

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Cabarrus met for a Special Meeting in the Multipurpose Room at the Cabarrus County Governmental Center in Concord, North Carolina at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 25, 2025.

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: Jeff Jones
Vice Chairman: Laura B. Lindsey
Commissioners: Larry G. Pittman
Kenneth M. Wortman
Lynn W. Shue

Absent - Commissioners:

Also present were: Kelly Sifford; Interim County Manager; Doug Hall, County Attorney; Jason Burnett, Emergency Management Director; Jacob Thompson, Fire Marshal; James Lentz, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Director; and Lauren Linker, Contract Analyst/Clerk to the Board.

A. Call to Order

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

Chairman Jones stated that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss a proposal to collocate Cabarrus County Squad 410 at the Allen Volunteer Fire Department's new facility. Allen Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) requested up to a \$1 million contribution from the county should Squad 410 co-locate to Allen VFD for building cost associated with the attached addition to the building.

He also noted discussion in connection with Allen VFD purchase of a fire engine.

B. Proposal to Co-locate Squad 410 At Allen Volunteer Fire Department (VFD)

This meeting was for informational purposes only and intended to allow members of the community and local fire departments to provide comments and share their opinions on the proposal.

Items discussed included:

- clarification of no discussions or requests related to the surplus or purchase of a new fire engine as part of the co-location proposal
- timeframes regarding the project, costs and budgeting
- how the proposed co-location compares to the County's existing arrangement with Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- increased tax revenue received due to the County's recent revaluation
- County ordinance 2020-50
- Squad 410 call types
- lack of increased staffing grants
- history of Squad 410
- Session Law 2010 (Senate Bill 1146) adjusting of fire district lines
- Concerns regarding district line adjustments
- Fire tax rates in connection with citizens petitions for redistricting
- Considerations regarding co-location, standalone station
 - o funding for Squad 410
 - o potential future staffing models
- Communications between departments
- Allocations of funds

Chairman Jones thanked everyone for the attendance and participation.

Those noted in attendance were: Randy Dozier, Chief, Allen Volunteer Fire Department; Jim Preddy, Chief, Coldwater Fire Department, and Tom Blackwelder, President of the Coldwater Fire Department Board of Directors; Dustin Sneed, Chief, Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department; Dylan Ennis, Chief, Rimer

Volunteer Fire Department; Joey Houston, Chief, Flowe Store Volunteer Fire Department; Larry Coley, Chief, Midland Volunteer Fire Department; Trey Cruze, Chief, Georgeville Volunteer Fire Department; Joshua Case, Deputy Chief, Midland Volunteer Fire Department; Jeremy Burris, Chief, Odell Volunteer Fire Department; as well as other members from volunteer fire departments and volunteer fire department board of directors throughout the County.

C. Closed Session - Consult with Attorney, Including Pending Litigation

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Shue seconded by Commissioner Wortman and unanimously carried, the Board moved to go into closed session to discuss matters related to pending litigation as authorized by NCGS 143-138.11(a)(3).

D. Return to Open Session

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Pittman, seconded by Commissioner Shue, and unanimously carried, the board returned to closed session.

E. Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Pittman, seconded by Vice Chair Lindsey, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.




Ariadne Olvera, Clerk to the Board