

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, November 18, 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 (electronic means); Kelly Sifford, Deputy 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 CORRECTION OF MINUTES

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Vice Chairman Shue and unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of July 1, 2024 (Work Session), July 16, 2024 (Regular Meeting), July 17, 2024 (Cabarrus Summit), August 5, 2024 (Work Session), August 19, 2024 (Regular Meeting), September 3, 2024 (Work Session) and September 16, 2024 (Regular Meeting) as presented.

(B) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Updates:

Approval or Correction of Minutes

A-1 Approval or Correction of Meeting Minutes

Consent Agenda

F-12 County Manager - SMG Contract Extension for Management of the Cabarrus Arena and Events Center

Removal:

Consent Agenda

F-10 County Manager - Cabarrus Recovery Grants Update

Additions:

New Business

G-2 County Manager - Cabarrus Recovery Grants Update

G-3 BOC - Public Safety Training Facility

G-4 BOC - Cabarrus Health Alliance and Lease for Mt. Pleasant Library

Closed Session

K-1 Closed Session - Pending Litigation

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

(C) RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

(C-1) Active Living and Parks - North Carolina Senior Games State Finals Medal Winners

Ian Sweeney, Active Living and Parks Program Manager, recognized the Senior Games State Finals medal winners: Bob Anderson, Cathy Berry, Myra Baumgarnder, Pam Beecher, Elizabeth Bennett, Brent Bigger, Robert Bouts, Robin Bouts, Michael Burris, Joanne Chesley, Jack Craft, Lisa Craft, Ronald Flanders, John Hall, Roy Hatley, Kenny Hazlett, Bill Hickey, Denise Hickey, Emily Jones, Richard Kelly, Barbara Long, Jimmy Lukas, Marvin Martin, Robert McAuley, Ruth

Norket, Warren Norket, Jerry Owen, Virginia Palmer, Malli Plowman, Sara Price, Barb Reynolds, Colleen Rose, Mike Royster, Cindy Ruby, Lynne Salvaggio, Jagmunir Sankar, Gwen Sembroski, Robert Shoaf, Rebecca Shoaf, Susan Sides, Scott Simpson, Joann Smith, Jim Spencer, Kyle Anne Stearns, Bill Stirewalt, Bill Vin Zant, Earline Ward, Mary Watts, Karla Williams, Phillip Wise and Kathy Zarachowicz.

Chairman Morris expressed appreciation for their representation of Cabarrus County.

(C-2) BOC - Cabarrus County Official AMERICA 250 Committee

Chairman Morris read the resolution aloud recognizing Historic Cabarrus Association as the lead agency in the formation of Cabarrus County's committee to support and participate in Governor Roy Cooper's AMERICA 250 NC mission will be presented.

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

Resolution No. 2024-42

Resolution of Cabarrus County Recognizing and Approving of the
Cabarrus County Official America 250 NC Committee

A resolution of Cabarrus County, North Carolina, supporting the America 250 NC committee for the United States semiquincentennial (AMERICA 250 NC).

WHEREAS, Roy Cooper, Governor of North Carolina created AMERICA 250 NC to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the United States and North Carolina's integral role in that event and the role of its people on the nation's past, present, and future: and

WHEREAS, AMERICA 250 NC has a mission to engage ALL North Carolinians and ALL 100 counties through their many signatures and officially recognized programs, projects, and events over the commemoration by inspiring future leaders and celebrating North Carolina's contributions to the nation over the last 250 years; and

WHEREAS, by adoption of America 250 NC's mission, the Cabarrus County Committee is officially formed to achieve the goals of America 250 NC and the lead agency in Cabarrus County shall be Historic Cabarrus Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Cabarrus hereby endorses AMERICA 250 NC and its mission; and

RESOLVED, the County of Cabarrus officially establishes an AMERICA 250

NC Committee made up of a diverse group of citizens to work with AMERICA 250 NC on any and all activities. The participants of the Cabarrus County Committee will be strictly voluntary roles and there will be no compensation for participation.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Cabarrus County legislative delegation and the AMERICA 250 NC Committee.

ADOPTED this 18th day of November 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) Emergency Management - Mt. Pleasant Elementary School Fire Safety Bulletin Board Contest

Ashleigh Ennis, Assistant Fire Marshal, provided an introduction regarding the Smoke Awareness program presented to elementary school students. This year's theme was "Smoke Alarms: Make Them Work for You!" Ms. Ennis then introduced and recognized the winners from Mt. Pleasant Elementary School: Leroy Aiken, Cullen Belch, Cora Mae Fast and Hudson Love. Each student shared their winning poster and what they learned.

(D) INFORMAL COMMENTS

Chairman Morris opened the meeting for Informal Public Comments at 6:45 p.m. He reviewed the public participation policy and stated each speaker would be limited to three minutes.

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

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

Russ Olson, a resident at 9601 Earnhardt Lake Road, Davidson, expressed appreciation to the Board of Commissioners.

Jackie Whitfield, a resident at 520 Union Street South, Concord, expressed appreciation for Chairman Morris' work on the Board of Commissioners.

Kim Jackson, a resident at 700 Spring Street SW, Concord, spoke regarding reallocation of ARPA funds to assist elder care.

Tri Tang, a resident at 57 Union Street South, Concord, on behalf of 2024 Board of Directors for the Chamber, Leading Business in Cabarrus, read a resolution expressing appreciation for Chairman Morris' work on the Board of Commissioners.

Megan Baumgardner, a resident at 49 Union Street N, Concord, thanked Chairman Morris for his work on the Board of Commissioners.

Sheryl Kluge, a resident of 1117 Graces Reserve Circle, Kannapolis, spoke regarding reallocation of ARPA funds for local non-profit organizations.

James Bailey, a resident at 6000 Emanuel Road, Rockwell, thanked the Board of Commissioners for their service.

Brian Rabon, Pastor at 1540 Old Earnhardt Road, Kannapolis, spoke regarding reallocation of recovery grant funds.

