

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Cabarrus conducted a remote virtual meeting, as allowed by the Board's Remote Participation Policy during the Covid-19 state of emergency, for the Board's Organizational Meeting for Cabarrus County in Concord, North Carolina at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 7, 2020.

Present - Chairman:	Stephen M. Morris
Vice Chairman:	Diane R. Honeycutt
Commissioners:	F. Blake Kiger
	Lynn W. Shue
	Barbara C. Strang

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

#### Oaths of Office for Elected Officials

Prior to the organizational meeting, oaths of office were administered to newly elected commissioners Stephen M. Morris and Barbara C. Strang.

#### Administration of Oath to Office: Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners

The Honorable Nathaniel Knust, District Court Judge, administered the following oath of office to Commissioner Morris:

CABARRUS COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OATH OF OFFICE

I, Stephen M. Morris, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, so help me, God.

I, Stephen M. Morris, do solemnly and sincerely swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain, and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me, God.

I, Stephen M. Morris, do solemnly swear that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as Cabarrus County Commissioner; so help me, God.

/s/ Stephen M. Morris  
Stephen M. Morris

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

/s/ Judge Nathaniel Knust  
Honorable Nathaniel Knust  
District Court Judge

The Honorable Nathaniel Knust, District Court Judge, administered the following oath of office to Commissioner Strang:

CABARRUS COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OATH OF OFFICE

I, Barbara C. Strang, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, so help me, God.

I, Barbara C. Strang, do solemnly and sincerely swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain, and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me, God.

I, Barbara C. Strang, do solemnly swear that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully

discharge the duties of my office as Cabarrus County Commissioner; so help me, God.

Effective December 7, 2020.

/s/ Barbara C. Strang  
Barbara C. Strang

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2020.

/s/ Judge Nathaniel Knust  
Honorable Nathaniel Knust  
District Court Judge

#### **Organizational Meeting - Call to Order**

Chairman Morris called the organizational meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Commissioners Morris and Strang expressed appreciation to the voters for being chosen to serve the citizens of Cabarrus County.

#### **Board Organization**

Chairman Morris turned the meeting over to Mike Downs, County Manager, who presided over the organization of the Board.

#### **Election of Chairman**

Mike Downs, County Manager, called for nominations for the position of Chairman.

Commissioner Shue nominated Commissioner Morris as Chairman of the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Honeycutt seconded the nomination.

Mr. Downs called for further nominations. There were none.

**UPON MOTION** of Commissioner Kiger and unanimously carried, the Board voted to close the floor for nominations and re-elected Commissioner Morris as Chairman of the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners by acclamation.

#### **Election of Vice Chairman**

The County Manager turned the meeting over to Chairman Morris.

Chairman Morris called for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Kiger nominated Commissioner Honeycutt as Vice Chairman of the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners.

Chairman Morris called for further nominations. There were none.

**UPON MOTION** of Commissioner Shue, seconded by Commissioner Kiger and unanimously carried, the Board voted to close nominations and elected Commissioner Honeycutt as Vice Chairman of the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners by acclamation.

#### **Approval of Public Officials Bond for the Register of Deeds**

**UPON MOTION** of Vice Chairman Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Public Official Bond in the amount of \$50,000.00 for Wayne Nixon, Register of Deeds, in accordance with N.C.G.S. 161-4, by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Shue and Strang. Nays: None. Absent: None.

#### **Adjourn**

**UPON MOTION** of Commissioner Strang, seconded by Commissioner Kiger and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Shue and Strang. Nays: None. Absent: None.



Lauren Linker  
Lauren Linker, Clerk to the Board