

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, February 15, 2021.

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

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; 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 process for the public to participate in informal public comments and the public hearing.

(A) APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF MINUTES

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Shue, seconded by Vice Chairman Honeycutt and unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of January 4, 2021 (Work Session), and January 19, 2021 (Regular Meeting) as presented by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Shue and Strang. Nays: None. Absent: None.

(B) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Morris reviewed the following changes to the agenda.

Additions:

New Business

G-2 LME-MCO Realignment Written Request

G-3 Planning and Development - Weatherization Cares Contract and Associated Budget Amendment

Closed Session

K-1 Closed Session - Pending Litigation and Economic Development

Commissioner Kiger **MOVED** to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Strang seconded the motion.

Commissioner Shue requested Item F-9 (County Manager - Child Care Facility Partnership) be moved to New Business for discussion.

Commissioner Kiger amended his **MOTION** to include moving Item F-9 to New Business. Commissioner Strang amended her second to the motion.

The **MOTION** was unanimously carried by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Shue and Strang. Nays: None. Absent: None.

(C) RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

(C-1) County Manager - Procurement Month Proclamation

Rodney Harris, Deputy County Manager, commented on staff that processes purchasing and procurement within County departments and read the proclamation aloud.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Honeycutt, 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, Shue and Strang. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Proclamation No. 2021-02

PROCUREMENT MONTH 2021 PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the public procurement profession plays a significant role in the efficiency and effectiveness of government and business; and

WHEREAS, governmental procurement professionals contribute positively to public agencies and services by improving procurement methods and practices and by utilizing technologies and industry best practices to increase efficiency and improve processes; and

WHEREAS, these procurement professionals dedicate themselves to providing the best value for every taxpayer dollar; they provide high-caliber strategic, logistical and operational support for agencies and they dedicate themselves to expanding their knowledge, skills and abilities for the public good; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the purchase of goods and services, public procurement adds value to the organization by performing such functions as executing, implementing and administering contracts, developing strategic procurement strategies and cultivating working relationships with suppliers and other departments within the organization; and

WHEREAS, public procurement has tremendous influence on the economic conditions in the State of North Carolina, its municipalities and indeed across the United States, with a cumulative purchasing power running into the billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP), has proclaimed the month of March as "Procurement Month" to further expand the awareness of the procurement professional's role to government officials, the general public and businesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Commissioners for Cabarrus County, North Carolina, do hereby recognize March 2021 as Public Procurement Month for its impact on governmental purchasing in North Carolina.

ADOPTED this 15th day of February, 2021.

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

(C-2) DHS - Social Worker Appreciation Month

Karen Calhoun, Human Services Director, commented on the role of social workers and read the proclamation aloud.

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

Proclamation No. 2021-03

SOCIAL WORK MONTH 2021 PROCLAMATION
"SOCIAL WORKERS ARE ESSENTIAL"

WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession for decades has been dedicated to improving human well-being and enhancing the basic needs of all people—especially the most vulnerable among us;

WHEREAS, this year's Social Work Month theme, "Social Workers Are Essential," embodies the heroic contributions of the Social Work profession to our nation, including the work Social Workers have done to heal our nation during these times of pandemic, racial unrest, economic uncertainty and political divisiveness;

WHEREAS, Social Workers have always been present in times of crisis, helping people overcome issues such as death and grief and helping people and

communities recover from natural disasters such as fires, hurricanes and earthquakes;

WHEREAS, Social Workers have helped this nation live up to its values by successfully advocating for equal rights for all people, no matter their race, sexual identity, gender, gender expression, culture or religion;

WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession is one of the fastest growing professions in the United States, with nearly 800,000 people expected to be employed as Social Workers by 2028;

WHEREAS, Social Workers work in all parts of our society to empower people to live to their fullest potential;

WHEREAS, School Social Workers have worked with families and school throughout the pandemic to ensure students reach their full academic and personal potential;

WHEREAS, Social Workers play a crucial role in our nation's health care system and have played a key role in this nation's response to COVID-19 and helping individuals, families and communities cope with the epidemic;

WHEREAS, Social Workers for generations have advocated for positive changes that have made our society a better place to live, including urging policymakers to adopt the minimum wage, improve workplace safety, and enact social safety net programs that help ameliorate hunger, homelessness, and poverty;

WHEREAS, Social Workers are one of the largest groups of mental health care providers in the United States, and work daily to help people—whether in person or remotely—overcome substance use disorders and mental illnesses such as depression and anxiety;

WHEREAS, Social Workers will continue to stand ready to assist our nation in overcoming present and future challenges, including pushing for racial equity, ending gun violence, improving health care and mental health care for all and urging lawmakers to adopt immigration reforms;

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of the numerous contributions made by America's Social Workers, we, the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners, proclaim the month of March 2021 as National Social Work Month and call upon all citizens to join the National Association of Social Workers and Cabarrus County in celebration and support of the Social Work Profession.

ADOPTED this 15th day of February, 2021.

/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 6:44 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) Active Living and Parks - Lease for Cox Mill School Park Property to City of Concord

Concord Parks and Recreation Department acquired a tract of land located between Cox Mill Elementary School and a 34-acre Conservation Easement tract owned by Cabarrus County Soil and Water District.

Concord Parks and Recreation Department has plans to build a park on the land to serve the citizens of the west side of the County. This area was identified in their Masterplan as a priority for recreation amenities.

The Odell Volunteer Athletic Association currently utilizes Cox Mill School Park as their home base. Concord Parks and Recreation has been working with Odell Athletic Association to administer their sport programs and maintain the athletic fields. An agreement between Odell and Concord is currently in progress to solidify this process.

Concord Parks and Recreation has been in contact with Daniel McClellan, Soil and Water District Manager and Kelly Sifford, Cabarrus County Planning Director regarding the Conservation tract and working together to provide educational opportunities, parking, and natural surface trails to access the tract. Mrs. Sifford is in agreement with the plans Concord has currently presented.

Concord Parks and Recreation has been in contact with Tim Lowder, Cabarrus County Schools Executive Director of Operations about this project. There has been discussion about joint use of the current entrance drive as well as parent pick-up/drop off opportunities. Concord will assume maintenance of the School Park property as part of this agreement. Mr. Lowder is in agreement with the plans Concord has currently presented.

Concord planned to have the Annexation request of the park site to Council in November and Planning and Zoning in December.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board approved leasing the Cox Mill Elementary School Park site to the City of Concord by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Shue and Strang. Nays: None. Absent: None.

(F-2) Active Living and Parks - Sale of Fixed Asset Budget Amendment

The Active Living and Parks Department sold used fitness equipment (GovDeals.com) from the Concord Senior Center totaling \$4,225.33.

