Surry County Board of Commissioners
Meeting of January 3, 2022

The Surry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m., January 3, 2022. The meeting was held in the Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Dobson, N.C.

Board members present in-person for the meeting were Chairman Bill Goins, Vice-Chairman Eddie Harris, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Mark Marion and Commissioner Van Tucker.

Others present in-person for the meeting, at various times, were:
Chris Knopf, County Manager
Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager
Ed Woltz, County Attorney
Martha Brintle, MIS Director
Michella Huff, Elections Director
Eric Southern, EMS Director
Nick Brown, 911 Communications Director
EMS Staff
911 Communications Staff
Nathan Walls, Assistant to the County Manager/PIO
Todd Tucker, Surry County Economic Development Partnership President

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Chairman Goins called the meeting to order. Vice-Chairman Harris delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Goins requested the Board review and approve the agenda. Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the January 3, 2022 agenda.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the minutes of the December 6 Board meeting as presented. Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the consent agenda. Chris Knopf, County Manager, described consent agenda items. Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Requests from the County Manager:

- Appoint Marty Needham, Adrienne Dollyhigh and Deanna Henderson as Surry County Review Officers and Subdivision Administrators; all previous appointments by the Board for these positions are hereby repealed.
- Approve EMPG, Tier II Non-Competitive, ARP PRF, ARP Rural and SMAT grants for use by Surry County EMS. The EMPG grant requires a 50 percent in-kind match from Surry County for $64,531.20. The Tier II Non-Competitive grant requires no matching funds or additional funds, but salaries of current personnel will be used as an in-kind match. The ARP PRF grant award totals $434,947.46. The ARP Rural grant award totals $705,231.22, $270,283.76 of which was most recently awarded. The SMAT grant award totals $2,064.11 to be used for two room/ambulance sanitizers and two air sanitizers.
- Approve a three-year renewal of a Solid Waste Collector Non-Exclusive Franchise Application/Renewal Form as described in Section 110.12 of the Surry County Code of Ordinances for Terry Joyce. The Franchise Application/Renewal Form was previously approved at the December 6, 2021 Board meeting but a second vote was required per NCGS 153A-46.

- **Approve the following Yadkin Valley Sewer Authority BRIC Grant Application Resolution:**

RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISIONERS OF SURRY COUNTY

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Public Safety – Emergency Management (NCEM) has issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for FY 2021 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grants; and

WHEREAS, the NOFO allows local government projects to be considered by NCEM in its submission of grant requests to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for a national competition; and

WHEREAS, Surry County and the Yadkin Valley Sewer Authority share the goal of preserving human health, safety, and economic security; and

WHEREAS, Surry County and the Yadkin Valley Sewer Authority share the goal of making infrastructure more resilient, thereby enabling the continuous operation of critical government and business functions; and

WHEREAS, the Yadkin Valley Sewer Authority has pledged to pay the costs of applying for the BRIC grant and to pay the non-federal share of the project, if a grant is awarded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISIONERS OF SURRY COUNTY,

That the Surry County Board of Commissioners does hereby partner with the Yadkin Valley Sewer Authority in submitting a BRIC sub-application to NCEM for a grant to make sewer infrastructure more resilient during natural hazards, such as flooding.

Adopted this the 3rd day of January 2022.

Requests from the Assistant County Manager:

- **Reappoint Wanda Stanley to the Jury Commission for calendar year 2022 and 2023. This was a correction from the December 6, 2021 Board meeting.**

Requests from the Finance Officer:

- **Approve the following MIS Lease Resolution:**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the acquisition of certain equipment for the purpose of enhancing network storage infrastructure (the "Equipment") for use by Surry County (the "Lessee") and to pay the cost thereof, it is necessary and desirable for the Lessee to enter into a Lease/Purchase Agreement together with all exhibits, (the "Lease") with ePlus Group, Inc. (together with its successors and assigns, the "Lessor"), pursuant to which the Lessee will lease the Equipment from the Lessor with an option to purchase,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

<u>Section 1. Approval of the Lease</u>. The Lease is hereby approved in substantially the form submitted to and reviewed by the governing body of the Lessee on the date hereof, with such changes therein as shall be approved by the following officers of the Lessee, said officers execution thereof to be conclusive evidence of the approval thereof, provided that the maximum aggregate principal portion of rental payments under the Lease will not exceed $272,994 and the interest portions of rental payments will be calculated at a per annum rate not to exceed .22575%:

Title	Printed Name	Signature
County Manager	Chris Knopf	
Finance Officer	Rhonda Nixon	
Clerk to the Board	Nathan Walls	

Said officers are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Lease on behalf the Lessee, and to affix the seal of the Lessee, if applicable.

Section 2. Further Authority. The Lessee shall, and the officials and agents of the Lessee are hereby authorized and directed to, take such action, expend such funds and execute such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this resolution and to carry out, comply with and perform the duties of the Lessee with respect to the Lease and the Equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the County Manager or County Finance Officer is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the County of Surry, North Carolina in filing an application and the proposed lease agreement and other actions not inconsistent with this resolution.

THIS RESOLUTION is effective upon its adoption this the 3rd day of January, 2021.

- **Approve the following lists and conveyance resolution to convey surplus vehicles and items to other local organizations:**

Asset #	Item Description	VIN/Serial#	Department Requesting to Surplus	Disposal Method for Board Consideration
50741	2005 Ford Truck	773521052070110	Inspections	Request to Transfer to Buildings and Grounds
51664	2009 Ford Focus	1FAHP34N09W155055	Tax	Request to Sell on Auction with Rogers Realty
12282	2002 Ford Truck	1FTRF18W42NA26935	Buildings and Grounds	Request to Sell on Auction with Rogers Realty
NA	Stryker model 6500 Power-Pro XT Stretchers	150940477	EMS	Request to Transfer to Dobson Rescue Squad
NA	Stryker model 6500 Power-Pro XT Stretchers	101041055 & 101041056	EMS	Request to Transfer to Elkin Rescue Squad
NA	Stryker model 6500 Power-Pro XT Stretchers	91041259 & 121140548	EMS	Request to Transfer to Surry Community College EMS Program

The Board approved Rogers Realty to conduct an auction of County surplus items in 2021. The Board requested a list of the items to be sent to auction. That list is as follows:

Airport:
8 Illuminated Directional Signage for aircraft (obsolete)
2 Window Sashes with metal frame
4 Orange Reel Lights
2 Wooden restaurant style trash cans
White ice cream cooler
Lot of yellow and blue runway lights (obsolete)
Fuel Station Equipment

Health Department:
Green Ritter 222 by Midmark Exam Bed w/Light Kit
Black Ritter 222 by Midmark Exam Bed w/Light Kit
Welch Allyn Light Kit for Exam Bed
Gray Literature Organizer with Adjustable Shelves
Baby Changing Table with Under Cabinet
Set of two 4 Door Yellow Lockers

Judicial Center:
1970's Victor adding Machine
Minolta RP609Z Micro-Film Machine
Kodak Mapping Equipment
Natural Wood Color Circular Table with Screw on 4 Post Legs
Around 20 Wooden Shelf Bases
Dark Wooden Chair with Blue Felt Seat

Cooper Street:
3 Wooden Chairs with Blue Seat and Back Rest
3 Seat Wooden Sofa with Blue Felt Seat and Back
Quarter Operated Candy Machine

Narcotics:
Seized Property: $25 roll of Franklin Pierce gold dollars, 1976 Eisenhower dollar, 1964 dime, and 1976 Kennedy Half Dollar
Public Works:
Aaladin Cleaning System Pressure Cleaner Model 42-530LDH (Heater not working)
Bantam Metal Break, Air Operated, Model B51120GF0, Operational unknown
16' Dual Axle Trailer (Carry on Brand)
9 Shank Cultivators, very used
Straw Blower Finn B40, very used
Howes 10' pull behind rotary mower, very used
Leinbach 8' Cultipacker, like new
5' Box Blade, Bush Hog Brand
5' Kodiak Rotary Cutter, very used
6' Rock/Root Rake
Dump Bed (Military) (Elect. over Hyd.)
CAT Grapple Bucket model 157-7225
W.R. Long 4in1 Bucket Model HD-54
50" Wide Excavator Bucket (cracked and repaired a few times)
Hydro Seeder Finn model T120 1000 Gallon (rusted)
1965 2.5-ton 6x6 AM General Military Truck (Turbo) (1st gear issue)
1987 International 6x6 Flat Bed, DT466, 11,882 miles
1986 International 6x6 Flat Bed, DT466, 40,909 miles
1986 International Dump Truck (DT466) (Auto Trans) (Single Axle)
CAT 12E Motor Grader, May Need Clutch, very used
CAT 615c Pan, very Used
CAT 627 Water Wagon 8000 Gallon, very used
Above Ground Metal Fuel Tank (Approx. 2000 gallons)
Fuel Gallon Display/Pump
CAT 973 Track Loader (Reman 2007), very used
CAT 966 Rubber Tire Loader, Big Bucket 11'Wx4'Dx5'H, very used
CAT 3306 Engine (ran when removed)
3 Section UniBridge Truck Scales (Concrete Deck), very used, Buyer Responsible for Moving
4 Section UniBridge Truck Scales (Concrete Deck), very used, Buyer Responsible for Moving
Aluminum Irrigation Pipe (various lengths and sizes)
Fire Hydrant, Rebuilt/Re-packed
3kw Generator, 4 Cylinder Engine, 68hrs, un-known condition (Aircraft Appliances & Equip., LTD)
Numerous Old Cardboard Trailers if we get them in order in time
1973 FRUE TL, VIN HPR452705 Asset #95521
1964 Gindy Trailer, VIN 17907 Asset #51298
1973 Fruehauf Trailer 45', VIN HPP429712 Asset#5255
1975 Utility Trailer, VIN 7T58452001 Asset#5093

1980 Utility Trailer, VIN 7L93212004 Asset#5073
1980 AMER Trailer, VIN 33752A Asset#95522
1981 Fruhauf Trailer 45 FT., VIN 1H2R04326BH029851 Asset#4959
1982 Vanco Trailer, VIN 1VVV45202C1000702 Asset#4811
1983 Utility Trailer, VIN 1UYVS2457DT839103 Asset#95523
1982 VANCO DRY VAN, VIN 1VVV4520C1000679 Asset#51427
2 40yd (rusted out) compactor cans
40yd open top compactor can (rusted out)

EMS:
Exercise equipment, Overhead Press
Exercise equipment, Seated Calf
Exercise equipment, Prone Leg Curl
Exercise equipment, Inside Leg Machine
Exercise equipment, Leg Extension
Exercise equipment, Lower Back
Exercise equipment, Free Weight Leg Machine
Exercise equipment, Incline Press
Exercise equipment, Lateral Raise
Exercise equipment, Super Pullover
Exercise equipment, Neck Machine
Exercise equipment, Military Press
Exercise equipment, Bicep Machine
Exercise equipment, Lower back Spin
Exercise equipment, Tricep Curls
Exercise equipment, Seated Leg Curls
Exercise equipment, Arm Lifts
Exercise equipment, Upper Body Machine

Resolution Approving Conveyance of Personal Property to Another Governmental Unit Pursuant to G.S. 160A-280

WHEREAS, the County of Surry owns four complete Stryker model 6500 Power-Pro XT Stretchers Serial numbers 101041056, 101041055, 150940477, 121140548 and 91041259; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 160A-280 authorizes a county to convey personal property for nonmonetary consideration to another government entity if the governing board deems the property to be surplus, obsolete, or unused; and

WHEREAS, the County of Surry has determined that the personal property described above is surplus, obsolete, or unused; and

WHEREAS, the County of Surry finds that the public will benefit from the conveyance of the property described above by enhancing the public safety resources available in Surry County.

THEREFORE, THE SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLVES THAT:

The Board Chairman of Surry is authorized to execute all documents necessary to convey one Stryker model 6500 Power-Pro XT Stretcher to Dobson Rescue Squad, two Stryker model 6500 Power-Pro XT Stretchers to Elkin Rescue Squad, and two Stryker model 6500 Power-Pro XT Stretchers to Surry Community College EMS Training program.

The consideration for the conveyance is enhancing the public safety resources in Surry County.

In accordance with the notice requirements of N.C.G.S. § 160A-280, public notice of this resolution was given by posting on the County of Surry, North Carolina website.

Adopted this the 3rd day of January, 2022.

- **Approve to furnish a Surry County flag to fly at Rockford Elementary School.**

Chairman Goins declared the meeting to be an open forum and invited members of the audience to address the Board on any matters of civic concern.

LaShene Lowe spoke on behalf of the African American Historical and Genealogical Society and Save the Jones School Committee. She urged the Board to allow local African American organizations to take over ownership of the Jones Resource Center instead of selling the building to a non-profit. Ms. Lowe detailed the history of the property and reminded the Board about how African American culture and families were impacted by Jones School and HBCUs.

Seeing there were no further speakers, Chairman Goins closed the open forum.

Chairman Goins announced that special recognitions for Eagle Scouts were originally scheduled to be presented but would not be since the Scouts were not in attendance. He said the students received the Eagle Scout awards during the COVID-19 pandemic and staff is catching up on presenting the awards from that time period. Chairman Goins said the Scouts are now in college and were unavailable for the meeting, so staff would mail the special recognitions to them.

Chairman Goins said Travis Keever from Gould Killian was originally scheduled to present County audit information but rescheduled to present during the January 18 Board meeting due to snow that had fallen in Asheville, where Gould Killian is located.

Julia Mitchell, from the Sandy Level Community Council, requested to use Surry County's seal on a sign in front of the Satterfield House in Mount Airy, near a Rosenwald school site.

Commissioner Johnson asked where the sign would be placed and Ms. Mitchell reiterated on the Rosenwald school site.

Ms. Mitchell said that money has already been raised for the sign.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to provide the Sandy Level Community Council a copy of the Surry County seal to be placed on a sign in front of the Satterfield House in Mount Airy, near a Rosenwald school site.

Nick Brown, 911 Communications Director, presented a request for 911 Interlocal Agreements between Surry County and the municipalities of Mount Airy and Elkin, who have their own communication centers.

Mr. Brown said funding for 911 Communications in Mount Airy and Elkin funnel through Surry County first. He said the interlocal agreements are required. Mr. Brown said once the Board approves, Mount Airy and Elkin would receive the agreements for their approval.

Ed Woltz, County Attorney, explained to Commissioner Tucker that funding for 911 Communications is provided from the State to the County, which then doles out the funding to the municipalities. Mr. Woltz and Mr. Brown further explained details about approved uses of the funding.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 911 Interlocal Agreements between Surry County and the municipalities of Mount Airy and Elkin.

Mr. Knopf provided an Earthquake Recovery Program grant agreement update from the Office of State Budget and Management. He said $200,000 total would be provided to Surry County as part of the agreement. Mr. Knopf said $50,000 would go to Fisher River Park, up to $45,000 for the parking lot improvement project at the Central Permitting Center, up to

$30,000 for repairs at the Health & Nutrition Center and $75,000 for the Historic Courthouse property. The funds are from damage experienced from the Sparta earthquake in 2021.

Mr. Knopf said the funding for the Health & Nutrition Center and Historic Courthouse would need to be approved as part of Amendment #1 of the Earthquake Recovery Program grant agreement.

Upon motion of Vice Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve Amendment #1 of the Earthquake Recovery Program grant agreement to consist of $30,000 for repairs at the Health & Nutrition Center and $75,000 for the Historic Courthouse property.

Michella Huff, Elections Director, presented a funding request to pay for voter notification cards and letters that were not budgeted due to unforeseen Congressional, House and Senate redistricting.

The costs for voter verification mailings would be $24,175 and for first-class letters would be $3,054. The total for the two mailings would be $27,229.

Ms. Huff explained the mailers and redistricting changes in detail. She responded to the Board’s questions and explained the court process with the current lawsuit that is delaying elections.

Mr. Knopf said a motion can be made contingent upon the outcome of the judicial process.

Vice Chairman Harris and Ms. Huff discussed the possibility of the mailers helping voter turnout.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to fund up to $24,175 for voter verification mailers and up to $3,054 for first-class letters, contingent upon the court’s decision on redistricting Congressional, House and Senate districts.

Mr. Knopf presented a grant request from Surry Rural Health Center. He reviewed detailed information about the grant. The expansion of the practice is estimated to cost $387,000 and create 10 additional jobs. The grant would require a 5 percent local match. The grant amount is anticipated to be $100,000.

Commissioner Marion said that Surry Rural Health Center started with nine employees, expanded to 21 and increased staffing again to bring them to 27 full-time employees and 13 part-time employees. He stated his support for the new grant request. Commissioner Johnson echoed his thoughts.

Vice Chairman Harris asked Todd Tucker, Surry County Economic Development Partnership President, about the length of time Surry Rural Health Center would have to create new jobs. Mr. Tucker said the practice would have 18 months to create new jobs and maintain the positions for six months. Mr. Tucker said that Dr. Challie Minton, the practice’s owner, hired more employees than needed for a previous grant requirement and has retained them.

Commissioner Johnson said for the last grant Dr. Minton provided the $5,000 local match and he would like for Surry County to provide that amount on this occasion.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted 4-1 (Yays: Goins, Marion, Johnson and Tucker; Nays: Harris) to approve the grant application request from Surry Rural Health Center to create 10 additional jobs, and expand the practice by 3,200 square feet, at a cost of $387,000, with Surry County paying the $5,000 local match. The motion also included scheduling a public hearing and resolution vote for the item at the upcoming January 18, 2022 Board meeting.

Nathan Walls, Assistant to the County Manager/PIO, requested appointments and reappointments to boards and committees.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Walter Harris to the Surry County Board of Adjustment.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Donald Freeman and Ramsey Embry to the Fireman's Relief Board at Jot-Um-Down Volunteer Fire Department.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Vice Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Shawn Jessup to the Pilot Mountain Planning and Zoning Board.

In General County Business, Commissioner Marion wished everyone good health in the new year and hoped they had a good Christmas.

Commissioner Tucker thanked Ms. Lowe and her friends in the audience for their input about Jones Resource Center. He also thanked the EMS and 911 Communications staff in attendance for their service.

Vice Chairman Harris said he has a great appreciation of genealogy and fully supports the preservation of history in Surry County. He said he wants to find the best way to preserve Jones Resource Center.

Commissioner Johnson thanked Ms. Lowe and her friends in the audience for their input. He said the topic will be discussed at the upcoming Board Retreat in February. Commissioner Johnson also thanked citizens for spending their money in Surry County, which has resulted in good sales tax and property tax revenues.

Chairman Goins asked the Board to change the Board Retreat date from February 25 to February 23. The Board reached consensus on the action.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Vice Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to enter closed session to discuss items pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) legal, pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) economic development and pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) personnel.

The Board returned to open session and resumed regular business.

Upon motion of Chairman Goins, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve, but not release closed session minutes for September 20, 2021 and October 18, 2021.

Upon motion of Vice Chairman Harris, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to approve a joint TDA position between Surry County and the Town of Dobson.

Upon motion of Vice Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

All leases, contracts, agreements, resolutions, ordinances and documents referenced in the minutes are kept in the Clerk's Office or in the department office they are associated with.

Nathan Walls
Clerk to the Board

Surry County Board of Commissioners
Meeting of January 18, 2022

The Surry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m., January 18, 2022. The meeting was held in an all-virtual format over Zoom due to Winter Storm Izzy.

Board members present virtually for the meeting were Chairman Bill Goins, Vice-Chairman Eddie Harris, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Mark Marion and Commissioner Van Tucker.

Others present virtually for the meeting, at various times, were:
Chris Knopf, County Manager
Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager
Ed Woltz, County Attorney
Martha Brintle, MIS Director
Kristy Preston, DSS Director
Jessica Montgomery, Public Works Director
Penny Harrison, Tax Administrator
Marty Needham, Planning Director/Project Manager
Daniel White, Parks & Recreation Director
Nathan Walls, Assistant to the County Manager/PIO
Travis Keever, Gould Killian CPAs

Chairman Goins called the meeting to order, delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Goins requested the Board review and approve the agenda. Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to approve the January 18, 2022 agenda.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the minutes of the January 3, 2022 Board meeting as presented. Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the consent agenda. Chris Knopf, County Manager, described the consent agenda items. Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Requests from the County Manager:

- Amend the Budget Calendar for the 2022 Board Retreat date from February 25 to February 23, 2022.
- Approve the following from the Tax Department:
  1. Total releases for the month ending 12/31/2021 in the amount of $483.52.
  2. Total refunds for the month ending 12/31/2021 in the amount of $6,357.48.
  3. Total NCVTS tag and tax refunds for the month ending 12/31/2021 in the amount of $680.46.
  4. Total real and personal property discoveries for the month ending 12/31/2021 in the amount of $26,130.64.
  5. Total motor vehicle discoveries for the month ending 12/31/2021 in the amount of $0.
  6. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC additions for the month ending 12/31/2021 in the amount of $80,195.84.
  7. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC refunds for the month ending 12/31/2021 in the amount of $55.00.
  8. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC releases for the month ending 12/31/2021 in the amount of $637.60.

9. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC collections for the month ending 12/31/2021 in the amount of $11,148.53.

- Approve the release of $54,000 of remaining budgeted Mountains-to-Sea Trail funds and the agreement with Destination by Design for the planning phase of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail between Burch Station and Pilot Mountain State Park.

Requests from the Finance Officer:

- Approve a request to transfer a 2000 Ford truck, VIN/Serial #1FTNX21LOYEB78172, from EMS to Parks & Recreation.

Chairman Goins announced that there would be no special recognitions since the meeting was all-virtual. He said the special recognitions would be rescheduled to the February 7, 2022 Board meeting.

Mr. Knopf said there would be no open forum since the meeting was all-virtual. He said the Board had met the statutory requirements to hold one open forum per month during the January 3, 2022 meeting.

Travis Keever, of Gould Killian CPAs, provided results from the County's four audit reports for FY21. He thanked the Finance staff and DSS staff for their assistance in the audit.

Mr. Keever said Gould Killian issued an unmodified opinion, also known as a clean opinion, on the County's financial statements, saying they are presented fairly in all material respects. Gould Killian did not note any material weaknesses on internal control of financial reporting and noted zero instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations, which is the best score an audit firm can provide. Mr. Keever said regarding compliance and internal control over compliance with federal and state grant awards, Gould Killian noted no material weaknesses. He said Gould Killian gave Surry County the highest opinion that an audit firm can award.

Mr. Keever said a second document Gould Killian completed included communications to the Board about the CPA firm's responsibilities with the audit. He said Surry County adopted a new accounting policy during FY21, which was made to bring the County in-line with similar sized local governments in the state. Mr. Keever said the new accounting policy had minimal impact on the County. He described further details about the second document.

Mr. Keever then presented a PowerPoint that highlighted general fund revenues, general fund expenditures, fund balance available, enterprise funds and property tax collection statistics.

Commissioner Marion said it was a good report and the County is doing well.

Chairman Goins thanked Mr. Keever for the presentation and applauded staff in various departments, including Finance, for making a good audit possible.

Commissioner Johnson requested a hard copy of the report, to which Mr. Keever responded once approval is received from the Local Government Commission, he would provide the document to the Board.

Commissioner Tucker asked how the County's audit compares to other local governments. Mr. Keever said there were no findings, which is the best result a local government can receive.

The audit PowerPoint is saved in the Government Center shared drive within the folder path titled: "F:\Administration\BOCC\BOCC Presentations."

Chairman Goins said there would be no presentations from Spencer's Mill redevelopment or Surry County Friends of Youth representatives since the meeting was all-virtual. The Spencer's Mill redevelopment presentation is rescheduled for the February 23 Board Retreat. The Surry County Friends of Youth presentation is rescheduled for a future meeting.

Marty Needham, Planning Director/ Project Manager, presented a proposed wireless communications tower text amendment revision to Zoning Ordinance Section 154.351, Development Standards, which had been recommended by the Planning Board. Mr. Needham read the proposed changes.

Mr. Knopf said the text was approximately 20 years old, so it needed revisions to accommodate changes with new wireless communication towers. He said he reviewed the text with Ed Woltz, County Attorney.

Mr. Knopf said the Board can hold the public hearing tonight, but will have to wait until the February 7, 2022 Board meeting to vote. He and Mr. Woltz added that the County had another 24 hours to receive comments for the public hearing.

Chairman Goins opened the public hearing.

Commissioner Tucker asked, even with new technology, if there would be a limitation, such as a wireless communications tower being as close as 1 mile from Pilot Mountain State Park. Mr. Knopf said it is possible for new towers to be that close to the park and discussed details of the viewshed study and tower approval process.

Responding to Commissioner Johnson, Mr. Knopf said the Planning Board would solely approve or deny new wireless communications towers through the Conditional Use Permitting process. Mr. Knopf confirmed to Commissioner Tucker that the Planning Board would provide final approval for new wireless communications towers.

Vice-Chairman Harris asked questions of Mr. Knopf about the history of wireless communications tower items being brought to the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Knopf said the revisions to the text were generated by staff after local providers contacted the County about problems with connectivity around Pilot Mountain State Park.

Chairman Goins closed the public hearing. It was stated that the Board will vote on the proposed wireless communications tower text amendment revision to Zoning Ordinance Section 154.351, Development Standards, at the next Board meeting on February 7, 2022.

