

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 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2026.

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

live broadcast at 6:00 p.m. on Channel 22
<https://www.youtube.com/cabarruscounty>
<https://www.cabarruscounty.us/cabcotv>

Present - Chair: Laura B. Lindsey
Vice Chairman: Ian Patrick
Commissioners: Kenneth M. Wortman
Larry G. Pittman
Jeff Jones

Also present were Kelly Sifford, Interim County Manager; Aalece Pugh, Assistant County Manager; Kyle Bilafer, Assistant County Manager; Doug Hall, County Attorney; and Ariadne Olvera, Clerk to the Board.

Chair Lindsey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Chair Lindsey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pastor Dean Rucker, Coldwater Baptist Church, delivered the invocation.

(A) APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF MINUTES

(A-1) Approval or Correction of Meeting Minutes

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Wortman and unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes as presented:

September 15, 2025 (Regular Meeting)
October 6, 2025 (Work Session)
October 16, 2025 (Cabarrus Summit)
October 20, 2025 (Regular Meeting)
November 3, 2025 (Work Session)
November 17, 2025 (Regular Meeting)
December 1, 2025 (Work Session)
December 15, 2025 (Regular Meeting)

Chair Lindsey read a statement regarding a Cabarrus County Schools matter regarding restrooms.

(B) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(B-1) BOC - Changes to the Agenda

Chair Lindsey reviewed the following changes to the agenda:

UPDATED:

New Business
F-3 Juvenile Crime Prevention Council - Request for Approval of Revised FY25-26 Cabarrus County JCPC Funding Plan

Reports
G-5 Communications and Outreach - Monthly Summary Report

ADDITION:

Recognitions and Presentations
C-4 Proclamation - Foster Care Awareness Month

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

(C) RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

(C-1) Proclamation - Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month

Dawn Kiker, read the proclamation aloud.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Pittman, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the proclamation.

Proclamation No. 2026-07

PROCLAMATION
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month 2026

WHEREAS, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive fatal neurodegenerative disease in which a person's brain loses connection with their muscles, slowly reducing a person's ability to walk, talk, eat, and eventually breathe; and

WHEREAS, thousands of new amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) cases are reported every year, and estimates show that every 90 minutes, someone is diagnosed with ALS and someone passes away from ALS; and

WHEREAS, on average, patients diagnosed with ALS survive only two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, the exact causes of ALS are unknown and there is no known cure for ALS; and

WHEREAS, people who have served in the military are more likely to develop ALS and die from the disease than those with no history of military service; and

WHEREAS, securing access to new therapies, durable medical equipment, and communication technologies is of vital importance to people living with ALS; and

WHEREAS, clinical trials play a pivotal role in evaluating new treatments, enhancing quality of life, and fostering assistive technologies for those living with ALS; and

WHEREAS, the ALS Association is the largest philanthropic funder of ALS research globally and has committed more than \$154 million to support more than 550 projects across the United States and 18 other countries; and

WHEREAS, the ALS Association is committed to make ALS livable and cure it for everyone, everywhere; and

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month provides an opportunity to increase public awareness of the dire circumstances of people living with ALS, acknowledge the terrible impact this disease has on those individuals and their families, and support research to eradicate this disease;

Now, therefore, the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2026 as ALS Awareness Month. I call upon all Americans to join in supporting ALS research, advocating for increased funding, and standing in solidarity with those affected by this relentless disease.

Adopted this 20th day of April 2026.

/s/Laura Lindsey
Laura Lindsey, Chairman
Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners

(C-2) Proclamation - Cooperative Extension - National Volunteer Week

Jessica Cline, Volunteer Coordinator for NC Cooperative Extension, by electronic means along with volunteers presented proclamation aloud.

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

Proclamation No. 2026-08

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK PROCLAMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 19-25, 2026, as "NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK", in Cabarrus County, and commend its observance to all citizens.

ADOPTED this 20th day of April, 2026.

