

Budget 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, September 16, 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 (electronic means)
 Commissioners: Christopher A. Measmer
 Kenneth M. Wortman
 Timothy A. Furr

Also present were Mike Downs, County Manager; Rich Koch (electronic means), County Attorney; Aalece Pugh, Assistant County Manager; Kelly Sifford, 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 CORRECTION OF MINUTES

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Shue, seconded by Commissioner Wortman and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following minutes as presented:

May 6, 2024 (Work Session) and May 20, 2024 (Regular Meeting).

(B) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Morris reviewed the following changes to the agenda.

Updated:
 Approval or Correction of Minutes
 A-1 Approval or Correction of Meeting Minutes

Consent Agenda
 F-10 Information Technology Systems (ITS) - Storage Area Network Refresh

Addition:
 Recognitions and Presentations
 G-1 Appointment - Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee

C-4 Proclamation - PACE

New Business
 G-3 BOC - LGC Funding Discussion

Removed:
 Consent Agenda
 F-5 County Manager - Property Switch with Rocky Ridge United Methodist Church

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

(C) RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

(C-1) Proclamation - Library - Library Card Sign Up Month

Melanie Holles, Library Director, presented a video presentation of the proclamation.

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

Ms. Holles then provided additional information on the process of obtaining a Cabarrus County library card.

Proclamation No. 2024-20

Library Card Sign-up Month 2024 Proclamation

WHEREAS, libraries are essential for the education and development of children, offering everything from preschool storytimes to college and career planning resources for high school students, nurturing literacy and a love for reading;

WHEREAS, libraries provide welcoming and inclusive spaces where individuals from all backgrounds can learn and connect, bridging cultural, ethnic, generational, and economic divides, and strengthening the social fabric of their communities;

WHEREAS, libraries are committed to creating and maintaining diverse programs and collections that reflect the communities they serve, ensuring equitable access for all;

WHEREAS, libraries assist people of all ages in navigating life's complexities, offering access to research, information, and government services that enhance productivity and fulfillment;

WHEREAS, libraries boost the local economy by providing critical access to technology and training for job-seekers, entrepreneurs, and students;

WHEREAS, during times of crisis, libraries and their staff play a vital role in supporting communities both in-person and virtually;

WHEREAS, the shared resources provided by libraries help households save money, conserve resources, and reduce waste, offering a simple way to make a positive impact;

WHEREAS, a library card ignites creativity and empowers individuals to explore new interests and pursue lifelong learning;

WHEREAS, libraries uphold democracy by promoting civic engagement and the free exchange of information and ideas for all;

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

WHEREAS, Cabarrus County recognizes the benefits derived from Parks and Recreation and Active Living Centers resources.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that We, Cabarrus County Commissioners proclaim September as Library Card Sign-Up Month in Cabarrus County, NC and encourage everyone to sign up for a library card today.

Adopted this 16th day of September, 2024.

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

(C-2) Proclamation - Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month

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. 2024-21

HISPANIC AND LATINO HERITAGE MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Cabarrus County is proud to be home to over 27,000 community members of Hispanic or Latino descent; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latino community members enrich our communities by sharing their vibrant culture and heritage; and

WHEREAS, in September 1968, Congress authorized President Lyndon B. Johnson to proclaim National Hispanic Heritage Week; and

WHEREAS, this celebration was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress and the White House call for all Americans to observe this month appropriately; and

WHEREAS, Cabarrus County will join with the rest of the country in recognizing the National Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month by commemorating essential contributions, sacrifices, and accomplishments that Hispanic and Latino people have made to the United States throughout history;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize September 15 - October 15, 2024, as

ADOPTED this 16th day of September, 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-3) Proclamation - Cabarrus County Smart Start - Smart Start Month

Chairman Morris read the proclamation aloud.

