

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Cabarrus met in regular session through a remote virtual meeting as allowed by the Board's Remote Participation Policy, during the Covid-19 state of emergency in Concord, North Carolina at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2020.

Public access to the meeting could be obtained through the following means:

In presence in the Board of Commissioners Chambers  
Live broadcast at 6:30 p.m. on Channel 22  
<https://www.youtube.com/cabarruscounty>  
<https://www.cabarruscounty.us/cabcotv>  
(704) 920-2023, Pin 1234  
E-mail: [publiccomment@cabarruscounty.us](mailto:publiccomment@cabarruscounty.us)

Present - Chairman: Stephen M. Morris  
Vice Chairman: Diane R. Honeycutt  
Commissioners: F. Blake Kiger  
Elizabeth F. Poole  
Lynn W. Shue

Also present were Mike Downs, County Manager; Richard M. Koch, County Attorney; Jonathan Marshall, Deputy County Manager; Rodney Harris, Deputy County Manager; and Lauren Linker, Clerk to the Board.

Chairman Morris called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Morris provided information on the meeting format and the ability for the public to participate in informal public comments and the public hearing.

**(A) APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF MINUTES**

**UPON MOTION** of Vice Chairman Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of September 8, 2020 (Work Session) as presented by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Poole and Shue. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**(B) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Chairman Morris reviewed the following changes to the agenda.

Additions:

New Business

G-2 Sheriff's Office - Declare K-9 Igor Surplus Property

G-3 DHS - Mental Health Services

Moved to November:

Consent Agenda

Sheriff's Office - Request to Award a Service Weapon to Lieutenant David

Allred Upon Retirement

**UPON MOTION** of Commissioner Shue, seconded by Vice Chairman Honeycutt and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda as amended by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Poole and Shue. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**(C) RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**(C-1) BOC - Red Ribbon Week 2020 Proclamation**

Chairman Morris read the proclamation aloud.

**UPON MOTION** of Commissioner Kiger, seconded by Vice Chairman Honeycutt and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the proclamation by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Poole and Shue. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Proclamation No. 2020-13

**RED RIBBON WEEK 2020 PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, communities across America have been plagued by the numerous problems associated with illicit drug use and those that traffic in them; and

WHEREAS, there is hope in winning the war on drugs, and that hope lies in education and drug demand reduction, coupled with the hard work and determination of organizations such as the Mecklenburg County Young Marines of the Marine Corps League to foster a healthy, drug-free lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, governments and community leaders know that citizen support is one of the most effective tools in the effort to reduce the use of illicit drugs in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the red ribbon has been chosen as a symbol Commemorating the work of Enriqu  "Kiki" Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent who was murdered in the line of duty, and represents the belief that one person can make a difference; and

WHEREAS, the Red Ribbon Campaign was established by Congress in 1988 to encourage a drug-free lifestyle and involvement in drug prevention and reduction efforts; and

WHEREAS, October 23-31 has been designated National Red Ribbon Week, which encourages Americans to wear a red ribbon to show their support for a drug-free environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize October 23-31 as RED RIBBON WEEK in Cabarrus County, and urges all citizens to join in this special observance.

ADOPTED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

/s/ Stephen M. Morris  
Stephen M. Morris, Chairman  
Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners

**(C-2) Planning and Development - Weatherization Day 2020**

Kelly Sifford, Planning and Development Director, read the proclamation aloud.

**UPON MOTION** of Commissioner Shue, seconded by Commissioner Kiger and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the proclamation by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Poole and Shue. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Proclamation No. 2020-14

**Proclamation of Weatherization Day 2020**

Whereas, October is National Energy Awareness Month, and October 30 is designated as National Weatherization Day; and

Whereas, the County of Cabarrus has a long-standing commitment to conserve its resources and to help low-income households through its Weatherization Assistance Program; and

Whereas, the State of North Carolina has administered the Weatherization Assistance Program since its inception in 1976, providing a variety of state and federal resources through numerous community action agencies, housing authorities and departments of local government that serve people in every county in the state; and

Whereas, it is important to recognize the importance of those programs that ensure that all residents, especially those living at or below the federal poverty level, have the opportunity to live in energy efficient, healthy, safe, and comfortable homes as provided for by the Weatherization Assistance Program;

Now, Therefore, Be It Proclaimed that the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize October 30, 2020 as:

**"Weatherization Day"**

in the County of Cabarrus and urge all citizens to join in this observance.

Adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

/s/ Stephen M. Morris  
Stephen M. Morris, Chairman

Board of Commissioners

**(C-3) Veterans Services - Veterans Day Proclamation**

Chairman Morris read the proclamation aloud.

Vice Chairman Honeycutt **MOVED** to approve the proclamation. Commissioner Shue seconded the motion.

Following a brief discussion, the **MOTION** unanimously carried by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Poole and Shue. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Proclamation No. 2020-15

Proclamation  
Veterans Day 2020

WHEREAS, America was founded on the principles of liberty, opportunity and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, America has called on her men and women in uniform to protect our national security, to preserve our rights and freedoms and to keep our democracy safe; and

WHEREAS, through their steadfast defense of America's ideals, our service members have ensured our country still stands strong, our founding principles still shine, and nations around the world know the blessings of freedom; and

WHEREAS, on Veterans Day November 11, 2020, we recognize the men and women of our Armed Forces who valiantly defended these values throughout our Nation's History; and

WHEREAS, we also remember and pay tribute to the American armed forces whose courage and sacrifice secures our freedom, keeps the peace and defends our values around the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim November 11, 2020 as National Veterans Day and call upon our citizens to always remember and honor our veterans, and those who continue to serve this country so willingly to preserve the principles of justice, freedom and democracy for all.

Adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

/s/ Stephen M. Morris  
Stephen M. Morris, Chairman  
Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners

**(D) INFORMAL COMMENTS**

Chairman Morris provided information on the meeting format and the process for the public to participate in informal public comments.

Chairman Morris opened the meeting for Informal Public Comments at 6:46 p.m. He asked Lauren Linker, Clerk to the Board, if any written comments had been submitted, if anyone was waiting on the phone or present in the Board of Commissioners Chambers to present a comment.

Ms. Linker stated no written comments were submitted and there was no one on the phone or present in the Board of Commissioners Chambers.

There were no comments, nor anyone present via telephone or in person to address the Board; therefore, Chairman Morris closed that portion of the meeting.

**(E) OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**(F) CONSENT**

**(F-1) Appointments and Removals - Cabarrus County Youth Commission**

Due to end of terms, not meeting the attendance requirement and/or graduation, the Cabarrus County Youth Commission requests the following names to be removed from the roster:

Abigail Bringle - A.L. Brown High School  
Brandon Lozano - Hickory Ridge High School  
Cason Gardner - At-large  
Grace Pfister - Concord High School  
Jeffrey Greene - Central Cabarrus High School  
Luke Linkel - Northwest Cabarrus High School  
Sarah Houston - At-large (Early College High School)

The Youth Commission would like to recommend the following students to be appointed to the Cabarrus County Youth Commission for two-year terms ending June 30, 2022:

Tisha Abdul - Cox Mill High School\*  
Nattellie Anderson - At-large  
Campbell Depken - Northwest High School  
Emma Hogle - Central Cabarrus High School  
Kylie Greenelsh - Mount Pleasant High School  
Neerali Parikh - Concord High School  
Nisha Jakkinpali - Hickory Ridge High School

\*Reappointment

**UPON MOTION** of Commissioner Kiger, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board removed Abigail Bringle, Brandon Lozano, Cason Gardner, Grace Pfister, Jeffrey Greene Luke Linkel and Sarah Houston from the Cabarrus County Youth Commission roster and thanked them for their service by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Poole and Shue. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**UPON MOTION** of Commissioner Kiger, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Nattellie Anderson, Campbell Depken, Emma Hogle, Kylie Greenelsh, Neerali Parikh and Nisha Jakkinpali to the Cabarrus County Youth Commission for two-year terms ending June 30, 2022 by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Poole and Shue. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**UPON MOTION** of Commissioner Kiger, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Tisha Abdul to the Cabarrus County Youth Commission for a two-year term ending June 30, 2022 by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Poole and Shue. Nays: None. Absent: None.