Valerie Melton, 560 Camrose Circle NE, Concord, spoke regarding reallocation of ARPA funds.

Chris Cranston, a resident at 475 High Meadows Drive, Concord, spoke regarding government matters.

Wes Huneycutt, a resident at 2700 Cal Bost Road, Midland, spoke regarding community matters.

Jack Lambert, a resident at 57 Union Street S, Concord, expressed appreciation for the Board of Commissioners and County Manager's work in the community.

Karen Cobb, a resident at 4119 Irish Woods, Concord, thanked the Board of Commissioners for their efforts.

Laura Lyerly Milliken, a resident at 5889 Crimson Oak Court, Harrisburg, spoke regarding reallocation of the ARPA funds.

Thomas Alley, a resident at 513 Union Street, Concord, commented on non-profit organizations' work in the community and asked for consideration for reallocation of the APRA funds.

Mike Coleman, a resident at 2681 Kinsley Avenue, Concord, expressed appreciation of Chairman Morris' work on the Board of Commissioners.

Cynthia Plott, a resident at 467 Sunnyside Drive SE, Concord, thanked Chairman Morris for work on the Board of Commissioners.

Kenny Wortman was sent comments from Erica Vaughn with Habitat for Humanity to share. The comments were in regard to reallocation of ARPA funds.

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) Appointment - Human Services Advisory Board**

The Human Services Advisory Board recommended the appointment of Erin Shoe to the Human Services Advisory Board to complete a vacant term. Ms. Shoe's term will expire June 30, 2026; an exception provision of the Appointment Policy for service on multiple boards will be needed.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Shue, seconded by Commissioner Wortman and unanimously carried, the board appointed Erin Shoe as the regular member for the Human Services Advisory Board filling an unexpired term ending June 30, 2026, to include an exception provision of the Appointment Policy for service on multiple boards.

(F-2) (Appointment) and Removal - Early Childhood Taskforce Advisory Board

Stephanie McGowan Fish has requested to be removed from the Early Childhood Taskforce.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Shue, seconded by Commissioner Wortman and unanimously carried, the Board removed Stephanie McGowan Fish from the Early Childhood Task Force Advisory Board roster and thanked her for her service.

(F-3) Active Living and Parks - 2025 Fees and Charges and Policy

The Active Living and Parks Commission reviews the park fees and charges policy annually to be effective each calendar year. The policy changes for 2025 included changes to the Cabarrus County 501 (c) 3 - 1 Free rental per Calendar year. Proposal read: Any Cabarrus County 501 (c) 3 organization will be charged 50% for a one-time fundraising rental at any Active Living and Parks (ALP) facility that has reservable/rental space; Fees and Charges had corrections to operational times, facility names, and the addition of Virginia Foil Park and the Mt Pleasant Active Living Center; removed 1 day Ballfield Rental; increased price of Bulk Ticket prices for Mini-Golf and Paddleboats by \$1.00 and removed the Active Living Center Reservation (keeping in alignment with the library). These changes were reviewed and approved by the Active Living and Parks (ALP) Commission on October 17, 2024.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Shue, seconded by Commissioner Wortman and unanimously carried, the Board approved the proposed changes to the 2025 Active Living and Parks Departments' Fees and Charges and Fees and Charges Policy.

(F-4) Active Living and Parks - Concord Senior Center Name Change

With the construction of the new facilities in Mt Pleasant and the Afton area bringing together library facilities and Active Living Centers, the Senior Center Advisory Council voted unanimously to recommend changing 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.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Shue, seconded by Commissioner Wortman and unanimously carried, the Board approved the name change of the Concord Senior Center to the Concord Active Living Center.

(F-5) Active Living and Parks - Department Masterplan Presentation

Recognizing the anticipated growth in Cabarrus County, the Active Living and Parks Department contracted with Berry Dunn 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.

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

(F-6) Active Living and Parks - St Stephens Church Road Property Masterplan Presentation

Benesch was contracted to develop a Masterplan for the newly acquired property on St Stephens Church Road. There were Public Input Meetings held in Mt Pleasant as well as several survey gathering property visits with foresters and conservationists. The 615-acre parcel has several environmental features and lends itself to passive and educational pursuits. Recommendations included trails, nature center, and educational opportunities throughout the park site.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Shue, seconded by Commissioner Wortman unanimously carried, the Board approved the Masterplan for the St Stephens Church Road property.

(F-7) Behavioral Health - Hold Harmless Funds Budget Amendment

Earlier this year, Monarch requested startup funding in the amount of approximately \$2.9 million. In May 2024, the Board approved an initial allotment of 1,530,534.51.

In August 2024, Cabarrus County received the second disbursement of Medicaid Hold Harmless (HH) funds from FY24 in the amount of \$778,077.94. (the amount received annually varies).

It was requested to allocate an additional \$590,185.89 in Medicaid HH funds to Monarch, the operator of the Cabarrus County Regional Behavioral Health Center, for startup funding to hire key administrative, clinical, nursing, and direct care positions to ensure the center is ready for opening day in late 2026. If approved, the total allocation to Monarch would be \$2,120,720.40.

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

Budget Revision/Amendment Request

Date:11/18/2024

Amount:590,185.89

Dept. Head:Aalece Pugh

Department:Behavioral Health

☐ Internal Transfer Within Department

☐ Transfer Between Departments/Funds

☒ Supplemental Request

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.

Fund	Indicator	Department/ Object/ Project	Account Name	Approved Budget	Increase Amount	Decrease Amount	Revised Budget
001	6	5695-6901	Fund Balance Appropriated	1,530,534.51	590,185.89	-	2,120,720.40
001	9	5695-9445	Purchased Services	1,530,534.51	590,185.89	-	2,120,720.40

(F-8) Behavioral Health - Peer-Run Respite Project

A request to allocate \$300,000 as a capital investment to introduce peer-run respite in Cabarrus County was presented. Peer-run respite is a voluntary, short-term residential program that provides community-based crisis support and is an ideal way to divert residents from higher cost, more restrictive services (e.g., emergency departments) when appropriate. Funds would be used towards purchase of a residence for the peer-run respite to be operated by Promise Resource Network (PRN). PRN applied for a state grant to assist with operational expenses should the grant application be approved. As such, these funds would only be dispersed for this purpose if the grant is approved by the state.