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

Proclamation No. 2024-22

Cabarrus County Proclamation
Smart Start Month
September 1, 2024

WHEREAS, Cabarrus County Partnership for Children and the North Carolina Partnership for Children and other Local & State Smart Start organizations are recognizing September as Smart Start Month in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, NC Policymakers recognized that progress in early childhood would require tapping into the same innovative spirit that inspired private sector advances, and therefore, established Smart Start as a public/private partnership in 1993.

WHEREAS, Smart Start was established as a public/private partnership. Independent, private organizations work in all 100 North Carolina counties through The North Carolina Partnership for Children and 75 Local Partnerships.

WHEREAS, the power of Smart Start is that it delivers outcomes for children 0 - 5 years by giving communities local control to determine the best approach to achieving them.

WHEREAS, Smart Start advances a high quality, comprehensive, accountable early childhood system that benefits each child under the age of 5 years in North Carolina beginning with a healthy birth.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim September, 2024, as Smart Start Month in Cabarrus County, NC and urge all citizens to recognize Cabarrus County Partnership for Children, our Smart Start Agency, for their important work in our community.

Adopted this 16th day of September 2024.

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

(C-4) Proclamation - PACE Month

Chairman Morris introduced Catrina Nash, PACE of Southern Piedmont, who explained that PACE is a non-profit program funded through Medicare and Medicaid. The organization helps elderly individuals aged 55 and older as well as their caregivers. The program's goal is to advance the quality of life for seniors with a chronic illness that needs extra support in daily activities. MS. Nash then read the proclamation aloud.

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

Proclamation No. 2024-23

PACE MONTH
2024
A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, September is National Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Month; and

WHEREAS, PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) is an innovative program that provides high-quality care in the community to older people with chronic needs; and

WHEREAS, PACE is a fully integrated model that provides social supports, medical care, and comprehensive, highly coordinated service while allowing the person to remain at home avoiding hospital admission or nursing home placement, which allow older adults who qualify for nursing home level of care to continue living in the community; and

WHEREAS, individuals enrolled in PACE receive all Medicare and Medicaid covered items and services, as well as additional supports which promote well-being and greater independence; and

WHEREAS, PACE programs assume full financial risk for all medical care and related services - including transportation, hospitalization, and long-term care - in return for capitated payments from Medicare and Medicaid, thereby controlling costs for the state while providing improved health outcomes and greater satisfaction for participants; and

WHEREAS, PACE month provides an opportunity to increase awareness of PACE and the benefits PACE organizations provide to the community; and

WHEREAS, the theme of 2024 National PACE Month is "Simplify Your Life: At Your PACE," that highlights how PACE can simplify your life through a unique model of care; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim September 2024 to be "PACE Month." We invite every resident to join us in recognizing PACE Month and celebrate the staff and participants for their role in making PACE a success in Cabarrus County.

Adopted this 16th day of September, 2024.

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

(D) INFORMAL COMMENTS

Chairman Morris opened the meeting for Informal Public Comments at 6:47 p.m. He stated each speaker would be limited to three minutes.

Tammy Pittman, a resident at 250 Roberta Road, Concord, spoke regarding funding appropriations and the budget.

Jerry E. Anderson, a resident at 133 Kennedy Avenue, Kannapolis, spoke regarding matters in connection with the Department of Social Services.

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

Mae Mack, a resident at 92 St. Mary Avenue NW, Concord, spoke regarding affordable housing and emergency rental assistance.

Rick Hoffarth, a resident at 6000 Creekview Court, Harrisburg, spoke regarding affordable housing.

Wesley Huneycutt, a resident of 2700 Cal Bost Road, Midland, commented regarding the funding appropriations.

Lee Shuman, a resident at 633 Grandview Drive NE, Concord, commented on education funding.

Chris Cranston, a resident at 475 High Meadows Drive, Concord, commented on local government.

Marvin Bost, a resident of Mt. Pleasant, spoke on agriculture at the county fair.

Naomi Hatchell, a resident at 1804 Clay Street, Kannapolis, commented on Constitution Day.