The department is requesting to use funds to supplement the cost of a replacement stepper machine at the Concord Senior Center.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board approved the required budget amendment by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Shue and Strang. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Date:	<input type="text" value="2/15/2021"/>	Amount:	<input type="text" value="4,225.33"/>
Dept. Head:	<input type="text" value="Londa Strong"/>	Department:	<input type="text" value="ALPS"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Internal Transfer Within Department		<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer Between Departments/Funds	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Request	

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Fund	Indicator	Department/ Object/ Project	Account Name	Approved Budget	Increase Amount	Decrease Amount	Revised Budget
001	6	1910-6801	Sale of Fixed Assets	35,000.00	4,225.33		39,225.33
001	9	8145-9330	Tools & Minor Equipment	-	4,225.33		4,225.33

(F-3) Appointments - Firemen's Relief Fund Trustees

The Cabarrus County Volunteer Fire Departments have submitted the following individuals for appointments/reappointments as Firemen's Relief Fund Trustees*:

<u>Volunteer</u>	<u>Department</u>
Chris Whiting	Allen
Raymond N. Blackwelder, Jr.	Cold Water
Artie Craig	Flowes Store
Raheem Cruse	Georgeville
Brian Lee	Harrisburg
Darrell Page	Midland
Randall Ritchie	Mt. Mitchell

Jeff Russell	Mt. Mitchell
Lori Furr	Mt. Pleasant Rural
Richard V. Bergeron, II	North East
Jacob Williams	Odell
Marty Ritchie	Rimer

*These appointments are exempt from the County Appointment Policy. Recommendations are submitted by each of the respective volunteer fire departments.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Raheem Cruse (Georgeville), Brian Lee (Harrisburg), Randall Ritchie (Mt. Mitchell), and Marty Ritchie (Rimer); and reappoint Chris Witing (Allen), Raymond N. Blackwelder Jr. (Cold Water), Artie Craig (Flowes Store), Darrell Page (Midland), Lori Furr (Mount Pleasant Rural), Richard Bergeron, II (North East), Jacob Williams (Odell) to the Firemen's Relief Fund Trustees for two-year terms ending January 31, 2023 by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Shue and Strang. Nays: None. Absent: None.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Jeff Russell (Mt. Mitchell) to the Firemen's Relief Fund Trustees for a one-year term ending January 31, 2022 by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Shue and Strang. Nays: None. Absent: None.

(F-4) Appointments - Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

An application to serve on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council has been submitted by Baylee Barkley. She is a student at Kannapolis Middle School and is eligible to serve as the Student under 18 for Kannapolis City Schools representative. The Council voted to recommend her for appointment at their January meeting.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Baylee Barkley to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council as the Student Under 18/KCS representative to complete an unexpired term ending June 30, 2021 by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Shue and Strang. Nays: None. Absent: None.

(F-5) Appointments and Removals - Early Childhood Task Force Advisory Board

Early Childhood Task Force Advisory Board member Susan King retired and has resigned from the committee. It is requested to remove her name from the roster.

Rodney Harris is resigning from his position on the committee. He recommended Carla Brown, the new Early Childhood Education Coordinator, be appointed to fill his position.

During the Early Childhood Task Force Advisory Board's virtual meeting on January 12, 2021, members reviewed applications and voted to recommend the following for appointment to the committee: Marcella Beam, Carla Brown, Justina Clemmons, Stephanie Fish, Chris Jarrett, Mande LaCroix, Jessie Napoli, Jennifer Threadgill and Kevin Vinson. Ms. Beam and Ms. Brown do not reside in Cabarrus County, therefore an exception to the residency provision of the Appointment Policy will be needed for them.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board removed Susan King and Rodney Harris from the Early Childhood Task Force Advisory Board roster and thanked them for their service by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Shue and Strang. Nays: None. Absent: None.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Marcella Beam, Justina Clemmons, Stephanie Fish, Chris Jarrett, Mande LaCroix, Jessie Napoli, Jennifer Threadgill and Kevin Vinson to the Early Childhood Task Force Advisory Board for four-year terms ending February 28, 2025; including an exception to the residency provision of the Appointment Policy for Ms. Beam by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Shue and Strang. Nays: None. Absent: None.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Carla Brown to the Early Childhood

Task Force Advisory Board to complete an unexpired term ending July 31, 2024; including an exception to the residency provision of the Appointment Policy by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Shue and Strang. Nays: None. Absent: None.

(F-6) Appointments and Removals - Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority

The terms for Danny Fesperman and Robert Link on the Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority end February 28, 2021. Mr. Fesperman would like to serve another term. Terms are for six years. An exception to the length of service provision of the Appointment Policy will be needed. Mr. Link is not able to serve another term. It is requested to remove his name from the roster.

An application is on file for Michael Benson. He is recommended to be appointed to fill the position vacated by Mr. Link.

The Authority meets on an as-needed basis and the County Attorney serves as the contact for this Authority.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Danny Fesperman to the Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority for a six-year term ending February 28, 2027; including an exception to the length of service provision of the Appointment Policy by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Shue and Strang. Nays: None. Absent: None.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board removed Robert Link from the Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority roster and thanked him for his service by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Shue and Strang. Nays: None. Absent: None.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Michael Benson to the Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority for a six-year term ending February 28, 2027 by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Shue and Strang. Nays: None. Absent: None.

(F-7) Appointments and Removals - Mental Health Advisory Board

Several terms of Mental Health Advisory Board members expired December 31st. The following members are recommended to be reappointed to serve another term: Van Shaw, Terry Spry, Amy Jewell, Karen Calhoun, Georgia Lozier and David Wall. Ms. Calhoun and Mr. Wall do not reside in Cabarrus County. An exception to the residency provision of the Appointment Policy will be needed for them.

Additionally, Midland Mayor John Crump is stepping down from his position. Darren Hartsell is recommended to be appointed to fill the Midland Mayor/City Council position on the Advisory Board.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Van Shaw, Terry Spry, Amy Jewell, Karen Calhoun, Georgia Lozier and David Wall to the Mental Health Advisory Board for three-year terms ending December 31, 2023; including an exception to the residency provision of the Appointment Policy for Ms. Calhoun and Mr. Wall by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Shue and Strang. Nays: None. Absent: None.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board removed John Crump from the Mental Health Advisory Board roster and thanked him for his service by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Shue and Strang. Nays: None. Absent: None.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Darren Hartsell to the Mental Health Advisory Board for a three-year term ending December 31, 2023 by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Shue and Strang. Nays: None. Absent: None.

(F-8) County Manager - Central Area Plan Inter-local Agreement Modification

The City of Concord has received a request for connection to public water service within an area that is restricted by the City/County agreement for the Central Area Plan. An Ad Hoc Modification of that agreement is necessary for this parcel (3519 Katrina Avenue [PIN 5641-70-5535]) to be approved for that service.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Ad Hoc Modification of the Central Area Land Use Plan Agreement between Cabarrus County and the City of Concord; and authorized the County Manager to execute the contract on behalf of Cabarrus County, subject to review or revisions by the County Attorney by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Shue and Strang. Nays: None. Absent: None.