Funding for the capital investment would come from two sources: the McKinsey opioid settlement allotment (\$112,107.95) and Medicaid Hold Harmless (HH) funds (\$187,892.05).

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

Budget Revision/Amendment Request

Date:11/18/2024

Amount:300,000.00

Dept. Head:Aalece Pugh

Department:Behavioral Health

☐ Internal Transfer Within Department

☐ Transfer Between Departments/Funds

☒ Supplemental Request

Fund	Indicator	Department/ Object/ Project	Account Name	Approved Budget	Increase Amount	Decrease Amount	Revised Budget
001	6	1910-6901	Fund Balance Appropriated	1,530,534.51	187,892.05	-	1,718,426.56
001	6	5910-6838-MCKIN	McKinsey Settlement	-	112,107.95	-	112,107.95
000	9	5695-974917-MCKIN	McKinsey Settlement	-	112,107.95	-	112,107.95
001	9	5995-974917	Expense	-	187,892.05	-	187,892.05

(F-9) BOC - Resolution Amending the Board of Commissioners' 2024 Meeting Schedule

Approval to amend the Commissioners' 2024 meeting schedule on Monday, December 2, 2024 was requested.

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

Resolution No. 2024-43

Resolution Amending the
Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners'
2024 Meeting Schedule

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2023, the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners adopted a meeting schedule for calendar year 2024, which sets forth the dates, times and locations of various official county meetings; and

WHEREAS, on the first Monday in December of even numbered years, it is customary for the Board to hold a reception and swearing-in ceremony at the Governmental Center honoring elected officials prior to the organizational meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to amend the organizational meeting on December 2, 2024 to begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Commissioners Chambers of the Governmental Center, 65 Church Street S, Concord, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the December 2, 2024 agenda work session will be held in the Board of Commissioners Chambers of the Governmental Center and will commence upon the conclusion of the organization meeting (6:15 p.m. or as soon thereafter)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners hereby amends its 2024 Meeting Schedule as follows:

1. The Board of Commissioners will hold the organizational meeting on December 2, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Commissioners Chambers of the Governmental Center, Concord, North Carolina.
2. The Board of Commissioners will hold the December agenda work session December 2, 2024 at 6:15 p.m. in the Board of Commissioners Chambers of the Governmental Center, Concord, North Carolina.

ADOPTED this 18th day of November, 2022.

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

ATTEST:

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

(F-10) County Manager - Cabarrus Recovery Grants Update

Moved to New Business as G-2.

(F-11) County Manager - Opioid Settlement Strategic Funding Plan Update

Staff requested to update the opioid settlement spending authorization approved by the Board of Commissioners in July 2024 to account for changes in salaries/benefits and to include new amounts for specific strategies.

Also, requested was an update to the MAT Paramedicine spending authorization (originally approved in January 2024) to account for salary adjustments, overtime, and add funding for two more fiscal years, per the strategic plan.

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

Resolution 2024-44

A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF CABARRUS
TO DIRECT THE EXPENDITURE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

WHEREAS Cabarrus County has joined national settlement agreements with companies engaged in the manufacturing, distribution, and dispensing of opioids, including settlements with drug distributors Cardinal, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen, and the drug maker Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals;

WHEREAS the allocation, use, and reporting of funds stemming from these national settlement agreements and certain bankruptcy resolutions ("Opioid Settlement Funds") are governed by the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation ("MOA") and the Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds from Additional Settlements of Opioid Litigation ("SAAF");

WHEREAS Cabarrus County has received Opioid Settlement Funds pursuant to these national settlement agreements and deposited the Opioid Settlement Funds in a separate special revenue fund as required by section D of the MOA;

WHEREAS section E.6 of the MOA states:

E.6. Process for drawing from special revenue funds.

a. Budget item or resolution required. Opioid Settlement Funds can be used for a purpose when the Governing Body includes in its budget or passes a separate resolution authorizing the expenditure of a stated amount of Opioid Settlement Funds for that purpose or those purposes during a specified period of time.

b. Budget item or resolution details. The budget or resolution should (i) indicate that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; (ii) state the specific strategy or strategies the county or municipality intends to fund pursuant to Option A or Option B, using the item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to identify each funded strategy, and (iii) state the amount dedicated to each strategy for a stated period of time.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in alignment with the NC MOA, Cabarrus County authorizes the expenditure of opioid settlement funds as follows:

1. Strategy authorized

a. Name of strategies:

Evidence-based Addiction Treatment (Strategy 2)

b. Strategy is in:

Exhibit A

c. Item letter and/or number:

2

d. Amount authorized:

\$1,927,986.00

e. Term:

February 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029

f. Description of the program, project, or activity:

Proposal:

Medication-assisted treatment (MAT) is the use of FDA-approved medications to treat opioid use disorders and is considered the gold standard of care. Community paramedicine programs are increasingly recognized as a viable opportunity to bridge gaps in service delivery for individuals with opioid use disorders. Through community paramedics, MAT can be safely delivered while simultaneously providing education, connecting individuals to resources and primary care, and diverting individuals from use of local emergency departments. The nimble and community-based model of community paramedicine makes it an ideal modality for MAT and provides access to individuals who might otherwise not have access to treatment.

Cabarrus County's Emergency Medical System (EMS) will utilize funds to render mobile MAT through its Community Paramedicine program. FDA-approved medications would be used for individuals battling opioid use disorders to promote long-term recovery. Mobile MAT would be considered an Option A, Strategy 2 (Evidence-based Addiction Treatment), allowing for immediate support and funding. The intent is to use FDA-approved

medications in combination with behavioral therapies to treat opioid use disorders (OUD) and promote long-term recovery.