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 (Removals) - Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC)

The JCPC recommended the following new appointments for currently vacant terms, which will expire June 30, 2026: Megan Huffman as a Substance Abuse Professional and Roshini Selvakumar as a Youth under Age 21.

The JCPC recommended the following members be reappointed to two-year terms to expire September 30, 2026: Gayle Alston, Megan Baumgardner, Travis Burke, Ashley Fitch, Amy Jewell, and Malisha Ross.

The JCPC recommended acceptance of Jacob Wentink's resignation, Active Living and Parks Department Representative.

Lastly, the JCPC recommended the exchange of seats currently held by Megan Baumgardner (Member-at-Large) and Heather Mobley (Juvenile Defense Attorney).

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Commissioner Furr and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Megan Huffman to fill the vacant seat for Substance Abuse Professional and Roshini Selvakumar to fill the vacant seat for Youth under Age 21.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Commissioner Furr and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed the following members to terms to expire September 30, 2026: Gayle Alston, Megan Baumgardner, Travis Burke, Ashley Fitch, Amy Jewell, and Malisha Ross; including an exception to the multiple provision of the Appointment Policy for Ms. Alston, Ms. Baumgardner and Ms. Jewell and an exception the residency provision of the Appointment Policy for Ms. Alston and Ms. Ross.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Commissioner Furr and unanimously carried, the Board removed Jacob Wentink from the JCPC roster and thanked him for his service.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Commissioner Furr and unanimously carried, the Board exchanged the seats and their respective terms currently held by Megan Baumgardner and Heather Mobley, including an exception to the multiple board provision of the Appointment Policy for Ms. Baumgardner and an exception to the residency provision of the Appointment policy for Ms. Mobley.

(F-2) Appointments - Library Board of Trustees

The following appointments to the Library Board of Trustees were recommended and requested: Kelly Stout to replace Geraldine Depken as a Kannapolis representative, Lori Clay to replace Pam Emmons as the Midland representative and Elizabeth Eaise to replace Diane Browder-Boswell as a Kannapolis representative.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Commissioner Furr and unanimously carried, the Board removed Geraldine Depken, Pam Emmons and Diane Browder-Boswell from the Library Board of Trustees roster and thanked them for their service.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Commissioner Furr and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Kelly Stout as a Kannapolis Representative to fill an expired term. Ms. Stout's appointment will expire February 28, 2027; Lori Clay as the Midland Representative to fill an unexpired

term to end July 31, 2025; and Elizabeth Eaise as a Kannapolis Representative to fill an unexpired term to end October 31, 2024.

(F-3) Appointments - Mental Health Advisory Board

A local State Legislator has been represented on the board since its inception. Dr. Kristin Baker has agreed to represent this vacated seat on the board for a three-year term.

A board seat from the City of Harrisburg was filled in the past by the former Mayor. Mayor Pro-Tem La'Trecia Glover has agreed to serve as this seat's representative for a three-year term.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Commissioner Furr and unanimously carried, the Board appointed State Representative Dr. Kristin Baker (Legislative Representative) and Mayor Pro Tem La'Trecia Glover (Mayor/City Council Harrisburg) to the Mental Health Advisory Board for three-year terms to expire September 30, 2027.

(F-4) Appointments - Public Health Authority of Cabarrus County

The Public Health Authority of Cabarrus County met and recommends Amy Jewell for appointment to the committee as the Behavioral Representative to fill the position left vacant upon the resignation of Dr. Dan Hagler, Expertise in Infection Diseases representative. Therefore, it is requested to appoint her to complete the unexpired term ending June 30, 2026.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Commissioner Furr and unanimously carried, the board appointed Amy Jewell as the Behavioral Health Representative to the Public Health Authority of Cabarrus County to fill an unexpired term ending June 30, 2026, to include an exception to the multiple board provision of the Appointment Policy.

