

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Cabarrus met for an Agenda Work Session in the Multipurpose Room at the Cabarrus County Governmental Center in Concord, North Carolina at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 04, 2024.

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

- live broadcast at 4:00 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
	Kenneth M. Wortman
	Timothy A. Furr

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

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

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

Addition:
Discussion Items for Action
3.22 BOC - Behavioral Health Discussion

Moved:
3.21 to 3.1B County Manager - SMG Contract Extension for Management of the Cabarrus Arena and Events Center.

3. Discussion Items - For Action

3.1 County Manager - Cabarrus County Schools Advance Funding for Coltrane Webb Elementary

Brian Cone, Cabarrus County Schools (CCS), Director of Architecture, Planning and Construction requested advance funding for the Coltrane Webb Elementary School replacement project. The funding will allow the project to continue so critical deadlines are on schedule for the opening of the 2026-2027 school year. CCS requested \$5,285,919 for early release packages to include the following phases:

- Building Demolition Package
- Structural and Miscellaneous Steel Package
- Generator Equipment Package

A lengthy discussion ensued. During discussion, Mr. Cone and Kelly Sifford, Deputy County Manager, responded to questions from the Board.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Shue, seconded by Commissioner Wortman, and unanimously carried, the Board approved to suspend the rules of procedure due to time constraints.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Wortman, seconded by Commissioner Measmer, and unanimously carried, the Board approved advanced funding, the associated budget amendment and project ordinance.

3.1B (3.21) County Manager - SMG Contract Extension for Management of the Cabarrus Arena and Events Center

Kelly Sifford, Deputy County Manager, reported several months ago the county requested proposals for the management of the Cabarrus Arena and Events Center. After reviewing the proposals, staff was directed to reengage SMG Global for management services. Upon negotiations, SMG Global offered the following:

- Management Agreement:
- Lower Base Management Fee
 - Increase in Quantitative Fee (Incentive Based)

- Lower Qualitative Fee
- Strike the Sponsorship Commissions from Contract
- Increase Amounts to Capital Improvement
- Offer a Scholarship to Cabarrus County Schools students for Hospitality

Food and Beverage:

- Increase Base Fee of 2.5%.
- Increase Incentive Fee of 2.5%

Les Crooks, SMG Global, Regional Vice President, reported the Arena had its best year in history, coming from a financial performance perspective. The deficit was below \$300,000 and will be working towards a \$0 sum goal. This will include 100% increase in insurance, 25% increase in utilities over the past two years, and an increase in wages and salaries. The revenue was well over \$1,000,000 just in food and beverage sales. Mr. Crooks showed appreciation to the Board for allowing SMG Global to continue serving Cabarrus County.

A brief discussion ensued. During discussion Mr. Crooks, Ms. Sifford and Mike Downs, County Manager, responded to questions from the Board.

3.2 Behavioral Health - Peer-Run Respite Project

Dr. Aalece Pugh, Assistant County Manager, provided a summary of a peer-run respite program for Cabarrus County. Peer-run respite is a voluntary, short-term residential program that provides community-based crisis support and is operated exclusively by individuals with crisis-lived experiences. Dr. Pugh introduced Cherene Caraco, Executive Director of Promise Resource Network, who presented an overview, which included:

- Alternative Crisis Response and Hospital Diversion: Peer Run Respite - Promise Resource Network
 - A survivor-led agency
 - Started in 2005/2006
 - Operates 20+ peer run programs
 - Our workforce consists of 90+ survivors
 - Named 2nd Best 2021 Non-Profit in the Country to Work For, following 3 consecutive years in the top 10
- Peer-Run Respite
- Why Respite?
- Cabarrus County Grant Status/Goals
- Cabarrus County Plan

Dr. Pugh added the Board has done tremendous work in expanding the Crisis continuum in Cabarrus County and this addition would complement the programs currently in place. A request was presented to allocate \$300,000 as a capital investment to purchase a residence for the peer-run respite would be operated by Promise Resource Network (PRN). PRN applied for a state grant to assist with operational expenses should the grant be approved. The funding for the capital investment would come from two sources: the McKinsey opioid settlement allotment of \$112,107.95 and the Medicaid Hold Harmless (HH) fund in the amount of \$187,892.05. A budget amendment is required.

There was a lengthy discussion during the presentation. During discussion, Ms. Caraco and Dr. Pugh responded to questions from the Board.