(F-9) County Manager - Child Care Facility Partnership

Note: This item was moved to New Business as Item G-4.

(F-10) County Manager - Purchase of Property for the Northeast Cabarrus Public Safety Communications Towers

The County has budgeted for the purchase of property to construct a northeastern Cabarrus Public Safety Communications Tower. This tower has been proposed to address poor public safety communication service in the eastern and northeastern parts of the County. An approximately 14-acre site has been identified near the intersection of Gold Hill Road East and Short Cut Road for this purpose. A purchase price within the budgeted amount has been negotiated with the property owner. This request is for approval of a contract to purchase that will include a due diligence to complete the site specific planning for this tower.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board approved the purchase contract between Cabarrus County and Tracy and Carol Talley; and authorized the County Manager to execute the contract on behalf of Cabarrus County, subject to review or revisions by the County Attorney by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Shue and Strang. Nays: None. Absent: None.

(F-11) County Manager - Utility Easements at Roberta Road Middle School

The new Roberta Road Middle School is currently under construction Duke Energy is requesting an easement for the power lines serving the school. This is one of many utility easements that will be requested during and after construction. Cabarrus County Schools and County staff have discussed a more streamlined process and are requesting that the Board of Commissioners approve this easement request and in doing so also pre-approve all standard utility easements requests for this middle school. Any request that is not part of the standard utilities or otherwise is unique to this school, will be brought back to the Board of Commissioners for approval.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board approved all standard utility easements associated with the construction of the Roberta Road Middle School subject to review and revision by the County Attorney and including authorization for the County Manager to sign all necessary documents by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Shue and Strang. Nays: None. Absent: None.

(F-12) Planning and Development - 2020-2021 HOME Program Budget Amendment and Project Ordinance

The Board of Commissioners agreed in early 2020 to participate in the HOME program for FY 21. Two public hearings were held on proposed projects. Staff recently received the HOME contract from Concord which requires a budget amendment and project ordinance update in order to expend the funds. Staff also received funds from the payoff of a property that was rehabilitated several years ago. Those funds are required to be reinvested in the program and are shown on a second budget amendment. The required documents are attached.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the budget amendments and associated project ordinance update by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Shue and Strang. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Date:February 15 2021

Amount:182,652.00

Dept. Head:Suzanne Burgess for Kelly Sifford

Department:HOME GRANTS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Internal Transfer Within Department

Transfer Between Departments/Funds:

X Supplemental Request

This budget amendment is to budget revenues and expenditures for the HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM - HOME GRANT 2020 - in the Community Development Special Revenue Fund. The program is between the City of Concord, serving as the lead entity of the Cabarrus/Iredell/Rowan HOME Consortium and Cabarrus County. The services to be performed are Single Family New Construction. The County is required to have fifty percent (50%) of its funds obligated by March 1, 2022 and one hundred percent (100%) by October 1, 2022. Funds must be 100% drawn down by July 1, 2024. The County as been designated to receive \$139,429 in project funds and \$8,366 for administrative costs. The County's match is \$34,857 and will be a contribution from the General Fund.

Fund	Indicator	Department/ Object/ Project	Account Name	Approved Budget	Increase Amount	Decrease Amount	Revised Budget
410	6	3674-6432	HOME 20 - Consortium Revenues	-	147,795.00	-	147,795.00
410	6	3674-6902	Contribution from General Fund	-	34,857.00	-	34,857.00
410	9	3674-9383	HOME 20 - Subcontractor Construction	-	174,286.00	-	174,286.00
410	9	3674-9605	HOME 20 - Consultant	-	8,366.00	-	8,366.00

Date:February 15 2021

Amount:10,400.00

Dept. Head:Suzanne Burgess for Kelly Sifford

Department:HOME GRANTS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SRF

Internal Transfer Within Department

Transfer Between Departments/Funds:

X Supplemental Request

This budget amendment is to budget additional revenues and expenditures for HOME GRANT 2020 - in the Community Development Special Revenue Fund. The additional revenue received for a payback from previous HOME loan programs. Per the Home agreement, the County shall retain as program income all repayments to fund additional eligible HOME activities of the County's choosing. This County is using the additional funds to fund HOME 20 activities.

Fund	Indicator	Department/ Object/ Project	Account Name	Approved Budget	Increase Amount	Decrease Amount	Revised Budget
410	6	3674-6606	HOME 20 - Program Fees	-	10,400.00	-	10,400.00
410	9	3674-9383	HOME 20 - Subcontractor Construction	174,286.00	10,400.00	-	184,686.00

Ordinance No. 2021-02

CABARRUS COUNTY

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL REVENUE

PROJECT ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of County of Cabarrus, North Carolina that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following grant project ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section 1. The projects authorized is for the Grant Projects for the purpose of receiving and disbursing funds as directed by Home Program Grant and the Department of Commerce. The projects are referenced in Section 3.

Section 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed within the terms of the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the grant terms, the rules and regulations of the Department of Commerce and the budget contained herein.

Section 3. The following budgeted amounts are appropriated for the projects:

CDBG:		
Sub-Contractor	\$	42,352
Home 2015:		
Sub-Contractor		159,887
Consultants		4,292
Home 2016:		
Sub-Contractor		119,392
Consultants		3,271
Home 2020:		
Sub-Contractor		184,686
Consultants		8,299
Total	\$	522,179

Section 4. The following budgeted revenues are anticipated to be available to complete these projects.

CDBG:	\$	
Program Fees		42,352
Home 2015:		
Home Consortium Revenues		94,684
Program Fees		44,495
Contribution from General Fund		25,000
Home 2016:		
Home Consortium Revenues		97,663

Contribution from General Fund	25,000
Home 2020:	
Home Consortium Revenues	147,728
Program Fees	10,400
Contribution from General Fund	<u>34,857</u>
Total	\$ <u>522,179</u>

Section 5. The Finance Officer is hereby directed to maintain within the Grant Project sufficient detailed accounting records to satisfy the terms of any debt financing resolutions and any grant agreements or federal and State regulations. .

Section 6. Funds may be advanced from the General Fund for the purpose or making payments as due. Reimbursement requests should be made to the granter agencies in an orderly and timely manner.

Section 7. The Finance Officer is directed to report, at the request of the Board, on the financial status of each project element in Section 3 and on the total revenues received or claimed.

Section 8. Copies of this grant project ordinance shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Governing Board, and to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out the projects.

Section 9. At the completion of each individual project, all unrestricted excess funds are transferred to the General Fund and the Grant Project Ordinance is closed.