(F-5) County Manager - Temporary Construction and Permanent Easement

The Concord-Kannapolis Rider Transit system is requested to purchase for \$105, a temporary construction easement and a permanent easement on Martin Luther King Blvd/110 North Rose Avenue in Kannapolis in order to construct a new bus stop. This is on the A. L. Brown High School campus. Kannapolis City Schools has reviewed the proposal to ensure it does not negatively impact their property.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Commissioner Furr and unanimously carried, the Board approved the purchase of the temporary and permanent easement, waived the purchase fee(s) and authorized the County Manager to execute necessary documents after review and revision by the County Attorney.

(F-6) Finance - Ambulance Receivable Write Off

Cabarrus County's year-end procedure includes adjusting the Accounts Receivable-Ambulance balance to include the outstanding balances for the closing year plus the three preceding fiscal years while writing off the unpaid balance in the 4th year, which is Fiscal Year 2020. Historical analyses indicate amounts are no longer collectible in the fourth year following billing. This year, it is requested to write off \$1,942,915.92.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Commissioner Furr and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the Finance Department to write off the outstanding ambulance receivable balance from Fiscal Year 2020.

(F-7) Finance - Lottery Proceeds

Lottery proceeds are provided to the County to help fund school capital needs including construction, renovations and payment of debt. Lottery proceeds in the amount of \$2,300,000 were included in the Fiscal Year 2025 Community Investment Fund budget to pay a portion of debt services related to public school debt.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Commissioner Furr and unanimously carried, the Board approved the budget amendment in the Public-School Funding Fund, the Public-School Funding Project Ordinance and authorized the Chairman to execute the Public-School Building Capital Fund applications to release funds from the North Carolina Education Lottery Fund.

Budget Revision/Amendment Request

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

This amendment records the Public School Building Capital Lottery funds requested from the Department of Public Instruction. \$2,300,000 of the funds will be used towards the FY25 school debt service payments. Cabarrus County Schools' portion is \$2,047,000 and Kannapolis City Schools' portion is \$253,000.

Fund	Indicator	Department/ Object/ Project	Account Name	Approved Budget	Increase Amount	Decrease Amount	Revised Budget
320	6	7210-6444	Lottery Proceeds	19,830,000.00	2,300,000.00		22,130,000.00
320	9	7210-9704	Contribution to GF/CIF	17,680,000.00	2,300,000.00		19,980,000.00

(F-8) Human Resources - Compensation Market Study - General Government Departments

There was presentation of the results from the recent compensation market study for county departments (excluding public safety and DSS) along with accompanying recommendations for range adjustments for certain positions.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Commissioner Furr and unanimously carried, the Board approved the recommendations presented including salary adjustments for impacted positions.

(F-9) Information Technology Systems (ITS) - Storage Area Network Refresh

Cabarrus County's current Storage Area Network lease has expired. The new agreement provides for a refresh of the current storage hardware. These data storage devices support all county departments, Cabarrus County Schools and Kannapolis City Schools.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Commissioner Furr and unanimously carried, the Board approved the County Manager to execute the new agreement after review and revision by the County Attorney.

(F-10) Library - Library Board of Trustees By-laws

The Library Board of Trustees provided updated by-laws for the Board of Commissioners' consideration.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Commissioner Furr and unanimously carried, the Board approved updated By-laws for the Library Board of Trustees.

(F-11) Legal - Animal Ordinance

The County has received several complaints concerning vicious dogs. This caused us to convene a committee to review changes to Chapters 10 of the Code of Ordinances concerning animals. The committee looked at ordinances from other local jurisdictions in North Carolina. The ordinances varied due to state statutes, which provide local government flexibility when dealing with animals. The changes to the ordinance would attempt to streamline procedures for the Sheriff and Animal Control to handle complaints as well as with the animals once a complaint is made. It also clarifies the due process procedure that occurs if an animal is seized and the range of options available to the Sheriff.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Commissioner Furr and unanimously carried, the Board approved the revised ordinance.