/s/Laura Lindsey
Laura Lindsey, Chairman
Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners

**(C-3) Proclamation - Emergency Medical Services (EMS) - Cabarrus County
Emergency Services Week**

Chief Jimmy Lentz, read the proclamation aloud.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Pittman, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the proclamation.

Proclamation No. 2026-09

PROCLAMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners, in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 17 - 23, 2026, as

CABARRUS COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

Adopted this 20th day of April 2026.

/s/Laura Lindsey
Laura Lindsey, Chairman
Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

/s/Ariadne Olvera
Ariadne Olvera, Clerk to the Board

(C-4) Proclamation - Foster Care Awareness Month Proclamation

Vice Chair Patrick read the proclamation aloud.

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

Proclamation No. 2026-10

PROCLAMATION
FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH MAY 2026

WHEREAS, Cabarrus County joins the nation in recognizing the month of May as National Foster Family Appreciation Month honoring foster parents who are true champions for the children in their care and who help to ensure their brightest possible futures; and

WHEREAS, children are key to our community's future success, prosperity and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, children have a right to thrive, learn, grow in a safe and loving environment; and

WHEREAS, foster parents, including kinship caregivers, provide the love, safety and stability that children need in order to overcome past traumatic experiences; and

WHEREAS, Cabarrus County foster parents and other caregivers are caring for and nurturing more than 192 children and youth currently in foster care today; and

WHEREAS, Cabarrus County foster parents are helping birth families heal and thrive so children can be safely reunified and reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Cabarrus County foster parents help children transition from foster care to permanent homes through adoption or guardianship when they can't be reunified with their parents; and

WHEREAS, our community must come together to recognize the important role foster parents and kinship providers play in caring for abused and neglected children, supporting family reunification and building strong communities; and

WHEREAS, there is always a need for more foster parents in order to ensure children and youth with complex needs have a safe, stable home in their community and siblings can live together; and

WHEREAS, through partnerships with families, child welfare staff, public and private agencies, there is a collaborative effort to ensure that children are supported and cared for;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Board of Commissioners of Cabarrus County do hereby proclaim May 2026 as FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH in Cabarrus County and urge all citizens to engage in activities that strengthen families and communities to provide the optimal environment for children to learn, grow and thrive.

ADOPTED this 20th day of April, 2026.

/s/Laura Lindsey
Laura Lindsey, Chairman
Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners

(C-5) Proclamation - National Library Week

Melanie Holles, Library Director, read the proclamation aloud.

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

Proclamation No. 2026-11

National Library Week 2026 Proclamation

WHEREAS, libraries spark creativity, fuel imagination, and inspire lifelong learning, offering a space where individuals of all ages can find joy through exploration and discovery;

WHEREAS, libraries serve as vibrant community hubs, connecting people with knowledge, technology, and resources while fostering civic engagement, critical thinking, and cultural enrichment;

WHEREAS, libraries provide free and equitable access to books, digital tools, and innovative programming, ensuring that all individuals—regardless of background—have the support they need to learn, connect, and thrive;

WHEREAS, libraries partner with schools, businesses, and organizations to maximize resources, increase efficiency, and expand access to essential services, strengthening the entire community;

WHEREAS, libraries empower job seekers, entrepreneurs, and lifelong learners by providing access to resources, training, and opportunities that support career growth and economic success;

WHEREAS, libraries nurture young minds through storytimes, STEAM programs, and literacy initiatives, fostering curiosity and a love of learning that lasts a lifetime;

WHEREAS, libraries protect the right to read, think, and explore without censorship, standing as champions of intellectual freedom and free expression;

WHEREAS, dedicated librarians and library workers provide welcoming spaces that inspire discovery, collaboration, and creativity for all;

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, and library workers across the country are joining together to celebrate National Library Week under the theme "Find Your Joy";

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that we, Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners, proclaim April 19-25, 2026, as National Library Week. During this week, we encourage all residents to visit their library, explore its resources, and celebrate all the ways that the library helps our community find joy.