Section 10. The County Manager is hereby authorized to transfer revenues and appropriation within an ordinance as contained herein under the following conditions:

- a. The Manager may transfer amounts between objects of expenditures and revenues within a function without limitation.
- b. The Manager may transfer amounts up to \$100,000 between functions of the same ordinance.
- c. The Manager may transfer amounts between contingency funds which are set aside for a specific project for budgetary shortfalls or upon the appropriate approval of a change order.
- d. The Manager may either enter into and execute change orders or amendments to County construction contracts in amounts up to \$90,000 when the project ordinance contains sufficient appropriated but unencumbered funds.

Adopted this 15th day of February, 2021.

CABARRUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Lauren Linker
Clerk to the Board

(F-13) Property and Liability Internal Service Fund - Move Funds from Property and Liability Insurance Internal Service Fund to the General Fund

A 2020 Ford Sheriff Interceptor SUV was destroyed in an accident while responding to an emergency traffic call. Funds are available in the Property and Liability Fund to appropriate to replace the vehicle.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board approved the related Budget Amendment to appropriate funds from the Property and Liability Internal Service Fund to the General Fund to replace the Sheriff Vehicle by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Shue and Strang. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Date:	February 15, 2021	Amount:	42,000.00
Dept. Head:	Suzanne Burgess for Kyle Bilafer	Department:	Finance
Internal Transfer Within Department		X Transfer Between Departments/Funds	
		Supplemental Request	

This budget amendment is to transfer funds from Property and Liability Internal Service Fund to the Sheriff's Department budget to purchase a new vehicle, including equipment and labor. The vehicle will replace a vehicle totaled in a wreck.

Fund	Indicator	Department/ Object/ Project	Account Name	Approved Budget	Increase Amount	Decrease Amount	Revised Budget
600	9	1919-9641	Insurance Claims	380,230.00	-	42,000.00	338,230.00
600	9	1919-9704	Contribution to General Fund	-	42,000.00	-	42,000.00
001	6	2110-6931	Contribution from Internal Service Fund	-	42,000.00	-	42,000.00
001	9	2110-9863	Motor Vehicles	1,602,671.56	42,000.00	-	1,644,671.56

(F-14) Tax Administration - Advertisement of 2020 Delinquent Taxes

North Carolina General Statute 105-369 requires the Tax Collector to report the amount of unpaid taxes for the current year, 2020, that are liens on real property, less bankruptcies and Property Tax Commission (PTC) appeals; and to set the advertisement date.

2020 REAL ESTATE	\$12,982,823.00
Less: Bankruptcies	\$ 85,000.00
PTC Appeals	\$ 0.00
Total (January 31, 2020)	\$12,897,823.00

Requested Date of Advertisement of Tax Liens: March 28, 2021

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board approved the report for the 2020 outstanding tax balances that are a lien on real property and ordered the Tax Collector to advertise these liens in the Independent Tribune on Sunday March 28, 2021 by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Shue and Strang. Nays: None. Absent: None.

ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.C.G.S. 105-369

State of North Carolina
County of Cabarrus

To: M. David Thrift, Tax Administrator of Cabarrus County

You are hereby authorized, empowered, and commanded to advertise tax liens on real property for failure to pay 2020 property taxes. You shall advertise said liens by posting a notice of liens at the county courthouse and by publishing each lien at least one time in a newspaper having general circulation in the taxing unit. Advertisement of liens shall be made on Sunday March 28, 2021.

This order shall be a full and sufficient authority to direct, require, and enable you to advertise said tax liens in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 105-369.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 15th day of February, 2021.

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

Attest:

/s/ Lauren Linker
Lauren Linker
Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

(F-15) Tax Administration - Refund and Release Reports - January 2021

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 Vice Chairman Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board approved the January 2021 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, Shue and Strang. Nays: None. Absent: None. The report is hereby incorporated into the minutes by reference and is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

(F-16) Tax Administration - Waiver of Occupancy Tax Penalty

NCGS 153A-155 provides for the administration of Occupancy Taxes, scheduling those taxes to be due and payable on the 20th day of each month. The statute permits the board to waive past due penalties. Staff have reviewed this waiver request and recommends waiving the penalty.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board waived occupancy tax penalty of \$271.26 owed by Econo Lodge - OYO by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Shue and Strang. Nays: None. Absent: None.

(G) NEW BUSINESS

(G-1) Planning and Development - Community Development Programs for 2021-2022 - Public Hearing 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Morris provided information on the process for the public to participate in the public hearing.

Kelly Sifford, Planning and Development Director, clarified that she is recommending no HOME funds for this year. She stated the HOME contract for the joint project between the County and City of Concord was recently received and a budget amendment and project ordinance was approved in tonight's Consent Agenda to expend those funds. Funds were also received from the payoff of a property that was rehabilitated several years ago. They plan to do more rehabs with those funds. She advised the public hearing is being held to amend the 2020-2021 HOME program plan to allow for at least one home to be rehabilitated with the remaining funds after the construction of the new home.

For the benefit of the public, Chairman Morris read the brief summary of this item:

Cabarrus County Community Development staff is requesting the authorization to continue the Weatherization, Heating and Air Repair and Replacement Program, Housing and Home Improvement, the Duke Energy DE WX program and the Blue Cross Blue Shield Healthy Homes Initiative if Blue Cross extends the program into next fiscal year. Staff is requesting that Cabarrus County not accept HOME program money for the 2021-2022 year. Staff just received the contracts for the program year that started July 1 in late December. Cabarrus County will be partnering with the City of Concord to construct a home in the City of Concord. The County will have enough funding to do at least one housing rehabilitation job and will have additional funds when the home sells for more homes to be rehabilitated. A public hearing will need to be held to amend the 2020-2021 HOME program plan to allow for at least 1 home to be rehabilitated with the remaining funds after the construction of the new home. As a reminder, the home will only be eligible for purchase by qualified applicants through the City of Concord and that process will be handled by the City of Concord.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing at 6:52 p.m. The public hearing notice was published on February 3 and 7, 2021 in *The Independent Tribune*. The public hearing notice was also posted on the County's website (www.cabarruscounty.us) on February 3, 2021 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 no one was present in the Board of Commissioners Chambers. There was no one on the phone.

There were no comments, no one in person, nor any comments via the phone on this matter; therefore, Chairman Morris closed the public hearing.

No further action was required of the Board.

Note: There were no comments received during the 24-hour period following the vote.

(G-2) LME-MCO Realignment Written Request

Mike Downs, County Manager, reported the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously on October 19, 2020 to begin the process to disengage from Cardinal Innovations Healthcare and realign with Partners Health Management consistent with the applicable statutes and regulations under North Carolina General Statute 122C-155 (a3) and 10ANCAC26C.0701-0703. Mr. Downs stated as part of the realignment process, the Board of Commissioners is requested to adopt a Resolution to direct and empower the County Manager and others to complete all necessary steps to effect the change in accordance with guiding statute and rules in the most expeditious manner possible, including the approval of the final Disengagement Plan, Continuity of Services Plan, Distribution of Real Property Plan, and the Disengagement Financial Liabilities Plan attached to this resolution.