(F-12) Planning Department - Community Development Budget Amendment

The current budgets for the Duke Helping Home Funds (HFF), the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program (NCDEQ WAP), the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (NCDEQ LIHEAP) and the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Low Income Home Heating and Air Repair & Replacement Program (NCDEQ HARRP) need to be amended to reflect funding received.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Commissioner Furr and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the budget amendments.

Budget Revision/Amendment Request

Date: Amount:

Dept. Head: Department:

Internal Transfer Within Department Transfer Between Departments/Funds Supplemental Request

Purpose: The state has released the funds for the Duke HHFY25. The program budget needs to be amended to reflect the appropriate amount per the allotted funds in the contract.

Fund	Indicator	Department/ Object/ Project	Account Name	Approved Budget	Increase Amount	Decrease Amount	Revised Budget
001	6	3250-9493 DECHS	Duke HFF	50,000.00	23,499.00		73,499.00
001	9	3250-9493-DECHS	Duke HFF	1,250.00	-	-	1,250.00
001	9	3250-9493-DECHV	Duke HFF	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00
001	9	3250-9493 DCHMF	Duke HFF	47,750.00	23,499.00		71,249.00

Total 73,499.00

Budget Revision/Amendment Request

Date: Amount:

Dept. Head: Department:

Internal Transfer Within Department Transfer Between Departments/Funds Supplemental Request

Purpose: The state has released the funds for the DOE Weatherization program FY25. The program budget needs to be amended to reflect the appropriate amount per the allotted funds in the contract.

Fund	Indicator	Department/ Object/ Project	Account Name	Approved Budget	Increase Amount	Decrease Amount	Revised Budget
001	6	6227	Weatherization Program Grant	102,121.00	15,342.00		117,463.00
001	9	3250-9630-WIX	Dues Subsc	414.00	-	-	414.00
001	9	3250-9346-WIX	Fuel	29.00	-	-	29.00
001	9	3250-9420-DOE	WIX Cell Phones	230.00	970.00		1,200.00
001	9	3250-9346-DOE	DOE Fuel	730.00	270.00		1,000.00
001	9	3250-9493DOE	DOE Operations	45,854.00	26,718.00		72,572.00
001	9	3250-9520-DOE	DOE Autos & Trucks	460.00	-	-	460.00
001	9	3250-9610-DOE	DOE Travel & Education	21,375.00		[10,383.00]	10,992.00
001	9	3250-9644-DOE	Insurance	-	2,600.00		2,600.00
001	9	3250-949302-DOE	DOE Readiness Funds	-	12,545.00		12,545.00
001	9	3250-931501-doe	DOE Health & Safety	12,900.00	3,351.00		15,651.00

Total 117,463.00

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Budget Revision/Amendment Request

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

Purpose: The state has released the funds for the LHP Weatherization program FY25. The program budget needs to be amended to reflect the appropriate amount per the allotted funds in the contract.

Fund	Indicator	Department/ Object/ Project	Account Name	Approved Budget	Increase Amount	Decrease Amount	Revised Budget
001	6	3250-622701	LIHEAP WX Grant	138,164.00	21,375.00		159,539.00
001	9	3250-931501-LIHP	LIHP H&S	21,900.00	686.00		22,586.00
001	9	3250-9346-LIHP	LIHP Fuel	1,000.00	100.00	-	1,100.00
001	9	3250-9420-LIHP	LIHP Cell Phones	616.00	-	-	616.00
001	9	3250-9493-LIHP	LIHP Operations	95,895.00	32,202.00		128,097.00
001	9	3250-9520-LIHP	LIHP Auto Main	1,540.00	-	-	1,540.00
001	9	3250-9644-LIHP	Insurance	-	5,600.00		5,600.00
Total							159,539.00

Budget Revision/Amendment Request

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

Purpose: The state has released the funds for the HARP program FY25. The program budget needs to be amended to reflect the appropriate amount per the allotted funds in the contract.