Noah Swabe, Chief Operating Officer and Lisa Shelton, Chief Administrative Officer, with Promise Resource Network were in attendance.

3.3 Active Living and Parks - 2025 Fees and Charges and Policy

Londa Strong, Active Living and Parks Director, reported the county had another successful Touch-a-Truck event and expressed gratitude to Ian Sweeney, Park Program Manager, for his coordination of the event.

Chairman Morris congratulated Byron Haigler, Assistant Active Living and Parks Director, for his 15-year service to Cabarrus County.

Ms. Strong and Mr. Haigler then reported the Active Living and Parks Department reviews the department fees and charges as well as the fees and charges policy each year. The policies are effective per calendar year, not fiscal year. The changes include:

- Policy

- o Changes to the Cabarrus County 501(c)3 - 1 Free rental per Calendar year.
- o Proposal to read: Any Cabarrus County 501(c)3 organization will be charged 50% for a one-time fundraising rental at any ALP facility that has reservable/rental space.
- Fees and Charges
 - o Corrections to operational times, facility names, and addition of Virginia Foil Park and the Mt Pleasant Active Living Center.
 - o Removed 1 day Ballfield Rental
 - o Increased price of Bulk Ticket prices for Mini-Golf and Paddleboats by \$1.00
 - o Removed Active Living Center Reservation (to keep in alignment with the library)

The above information has been reviewed by the Active Living and Parks Commission.

Ms. Strong informed the Board of safety concerns regarding traffic at the entrance of Frank Liske Park.

A discussion ensued. During discussion, Mike Downs, County Manager; Ms. Strong and Mr. Haigler; responded to questions from the Board.

3.4 Active Living and Parks - Concord Senior Center Name Change

Londa Strong, Active Living and Parks Director, advised since the merger of Library facilities and Active Living Centers, the Senior Center Advisory Council voted unanimously to change the name of the Concord Senior Center to the Concord Active Living Center. Grant funds will be utilized to make the name change on the sign in front of the Concord facility.

A brief discussion ensued.

3.5 Active Living and Parks - Department Masterplan Presentation

Londa Strong, Active Living and Parks Director, reported the Active Living and Parks Department contracted with BerryDunn and Associates to update the 2015 10-year Masterplan. The goal of the project was to improve inclusion, sustainability, and quality of life for all and support the County's strategies and vision. Berry Dunn will begin work on the project this month.

Nikki Ginger, Project Manager, and Lisa Wolff, Supporting Consultant, from BerryDunn presented a PowerPoint presentation on the masterplan, which included the following:

- Agenda
 - o Share Project Highlights
 - o Gain Approval
 - o Answer Your Questions
- Your Project Team
- Your Partners
- Two Complimentary Plans
 - o Comprehensive Plan
 - o Strategic Plan
- Plan Overview
- Project Highlights
 - o Community and Staff Engagement
 - o Statistically Valid Survey
 - o Top Priorities
 - o Level of Service
 - Benchmarking
 - Park Gap Analysis
- Recreation Assessment
- Strengths
- Areas of Opportunity
- Short-Term Recommendation Highlights
- Mid-Term Recommendation Highlights
- Strategic Plan

A discussion ensued. During discussion, Ms. Strong, Ms. Ginger and Ms. Wolff and Byron Haigler, Active Living and Parks Assistant Director, responded to questions from the Board.

3.6 Active Living and Parks - St Stephens Church Road Property Masterplan Presentation

Byron Haigler, Active and Living Parks Assistant Director, reported Benesch was contracted to develop a Masterplan for the newly acquired property on St. Stephens Church Road. There were public engagement opportunities along with foresters and conservationists. **The 615-acre parcel has several environmental features and lends itself to passive and educational pursuits. Recommendations include trails, nature center, and educational opportunities throughout the park site.

Jeff Ashbaugh, Project Manager, Benesch, presented a PowerPoint presentation that included the following:

- Masterplan Process
- Park Site
- Site Analysis
- Site Images
- Public Input Meeting #1
 - Top 10 Activities
 - Hiking/Walking Trails
 - Equestrian Trails
 - Scenic Overlook
 - Environmental Educational/Nature Center
 - Playground
 - Open Space/Green Space
 - Bird/Wildlife Watching
 - Picnic Shelters
 - Wildlife/Plant Identification
 - Disc Golf Course and Cabins
- Public Input Meeting #2
- Park Masterplan
- Park Masterplan North
- Park Masterplan South
- Budget Estimate
- Recommended Improvements
- Potential Maintenance Practices

A discussion ensued. During discussion, Mr. Haigler, Mr. Ashbaugh and Mike Downs, County Manager responded to questions from the Board.