#### **(F-2) Appointments - Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee**

Sandi Lane's term on the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee ended September 30, 2020. Ms. Lane would like to serve another term. She is recommended for reappointment by the Regional Ombudsman.

**UPON MOTION** of Commissioner Kiger, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Sandi Lane to the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee for a three-year term ending September 30, 2023 by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Poole and Shue. Nays: None. Absent: None.

#### **(F-3) Cooperative Extension - Memorial Tree at Cooperative Extension**

Cabarrus Extension Master Gardeners (EMG) would like to plant a memorial tree (dogwood) on the Cooperative Extension property to memorialize Extension Master Gardener volunteers that have passed. EMG's will purchase the tree, prepare the site, plant and maintain the tree. A plaque will be erected at the tree to confirm the memorial. Cooperative Extension is working with Infrastructure and Asset Management to designate the appropriate location for the memorial tree.

**UPON MOTION** of Commissioner Kiger, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board approved the installation of a memorial tree at the Cooperative Extension office location by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Poole and Shue. Nays: None. Absent: None.

#### **(F-4) County Manager - Boundary Survey of Stonewall Jackson Training School Property**



County staff issued a Request for Qualifications for surveying services at the Stonewall Jackson Training School property. CESI was selected for the project and has submitted a proposal for the first phase which is a complete boundary survey of the property. A copy of that proposal was provided. Additional phases of the surveying will be presented to the Board of Commissioners as the project moves forward. In addition, an agreement with the State Property Office for reimbursement of portions of the survey cost was presented for approval.

**UPON MOTION** of Commissioner Kiger, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board approved the proposal from CESI for surveying services by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Poole and Shue. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**UPON MOTION** of Commissioner Kiger, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board approved a budget amendment in the amount of \$28,550 for this purpose with funding from the Board of Commissioners contingency budget including authorization for the Finance Director to prepare the budget amendment by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Poole and Shue. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Date:10/19/2020

Amount:28,550.00

Dept. Head:Kyle Bilefer

Department:Building Maintenance

☒ Internal Transfer Within Department

☐ Transfer Between Departments/Funds

☐ Supplemental Request

CESI was selected for the Stonewall Jackson Training School property project and has submitted a proposal for the first phase which is a complete boundary survey of the propert							
Fund	Indicator	Department/ Object/ Project	Account Name	Approved Budget	Increase Amount	Decrease Amount	Revised Budget
001	9	1910-9660	Board Contingency	1,555,581.75		28,550.00	1,527,031.75
001	9	1952-9606-STONW	Engineers		28,550.00		28,550.00

**(F-5) Department of Human Services - FY21 Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Funding Plan Revision**

The FY21 Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Funding Plan was approved by the Board of Commissioners on June 15, 2020. On September 17, 2020 the county was notified by the Centralina Area Agency on Aging of a decrease in funding for the FY21 allocation of 1.12 percent. Based on previous approval from the Home and Community Care Block Grant Advisory Committee, the funding for each service has been decreased by 1.12 percent. The new recommended funding plan was provided in the agenda.

**UPON MOTION** of Commissioner Kiger, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board approved the FY21 HCCBG Funding Plan revision as submitted and authorized the Department of Human Services to prepare the associated budget amendment by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Poole and Shue. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Date:10/19/2020

