

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Cabarrus met in regular session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Cabarrus County Governmental Center in Concord, North Carolina at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2024.

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

live broadcast at 6:30 p.m. on Channel 22
<https://www.youtube.com/cabarruscounty>
<https://www.cabarruscounty.us/cabcotv>

Present - Chairman: Stephen M. Morris
Vice Chairman: Lynn W. Shue
Commissioners: Christopher A. Measmer
Timothy A. Furr
Kenneth M. Wortman

Also, present were Mike Downs, County Manager; Richard M. Koch, County Attorney; Rodney Harris, Deputy County Manager; Kelly Sifford, Assistant County Manager; Aalece Pugh, Assistant County Manager; and Lauren Linker, Clerk to the Board.

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

Chairman Morris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed.

(A) APPROVAL OR CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Shue, seconded by Commissioner Wortman and unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of January 2, 2024 (Work Session) as presented.

(B) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Addition:
C-8 Recognitions and Presentations - Planning - Fair Housing Month Proclamation

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Furr, seconded by Vice Chairman Shue and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda as amended.

Chairman Morris recognized Ana McAuley, Youth Commission, Mount Pleasant High School. Ms. McAuley provided comments.

(C) RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

(C-1) Active Living and Parks - Older Americans Month Proclamation

Londa Strong, Active Living and Parks Director introduced Myra Baumgardner, Active Living and Parks Council Chair. Ms. Baumgardner read the proclamation aloud.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Wortman, seconded by Commissioner Measmer and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the proclamation.

Proclamation No.2024-07

Older Americans Month - 2024
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, May is Older Americans Month, a time for us to recognize and honor Cabarrus County older adults and their immense influence on every facet of American society; and

WHEREAS, through their wealth of life experience and wisdom, older adults guide our younger generations and carry forward abundant cultural and historical knowledge; and

WHEREAS, older Americans improve our communities through intergenerational relationships; community service, civic engagement, and many other activities; and

WHEREAS, communities benefit when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds have the opportunity to participate and live independently; and

WHEREAS, Cabarrus County must ensure that older Americans have the resources and support needed to stay involved in their communities - reflecting our commitment to inclusivity and connectedness; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim May 2024 to be Older Americans Month. This year's theme, "Powered by Connection," emphasizes the profound impact of meaningful interactions and social connection on the well-being and health of older adults in our community.

We call upon all residents to join us in recognizing the contributions of our older citizens and promoting programs and activities that foster connection, inclusion, and support for older adults.

Adopted this 15th day of April, 2024.

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

(C-2) BOC - Fred Y. McConnell American Legion Post 51 Presentation of 2023 Edition of the Oakwood Cemetery Military Burial Roster

Tom Faggart and members of the Fred Y. McConnell American Legion Post 51 presented copies of the 2023 Edition of the Oakwood Cemetery Military Burial Roster (which contains the names and documentations of 1,619 war casualties and veterans buried in the Oakwood Cemetery to Cabarrus County) to the Cabarrus County Sheriff's office, and the Cabarrus County Library Lore History Room.

Chairman Morris provided comments.

(C-3) BOC - Proclamation for Clerks to Board of County Commissioners Week

Chairman Morris read the proclamation aloud.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Shue, seconded by Commissioner Wortman and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the proclamation.

Proclamation No. 2024-08

PROCLAMATION
CLERKS TO THE BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' WEEK
May 5 through May 11, 2024

WHEREAS, It is imperative to the democratic process that a well-informed citizenry participates in the operation of their local government; and

WHEREAS, The office of the Clerk to the Board provides the communication link between the citizens, the local governing body and administrative departments, and local government partners; and

WHEREAS, The position of clerk is one of the oldest in local government, dating at least to biblical times, and whose term has long been associated with the written word; so, it is that modern-day clerks are official recordkeepers for their counties; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina law requires every board of county commissioners to appoint a clerk and the clerk continues in that position "at the pleasure of the board"; and

WHEREAS, The clerk's most significant statutory duties concern the preparation, filing and safeguarding of local government records, but the statutory duties constitute only a portion of what the clerk actually does; and

WHEREAS, The clerk plays a vital role in county government and provides the written record needed to ensure that the board is accountable to the county's citizens and to other public and private officials; and

WHEREAS, The clerk is sometimes described as "the hub of the wheel" in local government because of the central work that the clerk plays in the government's communication network; and

