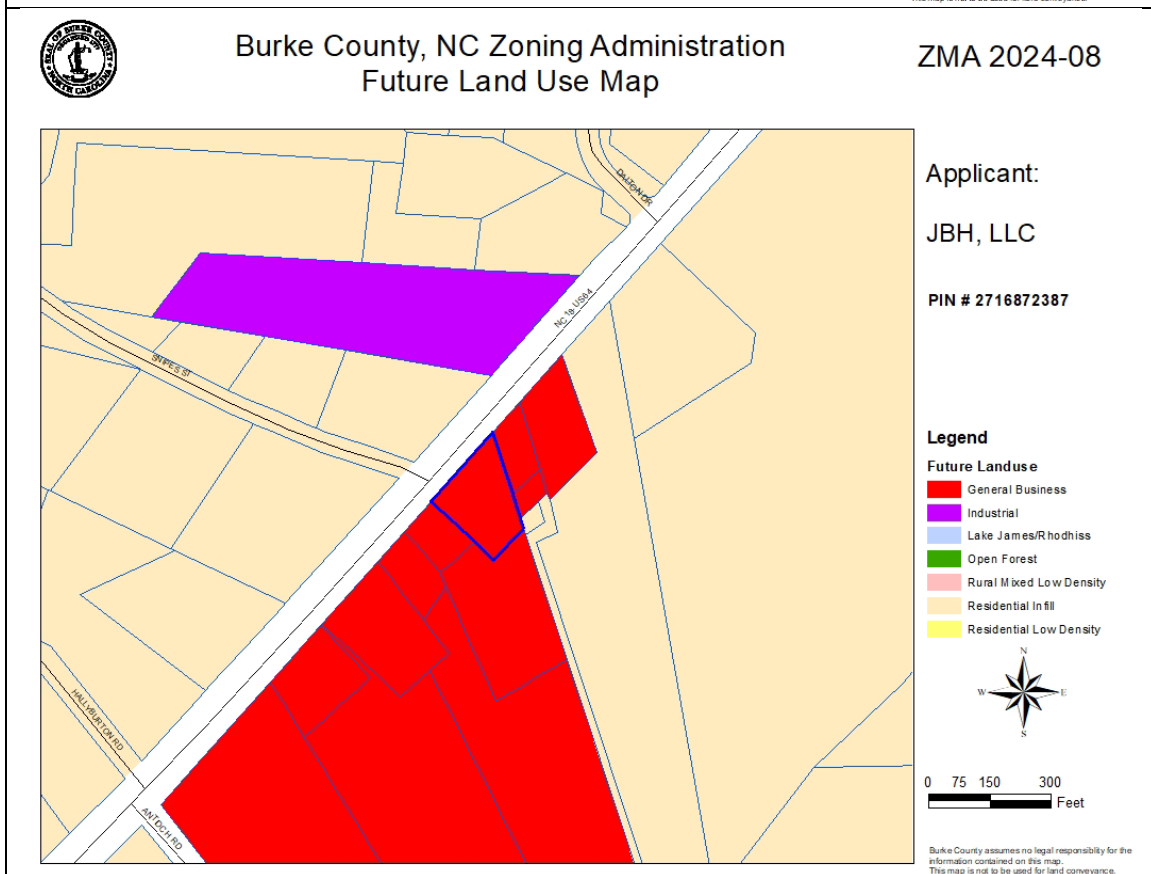
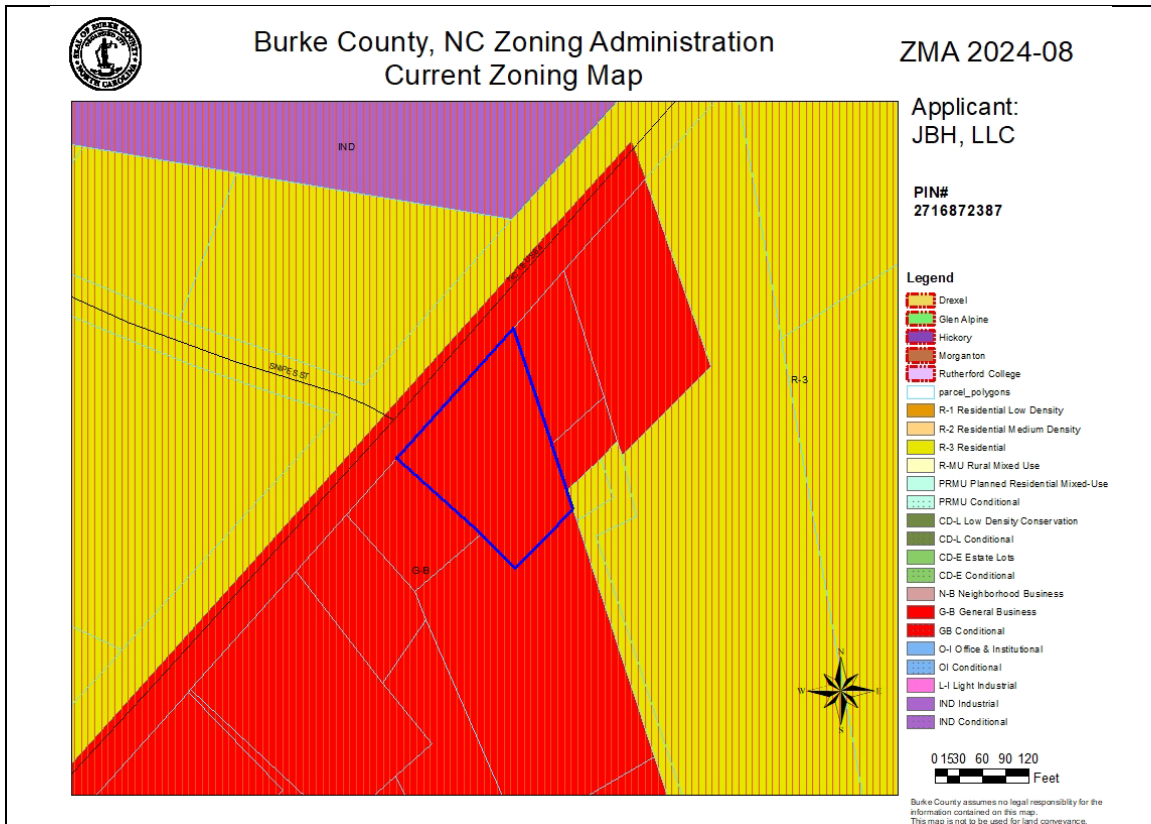
REQUEST: Rezone approximately
0.86-acres *from* General Business
(G-B) to Residential-Three (R-3)

PARCEL SIZE: 0.86-ac.

BACKGROUND AND SITE ANALYSIS:

The applicant wishes to sell the property, but the buyer's lending institution will not approve a loan because the zoning designation of General Business does not align with its current residential use. The property is located in Lower Creek Township and falls within the Chesterfield Fire District of Burke County. It fronts Lenoir Road (NC-18 / US-64) with approximately 225 linear feet of frontage. The parcel is not situated within any Overlay District.





BLUEPRINT BURKE LAND USE PLAN:

The current land use plan for Burke County is the 2022 - 2030 Blueprint Burke Strategic Land Use Plan. The Future Land Use Map (*above*) puts the subject parcel in the General Business land use category. Generally, the future land use map follows the zoning map. This is especially the case with industrial or commercial zoning.

Burke County is experiencing a shortage of housing. One goal of the land use plan is to encourage a variety of residential developments to meet the needs of the population. The existing single-family home would make a nice home for a prospective buyer.

STAFF COMMENTS:

The dwelling on the subject property has always been used for a dwelling. It is currently a non-conforming use due to the general business zoning attached to the property. Lenders, as a part of the underwriting process, are reviewing the zoning classifications to be sure that the zoning is consistent with the expected use of the property. Staff are supportive of the effort to adjust the zoning.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Board met on June 27, 2024, to hear the rezoning request. Staff presented the report, and the Chair invited the applicant to share their request. The Chair opened the floor to public comment and had two speakers. One person was the realtor listing the property for sale and the other was the potential buyer. They were both supportive of the change to residential. The Board voted 5/0 to recommend approval of the rezoning request.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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Chairman Brittain opened the floor for questions or comments; there being none, he opened the public hearing at 6:32 p.m. The Public Hearing Notice was published in the News Herald on August 8 and August 15, 2024. There was no one present to address the Board; therefore, the public hearing was closed at 6:32 p.m.

Motion: To adopt Ordinance No. 2024-17 as it relates to ZMA 2024-08, a request to rezone 0.86-acres of land located at 3046 NC-18 / US-64, Morganton, NC, and corresponding to (PIN# 2716872387) from the General Business (G-B) Zoning District to the Residential-Three (R-3) Zoning District. The Board finds the rezoning to be consistent with the intent of the Blueprint Burke Land Use Plan and the Future Land Use Map because of the mix of different zoning classifications for this area. The Land Use Map shall be adjusted to Residential Infill. Furthermore, the Board finds that the request is reasonable and in the public interest because there is an existing dwelling on the property which is of non-conforming use and rezoning the property to residential would bring the dwelling into compliance.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Phil Smith, Commissioner

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

Ordinance No. 2024-17 reads as follows:

Burke County

North Carolina

An Ordinance Amending the Official Burke County Zoning Map
ZMA 2024-08

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

A 0.86-acre portion of a parcel located at 3046 NC-18 / US-64, Morganton, NC and identified by PIN# 2716872387 shall be rezoned from the General Business (G-B) zoning district to the Residential-Three (R-3) district.

Consistency Statement:

The Commissioners find that Ordinance No. 2024-17 related to rezoning application ZMA 2024-08 and located at 3046 NC-18 / US-64, Morganton, NC, to be consistent with the broader goals of the Blueprint Burke Plan and is consistent with the intent of the Future Land Use map because of the broad range of uses near this property. Further, the Commissioners find that the plan supports residential growth, and the owner is seeking to bring the residential dwelling into compliance with the zoning district. The Future Land Use Map will be amended to Residential Infill.

Adopted this 20th day of August 2024.

/s/: Jeffrey C. Brittain
Jeffrey C. Brittain, Chairman
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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

FM - OAK HILL FIRE & RESCUE FIRE DISTRICT ANNEXATION & SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING - 6:00 P.M.

Mike Willis, Fire Marshall / Emergency Management Director, reported that pursuant to N.C.G.S. §69-25.11(1), the Oak Hill Fire & Rescue Protection Association, Inc. received applications from property owners within certain territories adjoining the existing Oak Hill Fire District. These property owners, representing a two-thirds majority of the territory, have formally requested inclusion within the Oak Hill Fire District.

The Territory in question is not currently served by another volunteer fire department. At its meeting on August 6, 2024, the Board of Directors of Oak Hill unanimously approved the annexation of the new Territory. Final approval of this annexation is contingent upon the Burke County Board of Commissioners, following a public hearing as required by statute.

Highlights of Mr. Willis' presentation were as follows:

Chairman Brittain opened the floor for questions or comments; there being none, he opened the

public hearing at 6:37 p.m. The Public Hearing Notice was published in the News Herald on August 1 and 8, 2024. Further, the notice was also posted on the County's website (www.burkenc.org) on August 1, 2024. In accordance with NCGS 69-25.11, also on August 1, 2024, Chief Winters, Oak Hill Fire Protection & Rescue Association, Inc., posted the public hearing notices in the district and Kat Wright, Deputy Clerk to the Board, posted the notice at the courthouse. There was no one present to address the Board; therefore, the public hearing was closed at 6:37 p.m.

Motion: To approve the annexation of the Territory into the Oak Hill Fire District as requested by a two-thirds majority of the property owners and unanimous approval by the Board of Directors for Oak Hill Fire & Rescue Protection Association, Inc., pursuant to NCGS §69-25.11(1).

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Phil Smith, Commissioner

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

CM - RESOLUTION CONCERNING TRANSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE BOARDS TO ADVISORY BOARDS & SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING - 6:00 P.M.

Brian Epley, County Manager, presented information on transitioning the DSS and Health Boards from administrative to advisory boards. Highlights of his presentation were as follows:

BURKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Social Services & Public Health

Operational Update

Discussion Topics

- Meeting on June 25, 2024
 - Mr. Korey Fisher-Wellman, Social Services Director
 - Mr. Danny Scalise, Public Health Director
- Discussion Items:
 - Pay & Classification Implementation
 - Building Development Program & Status
 - Advisory Board Transition Discussion

Managing Complex Change

ReAct / ReBuild / ReThink

Stabilizing / Normalizing

February 2023, March 2023, June 2023

Day 1

Sustained Innovation & Performance

July 2023, October 2023, December 2023, April 2023

Re-Act

- Complete CULTURE Re-Set
- Targeted Pay Adjustments
- Personnel Policy Modifications
- Employee Communication
- Revaluation Management

Re-Build

- Purpose / Values / Culture
- Evaluate Economics
- Commissioner Strategic Plan
- Capital Improvement Plan
- Pay / Classification Study
- Community Partnerships
- Long Term Fiscal Planning

Re-Think

- Service Delivery Model
- Long Term Priorities
- Traditional Beliefs
- Leverage Technology

Continuous Improvement

Re-Think

- Cultural shift to measurement and performance
- Departmental process & procedure adjustments
- Organizational & Departmental Re-Structuring

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Opportunities in the process workflow.] --> PLAN[PLAN  
How can the current process be improved?]
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Implement changes.]
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THE CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT CYCLE

Social Services & Public Health

Board Transition Discussion

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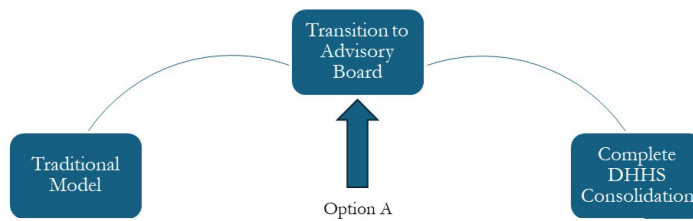
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*Robert W. Bradshaw Jr. Distinguished Term Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government
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G.S. 153A-77 allows three different organization and governance models (in addition to the traditional model of separate agencies under separate governing boards):

- **Option A:** The board of commissioners can assume the powers and duties of the board of health and/or the board of social services, thus becoming the governing body for one or both agencies. If they become the governing body for public health, the board of commissioners must appoint a public health advisory committee, with the same membership as a traditional board of health. The statutes do not require or speak to the creation of a social services advisory committee, but a county could choose to appoint one (or have a combined health and human services advisory committee). These advisory committees are *advisory in nature only*.
- **Option B:** The board of commissioners can create a **consolidated human services** agency, governed by an appointed consolidated human services board (with all members appointed by the board of commissioners). In this model, G.S. 153A-77(e) states that the human services director is appointed by the county manager (with the advice and consent of the board), shall report to the county manager, and may only appoint staff of the agency with the county manager's approval.
- **Option C:** The board of commissioners can create a **consolidated human services** agency, governed directly by the board of commissioners. In this model, G.S. 153A-77(e) states that the human services director is appointed by the county manager (with the advice and consent of the board), shall report to the county manager, and may only appoint staff of the agency with the county manager's approval.

N.C.G.S. § 153A-76 and N.C.G.S. § 153A-77



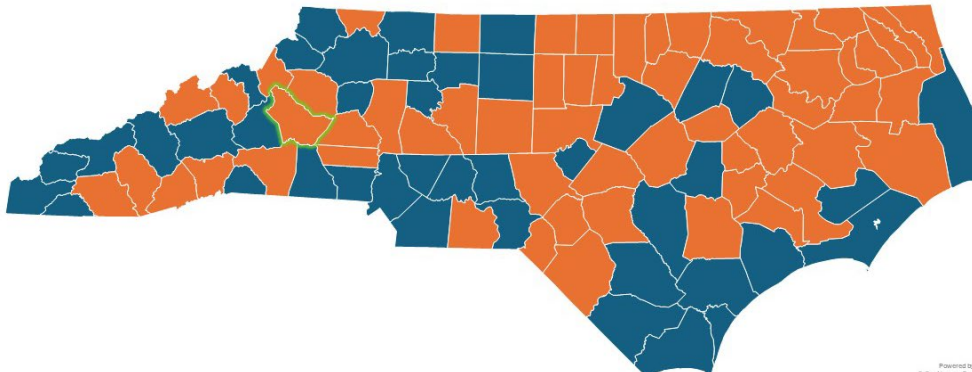
1. Maintains Separate & Independent DSS / Public Health Boards
 - Statutory Composition (N.C.G.S. § 130A)
2. Directors Maintain Full Statutory Roles
3. All Employees Maintain OSHR Privileges

- Non-Traditional Model = 42 Counties / 42%

Counties with modified DSS or Health Boards

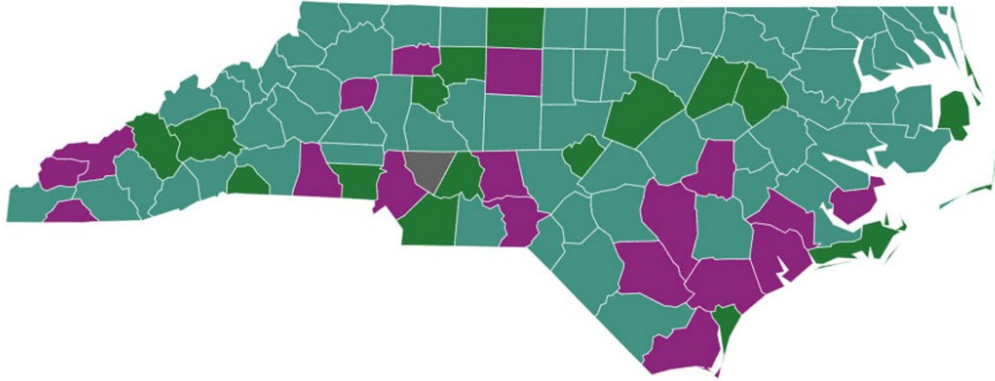
Total Modified: 42

■ Modified ■ Traditional



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- 18 Counties of 42 Non-Traditional – BOCC as Governing BOH.....43%



County Social Services Board



North Carolina Social Services Law



N.C.G.S. §108A – “County Boards of Social Services”

Adopted in 1917
No Council Manager Form of Govt’ (N.C.G.S. §153A-82)



Change in roles:

Administrative Oversight – Implemented prior to County Manager form of local government

Current Responsibilities County Social Services Board

Administrative

- appointing the county social services director
- evaluating the director's performance
- dismissing the director if his or her job performance is un-satisfactory or he or she engages in unacceptable personal conduct
- assisting the director in planning the county social services budget
- providing general oversight of the county social services department, and

Summary – Director Supervision

Policy Advisement

- establishing local policies for public assistance and social services programs that are consistent with federal and state requirements
- advising local authorities with respect to social conditions of the community.
- identifying new and emerging community social conditions

Summary: Policy Advisement Community Impacts of Social Conditions

Board of Health

- North Carolina Public Health Law
 - 130A (recodified in 1983)
- N.C.G.S. 130A-39 – “Powers of Local Board of Health”
 - Adopted in 1901
 - No Council Manager Form of Govt
- Many roles appear to be outdated:
 - Administrative Oversight – Implemented before County Manager form of local government
 - Rule Making – was obviously much more important in the past because it was prior to the Evolution of strict federal/state health law (ie. EPA (1970), DEQ (1977), etc)

Current Responsibilities County Public Health Board

Administrative

- appointing the county health director
- evaluating the director's performance
- dismissing the director if his or her job performance is unsatisfactory or he or she engages in unacceptable personal conduct
- assisting the director in planning the county social services budget
- providing general oversight of the county social services department, and

Summary – Director Supervision

Policy Advisement

- Promote Public Health
- Public Health Governance
- Local Interpretation of State Health Rules
- Municipal Health Rules

Summary: Policy Advisement Community Impacts of Public Health

Board of Social Services & Health Board Transition

Current BOCC Responsibilities

- **All County Personnel**
 - Personnel Ordinance and Policy
 - Human Resource Compliance
 - Position & FTE Management
- **County Budget**
 - Human Capital
 - Operational Budget
 - Infrastructure/Capital
- **County-Wide Ordinances**
 - Civil & Criminal
 - County Wide Policy Approval

Current HHS Board Responsibilities

- Promote Public Health
- Public Health Governance
- Local Interpretation of State Health Rules
- Municipal Health Rules
- Establishing local policies for public assistance and social services programs that are consistent with federal and state requirements
- Advising local authorities with respect to social conditions of the community.
- Daily Supervision of Dept. Director
 - N.C.G.S. 130A-41 (Health)
 - N.C.G.S. 108A (Social Services)
 - Day to Day Administration



Name of Advisory Board	Professional Staff	Area of Expertise
Planning Board	Community Development Director	Land Use & Zoning Code Interpretation
Animal Services Advisory Board	Animal Services Director	Animal Welfare / Public Safety/Health
Library Board	County Librarian	Library
Board of Adjustment	Community Development Director	Land Use & Zoning Code Interpretation
EMS Quality Assurance Peer Review	Emergency Medical Services Director	Pre-Hospitalization Quality Review
Local Emergency Preparedness Committee	Emergency Management Director	Emergency Preparedness
Seniors & Veterans Advisory	Seniors & Veterans Services Director	Veterans Support & Benefits
Abuse Prevention Council	County Managers Office	Abuse Prevention & Awareness

Advisory Board Transition

• Why Transition?