Kristy Preston, DSS Director, presented a Director's Report. She asked the Board to sign the annual child confidentiality agreement, which is required of every DSS Board (the Board of County Commissioners also serves as the DSS Board). Ms. Preston requested the Board provide their signed forms to Nathan Walls, Clerk to the Board, who would then provide to her.

She also shared how stipends for foster care families recently increased, saying the stipend only reimburses the cost of care. Ms. Preston also provided a report on new staff, who have shown progress and will be completing training soon. She highlighted the excitement of new hires in the child welfare division. Ms. Preston added that the 10-month State Treasurer's Office audit of the County's Medicaid program was almost complete. She said thus far the State found an accuracy rate of 98 percent of County-approved Medicaid claims with a small amount of denied Medicaid benefit claims that were denied in error. Those benefits were paid back to the applicants from the denial date.

Mr. Knopf presented a change order request for the new detention center, requesting labor and materials for new fire hydrants and manhole covers to provide better preventive maintenance for water and sewer going to and out of the new facility. The total cost of the change order would be $53,089.

The Board discussed how the County's Interim Fire Marshal said the new fire hydrants are needed for compliance and to provide enough water to the facility, and the manhole covers would make it easier to unstop drain lines from flushed toilets when clogs occur.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the change order request for the new detention center, for new fire hydrants and manhole covers, totaling $53,089.

In a discussion about operational delays due to Winter Storm Izzy, Jessica Montgomery, Public Works Director, said the Eldora and Ararat convenience centers will open Wednesday, January 19 at 11 a.m. She said other Public Works facilities will be on a normal schedule.

Mr. Knopf presented a request for the Board to release an RFP to solicit a third party to revise Chapter 154, Zoning, in the Code of Ordinances. He said most of the language is more than 20 years old and needs revising to be consistent with N.C.G.S. 160D, which took effect January 1, 2021.

Commissioner Johnson asked Mr. Knopf who could do the work, to which he said there are over 10 land-use firms in the state that specialize in the revision of Zoning Chapter text. Commissioner Johnson also asked if the project can be completed for a reasonable cost, to which Mr. Knopf responded yes.

Commissioner Tucker said the revisions are very necessary and now is the right time for the project.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to release an RFP to solicit a third party to revise Chapter 154, Zoning, in the Code of Ordinances.

Mr. Knopf provided background for a public hearing related to Surry Rural Health Center's request to apply for the Rural Building Reuse grant, which would assist with a building expansion project. The grant could equal as much as $100,000. With Surry Rural Health Center's contribution, direct investment would total $387,000. The request includes a $5,000 match from the County.

Mr. Walls read comments from Todd Tucker, Surry County Economic Development Partnership President, in support of the grant application.

Chairman Goins opened the public hearing.

Commissioner Johnson voiced his support of the County providing the $5,000 match and said it would be money well spent.

Chairman Goins said that Dr. Challie Minton paid the $5,000 match for a previous grant application and the County should pay that amount for the current grant application.

Vice-Chairman Harris said he supports the Rural Health Center and explained why he voted against scheduling the public hearing at the

January 3, 2022 Board meeting because he thought the vote to prohibit Dr. Minton from paying the $5,000 was unnecessary. He said that if Dr. Minton chooses to pay the $5,000, then that's acceptable.

Commissioner Johnson asked the Board if they would be OK with accepting the $5,000 from Dr. Minton if he offers to pay it. Commissioner Tucker said he thinks the Board would accept the payment. Commissioner Johnson said he would inform Dr. Minton he can contribute $5,000 if he chooses.

Commissioner Marion said he supports the grant application.

Commissioner Tucker said Dr. Minton is doing a great job.

Chairman Goins closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Johnson said the Board will vote on the grant request at the February 7, 2022 Board meeting.

Vice-Chairman Harris re-connected to the meeting after his phone disconnected. He asked for the Board to repeat what Commissioner Johnson had said about the $5,000 topic. Chairman Goins repeated what Commissioner Johnson said.

Mr. Knopf told the Board that County non-emergency offices would open Wednesday, January 19 at 10 a.m. due to Winter Storm Izzy. He thanked County staff for making the adjustments to ensure compliance to hold the Board meeting virtually and for the technological support it took to make it a reality.

In General County Business, Commissioner Johnson welcomed Mr. Needham as the new Planning Director and thanked staff for adjusting to provide the meeting in an all-virtual format. He said several of his family members tested positive for COVID-19 and he hoped that everyone could get past it.

Commissioner Tucker thanked Public Works staff for their hard work in reopening convenience centers and for their everyday work in maintaining the landfill and convenience centers.

Commissioner Marion thanked staff for their hard work in adjusting to the weather to provide the all-virtual meeting and staff who responded to the storm. He said he had family members with COVID-19 and wished them a successful recovery.

Chairman Goins thanked staff for their work and reminded citizens to be safe as they travel.

Mr. Knopf said the scheduled closed session was rescheduled to the February 7, 2022 Board meeting.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:16 p.m.

All leases, contracts, agreements, resolutions, ordinances and documents referenced in the minutes are kept in the Clerk's Office or in the department office they are associated with.

Nathan Walls
Clerk to the Board

Surry County Board of Commissioners
Meeting of February 7, 2022

The Surry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m., February 7, 2022. The meeting was held in the Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Dobson, N.C.

Board members present in-person for the meeting were Chairman Bill Goins, Vice-Chairman Eddie Harris, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Mark Marion and Commissioner Van Tucker.

Others present in-person for the meeting, at various times, were:
Chris Knopf, County Manager
Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager
Mark Willis, Substance Abuse Recovery Director
Martha Brintle, MIS Director
Jessica Montgomery, Public Works/Facilities Director
Penny Harrison, Tax Administrator
Marty Needham, Planning Director/Project Manager
Daniel White, Parks & Recreation Director
Eric Southern, Emergency Services Director
Nick Brown, 911 Communications Director
Sheriff's Office Staff
Byron Isaacs, Emergency Management Coordinator
Jimmy Ashburn, Interim Fire Marshal
Nathan Walls, Assistant to the County Manager/PIO
Charlotte Reeves, Substance Abuse Recovery Department
Doug Jones, Retired Fire Marshal
Paula Sheets, Volunteer Receiving Special Recognition
Dr. Myra Cox, Elkin City Schools Superintendent
John Altemueller, Elkin City Schools Director of Maintenance
Dr. Kim Morrison, Mount Airy City Schools Superintendent
Jay Temple, Mount Airy City Schools Director of Auxiliary Services
Dr. Travis Reeves, Surry County Schools Superintendent
Robert Draughn, Surry County Schools Director of Maintenance
Dale Badgett, Surry County Schools Board of Education
Libby Radford, Amber Golding and Others, Tiny Tigers Rescue
Tamara Veit, Surry/Stokes Friends of Youth
News Media

Others present virtually for the meeting, at various times, were:
Ed Woltz, County Attorney

Chairman Goins called the meeting to order. Commissioner Tucker delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Goins requested the Board review and approve the agenda. Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the February 7, 2022 agenda.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the minutes of the January 18, 2022 Board meeting as presented. Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the consent agenda. Chris Knopf, County Manager, described the consent agenda items. Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Requests from the Assistant County Manager:

- **Approve workers' compensation and settlement activity for quarter ended December 31, 2021 in the amount of $157,390.62.**
- **Approve implementation of cyber insurance with Crum and Forster as recommended by Human Resources for a one-year term.**
- **Approve the reclassification of Planning Director to Planning Director/Project Manager, Grade 76, on the Position Classification Plan.**
- **Approve the addition of Tourism Coordinator to Grade 68 on the Position Classification Plan.**
- **Approve the renewal of a month-by-month lease for Westfield Community Center with Mount Airy Indoor Soccer and an annual lease renewal with Todd Dockery and Karen Dockery Hauser for the garage utilized by the Sheriff's Office.**
- **Approve a list of 2022 upcoming events and activities for Parks & Recreation.**
- **Approve fee waivers for the Cub Scout Day Camp Program and all Surry County schools as presented by the Parks & Recreation Director and an occasional fee waiver request that might be received, not to exceed $600, working in conjunction with the Assistant County Manager.**
- **Approve up to 10 gift certificates for day-long free shelter reservations for sponsorships and door prizes for special events throughout Surry County.**
- **Approve the following ordinance for Running the Vines on the third Saturday in May, 2022, which will include a two-hour closure of Twin Oaks Road, Snow Hill Church Circle, Caves Mill Road, Salem Fork Road, and Bob Wilmoth Road for Running the Vines 5K and 10K, as discussed with the Finance Committee:**

Surry County

North Carolina

ORDINANCE FOR RUNNING THE VINE

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A ROAD CLOSURE FOR

SHELTON RUNNING THE VINES 5/K, 10/K, AND ½ MILE KIDS' FUN RUN

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Surry County acknowledges a long tradition of providing recreational opportunities to the citizens of Surry County; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Surry County acknowledges the economic impact of recreation to the local businesses of Surry County; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Surry County acknowledges a race or run requires approximately two hours of traffic control or closure;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the County Commissioners of Surry County pursuant to the authority granted by G.S. 20-169 that they do hereby declare a temporary road closure during the day(s) and times set for below on the following described portion of a State Highway System route:

Date(s):	The Third Saturday of May Annually
Times:	7:00 a.m.– 10:00 a.m.
Route Description:	Twin Oaks Road, Snow Hill Church Circle, Bob Wilmoth Road, Caves Mill Road, and Salem Fork Road

This ordinance to become effective when signs are erected giving notice of the limits and times of the event, and implementation of adequate traffic control to protect participants and to guide vehicles around the event route.

Requests from the Finance Officer:

- **Approve the following Grant Project Ordinance for Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds:**

Grant Project Ordinance for the County of Surry Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Amendment #1

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Surry, North Carolina that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following grant project ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section 1: This ordinance is to establish a budget for a project to be funded by the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds of H.R. 1319 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (CSLRF). The County of Surry has received the first tranche in the amount of $6,971,503 of CSLRF funds. The total allocation is $13,943,006, with the remainder to be distributed to the County within 12 months. These funds may be used for the following categories of expenditures, to the extent authorized by state law.

1. Support public health expenditures, by funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff;
2. Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector;
3. Replace lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic;
4. Provide premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have borne and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors; and,
5. Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet.

Section 2: The following amounts are appropriated for the project and authorized for expenditure. The breakdown of expenditures included in Attachment A is hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Grant Project Ordinance.

CSLRF Project $13,943,006* (Breakdown in Attachment 1)

Section 3: The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete the project:

CSLRF Funds $13,943,006

Section 4: The Finance Officer is hereby directed to maintain sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of the grantor agency and the grant agreements.

Section 5: The Finance Officer is hereby directed to report the financial status of the project to the governing board on a quarterly basis.

Section 6: Copies of this grant project ordinance shall be furnished to the Finance Officer and to the Clerk to the Board.

Section 7: This grant project ordinance expires on December 31, 2026, or when all the CSLRF funds have been obligated and expended by the County, whichever occurs sooner.

Adopted this 6th day of December 2021 – Amended this 7th day of February 2022

Attachment A

Amendment #1 – February 7, 2022

Grant Project Ordinance for the County of Surry Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – Attachment A (Breakdown of Expenditures)

PROJECT CATEGORY	PROJECT CATEGORY DESCRIPTION	PROJECT TYPE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	APPROPRIATION OF CSLFRF MONIES
EC1	Public Health	Payroll Costs of Public Health, Safety, and Other Public Sector Staff Responding to COVID-19	Essential for COVID Response	1.9	3,943,006

EC6	Revenue Loss	Payroll Costs of Public Health, Safety, or Other Public Sector Staff	Revenue Loss	6.1	10,000,000
Total					**13,943,006**

- **Approve the following Budget Amendment #5:**

					Change #5
The Board of County Commissioners approved an amendment to the FY2021-2022 Budget Ordinance at their meeting on February 7, 2022.					
ACCOUNT			PREVIOUS		REVISED
CODE		DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHANGE	AMOUNT
GENERAL FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
Governing Body					
1054110	51500	Professional Services	250,000	15,000	265,000
		Increase departmental total	682,243	15,000	697,243
Non-Departmental					
1054199	59510	General Fund Contingency	100,000	(15,000)	85,000
1054199	59520	Salary Contingency	295,000	(60,040)	234,960
		Decrease departmental total	525,000	(75,040)	449,960
Earthquake Recovery Program Grant					
1054346	51720	Contracted Services	80,000	80,000	160,000
1054346	53010	Building & Grounds Maintenance	10,000	20,000	30,000
		Increase departmental total	100,000	100,000	200,000
Development Services					
1054349	52010	Supplies & Materials	3,000	(1,000)	2,000
1054349	52350	Automotive Supplies	2,500	(800)	1,700
1054349	53025	Software License	40,000	(1,000)	39,000
1054349	54010	Travel/Training	2,250	(1,000)	1,250
1054349	54200	Telephone	9,000	(1,000)	8,000
1054349	54250	Postage	1,750	(500)	1,250
		Decrease departmental total	455,802	(5,300)	450,502
Planning & Development (NEW)					
1054910	51010	Salaries & Wages	0	42,840	42,840
1054910	51300	Social Security	0	2,800	2,800
1054910	51310	Medicare	0	750	750
1054910	51330	Retirement	0	5,000	5,000
1054910	51350	Group Insurance	0	4,650	4,650
1054910	52010	Supplies & Materials	0	5,000	5,000
1054349	52350	Automotive Supplies	0	800	800
1054349	53025	Software License	0	1,000	1,000
1054349	54010	Travel/Training	0	1,000	1,000
1054349	54200	Telephone	0	1,000	1,000
1054943	54250	Postage	0	500	500
		Increase departmental total	0	65,340	65,340
Grassy Creek Grant					
1054963	51720	Contracted Services	0	295,000	295,000
		Increase departmental total	0	295,000	295,000
Services' Programs					
1055313	57856	Water Assistance - LIHWAP (NEW)	0	141,089	141,089
		Increase departmental total	3,712,040	141,089	3,853,129
Local Assistance					

1055321	57739	LINKS Special Account	51,308	29,692	81,000
		Increase departmental total	1,594,554	29,692	1,624,246
REVENUE					
1044346	43310	State Grant	100,000	100,000	200,000
1044963	43356	Clean Water Grant	0	195,000	195,000
1044963	43389	Division of Water Resources Grant	0	100,000	100,000
1045313	42405	Water Assistance - LIHWAP (NEW)	0	141,089	141,089
1045321	44639	LINKS Scholarship	51,308	29,692	81,000
		Increase fund totals.	85,965,903	565,781	86,531,684
GENERAL FUND-DEBT SERVICE					
EXPENDITURES					
Education Debt Service					
1259110	58132	Interest-2021 LOBs (NEW)	0	262,974	262,974
		Increase departmental total	4,539,187	262,974	4,802,161
County Building Debt Service					
1259150	58132	Interest-2021 LOBs (NEW)	0	932,362	932,362
		Increase departmental total	1,092,013	932,362	2,024,375
REVENUE					
1249110	49810	Transfer from GF-Capital Improvement	4,539,187	262,974	4,802,161
1249150	49810	Transfer from GF-Capital Improvement	1,092,013	932,362	2,024,375
		Increase fund totals.	5,631,200	1,195,336	6,826,536
GENERAL FUND-CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT					
EXPENDITURES					
2554245	59113	Transfer to Debt Service	5,631,200	1,195,336	6,826,536
REVENUE					
2544245	49900	Unencumbered Balance	0	1,195,336	1,195,336
		Increase fund totals.	10,765,136	1,195,336	11,960,472
CAPITAL OUTLAY-SCHOOLS					
EXPENDITURES					
2755912	57033	Mt. Airy-Land & Property	92,001	25,000	117,001
REVENUE					
2745912	49900	Unencumbered Balance	1,296,794	25,000	1,321,794
		Increase fund totals.	4,274,804	25,000	4,299,804

- Approve the release of Requests for Proposals on Audit Services, Computer Aided Dispatch, Records Management System, Jail Management System and Broadband.
- Approve the uniform guidance procurement policy for federal government or grant funds.

- **Approve the Provider Relief Fund (PRF) Phase 4 and Rural Funds, totaling $480,082.60.**
- **Approve the following Uniform Guidance Cost Principles Policy Resolution and Policy Overview as it relates to American Rescue Act Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds compliance:**

POLICY RESOLUTION FOR ALLOWABLE COSTS AND COST PRINCIPLES FOR EXPENDITURE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

WHEREAS the County of Surry, has received an allocation of funds from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds of H.R. 1319 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP/CSLFRF); and

WHEREAS the funds may be used for projects within these categories, to the extent authorized by state law.

1. Support the COVID-19 public health and economic response by addressing COVID-19 and its impact on public health as well as addressing economic harms to households, small businesses, nonprofits, impacted industries, and public sector;

2. Replace lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services up to the amount of revenue loss due to the pandemic;

3. Provide premium pay for eligible workers performing essential work, offering additional support to those who have borne and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors; and,

4. Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet; and

WHEREAS the ARP/CSLFRF are subject to the provisions of the federal Uniform Grant Guidance, 2 CFR Sect. 200 (UG), as provided in the Assistance Listing; and

WHEREAS the Compliance and Reporting Guidance for the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provides, in relevant part:

> **Allowable Costs/Cost Principles.** As outlined in the Uniform Guidance at 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E regarding Cost Principles, allowable costs are based on the premise that a recipient is responsible for the effective administration of Federal awards, application of sound management practices, and administration of Federal funds in a manner consistent with the program objectives and terms and conditions of the award. Recipients must implement robust internal controls and effective monitoring to ensure compliance with the Cost Principles, which are important for building trust and accountability.
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> ARP/CSLFRF Funds may be, but are not required to be, used along with other funding sources for a given project. Note that ARP/CSLFRF Funds may not be used for a non-Federal cost share or match were prohibited by other Federal programs, e.g., funds may not be used for the State share for Medicaid.
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> Treasury's Interim Final Rule and guidance and the Uniform Guidance outline the types of costs that are allowable, including certain audit costs. For example, per 2 CFR 200.425, a reasonably proportionate share of the costs of audits required by the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 are allowable; however, costs for audits that were not performed in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F are not allowable. Please see 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E regarding the Cost Principles for more information.
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> a. Administrative costs*:* Recipients may use funds for administering the SLFRF program, including costs of consultants to support effective management and oversight, including consultation for ensuring compliance with legal, regulatory, and other requirements. Further, costs must be reasonable and allocable as outlined in 2 CFR 200.404 and 2 CFR 200.405. Pursuant to the ARP/CSLFRF Award Terms and Conditions, recipients are permitted to charge both direct and indirect costs to their SLFRF award as administrative costs. Direct costs are those that are identified specifically as costs of implementing the ARP/CSLFRF program objectives, such as contract support, materials, and supplies for a project. Indirect costs are general overhead costs of an organization where a portion of such costs are allocable to the ARP/CSLFRF award such as the cost of facilities or administrative functions like a director's office. Each category of cost should be treated consistently in like circumstances as direct or indirect, and recipients may not charge the same administrative costs to both direct and indirect cost categories, or to other programs. If a recipient has a

current Negotiated Indirect Costs Rate Agreement (NICRA) established with a Federal cognizant agency responsible for reviewing, negotiating, and approving cost allocation plans or indirect cost proposals, then the recipient may use its current NICRA. Alternatively, if the recipient does not have a NICRA, the recipient may elect to use the de minimis rate of 10 percent of the modified total direct costs pursuant to 2 CFR 200.414(f).

b. Salaries and Expenses*:* In general, certain employees' wages, salaries, and covered benefits are an eligible use of ARP/CSLFRF award funds; and

WHEREAS Subpart E of the UG dictates allowable costs and cost principles for expenditure of ARP/CSLFRF funds; and

WHEREAS Subpart E of the UG (specifically, 200.400) states that:

The application of these cost principles is based on the fundamental premises that:

(a) The non-Federal entity is responsible for the efficient and effective administration of the Federal award through the application of sound management practices.
(b) The non-Federal entity assumes responsibility for administering Federal funds in a manner consistent with underlying agreements, program objectives, and the terms and conditions of the Federal award.
(c) The non-Federal entity, in recognition of its own unique combination of staff, facilities, and experience, has the primary responsibility for employing whatever form of sound organization and management techniques may be necessary in order to assure proper and efficient administration of the Federal award.
(d) The application of these cost principles should require no significant changes in the internal accounting policies and practices of the non-Federal entity. However, the accounting practices of the non-Federal entity must be consistent with these cost principles and support the accumulation of costs as required by the principles and must provide for adequate documentation to support costs charged to the Federal award.
(e) In reviewing, negotiating, and approving cost allocation plans or indirect cost proposals, the cognizant agency for indirect costs should generally assure that the non-Federal entity is applying these cost accounting principles on a consistent basis during their review and negotiation of indirect cost proposals. Where wide variations exist in the treatment of a given cost item by the non-Federal entity, the reasonableness and equity of such treatments should be fully considered.
(f) For non-Federal entities that educate and engage students in research, the dual role of students as both trainees and employees (including pre- and post-doctoral staff) contributing to the completion of Federal awards for research must be recognized in the application of these principles.
(g) The non-Federal entity may not earn or keep any profit resulting from Federal financial assistance, unless explicitly authorized by the terms and conditions of the Federal award;

BE IT RESOLVED that the governing board of County of Surry hereby adopts and enacts the following US Cost Principles Policy for the expenditure of ARP/CSLFRF funds.

The Board provided special recognitions to Paula Sheets, volunteer with the Substance Abuse Recovery Department, and Doug Jones, retired Fire Marshal. Charlotte Reeves, of the Substance Abuse Recovery Department, complimented Ms. Sheets on her hard work. Mr. Jones gave a speech about who and what he is thankful for. The Surry County Fire Chiefs Council also presented a large trophy to Mr. Jones for his retirement.

Chairman Goins said special recognitions for the Register of Deeds staff was rescheduled to the February 21, 2022 Board meeting.

Chairman Goins declared the meeting to be an open forum and invited members of the audience to address the Board on any matters of civic concern.

Brenda McCallop, speaking on behalf of the Save Jones School Group, discussed how she wanted to preserve the Jones Resource Center. She discussed wanting to establish a foundation and invited the Board to walk with interested individuals on the journey.

Ken Badgett, speaking on behalf of the Save Jones School Group, provided history on the handling of local schools by boards of education, stated the value of Jones Resource Center to the African American community and said the building should be transferred to the African American community.

Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager, introduced Marty Needham as Planning Director/Project Manager. Mr. Needham spoke with the Board briefly, saying he looks forward to working with them.

Ms. Snow also introduced Byron Isaacs as the new Emergency Management Coordinator. Mr. Isaacs spoke briefly, saying he was excited for the opportunity.

Adrienne Bell, speaking on behalf of the Save Jones School Group, provided a history of the former Needmore Street in Mount Airy, which is now Virginia Street. She said Needmore Street is where many African American businesses were located and has been redeveloped over the years in the name of progress. Ms. Bell listed current businesses that replaced the African American businesses that never returned. She said that the current Board had nothing to do with Needmore Street businesses being eliminated, but the Board can help right a wrong by transferring Jones Resource Center to the African American community.

Seeing there were no further speakers, Chairman Goins closed the open forum.

Jonathan Sutphin of the Surry County Fire Chiefs Council was mistakenly scheduled to present an item on the County's firefighter shortage. The item is scheduled for the February 21, 2022 Board meeting.

Libby Radford introduced Amber Golding of Tiny Tigers Rescue, who presented a Powerpoint. Ms. Golding reviewed the mission of Tiny Tigers Rescue. She said that if 300 cats were spayed or neutered, it would prevent approximately 1,800 births, as well as numerous injuries and diseases.

Ms. Golding described the Trap, Neuter and Return (TNR) program.

Examples of success were provided. Photographs of serious injuries were also shown.

Ms. Golding also said if the TNR program and other examples were implemented, it would save Surry County money. She said spaying and neutering 300 cats would save the County $500,000.

Ms. Golding said there are approximately 50 feral colonies in Surry County municipalities.

The Board asked questions of Ms. Golding. Commissioner Tucker asked if other counties fund similar efforts, to which Ms. Golding said the Christiansburg, Virginia area has free spay/neuter clinics. Chairman Goins discussed efforts in Rowan County.

Tiny Tigers Rescue volunteers said they were open to whatever funding Surry County can provide.

Commissioner Johnson requested that the topic be revisited in the future.

The Tiny Tigers Rescue PowerPoint is saved in the Government Center shared drive within the folder path titled: "F:\Administration\BOCC\BOCC Presentations."

Penny Harrison, Tax Administrator, presented a request to advertise liens on real property and schedule the sale of tax foreclosures.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to advertise liens on real property, totaling $1,775,708.14.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to schedule the sale of the following tax foreclosures: Parcel #s 590703219389, 590703308834, 590703312164, 590703312472, 590703313493, 590703315114, 590703316123, 590703317180, 499800666147, 591600230536, 596619618542, 595700533957, 595700541071 and 407000855457.

Tamara Veit, of Surry/Stokes Friends of Youth, presented a Powerpoint describing how substance abuse is affecting children at home. She said substance use is growing with younger children and many of them are getting drugs at home.

Ms. Veit provided statistics on overdose events and deaths for children in Surry County below 18.

She discussed methamphetamine problems in houses with children.