Break

The Board took break at 6:04 p.m. and returned at 6:25 p.m.

3.7 Behavioral Health - Hold Harmless Funds Budget Amendment

Aalece Pugh, Assistant County Manager, presented a request to allocate an additional \$590,185.89 in Medicaid Hold Harmless (HH) funds to Monarch, the operator of the Cabarrus County Regional Behavioral Health Center. Funding would be used for startup costs to ensure the Center is ready for opening day in late 2026. Monarch requires startup funding to hire key administrative, clinical, nursing, and direct care positions to ensure the Center is prepared at launch. The total amount of startup funding requested by Monarch earlier this year was roughly \$2.9M. In May 2024, the board approved an initial allotment of 1,530,534.51. If approved, the total allocation to Monarch would be \$2,120,720.40. In August 2024, Cabarrus received the second disbursement of Medicaid Hold Harmless funds from FY24. The total received in August was \$778,077.94. The amount received annually is variable. A budget amendment was presented for consideration.

A brief discussion ensued. During discussion, Ms. Pugh responded to questions from the Board.

3.8 Design and Construction - Award Contract for Government Center Basement Renovation

Michael Miller, Director of Design and Construction, presented the proposed work to allow renovations of the Government Center basement to house the Child Support Division of Social Services. The Child Support Division would operate more efficiently in closer proximity to the courthouse. Renovations related to the HVAC system, air sealing, carpet and painting are all that is necessary to utilize this currently vacant space. Funds were budgeted as part of the PayGo program for this year.

Mike Downs, County Manager, provided additional information regarding the location of the space.

Kelly Sifford, Deputy County Manager, was present.

3.9 Design and Construction - Creech and Associates Contract for Design Renovations

Michael Miller, Director of Design and Construction, reported staff has engaged Creech and Associates to provide design and construction documents for the ACN renovation project. This would allow Creech and Associates to create the necessary plans to construct a front service counter, design security measures, design HVAC replacements and related improvements, and the required ADA updates to the building. In addition to roofs on both buildings. If approved the request would take the County through schematic design, design development, construction documents and construction administration phases of the entire project. The proposed fee from Creech and Associates is \$1,200,000, which is based on total project budget of 20,000,000.

A discussion ensued. During discussion, Mr. Miller and Kelly Sifford, Deputy County Manager, responded to questions from the Board.

3.10 DSS - Budget Amendment for Child Protective Services Emergency Placement Fund

Hollye McCallum, Department of Social Services Director, advised the N.C. Division of Social Services allocated funds for children emergency placement. The funds are intended to temporarily assist the Department of Social Services in addressing identified placement needs for children in custody who are awaiting a Medicaid leveled treatment placement. Cabarrus County Department of Human Services' (DHS) allocation for FY 24/25 is \$56,594; no county match will be required. The funding can be used for retainer fees for providers and as a short-term enhancement rate for providers who keep children with complex behavioral health needs until a permanent placement is found.

Suzanne Moose, Business Services Division Director, was in attendance.

3.11 DSS - Linking Family and Teens Program (LiFT) Program

Lora Lipe, Economic Support Services Program, reported the Linking Families and Teens program is a 6-hour family connection program for youth ages 13 - 19 and their supportive adults. The evidenced based program is intended to improve sexual health outcomes for teens in the United States by enhancing key protective factors. This is a family program not a sexual education program.

The specific goals of the program include:

- Increase the frequency and quality of communication about sexuality between teens and their supportive adults.
- Enhance the relationship between teens and their supportive adults.
- Increase teen confidence to prevent unwanted pregnancy.
- Increase supportive adults' comfort with their youth receiving sexual health services.
- Decrease unplanned pregnancy.

Cabarrus Health Alliance approved unspent FY24 funds in the amount of \$15,000 to carryover to FY25. This was planned as a 5-year program, which began in July 2023. A budget amendment for the funds was presented for consideration.

3.12 EMS - RACE CARS Grant Funds

Lauren Linker, Clerk to the Board, advised the information was provided regarding receipt of the grant funds received for use to reserve the venue for the Hearts and Heros event.