WHEREAS, As local government becomes larger and more complicated, the clerk's role as a professional, dispassionate provider of information to citizens, government officials, and the media becomes more and more important; and

WHEREAS, Clerks have the opportunity to participate in the North Carolina Association of County Clerks, a very active professional association of public officials dedicated to improving the professional competency of clerks through regular regional and statewide educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, In cooperation with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Government and International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC), the North Carolina Association of County Clerks helps to sponsor a nationally recognized, examination-based certification program that culminates in receipt of the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the North Carolina Association of County Clerks and the School of Government sponsor state certification programs leading to the designation of North Carolina Certified County Clerk, as well as opportunities for experienced clerks to obtain the continuing professional education needed to remain state-certified or to earn an advanced Master Clerk designation; and

WHEREAS, In addition to conducting education programs, the North Carolina Association of County Clerks also directly assists clerks on the job with mentoring programs to provide guidance to assist clerks in their day-to-day work; and

WHEREAS, Clerks, upon their own initiative, participate in these certification and education programs, including annual meetings of the North Carolina Association of County Clerks and the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, which not only improve the operation of their office, but through their achievements and awards bring favorable publicity to the counties in which they serve; and

WHEREAS, Clerks are involved at the state level, as well as in potential legislative and other matters of interest; and

WHEREAS, Although clerks work for the boards of county commissioners, they truly provide public service;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize the week of May 5 through May 11, 2024, as Clerks to the Boards of County Commissioners' Week, and extends our appreciation to our Clerk to the Board Lauren Linker and to all County Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the county they represent.

Adopted this 15th day of April, 2024.

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

ATTEST:

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

(C-4) Cooperative Extension - National Volunteer Week Proclamation

Tracy LeCompte, Cooperative Extension Director, provided an introduction regarding Cooperative Extension National Volunteer Week. Volunteers from Cooperative Extension participated in the reading of the proclamation aloud.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Wortman, seconded by Commissioner Furr and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the proclamation.

Proclamation No.2024-09

PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Cabarrus County has a strong history of improving lives, strengthening communities, and making our state a better place through volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, during National Volunteer Week, we celebrate the impact of volunteer service and come together to tackle community needs and foster a culture of civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, Cooperative Extension volunteers have dedicated countless hours as

Master Gardener Volunteers, Extension Community Association Volunteers, or 4-H volunteers to bring life enhancing opportunities to the individuals of Cabarrus County helping them to thrive in their local communities; and

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week was enacted in 1974 by President Richard Nixon to celebrate the spirit of volunteerism, urging all Americans to seek opportunities to provide service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Cabarrus County residents are encouraged to learn about local volunteer opportunities, by reaching out to your County Extension Office or other county or local organizations; and

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week should serve as a catalyst for residents to serve our county today; to commit to volunteer by signing up now through Cooperative Extension, in a local school, government department, non-profit or other option in your community, to promote volunteerism in our families and communities through an invitation to serve together; and to be "all in" for Cabarrus County when it is needed most;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 21-27, 2024, as "NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK", in Cabarrus County, and commend its observance to all citizens.

Adopted this 15th day of April, 2024.

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

Commissioner Wortman provided comments regarding volunteerism in Cabarrus County and recognized the 2023 ECA Community Supporter of the Year award received. He thanked all volunteers for their impact on Cabarrus County.

(C-5) County Manager - Proclamation - Mental Health Awareness Month

Dr. Aalece Pugh introduced Dr. McKissick, Behavioral Health Director, who read the proclamation aloud.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Shue, seconded by Commissioner Wortman and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the proclamation.

Proclamation No.2024-10

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH
A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, mental health is an essential part of overall well-being, impacting individuals, families, and communities across CABARRUS COUNTY;

WHEREAS, one in five American adults experiences a mental health condition each year and everyone faces challenges in life that can impact their mental health;

WHEREAS, despite its prevalence, mental health remains shrouded in stigma, preventing many from seeking help;

WHEREAS, early intervention and access to quality care are crucial for managing mental health conditions and improving quality of life;

WHEREAS, May is recognized nationally as Mental Health Awareness Month, providing an opportunity to raise awareness, combat stigma, and promote mental health resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim May 2024 as

Mental Health Month in Cabarrus County.

We encourage all residents of Cabarrus to:

- Educate themselves and others about mental health conditions, treatment options, and available resources.
- Challenge stigma by speaking respectfully and inclusively about mental health.
- Seek help if they are struggling with their mental health and encourage others to

do the same.