Amount:11,478.00

Dept. Head:Rosh Khatri

Department:Multi

☐ Internal Transfer Within Department

☐ Transfer Between Departments/Funds

☒ Supplemental Request

Requesting to revise the HCCBG Funding Plan previously approved on 6/15/20. Centralina Area Agency decreased the funding on 9/17/20							
Fund	Indicator	Department/ Object/ Project	Account Name	Approved Budget	Increase Amount	Decrease Amount	Revised Budget
001	6	5240-6223-HCCBG	Transportation Grant	191,069.00		2,143.00	188,926.00
001	9	5240-9346	Fuel	197,121.00		1,071.00	196,050.00
001	9	5240-9520	Maintenance	305,645.00		1,072.00	304,573.00
001	6	5760-6215	HCCBG/In Home Aide- CBG	192,245.00		2,158.00	190,087.00
001	9	5760-9445	Purchased services	214,245.00		2,158.00	212,087.00
001	6	5750-6224	Congregate Nutrition Grant	119,076.00		1,202.00	117,874.00
001	9	5750-9335	Food	243,213.00		1,202.00	242,011.00
001	6	5760-6301	HcCBG- Adult Day Services	161,982.00		1,789.00	160,193.00
001	9	5760-9444	Adult Day Services	177,085.00		1,789.00	175,296.00
							0.00
001	6	3250-6226	Home improvement Repair Grant	51,439.00		577.00	50,862.00
001	9	3250-9493-HHI	Operations HHI	12,000.00		577.00	11,423.00
							0.00
001	6	8145-6345	Senior Center Operations Grant	89,522.00		1,004.00	88,518.00
001	9	8145-9496	Senior Center Operations Grant	51,522.00		1,004.00	50,518.00

**(F-6) Infrastructure and Asset Management - Offer for Purchase of Surplus Property**

PIN #: 56410019790000 is a property that is listed as a county asset and has been on the books since 1965. It is a vacant .21-acre tract in a residential subdivision, originally intended to be a ROW (right-of-way). We have recently received an offer to purchase from Mark McCormick for \$1,800. The deposit check has been received and transferred to the Finance Department.

In order to accept this offer to purchase it is required to go through the standard upset bid process.

**UPON MOTION** of Commissioner Kiger, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board conditionally accepted the initial bid from Mr. McCormick and commenced the upset bid process by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Poole and Shue. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**(F-7) Planning and Development - Dissolution of the Watershed Improvement Commission**

The Cabarrus County Watershed Improvement Commission was established by the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners on February 6, 1967 to promote conservation of the watershed in Cabarrus County and to enforce state statutes and county ordinances concerning erosion control. Over the years, the responsibilities of this board changed with the changes in state and local programs related to stream clearing and erosion control. Since the county relinquished the erosion control program back to the state of North Carolina, the board has listened to flooding and erosion complaints, but has no role or resources for assisting those citizens. Flooding issues and erosion control issues are handled by different federal, state and local agencies. Since the board has no true responsibilities any longer, staff is seeking dissolution of this board and thanks to the members who have been serving.

**UPON MOTION** of Commissioner Kiger, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the resolution by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Poole and Shue. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Resolution No. 2020-23

**RESOLUTION DISSOLVING THE WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the Cabarrus County Watershed Improvement Commission was established by this Board on February 6, 1967 to promote conservation of the watershed in Cabarrus County and to enforce State statutes and County ordinances concerning erosion control;

WHEREAS, Cabarrus County decided to turn enforcement of erosion control laws over to the State some years ago and laid off its employees that performed those inspections;

WHEREAS, this left the Watershed Improvement Commission without any continuing legal function and without any additional work to do.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners, that:

1. The Watershed Improvement Commission of Cabarrus County is hereby dissolved.
2. The current members of the Commission are hereby relieved of their duties on this Commission and are thanked for their service.
3. All expense money and other amounts due to the Commissioners which have not been paid shall be immediately paid.

ADOPTED this 19<sup>TH</sup> day of October, 2020.

/s/ Stephen M. Morris  
Stephen M. Morris, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

Attest:

/s/ Lauren Linker  
Lauren Linker, Clerk to the Board

**(F-8) Planning and Development - Soil and Water Conservation District Board - Applications for Farmland Preservation Grants**

The Soil and Water Conservation District Board intends to apply for state and federal Farmland Preservation Grants to purchase development rights for permanent agricultural conservation easements on two farms.

Farmland Preservation supports goals of both the Board of Commissioners, and the Soil and Water Conservation District Board by improving the quality of life for county citizens. Permanently protecting farmland ensures the land base necessary for the county's agricultural economy, while simultaneously keeping the tax burden low by maximizing the amount of land acreage where the cost of county services is lowest. The Soil and Water Conservation District Board has previously applied for and received grant funding to preserve a total of 360 acres of farmland.

Any contracts or cooperative agreements associated with successful grant applications will be submitted to the county for approval.