Ms. Veit detailed a grant that Surry/Stokes Friends of Youth recently won for $624,000 over three years. The grant is provided by the Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention and is one out of only 16 that were awarded nationally. The grant will provide enhanced mentoring and services for substance abuse-affected youth, which Ms. Veit described.

She said the organization is looking to hire a volunteer coordinator.

Ms. Veit said it would be great if Surry/Stokes Friends of Youth can attract 50 new volunteers.

She said she would report back in approximately one year about grant results.

The Surry/Stokes Friends of Youth PowerPoint is saved in the Government Center shared drive within the folder path titled: "F:\Administration\BOCC\BOCC Presentations."

Mr. Knopf introduced school superintendents for presentations on the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund.

Dr. Myra Cox, Elkin City Schools Superintendent, and John Altemueller, Elkin City Schools Director of Maintenance, discussed the need for renovations to the second floor of the N.H. Carpenter Gymnasium, where locker rooms and public restrooms are located. Dr. Cox discussed student outcomes that would result from grant funding. The school system would request a $125,000 local match from Surry County, if awarded the $2.5 million grant. She said the deadline for the grant application is March 15 and the design for the project has already been completed by Pinnacle Architecture.

Dr. Kim Morrison, Mount Airy City Schools Superintendent, and Jay Temple, Mount Airy City Schools Director of Auxiliary Services, discussed ADA compliance needs for a project at Mount Airy High School. The project was split into two phases, with the school system only presenting a request for phase one, totaling $1,179,390. Commissioner Johnson said he would like to see phase two of the project, as well, at the upcoming Board Retreat on February 23, 2022.

Dr. Travis Reeves, Surry County Schools Superintendent, presented three separate grant application presentations for East Surry, North Surry and Surry Central high school projects. Dale Badgett, Surry County Schools Board of Education, and Robert Draughn, Surry County Schools Director of Maintenance, were also present. Dr. Reeves said that the three high schools opened within three years of each other, between 1959 to 1962. The grant applications for the schools total $39,951,654 (East Surry), $43,406,637 (North Surry) and $43,698,454 (Surry Central), with a 5 percent local match for each needed from Surry County. Vice-Chairman Harris said he was happy to see the State getting more involved in school construction. Dr. Reeves, responding to Chairman Goins, said he plans to bid out what he can if the State doesn't award the full amount for the school projects.

Jessica Montgomery, Public Works Director, presented a request to purchase a roll-off truck, following an accident with a previous vehicle. She said thankfully no one was injured.

Ms. Montgomery said Surry County received $70,000 back from the insurance company for the previous truck. She said an auction held at the Surry County Landfill raised approximately $200,000. Ms. Montgomery said the two sources could combine to purchase the roll-off truck.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to approve Public Works' purchase of a roll-off truck with $270,000 in existing department funds.

Mr. Knopf presented a request from the Town of Dobson, asking if Surry County would like to contribute to the purchase of a new ladder truck for the Dobson Volunteer Fire Department. The Board reached consensus to defer the request to the upcoming Board Retreat on February 23, 2022.

Mr. Knopf and Eric Southern, Emergency Services Director, presented a request from Northern Regional Hospital for an ambulance franchise application. Mr. Southern said that Emergency Services saw their call volume triple in the last year and said that Northern receives many patients from the area, including from Virginia. He detailed how hospital transfers from Surry County's two hospitals forced Emergency Services ambulances to be heavily used, influencing paramedics to leave employment with Surry County.

Chairman Goins said this could reduce numbers in the waiting room at Northern Regional Hospital.

Mr. Knopf reminded the Board how the franchise application must be voted on twice due to NCGS requirements.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve Northern Regional Hospital for a five-year ambulance franchise, to be brought back for a second vote at the February 21, 2022 Board meeting.

Mr. Knopf requested the Board vote on a $100,000 Rural Health Care Grant application, including a 5% local match from Surry County for $5,000. The application would be for Surry Rural Health Center.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution and request for Surry Rural Health Center to apply for a $100,000 Rural Health Care

Grant, to include a 5% local match from Surry County for $5,000, if awarded:

WHEREAS, Surry County approved the application by Minton Family Properties, LLC for a $100,000 Building Reuse Grant conditioned upon a 5% match from Surry County, the creation of 10 new full-time E-verify positions within 24 months of the effective date, April 18, 2019, and the maintenance of those positions for not less than 6 months.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that Surry County enter into a Reimbursement Agreement for Funds Provided by N. C. Department of Commerce Building Reuse Grant for use by Minton Family Properties, LLC and make the following representations:

1. Surry County has full power and authority to enter into the Reimbursement Agreement and to enter into and carry out the transactions contemplated by that Agreement.
2. Surry County has duly authorized the execution and delivery of the Reimbursement Agreement by proper County action, including adoption of the within resolution.
3. Surry County is not in default under the provisions of the Reimbursement Agreement.
4. The within resolution is adopted by Surry County in accordance with North Carolina law.
5. Surry County duly authorizes, executes and delivers the Reimbursement Agreement which constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation, enforceable in accordance with its terms.
6. No member, director, officer or official of Surry County has any interest (financial, employment or other) in Minton Family Properties, LLC, the facility or the site, or any transaction contemplated by the Reimbursement Agreement.
7. Other than as set forth in the Reimbursement Agreement, no consent, authorization, order or approval of or filing with any governmental authority or other entity or person, including without limitation, consent from County-related personnel, is required for the execution and delivery of the Reimbursement Agreement.

This is the 7th day of February 2022.

Mr. Knopf requested the Board vote on the Section 154.351 zoning ordinance text amendment.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following zoning ordinance text amendment for Section 154.351:

Section 154.351 of the Code of Ordinances, Surry County, North Carolina, is hereby amended as follows:

154.351 Development Standards
(L) Towers that are located within the viewshed of Pilot Mountain State Park, Raven Knob Scout Reservation, and Cumberland Knob Recreation Area must not detract from surrounding said viewsheds. Applicants shall provide a viewshed visibility analysis depicting how the tower will appear from multiple given points within Pilot Mountain State Park, Raven Knob Scout Reservation, and Cumberland Knob Recreation Area, as applicable. The applicant shall determine these points with the Zoning Administrator prior to submission of the viewshed visibility analysis. The Zoning Administrator shall consult with the appropriate staff at Pilot Mountain State Park, Raven Knob Scout Reservation, and Cumberland Knob Recreation Area for their comments regarding viewshed impacts. The Planning Board shall consider the impact of the tower on the applicable viewshed when determining its suitability.

The Code of Ordinances, Surry County, North Carolina, is hereby amended by adding a section, to be numbered 154.351 (M), which section shall read as follows:

(M) Towers shall comply with Chapter 152 Mountain Ridge Protection.

Mr. Knopf reviewed details of the American Rescue Plan Act. He said the American Rescue Plan Act funds can be received for salaries ($3,943,006) and revenue loss ($10 million), totaling $13,943,006. Mr. Knopf then presented the "Invest in Surry" plan, which would cover the categories of Infrastructure, Public Health, Public Recreation, Community Development, Public Safety and Other (which would be used for non-profits). He discussed full details of the plan.

Mr. Knopf recommended the following allocations for the "Invest in Surry" plan: $2.5 million for public water and/or sewer, $300,000 for Camp Creek projects, $2 million for fiber broadband and $1.7 million for airport improvements (all for Infrastructure category); $1.2 million for

Health & Nutrition Center HVAC/renovation projects, $100,000 for PPE and $350,000 for substance abuse recovery renovations (all for Public Health category); $225,000 for Fisher River Park, $250,000 for river accesses, $225,000 for community parks, $150,000 for Mountain Park ballfield lighting, $150,000 for Dobson ballfield lighting and $200,000 for the Mountains-to-Sea Trail (all for Public Recreation category); $200,000 for an unnamed project, $400,000 for the Surry Arts Council, $200,000 for the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History and $125,000 for the Surry Digital Platform (all for Community Development category); $500,000 for Public Safety incident response, $750,000 for Public Safety systems replacement, $70,000 for a public information sign and $244,314 for cybersecurity (all for Public Safety category); and $2.1 million for non-profits (all for Other category). The "Invest in Surry" plan would total $13,939,314.

He said the application process was included in the agenda packet and needed to be approved tonight.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to approve the leave.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the "Invest in Surry" plan, which includes the above allocations.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to release the application for non-profits to apply for public purpose "Invest in Surry" funds.

Mr. Knopf thanked Denise Brown in the Finance Office for her hard work related to the ARPA Plan.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda to add an item about an offer made for surplus properties at 130 Rawley Avenue.

Nathan Walls, Assistant to the County Manager/PIO, presented an item, saying that a $200,000 offer had been made for surplus properties at 130 Rawley Avenue.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the $200,000 offer made for surplus properties at 130 Rawley Avenue and start the upset bid process, reserving the Board's right to accept or reject the final offer.

Mr. Walls presented requests for appointments and reappointments to boards and committees.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Kristy Preston, Jeff Eads, Monroe Wagoner, Dr. Myra Cox and Sonya Cheek to the Substance Abuse Recovery Advisory Council.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Tim Watson to the Substance Abuse Recovery Advisory Council.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Mike Branch, Donna Collins, Rusty York and Joyce Andrews to the Recreation Advisory Committee.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint David Taylor, Bobbie Collins, Les

Bennett, Terry Jason White, Gary Lee Brown, Paula Stanley and Vance (Terry) Kennedy to the Board of Equalization and Review.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Linda Johnson to the Joint Community Advisory Committee.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to enter closed session to discuss an item pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) legal.

The Board returned from closed session and resumed regular business.

Upon motion of Chairman Goins, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve, but not release, January 3, 2022 closed session minutes.

Upon motion of Chairman Goins, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to approve, but not release, December 6, 2021 closed session minutes.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:49 p.m.

All leases, contracts, agreements, resolutions, ordinances and documents referenced in the minutes are kept in the Clerk's Office or in the department office they are associated with.

Nathan Walls
Clerk to the Board

Surry County Board of Commissioners
Meeting of February 21, 2022

The Surry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m., February 21, 2022. The meeting was held in the Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Dobson, N.C.

Board members present in-person for the meeting were Chairman Bill Goins, Vice-Chairman Eddie Harris, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Mark Marion and Commissioner Van Tucker.

Others present in-person for the meeting, at various times, were:
Chris Knopf, County Manager
Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager
Ed Woltz, County Attorney
Todd Harris, Register of Deeds
Register of Deeds Staff
Martha Brintle, MIS Director
Jonathon Sutphin, Westfield Fire Chief
County Fire Chiefs
Daniel White, Parks & Recreation Director
Eric Southern, Emergency Services Director
Nick Brown, 911 Communications Director
Paul Barker, Chief Deputy
Byron Isaacs, Emergency Management Coordinator
Jimmy Ashburn, Fire Marshal
Nathan Walls, Assistant to the County Manager/PIO
Scott Rhine, PART Executive Director
News Media

Chairman Goins called the meeting to order. Commissioner Johnson delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Goins requested the Board review and approve the agenda. Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the February 21, 2022 agenda.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the minutes of the February 7, 2022 Board meeting as presented. Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the consent agenda. Chris Knopf, County Manager, described the consent agenda items. Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Requests from the County Manager:
- Approve an Ambulance Service Franchise for Northern Regional Hospital for a five-year term; this is the required second approval per NCGS 153A-46.
- Approve an existing Ambulance Franchise Agreement with Hospice of Surry County, Inc. (dba Mountain Valley Hospice and Palliative Care) for another 1-year period beginning April 1, 2022. The approval comes with the option for Hospice of Surry County, Inc. (dba Mountain Valley Hospice and Palliative Care) to amend the agreement in the future to accommodate transporting non-hospice patients.
- Approve the transfer of the Graham Field deed from Surry County to the City of Mount Airy.
- Approve the following from the Tax Department:

1. Total releases for the month ending 1/31/2022 in the amount of $1,398.71.
2. Total refunds for the month ending 1/31/2022 in the amount of $12,051.97.
3. Total NCVTS tag and tax refunds for the month ending 1/31/2022 in the amount of $1,909.35.
4. Total real and personal property discoveries for the month ending 1/31/2022 in the amount of $1,951.22.
5. Total motor vehicle discoveries for the month ending 1/31/2022 in the amount of $0.
6. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC additions for the month ending 1/31/2022 in the amount of $0.
7. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC refunds for the month ending 1/31/2022 in the amount of $0.
8. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC releases for the month ending 1/31/2022 in the amount of $0.
9. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC collections for the month ending 1/31/2022 in the amount of $10,237.48.

Requests from the Assistant County Manager:

- Approve reclassification of position #434003 from Fire Marshal Grade 69 to Fire Marshal Grade 70 and reflect the change on the Position Classification Plan.
- Approve reclassification of position #517802 from Social Worker II Grade 67 to OSSOG V Grade 61 with a new budget of 5121.
- Approve reclassification of position #515410 from Social Worker II Grade 67 to Foreign Language Interpreter II Grade 63 with a new budget of 5163.

Requests from the Finance Officer:

- Approve awarding of contract of the NCGS Chapter 160D and other updates to Chapter 154 of the Code of Ordinances project to State Code Enforcement, Inc. for $26,250.
- Approve to consent to State Budget Directed Grants, including:
  - $4 million for Pilot Mountain Bean Shoals Trail
  - $362,500 for capital improvements to a County-owned building
  - $4 million for Surry Community College watershed
  - $2.9 million for Airport capital improvements
    (the above four grants were awarded in Session Law 2021-180, House Bill 105)
  - $84,269.66 for Sheriff's Office expenses consistent with 19A.3(c)
    (these monies are being managed by different agencies through MOUs with the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM), which is instructed to get monies to receiving government entities by February 26, 2022.
- Approve the following resolution to convey a K9 American aluminum cage from the Surry County Sheriff's Office to the Pilot Mountain Police Department:

Resolution Approving Conveyance of Personal Property to Another Governmental Unit Pursuant to G.S. 160A-280

WHEREAS, the County of Surry owns a K9 American Aluminum Cage; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 160A-280 authorizes a county to convey personal property for nonmonetary consideration to another government entity if the governing board deems the property to be surplus, obsolete, or unused; and

WHEREAS, the County of Surry has determined that the personal property described above is surplus, obsolete, or unused; and

WHEREAS, the County of Surry finds that the public will benefit from the conveyance of the property described above by enhancing the public safety resources available in Surry County.

THEREFORE, THE SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLVES THAT:

The Board Chairman of Surry is authorized to execute all documents necessary to convey one K9 American Aluminum Cage to Pilot Mountain Police Department.

The consideration for the conveyance is enhancing the public safety resources in Surry County.

In accordance with the notice requirements of N.C.G.S. § 160A-280, public notice of this resolution was given by posting on the County of Surry, North Carolina website.

Adopted this the 21st day of February, 2022.

The Board provided special recognitions to Register of Deeds staff for achieving UNC School of Government certifications. Staff members recognized were Laken Haynes, Misti Collins, Jennifer Barker and Todd Harris.

The Board also provided special recognitions to Audrey and Reagan Poindexter, who are Surry County's first females to achieve Eagle Scout status.

Chairman Goins declared the meeting to be an open forum and invited members of the audience to address the Board on any matters of civic concern.

Danny Stanley discussed private road and dam issues in the Patriot Place neighborhood, off Hamlin Ford Road. He spoke about a grant he had researched and requested the County apply for it on the neighborhood's behalf.

Sonya Dodd spoke on behalf of the Save Jones School Group. She discussed the history of the building when it was J.J. Jones High School and the pride African Americans have in the school. Ms. Dodd said the sale of the school would erase memories. She said it would be great to say that the Board of Commissioners wanted to preserve the building.

LaShene Lowe spoke on behalf of the Save Jones School Group. She asked all in support of saving the school to stand up, to which a large group of citizens stood. Ms. Lowe said most in support were Jones alumni. She provided more history of the school.

Nevada Lowe spoke on behalf of the Save Jones School Group. She said she didn't graduate from Jones but is a supporter. Ms. Lowe said she was one of the first Africa Americans to attend public school in Surry County, at East Surry High School. She discussed her career, history of Jones and local school integration. Ms. Lowe said that Jones school means a lot to the community.

LaShene Lowe introduced her 99-year-old friend, Ms. George, who was part of the first graduating class at J.J. Jones High School and was upset about the sale of the school.

Michael Stanley discussed the private road and dam issues in the Patriot Place neighborhood. He said the development represents $1.7 million of taxable property, equaling $9,557 per resident. Mr. Stanley said the road gets in such bad condition that mail can't be delivered. He asked that the Board apply for the grant.

Brenda Freeman discussed the private road and dam issues in the Patriot Place neighborhood. She described how the road's bad condition has impacted lives and requested that the Board apply for the grant.

Craig Smith, the local NAACP President, spoke on behalf of the Save Jones School Group. He said preserving the building was about doing the right thing.

Julia Mitchell spoke on behalf of the Save Jones School Group. She said she has great memories of the school and wants history preserved. Ms. Mitchell asked the Board to read the packet of information she provided to the Board.

Brenda Scales, a descendant of Bob Dyson, a former slave who donated the land to Jones school, spoke. She discussed her family history and visiting Surry County when she was a child, not being allowed to swim in a pool that African Americans had built. Ms. Scales said selling Jones school would be another attempt to erase Black history.

Brenda McCallop spoke on behalf of the Save Jones School Group. She said she was one of the first African Americans to integrate East Surry High School. Ms. McCallop said James Templeton walked the hallways of East Surry High School protecting African American children. She said her parents were farmers in Surry County and her mother told her to never lower her head to anyone.

Jackie Snow spoke on behalf of the Save Jones School Group. He was a 1965 graduate of Jones High School. Mr. Snow detailed his academic, professional and military accomplishments. He said many people don't realize the fame attached with Jones High School, which has a large historical reference. Mr. Snow discussed students making bricks by hand to construct the school and other buildings, including the recreation center with pool that Blacks couldn't use after its construction.

The George family, including Sadie George, Carolyn George and Yvette Jones spoke. The mother is the 99-year-old friend of LaShene Lowe. One of the daughters described how her mother was upset about the sale of the school and that their sister was in the last class of the school. She asked the Board to put themselves in their shoes to see how they would feel.

Billie King spoke on behalf of the Save Jones School Group. She said she was in the last class of J.J. Jones High School in 1966. Ms. King said the school had the best band in Mount Airy and had choirs. She said she loved the school. Ms. King described her education and career background, as well as the history of the school.

Bobby Scales, a descendant of Bob Dyson, who he was named after, provided a history about Mr. Dyson. He said there should be a monument in his honor. Mr. Scales discussed the history of the school and the era of its operation as an African American school. He asked for the property to be given to the African American community.

Seeing there were no further speakers, Chairman Goins closed the open forum.

Jonathon Sutphin, of the Surry County Fire Chiefs Council and Westfield VFD Fire Chief, and other local fire chiefs, presented a request to examine firefighter shortage solutions for Surry County. Chief Sutphin presented five concerns, including decreasing number of volunteer firefighters, decreasing call responses from firefighters, decreasing certified firefighters, staffing issues during the day and proper equipment issues.

The chiefs researched six other counties – Forsyth, Guilford, Avery, Stokes, Wilkes and Yadkin - to see what they have done to address the same issues. He said Stokes, Wilkes and Yadkin don't have a program to address the issues. Forsyth, Guilford and Avery have all decided to go with the formula of two men and a truck to get more firefighters to a scene. Chief Sutphin detailed similarities between the Surry County firefighter situation and the other three counties.

He detailed three options that include the two men and a truck formula. The first option allows the county to be split into two districts with a truck in each district. A captain would be staffed at the Fire Marshal's Office with a truck for additional support.

The second option would include the same ingredients as the first option, except three districts would exist with one truck each, and the captain would also have an additional truck, to cover three districts.

The third option includes three districts with one truck each, and the captain would also have an additional truck. One mini-pumper would also be purchased and staffed to provide more water resources for firefighting. Chief Sutphin said Surry County currently has two pumper trucks in their volunteer fire departments. This option could help each department lower their ISO ratings, which influences property insurance rates.

The Holly Springs, White Dirt Road and South Surry areas could serve as locations to house the new vehicles. Chief Sutphin explained the need to take the mini-pumper to a heated location at night.

The fire chiefs made comments about their request.

Board members asked questions. Vice-Chairman Harris asked if this would be funded separately of the volunteer fire district taxes. Chief Sutphin said a county-wide service tax and raising each volunteer fire district's tax rate were researched. He said raising each volunteer fire district's tax rate could prove to be legally challenging. Chief Sutphin said if the Board would like the chiefs to look at other options, they can do that.

Commissioner Johnson said the time is now to partner with the Surry County Fire Chiefs Council on funding possibilities.

Vice-Chairman Harris said these are very complex issues that could take one year to look at because there are long and far-reaching issues at play. He said we want to get it right and do this judiciously and prudently.

Commissioner Tucker and Vice-Chairman Harris asked the chiefs multiple questions. Commissioner Tucker said he would like a public hearing on this matter.

Vice-Chairman Harris asked staff to research the number of volunteer firefighters at all 19 stations.

Chief Sutphin said moving forward being proactive is the best move.

Commissioner Johnson said the five-year plan in the agenda packets is a positive roadmap ahead. He said let's start with this as a foundation and go from there.

Chairman Goins said he would support the foundation of a committee to develop a long-range plan.

Scott Rhine, PART Executive Director, presented a request asking the Board to re-consider their stance on exiting as a member of the Piedmont Area Regional Transit.

The Board asked about ridership being down. Commissioner Tucker asked Rhine if ridership numbers show the number of total riders or each time a rider gets on a different bus, to which Rhine confirmed the latter.

PART's sources of funding were discussed.

Yadkin and Davie counties having no funding sources (no rental car agencies and no vehicle registration fees) was discussed. This meant that Yadkin and Davie counties have no bus service but do have vanpool service since they remained as members.

Commissioner Johnson, with passion, shared how he wished to exit PART as a member.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to withdraw from PART.

Mr. Knopf asked the Board to amend the agenda for a request from the Health & Nutrition Center to purchase a truck to pull the department's incident trailer.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda for a request from the Health & Nutrition Center to purchase a truck to pull the department's incident trailer.

Mr. Knopf presented the Health & Nutrition Center request. The department asked to purchase a new truck for $88,000 with additional addenda COVID-19 funds. The truck would have the towing capacity to pull the department's incident trailer and would replace the need to ask Emergency Services to pull it each time.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously for the Health & Nutrition Center to purchase a new truck in Mount Airy for $88,000 with additional addenda COVID-19 funds.

Nathan Walls, Assistant to the County Manager/PIO, requested the Board vote on reappointments and an appointment to the Animal Control Committee.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Tony Tilley and Tony Davis to the Animal Control Committee.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Melissa Hiatt to the Animal Control Committee.

In General County Business, Commissioner Johnson thanked the Save Jones School Group members and Patriots Place residents for their comments during open forum.

Vice Chairman Harris thanked the Save Jones School Group members for their comments and spoke about his love of history and work with the Surry County Historical Society. He said he would do everything he can to preserve the J.J. Jones High School building.

Commissioner Tucker echoed Vice-Chairman Harris's remarks. He discussed, in detail, the decision to surplus the Jones building and Westfield Community Center. Commissioner Tucker said the Jones building will be expensive to repair and maintain, whether it will be in the form of the old school or another entity in it.

Commissioner Tucker discussed the war memorial and flagpole with bell at Westfield Community Center. He said a Boy Scout wants to bring in equipment to move both to the Westfield Baptist Church property. Ed Woltz, County Attorney, discussed the need to convey the items to the church if the church consents to keep the items for public use.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to surplus the flagpole with bell and war memorial.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to convey the flagpole with bell and war memorial to Westfield Baptist Church with the church's consent to keep the items for public use.

Commissioner Marion thanked the Save Jones School Group members for their comments and said the Board has always meant to preserve the building. He also thanked the fire chiefs for their presentation and service.

Chairman Goins echoed Commissioner Marion's comments and recognized Jimmy Ashburn, new Fire Marshal.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to enter closed session to discuss items pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) legal and pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) personnel.

The Board exited closed session and resumed regular business.

Upon motion of Chairman Goins, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to reimburse legal fees to two Surry County telecommunicators.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:49 p.m.

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Nathan Walls
Clerk to the Board

Surry County Board of Commissioners
Meeting of February 23, 2022
Board Planning Retreat

The Surry County Board of Commissioners met all day February 23, 2022. The meeting was held at the White Sulphur Springs Event Center, Mount Airy, N.C.

Board members present in-person for the meeting were Chairman Bill Goins, Vice-Chairman Eddie Harris, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Mark Marion and Commissioner Van Tucker.

Others present in-person for the meeting, at various times, were:
Chris Knopf, County Manager
Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager
Ed Woltz, County Attorney
Rhonda Nixon, Finance Officer
Penny Harrison, Tax Administrator
Tax Office Staff
Mark Willis, Substance Abuse Recovery Department
Substance Abuse Recovery Department Staff
Michella Huff, Elections Director
Nathan Walls, Assistant to the County Manager/PIO
Laura Neely, Dobson Town Manager
Jeff Eads, Partners Health Management
Dr. Travis Reeves, Surry County Schools Superintendent
Dr. Kim Morrison, Mount Airy City Schools Superintendent
Mount Airy City Schools Staff
Bill Powell, LT Consulting
Matthew Dolge, PTRC Executive Director
PTRC Staff and Consultant
Ted Alexander, Preservation NC
Ron Niland, Mount Airy Mayor
Jessica Roberts, Mount Airy Tourism
Lizzie Morrison, Mount Airy Downtown
Bryan Grote, Spencer's Mill Project Volunteer
Save Jones School Group
News Media

Chairman Goins called the meeting to order. Commissioner Marion delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Goins requested the Board review and approve the agenda. Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to approve the February 23, 2022 Board Planning Retreat agenda.