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is \$1,927,986.00.

Adopted this the 18th day of November 2024.

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

ATTEST:

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

Resolution 2024-45

A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF CABARRUS
TO DIRECT THE EXPENDITURE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

WHEREAS Cabarrus County has joined national settlement agreements with companies engaged in the manufacturing, distribution, and dispensing of opioids, including settlements with drug distributors Cardinal, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen, and the drug maker Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals;

WHEREAS the allocation, use, and reporting of funds stemming from these national settlement agreements and certain bankruptcy resolutions ("Opioid Settlement Funds") are governed by the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation ("MOA") and the Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds from Additional Settlements of Opioid Litigation ("SAAF");

WHEREAS Cabarrus County has received Opioid Settlement Funds pursuant to these national settlement agreements and deposited the Opioid Settlement Funds in a separate special revenue fund as required by section D of the MOA;

WHEREAS section E.6 of the MOA states:

E.6. Process for drawing from special revenue funds.

a. Budget item or resolution required. Opioid Settlement Funds can be used for a purpose when the Governing Body includes in its budget or passes a separate resolution authorizing the expenditure of a stated amount of Opioid Settlement Funds for that purpose or those purposes during a specified period of time.

b. Budget item or resolution details. The budget or resolution should (i) indicate that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; (ii) state the specific strategy or strategies the county or municipality intends to fund pursuant to Option A or Option B, using the item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to identify each funded strategy, and (iii) state the amount dedicated to each strategy for a stated period of time;

WHEREAS, Cabarrus County developed an Opioid Settlement Spending Plan with funding recommendations based on a collaborative strategic planning process, which included months of conversations and planning that engaged key stakeholders in meaningful discussions to inform the strategies reflected in this document. This process created the opportunity to hear from these stakeholders and access the full scope of strategies made available under Option B of the MOA. The strategic planning process was led by the community response team (CRT), which included members of the County Manager's Office, Emergency Services Department, and Sheriff's Office, as well as one member from the Board of Commissioners. The full strategic plan is available in a separate document.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in alignment with the NC MOA, Cabarrus County authorizes the expenditure of opioid settlement funds as follows:

1. First strategy authorized
 - a. Name of strategy: Collaborative Strategic Planning
 - b. Strategies included in Exhibit A
 - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: 1
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$ 663,288
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:

- Start date of July 1, 2024 through end date of June 30, 2029
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Provide resources to staff government oversight and management of opioid abatement programs; funding will be used to Hire/re-assign County staff to oversee, manage, and support opioid abatement programs.

2. Second strategy authorized

- a. Name of strategy: Evidence Based Addiction Treatment
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: Item 2
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$559,165
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date of July 1, 2024 through end date of June 30, 2029
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity:

Treating OUD via medication assisted treatment (MAT) is central to addressing the impacts of the opioid crisis. Alongside evidence-based behavioral therapies, MAT is seen by many as the gold standard for treatment. Funding will be utilized for the following:

- To expand availability of treatment for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including all forms of Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) approved by the US Food and Drug Administration
- To support mobile intervention, treatment, and recovery services, offered by qualified professionals and service providers, such as peer recovery coaches, for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions and for persons who have experienced an opioid overdose.

3. Third strategy authorized

- a. Name of strategy: Recovery Support Services
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: Item 3
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$296,000
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date of July 1, 2024 through end date of June 30, 2029
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity:

Supporting people in treatment for and recovering from OUD includes the use of evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has defined recovery as "a process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live self-directed lives, and strive to reach their full potential." Recovery should be developed based on an individual's strengths, talents, coping abilities, resources, and personal values. In the recovery process, individuals should be supported by their community, peers, friends, and family members. Peer support specialists have found success in navigating their own recovery process and providing supports to individuals in recovery within the communities where they reside. In addition to peer support, care navigators support linkages to care and harm reduction services. Funding will be used to provide the full continuum of care of treatment and recovery services for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including supportive housing, peer support services and counseling, community navigators, case management, and connections to community-based services.

4. Fourth strategy authorized

- a. Name of strategy: Early Intervention
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: Item 6
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$874,416
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date of July 1, 2024 through end date of June 30, 2029
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity:

• Fund evidence-based prevention programs in schools or evidence-informed school and community education programs and campaigns for students, families, school employees, school athletic programs, parent-teacher and student associations, and others.

- Create and/or support recovery high schools

5. Fifth strategy authorized

- a. Name of strategy: Prevent Overdose Deaths and Other Harms (Harm Reduction)
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: Item 7
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$509,500
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date of May 17, 2023 through end date of June 30, 2025
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity:

Funding will be utilized for the following:

- Increase availability and distribution of naloxone and other drugs that treat overdoses for first responders, overdose patients, individuals with OUD and their friends and family members, individuals at high risk of overdose, schools, community navigators, outreach workers, persons being released from jail or prison, or other members of the general public.
- Training and education regarding naloxone and other drugs that treat overdoses for first responders, overdose patients, patients taking opioids, families, schools, community support groups, and other members of the general public.

6. Sixth strategy authorized

- a. Name of strategy: Addiction Treatment for Incarcerated Persons
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: Item 11
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$665,925
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date of July 1, 2024 through end date of June 30, 2029
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity:

Funding will be utilized for the following:

- Provide evidence-informed treatment, including MAT, recovery support, harm reduction, or other appropriate services to individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions who are incarcerated in jail or prison.
- Provide evidence-informed treatment, including MAT, recovery support, harm reduction, or other appropriate services to individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions who are leaving jail or prison, have recently left jail or prison, are on probation or parole, are under community corrections supervision, or are in re-entry programs or facilities.

7. Seventh strategy authorized

- a. Name of strategy: Reentry Programs
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: Item 12
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$400,000
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date of July 1, 2024 through end date of June 30, 2029
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Funding will be utilized to provide evidence-informed treatment, including MAT, recovery support, harm reduction, or other appropriate services to individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions who are leaving jail or prison, have recently left jail or prison, are on probation or parole, are under community corrections supervision, or are in re-entry programs or facilities.