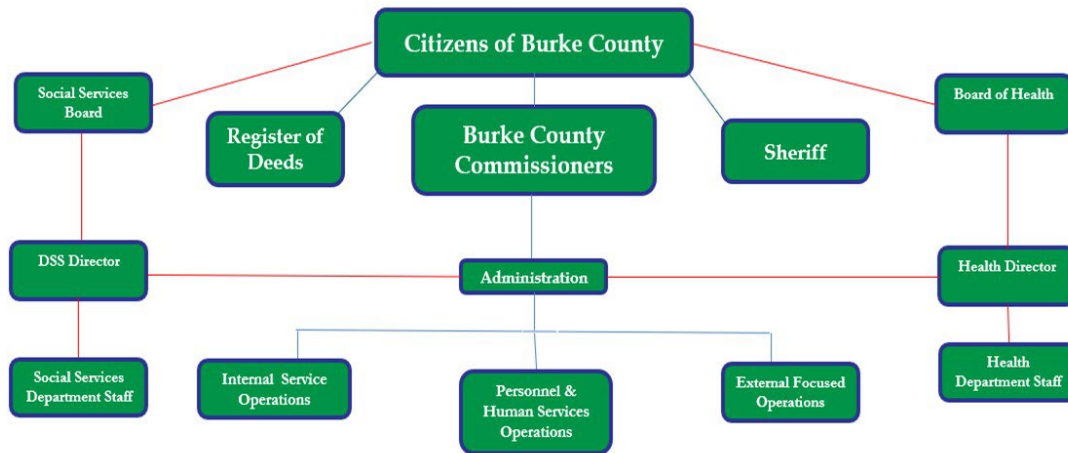
- A. Efficiency & County Operational Alignment
- B. Direction toward substantial equivalency (post OSP)
- C. Administrative evolution of Public Health & Social Services

• Areas of Focus?

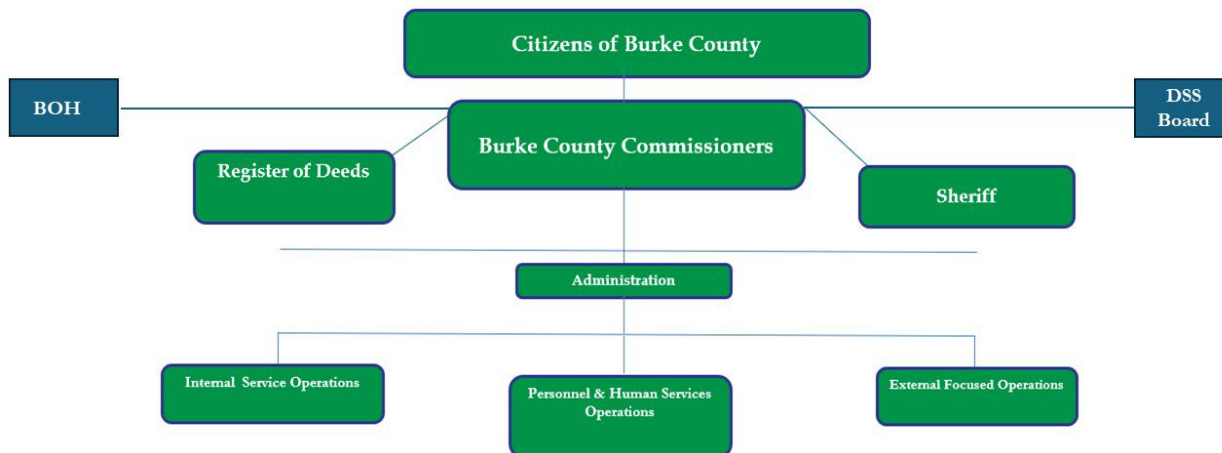
1. Human Capital Investment
2. Performance Enhancement Focus Areas
 - A. Cost Efficiency & Improvement Areas
 - B. North Carolina DHHS Performance Contract (M.O.U)
 - C. Grant Management & Opioid Settlement
3. Building and Capital Infrastructure



Burke County - Current Organizational Structure

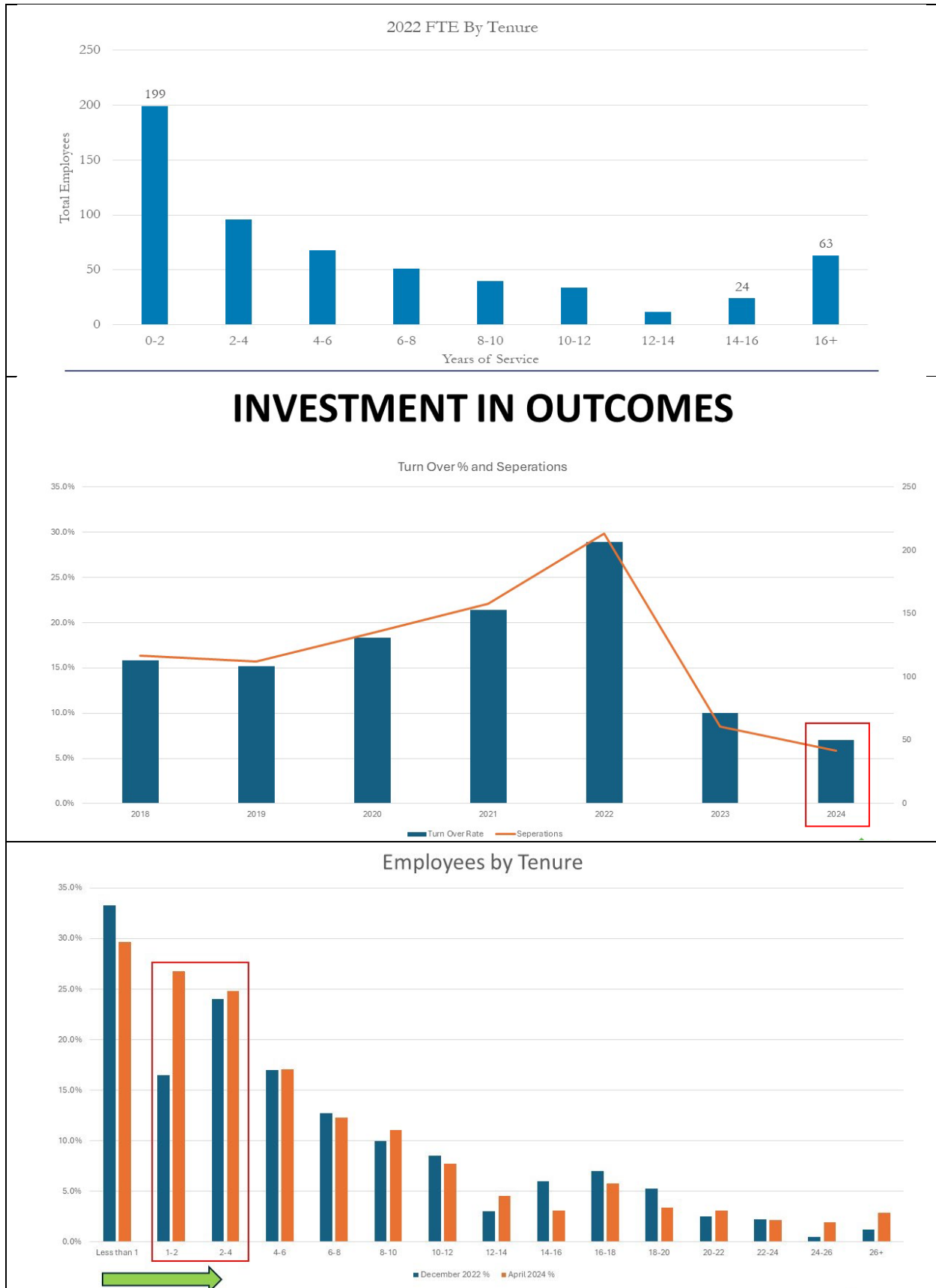


Burke County – Vertically Integrated Structure



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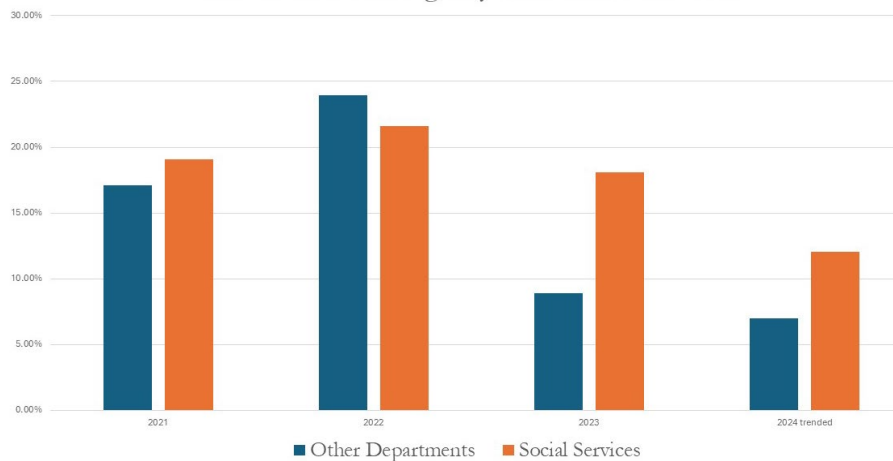


Pay & Classification Outcomes...

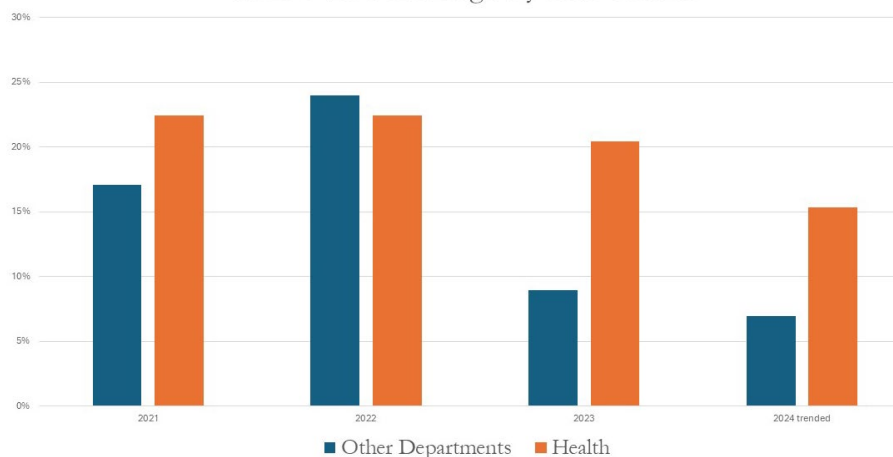
- Total Organizational Implementation Costs \$3.2M
 - Social Services Department:
 - Average Pay Increase.....5.7%
 - Total Implementation Cost.....\$550,848
 - Public Health Department:
 - Average Pay Increase.....8.5%
 - Total Implementation Cost.....\$180,000
- 23% of total cost

Position	Pay January 2023	Pay July 2024	Total Increase
Interpreter	\$21.09	\$26.26	25%
Interpreter	\$20.45	\$24.16	18%
Interpreter	\$16.75	\$20.97	25%
Environmental Health	\$27.41	\$32.88	23.5%
Environmental Health	\$25.75	\$32.08	28.5%

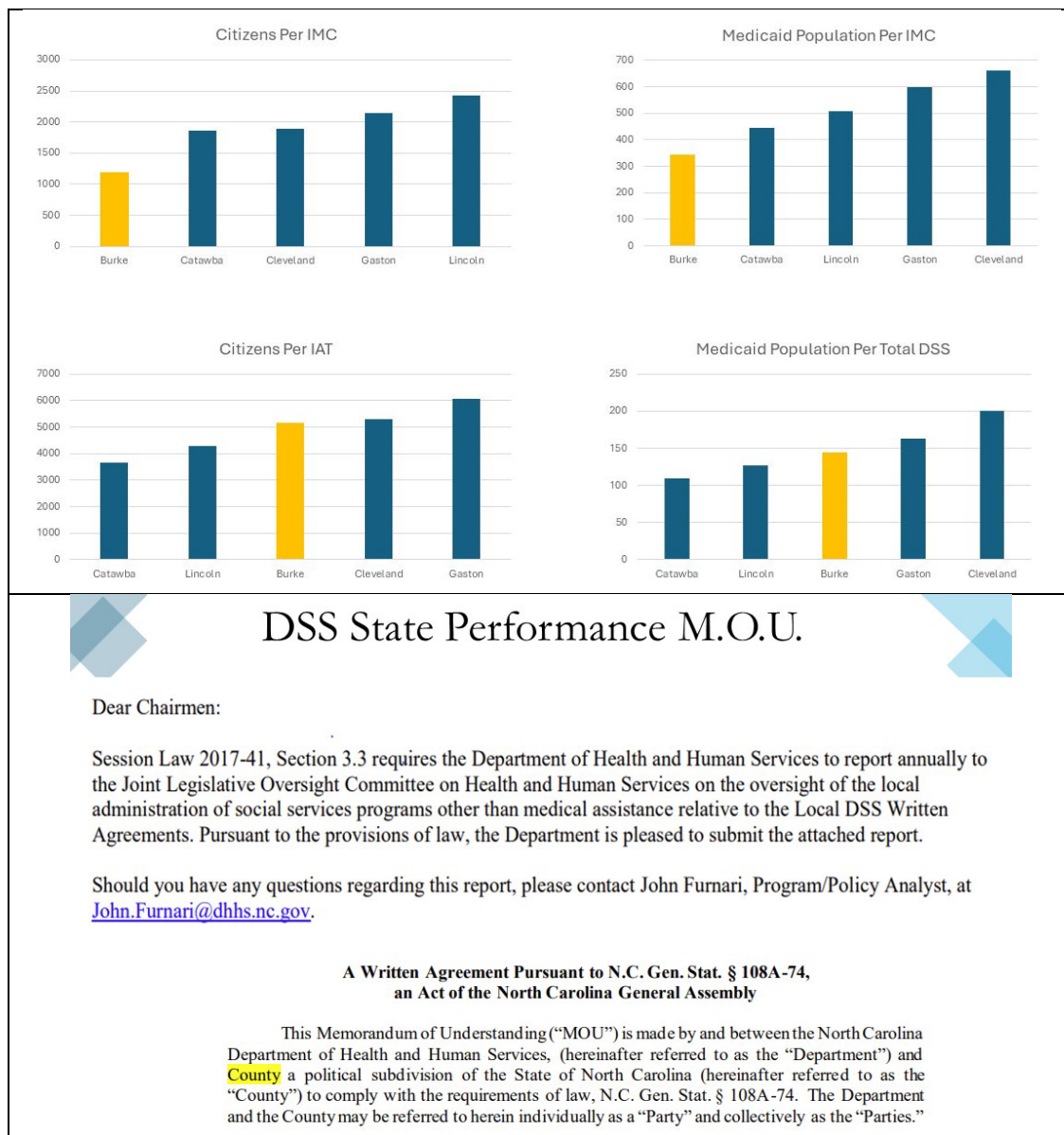
Turn-Over Percentage By Year- Social Services



Turn-Over Percentage By Year- Health





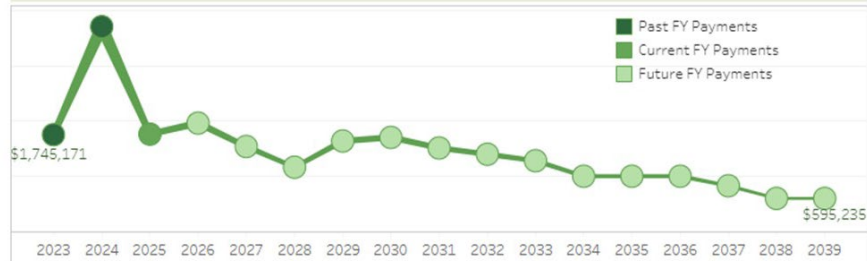


NC Opioid Settlement Dollars – 18 Year Payout

18 Year Payment to Burke during 2022-2038:

\$24,342,392

Payments Over Time - Burke



Public Health & Social Services

Building Development Program

Capital Assessment



FACILITIES ASSESSMENT PROCESS & NEEDS:

Building Condition Analysis 1-5 (where 1 is poor)

1. Structural
2. Interior Construction
3. Electrical System
4. Mechanical Systems
5. Plumbing Systems
6. Security Systems

Burke County Space Needs Assessment and Master Plan
General Facility Assessment
Address: 200 Avery Street, Morganton, NC
Date of Observation: 2/8/2022

Mechanical System 1				Overall Condition Rating:	3
HVAC System Type	Water Source Heat Pump	Controls	Thermostat		
Unit Type	Vertical Recessed	Refrigerant Type	R22		
Boiler	Wells-McLean	System age	Could not verify		
Fuel Source	Gas Fire HW boiler	Pumps	HW and CHW pumps		
Cooling Tower	BRAC Closed Loop				
General comments: The WHP's age could not be determined but appear to be at the end of their service life. These units utilize R22 refrigerant that is no longer manufactured. The boiler and cooling tower age is also unknown. The boiler is aged as are associated HW pumps.					

Mechanical System 2				Overall Condition Rating:	3
HVAC System Type	Roof Top Units (RTU) (Carrier)	Controls	Thermostat		
Quantity	4	Refrigerant Type	410A		
Secondary Systems		System age	7 years old (2015)		
Fuel Source	Gas Fire Heat in RTU's				
General comments: RTU's were installed approximately 7 years ago and have approximately 8 years of service remaining.					