Each Board member opened the meeting by thanking staff for their work in making the Board Planning Retreat possible and stating how the meeting is important for the County's future.

Penny Harrison, Tax Administrator, and Roger Bedsaul, Appraisal Supervisor, presented revenue and preliminary valuation estimates for FY22. Ms. Harrison said we saw growth compared to last fiscal year, real property values are holding strong. She said many large businesses do not list until April 15, so more data will be available after that time.

Ms. Harrison said motor vehicle tax revenue has leveled off in the last six months. She said personal property tax revenue, as of February 22, showed growth compared to last fiscal year.

Commissioner Johnson and Ms. Harrison discussed issues related to motor vehicle taxes, including chip issues affecting the sales of new vehicles. She said, according to the State, there has been a 7 to 10 percent increase in motor vehicle values.

Mr. Bedsaul provided information about home sales. He said at the end of calendar year 2021, sales were 16 percent above market rate on single family homes with a lot. Mr. Bedsaul attributes that to very little inventory of homes under $200,000. He provided an example of a 900 square foot home in Pilot Mountain selling for $190,000. Mr. Bedsaul said this was the most out of proportion he's ever seen it and that he sees a future housing market crash. He said, for the first time, flippers are paying above tax value. Mr. Bedsaul said we're close to $170,000 median home value and foreclosures are increasing.

Commissioner Johnson gave citizens credit for paying their taxes.

Rhonda Nixon, Finance Officer, requested the Board approve budget amendment #6 for the FY22 budget, which is shown below:

					Change #6
The Board of County Commissioners approved an amendment to the FY2021-2022 Budget Ordinance at their meeting on February 23, 2022.					
ACCOUNT			PREVIOUS		REVISED
CODE		DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHANGE	AMOUNT
GENERAL FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
Communicable Disease					
1055121	51720	Supplies & Materials	83,988	143,972	227,960
1055121	56010	Equipment	5,600	86,055	91,655
		Increase departmental total	989,388	230,027	1,219,415
Service Programs					
1055313	57850	Crisis Intervention	338,845	(55,584)	283,261
1055313	57853	Energy/LIEAP	338,845	627,656	966,501
		Increase departmental total	3,853,129	572,072	4,425,201
Transfers					
1059810	59142	Transfer to SR-Grants Project Fund	0	150,000	150,000
		Increase departmental total	9,733,533	150,000	9,883,533
REVENUE					
1044000	49900	Unencumbered Balance	11,305,656	150,000	11,455,656
1045121	42379	CDC Vaccinations	420	230,027	230,447
1045313	42388	Energy/LIEAP	338,845	627,656	966,501
1045313	42397	CIP Payments	338,845	(55,584)	283,261
		Increase fund totals.	86,531,684	952,099	87,483,783
GENERAL FUND-ROD AUTOMATION FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
1954182	51500	Professional Services	54,000	10,000	64,000

REVENUE					
1944182	49900	Unencumbered Balance	19,000	10,000	29,000
		Increase fund totals.	54,000	10,000	64,000
DEED OF TRUST FUND (NEW)					
EXPENDITURES					
3154136	57398	State Treasurer ROD Fees	0	100,000	100,000
REVENUE					
3144136	44102	ROD Fees State Treasurer	0	100,000	100,000
		Increase fund totals.	0	100,000	100,000
FINES AND FORFEITURES (NEW)					
EXPENDITURES					
3754135	57385	Mt. Airy Schools Fines & Forfeitures	0	114,730	114,730
3754135	57390	Elkin Schools Fines & Forfeitures	0	66,360	66,360
3754135	57395	Surry County Schools Fines & Forfeitures	0	518,910	518,910
REVENUE					
3744135	44108	Fines and Forfeitures	0	700,000	700,000
		Increase fund totals.	0	700,000	700,000
GRANT PROJECT FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
Cares Act Providers Relief					
3854304	51720	Contract Services	0	4,495	4,495
3854304	52010	Supplies & Materials	0	249,398	249,398
3854304	52900	Small Equipment		33,250	33,250
3854304	53025	Software License	0	600	600
3854304	56010	Equipment	0	417,489	417,489
		Increase departmental total	0	705,232	705,232
ALTEC Gas Extension (NEW)					
3854919	51640	Project Construction	0	720,000	720,000
REVENUE					
3844304	42272	Cares Act-Provider Relief	0	705,232	705,232

3844919	43134	NC Dept. of Commerce Grant (NEW)	0	540,000	540,000
3844919	44380	Local Contribution (NEW)	0	30,000	30,000
3844919	49800	Transfer from General Fund (NEW)	0	150,000	150,000
		Increase fund totals.	0	1,425,232	1,425,232

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve budget amendment #6 for the FY22 budget.

Ms. Nixon discussed sales tax revenues. Board members discussed various sales tax articles. Vice-Chairman Harris went into detail about the articles. He and Commissioner Tucker discussed how an additional ¼ cent sales tax would be a fair tax because all citizens pay it. The Board discussed the topic at length.

Ms. Nixon provided a fund balance and debt overview, saying the fund balance has grown. Chris Knopf, County Manager, said tourism income has grown, partly because of cabins and Airbnb rentals (occupancy tax). Mr. Knopf said Surry County has a solid General Fund. He believes it's inevitable that tax revenues will even out or decline in the future, but he thinks the County will be in better shape than it was during the Great Recession of 2008 to 2010.

The Board, Mr. Knopf and Ms. Nixon discussed school capital funding, Sheriff's Office separation allowance growing and other funding items that need to be further addressed going forward.

Ms. Nixon provided a debt overview. She said the County has $10 million in debt service planned to pay in 2024 that will decline annually in future years. Ms. Nixon discussed other debts.

Commissioner Johnson requested that staff report back to the Board on how much it would cost the County to pay off or refinance the Flat Rock/Bannertown Water/Sewer District debt to save on interest. Ms. Nixon said it is not paying for itself but brings in revenue for the County. She said she would look into it, though, saying it is a USDA loan. Vice-Chairman Harris requested that DEC Associates look at it also.

Ms. Nixon discussed the FY23 budget process, saying it will not change from previous years.

The Board discussed taxes. Vice-Chairman Harris said we need to remember citizens in the four municipalities who must pay municipal and Surry County property taxes.

Nathan Walls, Assistant to the County Manager/PIO, presented a Powerpoint with a request for a streaming app platform/government access channel. He described what a streaming app platform/government access channel is and explained the need for how it would help Surry County reach more people with information about County services, programs and job opportunities.

Mr. Walls explained how the app could be available on streaming devices, smart devices and computers and what content, shows and slides could be about.

Mr. Walls used examples from Alleghany Community TV, Cabarrus County TV and Caldwell County TV to explain how the app/channel would work. Potential costs were discussed.

The Board asked questions, including would the app/channel be like Alleghany Community TV. Mr. Walls said that's exactly what it is, but we would have an app too.

The Board reached consensus to move forward with planning for the streaming app platform/government access channel and budget for FY22-23.

The streaming app platform/government access channel Powerpoint is saved in the Government Center shared drive within the folder path titled: "F:\Administration\BOCC\BOCC Presentations."

The Board took a short break.

The Board returned from break and resumed regular business.

Matthew Dolge, PTRC Executive Director; Michael Blair, PTRC Community Development Director; and Andy Scott, PTRC Housing Consulting; presented a request for a public-private partnership to take over ownership of Jones Resource Center, formerly J.J. Jones High School, and renovate it with apartment units. Space would also be provided in the building for non-profit agencies, including the Save Jones School Group. The PTRC group of speakers discussed how they would preserve the historical integrity of the building and allow the Save Jones School Group to be part of the process, including possible future ownership after 30 years and to sit on the committee that oversees the renovation and vision for the building.

Mr. Scott, who has worked on similar housing projects with PTRC, discussed details of how a project like this works. Mr. Blair and Mr. Dolge provided insight, as well.

The presentation was detailed and the Board asked many questions.

The Save Jones School Group, which includes Adrienne Bell, LaShene Lowe and others, presented a request to take over ownership of the Jones Resource Center. The presentation featured many speakers, who asked the Board for an extension of time to raise funds and seek grants. The members said they had not received enough time to acquire funding. They said their plan includes housing, but not in the building, which they want preserved more in its original state as a school because of their memories. The group said they would like for the building to stay in the hands of the African American community. Ted Alexander from Preservation NC spoke and stated his interest in owning the building for a short time and then transferring it to the Save Jones School Group. The group restated their request for an extension of time to raise funds and seek grants.

The Board took a short break.

The Board returned from break and resumed regular business.

Jessica Roberts, Mount Airy Tourism; Lizzie Morrison, Mount Airy Downtown; and Bryan Grote, Spencer's Mill Project Volunteer; presented a Powerpoint update on the Spencer's Mill hotel and conference center redevelopment project.

Ms. Morrison provided a brief review of the project, including how much funding was spent on different phases. She provided before and after

photos of the 65 market rate apartments that were built. Ms. Morrison said the new hotel would be a 70-80 room boutique hotel with a bourbon bar and full-scale breakfast. She showed renderings of what the finished product would look like.

Ms. Morrison said a feasibility study came back saying that the facility could accommodate 300 to 500 attendees with an anticipated 200 event days a year and an anticipated $2.094 million in annual gross revenue. She said the proposed space is 26,518 square feet that would be connected to downtown.

Ms. Morrison reviewed site plans for Parcels A, B and C. She went into detail about site C. Renderings of the Cube and Cube annex, which would provide approximately 50,000 square feet for a conference center, were shown. A preliminary cost estimate of $1.99 million for a visitor center was provided. Floor plans for the visitor center and conference center were shown. A potential project timeline was provided for phase 3.

The group provided a project summary.

Mayor Ron Niland said he's been meeting with business owners during Breakfast with the Mayor events and they are telling him the need for the conference center to keep businesses' corporate headquarters in the area and to attract more employees and new businesses. Mayor Niland complimented the Board on their economic investment with the Mount Airy/Surry County Airport. He said tens of millions of dollars in private investment could be leveraged by the addition of the hotel and conference center.

Mr. Grote described the tax credit process to the Board and said it was moving along. Other paperwork and hotel progress was discussed.

Ms. Morrison said Mount Airy's downtown does well attracting people on weekends, but needs help attracting people Monday through Thursday.

Mayor Niland said a large local business has promised three events a year for the conference center.

The Board made positive comments.

The Spencer's Mill Redevelopment Powerpoint is saved in the Government Center shared drive within the folder path titled: "F:\Administration\BOCC\BOCC Presentations."

The Board took a break for lunch.

The Board returned from lunch and resumed regular business.

Michella Huff, Elections Director, provided an elections update on Powerpoint.

Ms. Huff discussed how population imbalances will trigger redistricting. She showed current Commissioner district maps and described the current population for each district.

She described potential changes for three different options, which were shown.

Ms. Huff described affected zip code precincts.

Commissioner Tucker asked Ms. Huff about possible school board district changes, which she said were up to the school boards.

The Board, in detail, discussed what they like about option 1. Ms. Huff described voting districts in option 1.

Upon motion of Chairman Goins, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to select option 1 for Commissioner voting districts.

Mark Willis, Substance Abuse Recovery Department Director; and Jamie Edwards, Substance Abuse Recovery Department Data Analyst; presented a program using mass tort proceeds for local government class action opioid lawsuits.

Mr. Willis said funds should be provided to Surry County in FY23, totaling about $500,000 to $550,000 annually for 18 years with the first three years being frontloaded.

Mr. Willis provided a detailed history of how Surry County got to the present situation with the substance abuse crisis. He said the County looked to the law enforcement and criminal justice systems to fix the problem.

Mr. Willis said that an estimated 10 percent of the working class in Surry County have a substance use problem. He also discussed the community assessment survey, which had over 700 responses and provided great data. Mr. Willis said that citizens, in the survey, said they want a recovery court in Surry County.

A matrix was shown, displaying what citizens said they want and what the Memorandum of Agreement for the mass tort proceeds says Surry County can do.

Mr. Willis discussed his recommendations that were provided in a memo to the Board.

Mr. Edwards and Jeff Eads, Partners Health Management, joined Mr. Willis in providing a significant amount of detail and discussion as they had great dialogue with the Board about the future of the department, which includes a focus on prevention efforts. Mr. Edwards said swimming upstream two miles to prevent the problems before they start, and Mr. Eads said providing the community and amenities that citizens crave, should be part of efforts going forward.

Presentation materials used are saved in the Government Center shared drive within the folder path titled: "F:\Administration\BOCC\BOCC Presentations."

The Board took a short break.

The Board returned from break and resumed regular business.

Dr. Kim Morrison, Mount Airy City Schools Superintendent; Dr. Travis Reeves, Surry County Schools Superintendent; and Bill Powell, LT Consulting; presented Powerpoints for Needs-Based Public School Capital Funding grant applications, county high school concepts and staffing needs and expenses.

Dr. Morrison discussed renovation needs for their CTE/Workforce Development Building, which needs ADA upgrades. She said the total project would cost $1,842,970, with a $92,148.50 match needed from Surry County.

Audra Chilton, Mount Airy City Schools Chief Finance Officer, discussed hospitalization and retirement rates, along with other financials, to the Board.

Dr. Travis Reeves, Surry County Schools Superintendent, discussed per pupil allotment. He talked about how the school system had been making strides to provide experienced teachers the steps they have missed on the pay step plan and discussed a 35-step pay structure. Dr. Reeves discussed how pay is a challenge when the private sector and neighboring school systems pay more. He also challenged the Board to think about raising the per pupil allotment.

Dr. Reeves reviewed PDF slides to cover needs for East Surry, North Surry and Surry Central high schools, including potential future footprints for the schools. New parking lots, reconfigured fields, ADA needs and redesigned campuses were discussed. Mr. Powell discussed contractor market conditions, construction costs and the process and timelines for design to construction. He said design work can take 18 to 24 months, with construction starting after two years.

Dr. Reeves said he is making an application for each school, so three applications total.

Mr. Knopf said that DEC Associates worked on a revised future Capital Improvement Fund, to include the additional local match of a total $7.5 million being requested by the school systems and said that Surry County can accommodate it as early as FY23.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to allow Surry County Schools, Mount Airy City Schools and Elkin City Schools to apply for the requested Needs-Based Capital Funding for Public Schools, with a 5 percent total local match coming from Surry County.

Laura Neely, Dobson Town Manager, presented a request for Surry County to contribute to the purchase of a 100-foot ladder truck for use by the Dobson Volunteer Fire Department. She said current trucks cannot reach certain buildings in Dobson. Ms. Neely said the current truck is for sale by the West Yadkin Volunteer Fire Department in Hamptonville. She said the asking price for the truck is $90,000 and there are additional costs for an additional storage bay and a 50-foot truck that must also be maintained.

Ms. Neely asked for a contribution from the Board. Vice-Chairman Harris and other Board members discussed how Surry County has numerous buildings in Dobson that are not taxed, so they think it is appropriate to contribute $45,000, which is half, of the funding request.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to contribute $45,000 for Dobson Volunteer Fire Department to purchase a 100-foot ladder truck.

Ms. Neely provided a brief update on a sewer study, saying she is waiting to hear from the State if capacity can be increased. She said the Town of Dobson should be able to accommodate the new detention center.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 4:41 p.m.

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Nathan Walls
Clerk to the Board

Surry County Board of Commissioners
Meeting of March 7, 2022

The Surry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m., March 7, 2022. The meeting was held in the Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Dobson, N.C.

Board members present in-person for the meeting were Chairman Bill Goins, Vice-Chairman Eddie Harris, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Van Tucker and Commissioner Mark Marion.

Others present in-person for the meeting, at various times, were:
Chris Knopf, County Manager
Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager
Ed Woltz, County Attorney
Daniel White, Parks & Recreation Director
Jessica Montgomery, Public Works Director
Martha Brintle, MIS Director
Marty Needham, Planning Director/Project Manager
Eric Southern, Emergency Services Director
Byron Isaacs, Emergency Management Coordinator
Jimmy Ashburn, Fire Marshal
Samantha Ange, Health Director
911 Staff
Nathan Walls, Assistant to the County Manager
Nancy Dixon, Surry Medical Ministries
News Media

Others present virtually for the meeting, at various times, were:
Rhonda Nixon, Finance Officer

Chairman Goins called the meeting to order, delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Goins requested the Board review and approve the agenda. Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the March 7, 2022 agenda.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the minutes of the February 21, 2022 meeting as presented. Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the consent agenda. Chris Knopf, County Manager, reviewed the consent agenda items. Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Requests from the County Manager:
- Approve for the Sheriff's Office to apply for, and accept if awarded, an ICAC grant from the North Carolina Sheriff's Association for funding up to $75,000.
- Create a County Fire Service Committee to study the need for a County-funded Fire Department that would supplement the efforts of the 17 volunteer fire departments. The committee shall keep the Board of Commissioners apprised on a monthly basis of their progress and submit a final report at a future date.

Requests from the Assistant County Manager:

- Approve to reclassify position #519204 from OSSOG III Grade 57 to OSSOG IV Grade 59, contingent upon final approval from State Personnel.
- Approve to reclassify position #517802 from a Social Worker II Grade 67 to an OSSOG V Grade 61, contingent upon final approval from State Personnel.
- Approve to reclassify position #515410 from a Social Worker II Grade 67 to a Foreign Language Interpreter II Grade 63, contingent upon final approval from State Personnel.
- Approve to reclassify a vacant Social Worker II position Grade 67 #517801 to an Environmental Health Supervisor III Grade 75 and add to the Position Classification Plan.
- Approve to reclassify an Administrative Officer III position #517007 Grade 72 to a Local Public Health Administrator I Grade 72, contingent upon final approval from State Personnel. Add Local Public Health Administrator I to Position Classification Plan.
- Approve for Surry County to enter into a one-year agreement with Armfield Civic Center to continue soccer at Fisher River Park.
- Approve Budget Amendment #7 to the FY22 budget, which follows:

					Change #7
The Board of County Commissioners approved an amendment to the FY2021-2022 Budget Ordinance at their meeting on March 7,2022.					
ACCOUNT			PREVIOUS		REVISED
CODE		DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHANGE	AMOUNT
GENERAL FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
State Budget Directed Grant (NEW)					
1054309	51500	Professional Services	0	5,000	5,000
1054309	52010	Supplies & Materials	0	33,806	33,806
1054309	52900	Small Equipment	0	45,464	45,464
		Increase departmental total	0	84,270	84,270
REVENUE					
1044309	43705	State Budget Grant HB 105 (NEW)	0	84,270	84,270
		Increase fund totals.	87,483,783	84,270	87,568,053
AIRPORT CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
RW & TW Extension					
99754988	51560	Professional Services-Engineering	591,662	(591,662)	0
99754988	51640	Project Construction	5,791,783	(5,791,783)	0
99754988	51720	Contracted Services	5,021	(5,021)	0
		Decrease departmental total	6,388,466	(6,388,466)	0
Corporate Area Development					
99754989	51560	Professional Services-Engineering	754,031	(754,031)	0

99754989	51640	Project Construction	1,377,000	(1,377,000)	0
		Decrease departmental total	2,131,031	(2,131,031)	0
Airport Layout Plan					
99754990	51560	Professional Services-Engineering	174,650	(174,650)	0
		Decrease departmental total	174,650	(174,650)	0
Airport Terminal (NEW)					
99754994	51560	Professional Services-Engineering	0	100,000	100,000
99754994	51600	Architect Fees	0	160,000	160,000
99754994	51640	Project Construction	0	2,600,000	2,600,000
99754994	59500	Contingency	0	40,000	40,000
		Increase departmental total	0	2,900,000	2,900,000
REVENUE					
99744988	43388	NC DOT Grant Aviation	5,749,617	-5,749,617	0
99744988	49900	Unencumbered Balance	638,849	-638,849	0
99744989	43388	NC DOT Grant Aviation	2,131,031	-2,131,031	0
99744990	43388	NC DOT Grant Aviation	157,185	-157,185	0
99744990	49900	Unencumbered Balance	17,465	-17,465	0
99744994	43705	State Budget Grant HB 105 (NEW)	0	2,900,000	2,900,000
		Decrease fund totals.	15,212,622	(5,794,147)	9,418,475

Chairman Goins declared the meeting to be an open forum and invited members of the audience to discuss civic concerns.

Libby Radford, speaking on behalf of Tiny Tigers Rescue, provided informational documents to the Board about cats. She detailed the Trap, Neuter and Rescue (TNR) program using data from nearby counties.

Gary York told the Board he was concerned about their decision to withdraw from the Piedmont Authority of Regional Transportation (PART). He said, in reviewing the finances on the decision, he found no direct cost for the County. Mr. York said the rental car tax revenue that was collected in FY21 was just over $100,000. He said the bus service is an economic development tool and people who ride PART might not have their own transportation. Mr. York asked the Board to re-consider.

J.T. Henson said now is a great opportunity to upgrade fire services in Surry County. He said fire district taxes should be level across the board. Mr. Henson urged the Board to look at this and asked the newly established fire service committee to do something innovative and bold.

Melissa Hiatt, executive director of the United Fund of Surry, thanked Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager, for her help in promoting the United Fund of Surry to County employees. She also said the USDA loan and grant request that Surry Medical Ministries was making would provide for very needed resources.

Danny Stanley requested the Board apply for a grant through the NC Department of Commerce to assist Patriot Place residents with repairing their private road and dam. He said he and his son have maintained the road for 14 years and provided history of the road and dam.

Shane Moncus said he is a recovering substance use patient who has used the Ride the Road to Recovery transportation service through the Substance Abuse Recovery Department. He said positive things about the department staff, saying they are helping him significantly in his recovery process.

Seeing there were no further speakers, Chairman Goins closed the open forum.

Marty Needham, Planning Director/Project Manager, introduced a rezoning request public hearing for 136 Pet Camp Trail, Mount Airy, Case #ZCR1216. The applicant was Jhony Medrano.

Mr. Needham said the current zoning of the property is Rural Agricultural (RA). The applicant is requesting that it be rezoned to Rural Business (RB). The property is 5.19 acres and located along Pine Ridge Road and Pet Camp Trail. An adjoining property is zoned Manufacturing Industrial (MI), to the south Residential General (RG) and to the west is RA.

He said the Planning Board recommended denial of the rezoning request at their February 21, 2022 meeting. Mr. Needham said it was not a unanimous vote, but a split vote. He said the Planning Board’s reason for denial was that commercial development should not spread any further West on Pine Ridge Road due to the proximity to existing residential neighborhoods.

Chairman Goins opened the public hearing.

Diana Romero spoke in favor of the rezoning petition.

Frank Parker spoke in opposition to the rezoning petition.

Steve Golden spoke in opposition to the rezoning petition.

Claire Carpenter spoke in opposition to the rezoning petition.

Seeing there were no further speakers, Chairman Goins closed the public hearing.

The Board explained their positions on the rezoning.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Harris, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the statement of consistency on the rezoning request denial.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to deny the rezoning request for 136 Pet Camp Trail, Mount Airy, Case #ZCR1216.

Mr. Knopf provided additional information on how to provide increased professional fire services across Surry County. The item was a follow-up to a previous request from the Surry County Fire Chiefs Association.

Mr. Knopf provided a payoff amount for the Flat Rock/Bannertown Water/Sewer service. Commissioner Johnson requested the information at the February 23 Board Planning Retreat. Mr. Knopf said that the item would be discussed in more detail at an upcoming budget meeting.

Mr. Knopf introduced an item to propose the transfer of the Jones Resource Center, formerly J.J. Jones High School, to the African American Historical and Genealogical Society.

Chairman Goins provided comments to the Save Jones School Group. Chairman Goins said the building is not eligible for tax credits. He described the maintenance issues the building has, which is common for a building over 50 years old. Chairman Goins said we have current school buildings with needs totaling hundreds of millions of dollars. He said that the PTRC presentation at the Board Planning Retreat discussed how they would have preserved the building for non-profits, including the Save Jones School Group, and affordable housing, which is needed in Surry County.

Mr. Knopf read the proposal to transfer the property to the African American Historical and Genealogical Society. He said the building is valued at $339,000 and that relinquishing it by June 30 accomplishes the County's primary goal. Mr. Knopf said a reimbursable maintenance fund of $60,000 a year for FY23, FY24 and FY25 could be provided by the County. Rental payments, which currently total approximately $130,000 annually, could go to the group if they assume management from YVEDDI, whose lease is now month-to-month. Mr. Knopf read the total maintenance expenditures the County has incurred at former public school sites since 1998, with the Jones site coming in the highest.

Mr. Knopf asked Ed Woltz, County Attorney, what needed to occur if the African American Historical and Genealogical Society accepted the proposal. Mr. Woltz said a resolution would need to be published in the Mount Airy News 10 days in advance of the sale and the group would need to keep the building in public use.

Chairman Goins, directing his comments to the African American Historical and Genealogical Society, said this project is a huge undertaking. He said the non-profit would have tenants, insurance and maintenance needs all to address, among other business items. Chairman Goins said the maintenance needs would be higher than the County has been able to spend on it. He said any grant funds the non-profit applied for would be competitive. Chairman Goins urged the group to think hard about what they would like to do.

