



**BURKE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING ROOM
110 N. GREEN STREET, ENTRANCE E
YOUTUBE: [BURKECOUNTYNC](https://www.youtube.com/BURKECOUNTYNC)
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2026
6:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION

Dr. Luke Lane, Senior Pastor, Burkemont Baptist Church

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & SPECIAL RECOGNITION

East Burke Royals & Oak Hill Bulldogs, Boys 9-10 Basketball Teams & Coaches

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. BOC - Approval of Meeting Minutes - Presented by Jeffrey C. Brittain, Chairman

6. PRESENTATIONS

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

7. 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

8. INFORMAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes. To participate, please pre-register by emailing the Clerk prior to the meeting or sign-in with the Clerk at the meeting.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are noncontroversial and routine. Prior to the adoption of the meeting agenda, any request by a board member to remove an item from the consent agenda requires a majority vote of the board. All remaining consent agenda items shall be considered and adopted by a single motion.

1. BCPS - Presentation of Financial Data for the Period Ending Dec. 31, 2025
2. WPCC - Presentation on Financial Data for the Period Ending Dec. 31, 2025
3. TDA - Financial Update for the Period Ending Dec. 31, 2025
4. Clerk - Appointments / Reappointments to the WPRTA
5. CM - Budget Amendment No. 8 - \$20,000
6. CM - Budget Amendment No. 9 - \$650,000 (Net Zero)
7. CM - Budget Amendment No. 10 - \$2,000
8. CM - Budget Amendment No. 11 - \$52,000
9. CM - Budget Amendment No. 12 - \$15,800
10. CM - Budget Amendment No. 13 - \$310,130
11. CM - Budget Amendment No. 14 - \$1,000,000
12. Finance - Property Surplus Sales (Reserve Requirements Met)
13. Finance - Rutherford College Tax Collection Agreement

10. ITEMS FOR DECISION

1. Clerk - Appointments to the Opioid Advisory Committee - Presented by Kay Draughn, Clerk to the Board
2. CM - Update on the Opioid Abatement Team - Presented by Katie Samuels, Opioid Settlement Coordinator
3. Finance - Property Surplus Sales (Reserve Requirements Not Met) - Presented by Margaret Pierce, Finance Director / Deputy County Manager
4. Tax - Tax Collection Report for Period Ending January 31, 2026 - Presented by John Bridgers, Tax Administrator

5. Tax - Tax Release and Refund Report for Period Ending January 31, 2026 - Presented by John Bridgers, Tax Administrator

11. REPORTS AND COMMENTS

1. BOC - Report & Comments - Presented by Jeffrey C. Brittain, Chairman

12. VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Clerk - Boards & Committees Vacancy Report - Presented by Kay Draughn, Clerk to the Board

13. CLOSED SESSION

1. BOC - Closed Session (If needed.) - Presented by Jeffrey C. Brittain, Chairman

14. 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.