8. Eighth strategy authorized

- a. Name of strategy: Connect People Who Need Help to the Help They Need
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit B
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit B to the MOA: Item C
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$702,748
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date of July 1, 2024 through end date of June 30, 2029
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Funding will be used to provide counseling, peer-support, recovery case management and residential treatment with access to medications

for those who need it to persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.

9. Ninth strategy authorized

- a. Name of strategy: Address the Needs of Pregnant or Parenting Women and Their Families
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit B
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit B to the MOA: Item E
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$1,840,375
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date of July 1, 2024 through end date of June 30, 2029
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity:

Funding will be utilized for the following:

- Support evidence-based or evidence-informed treatment, including MAT, recovery services and supports, and prevention services for pregnant women - or women who could become pregnant - who have OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, and other measures to educate and provide support to families affected by Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome
- Provide enhanced support for children and family members suffering trauma as a result of addiction in the family and offer trauma-informed behavioral health treatment for adverse childhood events.

10. Tenth strategy authorized

- a. Name of strategy: Prevent Misuse of Opioids
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit B
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit B to the MOA: Item G
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$10,000
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date of July 1, 2024 through end date of June 30, 2029
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity:

Funding will be utilized for media campaigns and advertising to educate the public about the strategic plan, resources, and various opioid-related initiatives.

The total dollar amount of the requests outlined above named is \$6,521,417.00.

Adopted this the 18th day of November 2024.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Lauren Linker
Clerk to the Board

Resolution 2024-46

A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF CABARRUS
TO DIRECT THE EXPENDITURE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

WHEREAS Cabarrus County has joined national settlement agreements with companies engaged in the manufacturing, distribution, and dispensing of opioids, including settlements with drug distributors Cardinal, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen, and the drug maker Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals;

WHEREAS the allocation, use, and reporting of funds stemming from these national settlement agreements and certain bankruptcy resolutions ("Opioid Settlement Funds") are governed by the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation ("MOA") and the Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds from Additional Settlements of Opioid Litigation ("SAAF");

WHEREAS Cabarrus County has received Opioid Settlement Funds pursuant to these national settlement agreements and deposited the Opioid Settlement Funds in a separate special revenue fund as required by section D of the MOA;

WHEREAS section E.6 of the MOA states:

E.6. Process for drawing from special revenue funds.

- a. Budget item or resolution required. Opioid Settlement Funds can be used for a purpose when the Governing Body includes in its budget or passes a separate resolution authorizing the expenditure of a stated amount of Opioid Settlement Funds for that purpose or those purposes during a specified period of time.
- b. Budget item or resolution details. The budget or resolution should (i) indicate that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; (ii) state the specific strategy or strategies the county or municipality intends to fund pursuant to Option A or Option B, using the item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to identify each funded strategy, and (iii) state the amount dedicated to each strategy for a stated period of time;

WHEREAS, Cabarrus County developed an Opioid Settlement Spending Plan with funding recommendations based on a collaborative strategic planning process, which included months of conversations and planning that engaged key stakeholders in meaningful discussions to inform the strategies reflected in this document. This process created the opportunity to hear from these stakeholders and access the full scope of strategies made available under Option B of the MOA. The strategic planning process was led by the community response team (CRT), which included members of the County Manager's Office, Emergency Services Department, and Sheriff's Office, as well as one member from the Board of Commissioners. The full strategic plan is available in a separate document.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in alignment with the NC MOA, Cabarrus County authorizes the expenditure of opioid settlement funds as follows:

1. First strategy authorized

- a. Name of strategy: Collaborative Strategic Planning
- b. Strategies included in Exhibit A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: 1
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$ 663,288
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date of July 1, 2024 through end date of June 30, 2029
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Provide resources to staff government oversight and management of opioid abatement programs; funding will be used to Hire/re-assign County staff to oversee, manage, and support opioid abatement programs.

2. Second strategy authorized

- a. Name of strategy: Evidence Based Addiction Treatment
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: Item 2
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$559,165
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date of July 1, 2024 through end date of June 30, 2029
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity:

Treating OUD via medication assisted treatment (MAT) is central to addressing the impacts of the opioid crisis. Alongside evidence-based behavioral therapies, MAT is seen by many as the gold standard for treatment. Funding will be utilized for the following:

- To expand availability of treatment for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including all forms of Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) approved by the US Food and Drug Administration
- To support mobile intervention, treatment, and recovery services, offered by qualified professionals and service providers, such as peer recovery coaches, for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions and for persons who have experienced an opioid overdose.

3. Third strategy authorized

- a. Name of strategy: Recovery Support Services
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: Item 3
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$296,000
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date of July 1, 2024 through end date of June 30, 2029
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity:

Supporting people in treatment for and recovering from OUD includes the use of evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has defined recovery as "a process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live self-directed lives, and strive to reach their full potential." Recovery should be developed based on an individual's strengths, talents, coping abilities, resources, and personal values. In the recovery process, individuals should be supported by their community, peers, friends, and family members. Peer support specialists have found success in navigating their own recovery process and providing supports to individuals in recovery within the communities where they reside. In addition to peer support, care navigators support linkages to care and harm reduction services. Funding will be used to provide the full continuum of care of treatment and recovery services for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including supportive housing, peer support services and counseling, community navigators, case management, and connections to community-based services.