Upon motion of Chairman Goins, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to offer the proposal to the African American Historical and Genealogical Society. The non-profit would decide later whether to accept the property transfer for ownership of the Jones Resource Center, formerly J.J. Jones High School.

Nancy Dixon, of Surry Medical Ministries, presented a request for the Board to approve a match to a USDA loan and accompanying grant application. Ms. Dixon said this is needed to help Surry Medical Ministries become self-sustaining in future years so the organization can assist the underinsured, as well as the uninsured.

She said they need more space to maintain patient confidentiality. Ms. Dixon said they would use a property on Rockford Street near Northern Regional Hospital. She said we provide services that the organization can pay for, but they need a larger building to accommodate the need for their services.

Detailed discussion ensued with the Board about Medicaid/Medicare providers and operations.

Commissioner Marion complimented Surry Medical Ministries' efforts in the community.

Ms. Dixon said to move the process forward she would need a letter of support from the Board for purchase of the property in Mount Airy and for Surry Medical Ministries' expansion, as well as $50,000 a year for five years. Commissioner Johnson stated the maximum should be for $250,000, to which Ms. Dixon agreed.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to provide a letter of support from the Board for purchase of the property in Mount Airy and for Surry Medical Ministries' expansion, as well as a maximum of $250,000 in funding, spread over five years from Surry County.

Jessica Montgomery, Public Works Director, requested that a private contractor be allowed permission to use the Westfield Community Center property for temporary storage of paving materials for approximately two weeks.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to permit a private contractor to use the Westfield Community Center property for temporary storage of paving materials for approximately two weeks.

In General County Business, Commissioner Marion said the new detention center will have outside and major walls finished soon and the brick façade on the outside of the building should begin soon. He also noted the unfortunate recent death of an inmate in the current detention center.

Commissioner Johnson thanked Tiny Tigers Rescue, the African American Historical and Genealogical Society, United Fund of Surry, Surry Medical Ministries, first responders and others for all their recent feedback to the Board and for their service to the community. He said Traci George, a great community member, was diagnosed in the last few years with leukemia that is now in remission. Ms. George's 15-year-old niece held a Bingo game on Saturday night, March 5, in Mount Airy as a fundraiser for a leukemia foundation – approximately $19,000 was raised.

Chairman Goins thanked everyone for their comments in recent meetings.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to enter closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) legal and pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) personnel.

The Board returned from closed session and resumed regular business.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve authorization increases for current and future Environmental Health staff, as presented.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to approve a full-time Assistant Program Coordinator position for Parks and Recreation and add to the Position Classification Plan at Grade 60.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the creation of a full-time Parks & Operations Technician position and add to the Position Classification Plan at Grade 58 and to move the Lead Park Technician from Grade 58 to Grade 60.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:01 p.m.

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Nathan Walls
Clerk to the Board

Surry County Board of Commissioners
Meeting of March 21, 2022

The Surry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m., March 21, 2022. The meeting was held in the Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Dobson, N.C.

Board members present in-person for the meeting were Chairman Bill Goins, Vice-Chairman Eddie Harris, Commissioner Van Tucker and Commissioner Mark Marion. Commissioner Larry Johnson was unable to attend (excused).

Others present in-person for the meeting, at various times, were:
Chris Knopf, County Manager
Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager
Kristy Preston, DSS Director
Jessica Montgomery, Public Works Director
Martha Brintle, MIS Director
Marty Needham, Planning Director/Project Manager
Jimmy Ashburn, Fire Marshal
Nathan Walls, Assistant to the County Manager/PIO
LaShene Lowe, Surry County African American Historical and Genealogical Society
News Media

Others present virtually for the meeting, at various times, were:
Rhonda Nixon, Finance Officer
Ed Woltz, County Attorney

Chairman Goins called the meeting to order. Commissioner Tucker delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Goins requested the Board review and approve the agenda. Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the March 21, 2022 agenda.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the minutes of the February 23, 2022 Board Planning Retreat and March 7, 2022 meeting as presented. Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the consent agenda. Chris Knopf, County Manager, reviewed each consent agenda item. Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Requests from the County Manager:

- Approve the purchase of four 40-yard roll-off containers for the Public Works Department at a total of $32,544. The funds would be used from the already approved Recycling budget, instead of purchasing a used skid steer with the funds, as previously indicated.
- Approve the following from the Tax Department:
  1. Total releases for the month ending 2/28/2022 in the amount of $2,249.15.
  2. Total refunds for the month ending 2/28/2022 in the amount of $-5,773.69.
  3. Total NCVTS tag and tax refunds for the month ending 2/28/2022 in the amount of $1,243.52.
  4. Total real and personal property discoveries for the month ending 2/28/2022 in the amount of $14,832.31.

5. Total motor vehicle discoveries for the month ending 2/28/2022 in the amount of $110.25.
6. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC additions for the month ending 2/28/2022 in the amount of $128,507.56.
7. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC refunds for the month ending 2/28/2022 in the amount of $303.00.
8. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC releases for the month ending 2/28/2022 in the amount of $0.
9. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC collections for the month ending 2/28/2022 in the amount of $9,826.69.

Requests from the Assistant County Manager:
- Approve the position reclassification of a vacant Accounting Clerk IV position to an Assistant Finance Officer position. No additional funding is required.

Requests from the Finance Officer:
- Approve the following staff members in the roles as shown:

<u>Deputy Finance Officers</u>
Chris Knopf   Jordan Wooten
Sandra Snow   Jennifer White
Denise Brown

<u>Department of Social Services Trust Account Only</u>
Kristina Preston   April McMasters

<u>Inmate Trust Account Only</u>
Randall Shelton   Randall Jenkins
Mickey Estes   Tony Holyfield
Gary Sullivan   Christopher O'Rourke
Beau Booker   Jessica Morton
Randale Palmer   Angie Marion
James Shumate   Samantha Albright
Aaron Baugess   Tim Ward

<u>Sheriff's Levy Account Only</u>
Lieutenant Jeff Chandler   Sergeant Michael C. Murphy

<u>Deputy Purchasing Agents</u>
Martha Brintle   Rita Horton

- Approve the purchase of a patient exam chair for the Health & Nutrition Center's Immunization Clinic for $2,594.95. No County dollars will be used for the purchase.
- Approve a request to surplus a 2010 Ford F-150, VIN#1FTMF1EW6AKE29927, from Parks & Recreation through an auction with Rogers Realty.

Commissioner Marion introduced Jimmy Ashburn, Fire Marshal, to discuss the wildfire that occurred in rugged terrain near Lowgap over the weekend of March 18-20, 2022. Mr. Ashburn updated the Board, saying that the Skull Camp Volunteer Fire Department responded to the scene first. As the fire grew, a number of local fire departments were called on, to which most responded, including departments from Yadkin and Wilkes counties. Mr. Ashburn said that approximately 195 acres had burned, and the fire was 85 percent contained as of March 21, 2022.

The Board provided comments and questions, thanking first responders who controlled and extinguished the fire.

Chairman Goins and the Board provided special recognition certificates to the Surry Central High School Shooting Team, which included coaches Marty Southard and Chuck Burton; and students Wyatt Burton, Houston Whitaker, Adam Southard, Fisher Freeman, Graden Spurlin, Anna Shew, Samuel Branch, Grayson Collins, Hagan Simpson, Cooper Kaszowski and Tyler Gage. Israel Freeman, another coach, was called up for a team picture. Marty Southard and Chuck Burton spoke about the team's successes, thanked sponsors and recruited future team members and sponsors. Chairman Goins, who served as principal at Surry Central prior to his retirement, said the team was a good group of young people and he enjoyed seeing how much they have grown.

Chairman Goins declared the meeting to be an open forum and invited members of the audience to discuss civic concerns.

Nevada Love discussed Surry County's withdrawal from the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART). She said YVEDDI does not satisfactorily provide transportation services. Ms. Love asked if Board members who serve on the YVEDDI board and PART board would remove themselves. She said the reason to withdraw from PART appeared to be self-serving.

Seeing there were no further speakers, Chairman Goins closed the open forum.

LaShene Lowe, President of the Surry County African American Historical and Genealogical Society, responded to the County's offer to transfer the former JJ Jones School/current Jones Resource Center to her organization. She read a prepared statement talking about past racial discrimination she experienced in Surry County and asked for the creation of more jobs that would benefit African Americans.

Ms. Lowe accepted the Board's offer for transfer of the former JJ Jones School/current Jones Resource Center property to the Surry County African American Historical and Genealogical Society.

Kristy Preston, DSS Director, provided a Director's Report. She had no action items to discuss but reviewed an article highlighting the agency's partnership with Benchmarks NC and the Adult Services Annual Survey, which is published by the NC Division of Aging and Adult Services.

Ms. Preston described what data the Adult Services Annual Survey covers, including Adult Protective Services, guardianship and financial exploitation, among other topics.

The topic of unclaimed bodies was discussed, including how DSS does interments.

Ms. Preston provided a flyer for an upcoming conference for County Boards of Social Services.

Marty Needham, Planning Director/Project Manager, presented a rezoning request, ZCR1218, for applicant Hassel Cooke. Mr. Needham said the applicant requests to rezone the property from Highway Business (HB) to Rural Agricultural (RA). He said the property is 2.79 acres on W. Pine Street near Mount Airy and the case is a general use rezoning. Mr. Needham said the property is an open area of low-to-medium density. An adjoining property is currently zoned HB. Mr. Needham said the rezoning request did not meet the 2040 Land Use Plan but was approved unanimously, 6-0, by the Planning Board. The Planning Board stated that the owner had owned the land since 1976, had paid his taxes and should be allowed to build his house on the property.

Mr. Knopf said the property is located between North Surry High School and Gentry Middle School and most of the property in the area is commercial.

The Board asked Mr. Cooke questions and provided comments.

Chairman Goins opened the public hearing.

Seeing there were no speakers, Chairman Goins closed the public hearing.

Upon motion of Chairman Goins, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Statement of Consistency for rezoning request ZCR1218 for applicant Hassel Cooke from Highway Business (HB) to Rural Agricultural (RA).

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve rezoning request ZCR1218 for applicant Hassel Cooke from Highway Business (HB) to Rural Agricultural (RA).

Ed Woltz, County Attorney, presented the draft Spencer's Mill Redevelopment Interlocal Agreement with the City of Mount Airy.

Commissioner Tucker discussed how the City of Mount Airy's request was for funding up to a certain amount ($1.5 million), with the possibility that the County would only have to pay a portion of that total if the City received grants.

Commissioner Tucker asked further questions about financial obligations for Surry County. Mr. Woltz said other funds that come in would reduce Surry County's contribution.

Vice-Chairman Harris asked Nathan Walls, Assistant to the County Manager/PIO, to read the motion made on the project from the March 10, 2021 Board Planning Retreat Minutes. Mr. Walls read the motion, which states: "…the Board voted 3-2… to fund $1.5 million maximum over six years, at $250,000 a year. If any funding is provided by Golden LEAF or other funding sources, half of Surry County's funding commitment would be reimbursed or reduced."

Commissioner Tucker said he wants to make sure that we are being consistent with the original intent. Mr. Woltz said if the project receives grant funds, Surry County's commitment will be reduced.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Spencer's Mill Redevelopment Interlocal Agreement with the City of Mount Airy.

Mr. Woltz presented a draft agreement for fire protection and other services by the Westfield Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Knopf said the new agreement reflects new rescue services being provided by the fire department.

Mr. Woltz and a Westfield Volunteer Fire Department representative discussed the agreement in more detail.

Mr. Knopf said that in the future similar agreements need to be made with all the volunteer fire departments to reflect all the services they are providing.

Following a question by Vice-Chairman Harris, Mr. Woltz said that each fire department must provide their own liability insurance.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agreement for fire protection and other services by the Westfield Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Walls requested the following appointment and reappointments for boards and committees, which were approved by the following votes:

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Sarah Bruce to the Recreation Advisory Committee.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Andrew Wright to the Piedmont Triad Regional Council Workforce Development Board.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Lisa Turney to the Surry County Tourism Development Authority.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Brian Johnson to the Northern Regional Hospital Board of Trustees of Surry County.

Upon motion of Chairman Goins, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Greg Casstevens to the Planning Board.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint David Bledsoe and Andy Simpson to the Agricultural Advisory Board (Voluntary Agriculture District).

In General County Business, Commissioner Tucker read a letter from Westfield Baptist Church that states the church members voted during their regular quarterly business meeting on December 8, 2021 to accept the World War II memorial, along with flagpole and attached small bell, and benches from the former Westfield School grounds that was surplused by the County. Mr. Woltz said the letter reads well.

Commissioner Marion said he attended a celebration Saturday night honoring 15-year-old Jacee Avara, who was named 2022 Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Student of the Year for the Triad, after raising $82,000 for the cause, No. 1 out of all Piedmont Triad students.

Chairman Goins thanked the citizens who have provided recent feedback during open forum, public hearing and other means.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to enter closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) legal and pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) personnel.

The Board returned from closed session and resumed regular business.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

All leases, contracts, agreements, resolutions, ordinances and documents referenced in the minutes are kept in the Clerk's Office or in the department office they are associated with.

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Nathan Walls
Clerk to the Board

Surry County Board of Commissioners
Meeting of April 4, 2022

The Surry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m., April 4, 2022. The meeting was held in the Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Dobson, N.C.

Board members present in-person for the meeting were Chairman Bill Goins, Vice-Chairman Eddie Harris, Commissioner Van Tucker, Commissioner Mark Marion and Commissioner Larry Johnson.

Others present in-person for the meeting, at various times, were:
Chris Knopf, County Manager
Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager
Rhonda Nixon, Finance Officer
Ed Woltz, County Attorney
Mark Willis, Substance Abuse Recovery Director
Marty Needham, Planning Director/Project Manager
Keith Kiger, Inspections
Jessica Montgomery, Public Works Director
Martha Brintle, MIS Director
Eric Southern, Emergency Services Director
Joan Sherif, Northwestern Regional Library Director
Nathan Walls, Assistant to the County Manager/PIO
Dr. Kim Morrison, Mount Airy City Schools Superintendent
News Media

Chairman Goins called the meeting to order. Commissioner Marion delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Goins requested the Board review and approve the agenda. Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to approve the April 4, 2022 agenda.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the minutes of the March 21, 2022 meeting as presented. Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the consent agenda. Chris Knopf, County Manager, reviewed each consent agenda item. Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Requests from the County Manager:

- Approve the purchase of a 52-feet long pedestrian bridge for the Mountains-to-Sea Trail from previously budgeted Mountains-to-Sea Trail funding.
- Approve a non-exclusive services agreement with Resource Institute, Inc.
- Approve the deed transfer and following resolution approving conveyance of the former Jones School Property, also known as LH Jones Family Resource Center, to the African American Historical and Genealogical Society of Surry County:

Resolution Approving Conveyance of Property to A Nonprofit Organization Pursuant to G.S. 160A-279

WHEREAS, the County of Surry owns the Jones School Property, also known as LH Jones Family Resource Center, 215 Jones School Road, Surry County PIN No. 5021-12-85-9833, Mount Airy, North Carolina 27030; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute (NCGS) 160A-279 and 160A-267 authorize and set forth procedures for a county to convey real or personal property by private sale to a nonprofit corporation if the county is authorized by law to appropriate money to the non-profit corporation; and

WHEREAS, NCGS 160A-266(b) permits a county to convey, after private negotiation, real property that is significant for its architectural, artistic, cultural or historic associations. The conveyance must be to a nonprofit corporation whose purposes include the preservation or the conservation of such property, and the deed must include covenants and other restrictions securing or promoting the property's protection ; and

WHEREAS, the County of Surry has negotiated with African American Historical and Genealogical Society of Surry County (AAHGS), a twenty-eight year old, volunteer-based, 501(c)(3) non-profit entity. The goal of AAHGS is to preserve the former JJ Jones Colored High School in order that future generations may develop an understanding of their culture, heritage and history. AAHGS intends to promote the use of the LH Jones Family Resource Center (Premises), formerly JJ Jones Colored High School, for education and enrichment of the residents of Surry County and surrounding counties; and

WHEREAS, AAHGS intends to expand use of the facility to serve as a multi-cultural center inclusive of educational, health and service resources, affordable housing and artistic endeavors for future generations. Such use of the facility will assist county in meeting the educational, cultural, health and civic needs of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSISONERS RESOLVES THAT:

1. The Board Chairman of Surry County is authorized to execute all documents necessary to convey fee simple defeasible title of the LH Jones Family Resource Center, 215 Jones School Road, Mount Airy, NC 27030, Surry County tax parcel # 5021-12-85-9833) to African American Historical and Genealogical Society of Surry County.

2. The consideration for the conveyance is the following set of conditions, covenants, and restrictions, which shall be incorporated in the deed given by the county to AAHGS:

- The Premises will be put to public use by the nonprofit recipient and title will revert to the county if the property is not put to continuous public use.
- That Grantee continue as a nonprofit corporation in good standing with the NC Secretary of State.
- That Grantee continue as a charitable organization consistent with requirements and guidelines of the IRS and the US Department of Treasury.
- Grantee shall be solely responsible for: 1. Grant solicitation and fund raising for operations/improvements and professional fees incurred in any evaluation; 2. Management of facility, including but not limited to maintenance, legal/accounting, leasing, utilities, insurance, tax matters, upkeep of buildings and parking areas; 3. Programing and operations that occur on Premises; 4. Creation of any desired foundation to ensure long term sustainability.
- Grantee shall assume all leases in effect upon conveyance on 6/30/2022.
- Grantor will provide maintenance funds, not to exceed $60,000 annually for FY '23, '24 and '25. This maintenance assistance shall be on a reimbursement basis only and unused funds will not be carried over year to year.
- Grantor has previously conveyed Graham Field to the City of Mount Airy and it will not be part of conveyance to Grantee.
- That Grantor comply with state, federal and local laws and ordinances, including environmental laws.
- The Premises must be maintained in compliance with ordinances in effect in the City of Mount Airy.
- The Premises shall be used for a public purpose, including but not limited to: a multi-cultural center inclusive of educational, health and service resources, affordable housing and artistic endeavors for future generations.
- A material breach of these conditions/restrictions shall cause the Premises to revert to County's ownership. Grantee shall have up to twelve (12) months to cure any alleged breach from date of written notice to Grantee from Grantor.
- The parties acknowledge that NCGS 160A-267 and NCGS 160A-279 are applicable to this transaction.

3. The county clerk shall publish a notice summarizing the contents of this resolution, and the property may be sold at any time after 10 days following publication of the public notice.

4. This resolution was considered and approved at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Surry County Board of

Commissioners.

Adopted this the 4th day of April 2022.

- **Approve the publication of Public Notice, Purchase and Sale Contract and following resolution authorizing the transfer of Westfield School Artifacts:**

Sale of Personal Property Worth Less Than $30,000 (G.S. 160A-266; 267)
Resolution Authorizing Sale

WHEREAS, Surry County owns certain historically-significant items of personal property that have become surplus for its current needs; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 160A-266-267 permits the county to sell such property by private sale, upon authorization by the Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting and notice to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is convened in a regular meeting;

THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SURRY COUNTY RESOLVES THAT:

1. The Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Attorney to sell by private sale for one dollar the following items of surplus personal property to Westfield Baptist Church of Surry County for historic preservation of:

Flagpole with flag
Granite WWII War Memorial
Metal Bell
Benches

2. The clerk to the Board of Commissioners shall publish a notice summarizing this resolution, and no sale may occur pursuant to this resolution until at least 10 days after the day the notice is published.

Adopted April 4, 2022.

Requests from the Assistant County Manager:

- **Approve changing the Planning Director/Project Manager on the Position Classification Plan to Development Services Director at the same pay grade and change the position accordingly.**
- **Approve to reclassify Building Codes Inspector III Grade 67 position #435002 to a Lead Building Codes Inspector Grade 72 and add to the Position Classification Plan.**
- **Approve for an Inspections employee to be a member of the North Carolina Building Inspectors Association Response Team (D.A.R.T.).**
- **Approve the reappointment of the Tax Administrator for a two-year term expiring June 30, 2024.**
- **Approve the reclassification of position #519101 from a Public Health Educator II to a Public Health Educator III, contingent upon final approval from State Personnel.**
- **Approve an additional $5,000 for LT Consulting (Bill Powell) for oversight on school construction projects.**
- **Approve the creation of four positions for Substance Abuse Recovery and add to the Classification Plan at the specific grades:**
  - **Intervention Team Coordinator - Grade 68**
  - **Intervention Team Peer Support Specialist - Grade 64**
  - **Recovery to Work Business Advisor - Grade 68**
  - **Research and Program Support Specialist - Grade 67**
- **Approve to waive unpaid shelter rental fees owed to Parks and Recreation in the amount of $2,595.**
- **Approve to change temporary position #741542 to a permanent part-time 75% Truck Driver II and change position #741537 from a permanent part-time 75% Recycling Route Driver to a permanent part-time 75% Truck Drive I.**

- Approve to reclassify a temporary position in Facilities to a full-time Maintenance Mechanic I.

Requests from the Finance Officer:
- Approve a one-year contract with Gould Killian, with option to extend annually up to three years, to provide County audit services.
- Approve to combine $109,094 in capital outlay from the General Fund with $159,430 of the remaining Provider Relief Funds (PRF) to purchase a new 2023 Ford F-450 4X4 Type I Ambulance, including MTS Power Load System, for $268,524.
- Approve to purchase a handheld X-ray device and seven slow speed motors for the Health & Nutrition Center Dental Clinic, and a Panoramic X-ray machine that was initially approved for FY22 at $43,154 – the current price of the last item is $49,997. Dental Clinic revenue will cover the cost.
- Approve a track-hoe bucket purchase request for the landfill, at a cost of $6,654 with previously budgeted landfill funding.

Chairman Goins and the Board provided special recognition certificates to Eagle Scouts Sam Gordon and Ethan Smith, and to the North Surry and Mount Airy high school quiz bowl teams and coaches. Quiz bowl participants recognized were six students and one coach from Mount Airy and seven students and one coach from North Surry.

Chairman Goins declared the meeting to be an open forum and invited members of the audience to discuss civic concerns.

Rachel Collins discussed the cancellation of PART bus service in Surry County. She said that while she serves on the Pilot Mountain Town Board, she was speaking as a citizen. She discussed the positives of the bus service for the elderly, low-income, disabled and those without a license. Ms. Collins asked the Board to reconsider their actions on withdrawing from PART.

Scott Needham, another Pilot Mountain Commissioner, who said he was speaking as a citizen, disagreed with the Board's stance on withdrawing from PART. He said the bus service is important for economic development in Surry County. Mr. Needham said he thought paying the car rental tax is a good tradeoff to have the service. Mr. Needham said, according to PART, that ridership has increased since gas prices went up recently.

Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager, introduced Keith Kiger as Lead Inspector over the Inspections Division. Mr. Kiger said he is humbled and honored to be the Lead Inspector. Vice-Chairman Harris thanked Mr. Kiger for his work and the efforts of staff in Inspections.

Anna Nichols, a librarian at a local library, said it was National Library Week. She said the theme of the week is "Libraries Connect," which is being celebrated and touted at Northwest Regional Library locations.

Seeing there were no further speakers, Chairman Goins closed the open forum.

Dr. Kim Morrison presented a request to use unspent special capital funds from other projects for emergency needs that Mount Airy City Schools has. She detailed $96,233.91 in unspent funds and the projects the unspent funds were derived from.

The emergency needs to address included a large sinkhole repair at Tharrington Primary School, an intercom at Jones Intermediate School, a gas leak at Mount Airy Middle School, a water leak at Mount Airy High

School and 20 percent of asbestos removal at Mount Airy High School, all totaling $48,960.76.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to allow Mount Airy City Schools to spend $48,960.76 in unspent funds to address a large sinkhole repair at Tharrington Primary School, an intercom at Jones Intermediate School, a gas leak at Mount Airy Middle School, a water leak at Mount Airy High School and 20 percent of asbestos removal at Mount Airy High School.

Mr. Knopf presented a final bid offer to purchase 130 Rawley Avenue and its parking lot across the street, which had been previously surplused. The final bid received equaled $280,000.

Ed Woltz, County Attorney, said the County needs to determine what to do with furniture being used by the current tenant in the building. The Board agreed that the current tenant may use the furniture until the end of their lease.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the final bid offer of $280,000 to purchase 130 Rawley Avenue, parcel ID #502011664335, and its parking lot across the street, parcel ID #502011664115. Nathan Walls, Assistant to the County Manager/PIO, confirmed the winning bidder was Steve Tate & Son Plumbing/Red Oak Development LLC, who will honor PQA Healthcare's current lease on the building.

The Board discussed accepting an offer for the Westfield Community Center property, which was previously surplused. The offer was $150,000 with a 5 percent bid deposit of $7,500.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to accept the $150,000 offer on the Westfield Community Center property, Parcel ID #597900464272, subject to upset bid.

Mr. Walls presented the following requests for appointments and reappointment to the following boards and committees:

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Neil Atkins, Elaine Habenicht, Daniel Poindexter and Lindsay Moose to the Surry County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

Upon motion of Chairman Goins, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Commissioner Johnson to the YVEDDI Board.