NOW, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the members of the Cabarrus Board of County Commissioners do hereby proclaim April 19th through the 25th, 2026 to be National Library week.

Adopted this 20th day of April, 2026

/s/Laura Lindsey
Laura Lindsey, Chairman
Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners

(C-6) Proclamation - Mental Health Awareness Month

Dr. Kamillah McKissick, Behavioral Health Director, read the proclamation aloud.

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

Proclamation No. 2026-12

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH A PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, one in five U.S. adults and one in six children experiences a mental health condition each year, including nearly 1.5 million adults in North Carolina, and all people face challenges in life that can impact their mental health;

WHEREAS, despite its prevalence, mental health remains stigmatized, preventing many from seeking the help that they need;

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim May 2026 as Mental Health Awareness Month We encourage all residents of Cabarrus County to:

- Educate themselves and others about mental health conditions, treatment options, and available resources in our community.
- Challenge stigma by speaking respectfully and inclusively about mental health.
- Seek help if they are struggling with their mental health and encourage others to do the same. Individuals in crisis can contact 988 (Suicide and Crisis Lifeline) or the NC Peer Support Warmline at 1-855-PEERS-NC.
- Support organizations that provide mental health services and advocacy.
- Create safe and supportive environments for open conversations about mental health.
- Together, we can create a community where everyone feels empowered to prioritize their mental well-being and seek help when needed.

Adopted this 20th day of April, 2026.

/s/Laura Lindsey
 Laura Lindsey, Chairman
 Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners

(C-7) Proclamation - BOC - Clerks to Board of County Commissioners Week

Chair Lindsey read the proclamation aloud.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Pittman and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the proclamation.

Proclamation No. 2026-13

PROCLAMATION

CLERKS TO THE BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' WEEK May 3 through May 9, 2026

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

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

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

WHEREAS: North Carolina law requires every board of county commissioners to appoint a clerk; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize the week of May 3 through May 9, 2026, as Clerks to the Boards of County Commissioners' Week, and extends our appreciation to our Clerk to the Board Ariadne Olvera and Deputy Clerk to the Board Sheila Bruce and to all County Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the county they represent.

Adopted this 20th day of April, 2026.

/s/Laura Lindsey
Laura Lindsey, Chairman
Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners

(C-8) Planning and Development - Recognition of Senior Zoning Enforcement Officer James "Jay" Lowe on his retirement from Cabarrus County Government

Susie Morris, Planning and Development Director, recognized Senior Zoning Enforcement Officer James "Jay" Lowe for his 34 years of service and announced his retirement from Cabarrus County Government effective May 1, 2026.

Mr. Lowe expressed his appreciation.

Vice Chair Patrick presented Mr. Lowe with a gift of appreciation in recognition of his years of service.

(D) INFORMAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Lindsey opened the meeting for Informal Public Comments at 6:38 p.m.

Orlando Jacobs, a resident of Concord, spoke regarding the transgender community.

Ingrid Nurse, a resident of Concord, commented regarding mutual respect.

Rick Hoffarth, a resident of Harrisburg, commented on equal respect for all students.

Dan Redding, a resident of Harrisburg, commented regarding expectations for fair governance.

Thomas Monks, a resident of Concord, commented regarding funding for Cabarrus County Schools.

Jerry Anderson, a resident of Kannapolis, spoke regarding matters related to DSS.

Jeeter Anderson, a resident of Kannapolis, commented regarding matters related to DSS.

Michael S. Roberts, a resident of Concord, expressed appreciation for the Board's work.

Justin Lewter, a resident of Kannapolis, commented on the importance of the Board hearing concerns from all community members.

Robert Mitton, a resident of Concord, spoke regarding inclusivity.

Mishell Williams, a resident of Harrisburg, commented on the increasing needs of the school system.

Rachel Phipps, a resident of Concord, commented regarding the need for funding for the school system.

Chris Cranston, a resident of Concord, spoke regarding social matters.