**UPON MOTION** of Commissioner Kiger, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the Soil and Water Conservation District Board to submit one or more applications to the North Carolina Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Program Trust Fund, the United States Department of Agriculture, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Agricultural Conservation Easement Program for funds to preserve land on two farms with conservation easements by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Poole and Shue. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**(F-9) Tax Administration - Refund and Release Reports - September 2020**

The Release Report contains taxpayers' names, bill numbers, valuations, tax amounts, along with the justifications for releasing the valuation/tax amounts for outstanding levies in accordance with N.C.G.S. 105-381. The Refund Report is a summary sheet which lists data from each refund request form, along with the justification for the refunds to the taxpayers in accordance with N.C.G.S. 105-381.

Note: Due to the transition of motor vehicles onto the new North Carolina Vehicle Tax System (NCVTS), motor vehicle-related refunds and releases will begin to be displayed on the new report generated by NCVTS.

**UPON MOTION** of Commissioner Kiger, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board approved the September 2020 Refund and Release Reports as submitted, including the NCVTS Refund Report, and granted authority to the Tax Collector to process the refunds and releases, by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Poole and Shue. Nays: None. Absent: None. The report is hereby incorporated into the minutes by reference and is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

**(G) NEW BUSINESS****(G-1) County Manager - Economic Development Incentive Agreement with the City of Concord - Public Hearing 6:30 p.m.**

Jonathan Marshall, Deputy County Manager, presented a request for an economic development agreement for a proposed development incentive with the City of Concord. The City in turn is proposing to enter into an agreement with the private development group (Lansing Melbourne Group [LMG]). The development as a whole is approximately \$50 million of private investment in downtown Concord. The project entails approximately 300 residential units. More than half of those are defined as workforce rent rates to make them more affordable. There is over fifteen thousand square feet of retail/commercial space included. This project is the development and/or redevelopment of three parcels: 30 Market Street, 26 Union Street, and 25 Barbrick Avenue SW. He advised the County would be selling the 25 Barbrick Avenue SW parcel for its appraised value (\$165,000) to the City of Concord. Mr. Marshall stated the availability of Steve Osborne and Joseph Beasley with the City of Concord to answer questions. In addition, he stated Mayor Bill Dusch and Seth Meltzer with the development group are present and will be providing comments.

Mayor Bill Dusch, City of Concord, expressed support for the agreement. He stated this project will create important market rate and workforce residential units as well as brand new commercial space in the heart of downtown Concord. He advised this project will transform three unused publicly owned properties into mixed-use buildings that will contribute to downtown Concord.

revitalization. It will help the downtown economy thrive by creating more jobs and opportunities as well as expanding our city and county tax base. Mayor Dusch further stated LMG's investment will act as a catalyst for additional private investment.

Steve Osborne, City of Concord, Planning and Neighborhood Development Director, stated this project has been in the making for two years. He advised, with approval from both the City and County, work could begin in December.

Seth Meltzer, Managing Director, Lansing Melbourne Group, thanked the Board for their support and consideration for this agreement.

A discussion ensued. During discussion, Mr. Meltzer responded to questions from the Board. Joseph Beasley, City of Concord, Economic Development Coordinator, was also in attendance via electronic means.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing at 6:54 p.m. The Public Hearing Notice was posted on the County's website ([www.cabarruscounty.us](http://www.cabarruscounty.us)) on October 7, 2020 in accordance with Article 2, Administration, Section 2.1 (Use of Electronic Means to Provide Public Notices) of the Cabarrus County Code of Ordinances.

Chairman Morris asked Lauren Linker, Clerk to the Board, if any written comments had been submitted, if anyone was waiting on the phone or present in the Board of Commissioners Chambers to present a comment. Ms. Linker stated no written comments were submitted and there was no one on the phone or present in the Board of Commissioners Chambers.

There were no comments, nor anyone present via telephone or in person to address the Board; therefore, Chairman Morris closed the public hearing.