3.14 Human Resources - Total Reward Benefits Part 3

Lundee Covington, Human Resources Director, and Ashley Dobbins, Human Resources Strategy Manager, presented the final portion of the total rewards review, which included research regarding advanced holiday time and recommendations for military time.

A brief discussion ensued. During discussion, Ms. Dobbins, Ms. Covington and Mike Downs, County Manager, responded to the Board.

3.13 Human Resources - Compensation Review

Lundee Covington, Human Resources Director, presented an update in connection with the "Hot Jobs" in the recent market study in Human Services (presented 11/6/23) and general government departments (presented 9/3/24). There were several areas of additional concern that have surfaced including

foreign language interpreter, Department of Social Services, and advancement pathways for Codes Enforcement employees in Construction Standards.

Ms. Covington introduced Natalia Weaver, Department of Social Services Customer Service Program Administrator. Ms. Weaver provided an overview of the foreign language interpreter positions.

Ms. Covington then introduced Matt Love, Construction Standards Director. Mr. Love provided an overview of the code enforcement officer positions. Mr. Love provided an in-depth description of each level of code enforcement officers.

There was discussion ensued throughout the presentations. During discussions, Ms. Covington, Ms. Weaver and Mr. Love responded to questions from the Board.

Kerryanne Simpson, Human Resources Compensation Analyst, was in attendance.

3.15 Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) - Amendment to JCPC FY 24-25 County Funding Plan: Recommendation for Unallocated Funds

Meghan Baumgardner, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) Chair, presented a request for the allocation of funds in the amount of \$41,695 to two programs. Through applications from an RFP and by a majority vote of the JCPC, it was recommended the remaining unallocated funds be awarded to Conflict Resolution Center - Truancy Court Mediation, which currently handles the teen court program and it would allow expansion of their Truancy Court program. Heather Mobley, Staff Attorney and member of the JCPC, stated this program will be a gap filler to assist with the children prior to delinquency court.

A brief discussion ensued.

3.16 Tax Administration - Resolution Appointing Land Records Manager as Review Officer

David Thrift, Tax Administrator, advised with the retirement of Greg Belk, NCGS 47-30.2 requires the Board of Commissioners to appoint a Review Officer to review each map and plat required to be submitted before recording with the Register of Deeds. A resolution for consideration was provided to the Board to appoint Andrew Barrier, Land Records Manager, as the plat review officer. Mr. Thrift read the resolution aloud.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Commissioner Wortman, and unanimously carried, the Board suspended the rules of procedure due to time constraints.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Vice Chairman Shue, and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Andrew Barrier, Land Records Manager, as Review Officer and approved the resolution.

Resolution 2024-39

A Resolution Appointing the Land Records Manager as the Review Officer for Cabarrus County

WHEREAS, Cabarrus County and the municipalities within the County have regulations governing the subdivision of land; and,

WHEREAS, General Statute 47-30.2 requires the Board of Commissioners of each county to designate by name one or more persons experienced in mapping or land records management as a Review Officer; and,

WHEREAS, the statute indicates that where feasible the Review Officer be certified as a property mapper pursuant to G.S. 147-54.4; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners appoint the Land Records Manager Andrew Barrier and his properly trained designees as Review Officer effective November 4, 2024.

ADOPTED this the 4th day of November, 2024 by the Board of Commissioners.

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

ATTEST:

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

3.17 Tax Administration - Resolution to Appoint Special Boundary Commissioner

David Thrift, Tax Administrator, advised NCGS 153A-18 allows the Board of Commissioners to appoint a Special Boundary Commissioner to supervise the surveying, marking, mapping and to act as a liaison between Cabarrus County and the North Carolina Geodetic Survey. This is in instances when there are questions pertaining to the boundaries of the county. Each boundary has been surveyed and revised except for Rowan and Cabarrus boundaries. The resolution presented would appoint Andrew Barrier in place of the retired Greg Belk to continue the commission of the Rowan and Cabarrus boundaries. Mr. Thrift read the resolution aloud.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Furr, seconded by Commissioner Measmer, and unanimously carried, the Board suspended the rules of procedure due to time constraints.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Commissioner Furr, and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Andrew Barrier, Land Records Manager, as Special Boundary Commissioner and approved the resolution.