Keshia Sandidge, a resident of Concord, commented regarding consideration of input from all community members.

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

(E) CONSENT AGENDA

(E-1) Boards and Committees - Active Living and Parks Commission - Appointment

Megan Baumgardner served in the Northwest Cabarrus Planning Area seat on the Active Living and Parks Commission. Her term expired and the seat became vacant. Ms. Baumgardner applied for reappointment. The position was publicly advertised with no additional applications received. It was requested that she be reappointed for a three-year term expiring January 31, 2029 to include any necessary exceptions to the Appointment Policy.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Vice Chair Patrick and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Megan Baumgardner to the Northwest Cabarrus Planning Area seat on the Active Living and Parks Commission for a three-year term expiring January 31, 2029.

(E-2) Board and Committees - Early Childhood Taskforce Advisory Board - Removal

Ann Benfield has retired from her position on the Early Childhood Task Force Advisory Board. It was requested that she be removed from the board membership roster.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Vice Chair Patrick and unanimously carried, the Board removed Ann Benfield from the Early Childhood Task Force Advisory Board and thanked her for her service.

(E-3) Boards and Committees - Early Childhood Task Force Advisory Board - Appointment

Seat #14 on the Early Childhood Task Force Advisory Board became vacant with an unexpired term. Lauren Westin, Executive Director of Partnership for Children, was recommended to fill the seat for the term ending October 31, 2027.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Vice Chair Patrick and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Lauren Westin to fill the unexpired term ending October 31, 2027, for seat #14 on the Early Childhood Task Force Advisory Board, and to include any necessary exceptions to the Appointment Policy.

(E-4) Boards and Committees - Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee - Appointment

Traci Schriever completed all required state program requirements and training. It was requested that she be appointed to fill vacant seat #3 on the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee for a one-year term expiring April 30, 2027.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Vice Chair Patrick and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Traci Schriever to the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee for a one-year term expiring April 30, 2027, and to include any necessary exceptions to the Appointment Policy.

(E-5) Consolidated Human Services Agency - Opioid Settlements - Opt In Notice - Six Remnant Defendant

A new national opioid settlement was reached with six regional distributors and dispenser defendants, known as the Remnant Defendants Settlement: Associated Pharmacies, Inc. (and American Associated Pharmacies); J M Smith Corporation; Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; Morris and Dickson Co.; North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; and United Natural Foods, Inc. (including its subsidiaries SuperValu and Advantage Logistics). The agreement required eligible entities to affirmatively opt in to participate. The participation rate will be used to determine whether participation for each Remnant Defendant is sufficient. If the settlement moves forward, the County's release will become effective as to that Remnant Defendant.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Vice Chair Patrick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the necessary steps to opt in to the new settlement and authorized the Chair to execute all necessary documents upon review and approval by legal.

(E-6) County Manager - Camp T.N. Spencer Park Property Lease Discussion

During the February 2026 Annual Retreat, it was suggested that staff engage in preliminary discussions with the lessor regarding potential property acquisition options for Camp T.N. Spencer Park. It was requested that the Board authorize staff to continue discussions with the lessor regarding potential acquisition and related options.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Vice Chair Patrick and unanimously carried, the Board authorized County staff to discuss property acquisition with the lessor.

(E-7) County Manager - EV Car Charging Stations Removal Request

During the February 2026 meeting, staff presented information regarding the County's three EV charging station locations and requested time to gather additional data from surrounding municipalities and counties. At that time, the general consensus was to either implement a fee for use or remove them. Following additional review and analysis, it was recommended that all County-owned EV charging stations be removed.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Vice Chair Patrick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the removal of all County-owned electric vehicle charging stations.

(E-8) County Manager - Vietnam Veterans Park Update

During the February 2026 Annual Retreat, the Board discussed several County-owned properties, including Vietnam Veterans Park. Staff were tasked with initiating discussions with the lessor regarding the lease agreement. It was requested that a lease amendment be approved to extend the current agreement.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Vice Chair Patrick and unanimously carried, the Board approved a lease amendment for Vietnam Veterans Park for a one-year extension with an automatic additional one-year renewal, and authorized appropriate County officials to execute all required documents subject to final approval by the appropriate Assistant County Manager and County Attorney.