**UPON MOTION** of Commissioner Shue, seconded by Vice Chairman Honeycutt and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Economic Development Incentive Agreement between Cabarrus County and the City of Concord and authorized the County Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of Cabarrus County, subject to review or revisions by the County Attorney, made now, but to go into effect after the required 24-hour period and with any additional comments reviewed by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Poole and Shue. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**(G-2) Sheriff's Office - Declare K-9 Igor Surplus Property**

Chief Deputy James Bailey reported K-9 Igor has behavioral issues which has made him unserviceable for future law enforcement K-9 work. The K-9 training company, Ronin Dog Training, from which he was obtained, has agreed to take K-9 Igor and provide more extensive training and/or otherwise provide a suitable home for him. Chief Deputy Bailey advised he has not yet received a waiver from the kennels so any stipulation as far as transfer of ownership will need to be upon receipt of the waiver and the \$1.00 fee for the surplus.

A brief discussion ensued. During discussion, Chief Deputy Bailey responded to questions from the Board.

Commissioner Kiger **MOVED** to declare K-9 Igor surplus property and to authorize disposition in accordance with the County's policy, pending receipt of the waiver. Commissioner Shue seconded the motion.

Following a brief discussion, the **MOTION** unanimously carried by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Poole and Shue. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**(G-3) DHS - Mental Health Services**

Mike Downs, County Manager, reported there have been concerns regarding timely patient/client services provided by Cardinal Innovation Healthcare, which have not been resolved. In this regard, a resolution was presented for the Board's consideration and adoption. The resolution would allow Cabarrus County to give written notice of its intent to disengage from the current Local Management Entity/Managed Care Organization of Cardinal Innovations Healthcare and realign with Partners Behavioral Health Management. Mr. Downs advised this process is regulated by State statutes and regulations. In order to move forward with this request, approval at the State level with Secretary Mandy Cohen is required.



Karen Calhoun, Department of Human Services Director, provided information regarding Local Management Entity Managed Care Organizations (LME MCO). Cardinal Innovations Healthcare is the LME MCO for Cabarrus County. Ms. Calhoun discussed a number of concerns and issues experienced by Cabarrus County patients/clients under care management of Cardinal Innovations Healthcare. She stated options are limited based on statutes and rules from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. She further stated the County has a right to choose its LME MCO. Ms. Calhoun reported Union County adopted a similar resolution earlier today that is being requested for this Boards to disengage from Cardinal Innovations Healthcare and realign with Partners Behavioral Health Management. She advised it is a nine-month process that begins with adoption of the resolution expressing a desire to disengage and begin a realignment process.

Ms. Calhoun read the resolution aloud. She requested adoption of the resolution that provides authorization for the County Manager to move forward, to prepare documents, plans and other needed items. Those include a letter of intent that will be sent to the North Carolina Department of Human Services secretary Mandy Cohen. It also includes a disengagement plan that will be provided on our website, and there will be an opportunity for public comment that runs for 60 days. Beyond those 60 days, there is a 30-day period where the comments are available for view only. It is an open, transparent process and opportunity for public input from citizens, stakeholders, community partners and anyone with an interest in this particular issue. The aforementioned documents will be posted at [www.cabarruscounty.us/mentalhealth.realign](http://www.cabarruscounty.us/mentalhealth.realign).

Rhett Melton, Partners Behavioral Health Management, Chief Executive Officer, provided comments in connection with company values and a partnership with clients.

A discussion ensued. Commissioners Blake, Shue and Morris commented and expressed support for adoption of the resolution and to disengage from Cardinal Innovations Healthcare and realign with Partners Behavioral Health Management.

**UPON MOTION** of Commissioner Shue, seconded by Commissioner Kiger and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Resolution for Disengagement From Cardinal Innovations, Inc. and join Partners Behavioral Health Management by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Poole and Shue. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**UPON MOTION** of Vice Chairman Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Disengagement Plan of Action by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Poole and Shue. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**UPON MOTION** of Vice Chairman Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board scheduled a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as persons may be heard on January 18, 2021 by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Poole and Shue. Nays: None. Absent: None.

It was noted that the January regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. By consensus, the Board rescheduled the public hearing date to January 19, 2021.