Mr. Downs then read the resolution aloud.

Karen Calhoun, Human Services Director, announced that Rhett Melton, Rachel Porter, Shireen Stone and Selenna Moss from Partners Health Management are in virtual attendance and available to answer questions. Ms. Calhoun stated the process for disengagement and realignment started when the resolution was adopted back in October. As part of that process, we were required to go through a 60-day public comment period, which has been fulfilled. She reported the disengagement plan was posted along with the resolution the Board adopted in October. Ms. Calhoun further reported public comments were received during that time. The public comment time closed in December. She stated we were required to post for an additional 30 days. Five comments were received during that time. We have reached out to those who included contact information and worked with them to answer any questions or address or hear any concerns that they may have with the realignment. In addition to that, and since that time, we have developed a realignment committee that is working in the whole process of disengagement and realignment with continuity of care, which is the primary focus.

A discussion ensued. During discussion, Ms. Calhoun and Mr. Downs responded to questions from the Board.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Shue, seconded by Commissioner Strang and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the resolution to direct and empower the County Manager and others to complete all necessary steps to effect the change in accordance with guiding statute and rules in the most expeditious manner possible, including the approval of the final Disengagement Plan, Continuity of Services Plan, Distribution of Real Property Plan and the Disengagement Financial Liabilities Plan attached to this resolution by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Shue and Strang. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Resolution No. 2021-01

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, this Board approved a resolution on October 19, 2020 to seek to disengage from Cardinal Innovations Healthcare and to join Partners Health Management, and authorized, directed and empowered the County Manager, County Attorney and others to begin that process; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received and reviewed the posted Disengagement Plan and all comments thereto and provided further public comments in Board meetings over the past four (4) months; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received and reviewed a Continuity of Services Plan recommended by a transition committee made up of key stakeholders headed by the County Manager; and

WHEREAS, the Board has also received and reviewed a recommended Distribution of Real Property Plan reflecting known realty needed to be distributed for this LME/MCO disengagement and realignment; and

WHEREAS, the Board agrees with these three legally required plans as written and attached to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, as delegated by the County Manager, the Partners Health Management's Board of Directors has been requested to formally consider and approve the County's request to realign. It is our understanding they are ready to address approval of this realignment and are scheduled to do so on February 10, 2021;

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

1. Cabarrus County approves disengagement from Cardinal Innovations Healthcare and to join Partners Health Management, effective July 1, 2021, or on such other date mutually agreed upon with the State and Partners.
2. Cabarrus County approves the Disengagement Plan attached to this resolution.
3. Cabarrus County approves the Continuity of Services Plan attached to this resolution.
4. Cabarrus County approves the Distribution of Real Property Plan attached to this resolution.
5. Cabarrus County approves the disengagement financial liabilities report, of which there are none, attached to this resolution.
6. Cabarrus County formally requests Partners' Board of Directors to approve this realignment.
7. The Board of Commissioners directs and empowers the County Manager and others to complete all necessary steps to effect the change in accordance with guiding statute and rules in the most expeditious manner possible.
8. The Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Manager to work with the County Attorney and staff to prepare and issue an appropriate documentation, request to State, effect publications, and such other actions necessary to affect this resolution and this LME/MCO disengagement and realignment.

Adopted this 15th day of February, 2021.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Lauren Linker
Clerk to the Board

CABARRUS COUNTY LME/MCO DISENGAGEMENT PLAN

I. PURPOSE

Cabarrus County is dedicated to improving the quality of life of the residents who have chosen our county as their home. It is in consideration of this strategic goal that your Cabarrus County Board of County Commissioners chose to pursue a relationship with Partners Behavioral Health Management to manage our citizens' behavioral health services funded by federal, state and county dollars, including Medicaid. Partners is a Local Management Entity/Managed Care Organization (LME/MCO), which is a governmental entity that manages the county's mental health, intellectual/developmental disability and substance use services. Currently, our behavioral health services are managed by Cardinal Innovations Healthcare. However, Partners' intentional focus on community interaction and high-engagement with stakeholders, among other attributes, more closely aligns with Cabarrus County's vision and strategic planning. Cabarrus County believes this realignment will better serve the community and its needs.

To prevent disruption of the behavioral health system in our county, this "Cabarrus County LME/MCO Disengagement Plan" has been developed to ensure a smooth and seamless transition for all those involved.

Our primary focus is to carry out this process with transparency, commitment to our community, and the involvement of those who will be

impacted by the change. This plan primarily outlines the process for the County's disengagement from Cardinal. However, it necessarily also refers to the process by which engagement will occur between Cabarrus County, Partners, and all relevant stakeholders. Partners has committed to working collaboratively with Cabarrus County and Cardinal to ensure a smooth transition for all involved. Cabarrus County has every confidence and expectation that Cardinal will also work collaboratively and cooperatively throughout the transition process.

II. BACKGROUND

North Carolina law permits a county to choose its LME/MCO. On October 19, 2020, your Cabarrus County Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously to disengage from its current LME/MCO, Cardinal Innovations Healthcare, to realign with Partners Behavioral Health Management. The resolution is attached and is also on our website at www.cabarruscounty.us, where other information on this process (including this Disengagement Plan) is or will be posted.

III. RATIONALE

Cabarrus County is committed to ensuring the best behavioral health system is available to citizens in the community. We believe that transitioning to the model of service management and community engagement operated by Partners will best accomplish that goal. As we have engaged in analysis and review of the Partners model of operations, we have concluded that it is one of intentional community integration at multiple levels within the counties that they serve. Leadership and staff throughout Partners are engaged in relationships within their communities, actively collaborating with stakeholders, providers, consumers and others to meet the challenges faced.

Cabarrus County also supports the Partners way of managing local maintenance of effort contributions. Partners works in collaboration with county government officials and local stakeholders to develop plans to invest those taxpayer-provided funds on mutually developed projects which will have the highest level of benefit to the citizens. They provide a transparent accounting of uses of those funds to county leadership and respond to wishes of the county to target the funding to desired projects.

Cabarrus County further appreciates the Partners approach of inclusion in the provider network development. Cabarrus County has always desired more local services and a choice for county residents and Partners philosophy of not tightly limiting the network allows greater levels of service on both accounts. Cabarrus County also agrees with Partners model of community priorities. As they have focused attention on overarching challenges faced by most all communities around the state, their implementation model is locally driven. Philosophically that style of execution aligns well with the views of Cabarrus County leadership as we see healthcare best solved at the local level and not attempted as a cookie cutter, one size fits all model of delivery. From a commuting pattern and "citizen flow" perspective, Cabarrus County aligns well with Iredell, Stanly and Union Counties and shares much in the way of normal flow of local residents. There is a greater sense of connection to Iredell, Stanly and Union Counties for most local citizens than traveling to Charlotte for goods and services, including healthcare.