(E-9) Emergency Management - Adoption of 2026 Cabarrus County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) Revisions

The Cabarrus County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) underwent a comprehensive review and update. Regular EOP updates and adoption ensure the County's response framework remains current, effective, and aligned with evolving hazards, policies, and operational procedures. Adoption of the EOP did not require a public hearing.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Vice Chair Patrick and unanimously carried, the Board approved and adopted the revised 2026 Cabarrus County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).

(E-10) Emergency Management - Duke Energy McGuire Nuclear Station Grant Funding Increase & Budget Amendment

Cabarrus County Emergency Management received an increase in annual grant funding from \$25,000 to \$31,000 to continue and strengthen emergency preparedness efforts as a host county associated with the Duke Energy McGuire Nuclear Station. The additional \$6,000 reflected increased costs and identified needs for ongoing planning, training, and equipment. These funds supported the Reception and Congregate Care Center to ensure the County could register, decontaminate, shelter, and care for displaced Mecklenburg County residents in the event of a radiological emergency.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Vice Chair Patrick and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the grant award and approved the associated budget amendment.

Budget Revision/Amendment Request							
Date: 4/20/2026				Amount: \$ 6,000.00			
Dept. Head: Jason Burnett, EM Director				Department: Emergency Management			
☐ Internal Transfer Within Department		☐ Transfer Between Departments/Funds		☒ Supplemental Request			
Budget Amendment for Duke Energy McGuire Nuclear Station Grant Funding Increase							
Fund	Indicator	Department/ Object/ Project	Account Name	Approved Budget	Increase Amount	Decrease Amount	Revised Budget
001	6	2730-6807	Duke Energy Grant	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 31,000.00
001	9	2730-9431	McGuire Grant Expense	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 24,000.00
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Total							0.00

(E-11) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) - Proposed EMS Rate Increases

EMS requested an adjustment to the rates of service, previously discussed during the FY27 Budget Retreat. The proposed fee increase aligned with 300% of the Medicare Fee Schedule (MFS) and was supported by EMS Management and Consultants, the County's billing vendor. The adjustment ensures continued alignment with industry standards and supports cost recovery for ambulance services.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Vice Chair Patrick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the requested ambulance fee increase to be adopted for FY27.

(E-12) Facilities Design and Construction - Bid Award for Construction Standards and Planning and Zoning Renovation

Sealed bids were received on April 2, 2026, for the renovation of the Construction Standards and Planning and Zoning suites, as well as the first-floor restroom at the Governmental Center. It was requested that the contract be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, Lyles Construction.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Vice Chair Patrick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the bid award to Lyles Construction for the Construction Standards, Planning and Zoning suites and first-floor restroom renovations at the Governmental Center, and authorized the Interim County Manager to execute the contract and any necessary documents upon review and approval by the County Attorney.

(E-13) Finance - FY 2026 Audit Contract Approval

The Local Government Commission (LGC) requires annual approval of the County's audit contract by the Board of Commissioners. The Fiscal Year 2026

audit contract with Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, was provided for review and consideration.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Vice Chair Patrick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the audit contract with Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs for the Fiscal Year 2026 audit and authorized the Chair to execute the contract on behalf of the Board.

(E-14) Planning & Development Department - HOME Renewal 2026-2029

Cabarrus County participates in The HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) through the Cabarrus/Iredell/Rowan HOME Consortium and may also participate in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs supporting housing and economic development activities within the County. These programs require the adoption of a series of governing plans and policies, including but not limited to Fair Housing, Section 3, Anti-Displacement, Section 504, Citizen Participation, Procurement, and Equal Opportunity requirements. The required plans for the next adoption period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029 along with the required resolution were provided for consideration.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Vice Chair Patrick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the resolution.