4. Fourth strategy authorized

- a. Name of strategy: Early Intervention
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: Item 6
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$874,416
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date of July 1, 2024 through end date of June 30, 2029
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity:
 - Fund evidence-based prevention programs in schools or evidence-informed school and community education programs and campaigns for students, families, school employees, school athletic programs, parent-teacher and student associations, and others.
 - Create and/or support recovery high schools

5. Fifth strategy authorized

- a. Name of strategy: Prevent Overdose Deaths and Other Harms (Harm Reduction)
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: Item 7
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$509,500
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date of May 17, 2023 through end date of June 30, 2025
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity:

Funding will be utilized for the following:

- Increase availability and distribution of naloxone and other drugs that treat overdoses for first responders, overdose patients, individuals with OUD and their friends and family members, individuals at high risk of overdose, schools, community navigators, outreach workers, persons being released from jail or prison, or other members of the general public.
- Training and education regarding naloxone and other drugs that treat overdoses for first responders, overdose patients, patients taking opioids, families, schools, community support groups, and other members of the general public.

6. Sixth strategy authorized

- a. Name of strategy: Addiction Treatment for Incarcerated Persons
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: Item 11
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$1,790,177.00
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date of July 1, 2024 through end date of June 30, 2029
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity:
Funding will be utilized for the following:

- Provide evidence-informed treatment, including MAT, recovery support, harm reduction, or other appropriate services to

individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions who are incarcerated in jail or prison.

- Provide evidence-informed treatment, including MAT, recovery support, harm reduction, or other appropriate services to individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions who are leaving jail or prison, have recently left jail or prison, are on probation or parole, are under community corrections supervision, or are in re-entry programs or facilities. Amount includes a new nursing position to screen all incoming detainees for substance use disorders.

7. Seventh strategy authorized

- a. Name of strategy: Reentry Programs
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: Item 12
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$400,000
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date of July 1, 2024 through end date of June 30, 2029
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Funding will be utilized to provide evidence-informed treatment, including MAT, recovery support, harm reduction, or other appropriate services to individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions who are leaving jail or prison, have recently left jail or prison, are on probation or parole, are under community corrections supervision, or are in re-entry programs or facilities.

8. Eighth strategy authorized

- a. Name of strategy: Connect People Who Need Help to the Help They Need
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit B
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit B to the MOA: Item C
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$702,748
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date of July 1, 2024 through end date of June 30, 2029
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Funding will be used to provide counseling, peer-support, recovery case management and residential treatment with access to medications for those who need it to persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.

9. Ninth strategy authorized

- a. Name of strategy: Address the Needs of Pregnant or Parenting Women and Their Families
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit B
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit B to the MOA: Item E
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$1,840,375
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date of July 1, 2024 through end date of June 30, 2029
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity:

Funding will be utilized for the following:

- Support evidence-based or evidence-informed treatment, including MAT, recovery services and supports, and prevention services for pregnant women – or women who could become pregnant – who have OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, and other measures to educate and provide support to families affected by Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome
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10. Tenth strategy authorized

- a. Name of strategy: Prevent Misuse of Opioids
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit B
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit B to the MOA: Item G
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$10,000
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date of July 1, 2024 through end date of June 30, 2029
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity:

Funding will be utilized for media campaigns and advertising to educate the public about the strategic plan, resources, and various opioid-related initiatives.

The total dollar amount of the requests outlined above named is \$7,645,669.00.

Adopted this the 18th day of November 2024.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Lauren Linker
Clerk to the Board

(F-12) County Manager - SMG Contract Extension for Management of the Cabarrus Arena and Events Center

Last year Cabarrus County requested proposals for the management of the Cabarrus Arena and Events Center. After careful analysis, the Board elected to stay with SMG for the management services.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Shue, seconded by Commissioner Wortman and unanimously carried, the Board approved and authorized the County Manager to execute the contract after review and revision by the County Attorney.

(F-13) Design and Construction - Award Contract for Government Center Basement Renovation

The proposed renovation of the Government Center basement would accommodate the Child Support division of Social Services to be housed there and would allow them to operate more efficiently being in closer proximity to the courthouse. Renovations related to the HVAC system, air sealing, carpet and painting would be all that would be necessary to utilize the currently vacant space. Funds for the project were budgeted as part of the PayGo program for this year.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Wortman*, seconded by Commissioner Measmer* and unanimously carried, the Board approved the bid award and authorized the County Manager to execute the contract between Cabarrus County and G. W. Liles Construction Co., Inc., subject to revision by the County Attorney.

(F-14) Design and Construction - Creech and Associates Contract for Design Renovations

Staff engaged Creech and Associates to provide design and construction documents for the ACN renovation project. This will 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 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) updates to the building.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Shue, seconded by Commissioner Wortman and unanimously carried, the Board approved the contract between Cabarrus County and Creech and Associates; and authorized the County Manager to execute the contract on behalf of Cabarrus County, subject to review or revisions by the County Attorney.

(F-15) DSS - Budget Amendment for Child Protective Services Emergency Placement Fund

The North Carolina Division of Social Services allocated funding for children emergency placement funds. The Emergency Placement 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 will be \$56,594. No County match will be required.

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

Budget Revision/Amendment Request

Date:11/18/2024

Amount:56,594.00

Dept. Head:Hollye McCallum

Department:DHS

☐ Internal Transfer Within Department

☐ Transfer Between Departments/Funds

☒ Supplemental Request

The Child Welfare Program is approved for Emergency Placement Fund in the amount of \$56594 for FY25. The funds are 100% State. No COUNTY Match. The funds are to provide foster care placement stability for children with behavioral health needs.

Fund	Indicator	Department/ Object/ Project	Account Name	Approved Budget	Increase Amount	Decrease Amount	Revised Budget
001	6	00165630-6206-ERPL	Foster Care & Board Home	-	56,594.00		56,594.00
001	9	00195630-9462-ERPL	Child State Foster Care	-	56,594.00		56,594.00

(F-16) DSS - Linking Family and Teens Program (LiFT) Program

The Linking Families and Teens, a 6-hour family connection program for youth ages 13 - 19 and their supportive adults was presented at the November work session. 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 FY2024 funds of \$15,000 to carry over to FY2025 for 5-year program, which started in July 2023.

