



**BURKE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING ROOM
110 N. GREEN STREET, ENTRANCE E
YOUTUBE: [BURKECOUNTYNC](https://www.youtube.com/BURKECOUNTYNC)
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026
6:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION

Chance Powell, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Youth

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

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

6. PRESENTATIONS

1. Sheriff – Resolution Authorizing Sale of County-Issued Service Side Arm and Badge and Presentation of Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate - Presented by Banks Hinceman, Sheriff
2. BOC - Recognition of the United Way of Burke County on Its 70-Year Anniversary - Presented by Jeffrey C. Brittain, Chairman
3. BCCC - Recognition of Winners from the BIG Challenge - Presented by Tonia Stephenson, President, Burke County Chamber
4. BDI - Economic Development Update - Presented by Brandon Ruppe, CEO & President, BDI
5. CM - Presentation of Recommended Budget for FY 26-27 and Scheduling of Public Hearing (Place Holder) - Presented by Brian Epley, County Manager

7. SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. CD - ZMA 2026-01, 3637 Miller Bridge Road Connelly Springs NC - Zoning Map Amendment & Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. - Presented by Patrick Dickinson, Planner

2. CM - Valdese Bluffs Development Agreement Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. - Presented by Brian Epley, 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 March 31, 2026
- REVISED** 2. Clerk - Appointments to the Adult Care & Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee
3. Clerk - Appointment & Removal from the Child Protection & Child Fatality Prevention Team
4. Clerk - Reappointments to the East Burke Senior Center Advisory Council
5. CM - Approval of Audit Contract for FY27
6. CM - Applications for Public School Building Capital Funds
7. CM - Lease for Adult Corrections
8. CM - Approval of Budget Amendment No. 30 - \$369,328
9. CM - Approval of Budget Amendment No. 31 - \$20,000
10. JCPC - Annual Plan FY27
11. TDA - Financial Update for the Period Ending March 31, 2026
12. WPCC - Presentation of Financial Data for the Period Ending March 31, 2026

10. ITEMS FOR DECISION

1. Clerk - Appointments, Reappointments, and Removals to the LEPC - Presented by Kat Wright, Deputy Clerk
- NEW** 2. Clerk - Appointment & Removal from the Partners Health Management Board of Directors - Presented by Kat Wright, Deputy Clerk
3. CM - Consideration of a Resolution Adopting a Policy on Zero-Based Budgeting (ZBB) - Presented by Brian Epley, County Manager

4. CM - Approval of Budget Amendment No. 32 - \$75,000 - Presented by Brian Epley, County Manager

NEW

5. Tax - Tax Collection Report for Period Ending April 30, 2026 - Presented by Namrita Nelson, Interim Tax Administrator
6. Tax - Tax Release and Refund Report for Period Ending April 30, 2026 - Presented by Namrita Nelson, Interim 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 Kat Wright, Deputy Clerk

13. CLOSED SESSION

1. BOC - Closed Session - 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.