In General County Business, Chairman Goins thanked citizens for their comments, and Daniel White and Parks and Recreation staff for their work on the April 2 Easter Egg Hunt at Fisher River Park. He also congratulated the Eagle Scouts who were recognized.

Commissioner Tucker thanked citizens for their comments.

Commissioner Marion reminded citizens to remember the reason for the Easter season.

Vice-Chairman Harris said he attended a meeting in Raleigh recently, representing the Surry Community College Board of Trustees.

Commissioner Johnson apologized to Rusty York, who he thought was Rusty Slate. He congratulated the Eagle Scouts, high school quiz bowl teams and coaches, the All-County Chorus that performed in Elkin's Dixon Auditorium recently and the local African American Historical and Genealogical Society, who are the new owners of the former Jones School.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to enter closed session to discuss items pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) legal and pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) personnel.

The Board returned to open session to resume regular business.

Upon motion of Chairman Goins, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve, but not release closed session minutes from February 7 and 21 and March 7 and 21, 2022.

Upon motion of Chairman Goins, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Assignment of Policy Rights related to the Dobson College Place Apartments fire lawsuit settlement.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:06 p.m.

All leases, contracts, agreements, resolutions, ordinances and documents referenced in the minutes are kept in the Clerk's Office or in the department office they are associated with.

Nathan Walls
Clerk to the Board

Surry County Board of Commissioners
April 12, 2022
Budget Work Session #1

The Surry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m. on April 12, 2022 for a budget work session. The meeting was held in Room 136, Surry County Historic Courthouse, Dobson, NC.

Board members attending were Chairman Bill Goins, Vice Chairman Eddie Harris, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Mark Marion and Commissioner Van Tucker.

Others in attendance at various times were:
County Manager Chris Knopf
Assistant County Manager Sandy Snow
Rhonda Nixon, Finance Officer
Brandi McMillian, Financial Analyst
Todd Harris, Register of Deeds and staff
Jessica Montgomery, Public Works Director/County Engineer
Eric Southern, Emergency Services Director
Sheriff Steve Hiatt
Chief Deputy Paul Barker
News Media

Chairman Bill Goins called the meeting to order and welcomed those attending.

Commissioner Van Tucker gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Larry Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Mark Marion seconded the motion and the vote to approve the agenda was unanimous.

Register of Deeds Todd Harris presented the budget for Register of Deeds. Mr. Harris presented three factors he always considers: first, an unwavering adherence to governing law according to North Carolina General Statute. Second, how can we most efficiently perform those tasks required of the Register of Deeds office, and third, allowing his staff the freedom to be a part of the decision-making process which creates a sense of ownership in the services they provide as well as a knowledge of how much they are valued.

Mr. Harris said the Register of Deeds requested budget is lower than the current year's budget. He discussed the department's revenues and expenditures. Mr. Harris also discussed the new Veterans recognition program and passport program that are being implemented.

Mr. Harris also notified the Board the Register of Deeds office no longer does business with Iron Mountain.

Mr. Harris introduced the Register of Deeds staff. The Board commended Mr. Harris and staff for the excellent service they provide to the citizens. Mr. Harris stated the Register of Deeds staff work as a team and he greatly values them. Mr.

Harris also states he embraces technology and believes it saves the taxpayers money.

Jessica Montgomery, Public Works Director/County Engineer, presented the budgets for Facilities and Public Works. She discussed the needs budgeted for various buildings including the EMS outpost at the Elkin Center in the amount of $250,000, Historic Courthouse weatherproofing in the amount of $1,400,000, and paving and roofing projects at the Resource Center, with paving being priority. Ms. Montgomery stated priority projects would be at the Resource Center and filling in expansion joints at the Judicial Center.

The County Manager discussed the possible addition of a canopy for the County fuel pumps.

Jessica Montgomery discussed compactor equipment requests for the recycling centers. She also discussed personnel reclassification requests for three recycling center attendants.

Ms. Montgomery discussed selling glass which is not feasible at the present time. Ms. Montgomery discussed recycling costs and related profits and losses. The County loses money on tires and white goods.

The enforcement and maintaining of unsecured trash was discussed by the Board. Methods of enforcement for franchise haulers were discussed.

Landfill equipment requests totaling approximately $215,000 were discussed, including the purchase of a roll off truck and ATV.

Jessica Montgomery presented the Road Signs budget.

The Board commended Jessica Montgomery and the Public Works and Facilities staff.

Eric Southern, Emergency Services Director, discussed the budget request for Emergency Services including six power load systems for loading stretchers, a training mannequin, an ambulance, and an ambulance remount. Mr. Southern discussed type I and type III ambulances and convalescent transports by outside agencies.

Mr. Southern stated slips and falls are its most frequent Paramedic injuries.

Mr. Southern presented the Fire Marshal’s Office budget requests including a truck lease, a camper shell for a truck, three gas monitors, and new laptops.

Mr. Southern presented Emergency Management budget requests and the work which has been done in assisting with Covid-19 vaccine clinics, equipment movement, and incident command classes. Budget requests included a vehicle lease and the purchase of two flash suits.

The Board was appreciative of the Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Management, and Fire Marshal functions and staff.

Sheriff Steve Hiatt and Chief Deputy Paul Barker presented budget requests for the Sheriff's Office and Detention Center. They discussed equipment needs including ten pursuit rated vehicles and one SWAT van in the Sheriff's budget. The Sheriff's budget does not include any personnel requests.

Chief Deputy Barker and Rhonda Nixon, Finance Officer, discussed the vehicle lease program. They discussed the lengthy wait in obtaining vehicles.

Additional requests were discussed for thirty tasers, fifty in-car printers, five laptops, and five desktop computers.

The Chief Deputy discussed state mandated psychological testing which must now be done for new hires.

Sheriff Hiatt and Chief Deputy Barker discussed the Detention Center budget. Five positions have been requested for staffing the new Detention Center. Staff positions in Detention are currently nine short. The Sheriff discussed the Statewide shortage of staffing and stated additional staffing needs for the new Detention facility will be evaluated later once the facility is completed, $20,000 was also requested for a digital forensic fingerprint machine.

The Animal Control budget and operations were also discussed. The Board discussed total budget requests and commended the Sheriff and his staff for the excellent job they are doing.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.

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Sandra Snow
Deputy Clerk to the Board

Surry County Board of Commissioners
Meeting of April 18, 2022

The Surry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m., April 18, 2022. The meeting was held in the Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Dobson, N.C.

Board members present in-person for the meeting were Chairman Bill Goins, Vice-Chairman Eddie Harris, Commissioner Van Tucker, Commissioner Mark Marion and Commissioner Larry Johnson.

Others present in-person for the meeting, at various times, were:
Neil Brendle, Clerk of Court
Chris Knopf, County Manager
Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager
Ed Woltz, County Attorney
Marty Needham, Development Services Director
Jimmy Ashburn, Fire Marshal
Martha Brintle, MIS Director
Eric Southern, Emergency Services Director
Byron Isaacs, Emergency Management Coordinator
Nathan Walls, Assistant to the County Manager/PIO
Dr. Travis Reeves, Surry County Schools Superintendent
News Media

Chairman Goins called the meeting to order. Commissioner Johnson delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Goins requested the Board review and approve the agenda. Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the April 18, 2022 agenda.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the minutes of the April 4, 2022 meeting as presented. Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the consent agenda. Chris Knopf, County Manager, reviewed each consent agenda item. Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Requests from the County Manager:

- Approve a one-lot subdivision off of Ingleside Way, lot #10, parcel #5957-01-19-9506.
- Approve the following from the Tax Department:
  1. Total releases for the month ending 3/31/22 in the amount of $9,686.57.
  2. Total refunds for the month ending 3/31/22 in the amount of $-6,088.52.
  3. Total NCVTS tag and tax refunds for the month ending 3/31/22 in the amount of $3,197.25.
  4. Total real and personal property discoveries for the month ending 3/31/22 in the amount of $9,598.33.
  5. Total motor vehicle discoveries for the month ending 3/31/22 in the amount of $355.63.
  6. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC additions for the month ending 3/31/22 in the amount of $0.
  7. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC refunds for the month ending 3/31/22 in the amount of $89.21.

8. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC releases for the month ending 3/31/22 in the amount of $0.
9. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC collections for the month ending 3/31/22 in the amount of $11,511.62.

- Approve the commercial and industrial appraisal services of Tanner Valuation Group, LLC for $206,500, which will be paid in installments over the four-year period of the services being rendered. The cost for FY22 is $10,000 and for the last three fiscal years is $196,500. The project was approved by the Board as a component of the Tax Administration budget in FY22 for the $10,000 disbursement.
- Approve the purchase of an Emergency Fire Dispatch Protocol from the International Academy of Emergency Dispatch for $99,152.

Requests from the Assistant County Manager:

- Approve the creation of a Zoning Enforcement Officer position and add to Grade 66 on the Position Classification Plan.
- Reclassify position #434906 from a Central Permitting Specialist to an Administrative Assistant I.
- Approve Assistant County Manager to work with EMS Director to implement an Educational Reimbursement Agreement for EMS new hires.

The Board presented a special recognition certificate to Jacee Avara, who was named Triad Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Student of the Year after raising over $82,000 for the organization, which represented over one-third of the amount raised in the Triad. Ms. Avara gave a speech and said her accomplishment was really about her aunt Traci George overcoming a leukemia diagnosis last year. Ms. Avara and Ms. George took group pictures with their family members.

Chairman Goins declared the meeting an open forum and invited members of the audience to address any matters of civic concern.

Kevin Shinault discussed his support for former President Donald Trump and said he believes the 2020 elections were not conducted properly. He said he witnessed many statistical impossibilities.

Keith Senter discussed the 2020 election and his viewpoint that fraud was apparent. He cited people who have studied voting machines used in the 2020 election and their research. Mr. Senter said there was Internet traffic going out of Surry County voting machines. He said 100 votes were missing from a Mount Airy precinct. Mr. Senter requested a forensic investigation of Surry County voting machines and expressed criticisms of the local Board of Elections.

Shannon Senter said she became involved in the research of election fraud because of her family members who fought and died for our freedoms. She said when canvassing neighborhoods, she saw situations where people had long ago moved but sent in mail-in ballots and heard citizens request a forensic investigation.

Paula Stanley said eight swing states stopped counting ballots during the 2020 election around 10 p.m. on election night. She cited her examples of alleged voter fraud from her canvassing experience.

Gayle Norman said she also canvassed neighborhoods and saw examples of elderly who always vote in person being recorded with mail-in votes. She also said many citizens said they want voter ID.

Peggy Boze said her attempts to receive mail-in ballots were unanswered.

John Boze provided a courageous military story of a man who was burned by a flair. He asked the Board to help bring the public's faith back in voting.

Mr. Senter said he has signed affidavits that are locked in a safe to verify everything that was said during the open forum.

Lee Stalcup discussed euthanasia rates for cats and dogs at the County animal shelter. She encouraged a more proactive approach and more engagement between affected parties to improve the numbers.

Seeing there were no further speakers, Chairman Goins closed the open forum.

Marty Needham, Development Services Director, presented a rezoning request for case ZCR1219 149 Oak Hill Drive, Mount Airy, to be rezoned from Rural Agricultural (RA) to Highway Business (HB). The tax parcel ID number is 5012-01-46-9126. The property owners are James and Andrea Mundy, the applicant is Cory George and the rezoning would allow for a mini-warehouse storage.

Mr. Needham said the Planning Board recommended approval at their most recent meeting and the rezoning would meet similar land use to properties around it.

Chairman Goins opened the public hearing for citizens' comments on the topic.

Seeing there were no speakers, Chairman Goins closed the public hearing.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Statement of Consistency for the rezoning.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the rezoning request for case ZCR1219, 149 Oak Hill Drive, Mount Airy, tax parcel ID number 5012-01-46-9126.

Mr. Knopf presented a request from the original bidder of the old Westfield School property to withdraw their bid offer due to potential remediation of environmental concerns.

Commissioner Tucker discussed options the Board has to rescind their previous vote to accept the surplus property offer or not. County Attorney Ed Woltz addressed options and said language will be included in future legal ads for surplus property to state "sale as is and with all faults."

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to rescind their previous vote to accept the surplus property offer of $150,000, refund the bid deposit and to include the "sale as is and with all faults" language in legal ads for surplus property going forward.

Dr. Travis Reeves, Surry County Schools Superintendent, presented a purchase request to pay for an oil spill cleanup on North Surry High School's property. He explained how heating oil from a hose in the boiler room developed a leak on February 24, 2022 and described how rain washed the oil across the property and into Stewart's Creek. Dr. Reeves said insurance will not cover the entire cost of $233,575.86 to the spill cleanup contractor and $4,079 to Surry County Emergency Services, but will provide $50,000 to assist. Dr. Reeves also said project savings, totaling approximately $34,693, could also be used to cover some of the costs. He said it’s estimated that 1,000 to 2,000 gallons of oil leaked.

Commissioner Tucker asked Dr. Reeves if he thought vandalism or substandard repair work caused the leak, to which the superintendent responded no. Dr. Reeves said he believes it was a defective hose.

The Board discussed with Dr. Reeves in upcoming meeting with the insurance company to close the investigation out, which may or may not net more funding to cover the cleanup costs.

Vice-Chairman Harris discussed future needs to transition to natural gas, which Dr. Reeves said is planned. Vice-Chairman Harris also recommended a leak alert system. Vice-Chairman Harris referenced another oil leak at Elkin City Schools that the County paid for in recent years.

Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Tucker discussed setting a deadline to pay the spill cleanup contractor.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to allow Surry County Schools to spend approximately $34,693 in project savings from other projects, and set a 30-day deadline for both the insurance investigation to be completed and before providing anymore funding to pay the spill cleanup contractor and Surry County Emergency Services.

In General County Business, Commissioner Marion said he helped bury his grandchild’s dog over Easter weekend.

Commissioner Tucker said he hoped everyone had a Happy Easter.

Vice-Chairman Harris discussed the encouraging North American manufacturing trends report that was included in the Board’s agenda packet informational items, which indicates more manufacturing will be taking place in North America going forward. He also discussed a need to speak with Sheriff Steve Hiatt about restructuring the Animal Control Committee for improvements with animal control.

Commissioner Johnson thanked citizens for their comments, said he is blessed to live in Surry County and announced the Special Olympics event being held at East Surry High School on Thursday, April 21.

Chairman Goins thanked citizens for commenting and said his wife takes in animal rescues frequently. He also announced the Pomeroy Foundation sonker marker unveiling being held on Friday, April 22.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to enter closed session to discuss items pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) legal and pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) personnel.

The Board returned to open session to resume regular business.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:47 p.m.

All leases, contracts, agreements, resolutions, ordinances and documents referenced in the minutes are kept in the Clerk's Office or in the department office they are associated with.

Nathan Walls
Clerk to the Board

Surry County Board of Commissioners
April 19, 2022
Budget Work Session #2

The Surry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m. on April 19, 2022 for a budget work session. The meeting was held in Room 136, Surry County Historic Courthouse, Dobson, NC.

Board members attending were Chairman Bill Goins, Vice Chairman Eddie Harris, Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Mark Marion and Commissioner Van Tucker.

Others in attendance at various times were:
Chris Knopf, County Manager
Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager
Rhonda Nixon, Finance Officer
Brandi McMillian, Financial Analyst
Eric Southern, Emergency Services Director
Jimmy Ashburn, Fire Marshal
Volunteer Fire Department Chiefs and members

Chairman Bill Goins called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Chairman Bill Goins gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Mark Marion made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Van Tucker seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve.

Jonathan Sutphin, Westfield Fire Chief, and Jordan Smith, Westfield Fire Department member, presented their department's budget request. They stated the department is not asking for a tax increase. A pumper truck has not yet been received by the department. Mr. Sutphin discussed numerous grants the department has received including FEMA and COVID grants. They have received approximately $163,000 in grants over the past four years. Additional grant applications remain outstanding.

Mr. Sutphin stated Westfield has an ISO rating of 5. They have three paid staff members and pay from $12/hour to $15/hour depending on their training. 42% of the district is in Stokes County. Stokes funded $69,000 in the current year.

The Board discussed the funding contributions of Surry and Stokes. The Board commended the Westfield Fire Department for their service and their successful efforts in grant attainment.

Johnny Hiatt, Franklin Chief since 2011, and Doug Coble presented the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department budget to the Board. Mr. Hiatt stated they have had paid firefighters for approximately seven years. Their goal is to have 24 hour paid coverage.

Rhonda Nixon, Finance Officer, stated Mr. Hiatt's request would require a one cent tax increase. Mr. Hiatt is requesting .7 of one cent increase. The paid staff receive from $11/hour to $13/hour. Mr. Hiatt stated the department has an ISO rating of 5.

Mr. Hiatt stated four schools are in the Franklin district. The need for a fire hydrant was discussed at Franklin Elementary School. The Board will discuss the need with the City of Mount Airy.

Mr. Hiatt discussed the department's wish to build a training facility. He also stated Franklin owns one of the only two pump trucks in the County and provides resources to neighboring departments.

Mr. Hiatt stated the department has 42 total personnel including nine paid members.

The Board commended the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department for their dedication and hard work.

Lanny Whitaker, CC Camp Chief, and members Dustin Murphy and David Smoot presented the CC Camp budget to the Board. They updated the Board on their financial status. The department has four part-time paid employees but hope to have a full-time employee soon. The pay ranges from $11 to $14/hour. 80% of their department has rescue training. Mr. Whitaker stated the department can apply for more grants once the training is complete.

Mr. Whitaker stated CC Camp is requesting a 4 cent tax increase. They have an ISO rating of 6 and have asked for an inspection this year.

CC Camp will receive a $10,000 COVID grant which they will use to purchase updated radios. They have applied for an additional grant but haven't been notified yet on the award.

Commissioner Johnson feels a 4 cent tax increase is more than he can support.

The Board thanked CC Camp for their presentation and for the support they give to their community.

Scotty Coe presented the budget request for Central Surry Fire Department. Mr. Coe's budget request is a 5% increase above the current budget. It would require a 2.4 cent tax increase to meet the requested funds.

Mr. Coe stated the department has an ISO rating of 5 and has three paid part-time firefighters. A discussion followed regarding staffing and recordkeeping changes and audit procedures.

The Board commended Mr. Coe and Central Surry Fire Department.

Tony Tilley presented the budget request for South Surry Fire Department. Mr. Tilley stated South Surry does not need an increase and is operating successfully. The department has an ISO rating of 6. One paid staff member is on payroll.

The Board thanked Tony Tilley on the work of the department.

The budget request for White Plains Fire Department was presented by Garth Badgett, Chief, and Eddie Jordan, Treasurer. The department prefers to not do a tax increase. They have received numerous grants over the years. The department has an ISO rating of 9. The department has 34 volunteers on the roster and no paid firefighters.

The department has refinanced their fire department building and trucks as well as changed the deductible on insurance.

The Board commended White Plains for being good stewards of the taxpayers' money.

Brian Lowe, Chief, and Justin Mayes presented the annual report and budget request for Skull Camp Fire Department. Skull Camp is not asking for a tax increase but wants to maintain their current tax rate. The department has an ISO rating of 5.

Brian Lowe discussed an incentive program in which firefighters receive $85 for an eight hour incentive. The department has 41 firefighters on the roster. The Board commended Skull Camp.

Upon motion of Commissioner Larry Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Van Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting ended at 9:05 p.m.

Sandra Snow
Deputy Clerk to the Board

Surry County Board of Commissioners
April 26, 2022
Budget Work Session #3

The Surry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m. on April 26, 2022 for a budget work session. The meeting was held in Room 136, Surry County Historic Courthouse, 114 W. Atkins Street, Dobson, NC.

Those attending at various times were:

Chairman Bill Goins
Vice Chairman Eddie Harris
Commissioner Larry Johnson
Commissioner Mark Marion
Commissioner Van Tucker
Chris Knopf, County Manager
Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager
Rhonda Nixon, Finance Officer
Brandi McMillian, Financial Analyst
Ed Woltz, County Attorney
Dr. David Shockley, President Surry Community College
Tony Martin, Finance Officer Surry Community College
Dr. Myra Cox, Superintendent Elkin City Schools
Elkin City Schools Board members and staff
Dr. Kim Morrison, Superintendent Mount Airy City Schools
Mount Airy City Schools Board members and staff
Dr. Travis Reeves, Superintendent Surry County Schools
Surry County Schools Board members and staff
Association of Rescue Squad members

Chairman Bill Goins called the meeting to order. Vice Chairman Eddie Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance and delivered the invocation.

Commissioner Mark Marion made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eddie Harris and the vote was unanimous to approve the agenda, as presented.

Rhonda Nixon, Finance Officer, presented Budget Amendment #8. She discussed the Workers' Comp fund, Invest in Surry, ballfield lighting projects, and grant watershed projects.

Ms. Nixon and the Board discussed how funds would be disbursed in the American Rescue Plan.

Upon motion of Commissioner Larry Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Van Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve Budget Amendment #8.

Change #8

The Board of County Commissioners approved an amendment to the FY2021-2022 Budget Ordinance at their meeting on April 26,2022.

ACCOUNT CODE	DESCRIPTION	PREVIOUS AMOUNT	CHANGE	REVISED AMOUNT
GENERAL FUND				

EXPENDITURES

Governing Body					
1054110	51500	Professional Services	265,000	26,250	291,250
		Increase departmental total	697,243	26,250	723,493
Invest in Surry (NEW)					
1054123	57960	Infrastructure	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
1054123	57961	Public Health	0	500,000	500,000
1054123	57962	Public Recreation	0	700,000	700,000
1054123	57963	Community Development	0	500,000	500,000
1054123	57964	Public Safety	0	500,000	500,000
1054123	57965	Non Profits	0	500,000	500,000
		Increase departmental total	0	3,700,000	3,700,000
Building Façade Restoration					
1054183	56600	Other Improvements	0	362,500	362,500
		Increase departmental total	0	362,500	362,500
Special Appropriations					
1054198	57455	Town of Dobson	0	45,000	45,000
		Increase departmental total	430,692	45,000	475,692
Non-Departmental					
1054199	59510	General Fund Contingency	85,000	(71,250)	13,750
1054199	59545	Departmental Contingency	50,000	(50,000)	0
		Decrease departmental total	449,960	(121,250)	328,710
Sheriff's					
1054310	53040	Vehicle Maintenance	110,000	25,866	135,866
		Increase departmental total	7,289,988	25,866	7,315,854
Communications					
1054325	51720	Contracted Services	4,000	75,928	79,928
1054325	55020	Rent-Buildings & Equipment	8,000	2,500	10,500
		Increase departmental total	1,566,739	78,428	1,645,167
Emergency Services					
1054370	53040	Vehicle Maintenance	136,955	6,955	143,910
		Increase departmental total	8,063,558	6,955	8,070,513
School Health					
1055126	51010	Salaries & Wages	57,300	15,000	72,300
		Increase departmental total	81,995	15,000	96,995
Supplemental Food Program					
1055167	52010	Supplies & Materials	11,000	837	11,837
		Increase departmental total	707,895	837	708,732
Behavioral Health					
1055175	51720	Contracted Services	142,500	130,000	272,500
		Increase departmental total	154,400	130,000	284,400
Environmental Health					
1055181	51010	Salaries & Wages	540,800	12,798	553,598
		Increase departmental total	814,372	12,798	827,170
Transfers					
1059810	59265	Transfer to Workers Comp Fund	200,000	1,000,000	1,200,000
		Increase departmental total	87,568,053	1,000,000	88,568,053

REVENUE

1044000	48500	Insurance Refunds	24,713	32,821	57,534
1044000	49871	Transfer from Special Revenue Fund	0	3,700,000	3,700,000
1044000	49900	Unencumbered Balance	11,455,656	1,028,428	12,484,084
1044183	43705	State Budget Grant HB 105 (NEW)	0	362,500	362,500
1045126	42275	American Rescue Plan Act (NEW)	0	15,000	15,000
1045167	42372	WIC-CFDA 10.557	350,952	837	351,789
1045175	42275	American Rescue Plan Act (NEW)	0	130,000	130,000

1045181	43313	Food & Lodging	25,762	12,798	38,560
		Increase fund totals.	87,568,053	5,282,384	92,850,437

<u>GENERAL FUND - WORKERS' COMP</u>

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
1754238	51355	Claims Cost	425,000	1,000,000	1,425,000
		Increase departmental total	705,184	1,000,000	1,705,184
<u>REVENUE</u>					
1744238	49800	Transfer from General Fund	200,000	1,000,000	1,200,000
		Increase fund totals.	705,184	1,000,000	1,705,184

<u>GRANT PROJECT FUND</u>

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
<u>American Rescue Plan Act (NEW)</u>					
3854379	59147	Transfer to General Fund	0	3,700,000	3,700,000
		Increase departmental total	0	3,700,000	3,700,000
<u>Bean Shoals Trail Project (NEW)</u>					
3854926	51720	Contracted Services	0	4,000,000	4,000,000
		Increase departmental total	0	4,000,000	4,000,000
<u>SCC Watershed Project (NEW)</u>					
3854932	51720	Contracted Services	0	4,000,000	4,000,000
		Increase departmental total	0	4,000,000	4,000,000
<u>REVENUE</u>					
3844379	42275	American Rescue Plan Act (NEW)	0	3,700,000	3,700,000
3844926	43705	State Budget Grant HB 105 (NEW)	0	4,000,000	4,000,000
3844932	43705	State Budget Grant HB 105 (NEW)	0	4,000,000	4,000,000
		Increase fund totals.	1,425,232	11,700,000	13,125,232

Dr. David Shockley, President Surry Community College, and Tony Martin, Finance Officer Surry Community College, presented the college budget request for 2022-2023.