Partners has routinely demonstrated a high level of consumer engagement when compared to peer programs in the state. As the state reports on numbers of individuals who access care compared to the population as a whole, Partners consistently is at or near the top, indicating good accessibility of services to residents in the counties served.

Partners is also one of the highest performing programs as evaluated by the state contract external review organization. For the past two years, Partners has been at or near the top in the total score rating the performance by the independent, external review organization which indicates a commitment to excellence that aligns with county goals.

IV. TIMELINE

Disengagement will be effective as soon as permitted by law and reasonable. While the default effective date of nine-months, Cabarrus County may seek to disengage and realign sooner to minimize any negative impact on Cabarrus County consumers from a slow transition. The official disengagement date will ultimately be determined by the Secretary of North Carolina's Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS). To protect

our residents in greatest need, disengagement with Cardinal will occur simultaneously with realignment or "engagement" with Partners. The process will include a minimum of 60 days for the public to review and comment on this Disengagement Plan. Following the comment period and the 30 days of posting such comments, Cabarrus County intends to have ready for submission the Request to Disengage documentation and will look for approval within the 90 days outlined in rule. Further, the county intends to seek a shortening of the overall 9-month requirement outlined in rule for the transition to become effective, as we believe a sooner transition while done plan fully and with engagement from the community, will best serve the county residents and minimize the delay in preventing improved services and systems from reaching their full potential.

V. DISENGAGEMENT

This Disengagement Plan serves as a guide for the first step in the process of transitioning from one LME/MCO to the other. While this plan should not be considered all-inclusive, we have made every effort to identify the areas on which we need to focus and the necessary steps to ensuring that the needs of our residents are met. Both Cabarrus County and Partners are dedicated to carrying out this plan, as outlined in the following focus areas:

a. Transition Planning

To ensure active and robust community involvement in this transition and to facilitate input and feedback from subject matter experts, the Cabarrus County Manager will form an LME/MCO Realignment Committee consisting of key County officials and agencies, Partners, and other appropriate stakeholders. This will include the following, or their representatives, plus others as appointed by the County Manager:

- i. County Manager (Chair)
- ii. County DHS Director
- iii. County Public Health Director
- iv. Community Health Council Director
- v. United Way Director
- vi. Local MH Provider Director
- vii. District Attorney
- viii. Sheriff
- ix. County Finance Director
- x. Cabarrus Regional Health System Representative
- xi. One or more Partners executives and directors

This Committee will meet as needed to share information; to schedule listening and education meetings with key stakeholders (providers, consumers, advocates); to consult subject matter experts; and to assist the County and Partners in whatever tasks are needed to ensure a smooth disengagement and transition.

The County and Partners envision the transition plan to include "5 Ps": People, Providers, Projects, Property and Payments. As county leadership and Partners leadership work alongside those on the LME/MCO Realignment committee, the engagement plan that emerges will be discussed during ongoing meetings with the community and ensure that those "5 P's" provide for a smooth transition for consumers, providers and community stakeholders. Though such plan is not a required element of the disengagement plan that goes to the Secretary for approval as noted above and is not a document that other counties that have transitioned have published widely, Cabarrus County and Partners share a commitment to transparency and intend to be very inclusive in the development and implementation of this plan.

b. Continuity of Services Plan

Cabarrus County recognizes the importance of ensuring services for its community are uninterrupted and are provided with high quality, timeliness and a focus on community involvement. Therefore, a separate written Continuity of Services Plan is being developed and published shortly after this Disengagement Plan. Partners has committed to ensure all current providers contracted and in good standing with Cardinal and serving our County will be contracted with Partners as well, if not already. Likewise, Partners intends to honor consumer service authorizations, annual plans and other documentation and decisions essential to ensure a smooth transition.

c. Notification of Stakeholders

Cabarrus County and Partners will collaborate to notify all stakeholders impacted by this transition. Additionally, a concentrated effort will be

made to solicit comments, feedback and suggestions from consumers, advocates, self-advocates, providers, State and Local Consumer and Family Advisory Committees (CFACs), and all other interested parties. We will use our usual Cabarrus County established communication methods, primarily our website, plus likely more, such as mailings, stakeholder meetings, press releases, and social media messaging. All input is welcome and encouraged.

d. Community Initiatives

Cabarrus County has ensured that Partners is committed to becoming ingrained in our community and supporting our current community initiatives involving behavioral health, as it has in its other counties. A list of all current, planned and proposed projects/initiatives will be compiled and agreed upon prior to the transition effective date.

e. Distribution of Real Property Plan

In accordance with State law, a written Distribution of Real Property Plan must be developed during a LME/MCO realignment process. This disengagement involves no real property (land, buildings, etc.) to be distributed, so a Plan stating as much will be posted with or shortly after this Disengagement Plan.

f. Financial Liabilities

Cabarrus County affirms that, to its knowledge, it has no outstanding financial liabilities to Cardinal, nor will the County have any within 30 calendar days of the request to disengage. Should Cardinal reasonably disagree, the County will work amicably and promptly with Cardinal to resolve equitably and if unable to do so, defer the matter to the NCDHHS Secretary for resolution. Partners has agreed to work with the County to ensure its financial liabilities under maintenance of efforts requirements are not increased by realigning with Partners.

VI. NEXT STEPS/PUBLIC COMMENT

The law requires Cabarrus County to seek public comment on this Disengagement Plan. For 60 days from the posting of this Disengagement Plan on our website at www.cabarruscounty.us/mentalhealth.realign, public comment is welcome and encouraged by email to mentalhealth.realign@cabarruscounty.us or by mail addressed to:

Cabarrus County Manager
ATTN: LME/MCO Realignment
65 Church St. South
Concord NC 28025

Following this public comment period, the County will post all responses for an additional 30 days. Cabarrus County will take into consideration feedback received, will review all written plans, and submit a written request to disengage to the Secretary of NCDHHS for approval (details of which are outlined in the NC Administrative Code referenced below).

In keeping with our dedication to transparency, both Cabarrus County and Partners commit to keeping the public informed during this process, including public meetings, information and listening sessions with key stakeholders and groups, and more.

VII. AUTHORITY

This Disengagement Plan has been developed in accordance with current state laws and regulations governing a county's disengagement with an LME/MCO. Specifically, the following were used to create the plan and ensure compliance:

- North Carolina General Statute 122C-115 (a3)
- North Carolina Administrative Code 10A NCAC26C.0701-.0703

CABARRUS COUNTY LME-MCO CONTINUITY OF SERVICES PLAN

I. PURPOSE

Cabarrus County recognizes the importance of ensuring that behavioral health services for its community are uninterrupted and provided with high quality, timeliness and a focus on community involvement. Partners Health Management has committed to ensure all current providers contracted and in good standing with Cardinal Innovations Healthcare and serving our County will be contracted with Partners as well, if not already. Likewise, Partners intends to honor consumer service authorizations, annual plans and other documentation and decisions essential to ensure a smooth transition.