- Support organizations that provide mental health services and advocacy.
- Create safe and supportive environments for open conversations about mental health.
- Together, we can create a community where everyone feels empowered to prioritize their mental well-being and seek help when needed.

Adopted this 15th day of April 2024.

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

(C-6) EMS - Cabarrus County Emergency Services Week

Jimmy Lentz, Emergency Medical Services Chief read the proclamation aloud.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Wortman, seconded by Commissioner Furr and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the proclamation.

Proclamation No.2024-11

CABARRUS COUNTY
 North Carolina
 PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services teams consist of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, and others; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, Americans benefit daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical service providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners, in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 19 - 25, 2024, as

CABARRUS COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

Adopted this 15th day of April 2024.

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

ATTEST:

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

(C-7) Human Resources - Recognition of Bob Bushey

Dr. Aalece Pugh, Human Services Director, Tisha Christy, Driver Supervisor, Jamie Smith, Driver Supervisor, and Charles Ratliff, Operations and Training Supervisor recognized Bob Bushey on his retirement on May 1, 2024, after 20 years of service. Dr. Pugh shared highlights of his career.

Vice Chairman Shue presented Mr. Bushey with a service award in appreciation of his service and dedication to the citizens of Cabarrus County.

Mr. Bushey graciously accepted the award and expressed appreciation.

(C-8) Planning - Fair Housing Month Proclamation

Susie Morris, Planning and Development Director read the proclamation aloud.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Shue, seconded by Commissioner Furr and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the proclamation.

Proclamation No.2024-12

FAIR HOUSING MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April is National Fair Housing Month and April 11, 2024, marks the 56th anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, which enunciates a national policy of Fair Housing without regard to race, color, religion, sex, familial status, handicap, and national origin, and encourages fair housing opportunities for all; and

WHEREAS, Cabarrus County is committed to highlighting the Fair Housing Act by continuing to address discrimination in our community, to support programs that will educate the public about the right to equal housing opportunities, and to plan partnership efforts with other organizations to help assure everyone of their right to fair housing; and

WHEREAS, Cabarrus County commits to providing equal services without discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, familial status, handicap, sexual orientation, gender identity, and national origin; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Commissioners for Cabarrus County, North Carolina, do hereby resolve that April 2024, being Fair Housing Month, begins a year-long commemoration of the Fair Housing Act in Cabarrus County and urge all citizens to wholeheartedly recognize this celebration throughout the year.

Adopted this 15th day of April 2024.

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

Attest:

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

(C-9) 2023 Child Protection and Fatality Team Report

Hannah Arrowood, Executive Director, Present Age Ministries, provided an overview of Cabarrus County's Child Protection and Fatality Team and the approach of Present Age Ministries in providing services to the children (and their families) of Cabarrus County. Ms. Arrowood then introduced Paula Yost, Cabarrus County Child Protection and Fatality Team Chair.

Ms. Yost presented the annual Cabarrus County Child Protection Team and Child Fatality Prevention Team report, which included current issues impacting children's welfare. During the presentation, McKenzie Wolford, Kannapolis City Schools Social Worker, provided statistics and assistance provided to McKinney-Vento students. Joann Garay, Kannapolis City Schools, Director of Student Family Support provided information regarding substance abuse statistics for Cabarrus County Schools and Kannapolis City Schools. Ms. Yost completed the presentation with resources needed to make a difference in the families of Cabarrus County.

A discussion ensued. During discussion. Ms. Yost and Ms. Arrowood responded to questions from the Board.

(D) INFORMAL COMMENTS

Chairman Morris opened the meeting for Informal Public Comments at 7:51 p.m. He reviewed the public participation policy and stated each speaker would be limited to three minutes.

Jeeter Anderson, a resident at 133 Kennedy Avenue, Kannapolis, commented on a Department of Social Services matter.

Amy Palacios, a resident at 3840 Grovesner Street, Harrisburg, commented on the Department of Social Services and Cabarrus County legal representation.

Amy Betts, a resident at 313 S. East Avenue, Kannapolis, commented on the Department of Social Services, legal, and funding appropriations.

James L. Campbell, a resident at 4420 Falls Lake Drive SW, Concord, spoke regarding a Department of Social Services matter and legal representation.

Jerry Anderson, a resident at 133 Kennedy Avenue, Kannapolis, spoke regarding a Department of Social Services matter.