Mechanical System 3				Overall Condition Rating:	3
HVAC System Type	Split System Air Handling Units	Controls	Thermostat		
Quantity	6	Refrigerant Type	R22		
Secondary Systems		System age	15 years		
Fuel Source	Electric Heat	Toilet exhaust	Yes		
Smoke Control	None				
General comments: The split system AHU's are at the end of their service life utilize R22 refrigerant that is no longer manufactured.					

Capital Assessment



Facilities Evaluated During Space Needs Assessment

Building	Location	City	Rating	Sq. Ft	Yr. Built
Animal Shelter	425 Kirksey Drive	Morganton	1.00	4,000	1980
EMS Station #1: Hospital	2201 S Sterling Street	Morganton	1.00	5,000	1975
Landfill - Transfer Station	2500 Marsh Trail	Morganton	1.40	12,500	1997
Avery Building	200 Avery Avenue	Morganton	2.13	28,700	1923
Sheriff's Office (Sheriff side only)	150 Government Drive	Morganton	2.14	11,500	1993
Burke-Catawba District Confinement Facility (Old Jail)	148 Government Drive	Morganton	2.14	48,500	1993
Human Resources Center (HRC)	700 East Parker Road	Morganton	2.42	56,500	1979
EMS Station #2: Rutherford College (Hospital Owns Property)	90 Campus Street	Rutherford College	2.50	1,900	1975
Hildebran Building (Water & Sewer Office)	101 Main Ave West	Hildebran	2.58	7,100	1964/2016
Courthouse	201 South Green Street	Morganton	2.60	55,000	1974
EMS Station #4: Hildebran	705 US Highway 70W	Hildebran	2.83	2,200	2002
Landfill - Office/Garage	2500 Marsh Trail	Morganton	3.00	5,000	1988
Morganton Library	204 South King Street	Morganton	3.00	16,800	1995/2004
Morganton Senior Center	501 North Green Street	Morganton	3.00	17,600	1984
Burke Agricultural Building	130 Ammons Drive	Morganton	3.50	14,000	2002
Burke Services Building	110 North Green Street	Morganton	3.83	24,000	1954/2000
Valdese Library (Share Ownership with Valdese)	213 St. Germain Avenue	Valdese	3.83	9,000	1943/2004
Foothills Higher Education	2128 South Sterling Street	Morganton	4.00	130,000	1980/2004

*Building Condition Rating Scale 1 thru 5 where 1 is poor condition and 5 is new or excellent condition

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Summary Space Program

A total of 93,410 Building Gross Square Feet (BGSF) of space has been programmed for the new Human Services building as shown in the summary table below. This includes shared use and public lobby spaces as well as all of the spaces required for the Social Services and Health Departments. The space forecast reflects the individual needs of each Division through 2040. During the design phase of the project spaces may be collocated and can possibly reduce built area by combining shared use spaces between Divisions (example: conference, copy/workroom).

BURKE COUNTY, NC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT BUILDING SPACE PROGRAM				
DRAFT SUMMARY SPACE PROGRAM				
Comp. #	Facility Component	Total NSF Component	Grossing Factor	Total DG SF
1.000	Main Lobby/Shared Use/Meeting/Staff and Building Support			
1.100	Main Lobby/Shared Use/Meeting/Support	8,634	25%	10,793
	Subtotal - Public Lobby/Administration			10,793
2.000	Health Department Space Program			
2.100	Health Department Lobby/Staff Support/Storage	2,115	30%	2,751
2.200	Administration and Operations	2,011	30%	2,614
2.300	Clinical	6,345	30%	8,250
2.400	Lab	1,060	25%	1,325
2.500	WIC	2,295	30%	2,985
2.600	Health Preparedness/Health Education	1,053	30%	1,369
2.700	Environmental Health	1,480	30%	1,924
2.800	Care Management	885	25%	1,106
	Subtotal - Health Department Space Program			22,324
3.000	Department of Social Services Space Program			
3.100	Department of Social Services Lobby/Staff Support/Storage	4,165	30%	5,415
3.200	Administration	2,454	30%	3,190
3.300	Legal	1,630	30%	2,119
3.400	Economic Services	11,814	35%	15,949
3.500	Child Protective Services	6,905	30%	9,078
3.600	Foster Care	3,758	30%	4,865
3.700	Adult Services	3,222	30%	4,189
	Subtotal - Department of Social Services Space Program			44,726
	TOTAL - FACILITY COMPONENTS DG SF			77,842
	Building Grossing Factor 20% (includes: Mechanical/Electrical/Major Circulation Corridors/Walls/Wall Thickness)			15,568
	TOTAL - FACILITY COMPONENTS BUILDING GROSS SF			93,410

Chinn Planning, Inc.

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Preliminary Cost Estimate

for Burke County Health Department

March 15, 2024

Addition / Alterations		Range:			
		Low		High	
		Cost/sf	Subtotal	Cost/sf	Subtotal
Construction costs per square foot (sf)	Area (sf)				
Building addition	33,000	\$440	\$14,520,000	\$480	\$15,840,000
Interior alterations	57,000	\$175	\$9,975,000	\$225	\$12,825,000
Allowances					
General contingency (median range)	4.25%		\$1,130,000		\$1,130,000
Construction costs subtotal			\$25,625,000		\$29,795,000
Professional services					
Architectural & engineering fees	6.50%		\$1,665,625		\$1,936,675
Special inspections (required by code)			\$50,000		\$50,000
Professional services subtotal			\$1,715,625		\$1,986,675
Total project cost			\$27,340,625		\$31,781,675
					\$29,561,150
New Construction		Range:			
		Low		High	
		Cost/sf	Subtotal	Cost/sf	Subtotal
Construction costs per square foot (sf)	Area (sf)				
New construction	90,000	\$440	\$39,600,000	\$480	\$43,200,000
Allowances					
General contingency (median range)	3%		\$1,240,000		\$1,240,000
Construction costs subtotal			\$40,840,000		\$44,440,000
Professional services					
Architectural & engineering fees	4.80%		\$1,960,320		\$2,133,120
Special inspections (required by code)			\$150,000		\$150,000
Professional services subtotal			\$2,110,320		\$2,283,120
Total project cost			\$42,950,320		\$46,723,120
					\$44,836,720

(refer to notes below for items not included)

Notes:

1. Costs for furnishings and equipment are not included.
2. Costs for professional services related to surveying and subsurface investigation are not included.
3. Costs per square foot include site development costs. Costs for land purchase are not included.

Option III – FHEC



Under Utilized County Owned
Facility



117,000 square feet / 268
parking spaces



Currently Houses
WPCC – EMS, Nursing, Other
Burke County Parks & Recreation
Burke Development Inc. (BDI)



Estimated Cost of Adaptive Re-
Use for Public Health & DSS
.....\$TBD

Option 1 - New

\$45,000,000

Option 2- Parker Rd

\$30,000,000

Option 3 - FHEC

\$ TBD

Process.....

N.C.G.S. § 153A-76 and N.C.G.S. § 153A-77

This action is authorized by N.C.G.S. § 153A-76 and N.C.G.S. § 153A-77, which generally grant the Board of Commissioners authority to organize county government. Specifically, N.C.G.S. § 153A-77(a) provides, in relevant part:

“...[T]he board of county commissioners may assume direct control of any activities theretofore conducted by or through any commission, board or agency by the adoption of a resolution assuming and conferring upon the board of county commissioners all powers, responsibilities and duties of any such commission, board or agency...”

Social Services - Advisory Board Transition

- N.C.G.S. 153A-76- generally authorizes the board of commissioners to organize county government.
- N.C.G.S. 150A-77- to consider the adoption of a resolution assuming and conferring upon the Board all powers, responsibilities and duties of the Burke County Department of Social Services and transitioning the current DSS board to an advisory board.



Public Health - Advisory Board Transition

- N.C.G.S. 153A-76 generally authorizes the board of commissioners to organize county government.
- N.C.G.S. 153A-77(a) more specifically provides that the board of commissioners may assume direct control over the activities previously conducted by any county commission, board or agency. The statute specifically states that “[t]his section shall apply to the board of health.” This power may only be exercised through the adoption of a resolution after a public hearing held by the board pursuant to 30 days’ notice in a newspaper having general circulation in the county.



- If the board of commissioners assumes direct control of the board of health and does not have a consolidated health service board, then the board of commissioners must “appoint an advisory committee consistent with the membership of” a regular board of health.

Public Health Advisory Board

- The Burke County Public Health Advisory Board shall have the same membership and terms as the Burke County Board of Health immediately prior to the adoption of a potential resolution
- Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Burke County Public Health Advisory Board shall be the “advisory committee” required by N.C.G.S. § 153A-77 and shall have a membership consistent with the membership described in N.C.G.S. § 130A-35.
- The Burke County Public Health Board should be charged with the duty and responsibility for all accreditation activities described in Title 10A Chapter 48 Subchapter 48B of the North Carolina Administrative Code that may be undertaken by “the local board of health or the advisory committee.”

Public Health Advisory Board - Role

The Burke County Board of Commissioners would intend to delegate to the new public health advisory board any and all accreditation responsibilities that it is permitted to under the North Carolina Administrative Code. Therefore, the Burke County Public Health Advisory Board will be responsible for meeting benchmarks such as:

1. Reviewing community health assessment data and citizen input used to plan and monitor progress towards health-related goals;
2. Assuring that individuals, agencies, and organizations have the opportunity to participate in the development of goals, objectives, and strategies for community health improvements;
3. Communicating with other units of government and private foundations in support of the Burke County Health Department to secure national, state, and local financial resources;
4. Informing elected officials and community boards about community health issues; and
5. Taking actions to foster community input regarding public health issues.

N.C.G.S. § 153A-82

The assumption of these duties by the Board of Commissioners would also impact the workflow of the Burke County Health Director. Currently, the Health Director reports directly to the Burke County Board of Health. Upon adoption of the resolution, the Health Director would ultimately report to the Board of Commissioners, now also the Board of Health.

Burke County, like every other county in North Carolina, has adopted the county manager form of government. N.C.G.S. § 153A-82 charges the County Manager with the following duty:

“He shall direct and supervise the administration of all county offices, departments, boards, commissions and agencies under the general control of the board of commissioners, subject to the general direction and control of the board.”



QUESTIONS??

Information from the agenda packet:

On July 20, 2024, Burke County published a public notice in *The Paper* providing that, on August 20, 2024, the Burke County Board of Commissioners would hold a public hearing concerning the assumption, by the Board of Commissioners, of all powers and duties theretofore conducted by or through the Burke County Board of Health and the Burke County Board of Social Services. A draft of the proposed resolution, which is still subject to change, is included in the agenda packet.

This action is authorized by N.C.G.S. § 153A-76 and N.C.G.S. § 153A-77, which generally grant the Board of Commissioners authority to organize county government. Specifically, N.C.G.S. § 153A-77(a) provides, in relevant part:

"...[T]he board of county commissioners may assume direct control of any activities theretofore conducted by or through any commission, board or agency by the adoption of a resolution assuming and conferring upon the board of county commissioners all powers, responsibilities and duties of any such commission, board or agency..."

While N.C.G.S. § 153A-76 refers to the ability of a county board of commissioners to "abolish" certain boards, the Board of Commissioners' intention is not to "abolish" the existing social service and health boards, per se. Rather, the Board of Commissioners intends to transition these boards into advisory roles pursuant to the authority granted by N.C.G.S. § 153A-77(a) to "appoint advisory boards . . . composed of qualified and interested county residents to study, interpret and develop community support and cooperation in activities conducted by or under the authority of the board of county commissioners..." In the case of the Board of Health, the creation of such an advisory board is in fact required by law.

1. Social Services

a. The Burke County Board of Commissioners will become the county's local board of social services.

If the Board of Commissioners does in fact adopt a resolution assuming all powers and duties of the Board of Social Services, at that time the Board of Commissioners will become the Burke County Board of Social Services. As such, it will have the following duties and responsibilities, which are described in N.C.G.S. § 108A-9:

- (1) To select the county director of social services according to the merit system rules of the North Carolina Human Resources Commission;
- (2) To advise county and municipal authorities in developing policies and plans to improve the social conditions of the community;
- (3) To consult with the director of social services about problems relating to this office, and to assist him in planning budgets for the county department

of social services;

- (4) To transmit or present the budgets of the county department of social services for public assistance, social services, and administration to the board of county commissioners;
- (5) To have such other duties and responsibilities as the General Assembly, the Department of Health and Human Services or the Social Services Commission may assign to it.

The Board of Commissioners would, upon the adoption of a resolution, become the entity responsible for exercising these powers and duties. In addition to these powers and duties, there are certain state laws and regulations that require a member of the county's social services board to perform certain other tasks and serve in other capacities. As discussed below, one (1) commissioner will serve both on the Board of Commissioners (now the Board of Social Services) and the new social services advisory board. This commissioner will therefore be in an ideal position to serve as the county's representative on any boards that require a member of the local social services board.

- b. The existing Burke County Board of Social Services will transition into a crucial advisory role.

The North Carolina General Statutes do not require the Board of Commissioners to appoint a social services advisory board upon assuming the previous board's powers and duties. However, neither the County Manager nor the Board of Commissioners believes that it would be prudent or appropriate to simply dispense with the knowledge and resources that are embodied in the county's current social services board. To do so would be an unforced error.

Rather, instead of abolishing the existing Board of Social Services, the Board of Commissioners intends to transition that board into a new Burke County Social Services Advisory Board. This advisory board would, upon formation, have the same members, serving the same terms, as the previously existing Board of Social Services.

One major difference between the Burke County Social Services Advisory Board and the previous Board of Social Services will be who appoints its members. Per N.C.G.S. § 108A-3, the County's five-member social services board currently has two (2) members each appointed by the Board of Commissioners and the Social Services Commission, and the fifth member appointed by a majority vote of the other four (4). Moving forward, the social services advisory board's members will all be appointed by the Board of Commissioners, with one (1) member at all times being a commissioner.

This commissioner on the advisory board will serve a dual function. On one hand, this commissioner will be a member of the advisory board and, like all other members of the board, advise the Board of Commissioners on any and

all social services matters. On the other hand, this commissioner will sit on the Board of Commissioners, which now will also be the Board of Social Services.

Given this commissioner's dual function as an advisory board member and a member of the Board of Social Services, he or she will serve as the county's appointee to any state position that must be filled by a member of the County's Board of Social Services. For example, Chapter 7B of the North Carolina General Statutes provides that each county will have a "Local Team" that is responsible for reviewing child fatalities. N.C.G.S. § 7B-1407(b)(6) then provides:

"Each Local Team shall consist of the following persons:

(6) A member of the county board of social services, appointed by the chair of that board."

The Board of Commissioners, now acting as the Board of Social Services, could in theory appoint any of its members to serve as the county's representative on this Local Team. However, it makes sense, both practically and legally, for the commissioner who sits on the advisory board to fill this and any other similar roles.

- c. The DSS Director may at times report to the Board of Commissioners through the County Manager, but ultimately, any personnel decisions or other significant decisions or actions concerning the DSS Director must be carried out directly by the Board of Commissioners.

The assumption of these duties by the Board of Commissioners would also impact the workflow of the Burke County Social Services Director (the "DSS Director"). Currently, the DSS Director reports directly to the Burke County Board of Social Services. Upon adoption of the resolution, the DSS Director would ultimately report to the Board of Commissioners, now also the Board of Social Services.

Burke County, like every other county in North Carolina, has adopted the county manager form of government. N.C.G.S. § 153A-82(a)(2) charges the County Manager with the following duty:

"He shall direct and supervise the administration of all county offices, departments, boards, commissions and agencies under the general control of the board of commissioners, subject to the general direction and control of the board."

As with any other function of county government, the Board of Commissioners may decide to draw on the County Manager's office to assist it in supervising, evaluating, and managing the Burke County Social Services Director and the Burke County Department of Social Services. However, while the DSS Director may at times report to the Board of Commissioners through the County

Manager, ultimately, any personnel decisions or other actions concerning the DSS Director must be carried out directly by the Board of Commissioners. Further, the Board of Commissioners should always have an open door to the DSS Director and be willing to communicate directly with the DSS Director.

Ultimately, while the County Manager may have a role in supervising and assisting the DSS Director on a day-to-day basis, any such assistance or supervision would be carried out on behalf of, and ultimately at the direction of, the Board of Commissioners.

2. Public Health

- a. The Burke County Board of Commissioners will become the county's local board of health.

If the Board of Commissioners does in fact adopt a resolution assuming all powers and duties of the Board of Health, at that time the Board of Commissioners will become the Burke County Board of Health. As such, it will have, among other powers and duties, the duties and responsibilities described in Chapter 130A of the North Carolina General Statutes, which include:

- (1) The responsibility to protect and promote the public health, and the authority to adopt rules necessary for that purpose;
- (2) The power to appoint the local health director; and
- (3) The power to direct the health director in his or her administration of local health programs.

The Board of Health selects the Health Director, and it is then the Health Director, per N.C.G.S. § 130A-41 and other statutes, who exercises many of the more specific day-to-day public health powers and responsibilities, including investigating infectious diseases and, if necessary, issuing isolation or quarantine orders.

In addition to its statutory powers and duties, the Board of Commissioners, now sitting as the Board of Health, will be responsible for meeting certain benchmarks in the accreditation process of the Burke County Health Department. These benchmarks are set out in Title 10A Chapter 48 Subchapter 48B of the North Carolina Administrative Code, and they include things such as:

- Having operating procedures that comply with state law;
- Having access to legal counsel;
- Adopting a fair and equitable adjudication process; and
- Holding training for board members on their role regarding service on the Board of Health.

The Board of Commissioners should, no less than once annually and perhaps more often, meet solely as the Board of Health to focus on these accreditation matters and ensure compliance with all state benchmarks. As these benchmarks already are required by the county's existing Board of Health, many of these programs and procedures will simply need to be transitioned to the Board of Commissioners. However, as noted below, the county's new public health advisory board will in fact have an important role in this accreditation process as well.

- b. The existing Burke County Board of Health will transition into an advisory role that (a) is mandated by statute and (b) will be vested by the Board of Commissioners with certain responsibilities regarding accreditation.

Like the existing social services board, the current Burke County Board of Health will transition into the Burke County Public Health Advisory Board. Similarly to the existing social services board, this new public health advisory board will have the same membership and terms as the Board of Health did prior to the adoption of the resolution by the Board of Commissioners. This new advisory board will also, like its social services counterpart, advise the Board of Commissioners on public health issues.

However, the public health advisory board is distinct in two (2) important ways. First, the existence of this board is mandated by statute. While the Board of Commissioners likely would create a public health advisory board regardless, N.C.G.S. § 153A-77 requires any board of commissioners that assumes the powers of the board of health to form an advisory committee that has the same membership that is required of a local board of health. Therefore, while the public health advisory board is clearly a best practice, it is also a matter of compliance with state law that this board exist.

Second, whereas the social services advisory board will have a more general mission, the public health advisory board can in fact be delegated certain substantive tasks and responsibilities.

The Burke County Public Health Advisory Board shall have the same membership and terms as the Burke County Board of Health immediately prior to the adoption of this resolution. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Burke County Public Health Advisory Board shall be the "advisory committee" required by N.C.G.S. § 153A-77 and shall have a membership consistent with the membership described in N.C.G.S. § 130A-35. The Burke County Public Health Board is hereby charged with the duty and responsibility for all accreditation activities described in Title 10A Chapter 48 Subchapter 48B of the North Carolina Administrative Code that may be undertaken by "the local board of health or the advisory committee."