II. SCOPE

Throughout the due diligence process including the public comment period, the County has been focused on listening to those who are served by the system to ensure their comments are considered in the development of the required Continuity of Services Plan. The plan outlines and frames how services will be managed when transitioning from Cardinal Innovations to Partners. It is recognized that the process must allow flexibility to respond to changes in the process as the collaborative work moves forward. In addition, the County has factored in the transition of Medicaid to a managed care system using standard and tailored plans. This important aspect is part of our transition planning and is included in our timeline of disengagement and realignment to ensure no adverse impact or disruption in services will occur during our realignment with Partners.

III. SERVICE ARRAY

Partners and Cardinal are both Local Management Entities-Managed Care Organizations (LME-MCOs). All seven (7) LME-MCOs in the state must offer a basic array of services that are substantially comparable, even if named or branded differently but are not identical. For example, Partners has some "in lieu of" services and federal grants that allow for special services and programs. Cardinal has special services as well. Partners will work with Cabarrus County to ensure a full complement of services are available to meet the needs of citizens in the County.

Through the due diligence process, we learned of a few different services between the two LME-MCO's. Where Cardinal offers a service that Partners does not, we will work with Partners to add that service, if all agree it is appropriate to do so. If not, we will ensure Partners' service array has like or comparable services to meet the needs of Cabarrus County citizens. In instances where Partners has services and programs that Cardinal does not offer to Cabarrus residents, we will explore with Partners and the consumers, providers and stakeholders in the community the practicality of adding those services to the community array.

IV. SERVICE AUTHORIZATIONS

The County has received assurance from Partners that they will honor and bring forward all open services authorizations for Cabarrus County citizens from Cardinal. The County will look to Cardinal to provide that information in a timely and suitable format to ease that transition and to ensure no delays in services to existing recipients of care. Cabarrus County needs the assurance of DHHS that they will assist, as needed, in ensuring that exchange of information.

V. PROVIDER NETWORK

Through the process of due diligence, the County learned that there is some overlap or crosswalk in the provider networks between Cardinal and Partners. Yet, there are some differences as well. As we do not have the volume numbers of Cabarrus County clients served by Cardinal providers, it is unknown if those that are not shared serve a high volume of citizens or not. Regardless, Partners has agreed to bring into their network to continue to serve the County any provider who is in good standing with the N.C. Division of Health Benefits and meets all the minimum state imposed rules and requirements. Further, there will be an expedited credentialing process to assist providers not currently contracted with Partners to enter the Partners network in the least intrusive way possible while still meeting the State and other minimum requirements. Lastly, there are providers in the Partners network who currently do not serve consumers in Cabarrus County who have expressed an interest and desire to do so. The Realignment Committee will provide guidance on this subject in their work during the transitional phase to help facilitate additional providers opening access within the County to further provide choice and service capacity. As the County continues to move forward, the work of the Realignment Committee does as well. The Committee, composed of a cross section of community leaders overseen by the County Manager, continues to develop the broader transition plan focused on the impact on "people", "providers" and "projects". As part of that work, the Committee will have direct community leadership expectations to ensure the Continuity of Services Plan is executed in such a way that minimizes the disruption to current consumers and providers. The group will also be responsible for coordinating communication sessions with key audiences (consumers, providers, and stakeholders) to ensure the period from Secretarial approval to implementation is filled with many and varied exchanges of information with all groups.

VI. REALIGNMENT COMMITTEE

A Realignment Committee has been established and is conducting meetings to create a means for active and robust community and stakeholder engagement in assisting the County in its transition planning and monitoring efforts for the LME-MCO realignment; to facilitate input and feedback from subject matter experts; and to assist in this transition and helping ensure it is as seamless as possible. The Committee membership includes the following members:

- County Manager
- County Commissioner
- Health Director
- United Way Director
- Sheriff
- Hospital CEO or designee
- MH/SU provider serving Cabarrus County
- DHS Director
- Community Health Board Member
- District Attorney
- County Finance Director
- Partners Representatives
- IDD Provider serving Cabarrus

Additional members from Cardinal and the local Consumers and Family Advisory Committee (CFAC) to be added once authorized to realign to continue to develop our Continuity of Services plan and our County LME-MCO Joint Transition plan.

CABARRUS COUNTY
DISENGAGEMENT PLAN FROM CARDINAL INNOVATIONS HEALTHCARE SOLUTIONS
PLAN FOR DISTRIBUTION FOR REAL PROPERTY

In accordance with State law, a written Distribution of Real Property Plan must be developed during a LME-MCO realignment process. This disengagement involves real property (land, buildings, etc.) to be distributed and the parties will resolve realty distribution, if any, upon approval to disengage.

Cabarrus County and Cardinal Innovations Healthcare Solutions own no real property together and have no direct interests in the other's real property. Cardinal owns five (5) pieces of real estate in Cabarrus County under the name PBH, of which one is a Class A office building that they formerly used as their headquarters before they moved that to Charlotte. This Class A office building has a tax value of \$16,617,710, with no liens against it. It is located on Milestone Drive. The other four (4) pieces appear to be undeveloped commercial lots between the Class A building and Kannapolis Parkway, as if in a campus arrangement. Each of those lots has a tax value of at least \$312,000, with no liens.

Other than its monthly allotments to Cardinal, Cabarrus County has made no payments to Cardinal with reference to any real estate. The Class A building is apparently being used on a reduced basis by Cardinal. Representatives of Cardinal have spoken with Cabarrus County management about a sale of that building to the County, but the County has no pressing need for the building. It might be interested in purchasing it and the four (4) lots for the right price. Although the County does not have a direct recorded lien on Cardinal's real estate in Cabarrus County, the fact that the property approaches \$20 million in value, with no deeds of trust or evidence of financing against it, would indicate that Cardinal used funds from each of the counties in their catchment area to pay for this real estate, including the funds Cardinal received from Cabarrus County. The County would claim an equitable lien on this real property to the extent its funds were used to purchase and improve the property, which lien amount can be determined after disengagement. However, the property owned by Cardinal within Cabarrus County has no impact on realignment efforts.

CABARRUS COUNTY
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES PLAN

Cabarrus County affirms that, to its knowledge, it has no outstanding financial liabilities to Cardinal Innovations Healthcare, nor will the County have any within 30 calendar days of the request to disengage. Should Cardinal reasonably disagree, the County will work amicably and promptly with Cardinal to resolve equitably and if unable to do so, defer the matter to the NCDHHS Secretary for resolution. Partners Health Management has agreed to work with the County to ensure its financial liabilities under maintenance of efforts requirements are not increased by realigning with Partners.