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

Budget Revision/Amendment Request

Date:11/18/2024

Amount:15,000.00

Dept. Head:Hollye McCallum

Department:DSS

☐ Internal Transfer Within Department

☐ Transfer Between Departments/Funds

☒ Supplemental Request

Cabarrus Health Alliance approved unspent FY24 funds of \$15,000 carryover to FY25. This is a 5 year program that began July 2023.

Fund	Indicator	Department/ Object/ Project	Account Name	Approved Budget	Increase Amount	Decrease Amount	Revised Budget
001	6	00165615-627601-ELVT	Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program	15,000.00	15,000.00		30,000.00
001	9	00195615-947601-ELVT	Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program	15,000.00	15,000.00		30,000.00

(F-17) EMS - RACE CARS Grant Funds

EMS was awarded the Randomized Cluster Evaluation of Cardiac Arrest Systems (RACECARS) trial grant in FY2021. Grant funds have been received for meeting certain milestones during the RACE-CARS trial. Grant funds reimbursed and recognized as revenue to date covered administrative and payroll costs for engagement of first responder, first dispatch, community organization, hospital and intervention and review of 911 dispatch calls for Q&A purposes. The proposed budget amendment will recognize the portion of funds received that may be used to facilitate county trial activities as revenue and the corresponding expenditures. This money will be used to reserve the venue (601 venue) for the annual Hearts & Hero's event, which honors lives that have been saved by our CPR efforts. To date, approximately \$25,000 has been received as unearned revenue for the grant. The amount requested is \$7,712.30.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Shue, seconded by Commissioner Wortman and unanimously carried, the Board approved the use of grant funds.

(F-18) Human Resources - Compensation Review

Since the recent market study work in Human Services (presented November 6, 2023) and general government departments (presented September 3, 2024), several areas of additional concern have surfaced. Human Resources presented issues and recommendations for two of those areas: foreign language interpreter, Department of Social Services and advancement pathways for Codes Enforcement employees.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Wortman*, seconded by Commissioner Measmer* and unanimously carried, the Board approved recommendations for compensation and/or structure adjustments.

(F-19) Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) - Amendment to JCPC FY 24-25 County Funding Plan: Recommendation for Unallocated Funds

The County receives Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) funding and passes the majority of funds on to JCPC-approved sub-recipients. The total amount of JCPC funds allocated by the Department of Public Safety in Cabarrus County for FY 24-25 was \$459,927. On September 19, 2024, the Board Of Commissioners approved the JCPC's recommendation for \$402,732 to be awarded to youth programs and \$15,500 for JCPC administrative expenses. By a majority vote on October 16, 2024, the JCPC recommended the remaining unallocated funds in the amount of \$41,695 be awarded to Conflict Resolution Center - Truancy Court Mediation.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Wortman*, seconded by Commissioner Measmer* and unanimously carried, the Board approved the amended JCPC FY 24-25 County Funding Plan as recommended.

(F-20) Sheriff's Office - Awarding of Service Weapon to Lt. Joseph Tierney

Lt. Joseph Tierney retired from the Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office on November 1, 2024, after 30 creditable years of service. Pursuant to NC General Statute 20-187.2, it was requested that Lt. Tierney's service weapon (Sig Sauer P320, SN 58J430626) be designated surplus and awarded to Lt. Tierney for a price of \$1.00 upon his retirement.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Wortman*, seconded by Commissioner Measmer* and unanimously carried, the Board declared Sig Sauer P320, SN 58J430626 surplus property and authorized disposition in accordance with the County's policy.

(F-21) Tax Administration - Refund and Release Reports - October 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 Wortman*, seconded by Commissioner Measmer* and unanimously carried, the Board approved the October 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) County Manager - Fred L Wilson Agency and Lease Agreements**

Kelly Sifford, Deputy County Manager, reported Agency and Lease Agreement are standard agreements that need executed for financing purposes for properties owned by the county. This will serve as collateral on the debt package.

A discussion ensued. During discussion, Ms. Sifford responded to questions from the Board. Chairman Morris reviewed information received.

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman Shue, seconded by Commissioner Wortman and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Fred L Wilson lease and agency agreements.

(G-3) Public Safety Training Facility

Chairman Morris provided background information regarding the Public Safety Training facility. Cabarrus County acquired the property from the state of North Carolina, which included Frank Liske Park and several hundred acres adjacent. An 11-acre track has been a part of the collaborative discussions between the county and the municipalities to build a Public Safety Training Facility to serve the entire county. During the discussions, there were special needs of the City of Concord they would like to start now, including a storage facility, classrooms and other purposes, which was to be part of the overall plan. The County included it in the county's draw program to submit to the Local Government Commission (LGC) approval approximately six months ago. The project was placed on hold due to it not being far enough along to meet the requirements for permits and bids. The City of Concord included their items in the project in their budget this year. Chairman Morris proposed transferring the 11-acre track to the City of Concord so they can begin their portion of the project.

Kelly Sifford, Deputy County Manager, and Mike Downs, County Manager, provided clarifying information pertaining to the property, stating the property in total is approximately 14-acres.

A discussion ensued. During discussion, Ms. Sifford, and Mr. Downs responded to questions from the Board. Rich Koch, County Attorney, provided procedural information.

Chairman Morris **MOVED** to declare the 14-acre track as surplus property by Cabarrus County. Commissioner Wortman seconded the motion.

Following a discussion, the **MOTION** carried by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Shue and Commissioners Furr and Wortman; Nays: Commissioner Measmer.

Chairman Morris **MOVED** to enter into the agreement prepared by the County Attorney to convey the 14-acre tract to the City of Concord at no cost and the City of Concord will pay for any costs incurred associated with the transfer of the property. Vice Chairman Shue seconded the motion.

Following a discussion, the **MOTION** carried by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Shue and Commissioners Furr and Wortman; Nays: Commissioner Measmer.