Jasmine Lewter, a resident at 1832 Mary Wynn Court, Kannapolis, spoke regarding rental assistance.

Rick Hoffarth, a resident at 6000 Creekview Court, Harrisburg, spoke regarding rental assistance.

Jayne Williams, a resident at 320 Center Street, Kannapolis, spoke about rental assistance.

Maegan Mack, resident of Concord, spoke regarding affordable housing and emergency rental assistance.

Neil Talley, a resident at 1934 Stonewyck Avenue, Kannapolis, spoke on the real property revaluation.

Kenneth Hyme, a resident at 2484 Twelve Oaks Road, Concord, spoke regarding the tax revaluation.

Troy Selberg, a resident at 4401 Old Airport Road, Concord, spoke about the Cabarrus County Education Foundation.

Darrell Page, a resident at 12341 Jim Sossoman Road, Midland, spoke regarding the fire tax.

Judy Talley, a resident at 1934 Stonewyck Avenue, Kannapolis, spoke about funding appropriations.

Wesley Huneycutt, a resident at 2700 Cal Bost Road, Midland, spoke about the agenda of the Board of Commissioners work session on April 2, 2024.

Chris Cranston, a resident of 475 High Meadows Drive, Concord, spoke regarding local government.

Eulonda Rushing, a resident of 4420 Falls Lake Drive SW, Concord, spoke regarding a Department of Social Services matter and the Cabarrus County Public Participation Policy.

There was no one else to address the Board, therefore Chairman Morris closed that portion of the meeting.

(E) OLD BUSINESS

None.

(F) CONSENT

(F-1) Appointments - Blended Community Child Protection Team (CCPT)/Child Fatality Prevention Team (CFPT)

A Child Fatality Review Team was convened by the State to conduct a fatality review whenever there is suspicion of abuse or neglect contributing to a child's death and a county Department of Social Services (hereafter, DSS) has had contact through its child welfare programs with the child or family within 12 months preceding the child's death. The purpose of the review is to enable the Division, the county DSS, state and local agencies, and the local community to identify important issues related to child protection and to take appropriate action to improve our collective efforts to prevent child fatalities. The review process is a collaborative, multi-disciplinary effort that involves representatives of the Review Team as outlined in statute. The Review Team will issue a formal, public report designed to stimulate system improvements. Whenever a person is criminally charged in the fatality, the

report will be reviewed by the local District Attorney to ensure that its content does not interfere with any criminal investigation or prosecution. Cabarrus County has consistently operated a blended CCPT/CFPT, which is permissible (and beginning 2025 will become a requirement). A list of individuals to fill seats (required by statute) on the CCPT/CCFT was provided for the Board's consideration.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Vice Chairman Shue and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Deputy Chief Kara Clarke as the representative of an emergency medical services provider or firefighter.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Vice Chairman Shue and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Sonja J. Bohannon-Thacker as the representative of a parent of a child who died before reaching the child's eighteenth birthday.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Vice Chairman Shue and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Detective Andrew Kelley as the representative of a local law enforcement officer.

(F-2) Cooperative Extension - Budget Amendment for Plant Sale & Agribusiness Days

The budget amendment will increase 00195410-9356-CEPL and 00165410-6606-CEPL Special Program Supplies due to a higher response to the plant sale than anticipated. Also included will be an increase to 00195410-9356-ABD and 001654106606ABD to accommodate more students and higher costs associated with the 2024 Agribusiness Days event.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Vice Chairman Shue and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the budget amendment.

Budget Revision/Amendment Request

Date: Amount:

Dept. Head: Department:

Internal Transfer Within Department Transfer Between Departments/Funds Supplemental Request

The budget amendment is to increase 00195410-9356-CEPL and 00165410-6606-CEPL - Special Program Supplies due to a higher response to the plant sale than anticipated. Also included is a increase to 00195410-9356-ABD and 001654106606ABD to accommodate more students and higher costs associated with the 2024 Agribusiness Days event.