(E-15) Sheriff's Office - Awarding of Service Weapon to Senior Deputy Ashley Verble upon his Retirement

Senior Deputy Ashley Verble retired from the Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office on March 1, 2026. Pursuant to N.C. General Statute 17F-20, it was requested that Deputy Verble's service weapon, a Sig Sauer P320 (SN 58C352191), be declared surplus property and transferred to him for the statutory purchase price of \$1.00.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Vice Chair Patrick and unanimously carried, the Board declared the Sig Sauer P320, serial number 58C352191, surplus property and authorized disposition in accordance with County policy.

(E-16) Tax Administration - Refund and Release Reports - March 2026

The Release Report documents taxpayer information, bill numbers, valuations, tax amounts, and supporting justifications for the release of taxes or valuations on outstanding levies in accordance with N.C.G.S. 105-381. The Refund Report summarizes refund requests and supporting justifications for issued taxpayer refunds under the same statute. Motor vehicle-related refunds and releases are now reflected in the NCVTS-generated report due to the transition to the North Carolina Vehicle Tax System. It is requested that the Board approve the March 2026 Refund and Release Reports, including the NCVTS Refund Report, and authorize the Tax Collector to process associated refunds and releases pursuant to N.C.G.S. 105-381.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Vice Chair Patrick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the March 2026 Refund and Release Reports as submitted, including the NCVTS Refund Report, and granted authority to the Tax Collector to process the refunds and releases.

(F) NEW BUSINESS

(F-1) Finance - LGC Debt Application in May for High School and Elementary School - Board Resolutions - Public Hearing 6:00 P.M

Jim Howden, Finance Director, requested approval of a final resolution authorizing the County to proceed with limited obligation bond financing for a new high school and a new elementary school in the northwest portion of the County not to exceed \$200 million and to hold a public hearing per North Carolina General Statute 160A-20(g).

Chair Lindsey opened the public hearing at 7:21 p.m.

The Public Hearing Notice was published on April 9, 2026 in *The Independent Tribune*. The public hearing notice was also posted on the County's website (www.cabarruscounty.us) on April 9, 2026, in accordance with Article 2, Administration, Section 2.1 (Use of Electronic Means to Provide Public Notices) of the Cabarrus County Code of Ordinances.

Elizabeth Nervegna, a resident of 12290 Bethel School Road, Midland, spoke regarding the need for effective fund management and expressed a desire for a public vote.

Keshia Sandidge, a resident of 270 Post Oak Ave SW, Concord, commented on the importance of ensuring transparency in how taxpayer funds are spent.

There was no one else who wished to address the Board; therefore, Chair Lindsey closed the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.

Commissioner Jones **MOVED** to approve the final resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a Trust Agreement, a Deed of Trust, and related documents in connection with the financing of public-school improvements for Cabarrus County, North Carolina, seconded by Commissioner Wortman.

After a brief discussion, the **MOTION** carried 4:1 with the following vote: Ayes: Chair Lindsey, Vice Chair Patrick, Commissioner Wortman, and Commissioner Jones; Nays: Commissioner Pittman.

(F-2) BOC - 2026 Commissioner Board Appointments Update

Chair Lindsey reviewed requested updates to the 2026 Board appointments, which included the appointment of Commissioner Kenny Wortman to serve as the Board liaison to the Regional Behavioral Health Center Advisory Board and Todd Shanley, Chief Information Officer/Chief of Staff, as the Board's designee to the Fair Advisory Commission.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Pittman, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Commissioner Kenny Wortman to serve as the Board liaison on the Regional Behavioral Health Center Advisory Board for 2026.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Pittman, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Todd Shanley, Chief Information Officer/Chief of Staff, to serve as the Board liaison designee on the Fair Advisory Commission for 2026.