Per the draft resolution attached to this report, the Burke County Board of Commissioners intends to delegate to the new public health advisory board

any and all accreditation responsibilities that it is permitted to under the North Carolina Administrative Code. Therefore, the Burke County Public Health Advisory Board will be responsible for meeting benchmarks such as:

- Reviewing community health assessment data and citizen input used to plan and monitor progress toward health-related goals;
- Assuring that individuals, agencies, and organizations have the opportunity to participate in the development of goals, objectives, and strategies for community health improvements;
- Communicating with other units of government and private foundations in support of the Burke County Health Department to secure national, state, and local financial resources;
- Informing elected officials and community boards about community health issues; and
- Taking actions to foster community input regarding public health issues.

The county will have to be able to demonstrate to the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services that the public health advisory board is meeting these benchmarks in order to retain the accreditation of the health department.

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Ultimately, while the County Manager may have a role in supervising and assisting the Health Director on a day-to-day basis, any such assistance or supervision would be carried out on behalf of, and ultimately at the direction of, the Board of Commissioners.

Chairman Brittain opened the floor for questions or comments. Vice Chairman Mulwee questioned how this process would affect an in-progress health grant. Mr. Epley asserted that it could be handled the same way as the opioid settlement funds. When there is subject matter expertise, along with technical and scientific knowledge in one department, but reporting is required through finance, strategy, and other areas, it is important to ensure the County is fully utilizing all opportunities. For instance, there could be grants that support priorities across different areas. By taking a broader perspective, the County can capitalize on more opportunities, rather than focusing solely on a single department. Collaborative grant administration tends to be more effective. He then responded to a question from Vice Chairman Mulwee on the various outcomes of grant money that is not utilized, which is dependent on the type of grant.

There being nothing further, Chairman Brittain opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. The Public Hearing Notice was published in the News Herald on July 20, 2024. Further, the notice was also posted on the County's website (www.burkenc.org) on July 29, 2024.

Isaac Crouch, Chairman of the Board of Health, referenced a strategic planning session held in early 2023 involving the Board of Health, department heads, and community leaders to set public health goals for the next four (4) to five (5) years. He highlighted the strong collaboration between the Health Department and local organizations, emphasizing their commitment to partnership and communication. Mr. Crouch raised concerns about the Board of Commissioners assuming control as the Burke County Board of Health, noting that the current Board of Health is composed of medical professionals who focus solely on public health. He then cited a study from the North Carolina Medical Journal, which suggests that transitioning to a commissioner-controlled board could weaken the Health Department's ability to address community health needs, particularly due to political influences. He urged the Board of Commissioners to pause and conduct a thorough study of other models before making a decision, citing potential negative impacts on public health outcomes. Mr. Crouch provided the Board of Commissioners with the Burke County Public Health Annual Report and a resolution from the Board of Health, requesting a comprehensive review of alternative solutions before any changes are made.

Note: the Burke County Public Health Annual Report for 2023 - 2024 is included in the 2024 08 20 BOC Full Agenda and is hereby incorporated into the meeting minutes by reference. The Board of Health Resolution was unavailable at the time of the agenda distribution and is as follows:



At several points during Mr. Crouch's comments, the audience erupted in applause prompting the Chairman to request the audience refrain from applause to preserve time due to the large number of participants who signed up to speak.

Sherry McGimsey expressed concerns about proposed changes to the Burke County Health Department. She questioned why such changes are being considered now, after 12 years of stability, emphasizing that the health department is not broken and is performing well. Ms. McGimsey asserted that the Health Department has a wealth of expertise, including doctors, nurses, dentists, engineers, and community members. As well as it being one (1) of only two (2) in North Carolina with national accreditation with a wealth of awards and national recognition. She expressed dismay at the idea of political interference in public health, stressing the importance of keeping politics out of the Board of Health. Ms. McGimsey shares her positive personal experience with the department, praising their professionalism and support when her organization, Brighter House, went through inspections and licensing for its mental health

services. She specifically praised Danny Scalise, Health Director, for his leadership and commitment to meeting the county's health needs, calling him a valuable asset. Ms. McGimsey urged the Board of Commissioners to trust the current system and avoid unnecessary changes that could disrupt the health department's effectiveness.

Rob Nelson expressed a strong opposition to the proposed changes to the Burke County Board of Health and the Board of Social Services, primarily criticizing the rushed process. He argued that the public has been given the bare minimum amount of time—just over 30 days—to understand the complex issue, which is insufficient for informed decision-making. He emphasized that both the Board of Health and the Board of Social Services have passed resolutions calling for more time to discuss the matter, and most public comments and local media have supported delaying the decision. Mr. Nelson criticized the lack of transparency, noting that County Manager Epley's presentation introduced new information, such as the eight (8) available models, which had not been previously shared with the public. He is frustrated that the Board is moving forward with voting on one (1) model without proper public discussion, calling the process rushed and non-transparent. He urged the Board of Commissioners to delay the vote for at least one (1) month to allow for more public engagement and understanding, emphasizing that making a decision now would go against the values of transparency and civic engagement. He concluded by noting that, of the 42 counties that considered this model, only 38% adopted the proposed model.

Artie McKesson Logan, 445 North College Street, provided her credentials and resume. As a retired state employee and licensed psychotherapist, she expressed concern about the proposed changes to the Health and Social Services Boards. She questioned the need for the shift from an advisory to an administrative model, emphasizing that professionals should be the ones making final decisions, not commissioners without clinical expertise. Ms. Logan shares an example from her time at Broughton Hospital, where judges—without medical training—had the final say on patient care, leading to ineffective outcomes. She feared a similar issue could arise if commissioners were tasked with overseeing public health decisions. She stressed that an evidence-based study specific to Burke County, considering factors like demographics, should be conducted to determine if the proposed model is more effective than the current one. Ms. Logan advocated for delaying the decision until a thorough feasibility study was completed by professionals and offered to be involved in the discussion. She emphasized that public health decisions should prioritize the well-being of the community and not be influenced by politics.

Alyson Callaway expressed concerns about the perceived "power grab" by the Board of Commissioners over the Health Department, arguing that the department doesn't need fixing or micromanagement. She questioned why changes are being considered when there's no clear evidence of problems, such as public complaints or lawsuits. Ms. Callaway emphasized that the public hasn't been given enough time to understand the reasons for the proposed changes. She praised the Board for its work in maintaining a balanced budget and a strong county credit score but pointed out the county's high poverty rate and the struggles of its employees. She suggested that, instead of changing the Health Department's structure, the Board should focus on improving wages for county employees, especially those in low-paying jobs, and address the high turnover in health and social services due to job-related stress and trauma. Ms. Callaway advocated for providing mental health support to county workers, such as in-house therapists, to improve overall job performance and reduce issues like absenteeism and substance abuse.

Dr. Anthony Frank, a physician and Vice Chair of the current Board of Health (BoH), spoke against the proposed governance change. He highlighted that he has served on the Board for over five (5) years, through two (2) health directors and a pandemic, without any prior indication of concerns about the BOH's performance. He emphasized that Burke County's Health Department is highly regarded statewide for its initiatives. Dr. Frank questioned the Board of Commissioners' motivation for the change, asking what specific problems they were trying to solve. He warned that shifting governance to the commissioners could introduce political influence into medical and health decisions, such as those related to masking and vaccination, which should remain free from political pressure. He concluded by urging the Board of Commissioners to consider the unanimous recommendation from the Board of Health to conduct further due diligence and study the potential impact of the proposed changes before moving forward.

Pastor Paul Carlson, 119 North King Street, expressed deep concern about keeping politics out of public health decisions. As a pastor, he stated that he often engages in discussions about politics, but he firmly believes that healthcare decisions should be made by medical professionals, not influenced by political parties or elections. He warned of the potential dangers of political involvement in health decisions and stressed that public health should be governed by trained experts who act in the best interests of the community. Pastor Carlson urged the Board of Commissioners to keep the Board of Health independent of political oversight, emphasizing that medical decisions, even if unpopular, must be free from political influence for the well-being of all citizens.

Leslie Kern expressed shock at County Manager Epley's support for shifting control of Burke County health decisions to the county commissioners, rather than keeping decisions guided by health professionals like doctors, nurses, and public health leaders alongside commissioners. While Mr. Epley asserted that this move would ensure we are all in the same boat rowing in the same direction during his presentation, Ms. Kern felt it would instead lead to decisions being controlled solely by the Commissioners, disregarding the expertise of professionals. She questioned County Manager Epley's claim that "nothing should change" under his plan, expressing doubt and recalling their father's advice: "If it's not broken, don't fix it." Citing national recognition for the county's health efforts, Ms. Kern argued that the current system is working well and shouldn't be altered.

Mary Charlotte Safford expressed support for the current structure of Burke County's health and social services departments, emphasizing their vital role in caring for the community's most vulnerable population—children. She highlighted the departments' work in providing mental and physical health services, developmental assistance, and child protection, including investigations and interventions in unsafe home environments. Ms. Safford questioned why the county would risk changing a system that effectively saves children's lives, echoing the sentiment of previous speakers: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." She urged the commissioners to prioritize children's well-being and maintain the current structure that successfully serves this critical need.

Richard Owensby thanked the Commissioners for holding the meeting. He expressed concern over whether the Board of Commissioners had already made up their minds about the proposed changes to the governance of Burke County's health and social services boards. He urged them to listen to the public's comments and allow more time for discussion. Drawing from his experience serving on both advisory and administrative county boards back in the 1990s, Mr. Owensby praised the dedication and expertise of the current Board of Health, emphasizing that

its members volunteer without compensation because they care about the health of the county. He questioned whether those professionals would be willing to return if the board was dissolved and how long it might take to replace them, raising concerns about the county's preparedness for a potential health emergency. Mr. Owensby also expressed concern about the control of opioid settlement funds and hoped it wouldn't become a political issue. He cited a study from the UNC School of Government, noting that only four (4) counties have adopted the proposed governance model, two (2) of which are much smaller than Burke County, making their situations less applicable. He questioned the urgency of the decision and suggested delaying it to study the impact of similar changes in other counties that have adopted this model. He concluded by echoing the sentiment: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Dr. Jonathan Brisson, an internal medicine physician, addressed the Commissioners as both a doctor and a concerned community member, emphasizing the critical importance of maintaining the independence and integrity of the Board of Health. He stressed that his role as a physician is to prioritize the health and well-being of his patients based on evidence, science, and research, and he believes the same approach should guide public health decisions. He expressed deep concern over the proposal to restructure the Board of Health, viewing it as a consolidation of power by a partisan commission lacking health expertise. Dr. Brisson argued that this move would compromise the quality of health decisions for the community, allowing political considerations to take precedence over public health. He warned that such a change could erode public trust, diminish the quality of health policies, and ultimately put lives at risk. Dr. Brisson urged the commissioners to reconsider the long-term impact of the decision, encouraging them to preserve the independence of the Board of Health and prioritize the health and well-being of the people over politics. He called on the Commissioners to stand with healthcare professionals and citizens in keeping public health decisions focused on the common good.

Jessie Stout, a pharmacist and a Board of Health member, shared her perspective, emphasizing her deep connection to the community and dedication to healthcare. Despite her relatively short time on the board since late 2022, she highlighted her nearly decade-long experience in healthcare. Ms. Stout volunteers on the board out of passion for the health and well-being of the community she was raised in, and she expressed pride in the work of the health department under the Health Director's, Danny Scalise, leadership. She emphasized that her remarks were not a criticism of the Commissioners but a call to ensure that healthcare decisions are made by those who work in the field daily. Ms. Stout stressed that understanding the impact of health decisions on patients requires direct experience with them and a thorough grasp of the ever-evolving healthcare landscape. She urged that the current Board of Health, composed of healthcare professionals, should continue to guide decisions affecting the health of Burke County in its current form.

Nancy Wood, 502 Willowbrook Drive, a Social Services Board member for the past four (4) years, spoke about her 25 years of experience in social work, including time working directly for a Department of Social Services (DSS) and as an advocate for families who utilize DSS services. She highlighted the expertise she and her fellow board members bring to the Social Services Board, emphasizing their understanding of DSS work from both worker, advocate and recipient perspectives. Ms. Wood expressed her disappointment in the lack of engagement during the Commissioners' lengthy discussions about changing the governance of the Social Services Board and the Board of Health. While she appreciated the proposal's inclusion of an Advisory Board, she felt that the process eroded trust among key players. She urged the Commissioners not to vote

in favor of the resolution to change governance and instead allow for meaningful conversations and planning to ensure that everyone works together more effectively. She concluded by reading from a resolution against the change that had been approved during the Social Services Board meeting earlier in the day:

A Resolution Seeking a Collaborative Approach to Assess the Governance, Organization, Operations, and Effectiveness of the Burke County Departments of Social Services and Public Health

WHEREAS, the Burke County Board of Commissioners has on its August 20, 2024 Agenda a Resolution Concerning the Transition of Administrative Boards (Social Services and Public Health) to Advisory Boards and a Related Public Hearing; and

WHEREAS, effective change management principles emphasize the importance of inclusive decision-making, stakeholder engagement, and gradual implementation; and

WHEREAS, there has been a lack of meaningful consultation with the Departments of Social Services and Public Health boards, leadership, employees, and clients who are knowledgeable about the unique needs and challenges of the populations they serve; and

WHEREAS, the rapid and unilateral nature of the decision-making process has created an environment of uncertainty and anxiety; and

WHEREAS, the accelerated timeline and absence of proper stakeholder input diminishes the opportunity to fully assess potential unintended consequences of this restructuring, leading to decisions that could exacerbate rather than alleviate existing challenges; and

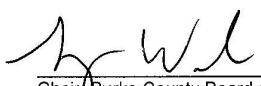
WHEREAS, incorporating safety, collaboration, and voice will more effectively serve the community; and

WHEREAS, the focus on rapid change rather than thoughtful transition engaging all parties reflects a pattern that is inconsistent with best practices in both governance and human services management, raising serious concerns about the long-term impact on community welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Burke County Board of Social Services, that;

1. The Burke County Board of Commissioners is requested to refrain from approving Resolution No. 2024-17 at its August 20th, 2024 meeting.
2. The Burke County Board of Commissioners is requested to engage with the Boards of Social Services and Public Health, along with the respective directors and county manager over a 60-day period, to develop a collaborative and transparent approach to assess the governance, organization, operations, and effectiveness of these departments.
3. The Burke County Board of Commissioners along with Boards of Social Services and Public Health, the respective directors and county manager are asked to engage in this collaborative approach in good faith, and to support and implement the findings and conclusions reached through it.

Adopted this 20th day of August, 2024.


Chair, Burke County Board of Social Services

Johnathan Poteat, a lifelong resident of Burke County, questioned the benefits of expanding the county's government to take charge of public health. He expressed concerns about the county's ability to remain impartial in making public health decisions. Mr. Poteat emphasized that his comments were not a personal attack but a reflection of his distrust in the Commissioners' ability to make unbiased decisions if the resolution is passed.

Laura Gratton, a family physician in Morganton who moved from the West Coast, expressed her pride in the community and her commitment to staying in Burke County. She has been involved with the local Board of Health and works with a group of physicians, most of whom live in the area. She voiced concerns about the rushed decision-making regarding changes to the Board of Health and urged the Commissioners to delay the decision to allow for more community

understanding and engagement. She emphasized the importance of making informed decisions for the health and well-being of the community, especially for the children.

There being no one else present to address the Board, the public hearing was closed at 8:01 p.m. Chairman Brittain expressed appreciation for the work of the Board of Health and the Board of Social Services, affirming that the proposal for change is not due to dissatisfaction with their performance. He clarified that if the proposal is adopted, the boards would continue to function in an advisory capacity without any gaps in management. Chairman Brittain emphasized that the goal of considering the changes is to potentially achieve better outcomes and improve the integration and effectiveness of the departments, not to undermine their current successes. He then opened the floor for questions or comments; there being none, he called for a motion.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2024-17.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Phil Smith, Commissioner
AYES:	Jeffrey C. Brittain, Scott Mulwee, Randy Burns, and Phil Smith
NAYS:	Johnnie W. Carswell

Commissioner Carswell, in response to the criticisms of the Board about transitioning the boards, made a few remarks. He read from *The News Herald*, "At this year's primary election, voters decided that they did not trust two outgoing commissioners with the future of our county. Making a long-term decision during a lame-duck session does not respect the will of the people and bypasses the input of the new commissioners who will inherit increased responsibilities and workload." He defended his actions by emphasizing his long tenure of 13 years on the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Carswell stated his long-standing commitment to doing what he believes is right for the community and denied any political approach to decision-making. He expressed frustration over accusations of political motivations and mistrust, reiterating that his decisions are guided by a sincere desire to help and serve the community, rather than political affiliation or pressure.

Resolution No. 2024-17 reads as follows:

BURKE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

RESOLUTION CONFERRING UPON THE BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ALL POWERS, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND DUTIES OF THE BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL
SERVICES AND THE BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. § 153A-76
AND N.C.G.S. § 153A-77(a) AND ALSO PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF COUNTY SOCIAL
SERVICES AND PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARDS

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. § 153A-76 and N.C.G.S. § 153A-77 set out the authority of county boards of commissioners over county commissions, boards, and agencies;

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. § 153A-77(a) authorizes a county board of commissioners to assume direct control of any activities theretofore conducted by or through any commission, board, or agency, including the board of social services and the board of health, by the adoption of a resolution

assuming and conferring upon the board of county commissioners all powers, responsibilities, and duties of such commission, board, or agency; and

WHEREAS, the Burke County Board of Commissioners (the "Board of Commissioners") hereby states its intention to assume and confer upon itself all powers, responsibilities, and duties of both the Burke County Board of Social Services and the Burke County Board of Health;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners may exercise this power and authority after a public hearing held by the Board of Commissioners pursuant to thirty (30) days' notice given in a newspaper having general circulation in Burke County;

WHEREAS, a notice of public hearing in these matters was published on July 20, 2024, in *The News Herald*, a newspaper having general circulation in Burke County;

WHEREAS, said public hearing was held at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners on August 20, 2024;

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. § 153A-76(a) further provides that the Board of Commissioners "may . . . appoint advisory boards, committees, councils and agencies composed of qualified and interested county residents to study, interpret and develop community support and cooperation in activities conducted by or under the authority of the board of commissioners...";

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners considers it critical to have the input of interested county residents on social services and public health matters; and

WHEREAS, the Burke County Board of Commissioners was convened in a regular meeting with a quorum present;

THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Burke County resolves that:

1. The Board of Commissioners, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 153A-76 and N.C.G.S. § 153A-77(a), does hereby assume and confer upon itself all powers, responsibilities, and duties of the Burke County Board of Social Services, effective as of the date hereof.
2. The Board of Commissioners, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 153A-76 and N.C.G.S. § 153A-77(a), does hereby assume and confer upon itself all powers, responsibilities, and duties of the Burke County Board of Health, effective as of the date hereof.
3. The Board of Commissioners hereby creates the Burke County Social Services Advisory Board. This Board shall have the same membership and terms as the Burke County Board of Social Services immediately prior to the adoption of this resolution.
4. The Board of Commissioners hereby creates the Burke County Public Health Advisory Board. This Board shall have the same membership and terms as the Burke County Board of Health immediately prior to the adoption of this resolution. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Burke County Public Health Advisory Board shall be the "advisory committee" required by N.C.G.S. § 153A-77 and shall have a membership consistent with the membership described in N.C.G.S. § 130A-35. The Burke County Public Health

Advisory Board is hereby charged with the duty and responsibility for all accreditation activities described in Title 10A Chapter 48 Subchapter 48B of the North Carolina Administrative Code that may be undertaken by "the local board of health or the advisory committee."