Fund	Indicator	Department/ Object/ Project	Account Name	Approved Budget	Increase Amount	Decrease Amount	Revised Budget
001	9	5410-9356-CEPL	Special Programs - CE Plant Sale	\$3,000.00	\$5,000		8,000.00
001	6	5410-6606-CEPL	Special Programs - CE Plant Sale	\$3,000.00	5,000.00		8,000.00
001	9	5410-9356-ABD	Special Programs - Agribusiness Days	5,500.00	3,500.00		9,000.00
001	6	5410-6606-ABD	Special Programs - Agribusiness Days	5,500.00	3,500.00		9,000.00

(F-3) Emergency Management - NC Tier II Competitive Grant Award and Budget Amendment

NC Tier II grants provide Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC's) with funding to expand the scope of their hazardous materials emergency preparedness programs through response planning, training and related exercises to include fixed facility planning. Tier II has an annual federal report that is mandatory for facilities to file who store hazardous materials/chemicals. The grant award in the amount of \$2,000.00 does not require a match. Funding will provide lunch and learn training opportunities for our LEPC, which meets quarterly. A budget amendment will be required.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Vice Chairman Shue and unanimously carried, the Board approved to accept grant award and adopted the budget amendment.

Budget Revision/Amendment Request

Date: Amount:
 Dept. Head: Department:
 Internal Transfer Within Department Transfer Between Departments/Funds Supplemental Request

Budget Amendment to record the Tier II Grant Program

Fund	Indicator	Department/ Object/ Project	Account Name	Approved Budget	Increase Amount	Decrease Amount	Revised Budget
001	9	2710-9636-TIER2	Tier II Grant Expense	-	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
001	9	2710-6359-TIER2	Tier II Grant Revenue	-	2,000.00	-	2,000.00

(F-4) EMS - Medical Supply Budget Amendment

Staff was made aware of a significant change in the way our medications are acquired. Historically, medications were acquired from Atrium at the completion of individual calls. Last week staff learned this process will end on June 30, 2024. As a result some changes within pharmaceutical policies will be needed (not a result of anything happening locally). A problem arises regarding predicting the funding needs. While purchasing from Atrium, we were able to benefit from the bulk purchasing power of Atrium. We have the capabilities at headquarters to accommodate this need. Therefore, it is requested to move funds in the amount of \$168,000 from Ambulance Revenue (00162730-6613) to Medical Supplies (00192730-9360) for FY24. A budget amendment will be required.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Vice Chairman Shue and unanimously carried, the Board approved the budget amendment.

Budget Revision/Amendment Request

Date: Amount:
 Dept. Head: Department:
 Internal Transfer Within Department Transfer Between Departments/Funds Supplemental Request

Budget Amendment to capture increased funds from Ambulance Revenue to cover increase in Medical Supply costs for FY 24

Fund	Indicator	Department/ Object/ Project	Account Name	Approved Budget	Increase Amount	Decrease Amount	Revised Budget
001	6	2730-6613	Ambulance Revenue	7,000,000.00	168,000.00	-	7,168,000.00
001	9	2730-9360	Medical Supplies	336,743.00	168,000.00	-	504,743.00

(F-5) Sheriff's Office - Budget Amendment for Purchased Services

The Sheriff's Office has a budget deficit for purchased services for the detention center, specifically due to the increasing costs of invoices from the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to house juveniles that the county is required to fund. However, the Cabarrus County Detention Center continues to create revenue by housing inmates from other counties that have overcrowding or maintenance issues. The Sheriff's Office currently has \$177,660 in revenues specifically from housing these inmates and will be earning at least an additional \$56,700.00. Staff requests appropriation of inmate housing revenues in the amount of \$234,360.00 (00162130-6438 to detention center purchased services (0192130-9445). A budget amendment will be needed.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Vice Chairman Shue and unanimously carried, the Board approved the budget amendment to appropriate inmate housing revenues (00162130-6438) of \$234,360.00 to purchased services (00192130-9445).

Budget Revision/Amendment Request

Date: 4/15/2024 Amount: \$234,360.00
 Dept. Head: Sheriff Van W. Shaw Department: 2110 - Sheriff's Office
 Internal Transfer Within Department
 Transfer Between Departments/Funds
 Supplemental Request

Utilize Inmate Housing Fees revenues to cover the cost of Juvenile Justice Invoices from NC Department of Juvenile Justice. Required to house Juveniles who by State Statute cannot be housed in our Jail.

Fund	Indicator	Department/ Object/ Project	Account Name	Increase Amount	Decrease Amount
001	6	2130-6438	Inmate Housing Fees	234,360.00	
001	9	2130-9445	Purchased Services	234,360.00	

(F-6) Tax Administration - Refund and Release Reports - March 2024

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 Measmer, seconded by Vice Chairman Shue and unanimously carried, the Board approved the March 2024 Refund and Release Reports as submitted, including the NCVTS Refund Report, and grant authority to the Tax Collector to process the refunds and releases.