Mr. Martin discussed salaries and contracted services, stating more services would be contracted, and State increases were being implemented for certain employees. He also stated property and casualty insurance was going up.

Dr. Shockley stated the facilities were in good condition, and he is very proud of the sixty years old campus.

Mr. Shockley discussed the "sinking fund" which would be used for emergency situations. Dr. Shockley complimented the College staff.

Vice Chairman Eddie Harris complimented Dr. Shockley and stated he had enjoyed serving with him on the College Board. Chairman Bill Goins complimented Dr. Shockley and Surry Community College staff.

Dr. Shockley encouraged funding continuance of Surry Yadkin Works. He also was very complimentary regarding the teamwork exhibited by the school systems, the College, and the Board of

Commissioners from Surry and Yadkin. He thinks it is a great partnership and very beneficial to the students, area businesses, and the citizens.

Dr. Myra Cox, Elkin City Schools Superintendent, and the Elkin School Board and staff presented the Elkin City Schools budget for 2022-2023. Dr. Cox said Elkin City Schools was formed seventy-five years ago. Elkin City Schools was ranked fifth in the State last year.

Dr. Cox discussed the new gym construction project. She reviewed the capital outlay requests, and the $1,425 ADM request. Dr. Cox discussed the out-of-County tuition schedule - $1,425 versus $960 in-district. She stated COVID has slowed out-of-County tuition totals from catching up.

Dr. Cox thanked the Board for their support. The Board commended Dr. Cox, the Elkin School Board and staff.

Dr. Kim Morrison, Mount Airy City Schools Superintendent, Board members and staff of Mount Airy City Schools presented to the Board their 2022-2023 budget request.

Dr. Morrison presented accomplishments for Mount Airy City Schools. She discussed the Next Generation program having 38 paid interns. She presented capital outlay requests, special capital requests, and upcoming budget challenges.

Audra Cox, Mount Airy City Schools Finance Officer, discussed the $1,425 ADM request, per student, teacher pay, and increases in retirement and insurance costs.

Dr. Morrison stated 35 students live out-of-district. The Board discussed consistency in all three systems for out-of-district and out-of-County students.

The Board commended Mount Airy City Schools Board members and staff.

Dr. Travis Reeves, Surry County Schools Superintendent, introduced Teacher of the Year Ms. Alicia Fallow, Board Chair Mamie Sutphin, School Board members, and staff.

Ms. Sutphin discussed recruitment and retention as the biggest challenge the school system faces.

Ms. Fallow discussed her nineteen year career as a teacher. She discussed the challenges and rewards of teaching and the changes she has seen during her career.

Dr. Reeves discussed the $1,425 per student ADM request and a salary schedule implementation. He stated he wanted Ms. Fallow to present her story as a teacher so the Board could hear the personal touch of teaching.

The Board and Dr. Reeves discussed the fairness/unfairness of taxation County-wide. Dr. Reeves also discussed increases in retirement and insurance, his special capital requests and future needs.

The Board commended Dr. Reeves, the Surry County Schools Board members and staff.

Members of the Surry County Association of Rescue Squads presented their budget request to the Board. They stated the Rescue Squad works hand in hand with Emergency Services and the fire departments. The Rescue Squad relies on donations; it has no tax base. Mount Airy Rescue Squad responds to an average of 22 calls per day and covers eight fire department districts. The members stated that volunteerism is at a low point making it hard to operate; they are considering getting some paid employees.

The group stated donations increased during COVID. They would like to see rescue squad taxing districts. Eighty-five percent of the calls they run are medical and most calls are mutual aid with the EMS. Five rescue squads cover the entire County, but some fire departments have rescue personnel also.

The Board commended the Rescue Squads for all they do for the County's citizens.

Upon motion of Vice Chairman Eddie Harris, seconded by Commissioner Van Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to go into closed session.

The Board returned to open session.

Upon motion of Commissioner Van Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Larry Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting ended at 11:00 p.m.

Sandra Snow
Deputy Clerk to the Board

Surry County Board of Commissioners
Meeting of May 2, 2022

The Surry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m., May 2, 2022. The meeting was held in the Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Dobson, N.C.

Board members present in-person for the meeting were Chairman Bill Goins, Vice-Chairman Eddie Harris, Commissioner Van Tucker, Commissioner Mark Marion and Commissioner Larry Johnson.

Others present in-person for the meeting, at various times, were:
Sheriff Steve Hiatt
Chris Knopf, County Manager
Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager
Ed Woltz, County Attorney
Rhonda Nixon, Finance Officer
Marty Needham, Development Services Director
Jimmy Ashburn, Fire Marshal
Martha Brintle, MIS Director
Eric Southern, Emergency Services Director
Nick Brown, 911 Communications Director
Byron Isaacs, Emergency Management Coordinator
Nathan Walls, Assistant to the County Manager/PIO
News Media

Chairman Goins called the meeting to order, delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Goins requested the Board review and approve the agenda. Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the May 2, 2022 agenda.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the minutes of the April 18, 2022 meeting as presented. Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the consent agenda. Chris Knopf, County Manager, reviewed each consent agenda item. Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Requests from the County Manager:
- Approve the following National Day of Prayer Proclamation for a May 5, 2022 National Day of Prayer event at the Historic Courthouse:

Proclamation

Declaring

The National Day of Prayer

WHEREAS, *the National Day of Prayer has been a part of our nation's heritage since the first one was declared by the Continental Congress in 1775; and*

***WHEREAS**, leaders in our nation have relied on the power of prayer throughout our history as a way of bringing citizens together to demonstrate all that we have in common; and*

***WHEREAS**, leaders commonly and frequently urge citizens of faith to pray for our country and those who defend our freedoms at home and abroad; and*

***WHEREAS,** prayer has given strength to people who are facing daily trials and tribulations and it serves to express love, gratitude, and concern; and*

***WHEREAS**, prayer is an important part of many citizens' daily lives, so it is incumbent upon our County's leaders to recognize the National Day of Prayer.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Surry County Board of Commissioners recognizes the National Day of Prayer, which will occur on May 5, 2022, and encourages all citizens, who desire, to participate in this special occasion.*

Adopted this the 2nd day of May 2022

by the Surry County Board of Commissioners.

- **Approve the following proclamation honoring Melvin T. Jackson for his design of the Surry County flag:**

Proclamation

Recognizing

Melvin T. Jackson

***WHEREAS**, Melvin T. Jackson won a Surry County flag design contest in 1976; and*

***WHEREAS**, the flag design contest was also part of the American Bicentennial Celebration in 1976; and*

***WHEREAS**, the flag design contest was promoted in a Mount Airy News notice, which stated a savings bond would be awarded to the winner; and*

***WHEREAS,** the flag features three colors and carries the date of Surry County's formation in 1770, which represents the date of the act that Gov. Tryon signed into law the next year; and*

***WHEREAS**, this proclamation comes during Surry County's 250th Anniversary/Sestercentennial that features a kickoff celebration, lecture series, bus tours and other events to honor the history of the County.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Surry County Board of Commissioners recognizes Melvin T. Jackson for his great contribution to County history with the Surry County flag.*

Adopted this the 2nd day of May 2022

by the Surry County Board of Commissioners.

- **Approve the following proclamation honoring Jerry Atkins for his design of the Surry County seal:**

Proclamation

Recognizing

Jerry Atkins

***WHEREAS**, Jerry Atkins won a Surry County seal design contest in 1976; and*

WHEREAS*, the seal design contest was also part of the American Bicentennial Celebration in 1976; and*

WHEREAS*, the seal design contest was promoted in a Mount Airy News notice, which stated a savings bond would be awarded to the winner; and*

WHEREAS, *the seal features a gold backdrop with the words "The Great Seal of Surry County" around the edges, an outline of the County and images of Pilot Mountain, a tobacco leaf, a block of granite and a spool of thread with a gear, all of which pointed to that era's local economy and tourism elements; and*

WHEREAS*, this proclamation comes during Surry County's 250th Anniversary/Sestercentennial that features a kickoff celebration, lecture series, bus tours and other events to honor the history of the County.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Surry County Board of Commissioners recognizes Jerry Atkins for his great contribution to County history with the Surry County seal.*

Adopted this the 2nd day of May 2022

by the Surry County Board of Commissioners.

- **Approve the Surry County SCV JEB Stuart Camp #1598 request to place a camp flag at the Confederate Memorial on the Dobson Historic Courthouse property at a ceremony on Saturday, May 21. The flag would be removed within a one-day time period. This is an event that has been held annually. The Board of County Commissioners also approved the group to clean and paint the Memorial.**

Requests from the Assistant County Manager:

- **Approve $88,436.05 in worker's compensation settlement activity for quarter ending March 31, 2022.**
- **Approve to create a Digital Platform Coordinator position and add to Grade 64 on the Position Classification Plan.**
- **Approve to reclassify position #412204 from Senior HR Manager to HR Compliance Officer and add to the Position Classification Plan at Grade 68.**
- **Approve to establish the Fire Marshal's Office as a stand-alone department, reporting directly to the County Manager and Assistant County Manager.**
- **Approve to renew Hugh Chatham Urgent Care lease for a 5-year period, as reviewed with the Property Committee.**

The Board recognized Melvin T. Jackson for his Surry County flag design and Jerry Atkins for his Surry County seal design by reading and presenting proclamations for their efforts. Mr. Jackson gave a speech and handed out coins, with the seal, on granite slabs to the Board. Mr. Atkins was not in attendance.

Chairman Goins declared the meeting an open forum and invited members of the audience to address any matters of civic concern.

Kevin Shinault discussed examples of election fraud and encouraged the Board to quit using voting machines.

John Claxton encouraged the Board to require voters to use paper ballots. He said anything that is electronic, like voting machines, is vulnerable to be attacked or hacked.

Zoe Claxton said she and her husband worked the polls in a recent election and said she witnessed people walk into the voting precinct and ask for directions back to U.S. Hwy. 52, proving they were not from Surry County, Ms. Claxton alluded.

Ken Badgett asked the Board not to allow a Confederate flag to be placed on the Confederate Memorial on the Historic Courthouse property. He also requested that the Memorial be given back to the owners to place it on private land. Mr. Badgett said Confederate soldiers should be honored by their families and in private museums, not on public property. He also said that he is concerned about some citizens' treatment of Michella Huff, Elections Director, and said there is no proof of election fraud.

Wanda Stanley provided an example she thought to be election fraud of her son in Elkin receiving a mail-in ballot for a woman residing in Florida. She encouraged paper ballots and requested the Board to require them in upcoming elections. Ms. Stanley also requested that the Confederate Memorial stay on the Historic Courthouse property since it recognizes history.

Seeing there were no further speakers, Chairman Goins closed the open forum.

Ed Woltz, County Attorney, provided a legal opinion based off a letter from the State Board of Elections, that is on file in the Clerk to the Board's Office, and his and other attorneys' interpretations of the North Carolina General Statutes regarding the Board of County Commissioners' authority over voting machines, ballots, local Board of Elections staff and elections in general. He said the local Board of Elections is autonomous and governed by the State Board of Elections. Mr. Woltz said the Board of County Commissioners is required to purchase voting machines and provide funding for Board of Elections staff's salaries. He said, other than that, they have no authority over anything involving the Board of Elections, the operation of voting machines, ballots and elections in general.

Mr. Woltz reiterated to the Board, responding to their questions, that the local and State Board of Elections are autonomous.

The Board of County Commissioners, in various comments, stated that they have concerns with elections integrity personally and said they will send questions and concerns about the topic to the State Legislature. They also encouraged citizens to do the same.

Mr. Woltz received permission from the Board to excuse himself for another meeting he was scheduled to attend.

Mr. Knopf presented a request to fund a line-item budgetary amount for the Abatement of Health and Safety Nuisance Ordinance. The request was being made based on a property at 254 Turner Mountain Road, which has received numerous violations. Mr. Knopf said the case has not made it to or through the appeals process, but he doesn't anticipate that taking place since the property owner has not responded to any of the previous violation notification letters. He said the owner is not living on the property.

Vice-Chairman Harris asked about the basis of the nuisance, which Mr. Knopf said was safety related.

Commissioner Tucker asked who determined that there were violations to which Mr. Knopf said was determined by the Ordinance Officer. Commissioner Tucker said that sounds like a lot of authority for an Ordinance Officer.

Vice Chairman Harris said with the FY23 budget approval looming for approval soon to give this budget line item more serious consideration going forward before allocating funding tonight.

Commissioner Tucker discussed the large amount of potential nuisance issues that also need addressing. He said the Board should determine what cases taxpayer money will be spent on to remediate health and safety nuisances in Surry County and those decisions should not be made by the Ordinance Officer.

Commissioner Johnson urged the Board to act tonight since citizens want the property cleaned up and a Board majority approved the Abatement of Health and Safety Nuisance Ordinance.

Mr. Knopf confirmed to Chairman Goins that the case in question involves abandoned property.

Commissioner Tucker said the Ordinance Officer should identify potential nuisance cases and the Board should decide which cases are actionable. Commissioner Johnson said it still is the call of the Board. Commissioner Tucker reiterated he wants the Board to decide which cases to act on and determine what the budget should be to remediate.

Mr. Knopf discussed with the Board the process of nuisance abatement, including violation notices, appeals and other details.

Commissioner Marion discussed the foul language that is spray-painted on the mobile home, mattresses in the yard, junk in the yard, broken windows and other issues on the property that he believes constitute a health and safety issue.

Mr. Knopf confirmed to Commissioner Tucker that he thinks the cleanup process will be costly. Commissioner Tucker concurred.

The Board reached consensus for the appeals process to continue and, if the property owner doesn't appeal, to research the cost of the cleanup process and bring cost estimates back to the Board for consideration.

Mr. Knopf asked the Board to amend the agenda to include an item about broadband infrastructure Great Grant resolutions.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda.

Mr. Knopf read four resolutions notifying that various companies are applying for a Great Grant to provide broadband infrastructure in certain areas of Surry County. He said $309,627 was allocated by Surry County to go towards potential matches for Great Grants.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following four resolutions related to applications for Great Grant funding to provide broadband infrastructure in certain areas of Surry County:

SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO PARTNER WITH ZiTEL, LLC FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE IN CERTAIN AREAS OF SURRY COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Broadband service is vital to the economic development of **SURRY COUNTY**; and

WHEREAS, SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS allocated $309,627 of unrestricted general revenue fund pursuant to G.S. 160A-340A.60 as potential broadband infrastructure match; and

WHEREAS, ZiTEL, LLC is a retail provider of communications services including the provision of broadband services to portions of **SURRY COUNTY**; and

WHEREAS, **ZiTEL, LLC** intends to apply for a grant under the North Carolina Growing Rural Areas Through Access Through Technology Act ("GREAT Act") to provide broadband services to identified unserved areas of **SURRY COUNTY**; and,

WHEREAS, SURRY COUNTY strongly supports the grant application of **ZiTEL, LLC**; and

WHEREAS, if **ZiTEL, LLC** is selected by the North Carolina Broadband Infrastructure Office to receive State Fiscal Recovery Funds for the **SURRY COUNTY** project, then **SURRY COUNTY** will contribute a portion of its unrestricted general revenue funds, up to **50 percent of ZiTEL, LLC required matching funds, not to exceed the Board-approved match allocation**, to support the project based on the total amount awarded by the state; and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure to be completed shall be owned and operated by **ZiTEL, LLC**.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the **SURRY COUNTY** Board of Commissioners that:

1. **SURRY COUNTY** will consider a partnership agreement with **ZiTEL, LLC** for the expressed purpose of supporting **ZiTEL, LLC**'s GREAT Act application to construct fiber to the home broadband services for specified unserved areas of **SURRY COUNTY** as agreed upon by **SURRY COUNTY** and **ZiTEL, LLC**.
2. Should the GREAT grant application be successfully awarded to **ZiTEL, LLC**, **SURRY COUNTY** shall contribute their match portion, up to **50 percent of the provider's required match, not to exceed the Board-approved total match allocation**, from the County's unrestricted general revenue funds to the project.
3. The broadband services and infrastructure related thereto shall be owned and operated by **ZiTEL, LLC**.

Adopted this 2nd day of May 2022.

SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO PARTNER WITH SURRY TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE IN CERTAIN AREAS OF SURRY COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Broadband service is vital to the economic development of **SURRY COUNTY**; and

WHEREAS, SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS allocated $309,627 of unrestricted general revenue fund pursuant to G.S. 160A-340A.60 as potential broadband infrastructure match; and

WHEREAS, SURRY TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION is a retail provider of communications services including the provision of broadband services to portions of **SURRY COUNTY**; and

WHEREAS, **SURRY TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION** intends to apply for a grant under the North Carolina Growing Rural Areas Through Access Through Technology Act ("GREAT Act") to provide broadband services to identified unserved areas of **SURRY COUNTY**; and,

WHEREAS, SURRY COUNTY strongly supports the grant application of **SURRY TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION**; and

WHEREAS, if **SURRY TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION** is selected by the North Carolina Broadband Infrastructure Office to receive State Fiscal Recovery Funds for the **SURRY COUNTY** project, then **SURRY COUNTY** will contribute a portion of its unrestricted general revenue funds, up to **50 percent of SURRY TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION required matching funds, not to exceed the Board-approved match allocation**, to support the project based on the total amount awarded by the state; and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure to be completed shall be owned and operated by **SURRY TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION**.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the **SURRY COUNTY** Board of Commissioners that:

1. **SURRY COUNTY** will consider a partnership agreement with **SURRY TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION** for the expressed purpose of supporting **SURRY TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION**'s GREAT Act application to construct fiber to the home broadband services for specified unserved areas of **SURRY COUNTY** as agreed upon by **SURRY COUNTY** and **SURRY TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION**.

2. Should the GREAT grant application be successfully awarded to **SURRY TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION**, **SURRY COUNTY** shall contribute their match portion, up to **50 percent of the provider's required match, not to exceed the Board-approved total match allocation**, from the County's unrestricted general revenue funds to the project.
3. The broadband services and infrastructure related thereto shall be owned and operated by **SURRY TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION**.

Adopted this 2nd day of May 2022

SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO PARTNER WITH CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE IN CERTAIN AREAS OF SURRY COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Broadband service is vital to the economic development of **SURRY COUNTY**; and

WHEREAS, SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS allocated $309,627 of unrestricted general revenue fund pursuant to G.S. 160A-340A.60 as potential broadband infrastructure match; and

WHEREAS, CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS is a retail provider of communications services including the provision of broadband services to portions of **SURRY COUNTY**; and

WHEREAS, **CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS** intends to apply for a grant under the North Carolina Growing Rural Areas Through Access Through Technology Act ("GREAT Act") to provide broadband services to identified unserved areas of **SURRY COUNTY**; and,

WHEREAS, SURRY COUNTY strongly supports the grant application of **CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS**; and

WHEREAS, if **CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS** is selected by the North Carolina Broadband Infrastructure Office to receive State Fiscal Recovery Funds for the **SURRY COUNTY** project, then **SURRY COUNTY** will contribute a portion of its unrestricted general revenue funds, up to **50 percent of CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS required matching funds, not to exceed the Board-approved match allocation**, to support the project based on the total amount awarded by the state; and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure to be completed shall be owned and operated by **CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS**.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the **SURRY COUNTY** Board of Commissioners that:

1. **SURRY COUNTY** will consider a partnership agreement with **CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS** for the expressed purpose of supporting **CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS**'s GREAT Act application to construct fiber to the home broadband services for specified unserved areas of **SURRY COUNTY** as agreed upon by **SURRY COUNTY** and **CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS**.
2. Should the GREAT grant application be successfully awarded to **CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS**, **SURRY COUNTY** shall contribute their match portion, up to **50 percent of the provider's required match, not to exceed the Board-approved total match allocation**, from the County's unrestricted general revenue funds to the project.
3. The broadband services and infrastructure related thereto shall be owned and operated by **CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS**.

Adopted this 2nd day of May 2022.

SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO PARTNER WITH CONNECT HOLDING II, LLC DBA BRIGHTSPEED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE IN CERTAIN AREAS OF SURRY COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Broadband service is vital to the economic development of **SURRY COUNTY**; and

WHEREAS, SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS allocated $309,627 of unrestricted general revenue fund pursuant to G.S. 160A-340A.60 as potential broadband infrastructure match; and

WHEREAS, CONNECT HOLDING II, LLC DBA BRIGHTSPEED is a retail provider of communications services including the provision of broadband services to portions of **SURRY COUNTY**; and

WHEREAS, **CONNECT HOLDING II, LLC DBA BRIGHTSPEED** intends to apply for a grant under the North Carolina Growing Rural Areas Through Access Through Technology Act ("GREAT Act") to provide broadband services to identified unserved areas of **SURRY COUNTY**; and,

WHEREAS, SURRY COUNTY strongly supports the grant application of **CONNECT HOLDING II, LLC DBA BRIGHTSPEED**; and

WHEREAS, if **CONNECT HOLDING II, LLC DBA BRIGHTSPEED** is selected by the North Carolina Broadband Infrastructure Office to receive State Fiscal Recovery Funds for the **SURRY COUNTY** project, then **SURRY COUNTY** will contribute a portion of its unrestricted general revenue funds, up to **50 percent of CONNECT HOLDING II, LLC DBA BRIGHTSPEED required matching funds, not to exceed the Board-approved match allocation**, to support the project based on the total amount awarded by the state; and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure to be completed shall be owned and operated by **CONNECT HOLDING II, LLC DBA BRIGHTSPEED**.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the **SURRY COUNTY** Board of Commissioners that:

1. **SURRY COUNTY** will consider a partnership agreement with **CONNECT HOLDING II, LLC DBA BRIGHTSPEED** for the expressed purpose of supporting **CONNECT HOLDING II, LLC DBA BRIGHTSPEED**'s GREAT Act application to construct fiber to the home broadband services for specified unserved areas of **SURRY COUNTY** as agreed upon by **SURRY COUNTY** and **CONNECT HOLDING II, LLC DBA BRIGHTSPEED**.
2. Should the GREAT grant application be successfully awarded to **CONNECT HOLDING II, LLC DBA BRIGHTSPEED**, **SURRY COUNTY** shall contribute their match portion, up to **50 percent of the provider's required match, not to exceed the Board-approved total match allocation**, from the County's unrestricted general revenue funds to the project.
3. The broadband services and infrastructure related thereto shall be owned and operated by **CONNECT HOLDING II, LLC DBA BRIGHTSPEED**.

Adopted this 2nd day of May 2022

In General County Business, Commissioner Marion said he appreciated all the voters who have already voted in the 2022 election.

Chairman Goins thanked citizens for their comments and thanked public safety departments that were represented.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to enter closed session to discuss items pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) legal and pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) personnel.

The Board returned from closed session and resumed regular business.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:43 p.m.

All leases, contracts, agreements, resolutions, ordinances and documents referenced in the minutes are kept in the Clerk's Office or in the department office they are associated with.

Nathan Walls
Clerk to the Board

Surry County Board of Commissioners
Meeting of May 16, 2022

The Surry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m., May 16, 2022. The meeting was held in the Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Dobson, N.C.

Board members present in-person for the meeting were Chairman Bill Goins, Vice-Chairman Eddie Harris, Commissioner Van Tucker, Commissioner Mark Marion and Commissioner Larry Johnson.

Others present in-person for the meeting, at various times, were:
Chris Knopf, County Manager
Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager
Ed Woltz, County Attorney
Jimmy Ashburn, Fire Marshal
Martha Brintle, MIS Director
Mark Willis, Substance Abuse Recovery Director
Paul Barker, Chief Deputy
Other Deputies
Keith Kiger, Lead Inspector
Nathan Walls, Assistant to the County Manager/PIO
News Media

Chairman Goins called the meeting to order. Vice-Chairman Harris delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Goins requested the Board review and approve the agenda. Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the May 16, 2022 agenda.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the minutes of the May 2, 2022 meeting as presented. Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the consent agenda. Chris Knopf, County Manager, reviewed each consent agenda item. Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Requests from the County Manager:

- Approve the following from the Tax Department:
  1. Total releases for the month ending 4/30/22 in the amount of $412.45.
  2. Total refunds for the month ending 4/30/22 in the amount of $-537.40.
  3. Total NCVTS tag and tax refunds for the month ending 4/30/22 in the amount of $3,083.13.
  4. Total real and personal property discoveries for the month ending 4/30/22 in the amount of $8,733.90.
  5. Total motor vehicle discoveries for the month ending 4/30/22 in the amount of $78.62.
  6. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC additions for the month ending 4/30/22 in the amount of $168,377.44.
  7. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC refunds for the month ending 4/30/22 in the amount of $0.
  8. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC releases for the month ending 4/30/22 in the amount of $0.
  9. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC collections for the month ending 4/30/22 in the amount of $5,573.43.

- Approve a request to transfer $21,000 of existing funds within the current FY22 Sheriff's Office budget to replace two four-wheeler ATVs.