Adopted this 20th day of August 2024.

/s/: Jeffrey C. Brittain

Jeffrey C. Brittain, Chairman

Burke County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

/s/: Kay Honeycutt Draughn

Kay Honeycutt Draughn, CMC, NCMCC

Clerk to the Board

RECESS OF MEETING

At 8:06 p.m., the Board took a short recess. The meeting resumed at 8:14 p.m.

INFORMAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Brittain opened the floor for informal public comments and asked speakers to limit their comments to three (3) minutes.

Roxanne Reep, 3060 Corpening Chapel Road, shared her personal story as to the importance of protecting local waterways, specifically the Catawba River and its watershed. Drawing from her experiences of the health challenges she and her colleagues faced due to chemical exposure, she expressed concerns about the potential harm an industrial site could bring to the water supply. Having lived in areas with contaminated water and air, Ms. Reep emphasized the rarity and value of the clean water available in Burke County. She urged the Commissioners to protect this vital resource, stressing that the health and well-being of future generations depend on it. She acknowledged the importance of jobs and education but argued that without clean water, those opportunities would be meaningless.

Joanna Kentch voiced her concerns about the mega site project, expressing frustration over what she sees as a lack of genuine responsiveness from the Commissioners to the community's concerns. She linked the current situation with the mega site to the decision regarding the Board of Health, pointing out a pattern of ignoring public input. Ms. Kentch emphasized that despite repeated efforts—letters, meetings, and calls—their voices are not being truly heard. She argued that the mega site poses a significant threat to the local environment, particularly to the water and health of the community. Referencing a previous decision where the Commissioners overruled the Planning Board's recommendation against recommending the adoption of conditional zoning, Ms. Kentch stressed that the project goes against established zoning guidelines and is being pushed forward despite overwhelming opposition from the community. She vowed that the fight against the mega site will continue, stating that the community will not allow a hazardous waste-generating facility to jeopardize Burke County's pristine land and water resources.

Ann Chapman drew a parallel between Dr. Seuss' *The Lorax* and the current issues surrounding the proposed mega site project. By referencing the story's cautionary tale of environmental

destruction caused by unchecked industrialization, she highlighted the importance of protecting natural resources from exploitation. Ms. Chapman asserted that the story of *The Lorax* is still relevant today as it speaks directly to the real-life consequences of greed and carelessness that lead to environmental degradation. She cited Abraham Lincoln and referenced biblical teachings, referring to civic pride and moral responsibility. Ms. Chapman emphasized that caring for the environment is not only a matter of personal conscience but also of stewardship, where humanity is called to preserve and protect the planet for future generations.

Luke Harrill raised concerns about the practicality and need for a large industrial development at the proposed mega site. While acknowledging the importance of job creation, he questions the necessity of bringing in new businesses when there are existing companies in Burke County that are struggling to fill open positions. He argues that there is already a labor shortage in the county, with businesses unable to find workers, and bringing in a large-scale industry might only attract workers from outside the area rather than providing opportunities for local residents. Mr. Harrill suggested that instead of focusing on developing a new site, efforts should be made to revitalize existing, underutilized areas, such as the land where Drexel Furniture Company once stood. He highlights the environmental challenges of developing untouched land in the proposed mega site. By contrast, he proposes redeveloping land with an existing structure, such as Drexel Furniture Company, which would be less harmful to the environment and more practical in terms of cost and effort. His argument also touched on the impact of such development on the landscape, questioning the adequacy of a buffer zone and pointing out that even the buffer would not hide the industrial site from view.

Danny Kentch highlighted a deep concern over the proposed mega site development in Burke County, drawing a parallel to a previous industrial project that, in his view, failed to deliver on its promises. He references the 83-acre Burke County Business Park on Kathy Road, which was developed 20 years ago with significant public investment but has not attracted any businesses despite being fully equipped with infrastructure. His argument suggests that this previous attempt to bring industrial development to the area has not generated any returns, neither in terms of jobs nor tax revenue, and yet the county is considering an even larger-scale project. Mr. Kentch worried about the risk of repeating the same mistakes by investing in another industrial site—this time 15 times larger—based on the hope that if the county builds it, companies will come. He is particularly concerned about the environmental cost, arguing that Burke County's natural beauty is its greatest asset. He suggests that the mega site would further erode the county's natural resources for a speculative return that may never materialize, much like the business park that remains undeveloped. He concluded by questioning the rationale behind pushing forward with this large-scale project, especially when there is existing infrastructure ready for industrial use. In his view, the county would be better off returning unused funds rather than gambling on a project that might not benefit the community in the long run.

Dudley Greene expressed deep skepticism and frustration with the county's proposed Mega site project. He reflected on how the county has long been marketed as "nature's playground" and criticizes the abrupt shift towards industrial development, particularly questioning the use of the nearly \$36 million from the state. Mr. Greene suggests that this money could be better spent addressing existing county issues, rather than investing in a large-scale industrial site. He raised concerns about the lack of transparency, especially around the total costs of the project, including land purchasing and infrastructure upgrades. He also warned of potential traffic and safety issues that could arise from increased congestion at key intersections, like I-40 and Dysartsville Road.

Mr. Greene felt that the Board of Commissioners has relinquished too much control to Mr. Wood, who he asserts is driving the project without accountability to the citizens. He demanded more accountability from the commissioners, urging them to take control of the project, prioritize the interests of the community, and keep decision-making above board.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

BOC - APPOINTMENT TO VEDIC

Burke County appoints two (2) members to the Valdese Economic Development Investment Corporation (VEDIC). Seat No. 1 is vacant. The VEDIC Executive Committee requests the appointment of Commissioner Burns to fill this vacancy. Members serve until a replacement is appointed by the governmental entity.

Motion: To appoint Commissioner Randy Burns to the Valdese Economic Development Investment Corporation, Seat No. 1, until further notice.

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

BDI - BUILDING REUSE GRANT FOR PROJECT OFFICE

Burke Development, Inc. requested support from the County for Project Office, a local company, through a building reuse grant. The Project Office will focus on building improvements to assist with their growth. A grant application for up to \$175,000 is being submitted. Burke County is the applicant, and the Town of Hildebran will provide the 5% match of up to \$8,750 or \$4,375 each. Project Office will create 47 new jobs that will meet or exceed the average county wage as well as include healthcare benefits. The grant will be administered by Burke County if a grant award is received.

Budgetary Effect: The County's share of the local match is up to \$4,375.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2024-18. Further, to approve related agreements for a Building Reuse Grant and authorize the Chairman to execute them on behalf of the Board, subject to a grant award.

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

Resolution No. 2024-18 reads as follows:

Burke County
North Carolina

Authorizing Resolution
Rural Economic Development Division
North Carolina Department of Commerce
Building Reuse Program
2024 Project Office Building Reuse Application

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly authorized in 2013 funds to the North Carolina Department of Commerce Rural Economic Development Division to stimulate economic development and job creation. A portion of the funding authorized the making of grants to aid eligible units of government to stimulate the creation of jobs through the expansion and renovation of buildings that will spur economic activity; and

WHEREAS, Burke County desires to assist through grant funding the economic renovation of an existing building located in Hildebran to assist Project Office with an expansion; and

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

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

That Burke County and the Town of Hildebran will provide the minimum 5 percent match (\$8,750, \$4,375 each) for an estimated \$175,000 grant request, if approved for a grant.

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

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

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

Adopted this 20th day of August 2024.

/s/: Jeffrey C. Brittain
Jeffrey C. Brittain, Chairman
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners

CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

The undersigned duly qualified Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, Kay Honeycutt Draughn, does hereby certify: That the above/attached resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the NC Department Rural Economic Development Division, as adopted at a legally convened meeting of Burke County duly held on the 20th day of August 2024; and, further, that such resolution will be fully recorded in the journal of proceedings and records in my office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 20th day of August 2024.

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

CLERK - RESOLUTION APPOINTING & REMOVING REVIEW OFFICERS

The following resolution designates Logan Hanchett as a plat review officer for the City of Morganton and removes Wade Griffin.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2024-21.

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

Resolution No. 2024-21 reads as follows:

Burke County
North Carolina

Resolution
Appointing New Review Officers
Removing Review Officers

WHEREAS, Section 47-30.2 of the North Carolina General Statutes requires that the Board of Commissioners of each county designate one or more persons experienced in mapping or in land records management, as Review Officers, to review each map and plat required to be submitted for review before the map or plat is presented to the Register of Deeds for recording; and

WHEREAS, the Review Officer reviews subdivision plats for property located within the City's land use jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the City of Morganton requests that Planner Logan Hanchett be designated as a Plat Review Officer; and

WHEREAS, Wade Griffin is no longer employed by the City of Morganton; therefore, the City requests the removal of his name from the list of designated Plat Review Officers for the City of Morganton; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Burke County Board of Commissioners do hereby

appoint Logan Hanchett as a Review Officer for the City of Morganton pursuant to NC General Statute § 47-30.2 and gives him the authority to perform all responsibilities as such.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Wade Griffin is hereby removed as a Review Officer for the City of Morganton.

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

Adopted this 20th day of August 2024.

/s/: Jeffrey C. Brittain
Jeff Brittain, Chairman
Burke County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PROJECT PROGRAM CANAL BRIDGE SIDEWALK

The Greater Hickory Metropolitan Planning Organization, on behalf of NCDOT, called for projects for Locally Administered Project Program (LAPP) funding. Burke County applied to cover the construction costs of the Canal Bridge Sidewalk project. Since March 2021, the County has worked with Mattern & Craig Engineering on safe pedestrian crossing options for Canal Bridge. The project includes a 480-foot sidewalk on the bridge, connecting Lake James State Park parcels with the Fonta Flora and Overmountain Victory State Trails, and a crosswalk across 126 for a future trailhead.

In November 2023, NCDOT approved the plan and provided feedback. The total project cost in submitted grant documents was \$1,240,522, with a 20% local cash match required. Friends of Fonta Flora State Trail (F3ST) and Overmountain Victory North Carolina State Trail Friends Group (OVNCST) pledged to contribute towards the \$310,130.50 match. The County has paid for the engineering study and construction documents. If additional match funds are required beyond the partner's contribution, Duke CRA grant funds will be utilized.

The grant application closed on April 30, 2024, with an initial submission. The Board unanimously adopted a resolution in support for the canal bridge sidewalk at the May 21, 2024, meeting. However, there has been a change in the grant amount and match required. This was a request to adopt an updated resolution.

Budgetary Effect: None; County component paid from grant funds.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2024-19 and authorize the County Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding subject to review and / or revision by the County Attorney.

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

Resolution No. 2024-19 reads as follows:

Burke County
North Carolina

Resolution in Support for the Canal Bridge Sidewalk as a
2024 Locally Administered Project Program Application

WHEREAS, the Greater Hickory Metropolitan Planning Organization (GHMPO) issued a call for projects to agencies in its jurisdiction for the Locally Administered Project Program (LAPP); and

WHEREAS, Burke County proposes to submit an application for funds for the Fonta Flora and Overmountain Victory State Trails for the construction of 480 linear feet of on-deck sidewalk on Canal Bridge which extends the existing Overmountain Victory trail in Lake James State Park. This will create a valuable link between state park parcels allowing for safe pedestrian crossing; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive funds Burke County is required to provide a 20 percent local cash match, or \$310,130.50 to the requested grant amount of \$1,240,522; and

WHEREAS, Burke County will receive letters of support and will sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Friends of Fonta Flora State Trail and Overmountain Victory North Carolina State Trail Friends Group that commits them to contribute to the local cash match of \$310,130.50.

NOW THEREFORE, the Burke County Board of Commissioners resolves to support the application to the 2024 Locally Administered Project Program Call and provide the 20 percent local cash match via monies provided by the trail partners and Burke County.

Adopted this 20th day of August 2024.

/s/: Jeffrey C. Brittain
Jeffrey C. Brittain, Chairman
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners

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

TAX DEPT. - TAX COLLECTION REPORT FOR JULY 2024

The Board of Commissioners was presented with the Tax Collection Report for the period between July 1, 2024, and July 31, 2024, at the pre-agenda meeting.

Category	Annual Budget	Amount Collected YTD	% Collected	Balance to Collect
Property Tax	\$54,793,479	\$4,249,672.84	7.76%	\$50,543,506.16
Motor Vehicle Tax	\$5,706,244	\$519,369.06	10.23%	\$4,556,874.94
Current Year Taxes	\$59,569,244	\$4,769,041.90	7.97%	\$55,100,381.10
Delinquent Taxes	\$700,000	\$133,548.76	19.08%	\$566,451.24
Penalty & Interest	\$329,000	\$29,253.47	8.89%	\$299,746.53

The Tax Levy is the total property tax value not including motor vehicles times the tax rate.

Category	Tax Levy	Amount Collected YTD	% Collected	Balance to Collect
Property Tax	\$53,631,442.26	\$4,249,672.84	7.92%	\$49,381,769.42

Motion: To accept the Tax Collection Report for July 2024 as presented.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Scott Mulwee, Vice Chairman

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

TAX DEPT. - RELEASE REFUND REPORT FOR JULY 2024

The Board of Commissioners was presented with the following list of releases and refunds for consideration at the pre-agenda meeting.

Tax System Refunds and Releases			
Report Amount	Rebilled Amount	Net Release	Refund Amount
\$216,354.16	\$146,616.43	\$69,737.73	\$0.00

VTS Refunds Over \$100	
	Refund Amount
VTS Adjustments	\$167.67

Primary Owner	Refund Type	Bill #	Plate Number	Transaction #	Refund Reason	Create Date	Tax Jurisd.	Levy Type	Change	Interest Change	Total Change
SHATLEY, ROGER NEIL	Adjustment >= \$100	0079274265	TJ7458	420376860	Situs error	7/22/2024	01	TAX	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
							57	TAX	(\$175.80)	\$0.00	(\$175.80)
							57	VEHICLE FEE	(\$20.00)	\$0.00	(\$20.00)
							20	TAX	\$28.13	\$0.00	\$28.13
										Refund	\$167.67
										Refund Total	\$167.67

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					
0000000024-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	TURNER, PATRICIA WILLIS	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/24/2024	804.92	804.92	0.00
0000000024-2024-2024-0000-01-REG	TURNER, PATRICIA WILLIS	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/24/2024	446.46	446.46	0.00
0000000243-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	LAMBERT, ROLAND A	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/26/2024	1,477.42	6.16	1,471.26
0000001029-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	TILSON, CAROL SCHUESSLER	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/22/2024	907.66	907.66	0.00
0000001029-2024-2024-0000-01-REG	TILSON, CAROL SCHUESSLER	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/23/2024	499.28	499.28	0.00
0000002335-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	LAMBERT, BILLY RAY	7/15/2024	LINDA WILBUR	7/24/2024	634.18	634.18	0.00
0000002335-2024-2024-0000-01-REG	LAMBERT, BILLY RAY	7/15/2024	LINDA WILBUR	7/24/2024	389.45	389.45	0.00
0000002335-2024-2024-0000-02-REG	LAMBERT, BILLY RAY	7/15/2024	LINDA WILBUR	7/24/2024	634.18	634.18	0.00
0000002335-2024-2024-0000-03-REG	LAMBERT, BILLY RAY	7/15/2024	LINDA WILBUR	7/24/2024	389.45	389.45	0.00
0000002392-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	KEDZIERSKI, KATE	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/26/2024	310.14	2.80	307.34
0000002794-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	STYLES, ALYCE B	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/24/2024	865.13	865.13	0.00
0000002794-2024-2024-0000-01-REG	STYLES, ALYCE B	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/24/2024	487.26	487.26	0.00
0000003573-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	WASHBURN, DIATRA KILLEN	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/24/2024	883.91	883.91	0.00
0000003573-2024-2024-0000-01-REG	WASHBURN, DIATRA KILLEN	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/24/2024	599.35	599.35	0.00
0000005412-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	STINE, MEARL	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/22/2024	367.51	367.51	0.00
0000005412-2024-2024-0000-01-REG	STINE, MEARL	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/22/2024	227.51	227.51	0.00
0000006441-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	PERKINS, THOMAS ALLEN	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/26/2024	531.03	3.08	527.95
0000007979-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	SWINK, WILLIAM B	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/24/2024	598.85	598.85	0.00
0000007979-2024-2024-0000-01-REG	SWINK, WILLIAM B	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/24/2024	347.15	347.15	0.00
0000007992-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	TALLENT, MARY B	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/22/2024	930.34	930.34	0.00
0000007992-2024-2024-0000-01-REG	TALLENT, MARY B	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/23/2024	509.62	509.62	0.00
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0000008329-2024-2024-0000-01-REG	TONEY, REBA	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/24/2024	412.85	412.85	0.00
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0000009297-2024-2024-0000-01-REG	WHISENANT, SADIE	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/24/2024	519.05	519.05	0.00
0000010430-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	BERRY, RALPH WARD JR	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/23/2024	1,753.95	42.00	1,711.95
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0000013249-2024-2024-0000-01-REG	WOOD, LOIS A	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/23/2024	437.76	437.76	0.00
0000013460-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	WHITTEMORE, MARGARET MANN	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/22/2024	984.15	984.15	0.00
0000013460-2024-2024-0000-01-REG	WHITTEMORE, MARGARET MANN	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/23/2024	536.49	536.49	0.00
0000013743-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	BECK, CARL E III	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/23/2024	1,583.68	6.16	1,577.52
0000013853-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	WILLIAMS, IMOGENE B	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/22/2024	534.68	534.68	0.00
0000013853-2024-2024-0000-01-REG	WILLIAMS, IMOGENE B	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/23/2024	311.54	311.54	0.00
0000014358-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	TATE, FRANCES B	7/15/2024	LINDA WILBUR	7/24/2024	1,141.76	1,141.76	0.00
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0000014358-2024-2024-0000-02-REG	TATE, FRANCES B	7/15/2024	LINDA WILBUR	7/24/2024	1,141.76	1,141.76	0.00
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0000014757-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	WINEBERGER, PRESTON E	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/24/2024	495.76	495.76	0.00
0000014757-2024-2024-0000-01-REG	WINEBERGER, PRESTON E	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/24/2024	293.78	293.78	0.00
0000015872-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	TEMPLETON, RONALD D	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/24/2024	1,062.34	1,062.34	0.00
0000015872-2024-2024-0000-01-REG	TEMPLETON, RONALD D	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/24/2024	575.17	575.17	0.00
0000016618-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	WOOTEN, BRYAN R	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/23/2024	616.61	616.61	0.00
0000016618-2024-2024-0000-01-REG	WOOTEN, BRYAN R	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/23/2024	354.15	354.15	0.00
0000017146-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	D'ALESSANDRO, NICHOLAS	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/23/2024	1,321.81	95.20	1,226.61
0000018029-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	DAVIS, CHARLES LEONARD	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/23/2024	429.18	429.18	0.00
0000018029-2024-2024-0000-02-REG	COATES, LARRY DEAN	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/23/2024	689.44	689.44	0.00
0000019325-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	YOUNG, BONNIE ECKARD	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/25/2024	463.48	463.48	0.00
0000019325-2024-2024-0000-01-REG	YOUNG, BONNIE ECKARD	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/25/2024	304.57	304.57	0.00
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0000019395-2024-2024-0000-01-REG	ROSEMAN, LINDA L	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/24/2024	191.97	191.97	0.00
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0000020054-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	GILBERT, DOUGLAS	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/22/2024	481.97	8.40	473.57
0000020966-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	LAIL, GARY ALLEN	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/29/2024	629.99	5.60	624.39
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0000021081-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	HOLLAWAY, CARROLL K	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/22/2024	1,033.01	1,033.01	0.00
0000021081-2024-2024-0000-01-REG	HOLLAWAY, CARROLL K	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/23/2024	733.95	733.95	0.00
0000021513-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	HUFFMAN, GERALD DEAN SR	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/24/2024	226.72	226.72	0.00
0000021513-2024-2024-0000-01-REG	HUFFMAN, GERALD DEAN SR	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/24/2024	366.72	366.72	0.00
0000021982-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	SMITH, RICHARD F	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/24/2024	858.11	858.11	0.00
0000021982-2024-2024-0000-01-REG	SMITH, RICHARD F	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/24/2024	475.56	475.56	0.00
0000023036-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	SNOW, RACHEL BUMGARDNER	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/24/2024	532.28	532.28	0.00
0000023036-2024-2024-0000-01-REG	SNOW, RACHEL BUMGARDNER	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/24/2024	392.28	392.28	0.00
0000023296-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	SUDDRETH, BRENDA JANE	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/22/2024	745.59	745.59	0.00
0000023296-2024-2024-0000-01-REG	SUDDRETH, BRENDA JANE	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/23/2024	418.60	418.60	0.00