(G) NEW BUSINESS

(G-1) County Manager - Restructure Department of Social Services Legal Services

Dr. Aalece Pugh, Assistant County Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the current state of legal representation for the Department of Social Services. Two options were presented at the Work Session for the Board's consideration option 1) hiring two attorneys and gradually eliminating use of contracted legal services for DSS programs and option 2) hiring one attorney to manage two of the three DSS programs, while continuing use of contracted legal services for the third program. If approved, staff commit to collaboratively working with Hartsell & Williams to develop an effective transition plan. The position will be promptly posted and filled to ensure a seamless transition. In the current fiscal year, Hartsell & Williams will continue rendering services while costs associated with the in-house position will be covered from lapsed salary. Following the conclusion of the contract on June 30, 2024, funds will be included in the FY25 budget. Option 1 will be to hire two attorneys (lead attorney and staff attorney) with a goal to onboard by July 1, 2024 and gradually phase out contracted legal services for the department of social services. Option 2 will be a graduated plan to hire one staff attorney immediately and second attorney following the assessment of the model while continuing contracted legal services for child welfare cases.

A discussion ensued. During discussion, Dr. Pugh; Evan Lee, General Counsel and Rodney Harris, Deputy County Manager; responded to questions from the Board.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Commissioner Wortman the Board authorized bringing child support and adult protective legal services in-house and the creation of one full-time staff attorney position by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Commissioners Measmer, Wortman and Furr. Nays: Vice Chairman Shue.

(G-2) EMS - Renewal of Non-Emergency Transport Franchise Agreement with American Transmed Public Hearing 6:30 p.m.

Jimmy Lentz, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Chief, reported American Transmed is the non-emergency EMS transport provider for Cabarrus County. The county has maintained a franchise agreement for the last three years with American Transmed. The agreement will expire in June, 2024 and staff requests renewal for another three years.

Mr. Lentz read the first reading of the ordinance aloud. A second reading will be conducted at the May regular meeting.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing at 9:05 p.m. The Public Hearing Notice was posted the County's website (www.cabarruscounty.us) on April 3, 2024 in accordance with Article 2, Administration, Section 2.1 (Use of Electronic Means to Provide Public Notices) of the Cabarrus County Code of Ordinances.

There was no one present to address the Board; therefore, Chairman Morris closed the public hearing.

(H) REPORTS

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

None.

(H-2) BOC - Request for Applications for County Boards/Committees

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

- Active Living and Parks Commission - 4 Vacant Positions
- Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee - 13 Vacant Positions
- Concord Planning and Zoning Commission (ETJ) - 1 Vacant Position
- Industrial Facilities & Pollution Control Financing Authority - 1 Vacant Position
- Library Board of Trustees - 3 Vacant Positions
- Mental Health Advisory Board - 3 Vacant Positions
- Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee - 11 Vacant Positions
- Public Health Authority of Cabarrus County - 1 Vacant Position
- Region F Aging Advisory Committee - 2 Vacant Positions
- Senior Centers Advisory Council - 6 Vacant Positions
- Transportation Advisory Board - 6 Vacant Positions
- Youth Commission - 6 Vacant Positions

(H-3) Budget - Monthly Budget Amendment Report

The Board received the monthly budget amendment report for informational purposes. No action was required of the Board.

(H-4) Budget - Monthly Financial Update

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

(H-5) Communications and Outreach - Monthly Summary Report

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

(H-6) County Manager - Monthly Building Activity Reports

The board received the monthly building activity report for informational purposes. No action was required of the Board.

(H-7) DHS -Emergency Assistance Quarterly Report

The board received the first quarter 2024 report for informational purposes. No action was required of the Board.

(H-8) Economic Development Corporation - March 2024 Monthly Summary Report

The Board received the Cabarrus Economic Development Corporation (EDC) monthly report for the month of March 2024 for informational purposes. No action was required of the Board.

(I) GENERAL COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Commissioner Wortman commented regarding communication between citizens and staff.

He also had questions in connection with the public participation policy. Richard Koch, County Attorney, and Evan Lee, General Council, responded.

(J) ADJOURN

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Furr, seconded by Commissioner Wortman and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Lauren Linker

Lauren Linker, Clerk to the Board