(G-3) Planning and Development - Weatherization Cares Contract and Associated Budget Amendment

Kelly Sifford, Planning and Development Director, reported Cabarrus County received an additional \$19,500 in Heating and Air Repair and Replacement (HARRP) funding and \$3,559 in Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for a total of \$23,059 through the state Weatherization Program. The additional LIHEAP funds are to be used for COVID expenses and the HARRP funds for additional units.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Kiger and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the grant award and adopted the associated budget amendment by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Shue and Strang. Nays: None. Absent: None.

(G-4) County Manager - Child Care Facility Partnership

Chairman Morris stated this item was moved from the Consent Agenda (Item F-9) to New Business for discussion and is a request to authorize the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Marizetta Kerry to provide initial startup funding and ongoing tuition assistance for County employees and a day care center.

The proposal for the Child Care Facility Partnership is as follows:

In early 2020, All Saints Episcopal Church (ASEC) approached County staff about available space for child care at their facility. Since that time representatives from ASEC and the County, along with Rowan Cabarrus Community College (RCCC) and Marizetta Kerry have met to discuss a potential collaboration. The proposed facility would serve 79 children with 40 spots reserved for children of County employees.

The general framework is as follows:

1. ASEC would lease the space to Marizetta Kerry;
2. Marizetta Kerry would staff and operate a Five Star Center on the site;
3. RCCC would provide hands-on experience to students at the facility; and
4. The County would assist with initial startup costs and provide tuition assistance (50/50 cost share) to County employees who enroll their children at the facility.

A discussion ensued.

During discuss, Commissioner Shue expressed concerns with approving a child care facility partnership at All Saints Episcopal Church at this time due to COVID-19, the current unemployment rate, available openings at existing child care facilities, etc. He suggested the Board delay this matter until the March work session.

Commissioner Strang asked Commissioner Shue if the facility director he spoke to anticipates they will be back at their maximum capacity when the current situation with Covid is past. She also asked what the rate would be at those facilities for County employees.

Commissioner Shue responded the child care facility director did tell him that he expects their situation to improve when students return to the classroom. He also stated the facility director said he would offer a county-wide discount to County employees.

Discussion continued.

Rodney Harris, Deputy County Manager, advised that although there are child care facilities that have open slots today, our concern is six months from now as capacity goes back down. He stated this opportunity allows us to add seats for the County as a whole. In addition, location is everything. He stated proximity to work is important and the ASEC facility is located between the Governmental Center and the Department of Human Services building, and is a convenient location for County employees to drop off and pick up their children. He clarified that this agreement will only pay for children actually enrolled. Mr. Harris explained that in consideration of delaying the item, there are some considerations that have to be considered sooner rather than later. ASEC has to install a fence and playground to meet the State requirements. If this item is delayed, the center would have to open later than April.

Commissioner Kiger expressed support for the facility and partnership.

Chairman Morris advised he was informed that by the time we commit to this project, the playground equipment would be approximately 8 weeks out and a delay would push it to June or July.

Vice Chairman Honeycutt **MOVED** to authorize the County Manager to enter into an agreement with Marizetta Kerry to provide initial startup funding and ongoing tuition assistance for County employees. Commissioner Kiger seconded the motion.

The **MOTION** carried by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger and Strang. Nays: Commissioner Shue. Absent: None.

Commissioner Kiger **MOVED** to release \$675,581.75 from contingency to be used for one-time startup costs and ongoing tuition assistance for County employees. Vice Chairman Honeycutt seconded the motion.

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

Date:	<u>2/15/2021</u>	Amount:	<u>675,587.75</u>
Dept. Head:	<u>Rodney Harris</u>	Department:	<u>County Manager's Office</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Internal Transfer Within Department <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transfer Between Departments/Funds <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Request			

Transfer contingency funds for Marizetta Kerry MOU to provide initial startup costs and child care tuition assistance for County employees							
Fund	Indicator	Department/ Object/ Project	Account Name	Approved Budget	Increase Amount	Decrease Amount	Revised Budget
001	9	00191910-9660	Contingency	1,527,031.75		675,581.75	851,450.00
001	9	00191210-9570	Service Contracts		223,000.00		223,000.00
001	9	00191210-963701	Child Care Tuition Assistance		452,581.75		675,581.75

(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 there are some activities and classes available at the Senior Center. There is limited capacity and pre-registration is required.

Commissioner Strang announced the Youth Commission is still working on their Mental Health Monday initiative. The Youth Commission is actively seeking new members for vacancies and for the next school year.

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

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

- Active Living and Parks Commission - 2 Expired Terms
- Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee - 7 Vacant Positions
- Concord Planning and Zoning Commission (ETJ) - 1 Vacant Position
- Harrisburg Fire Advisory Board (ETJ) - 1 Vacant Position
- Human Services Advisory Board - 1 Vacant Position
- Juvenile Crime Prevention Council - 2 Vacant Positions
- Library Board of Trustees - 1 Term Expiring Soon
- Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee - 8 Vacant Positions
- Region F Aging Advisory Committee - 1 Vacant Position
- Transportation Advisory Board - 3 Vacant Positions
- Youth Commission - 5 Vacant Positions

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

(H-3) Cabarrus County Tourism Authority FY2020 Year End Financials

The Board received the Cabarrus County Tourism Authority's FY20 Year End Financials for informational purposes as part of the Agenda. No action was required of the Board.

(H-4) County Manager - Monthly Building Activity Reports

The Board received the Cabarrus County Construction Standards Dodge Report for January 2021 and the Cabarrus County Commercial Building Plan Review Summary for January 2021 for informational purposes. No action was required of the Board.

(H-5) 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-6) Economic Development Corporation - January 2021 Monthly Summary Report

The Board received the Cabarrus Economic Development Corporation (EDC) monthly report for the month of January 2021 for informational purposes. No action was required of the Board.

(H-7) 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

Commissioner Shue announced the Board Retreat is scheduled for February 26 and 27, 2021 and will be held virtually.

Vice Chairman Honeycutt thanked the volunteers at the vaccine clinic.

Chairman Morris commented on receiving his second dose of the vaccine, which was filmed and will be shown on channel 22. He commended the volunteers and sponsors providing lunch for them.

(J) WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT OF CABARRUS COUNTY

None.

(K) CLOSED SESSION

(K-1) Closed Session - Pending Litigation and Economic Development

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board moved to go into closed session to discuss matters related to pending litigation and economic development as authorized by NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) and (4) by the following vote: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Shue and Strang. Nays: None. Absent: None.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the Board moved to come out of closed session by the following vote: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Shue and Strang. Nays: None. Absent: None.

(L) ADJOURN

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Strang, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m. by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Honeycutt, and Commissioners Kiger, Shue and Strang. Nays: None. Absent: None.


Lauren Linker, Clerk to the Board