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0000024472-2024-2024-0000-01-REG	PAIGE, SHIRLEY B	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/24/2024	426.21	426.21	0.00
0000024778-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	SMITH, HARLAN W	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/22/2024	1,007.95	1,007.95	0.00
0000024778-2024-2024-0000-01-REG	SMITH, HARLAN W	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/23/2024	729.65	729.65	0.00
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0000026880-2024-2024-0000-03-REG	SOTELO, MARIAM GREENE	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/24/2024	504.58	504.58	0.00
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0000028656-2024-2024-0000-02-REG	WILSON, AGNES LEONA	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/24/2024	382.88	382.88	0.00
0000028656-2024-2024-0000-03-REG	WILSON, AGNES LEONA	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/24/2024	242.88	242.88	0.00
0000029585-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	OWENBY, ALICE FAYE	7/15/2024	LINDA WILBUR	7/22/2024	87.95	87.95	0.00
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0000036826-2024-2024-0000-03-REG	VANDIFORD, HAZEL W	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/24/2024	413.68	413.68	0.00
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0000042481-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	SMITH, MAX CARROLL	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/19/2024	134.78	134.78	0.00
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0000046936-2024-2024-0000-01-REG	STEPHENS, ROBERT S SR	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/22/2024	1,386.83	1,386.83	0.00
0000049343-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	STARK, ALFRED T	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/26/2024	273.82	273.82	0.00
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0000051054-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	COFFEY, THOMAS S	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/26/2024	6,327.29	16.39	6,310.90
0000053435-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	SMITH, KAREN	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/26/2024	777.69	777.69	0.00
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0000057008-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	YOUNG, JUDY E	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/22/2024	1,326.93	1,326.93	0.00
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0000077666-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	HINEGARDNER, ELTON J	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/23/2024	11.20	5.60	5.60
0000079899-2017-2017-0000-00-REG	EDWARDS, KAREN	7/1/2017	LINDA WILBUR	7/3/2024	197.72	111.63	86.09
0000085858-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	COLAIEZZI, LAWRENCE JOSEPH	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/26/2024	5.85	5.85	0.00
0024007666-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	STEPHENS, TESHANNA	7/3/2023	KAYLA BURGESS	7/31/2024	94.16	94.16	0.00
0024007666-2024-2024-0000-01-REG	CEDAR STREET LAND TRUST	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/31/2024	94.16	94.16	0.00
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0024020370-2024-2024-0000-01-REG	SUMMERLIN, LINDA N	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/24/2024	419.83	419.83	0.00
0024020900-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	WHEELER, BEVERLYN JAREDA	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/24/2024	1,208.09	1,208.09	0.00
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0024025801-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	HANRAHAN, MICHAEL R	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/23/2024	5,545.24	140.70	5,404.54
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0024033508-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	DRUM, KIMBERLY M	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/29/2024	19.60	5.60	14.00

0024052571-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	JOHNSON, CYNTHIA SMITH	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/22/2024	918.59	918.59	0.00
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0024070179-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	COMMUNITY COFFEE COMPANY	7/15/2024	LINDA WILBUR	7/24/2024	43.94	19.18	24.76
0024074101-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	GENTIEU, KIMBERLY	7/15/2024	LOUISE JOHNSON	7/23/2024	109.42	109.42	0.00
0024075886-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	STROUPE PROPERTIES LLC	7/15/2024	AMANDA CONLEY	7/22/2024	1,837.72	1,837.72	0.00
0024075887-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	STROUPE PROPERTIES LLC	7/15/2024	AMANDA CONLEY	7/22/2024	1,837.72	1,837.72	0.00
0024076190-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	BUFF, JAMES HOWARD	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/24/2024	608.26	608.26	0.00
0024076190-2024-2024-0000-01-REG	BUFF, JAMES HOWARD	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/24/2024	384.76	384.76	0.00
0024076190-2024-2024-0000-02-REG	BUFF, JAMES HOWARD	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/24/2024	608.26	608.26	0.00
0024076190-2024-2024-0000-03-REG	BUFF, JAMES HOWARD	7/15/2024	EMILY PETERSEN	7/24/2024	384.76	384.76	0.00
0024076399-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	APPLEBY, WILLIAM DAVID JR	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/30/2024	22.76	2.80	19.96
Subtotal					\$101,315.56	\$77,622.57	\$23,692.99
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY		RELEASE REASON: Adjustment Release					
0000014123-2024-2024-0000-01-PRV	TOWN OF VALDESE	6/5/2024	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/24/2024	53.69	53.69	0.00
0000030874-2024-2024-0000-01-PRV	TOWN OF VALDESE	6/5/2024	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/24/2024	596.71	596.71	0.00
0024055852-2024-2024-0000-00-PRV	WALLIN, LISA MARIE	3/8/2024	BatchBill DPC	7/13/2024	54.94	54.94	0.00
Subtotal					\$705.34	\$705.34	\$0.00
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY		RELEASE REASON: Amended Listing					
0000081487-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	CSI LEASING INC	7/15/2024	LOUISE JOHNSON	7/26/2024	91.06	91.06	0.00
0024059003-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	ENTERPRISES RIVIERA MAYAN	7/15/2024	LINDA WILBUR	7/25/2024	6.09	6.09	0.00
Subtotal					\$97.15	\$97.15	\$0.00
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY		RELEASE REASON: Assessed In Error					
0024020273-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	DATA SALES COMPANY INC	7/15/2024	LOUISE JOHNSON	7/24/2024	5.26	5.26	0.00
0024034180-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	MARLIN LEASING INC	7/15/2024	LOUISE JOHNSON	7/25/2024	9.21	9.21	0.00
Subtotal					\$14.47	\$14.47	\$0.00
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY		RELEASE REASON: Billing Correction					
0000018799-2024-2024-0001-00-PRV	BECK, ERNEST JERRY	3/8/2024	DAWN HUTCHINS	7/19/2024	955.43	955.43	0.00
Subtotal					\$955.43	\$955.43	\$0.00
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY		RELEASE REASON: Business Closed					
0024047867-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	IBM CREDIT LLC	7/15/2024	LOUISE JOHNSON	7/24/2024	66.38	66.38	0.00
0024067423-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	LUMA FILMS	7/15/2024	LINDA WILBUR	7/23/2024	27.61	27.61	0.00
0024070169-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	TOYOTA INDUSTRIES	7/15/2024	LOUISE JOHNSON	7/24/2024	56.13	56.13	0.00
0024070256-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	EL CENTRO BEAUTY SALON	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	7/25/2024	30.80	30.80	0.00
0024070256-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	EL CENTRO BEAUTY SALON	7/15/2024	LINDA WILBUR	7/25/2024	33.88	33.88	0.00
Subtotal					\$214.80	\$214.80	\$0.00
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY		RELEASE REASON: Deceased					
0000029585-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	OWENBY, ALICE FAYE	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	7/22/2024	131.95	131.95	0.00
Subtotal					\$131.95	\$131.95	\$0.00
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY		RELEASE REASON: Discovery Billing					
0000004219-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	IRVIN CIRCLE K ENTERPRISES,	7/15/2024	AMANDA CONLEY	7/22/2024	1,149.60	1,149.60	0.00
Subtotal					\$1,149.60	\$1,149.60	\$0.00
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY		RELEASE REASON: Exempt Property					
0000021076-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	CITY OF HICKORY	7/15/2024	AMANDA CONLEY	7/19/2024	1,270.46	1,270.46	0.00
0000047739-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	TOWN OF DREXEL	7/15/2024	AMANDA CONLEY	7/16/2024	388.09	388.09	0.00
0000061056-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	BURKE COUNTY	7/15/2024	AMANDA CONLEY	7/16/2024	6.08	6.08	0.00
Subtotal					\$1,658.55	\$2,965.43	\$0.00
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY		RELEASE REASON: Situs Correction					
0000077349-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	SELLERS, EDDIE L	7/15/2024	LOUISE JOHNSON	7/30/2024	1,137.85	1,137.85	0.00
0000081713-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	SOUTHERN EXPOSURE	7/15/2024	LOUISE JOHNSON	7/30/2024	24.50	24.50	0.00
Subtotal					\$1,162.35	\$1,162.35	\$0.00
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY		RELEASE REASON: Over Assessment					
0000001833-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	FORMHALS, BRIAN	7/15/2024	LINDA WILBUR	7/25/2024	1,742.47	3.08	1,739.39
0000019963-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	FULTON, DAVID C	7/15/2024	LOUISE JOHNSON	7/29/2024	1,486.77	25.20	1,461.57
0000039674-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	ECKARD, BUDDY	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/31/2024	511.76	11.48	500.28
0000085933-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	PARKS, PATSY DONELLA	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/25/2024	99.27	93.11	6.16
Subtotal					\$3,840.27	\$132.87	\$3,707.40
0000019704-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	DUSTY GEORGES INVESTMENTS,	7/15/2024	AMANDA CONLEY	7/23/2024	136.05	136.05	0.00
0000020942-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	HILDEBRAN, JAMES TERRY	7/15/2024	AMANDA CONLEY	7/23/2024	153.38	153.38	0.00
0000024508-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	SUNDARA, MARK	7/15/2024	AMANDA CONLEY	7/23/2024	2,088.24	2,088.24	0.00
0000032911-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	HILDEBRAN, JAMES TERRY	7/15/2024	AMANDA CONLEY	7/23/2024	1,164.99	1,164.99	0.00
0000041296-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	HILDEBRAN, JAMES TERRY	7/15/2024	AMANDA CONLEY	7/23/2024	71.42	71.42	0.00
0000049877-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	SECREST, WILLIAM M	7/15/2024	LINDA WILBUR	7/22/2024	2,474.47	43.29	2,431.18
0000052528-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	BAILEY, BILLY J	7/15/2024	LINDA WILBUR	7/23/2024	877.66	156.80	720.86
0000057752-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	SITTS, JAMES IRA	7/15/2024	LOUISE JOHNSON	7/26/2024	1,345.75	5.60	1,340.15
0000057752-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	SITTS, JAMES IRA	7/15/2024	LOUISE JOHNSON	7/26/2024	1,340.15	6.78	1,333.37
0000057752-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	SITTS, JAMES IRA	7/15/2024	LOUISE JOHNSON	7/26/2024	1,333.37	5.60	1,327.77
0000057752-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	SITTS, JAMES IRA	7/15/2024	LOUISE JOHNSON	7/26/2024	1,327.77	12.26	1,315.51
0000060970-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	HILDEBRAN, JAMES TERRY	7/15/2024	AMANDA CONLEY	7/23/2024	165.14	165.14	0.00
0000077577-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	WHITAKER DENTAL ASSOCIATES	7/15/2024	LOUISE JOHNSON	7/30/2024	1,062.01	1,062.01	0.00
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0000079899-2015-2015-0000-00-REG	EDWARDS, KAREN	7/1/2015	LINDA WILBUR	7/3/2024	211.61	109.22	102.39

0000079899-2016-2016-0000-00-REG	EDWARDS, KAREN	7/1/2016	LINDA WILBUR	7/3/2024	180.17	164.29	15.88
0000079899-2018-2018-0000-00-REG	EDWARDS, KAREN	7/1/2018	LINDA WILBUR	7/3/2024	198.12	111.63	86.49
0000079899-2019-2019-0000-00-REG	EDWARDS, KAREN	7/1/2019	LINDA WILBUR	7/3/2024	190.93	105.90	85.03
0000079899-2020-2020-0000-00-REG	EDWARDS, KAREN	7/1/2020	LINDA WILBUR	7/3/2024	158.66	74.92	83.74
0000079899-2021-2021-0000-00-REG	EDWARDS, KAREN	7/1/2021	LINDA WILBUR	7/3/2024	161.51	74.92	86.59
0000079899-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	EDWARDS, KAREN	7/1/2022	LINDA WILBUR	7/3/2024	167.51	167.51	0.00
0000079899-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	EDWARDS, KAREN	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	7/3/2024	116.64	116.64	0.00
0024050693-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	DEAL, DONALD D	7/15/2024	LINDA WILBUR	7/24/2024	33.26	33.26	0.00
0024077500-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	HANSON, STAUSH WILLIAM	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/29/2024	46.20	46.20	0.00
0024077545-2024-2023-0000-00-REG	THOMAS, JIMMY	6/11/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/26/2024	44.35	44.35	0.00
0024077545-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	THOMAS, JIMMY	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/26/2024	20.70	20.70	0.00
0024077678-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	VANCE, RICKEY DALE	7/15/2024	LINDA WILBUR	7/22/2024	20.33	20.33	0.00
Subtotal					\$15,304.78	\$6,270.64	\$9,034.14
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY		RELEASE REASON: Mapping Correction					
000008039-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	DRAKE, SHANNON ABERNATHY	7/15/2024	AMANDA CONLEY	7/23/2024	2,953.73	2,953.73	0.00
0000019242-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	SHELBY ROAD PROPERTIES LLC	7/15/2024	AMANDA CONLEY	7/23/2024	775.60	775.60	0.00
0000033504-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	STROUPE PROPERTIES, LLC	7/15/2024	AMANDA CONLEY	7/22/2024	12,136.93	12,136.93	0.00
0000051453-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	CARSWELL, DANNY RAY	7/15/2024	AMANDA CONLEY	7/22/2024	4.03	4.03	0.00
0024070647-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	STROUPE PROPERTIES, LLC	7/15/2024	AMANDA CONLEY	7/22/2024	5,478.69	5,478.69	0.00
0024070648-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	STROUPE PROPERTIES, LLC	7/15/2024	AMANDA CONLEY	7/22/2024	5,561.65	5,561.65	0.00
0024076073-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	STRAWBERRY, CARL WILLIAM JR	7/15/2024	AMANDA CONLEY	7/19/2024	12,343.80	12,343.80	0.00
Subtotal					\$39,254.43	\$39,254.43	\$0.00
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY		RELEASE REASON: Value Change					
0000018534-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	HILL, JEFFREY ALAN	7/15/2024	AMANDA CONLEY	7/31/2024	858.22	647.92	210.30
0000026498-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	SMITH, RANDALL	7/15/2024	AMANDA CONLEY	7/30/2024	435.97	317.45	118.52
0000058775-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	ZOOK HOLDINGS, LLC	7/1/2022	AMANDA CONLEY	7/26/2024	2,467.79	420.98	2,046.81
Subtotal					3761.98	1,386.35	2375.63
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY		RELEASE REASON: Not in Burke County					
0000014101-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	OWENS, GREGORY	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/22/2024	1,215.27	9.24	1,206.03
0000033056-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	SMITH, PERRY E	7/15/2024	LINDA WILBUR	7/22/2024	1,802.17	15.40	1,786.77
0000035372-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	WELLMAN, STEVEN BRADLEY	10/23/2023	KAYLA BURGESS	7/26/2024	137.82	137.82	0.00
0000035372-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	TENIENTE, FERNANDO	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/26/2024	104.94	104.94	0.00
0000081606-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	BOURNE, TERRI LYNN	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	7/25/2024	6.16	6.16	0.00
0000081606-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	BOURNE, TERRI LYNN	7/15/2024	LINDA WILBUR	7/25/2024	6.16	6.16	0.00
0024052948-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	KOMATSU FINANCIAL LIMITED	7/15/2024	LOUISE JOHNSON	7/24/2024	255.90	255.90	0.00
0024055818-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	HARTMAN, MARCY MARIE	7/1/2022	LINDA WILBUR	7/26/2024	104.74	104.74	0.00
0024055818-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	HARTMAN, MARCY MARIE	7/3/2023	LINDA WILBUR	7/26/2024	75.95	75.95	0.00
0024055818-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	HARTMAN, MARCY MARIE	7/15/2024	LINDA WILBUR	7/26/2024	34.56	34.56	0.00
0024055899-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	IVES, AMY FOWLER	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/30/2024	50.58	50.58	0.00
0024077207-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	CDM FLYER LLC	7/15/2024	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/23/2024	10,472.00	10,472.00	0.00
0024077310-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	MILE HIGH VENTURES INC	7/15/2024	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/22/2024	1,694.00	1,694.00	0.00
Subtotal					\$15,960.25	\$12,967.45	\$2,992.80
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY		RELEASE REASON: Release LFUF					
0000000432-2020-2020-0000-00-REG	LEONHARDT, GINA M	7/1/2020	AMANDA CONLEY	7/23/2024	535.74	72.00	463.74
0000000432-2021-2021-0000-00-REG	LEONHARDT, GINA M	7/1/2021	AMANDA CONLEY	7/23/2024	543.74	76.00	467.74
0000000432-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	LEONHARDT, GINA M	7/1/2022	AMANDA CONLEY	7/23/2024	555.74	82.00	473.74
0000000432-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	LEONHARDT, GINA M	7/3/2023	AMANDA CONLEY	7/23/2024	698.49	88.00	610.49
0000008249-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	ELBERSON, BILLY WAYNE	7/15/2024	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/25/2024	576.99	88.00	488.99
0000011698-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	LOWMAN, JIM	7/15/2024	AMANDA CONLEY	7/25/2024	949.56	88.00	861.56
0000025631-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	PRUITT, DONALD M	7/15/2024	AMANDA CONLEY	7/29/2024	537.32	88.00	449.32
0000029585-2024-2024-0000-01-REG	OWENBY, ALICE FAYE	7/15/2024	LINDA WILBUR	7/22/2024	227.95	227.95	0.00
0000030570-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	SMITH, BRENDA S	7/15/2024	AMANDA CONLEY	7/31/2024	793.00	88.00	705.00
0000032890-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	LONG, BARRY D	7/15/2024	AMANDA CONLEY	7/24/2024	255.76	88.00	167.76
0000045047-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	CITY OF MORGANTON	7/15/2024	AMANDA CONLEY	7/16/2024	176.00	176.00	0.00
0000057598-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	SMITH, MAX CARROLL	7/15/2024	LOUISE JOHNSON	7/29/2024	358.44	88.00	270.44
0000075986-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	PIERCY, JOHNNY A SR	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/30/2024	285.80	176.00	109.80
0000079899-2014-2014-0000-00-REG	EDWARDS, KAREN	7/1/2014	LINDA WILBUR	7/5/2024	105.18	60.60	44.58
0000079899-2015-2015-0000-00-REG	EDWARDS, KAREN	7/1/2015	LINDA WILBUR	7/3/2024	102.39	62.00	40.39
0000079899-2017-2017-0000-00-REG	EDWARDS, KAREN	7/1/2017	LINDA WILBUR	7/3/2024	86.09	70.00	16.09
0000079899-2018-2018-0000-00-REG	EDWARDS, KAREN	7/1/2018	LINDA WILBUR	7/3/2024	86.49	72.00	14.49
0000079899-2020-2020-0000-00-REG	EDWARDS, KAREN	7/1/2020	LINDA WILBUR	7/3/2024	83.74	72.00	11.74
0000079899-2021-2021-0000-00-REG	EDWARDS, KAREN	7/1/2021	LINDA WILBUR	7/3/2024	86.59	76.00	10.59
0000081606-2016-2016-0000-00-REG	BOURNE, TERRI LYNN	7/1/2016	LINDA WILBUR	7/25/2024	83.90	65.00	18.90
0000081606-2017-2017-0000-00-REG	BOURNE, TERRI LYNN	7/1/2017	LINDA WILBUR	7/25/2024	89.32	70.00	19.32
0000081606-2018-2018-0000-00-REG	BOURNE, TERRI LYNN	7/1/2018	LINDA WILBUR	7/25/2024	91.32	72.00	19.32
0000081606-2019-2019-0000-00-REG	BOURNE, TERRI LYNN	7/1/2019	LINDA WILBUR	7/25/2024	91.80	72.00	19.80
0000081606-2020-2020-0000-00-REG	BOURNE, TERRI LYNN	7/1/2020	LINDA WILBUR	7/25/2024	80.94	72.00	8.94
Subtotal					\$7,482.29	\$2,189.55	\$5,292.74

TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY		RELEASE REASON: Sold/Traded					
0000002106-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	LEDFORD, TRAVIS K	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/29/2024	1,865.65	13.58	1,852.07
0000010867-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	BLAKENEY, JOHN WILLIAM	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/30/2024	658.34	6.16	652.18
0000012212-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	ANDERSON, CHARLES L	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/22/2024	2,984.40	6.16	2,978.24
0000015973-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	NANNEY, CAROLYN C	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/19/2024	169.16	9.95	159.21
0000015997-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	GREENE, LEONARD S	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/26/2024	1,272.99	7.48	1,265.51
0000015997-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	GREENE, LEONARD S	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/26/2024	1,265.51	7.49	1,258.02
0000018982-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	CRAWFORD, KEVIN E	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/22/2024	1,115.22	6.16	1,109.06
0000020483-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	HARKLERODE, GORDON LEE	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/23/2024	900.00	6.16	893.84
0000022544-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	PRICE, GEORGE N	7/15/2024	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/19/2024	557.18	11.09	546.09
0000023091-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	MACE, LARRY JOE	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/24/2024	807.31	28.92	778.39
0000023091-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	MACE, LARRY JOE	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/24/2024	778.39	1.85	776.54
0000026920-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	SPEAGLE, JOHN R	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/31/2024	1,221.05	6.16	1,214.89
0000027348-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	TALLENT, DOROTHY B	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/22/2024	582.89	14.34	568.55
0000031540-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	GREENE, RICHARD C	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/22/2024	1,276.52	36.01	1,240.51
0000035772-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	ROBINSON, DAVID TIMOTHY	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/25/2024	1,484.71	20.76	1,463.95
0000036282-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	GRADY, THOMAS PINKNEY JR	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/23/2024	246.85	6.16	240.69
0000036926-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	POTTS, RANDY R	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/19/2024	1,066.88	6.16	1,060.72
0000051032-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	KENDRICK, RONALD L	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/23/2024	4,562.31	78.01	4,484.30
0000085035-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	SHERIDAN CHILDRENS	7/15/2024	LOUISE JOHNSON	7/23/2024	26.52	26.52	0.00
0000085933-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	PARKS, PATSY DONELLA	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/25/2024	105.43	6.16	99.27
0024010100-2021-2021-0000-00-REG	LARRICK, GARY	7/11/2021	LINDA WILBUR	7/3/2024	76.76	76.76	0.00
0024044833-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	COLE, JUSTIN B	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/29/2024	44.19	44.19	0.00
0024059567-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	BENDER, ROBERT ROLAND	7/3/2023	KAYLA BURGESS	7/3/2024	28.64	28.64	0.00
0024064790-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	CROTTS, BRIAN	7/3/2023	KAYLA BURGESS	7/10/2024	55.44	55.44	0.00
0024068564-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	WOODY, AUSTIN TAYLOR	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/24/2024	18.26	18.26	0.00
0024068593-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	D'ALESSANDRO, NICHOLAS	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/29/2024	65.84	65.84	0.00
0024068597-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	TALLENT, PHILLIP D	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/23/2024	19.66	19.66	0.00
0024070245-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	WINKLER, LARRY D	7/15/2024	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/19/2024	16.13	16.13	0.00
0024077656-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	BRITTAIN, EDWARD TODD	7/15/2024	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/22/2024	66.65	66.65	0.00
Subtotal					\$23,338.88	\$696.85	\$22,642.03
Total					\$216,354.16	\$146,616.43	\$69,737.73

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

Motion: To approve the Tax Releases and Refunds for July 2024 as presented.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Scott Mulwee, Vice Chairman

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

ITEMS FOR DECISION

BOC - RESOLUTION REQUESTING NCACC LEGISLATIVE GOAL - PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS

Commissioner Carswell reported that Burke County has eight (8) independent pharmacies that provide essential healthcare services, including access to medications, patient education, and personalized care to their customers. Current practices of Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) have led to financial pressures and operational challenges for local independent pharmacies, threatening their sustainability and reducing access to critical healthcare services for our residents. The following resolution requests the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) to formally adopt a legislative goal concerning the development and implementation of regulations that enhance transparency, ensure fair reimbursements, protect local pharmacies and promote fair competition.

1. Enhance Transparency: Require PBMs to disclose pricing, rebate arrangements, and reimbursement practices to ensure fairness and

- accountability.
2. Ensure Fair Reimbursement: Establish standardized and equitable reimbursement rates that allow independent pharmacies to operate sustainably.
3. Protect Local Pharmacies: Prohibit practices that disproportionately harm independent pharmacies, such as retroactive fees and below-cost reimbursements.
4. Promote Fair Competition: Foster a competitive marketplace that supports the viability of independent pharmacies and their crucial role in local healthcare delivery.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2024-20.

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

Resolution No. 2024-20 reads as follows:

BURKE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO MAKE A LEGISLATIVE GOAL TO BETTER REGULATE PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS AND REVERSE NEGATIVE IMPACTS TO LOCAL INDEPENDENT PHARMACIES IN BURKE COUNTY, NC

WHEREAS, local independent pharmacies in Burke County, North Carolina, provide essential healthcare services, including access to medications, patient education, and personalized care; and

WHEREAS, Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) play a significant role in the administration of prescription drug benefits, impacting the pricing, reimbursement, and availability of medications; and

WHEREAS, current PBM practices have led to financial pressures and operational challenges for local independent pharmacies, threatening their sustainability and reducing access to critical healthcare services for our residents; and

WHEREAS, these negative impacts include reduced reimbursement rates, delayed payments, and restrictive contract terms that disproportionately affect small, community-based pharmacies; and

WHEREAS, better regulation of PBMs is essential to ensure fair practices, transparency, and equitable treatment of local independent pharmacies, thereby safeguarding the health and well-being of Burke County residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Burke County Board of County Commissioners that we formally request the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) to adopt as a legislative goal the development and implementation of regulations that:

1. Enhance Transparency: Require PBMs to disclose pricing, rebate arrangements, and reimbursement practices to ensure fairness and accountability.
2. Ensure Fair Reimbursement: Establish standardized and equitable reimbursement rates that allow independent pharmacies to operate sustainably.
3. Protect Local Pharmacies: Prohibit practices that disproportionately harm independent pharmacies, such as retroactive fees and below-cost reimbursements.
4. Promote Fair Competition: Foster a competitive marketplace that supports the viability of independent pharmacies and their crucial role in local healthcare delivery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Burke County Board of County Commissioners urges the NCACC to prioritize this legislative goal in their advocacy efforts for the upcoming legislative session.

Adopted this 20th day of August 2024.

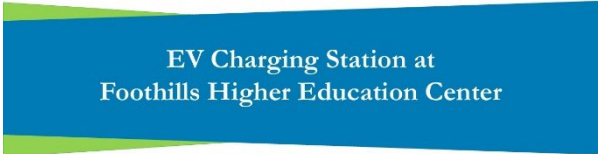
/s/ Jeffrey C. Brittain
Jeffrey C. Brittain, Chairman
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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

CM - APPROVAL OF LEASE FOR EV CHARGING STATION AT FHEC

Brian Epley, County Manager, relayed this request from the City of Morganton for a small permanent and temporary easement, five (5) parking spaces, in the parking lot of the Foothills Higher Education Center next to Zaxby's for an EV charging station. The lease has a 12-month notification for termination. Highlights of Mr. Epley's presentation were as follows:

 EV Charging Station at Foothills Higher Education Center 	FY 24-25 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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Burke County & City of Morganton



- The City of Morganton received a grant from NC DEQ in the amount of \$117,626 to place an EV Charging Station with compliance requirements that it must be within a 1-mile radius of I40.
- Two DC fast chargers will be installed, offering Level 1 charging capability, which provides a full charge in approximately 30 minutes



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Easement for Electric Vehicle Charging Facility



NORTH CAROLINA
BURKE COUNTY

EASEMENT FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING FACILITY ("AGREEMENT")

THIS EASEMENT FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING FACILITY is dated the _____ day of _____, 2024, and is between the COUNTY OF BURKE, a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina ("the County" or "the Grantor"), and the CITY OF MORGANTON, a municipal corporation in Burke County, North Carolina ("the City" or "the Grantee").

WITNESSETH:

For valuable consideration, specifically including the significant practical advantages to the Grantor which result from having an electric vehicle charging station on its premises, the Grantor has agreed and conveyed and by this instrument does hereby sell, grant and convey to the Grantee, its successors and assigns, temporary and permanent non-exclusive easements in, over, through and across its land at 2122 South Sterling Street, Morganton, N.C., ("the Property") for the construction, installation, maintenance and replacement of an electric motor vehicle charging station and supporting infrastructure, including the right to have continuing access thereto, which said permanent easement is described as follows:

PERMANENT EASEMENT:

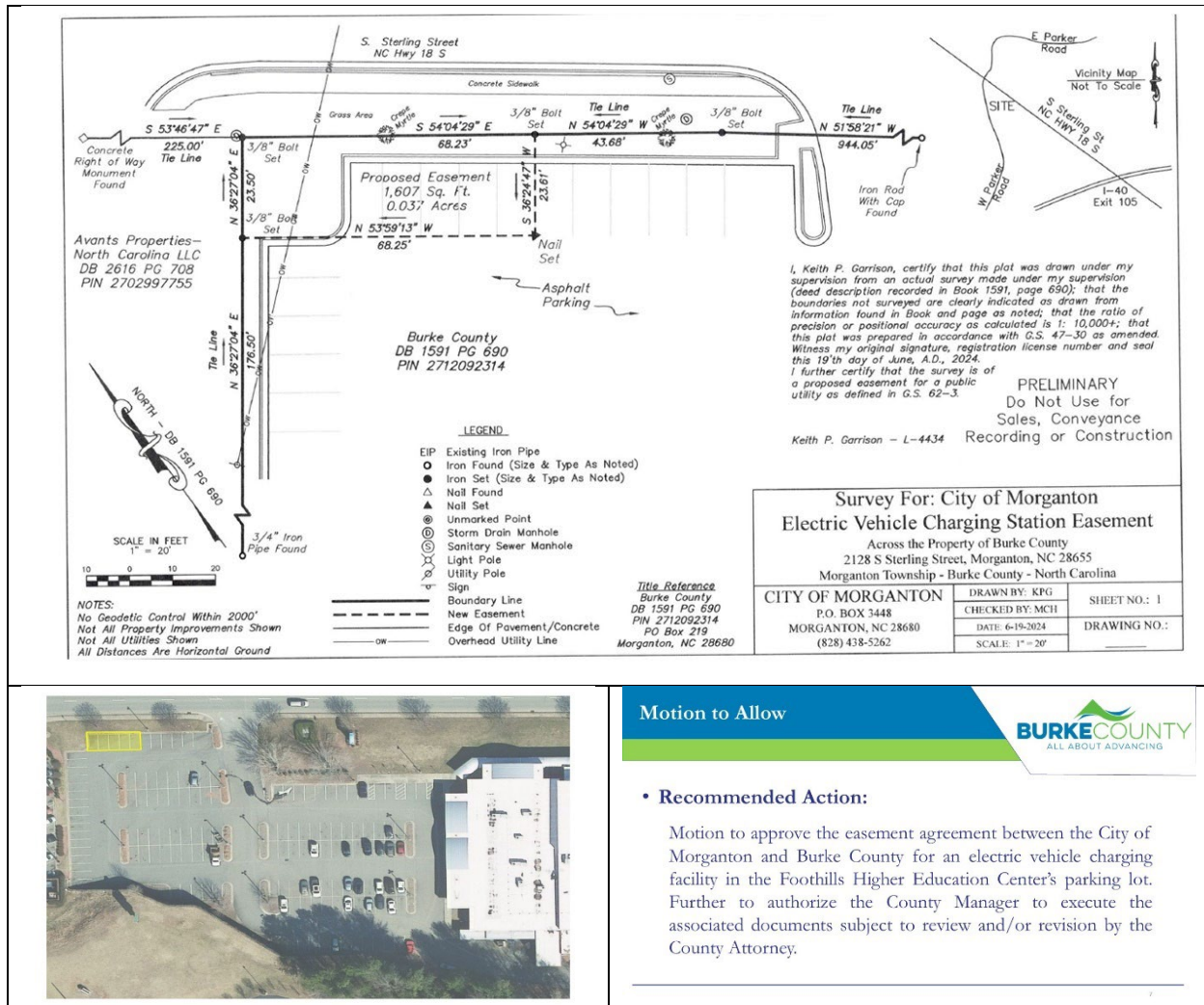
Being those five (5) marked parking spaces at the northwest corner of the County's parking lot on the Property, together with all that area between the curb at the back of those parking spaces and the right-of-way of S. Sterling St. (NC Highway 18), and between the curb beside the northwestern-most parking space and the boundary line between the property of the Grantor and that property now owned by Avants Properties-North Carolina, LLC, the entire area of such easement including 0.037 acre, more or less. The area subject to this permanent easement is more particularly described and depicted by the map attached hereto as Attachment A, and incorporated herein by reference.

The easement herein conveyed is upon a portion of that tract of real property of approximately 8 acres, obtained by the Grantor by Deed recorded in Book 1591,

- The EV Agreement requires a permanent easement between Burke County & The City of Morganton.
- The Easement will allow the charging station to be implemented between 5 parking spots at the northwest corner of the parking lot at Foothills Higher Education Center on the conference center side.

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Chairman Brittain opened the floor for questions or comments. Mr. Epley addressed the Chairman's concern about losing parking spaces, especially since the lot is often full. While the request was for five (5) spaces, Morganton only intends to mark and use two (2), with the additional spaces reserved for installing infrastructure and making necessary repairs. In response to a question from Commissioner Burns, Mr. Epley discussed the location. When asked by Commissioner Carswell about other locations in town where Morganton has installed EV chargers, Mr. Epley was unable to provide specifics. Commissioner Carswell expressed support for granting the City two (2) spaces.

A discussion followed, covering key issues such as the number of spaces, the termination policy, and the location of the chargers. Vice Chairman Mulwee asked if the Board was in consensus to table the matter until Mr. Epley could gather more information from Morganton. The Board discussed whether to postpone the decision, Morganton's grant deadline, and possible changes to the motion's wording. Chairman Brittain then consulted County Attorney Simpson regarding the "permanent" nature of the easement. Mr. Simpson clarified that while the easement can be terminated by either party, but that a 12-month notice is required.

Motion: To approve the easement agreement between the City of Morganton and

Burke County for an electric vehicle charging facility in the Foothills Higher Education Center's parking lot. Further, to authorize the County Manager to execute the associated documents subject to review and / or revision by the County Attorney.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Randy Burns, Commissioner

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

CM - APPROVAL OF FUNDING FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO OPPOSE CHARLOTTE WATER'S IBT REQUEST

Brian Epley, County Manager, stated that in response to Charlotte Water's plan to request an additional withdrawal of 30 million gallons per day from the Catawba River Basin, the Western Piedmont Council of Governments (WPCOG) reached out to several attorneys and lobbyists for assistance.

Two (2) legal firms specializing in environmental law were identified. A team of local government managers and attorneys is scheduled to meet with one (1) of these specialized attorneys in August. The search for a lobbyist has also been narrowed down to two (2) firms, with a final selection expected by the end of August. Lobbying efforts are anticipated to begin in September, focusing on preparations for the General Assembly's long session in late January. This work will include developing potential amendments to state laws concerning inter-basin transfers (IBTs).