(F-3) Juvenile Crime Prevention Council - Request for Approval of Revised FY 25-26 Cabarrus County JCPC Funding Plan

Heather Mobley, Staff Attorney and Co-Chair of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC), reported that the current fiscal year funding plan required adjustment due to the receipt of discretionary funds awarded by the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to two County programs. She noted that these state funds had to be incorporated into the program budgets to allow transfer from the County to the respective programs.

The County recently received notice of the awards, and the funds are required to be expended prior to July 1, 2026. It was requested the Board consider approval of the revised FY 2025-2026 Cabarrus County JCPC Funding Plan to ensure timely access to funding and full utilization by July 1, 2026.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Wortman and unanimously carried, the Board approved the revised FY 25-26 Cabarrus County JCPC Funding Plan.

(G) REPORTS

(G-1) BOC - Receive Updates From Commission Members Who Serve As Liaisons To Municipalities Or On Various Boards/Committees

Commissioner Pittman reported on the Fire Chiefs meeting and shared their feedback regarding Squad 410.

Commissioner Wortman reported on the Performance Learning Center luncheon.

Vice Chair Patrick reported on the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, Harrisburg Town Council meeting, Water and Sewer Authority updates, and the Active Living Center Advisory Council.

Chair Lindsey reported on the "Seed Library" initiative in partnership with the Library and Cooperative Extension. She also reported that the Youth

Commission has completed their Passion Project and shared a video highlighting the project.

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

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

- Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee - 14 Vacant Positions
- Agricultural Advisory Board - 1 Vacant Position
- Concord Planning Commission (ETJ) - 1 Vacant Position
- HCCBG - 1 Expired Position
- Library Board of Trustees 3 Expired Positions
- Nursing Home Community Advisory Board - 9 Vacant Positions
- Region F Aging Advisory Committee - 1 Vacant Position
- Transportation Advisory Board - 5 Vacant Positions
- Youth Commission - 4 Vacant Positions

Chair Lindsey encouraged residents to apply to serve on County boards and committees.

(G-3) Budget - Monthly Budget Amendment Report

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

(G-4) Budget - Monthly Financial Update

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

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

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

(G-6) County Manager - Cabarrus Arena and Events Center Financial Report

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

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

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

(G-8) EDC - March 2026 Monthly Summary Report

The Board received the March 2026 monthly summary report for informational purposes. No action was required of the Board.

(G-9) Fire Marshal - Cabarrus County Fire Services Monthly Report

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

(G-10) Super Cab Co - Monthly Report

The Board received the monthly Super Cab Co report for informational purposes. No action was required of the Board.

(H) GENERAL COMMENTS BY THE BOARD MEMBERS

Commissioner Pittman provided comments on his views regarding the historical foundations of government. He also commented regarding his intent to continue advocating against tax increases.

Commissioner Wortman recognized the Communications and Outreach Department for receiving multiple awards at the annual North Carolina City and County Communicators Conference. He also requested clarification from the County Attorney/General Counsel, Doug Hall, in connection with the Board and Interim County Manager Sifford being unable to respond to questions posed by Jerry and Jeter Anderson involved in a closed court case.

Doug Hall, County Attorney/General Counsel, provided comments.

Vice Chair Patrick advised that he and Chair Lindsey have met and had prior discussions (over the past year and a half) with the School Board regarding funding limitations, noting that funding would be limited to 4.5% due to budget constraints.

Commissioner Jones thanked individuals who spoke during public comments and expressed appreciation for their input on community concerns. He further expressed support for revisiting the School Board budget proposal and encouraged continued public engagement with the Board.

Vice Chair Lindsey commented regarding service to the community. She then shared a video highlighting two animals available for adoption at the Cabarrus County Animal Shelter.

(I) CLOSED SESSION

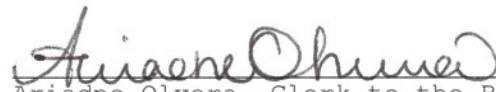
None.

(J) RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

None.

(K) ADJOURN

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Jones seconded by Commissioner Wortman and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.


Ariadne Olvera, Clerk to the Board