Resolution No. 2020-24

#### Resolution

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 122C-115 (a3) empowers a county to choose its Local Management Entity/Managed Care Organization (LME/MCO) subject to the approval of the Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, Cabarrus County and Union County representatives have had productive discussions and engagement with Partners Health Management, an LME/MCO in good standing with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, Partners operates in a manner that is very inclusive, innovative and engaging with local agencies, stakeholders, and community partners; and

WHEREAS, Partners is committed to its purpose of "Improving Lives and Strengthening Communities" and Partners' values align well with those of Cabarrus and Union counties; and

WHEREAS, Partners' priorities and projects align well with the county's responsibilities to citizens with Behavioral Health and Intellectual/Developmental Disability needs; and

WHEREAS, Partners can ensure continuity of care for citizens needing care during a transitional time and is fully committed to continuing to contract with all service providers in good standing; and

WHEREAS, Partners internal and external culture aligns with the expectations of Cabarrus and Union counties in meeting the needs of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, both Cabarrus and Union counties desire to ensure the highest quality of service available to meet the needs of county residents and ensure continuity of care;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Cabarrus as follows:

1. Cabarrus County seeks to disengage from Cardinal Innovations Healthcare and to join Partners Health Management.
2. The commissioners direct and empower the County Manager and others to complete all necessary steps to affect the change, in accordance with guiding statute and rules in the most expeditious manner possible.
3. The Commissioners hereby authorize the County Manager to work with the County Attorney and staff to prepare any documentation and/or publication, including any letter of intent, plans, or procedures.

Adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

/s/ Stephen M. Morris  
Stephen M. Morris, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

Attest:

/s/ Lauren Linker  
Lauren Linker, Clerk to the Board

#### **(H) REPORTS**

##### **(H-1) BOC - Receive Updates from Commission Members Who Serve as Liaisons to Municipalities or on Various Boards/Committees**

Vice Chairman Honeycutt announced the Human Services Department successfully met the USDA mandate of services. She also gave a list of upcoming events through the Active Living and Parks Department.

Chairman Morris commented on the Touch a Truck event held at the Cabarrus Arena and Events Center and sponsored by the Active Living and Parks Department.

##### **(H-2) Board of Commissioners - Request for Applications for County Boards/Committees**

Applications are being accepted for the following County Boards/Committees:

- Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee - 7 Vacant Positions
- Concord Planning and Zoning Commission (ETJ) - 1 Vacant Position
- Early Childhood Task Force Advisory Board - 6 Vacant Positions
- Harrisburg Fire Advisory Board (ETJ) - 1 Vacant Position
- Human Services Advisory Board - 2 Positions Expiring Soon
- Juvenile Crime Prevention Council - 3 Vacant Positions
- Mental Health Advisory Board - 12 Positions Expiring Soon
- Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee - 8 Vacant Positions
- Region F Aging Advisory Committee - 1 Vacant Position
- Senior Centers Advisory Council - 4 Positions Expiring Soon
- Transportation Advisory Board - 3 Vacant Positions (Clergy, Midland, NC Mental Health)
- Youth Commission - 6 Vacant Positions (A.L. Brown, Hickory Ridge, Jay M. Robinson, and At-Large High Schools)

Chairman Morris urged citizens to consider participating on a Board or Committee.

##### **(H-3) County Manager - Monthly Building Activity Reports**

The Board received the Cabarrus County Construction Standards Dodge Report for September 2020 and the Cabarrus County Commercial Building Plan Review Summary for September 2020 for informational purposes. No action was required of the Board.

**(H-4) County Manager - Monthly New Development Report**

The Board received the monthly new development report for informational purposes. No action was required of the Board.

**(H-5) Economic Development Corporation - September 2020 Monthly Summary Report**

The Board received the Cabarrus Economic Development Corporation (EDC) monthly report for the month of September 2020 for informational purposes. No action was required of the Board.

**(H-6) Finance - Monthly Financial Update**

The Board received the monthly financial update report for informational purposes. No action was required of the Board.

**(I) GENERAL COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Vice Chairman Honeycutt complemented and thanked the Board of Elections and County staff for the excellent job on early voting.

Chairman Morris commented on the early voting locations and thanked the Board of Elections for their efforts. He also encouraged everyone to vote.

**(J) WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT OF CABARRUS COUNTY**

None.

**(K) CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**(L) ADJOURN**

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Shue, seconded by Vice Chairman Honeycutt and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Poole and Shue. Nays: None. Absent: None.

  
Lauren Linker, Clerk to the Board