Resolution 2024-40

A Resolution to Appoint Special Boundary Commissioner

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Geodetic Survey (NCGS) has been designated and funded by the North Carolina General Assembly to assist with the resurvey of ambiguous or uncertain county boundaries pursuant to GS 153A-18; and,

WHEREAS, The NCGS has resurveyed a part of the Cabarrus and Rowan lines; and,

WHEREAS, in 1994, 1997, and 1999 the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners requested the assistance of the NCGS to survey and help establish the location of all county lines common with adjacent counties pursuant to GS 153A-18; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to GS 153A-18, a Special Boundary Commissioner for Cabarrus County may be appointed by the county to supervise the surveying, marking, mapping and to act as a liaison between Cabarrus County and the NCGS; and,

WHEREAS, Greg Belk, Special Boundary Commissioner, for Cabarrus County has retired from duty and turned over all materials relevant to the county boundary to Andrew Barrier, Land Records Manager, for Cabarrus County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners authorize Andrew Barrier, in replacement of Greg Belk, to commission the survey of the boundary between Rowan and Cabarrus Counties.

ADOPTED this the 4th day of November, 2024 by the Board of Commissioners.

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

ATTEST:

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

Chairman Morris congratulated Greg Belk on his retirement.

3.18 BOC - Appointments to Boards and Committees

Chairman Morris advised information for November appointments to boards and committees has been provided to the commissioners. He asked if anyone had any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the upcoming requests. There were none.

3.19 BOC - Resolution Amending the Board of Commissioners' 2024 Meeting Schedule

An Amendment to the Board of Commissioners' 2024 Meeting Schedule concerning an update for the December 2, 2024, was presented for consideration.

A discussion ensued. During discussion, Lauren Linker , Clerk to the Board responded to questions from the Board.

3.20 County Manager - Opioid Settlement Strategic Funding Plan Update

Aalece Pugh, Assistant County Manager, provided an update on item 3.12 EMS - RACE CARS Grant Funds to move \$5,312.30 from grant funds to annual event funding. A budget amendment will be required.

Aalece Pugh, Assistant County Manager, then presented updates on the opioid settlement spending authorization previously approved by the BOC to account for changes in salaries/benefits and to include new amounts for specific strategies. Updating the MAT Paramedicine spending authorization (originally approved in January 2024) to account for salary adjustments, overtime, and to add funding for two more fiscal years, per the strategic plan. It was requested to extend the three-year positions to 5-year positions.

Dr. Pugh additionally presented a request to update three strategies in the Opioid Strategic Funding Plan: (1) a small increase in the salary range for the Opioid Settlement Funds Project Manager along with extending the position from three years to five years, (2) the need to add a Nurse in the Detention Center for opioid use disorder screening and (3) use of funds for marketing, education, outreach, etc.

A brief discussion ensued. During discussion, Ms. Pugh responded to questions from the Board.

3.22 BOC - Behavioral Health Discussion

Commissioner Wortman presented and read aloud a resolution to name the new behavioral health facility after Chairman Morris.

Resolution 2024-41

RESOLUTION TO NAME THE NEW BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER IN CABARRUS COUNTY FOR STEPHEN M. MORRIS

WHEREAS, Stephen M. Morris created the Mental Health Advisory Board in 2017 and has served as its chair since that time, which Board brought law enforcement, the schools, EMS, mental health providers, judges, the District Attorney, and other community leaders in that realm together to seek behavioral health solutions and served as a model for the State;

WHEREAS, Stephen M. Morris has also served on the Cabarrus Health Alliance Board, which together with CHA's Behavioral Health Department, helps oversee, support, and expand mental health and substance use services in Cabarrus County;

WHEREAS, Stephen M. Morris through his work as Chair of the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners, secured the investment of over \$11 million in organizations providing mental health services to Cabarrus residents, including funding a behavioral health holding unit at Atrium Health Cabarrus, jail-based behavioral health clinicians, and hiring the County's first Behavioral Health Director;

WHEREAS, the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners received NCPHA Partners in Public Health Award in 2023 for their contributions to public health, including behavioral healthcare;

WHEREAS, Stephen M. Morris was instrumental in advocating for the North Carolina General Assembly to allocate over \$32 million for a regional behavioral health facility in Cabarrus County for both juvenile and adult patients;

WHEREAS, Stephen M. Morris has been a driving force to see that this new facility would become a reality in the location in the County that would make the most sense for it; and

WHEREAS, Stephen M. Morris has served twelve years as a member of the BOC, including 10 years as chairman of that Board, during which time Stephen M. Morris recognized the need for community awareness and improvements to the mental health of citizens in Cabarrus County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners resolves to name this new Behavioral Health Center the Stephen M. Morris Behavioral Health Center and to not change the name of such facility for so long as it is in existence.

ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2024.

/s/ Lynn Shue
Lynn Shue, Vice Chair
Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

/s/ Lauren Linker
Lauren Linker
Clerk to the Board

Rich Koch, County Attorney, responded to questions from the Board.

Rich Koch, County Attorney, explained the vote ruling stating that no vote was considered an affirmative vote.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Wortman, seconded by Vice Chairman Shue, the Board approved to suspend the rules of procedure by the following vote: Ayes: Vice Chairman Shue, Commissioners Furr and Wortman. Nays: Commissioner Measmer, abstain: Chairman Morris; Vote 4:1.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Wortman, seconded by Vice Chairman Shue, the Board approved the resolution by the following vote: Ayes: Vice Chairman Shue, Commissioner Wortman, Nays: Commissioners Measmer and Furr, abstain: Chairman Morris; Vote 3:2.

Rich Koch, County Attorney, explained Rule 28. Duty to Vote. Section (b) through (d) of the Rules of Procedure. Mr. Koch advised that no vote is recorded as an affirmative vote.

4. Discussion Items - No Action

4.1 County Manager - Cabarrus Recovery Grants Update

Jim Howden, Finance Director, provided an update regarding the Cabarrus Recovery Grants Program, funded by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Mr. Howden advised there will be outstanding funds to be reallocated.

A discussion ensued. During discussion, Mr. Howden and Elizabeth Landrum, Senior Management Analyst, responded to questions from the Board. Mr. Howden reported that the county received \$42,000,000 in ARPA allocations and provided \$29,000,000 to local non-profit organizations to cover childcare, food and nutrition services, health insurance and housing. The federal government requires the county to obligate all ARPA spending by December 31, 2024, however, funds not utilized prior to December 31, 2026 need to be reallocated. The total amount of funding to be reallocated is \$829,630.

A lengthy discussion ensued. During discussion, Mr. Howden, Elizabeth Landrum, Senior Management Analyst, and Peticia Ritch, Senior Accountant, responded to questions from the board.

Commissioner Measmer stated that he would like \$72,005 go to Cabarrus County Veteran's Services and the remaining balance be provided to the Behavioral Health Center or Governmental Center Basement Remodel.

The board was in agreeance, however, Chairman Morris asked that the Education Foundation for tutoring services be included.

A discussion ensued. During discussion, Ms. Ritch responded to questions from the board.

5. Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda

5.1 BOC - Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Commissioner Wortman, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda with changes for the November 18, 2024, regular meeting as presented.

Approval or Correction of Meeting Minutes

- Approval or Correction of Meeting Minutes

Recognitions and Presentations

- Active Living and Parks - North Carolina Senior Games State Finalists Medal Winners
- Active Living and Parks - North Carolina Senior Games State Finals Medal Winners

Consent

- Appointment -- Human Services Advisory Board
- (Appointment) and Removal - Early Childhood Taskforce Advisory Board
- Active Living and Parks - 2025 Fees and Charges and Policy
- Active Living and Parks - Concord Senior Center Name Change
- Active Living and Parks - Department Masterplan Presentation
- Active Living and Parks - St Stephens Church Road Property Masterplan Presentation
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- Human Resources - Total Reward Benefits Part 3
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Reports

- BOC - Receive Updates from Commission Members who Serve as Liaisons to Municipalities or on Various Boards/Committees
- BOC - Request for Applications for County Boards/Committees
- Budget - Monthly Budget Amendment Report
- Budget - Monthly Financial Update
- Communications and Outreach - Monthly Summary Report
- County Manager - Monthly Building Activity Reports
- EDC - October 2024 Monthly Summary Report

6. CLOSED SESSION**6.1 Closed Session -- Pending Litigation and Acquisition of Real Property**

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Wortman, seconded by Vice Chairman Shue, and unanimously carried, the Board moved to go into closed session to discuss matters related to pending litigation and acquisition of real property as authorized by NCGS 143-318.11(a) (3) and (5).

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Commissioner Furr, and unanimously carried, the Board moved to come out of Closed Session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Furr seconded by Commissioner Measmer and unanimously carried, the Board approved the purchase of real property, 5620-78-5015, not to exceed the amount of \$150,000.

7. ADJOURN

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Wortman, seconded by Commissioner Measmer, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.



Lauren Linker

Lauren Linker, Clerk to the Board