



**BURKE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING ROOM
110 N. GREEN ST. - MORGANTON
YOUTUBE: BURKECOUNTYNC
FEBRUARY 4, 2026
3:00 P.M.**

Note: The pre-agenda meeting will serve as a review of items scheduled to be considered during the upcoming regular meeting, with the exception of items listed under "Action Items."

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. PRESENTATIONS

1. WPCOG - Interbasin Transfer Update (Place Holder) - Presented by Anthony Starr, Executive Director, Western Piedmont Council of Governments
2. BOC - Recognition of the East Burke High School Cheer Team (Place Holder) - Presented by Jeffrey C. Brittain, Chairman
3. VEDIC - Valdese Economic Development Investment Corp. Annual Update (Place Holder) - Presented by VEDIC Representatives
4. CM - Presentation on the Spring 2026 Citizens Academy (Place Holder) - Presented by Brian Epley, County Manager

4. SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. CD - Consideration of an Ordinance (2026-01) Amending Chapter 10, Buildings & Building Regulations of the Burke County Code & Public Hearing at 6 P.M. - Presented by Kenneth Greene, Chief Building Inspector, and / or Alan Glines, Planning Director / Deputy County Manager
2. CD - Consideration of an Ordinance No. 2026-02 (for ZTA 2025-02) Amending Articles 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7 of the Burke County Zoning Ordinance & Public Hearing at 6 P.M. - Presented by Patrick Dickinson, Planner, and / or Alan Glines, Planning Director / Deputy County Manager

5. CONSENT AGENDA

1. BCPS - Presentation of Financial Data for the Period Ending Dec. 31, 2025 - Presented by Keith Lawson, Finance Officer, Burke County Public Schools

2. WPCC - Presentation on Financial Data for the Period Ending Dec. 31, 2025 - Presented by Sandy Hoilman, Vice President for Administrative Services / Chief Financial Officer
3. TDA - Financial Update for the Period Ending Dec. 31, 2025 - Presented by Ed Phillips, CEO, Tourism Development Authority
4. Clerk - Appointments to the Opioid Advisory Committee - Presented by Kay Draughn, Clerk to the Board
5. Clerk - Appointments / Reappointments to the WPRTA - Presented by Kay Draughn, Clerk to the Board
6. CM - Budget Amendment No. 8 - \$20,000 – Presented by Brian Epley, County Manager
7. CM - Budget Amendment No. 9 - \$650,000 (Net Zero) - Presented by Brian Epley, County Manager
8. CM - Budget Amendment No. 10 - \$2,000 – Presented by Brian Epley, County Manager
9. CM - Budget Amendment No. 11 - \$52,000 - Presented by Brian Epley, County Manager
10. CM - Budget Amendment No. 12 - \$15,800 - Presented by Brian Epley, County Manager
11. CM - Budget Amendment No. 13 - \$310,130 - Presented by Brian Epley, County Manager
12. CM- Budget Amendment No. 14 - \$1,000,000 - Presented by Brian Epley, County Manager
13. CM - Resolution Delegating Authority to the County Manager for the Execution of Short-Term Leases - Presented by Brian Epley, County Manager
14. Finance - Property Surplus Sales - Presented by Margaret Pierce, Finance Director / Deputy County Manager
15. Finance - Rutherford College Tax Collection Agreement - Presented by Margaret Pierce, Finance Director / Deputy County Manager

6. ITEMS FOR DECISION

1. CM - Update on the Opioid Abatement Team - Presented by Katie Samuels, Opioid Settlement Coordinator
2. CM - Property Purchase Approval - Opioid (Place Holder) - Presented by Brian Epley, County Manager, and / or Katie Samuels, Opioid Settlement Coordinator

3. Tax - Tax Collection Report for Period Ending January 31, 2026 (Place Holder) - Presented by John Bridgers, Tax Administrator
4. Tax - Tax Release and Refund Report for Period Ending January 31, 2026 (Place Holder) - Presented by John Bridgers, Tax Administrator

7. REPORTS AND COMMENTS

8. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. ACTION ITEMS

1. DSS - Departmental Update for the Period Ending December 31, 2025 - Presented by Korey Fisher-Wellman, DSS Director

10. ADJOURN

In accordance with ADA regulations, persons in need of an accommodation to participate in the meeting should notify the County Manager's office at 828-764-9350 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.