Interbasin Transfer Project Cost Distribution						
Local Governments	Population (2022 State Estimate)	Water/Sewer FY 25 Budget	Percent of Total W/S Budgets	FY25 Cost (1/2 based on pop & 1/2 based W/S budget)	FY26 Cost (1/2 based on pop & 1/2 based W/S budget)	FY25 & FY26 Total Cost
Alexander County	33,917	\$ 5,075,750	3.50%	\$ 13,639.97	\$ 10,725.45	\$ 24,365.42
Taylorsville	2,313	\$ 2,804,250	1.94%	\$ 2,915.11	\$ 2,292.22	\$ 5,207.33
Burke County	56,820	\$ 2,473,798	1.71%	\$ 17,981.82	\$ 14,139.55	\$ 32,121.38
Connelly Springs	1,558	\$ 69,081	0.05%	\$ 494.07	\$ 388.50	\$ 882.57
Drexel	1,766	\$ 795,600	0.55%	\$ 1,139.25	\$ 895.82	\$ 2,035.06
Glen Alpine	1,548	\$ 21,240	0.01%	\$ 452.62	\$ 355.91	\$ 808.53
Hildebran	1,703	-	0.00%	\$ 479.08	\$ 376.71	\$ 855.79
Morganton	18,025	\$ 16,778,529	11.58%	\$ 18,619.31	\$ 14,640.83	\$ 33,260.14
Rutherford College	1,253	\$ 805,771	0.56%	\$ 1,003.14	\$ 788.80	\$ 1,791.94
Valdese	4,920	\$ 6,819,202	4.71%	\$ 6,890.56	\$ 5,418.22	\$ 12,308.77
Caldwell County	41,734	\$ 4,723,863	3.26%	\$ 15,554.85	\$ 12,231.17	\$ 27,786.02
Cajah's Mountain	2,744	\$ 3,774,000	2.60%	\$ 3,819.42	\$ 3,003.31	\$ 6,822.73
Cedar Rock	305	-	0.00%	\$ 85.80	\$ 67.47	\$ 153.27
Gamewell	3,745	\$ 88,610	0.06%	\$ 1,125.07	\$ 884.67	\$ 2,009.74
Granite Falls	5,088	\$ 3,840,618	2.65%	\$ 4,532.62	\$ 3,564.11	\$ 8,096.73
Hudson	3,819	-	0.00%	\$ 1,074.34	\$ 844.78	\$ 1,919.11
Lenoir	18,683	\$ 11,770,028	8.12%	\$ 14,760.06	\$ 11,606.20	\$ 26,366.26
Rhodhiss	1,007	\$ 387,000	0.27%	\$ 595.78	\$ 468.48	\$ 1,064.26
Sawmills	5,075	\$ 2,097,429	1.45%	\$ 3,121.34	\$ 2,454.38	\$ 5,575.72
Catawba County	86,827	\$ 6,578,043	4.54%	\$ 29,737.37	\$ 23,383.23	\$ 53,120.61
Brookford	456	-	0.00%	\$ 128.28	\$ 100.87	\$ 229.15
Catawba	720	-	0.00%	\$ 202.55	\$ 159.27	\$ 361.81
Claremont	1,742	\$ 2,456,887	1.70%	\$ 2,473.98	\$ 1,945.35	\$ 4,419.33
Conover	8,606	\$ 6,902,279	4.76%	\$ 7,994.56	\$ 6,286.32	\$ 14,280.89
Hickory	44,765	\$ 38,817,714	26.79%	\$ 43,938.25	\$ 34,549.73	\$ 78,487.98
Long View	5,164	\$ 2,592,500	1.79%	\$ 3,546.14	\$ 2,788.42	\$ 6,334.56
Maiden	3,807	\$ 3,308,723	2.28%	\$ 3,742.75	\$ 2,943.02	\$ 6,685.77
Newton	13,427	\$ 10,909,850	7.53%	\$ 12,566.88	\$ 9,897.38	\$ 22,464.26
McDowell County	36,726	\$5,075,750	3.50%	\$ 14,430.18	\$ 11,346.81	\$ 25,776.99
Marion	7,643	\$5,925,406	4.09%	\$ 6,934.84	\$ 5,453.03	\$ 12,387.87
Totals	415,906	\$144,891,921	100.00%	\$ 234,000.00	\$ 184,000.00	\$ 418,000.00

Based on 2022 State Population Estimates and FY25 Budgets.
Approved by the WPCOG Policy Board on July 23, 2024.

Chairman Brittain opened the floor for questions or comments. A brief discussion occurred on modified calculations WPCOG did recently and therefore Mr. Epley was unsure whether Burke County's portion of the projected cost of \$418,000 was \$28,279.11 or \$32,121.38. As this matter is important to the Board due to the potential negative impacts on the county's citizens, it was decided to add language to the motion that the expense is not to exceed \$32,121.38.

Budgetary Effect: None. Budgeted funding is available in the FY 24-25 budget to cover the County's share of legal and lobbyist fees.

Motion: To approve an appropriation to the Western Piedmont Council of Governments not to exceed \$32,121.38 for professional services related to opposing Charlotte Water's Inter-Basin Transfer Request.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Phil Smith, Commissioner

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

TAX DEPT. - COLLECTIONS ANNUAL SETTLEMENT REPORT FOR 2023/2024

John Bridger, Tax Administrator, made himself available to answer any questions the Board had about the annual settlement report.

Please note: The full annual tax settlement report for 2023 – 2024 is hereby incorporated into the meeting minutes by reference.

Information from the agenda packet:

In compliance with N.C.G.S. § 105-373(a)(1) & (3), included are the amounts collected using the Property Tax System (PTS) and the Vehicle Tax System (VTS) for the county and fire districts. These amounts include current taxes, delinquent taxes, current and delinquent tax-related charges, and vehicle taxes. Amounts collected for municipalities where the county tax collector also serves as the municipal tax collector:

- Connelly Springs
- Glen Alpine
- Hildebran
- Long View
- Rhodhiss
- Valdese

This settlement also includes the amounts charged back to the collector and the write-off of the 2013 taxes and charges. The chargeback allows the collector to use enforced collection remedies on taxes for the current and the prior 10 years. The write-off removes the collector's responsibility to collect taxes in 2013 and prior where the collector cannot use enforced collection remedies.

This settlement is arranged by the following sections:

- Section 1 – Taxes and charges for Burke County only.
- Section 2 – Vehicle Tax for Burke County only.
- Section 3 – Property Taxes and charges for all other jurisdictions.
- Section 4 – Vehicle Tax for all other jurisdictions.
- Section 5 – Delinquent taxes and related charges to be charged back.
- Section 6 – Amount not charged back.
- Section 7 – Additional Revenues Collected
- Section 8 through 11 – Delinquent Taxpayers List
- Section 12 – Enforced Collection Activity

The following represents a summary of tax system reports:

SECTION 1 – Property Tax – Report Attached

(From NCPTS Report TR-401E)

Total Tax Collections (County Only)

(July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)

• Tax - Future (2024)	\$ 25,459.34 (prepayments)
• Tax - Current (2023)	\$ 53,226,366.37
• Delinquent Tax (2010-2022)	\$ 701,035.58
Total	<u>\$ 53,833,780.19</u>

Total of Taxes and Tax Related Collections (County Only)

(July 1, 2023– June 30, 2024) (All Years)

• Advertisement Fee	\$ 16,924.80
• Garnishment	\$ 54,943.70
• Interest	\$ 242,644.60
• Land Fill User Fee	\$ 3,348,808.87
• Land Fill User Fee Sr.	\$ 81,113.79
• Late List Penalty	\$ 90,674.11
• Migrated LFUF	\$ 637.30
• Migrated Cost	\$ 0.00
• Miscellaneous Cost	\$ 32.72
• NSF Penalty	\$ 6,784.62
• Tax All Years	<u>\$ 53,883,780.19</u>
Total	<u>\$ 57,726,344.70</u>

SECTION 2 – Vehicle Tax – County Only

(From NCVTS Distribution Report)

• VTS Tax	\$ 5,556,728.06
• Other	\$ 48,218.19
• VTS Interest	<u>\$ 33,853.58</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,648,799.83</u>

SECTION 3 – Property Taxes and Charges for all Other Jurisdictions

(From NCPTS Report TR-401E)

Total of Tax and Tax Related Collections (all years, all other jurisdictions)

(July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)

• Interest	\$ 34,205.03
• Late List Penalty	\$ 6,526.58
• Tax	<u>\$ 9,438,728.38</u>
• Total Tax Collections	<u>\$ 9,479,459.99</u>

SECTION 4 – Tag & Taxes and Charges for all Other Jurisdictions

(From NCVTS Distribution Report)

• VTS Tax	\$ 2,049,312.96
• VTS Interest	\$ 14,148.73

• Vehicle Fee	\$ 705.00	(\$ 5.00 – Hickory)
• Vehicle Fee	\$ 290,560.00	(\$20.00 – Morganton)
Total	<u>\$ 2,066,374.34</u>	

SECTION 5 – Property Tax Charge Back of Delinquent Taxes and Related Charges – Report Attached (From NCPTS Report TR-401E)

• County Only	\$ 1,425,694.92
• All other Jurisdictions	\$ 192,898.09
Total	<u>\$ 1,618,593.01</u>

Charge Back - County Only										
Tax Year	Advertisemen t Fee	Garnishment Fee	LFUF	LFUF SR	Late List	Migrated _LFUF	Misc. Cost	NSF Penalty	Taxes	Totals
2023	\$10,770.49	\$9,487.81	\$101,551.30	\$2,824.04	\$6,029.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$413.24	\$600,478.51	\$731,554.57
2022	\$5,070.00	\$1,886.00	\$35,191.29	\$675.44	\$3,258.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$154,493.37	\$200,599.17
2021	\$4,015.00	\$666.31	\$20,816.45	\$342.00	\$1,675.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$70,611.98	\$98,127.69
2020	\$765.00	\$283.23	\$16,481.49	\$180.00	\$1,335.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$36,476.68	\$55,521.61
2019	\$5,474.83	\$192.24	\$13,744.29	\$144.00	\$1,984.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$61,146.76	\$82,711.95
2018	\$5,345.00	\$185.35	\$13,494.31	\$108.00	\$2,035.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$52,826.03	\$73,994.11
2017	\$5,315.00	\$60.00	\$10,900.83	\$70.00	\$1,486.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39,872.18	\$57,704.68
2016	\$5,250.00	\$150.00	\$10,686.61	\$165.00	\$1,635.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,031.81	\$57,918.63
2015	\$5,195.00	\$60.00	\$6,793.37	\$62.00	\$815.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,752.91	\$42,678.88
2014	\$5,120.00	\$0.00	\$181.80	\$0.00	\$0.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,580.97	\$24,883.63
Amount Charged	\$52,320.32	\$12,970.94	\$229,841.74	\$4,570.48	\$20,257.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$463.24	\$1,105,271.20	\$1,425,694.92

Charge Back - All other Jurisdictions										
Tax Year	Advertisemen t Fee	Garnishment Fee	LFUF	LFUF SR	Late List	M_LFUF	M_Cost	NSF Penalty	Taxes	Totals
2023					\$647.93				\$116,549.24	\$117,197.17
2022					\$341.79				\$20,486.96	\$20,828.75
2021					\$235.68				\$10,620.87	\$10,856.55
2020					\$243.90				\$4,578.00	\$4,821.90
2019					\$301.84				\$8,433.80	\$8,735.64
2018					\$227.30				\$7,783.55	\$8,010.85
2017					\$272.62				\$6,091.61	\$6,364.23
2016					\$204.49				\$6,578.89	\$6,783.38
2015					\$220.04				\$5,201.55	\$5,421.59
2014					\$22.42				\$3,855.61	\$3,878.03
Amount Charged Back					\$2,718.01				\$190,180.08	\$192,898.09

SECTION 6 – Property Tax Amount Not Charged Back to Collector (From NCPTS Report TR-401E)

By NCGS 105-378, the tax office cannot use enforced collection methods on delinquent bills and charges over 10 years old unless the action was instituted prior. Therefore, the amount of uncollected taxes and other charges for 2013 that are not charged back to the Tax Collector for enforced collection are:

- County \$ 39,550.63
- All Other Jurisdictions \$ 3,812.81
- Total \$ 43,363.44

Write-Off - County Only										
	Advertisement Fee	Garnishment Fee	LFUF	LFUF SR	Late List	Migrated LFUF	Misc. Cost	NSF Penalty	Taxes	Totals
Amount not charged back to the Collector (2013)	\$20,185.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.31	\$181.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,182.52	\$39,550.63

Write-Off - All Other Jurisdictions										
	Advertisement Fee	Garnishment Fee	LFUF	LFUF SR	Late List	Migrated LFUF	Misc. Cost	NSF Penalty	Taxes	Totals
Amount not charged back to the Collector (2013)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,812.81	\$3,812.81

Write-Off - County Plus All Other Jurisdictions										
	Advertisement Fee	Garnishment Fee	LFUF	LFUF SR	Late List	Migrated LFUF	Misc. Cost	NSF Penalty	Taxes	Totals
Amount not charged back to the Collector (2013)	\$20,185.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.31	\$181.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,995.33	\$43,363.44

SECTION 7 – Additional Revenues Collected (From NCPTS TR-426 & TR-430 Reports)

- Rental Vehicle (County) \$ 56,269.10
- Burke County Vehicle Rental Late File Penalty \$ 33.00
- Burke County Vehicle Rental Late Paid Penalty \$ 238.69
- Rental Vehicle (Hickory) \$ 16,313.81
- NSF Fee \$ 480.19
- Occupancy Tax \$ 919,202.78
- Occupancy Tax (Late Penalty) \$ 1,830.83
- Occupancy Filing (Penalty) \$ 738.43
- Beer/Wine Late Fee \$ 1.44
- Beer (Off Premises) \$ 426.42

• Beer On/Off Premises	\$ 1,525.00
• Wine (Off Premises)	\$ 1,557.14
• Wine (On Premises)	\$ 1,350.00
Total	<u>\$ 999,966.83</u>

SECTIONS 8 thru 11 – 2031 Delinquent Taxpayers

(From NCPTS Report TR-452)

In accordance with N.C.G.S. § 105-373 (a)(1), a list of all persons owning real and personal property for 2022, whose taxes remain unpaid, as of 7/14/2024, is included in this report (see sections 8, 8G, 9G, 10 & 11). These lists are broken down by property types. The chart below locates, identifies, and totals these different property types. These totals include Taxes, Late List Penalties, Land Fill User Fees, and GAP bills.

	Source Type	Property Type	# Bills	Totals
Section 8	BUS	Business Personal Property	123	\$28,193.20
Section 8G	BUS GAP	Business Per. Property GAP	9	\$470.71
Section 9	IND	Personal Property	1,592	\$70,488.26
Section 9G	IND GAP	Personal Property GAP	648	\$16,944.83
Section 10	REI	Real Property	2,252	\$470,214.68
Section 11	PUB	Public Utilities	1	\$317.78
	Total		4,625	\$586,629.46

All reports are unaudited and are compiled using the Burke County Tax System (NCPTS) & NCVTS.

SECTION 12 – Summary of Enforced Collection Activity

Enforced collections of delinquent tax bills can use several different remedies as allowed by N.C.G.S. § 105-367, 368, 374, and 375.

- Debt Setoff
- Bank Attachment/garnishment
- Wage Garnishment
- Foreclosure

I certify that the collections staff has diligently tried using the collection remedies available by statute (notices, second notices, wage garnishment, bank attachment, debt set-off, foreclosure, and delinquent collection service) to collect all delinquent debts. These delinquent debts are for tax years 2013 through 2022, including those 2023 taxes that became delinquent after January 5, 2024.

I respectfully request the Burke County Board of Commissioners to accept this report as the Annual Settlement for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024.

/s/: John B. Bridgers

John B. Bridgers, Burke County Tax Administrator

Motion: To accept the Tax Collection Settlement Report for 2023 / 2024 as presented.

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

TAX DEPT. - ORDER TO COLLECT 2024 TAXES

John Bridgers, Tax Administrator, reported that pursuant to general statute § 105-321 the Governing Body is required to order the Tax Collector to collect the taxes charged in the tax records. This includes current taxes and any delinquent taxes and associated charges for the previous 10 years. The amounts charged back from prior years are:

• County Taxes and other charges	\$1,425,694.92
• All other jurisdictions' taxes and other charges	<u>\$ 192,898.09</u>
• Total amount	<u>\$ 1,618,593.01</u>

A breakdown of these amounts is contained in the 2023 / 2024 Tax Collectors Settlement.

Motion: Order the Tax Administrator to collect the current and prior years' delinquent taxes on real and personal property. Further, authorize the Chairman to execute the Order on behalf of the Board.

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

The Order reads as follows:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
BURKE COUNTY

ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.C.G.S. § 105-373, N.C.G.S. § 105-321 AND § 105-330.3

TO: TAX COLLECTOR OF BURKE COUNTY, TOWN OF CONNELLY SPRINGS, TOWN OF GLEN ALPINE, TOWN OF HILDEBRAN, TOWN OF LONG VIEW, TOWN OF RHODHISS, AND TOWN OF VALDESE

You are hereby authorized, empowered, and commanded to collect the taxes remaining unpaid as set forth in the 2014 through 2023 tax records filed in the office of the Tax Collector, and in the tax receipts herewith delivered to you in the amounts and from the taxpayers likewise therein set forth. You are further authorized, empowered, and commanded to collect the 2024 taxes charged and assessed as provided by law for adjustments, changes, and additions to the tax records and tax receipts delivered to you which are made in accordance with law. Such taxes are hereby declared to be a first lien on all real property of the respective taxpayers in Burke County, Town of Connelly Springs, Town of Glen Alpine, Town of Hildebran, Town of Long View, Town of Rhodhiss, Town of Valdese and fire districts of Brendletown, Carbon City, Chesterfield, Drowning Creek, Enola, George Hildebran, Glen Alpine, Icard, Jonas Ridge, Lake James, Longtown, Lovelady, Oak Hill, Salem, Smokey Creek, South Mountain, Triple Community, and West End. This

order shall be a full and sufficient authority to direct, require, and enable you to levy on and sell, any real or personal property, and attach wages and/or other funds, of such taxpayers, for and on account thereof, in accordance with law.

Within available funds in the budget ordinance and personnel positions established, the Tax Collector may appoint employees, and they have the authority to perform those functions authorized by the Machinery Act of Chapter 105 of North Carolina General Statutes and other applicable laws for current and previous year's taxes. County personnel presently in the Tax Collector's office continue to serve in their respective positions.

Taxes on classified Motor Vehicles for 2016 and prior years are deemed uncollectible; therefore, the County Commissioner, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 105-373 (h) does hereby relieve the tax collector of the charge of collecting taxes on classified motor vehicles listed pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 105-330.3 (a) (1) for 2016 and prior years.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this the 20th day of August 2024.

/s/: Jeffrey C. Brittain
Jeffrey C. Brittain, Chairman
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Chairman Brittain opened the floor for reports and comments from Board members and professional staff. Margaret Pierce, Finance Director / Deputy County Manager, requested that the Board respond to the emails sent to them from the audit firm. Brian Epley, County Manager, relayed that he distributed an Operational Capacity Analysis Report to the Board and commended all the hard work being done that went into compiling the Operational Capacity Analysis Report. Commissioner Burns requested prayers for the safety of school children as the new school year begins. Commissioner Carswell expressed his gratitude to the entire Board and County Manager for attending the annual NCACC conference. Chairman Brittain shared information on upcoming meetings, community events, and county office closures, in addition to inviting youth groups to sign up to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at Commissioners' meetings. He also encouraged citizens to spay or neuter pets and to adopt or foster a pet from Animal Services. He 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. Further, he expected a decision item at the October pre-agenda meeting for the EMS and Animal Shelter bid award.

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 County Board of Health
- Hickory Regional Planning Commission
- Drexel Planning Board - ETJ Alternate
- Burke County Board of Adjustment
- Burke County Planning Board

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN.

CLOSED SESSION

A closed session is needed to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential, if needed, 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) (1), (3), (4), (5) and (6).

Motion: To go into closed session to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential, and if needed, 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) (1), (3), (4), (5) and (6).

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Jeffrey C. Brittain, Chairman

AYES: Jeffrey C. Brittain, Scott Mulwee, Randy Burns, Johnnie W. Carswell, and Phil Smith
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Motion: To come out of closed session.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Johnnie W. Carswell, Commissioner

AYES: Jeffrey C. Brittain, Scott Mulwee, Randy Burns, Johnnie W. Carswell, and Phil Smith
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RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Brittain announced that the following closed session meeting minutes were approved and sealed until they no longer frustrate the purpose pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-318.10(e).

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| 1. February 15, 2022 | 7. September 20, 2022 |
| 2. April 19, 2022 | 8. October 4, 2022 |
| 3. June 16, 2022 | 9. October 18, 2022 |
| 4. June 21, 2022 | 10. November 3, 2022 |
| 5. July 19, 2022 | 11. November 15, 2022 |
| 6. August 16, 2022 | 12. December 5, 2022 |

ADJOURN

Motion: To adjourn at 9:29 p.m.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: Randy Burns, Commissioner

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

Approved this 19th day of November 2024.


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

Attest:


Kay Honeycutt Draughn, CMC, NCMCC
Clerk to the Board