Fund	Indicator	Department/ Object/ Project	Account Name	Approved Budget	Increase Amount	Decrease Amount	Revised Budget
001	6	3250-6258	HARP Grant	99,256.00	57,775.00		157,031.00
001	9	3250-9493-HARP	HARP Operations	94,655.00	62,376.00		157,031.00
Total							157,031.00

(F-13) Sheriff's Office - Awarding of Service Weapon to Deputy Stephen Brent Russell Upon His Retirement

Deputy Stephen Brent Russell retired from the Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office on September 1, 2024. Pursuant to N.C. General Statute 20-187.2, it is requested that Deputy Russell's service weapon (Sig Sauer P320 SN 58C352180) be designated surplus property and awarded to him for the price of \$1.00.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Commissioner Furr and unanimously carried, the Board declared Sig Sauer P320 SN 58C352180 surplus property and authorized disposition in accordance with the County's policy.

(F-14) Soil and Water- Grant Application to NC Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund and USDA Agricultural Land Easement

As approved at the July 9, 2024 meeting, the Soil and Water Conservation District Board requested to apply for state and federal Farmland Preservation Grants to purchase development rights for permanent agricultural easements on two tracts of farmland.

Farmland Preservation supports goals of both the Board of Commissioners, and the Soil and Water Conservation District Board by improving the quality of life for county citizens. Permanently protected farmland ensures the land base necessary for the county's agricultural economy while simultaneously keeping the tax burden low by maximizing the amount of land acreage where the cost of county services is lowest. The Soil and Water Conservation District Board has previously applied and received grant funding to preserve a total of 508 acres of farmland and is currently in the process of closing on another 144 acres.

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

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Commissioner Furr and unanimously carried, the Board authorized Soil and Water Conservation District staff to submit applications to the North Carolina Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund and federal USDA Agricultural Land Easement programs.

(F-15) Soil and Water- Grant Application to NC Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund Local Agricultural Growth Zone

As approved at the July 9, 2024 meeting, the Soil and Water Conservation District Board requested to apply for state funding through the program NC Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund- Agricultural Growth Zones. This program would purchase development rights for permanent agricultural easements on farmland in Cabarrus County. The application and program would require matching funds from Cabarrus County. The Soil and Water Conservation District Board requested the matching funds to be supplied from the Ned Hudson Fund/ back tax fund.

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

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Commissioner Furr and unanimously carried, the Board authorized Soil and Water Conservation District staff to submit application for the NC Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund- Agricultural Growth Zone.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Commissioner Furr and unanimously carried, the Board approved funds from the Ned Hudson Fund/ back tax fund as the matching funds for the NC ADFP AGZ application.

(F-16) Tax Administration-2014 Write-Off, Real and Personal Outstanding Taxes

The Tax Collector uses every legal effort to collect all delinquent taxes. However, NC General Statute 105-378 expresses a ten-year statute of limitations preventing the Tax Collector from using remedies to collect taxes remaining unpaid prior to tax year 2015. "USE OF REMEDIES BARRED" states that no county or municipality may maintain an action or procedure to enforce any remedy provided by law for the collection of taxes or the enforcement of any tax liens unless the action or procedure is instituted within ten years from the date the taxes became due.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Commissioner Furr and unanimously carried, the Board approved the write-off of real and personal outstanding taxes for 2014 totaling \$114,300.60

(F-17) Tax Administration - Refund and Release Reports - August 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 Commissioner Furr and unanimously carried, the board approved the August 2024 Refund and Release Reports as submitted, including the NCVTS Refund Report, and granted authority to the Tax Collector to process the refunds and releases.

(G) NEW BUSINESS

(G-1) Appointment - Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee

Chairman Morris reported that Valerie Miller has completed all the training required by the State Ombudsman's office and is ready to serve as a volunteer on the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee. Therefore, it is requested to appoint Ms. Miller for a one-year term ending September 30, 2025.

Vice Chairman Shue **MOVED** to appoint Valerie Miller to the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee for a one-year term ending September 30, 2025. Commissioner Measmer seconded the motion.