(G-2) (Formerly (F-10)) County Manager - Cabarrus Recovery Grants Update

Commissioner Wortman reported there were three non-profits removed: Cooperative Christian Ministries (CCM), We Build Concord, and Cano Family Services. Cabarrus County previously expressed support for CCM and We Build Concord, both provided with significant funding. CCM supported the Brown Mill project and We Build Concord was provided funding and a revolving loan fund. They were placed at \$0.00 balance to make it more equitable to the other non-profits. Cano Family Services, located in Mecklenburg County, currently serves seven students from Cabarrus County Schools.

Chairman Morris reviewed the discussion at the last meeting to move \$73,000 to Veterans Services, fund the Cabarrus County Educational Foundation request and the balance to go toward county projects. He further stated he had heard from most of the organizations on a list, provided by staff, from requests of local non-profits.

A discussion ensued.

Chairman Morris **MOVED** to adopt the reallocation of unused ARPA funds as presented with a change of \$0.03 being given to One Can. Commissioner Wortman seconded the motion.

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

ARPA reallocation 11/04/24 \$829,630.53
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1CAN \$75,000	\$75,000.00	\$36,621
Boys & Girls Club \$100,000	\$100,000.00	\$48,828
Cabarrus County Education Foundation \$65,485.21	\$65,485.00	\$31,975
Cano Family Services \$250,000	\$0.00	\$0 *1
Coltrane Life Center \$67,171	\$67,171.00	\$32,798
Community Free Clinic \$65,944	\$65,944.00	\$32,199
CCM \$500,000	\$0.00	\$0 *2
Elder Orphan Care \$45,000	\$45,000.00	\$21,973
Families First in CabCo \$150,000	\$150,000.00	\$73,242
Families First NC \$100,000	\$100,000.00	\$48,828
Habitat for Humanity \$552,500	\$552,500.00	\$269,775
Logan Community Child Development Center \$187,986	\$187,986.00	\$91,790
Meals on Wheels \$180,000	\$180,000.00	\$87,890
Operation Homeless \$110,000	\$110,000.00	\$53,711
WeBuild Concord \$500,000	\$0.00	\$0 *3
	\$2,949,086	\$1,699,086.00
		\$829,631
		- \$0.03
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(G-4) Former Mt Pleasant Library Lease to Cabarrus Health Alliance (CHA)

Chairman Morris provided history on the Mt Pleasant library property. Cabarrus County vacated the property in October of 2024 when the new library and active living and parks facility opened. The original library property was donated by Dr. Alan Dobson and family for the purpose of providing a library for the community. The friends of the library and other groups raised money for the construction of the library; the county also contributed. Once the facility was completed, it was given to Cabarrus County to operate as the library for the Town of Mt. Pleasant. Approximately three years ago, dialogue began to bring healthcare services to Mt. Pleasant, a need expressed by the community. Discussions were held with Dr. Bonnie Coyle, Director of Cabarrus Health Alliance, and Dr. Dobson to see if they might entertain the idea of providing health services. The eastern part of the County is a medically underserved area, and it is considered a medical health shortage area for medical and dental services as designated by the federal government. There are limited transportation options for the eastern part of the County and there are currently no dental options available. The health alliance has been in contact with the Greater Cabarrus Foundation who have expressed a desire to help create an endowment to support operations for health services for the eastern part of the County. The building has been determined to be an ideal size and location to bring services to those that live in the area. The services will bring medical, dental, behavioral health, and WIC. Cabarrus Health Alliance (CHA) will fund the upfit and maintenance of the facility if it is conveyed by the county. Chairman proposed leasing the property to CHA for \$1.00 per year with a term of 10 years.

Rich Koch, County Attorney, provided procedural information.

A lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. Koch, and Mike Downs, County Manager, responded to questions from the Board.

UPON MOTION of Chairman Morris, seconded by Vice Chairman Shue the Board declared the former Mt Pleasant library property as surplus property by the following vote: Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Shue and Commissioners Furr and Wortman; Nays: Commissioner Measmer.

Chairman Morris MOVED the County take steps to enter into a lease agreement with the Cabarrus Health Alliance for the former Mt Pleasant library building to provide public health services to the town of Mt Pleasant and the eastern part of the County subject to the review requirements of the lease presented by the attorney and subject to final action to be taken by the Board at the their regular December meeting. Commissioner Wortman seconded the motion.

Following further discussion, the **MOTION** carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Chairman Morris, Vice Chairman Shue and Commissioners Furr and Wortman;
Nays: Commissioner Measmer.

(H) REPORTS

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

Commissioner Wortman, liaison to Active Living and Parks (ALP), reported that ALP will be hosting the following events:

- Senior Christmas Party, December 10, 2024, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Arena. Free Admission.
- Woodland Christmas Party at the Frank Liske Park barn on December 14, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.
- Christmas Craft Workshop, December 6, 2024, 1:00 p.m. at the Concord Active Living Center. Admission is \$25.

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

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

- Active Living & Parks Commission - 2 Vacant Positions
- Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee - 13 Vacant Positions
- Concord Planning and Zoning Commission (ETJ) - 1 Vacant Position
- Early Childhood Task Force Advisory Board - 1 Vacant Position
- Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority - 1 Vacant Position
- Library Board of Trustees - 2 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 - 7 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 Communications and Outreach Department monthly report. 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) Economic Development Corporation - October 2024 Monthly Summary Report

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

(H) GENERAL COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Commissioner Furr expressed his appreciation to County staff for their assistance during his tenure on the Board.

Chairman Morris expressed his sincere gratitude for the opportunity to serve on the Board. He also recognized staff for their support.

Commissioner Measmer thanked Chairman Morris and Commissioner Furr for their service on the Board.

Mike Downs, County Manager, announced the farewell reception for Commissioners Furr and Morris will be November 19, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. and invited all to attend.

(I) Water and Sewer District of Cabarrus County

None.

(J) CLOSED SESSION

(J-1) Closed Session - Pending Litigation

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 as authorized by NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3).

Return to Open Session

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

(K) ADJOURN

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Measmer, seconded by Commissioner Furr and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.




Lauren Linker, Clerk to the Board