Following discussion, the **MOTION** unanimously carried.

(G-2) Transportation - FY26 5311 Community Transportation Grant - Public Hearing 6:30 p.m.

Charles Ratliff, Transportation Manager, requested a public hearing for the annual North Carolina 5311 Community Transportation Grant, which provides predetermined funding for county transportation and administrative costs such

as salaries, insurance, equipment, and supplies. The grant requires a 15 percent county match for the administrative portion and 10 percent for the capital portion.

A brief discussion ensued. During discussion, Mr. Ratliff responded to questions from the Board.

Chairman Morris opened the public hearing at 7:21 p.m. The Public Hearing Notice was published on September 7, 2024 in *The Independent Tribune* in English and Spanish. The public hearing notice was also posted on the County's website (www.cabarruscounty.us) on September 4, 2024 in English and Spanish 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 at 7:22 p.m.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Shue, seconded by Commissioner Measmer and unanimously carried, the board approved staff to apply for the North Carolina 5311 Community Transportation Grant, which will include a 15% County match for the administrative portion and a 10% County match for the capital portion.

(G-3) BOC - LGC Funding Discussion

Commissioner Measmer inquired regarding delayed funding for Cabarrus County schools discussed at the last school board meeting.

A discussion ensued. During discussion, Mike Downs, County Manager; Jim Howden, Finance Director; and Kelly Sifford, Assistant County Manager; responded. Chairman Morris provided additional information.

(H) REPORTS

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

The allotted time during regular meetings to receive updates from commission members that serve as liaisons to local municipalities or that serve on various boards/committees, if needed. This opportunity allows the board members to learn more about what is going on with the boards each commissioner is individually involved with.

Commissioner Wortman reported various Active Living and Parks events: Trails and Tails will be a free event at Rob Wallace Park on October 3, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and on November 7, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.; Free Hike for Health every Monday in October from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the parks; October 17-31, 2024 at Rob Wallace Park, Spooky but Spectacular Spiders event; and October 19, 2024 at Camp T.N. Spencer Park, Pioneer Day from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., there will be fee of \$5 per participant.

Cooperative Extension will host a Holiday Creation event at the Cabarrus Arena on November 13, 2024, beginning at 9:00 a.m. More information can be found on the Active Living and Parks website.

Vice Chairman Shue shared there will be a celebration regarding the progress made in Elementary School education held at Bethel Elementary School on September 17, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. Governor Cooper will be attending. He invited the public to attend.

Chairman Morris reported the International Festival will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2024 in downtown Concord on Market street and adjacent streets. He encouraged the public to attend.

(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 Vacancies
- Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee - 13 Vacant Positions
- Concord Planning and Zoning Commission (ETJ) - 1 Vacant Position
- Early Childhood Task Force Advisory Board - 2 Vacant Positions
- Human Services Advisory Board - 1 Vacant Position
- Industrial Facilities & Pollution Control Financing Authority - 1 Vacant Position
- Juvenile Crime Prevention Council - 3 Vacant Positions

- Library Board of Trustees - 3 Vacant Positions
- Mental Health Advisory Board - 1 Vacant Positions
- Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee - 11 Vacant Positions
- Region F Aging Advisory Committee - 2 Vacant Positions
- Senior Centers Advisory Council - 2 Vacant Positions
- Transportation Advisory Board - 5 Vacant Positions
- Youth Commission - 17 Vacant Positions

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

(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) Cabarrus Soil & Water Conservation District - Annual Report

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

(H-6) Communications and Outreach - Monthly Summary Report

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

(H-7) County Manager - Monthly Building Activity Reports

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

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

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

(I) GENERAL COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

None.

(J) WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT OF CABARRUS COUNTY

None.

(K) CLOSED SESSION

None.

(L) ADJOURN

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Commissioner Furr and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.



Lauren Linker
 Lauren Linker, Clerk to the Board