Requests from the Assistant County Manager:
- Approve reclassification of the Development Services Director position to Grade 76 on the Position Classification Plan.
- Approve the position creation of a Peer Support Specialist in the Substance Abuse Recovery Department.
- Approve to waive permit fees for Surry Baptist Association's Handyman Ministry as requested by the Lead Building Inspector.

Requests from the Finance Officer:
- Approve Budget Amendments #9 and #10 for the FY22 budget, which follow:

					Change # 9
The Board of County Commissioners approved an amendment to the					
FY2021-2022 Budget Ordinance at their meeting on May 16, 2022.					
ACCOUNT			**PREVIOUS**		**REVISED**
CODE		**DESCRIPTION**	**AMOUNT**	**CHANGE**	**AMOUNT**
SPECIAL TAX DISTRICTS					
EXPENDITURES					
4055916	57500	Elkin City Schools	1,034,427	60,000	1,094,427
4155915	57500	Mount Airy City Schools	948,375	60,000	1,008,375
4254381	57500	Ararat Fire	120,456	8,000	128,456
4354382	57500	Bannertown Fire	600,215	40,000	640,215
4454384	57500	C.C. Camp Fire	246,556	35,000	281,556
4554383	57500	Central Surry Fire	237,627	25,000	262,627
4654385	57500	Four-Way Fire	241,073	20,000	261,073
4754386	57500	Franklin Fire	473,130	45,000	518,130
4854387	57500	Jot-Um-Down Fire	107,531	15,000	122,531
4954388	57500	Mountain Park Fire	133,903	15,000	148,903
5054389	57500	Pilot Knob Fire	205,533	17,000	222,533
5154390	57500	Shoals Fire	97,803	10,000	107,803
5254391	57500	Skull Camp Fire	247,172	35,000	282,172
5354392	57500	South Surry Fire	292,379	40,000	332,379
5454393	57500	State Road Fire	92,954	12,000	104,954
5554394	57500	Westfield Fire	159,661	12,000	171,661
5654395	57500	White Plains Fire	181,370	50,000	231,370
5754396	57500	Pine Ridge Fire	151,505	30,000	181,505
5854397	57500	Pleasant Hill	399	100	499
REVENUE					
4045916	41100	Elkin City Schools	956,616	60,000	1,016,616
4145915	41100	Mount Airy City Schools	840,554	60,000	900,554
4244381	41100	Ararat Fire	104,192	8,000	112,192
4344382	41100	Bannertown Fire	561,514	40,000	601,514
4444384	41100	CC Camp Fire	230,317	35,000	265,317
4544383	41100	Central Surry Fire	203,904	25,000	228,904
4644385	41100	Four-Way Fire	202,097	20,000	222,097
4744386	41100	Franklin Fire	405,043	45,000	450,043
4844387	41100	Jot-Um-Down Fire	93,027	15,000	108,027
4944388	41100	Mountain Park Fire	118,182	15,000	133,182
5044389	41100	Pilot Knob Fire	183,039	17,000	200,039
5144390	41100	Shoals Fire	85,915	10,000	95,915

5244391	41100	Skull Camp Fire	213,091	35,000	248,091
5344392	41100	South Surry Fire	256,487	40,000	296,487
5444393	41100	State Road Fire	81,852	12,000	93,852
5544394	41100	Westfield Fire	138,217	12,000	150,217
5644395	41100	White Plains Fire	154,473	50,000	204,473
5744396	41100	Pine Ridge Fire	131,345	30,000	161,345
5844397	41100	Pleasant Hill	349	100	449
		Increase Special District Totals by		529,100	

					Change #10	
The Board of County Commissioners approved an amendment to the FY2021-2022 Budget Ordinance at their meeting on May 16, 2022.						
ACCOUNT			PREVIOUS		REVISED	
CODE		DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHANGE	AMOUNT	
GENERAL FUND						
EXPENDITURES						
Governing Body						
1054110	51200	Board Member Fees	42,132	907	43,039	
1054110	51350	Group Insurance	21,688	2,204	23,892	
		Increase departmental total	723,493	3,111	726,604	
Administration						
1054120	51010	Salaries & Wages	188,718	22,232	210,950	
1054120	51030	Salaries & Wages - Part Time	0	1,124	1,124	
1054120	51350	Group Insurance	12,960	4,242	17,202	
		Increase departmental total	262,239	27,598	289,837	
Register of Deeds						
1054180	51350	Group Insurance	51,162	5,000	56,162	
		Increase departmental total	485,717	5,000	490,717	
Non-Departmental						
1054199	59520	Salary Contingency	234,960	(234,960)	0	
1054199	59530	Insurance Contingency	80,000	(80,000)	0	
		Decrease departmental total	328,710	(314,960)	13,750	
Management Information Services						
1054210	51350	Group Insurance	49,051	4,740	53,791	
		Increase departmental total	1,160,719	4,740	1,165,459	
Sheriff's						
1054310	51350	Group Insurance	495,568	40,000	535,568	
		Increase departmental total	7,315,854	40,000	7,355,854	
School Resource Officer County						
1054312	51010	Salaries & Wages	97,612	2,675	100,287	
1054312	51350	Group Insurance	12,679	2,375	15,054	
		Increase departmental total	143,481	5,050	148,531	
Middle School SRO						
1054314	51010	Salaries & Wages	163,683	2,400	166,083	
1054314	51350	Group Insurance	22,047	1,737	23,784	

		Increase departmental total	251,981	4,137	256,118	
School Resource Officer						
1054316	51010	Salaries & Wages	146,953	3,770	150,723	
1054316	51350	Group Insurance	19,019	2,649	21,668	
		Increase departmental total	223,821	6,419	230,240	
Communications						
1054325	51010	Salaries & Wages	780,314	18,000	798,314	
1054325	51350	Group Insurance	106,229	10,070	116,299	
		Increase departmental total	1,645,167	28,070	1,673,237	
Emergency Management						
1054330	51010	Salaries & Wages	54,780	43,965	98,745	
1054330	51300	Social Security	4,719	1,625	6,344	
1054330	51310	Medicare	1,104	380	1,484	
1054330	51330	Retirement	6,425	5,697	12,122	
1054330	51350	Group Insurance	7,932	4,020	11,952	
		Increase departmental total	158,107	55,687	213,794	
Fire Marshal						
1054340	51010	Salaries & Wages	144,234	13,000	157,234	
1054340	51300	Social Security	9,708	600	10,308	
1054340	51310	Medicare	2,270	150	2,420	
1054340	51330	Retirement	16,898	1,500	18,398	
1054340	51350	Group Insurance	12,888	5,050	17,938	
		Increase departmental total	257,881	20,300	278,181	
Development Services Dept.						
1054349	51010	Salaries & Wages	268,222	(35,000)	233,222	
1054349	51030	Salaries & Wages Part Time	22,607	(22,607)	0	
		Decrease departmental total	450,502	(57,607)	392,895	
Inspections						
1054350	51010	Salaries & Wages	261,374	(10,033)	251,341	
		Decrease departmental total	396,736	(10,033)	386,703	
Substance Abuse Recovery						
1054365	51010	Salaries & Wages	123,532	1,000	124,532	
		Increase departmental total	331,945	1,000	332,945	
Community Transportation Program						
1054368	51350	Group Insurance	6,400	850	7,250	
		Increase departmental total	37,150	850	38,000	
Emergency Medical Services						
1054370	51010	Salaries & Wages	4,222,666	70,000	4,292,666	
1054370	51030	Salaries & Wages Part Time	175,000	84,600	259,600	
1054370	51300	Social Security	275,152	800	275,952	
1054370	51330	Retirement	488,107	8,000	496,107	
		Increase departmental total	8,070,513	163,400	8,233,913	
Road Signs Project						
1054912	51030	Salaries & Wages Part Time	10,518	3,905	14,423	
1054912	51350	Group Insurance	3,695	(3,695)	0	
		Increase departmental total	35,341	210	35,551	

Agriculture Cost Share						
1054962	51010	Salaries & Wages	59,376	1,000	60,376	
1054962	51350	Group Insurance	8,000	650	8,650	
		Increase departmental total	84,758	1,650	86,408	
Veterans Service Office						
1055820	51010	Salaries & Wages	131,651	2,442	134,093	
1055820	51350	Group Insurance	6,492	882	7,374	
		Increase departmental total	198,951	3,324	202,275	
Recreation						
1056120	51010	Salaries & Wages	151,471	7,529	159,000	
1056120	51030	Salaries & Wages - Part Time	16,372	(4,500)	11,872	
1056120	51350	Group Insurance	19,625	2,500	22,125	
		Increase departmental total	322,194	5,529	327,723	
Parks Maintenance						
1056125	51010	Salaries & Wages	104,020	2,080	106,100	
1056125	51350	Group Insurance	19,625	4,445	24,070	
		Increase departmental total	425,256	6,525	431,781	
		No change in fund total				

Speakers on the topic of Election Integrity spoke as part of the only item on the agenda.

Mark Cook discussed how voting machines are susceptible to being hacked, like any other computer or electronic device.

John Bowes, presenting a Powerpoint, provided statistics from canvassing efforts, which included interviews regarding mail-in ballots, voting in-person and incorrect addresses, among others.

Dr. David Clements showed videos, which he said support his viewpoint that the 2020 Presidential Election was fraudulent.

The canvassing PowerPoint is saved in the Government Center shared drive within the folder path titled: "F:\Administration\BOCC\BOCC Presentations."

Chairman Goins read a statement telling the speakers and their supporters to contact the State Legislature and State Board of Elections with their concerns.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to enter closed session to discuss items pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) legal and pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) personnel.

The Board exited closed session and returned to regular business.

Upon motion of Chairman Goins, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to fund detention officers' overtime pay for May and June of 2022.

Upon motion of Chairman Goins, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to hire Howard Jones to provide legal counsel at quasi-judicial hearings held by the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:13 p.m.

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Nathan Walls
Clerk to the Board

Surry County Board of Commissioners
Meeting of June 6, 2022

The Surry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m., June 6, 2022. The meeting was held in the Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Dobson, N.C.

Board members present in-person for the meeting were Chairman Bill Goins, Vice-Chairman Eddie Harris, Commissioner Van Tucker, Commissioner Mark Marion and Commissioner Larry Johnson.

Others present in-person for the meeting, at various times, were:
Todd Harris, Register of Deeds
Chris Knopf, County Manager
Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager
Martha Brintle, MIS Director
Marty Needham, Development Services Director
Penny Harrison, Tax Administrator
Eric Southern, Emergency Services Director
Jimmy Ashburn, Fire Marshal
Byron Isaacs, Emergency Management Coordinator
Nick Brown, 911 Communications Director
Daniel White, Parks & Recreation Director
Paul Barker, Chief Deputy
Paramedics Receiving Recognitions
Nathan Walls, Assistant to the County Manager/PIO
Joe Strickland, Teramore Development
Patrick Lineberry, Tuggle Duggins
News Media

Attending virtually were:
Rhonda Nixon, Finance Officer
Ed Woltz, County Attorney

Chairman Goins called the meeting to order, delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Goins requested the Board review and approve the agenda. Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the June 6, 2022 agenda.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the minutes of the May 16, 2022 meeting as presented. Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the consent agenda. Chris Knopf, County Manager, reviewed each consent agenda item. Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Requests from the County Manager:
- Approve an amendment to the FY22-23 budget calendar, rescheduling the Tuesday, June 7 budget work session to Wednesday, June 8 at the Surry County Service Center.
- Approve Parks & Recreation’s purchase of equipment for future trail development, utilizing remaining funds from the Mountains-to-Sea Trail and the Greenway/Blueway Development budgets, totaling $30,000-$35,000.

Requests from the Assistant County Manager:

- Approve to add the Public Health Educator III to the Position Classification Plan at Grade 73.
- Approve to waive Environmental Health permit fees for Surry Baptist Association's Handyman Ministry as requested by the Public Health Director.
- Approve the 2023 Holiday Schedule as presented.
- Approve to amend the date of the J.E.B. Stuart Camp Ceremony on the Historic Courthouse lawn from May 21 to May 28, 2022.

Requests from the Finance Officer:

- Approve to accept the committee's recommendation to offer a five-year contract to Southern Software, Inc., with the option to extend for Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), Records Management System (RMS) and Jail Management System (JMS); to continue to fund the municipalities RMS services through Central Square during the transitionary period; and for municipalities to fund their portion of RMS services once Southern Software is operational. The initial cost will be $888,324 with $750,000 to be paid from the Invest In Surry budget.
- Approve the transfer of a 1985 International Dump Truck, VIN/Serial# 1HTLCHYM3FHA62857, and a 1996 Grub Lowboy Trailer, VIN/Serial# 1G95U2420TS195341, from Public Works to Parks & Recreation.

The Board recognized paramedics for their life saves and for reaching the finals of the State Paramedic Competition.

Recognized for five life saves were: Abby Samuels, Colby Cooper, Daniel Banks, Hunter Odum, Katlin Smith, Mason Gwyn, Mason Sewell, Shellie Killgo, Staphany Blizard and Tiffany Early.

Recognized for 10 life saves were: Aaron Stoltzfus, Hannah Simmons and Mark Vogler.

Recognized for reaching the finals of the State Paramedic Competition were Katlin Smith and Josh LeCrone.

Chairman Goins declared the meeting to be an open forum and invited members of the audience to address any matters of civic concern.

Keith Senter remembered D-Day with a D-Day poem. He then said he and others, at recent meetings, discussed 170 pieces of voter fraud from the 2020 Presidential Election. Senter referenced NCGS 163-165.8, saying it states the County may vote or deny approving the purchase of voting machines recommended by the Board of Elections. He discussed options for voting, what would happen to voting machines if power is lost during voting. Senter requested hand-to-eye voting with paper ballots and a special meeting with the Surry County Republican Party and election fraud advocates.

Kristin Laster said a prayer and read a speech encouraging fair and honest elections and paper ballots.

Tessa Saeli made degrading statements about the Board of County Commissioners and encouraged paper ballots.

Richard Merlo said he believes Donald Trump won the 2020 Presidential Election and encouraged paper ballots.

Sandra Swaim discussed the last Board meeting and said NCGS states the Board has the authority to choose paper ballots, and said she doesn't trust voting machines.

Chris Owens said the 2020 Presidential Election records stated that his house had a registered voter who didn't actually live there. He encouraged the Board to think about the citizens they represent.

Jason Jjork, not a native of Surry County, said he goes to different counties discussing discrepancies with mail-in versus in-person ballots from the 2020 Presidential Election. He stated some of that data.

Melissa Mundy thanked the Board for adding an Opioid death investigator position to the Sheriff's Office and requested another Opioid death investigator position be added to the FY23 County budget. She lost her son to Opioid addiction.

Steven Odum said Surry County needs more Opioid death investigators. He also discussed his viewpoints on election integrity, including an example he said he experienced locally that proves voter fraud happens. Mr. Odum said the local Board of Elections would not hear his dispute. He encouraged paper ballots and said the people of Surry County will stand behind the Board's decision to request they be used.

Rick Yost, NC Data Team Project Manager, said voting data from the 2020 Presidential Election was very suspicious. He encouraged paper ballots.

Joseph Jaskson requested more help from the Sheriff's Office battling the fentanyl crisis in Surry County.

Frank Hamby thanked the Board for their assistance in acquiring funding for the Bean Shoals section of Pilot Mountain State Park. But, he said, the park's maintenance has once again deteriorated and needs to be addressed. He asked the Board to act more quickly on improving the park maintenance and constructing new bridges over the creek crossings.

John Bowes asked Chairman Goins where he stands on election integrity and said the Board didn't provide enough reasons as to why the Board didn't switch to paper ballots at their last meeting. Bowes said he prays that God convinces them to do the right thing with paper ballots.

Jimmy Yokeley said the law allows the Board to write a request to the local Board of Elections to switch to paper ballots. He said many municipalities use paper ballots and Surry County citizens want the same.

June Miller provided an example from six years ago of a voting machine at Bryan Township changing she and her husband's votes from Republican to Democrat.

Terrell Stevens said voting machines, tabulators and electronic poll books are all susceptible to compromise.

Amber Arnder of Tiny Tigers Rescue discussed the trap-n-release program her agency has implemented. She also provided other updates.

Alan Bagshaw provided euthanasia data on dogs and cats from the Surry County Animal Shelter and requested that the data improve.

Faith Ashby, also with Tiny Tigers, provided another update on the agency's work with cats.

Becky Cummings, also with Tiny Tigers, further discussed the trap-n-release program and the need for more funding from the County so cats won't rebreed so much.

Melissa Hiatt said she had been talking with Lt. Abraham Doby of Surry County Animal Control about creating a Humane Society in Surry County to assist with the stray cat and dog problem. She requested another committee for the Humane Society, which would be a non-profit. Ms. Hiatt said she was available to assist.

Seeing there were no further speakers, Chairman Goins closed the open forum.

Penny Harrison, Tax Administrator, presented private road names added from June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022 to consider as part of a public hearing. She said staff performed due diligence in the process. The road names are: Cozy Creek Trail, Parker Hill Trail, Mountain Berry Way, Lewis Acres Lane, Blue Dog Farms Lane, Great Southern Trail, David Lee Trail, Legacy Lane, Pond Spring Trail, Willows Walk Lane, Brudys Trail, Rodriguez Lane and Lovers Creek Trail.

Chairman Goins opened the public hearing, and when no speakers came forward, closed the public hearing.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to approve the naming of all private roads added from June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022. The road names are: Cozy Creek Trail, Parker Hill Trail, Mountain Berry Way, Lewis Acres Lane, Blue Dog Farms Lane, Great Southern Trail, David Lee Trail, Legacy Lane, Pond Spring Trail, Willows Walk Lane, Brudys Trail, Rodriguez Lane and Lovers Creek Trail.

Marty Needham, Development Services Director, presented rezoning request ZCR1220 from applicant Teramore Development, LLC for 120 Mount View Drive, Mount Airy, for a proposed Dollar General. The rezoning request, if approved, would change the property from a Rural Agricultural classification to a Rural Business-Conditional classification.

Mr. Needham said during a Planning Board meeting, there was no opposition to the request. The Planning Board recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the request.

Chairman Goins opened the public hearing.

Joe Strickland, of Teramore Development, informed the Board that the new Dollar General will look like other new stores in Surry County on Cook School Road and Zephyr Road. He said they will have the fresh foods concept, with coolers to chill food, and 1,500 more square feet than a standard Dollar General.

Mr. Needham said citizens who live near the property are looking forward to the store coming. The property owner, James Lambert, was in attendance and voiced his support.

Chairman Goins closed the public hearing.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Statement of Consistency for rezoning request ZCR1220.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to approve rezoning request ZCR1220 from applicant Teramore Development, LLC for 120 Mount View Drive, Mount Airy from Rural Agricultural to Rural Business-Conditional.

The Board took a five-minute break.

Mr. Knopf presented the FY23 recommended budget message.

Mr. Knopf read budget highlights in his budget message. He said the tax rate would remain the same at 55.2 cents and that sales tax revenue is projected to increase in FY23. The budget for FY23 includes $5.2 million in debt service, $1.2 million for weatherproofing buildings and a 5 percent Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for employees on the grade/step class plan. The total budget is recommended to be $93,607,336.

Mr. Knopf said there are several positive signs for the budget moving forward.

A public hearing is scheduled for the FY23 County budget at the June 20 Board meeting.

Mr. Knopf presented a $102,000 offer for the old Westfield School property, Tax ID# 5979-00-46-4272, 6631 Westfield Road, Westfield, North Carolina 27053.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the $102,000 offer for the old Westfield School property, Tax ID# 5979-00-46-4272, 6631 Westfield Road, Westfield, North Carolina 27053, subject to upset bid, and to begin the upset bid process using legal ads in the Mount Airy News. The Board has the right to reject any future offers and approve or deny any offers.

Mr. Knopf presented a request to reappoint Deidre Rogers to the Surry Community College Board of Trustees.

Upon motion of Chairman Goins, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Deidre Rogers to the Surry Community College Board of Trustees.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda and add audit contracts from Gould Killian for FY23 for the County and Flat Rock-Bannertown Water & Sewer District.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve FY23 audit contracts for the County and Flat Rock-Bannertown Water & Sewer District with Gould Killian.

In General County Business, Commissioner Johnson thanked Mr. Knopf, Finance Officer Rhonda Nixon and staff on the proposed FY23 budget; citizens for their comments during open forum; and volunteers in the county. He said he hopes that he’s serving citizens well. Commissioner Johnson also announced the recessed Airport Authority meeting has been moved from June 9 to June 16 at 3 pm in the Historic Courthouse.

Vice-Chairman Harris thanked Ms. Nixon for her work on the proposed FY23 budget and said that he enjoyed working with her, and that he is sad that she is retiring.

Commissioner Tucker said he appreciates Mr. Knopf and staff for working on the budget. He especially thanked Ms. Nixon and said he enjoyed working with her. Commissioner Tucker said the fund balance is in good shape, but we have more expenses than normal to consider. He thanked the citizens who spoke during open forum.

Commissioner Marion echoed comments about Ms. Nixon and staff who worked on the budget. He thanked citizens for speaking during open forum and thanked the citizens who supported him at the polls.

Chairman Goins thanked staff for their work on the budget.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to enter closed session to discuss items pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) legal and pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) personnel.

The Board exited closed session and returned to regular business.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to agree to an assignment contract with the new owner of CK Technologies.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:40 p.m.

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Nathan Walls
Clerk to the Board

Surry County Board of Commissioners
June 8, 2022
Budget Work Session #4

The Surry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m. on June 8, 2022 for a budget workshop at the Surry County Service Center, 915 E. Atkins Street, Dobson, NC.

Those attending at various times included:

Board Chairman Bill Goins
Vice Chairman Eddie Harris
Commissioner Larry Johnson
Commissioner Mark Marion
Commissioner Van Tucker
Chris Knopf, County Manager
Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager
Rhonda Nixon, Finance Officer
Denise Brown, Assistant Finance Officer
Brandi McMillian, Financial Analyst
Dr. Travis Reeves, Surry County Schools Superintendent
Members of the Surry County Sheriff's Office
Media

Chairman Bill Goins called the meeting to order. Vice Chairman Eddie Harris delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Chairman Eddie Harris made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Van Tucker seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

County Manager Chris Knopf and Chairman Bill Goins presented discussion topics for the budget workshop. Mr. Knopf submitted suggested changes to the recommended budget, following the Board's deliberations.

Commissioner Larry Johnson suggested the Board approve $1,260 per pupil for the three school systems current expense.

Discussion followed with the Board and Dr. Travis Reeves regarding school safety and ways to enter and exit each school.

County Manager Chris Knopf discussed his recommended budget versus proposed changes. Significant changes included $5.2 million in new debt service, $1.2 million for the addition of a weatherproofing project for the Historic Courthouse, and a $708,000 transfer to fund additional workers' compensation expense and move the budget to General Fund to simplify.

Rhonda Nixon, Finance Officer, stated fund balance is down $1 million from last year, but she does not think we will need to use any fund balance. Forecasting is difficult; however, sales tax is three months in arrears and there are debt service payments not yet made.

Commissioner Larry Johnson qualified his suggestion for school funding, increasing by $20 per student. The Board will discuss later in the meeting.

The Board discussed three volunteer fire departments that have requested tax increases. Commissioner Larry Johnson stated he was not in favor of tax increases for the three departments. Vice Chairman Eddie Harris agreed with Commissioner Johnson to not approve tax increases for the three.

The annual $50,000 fire department grant was discussed. County Manager Chris Knopf proposed the Board consider splitting the $50,000 between CC Camp and Skull Camp at $25,000 each. The Board was in agreement to the split.

County Manager Chris Knopf reviewed the Sheriff's budget request which has increased by $784,000.

The County Manager also stated the staffing for the new detention center would increase the budget for the year. Commissioner Larry Johnson suggested County Administration work with the Sheriff to trim approximately $200,000 from the budget request.

Vice Chairman Eddie Harris suggested additional funding for the school systems and commended the Sheriff and his staff on the jobs they perform.

Commissioners Van Tucker and Larry Johnson were supportive of keeping the grand total budget request the same as presented in the County Manager's recommended budget. Vice Chairman Eddie Harris believes the County has maintained finances appropriately, and the unassigned fund balance is healthy.

Vice Chairman Eddie Harris stated Surry County Schools are at a disadvantage over the Elkin and Mount Airy school systems because of their lack of taxing ability.

The Board discussed funding for non-profits. Chris Knopf, County Manager, stated some funding for non-profits was the same amount as in the current year. Additional funding may be allocated through Invest in Surry funds which will be discussed soon.

Additional topics the Board discussed included an employee cost of living increase, the fire hydrant at Franklin Elementary School, school capital needs and grant opportunities, White Plains mobile units, and the DARE program.

Commissioner Larry Johnson suggested asking Mount Airy City Board of Commissioners to assist with the expense of the Franklin Elementary School fire hydrant.

Dr. Travis Reeves discussed various funding needs for Surry County Schools. Chairman Bill Goins and Vice Chairman Eddie Harris will meet with the school superintendents prior to the budget's adoption.

Rhonda Nixon presented budget amendment #11.

Change #11

The Board of County Commissioners approved an amendment to the FY2021-2022 Budget Ordinance at their meeting on June 8,2022.

ACCOUNT CODE		DESCRIPTION	PREVIOUS AMOUNT	CHANGE	REVISED AMOUNT
GENERAL FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
Governing Body					
1054110	51500	Professional Services	291,250	10,000	301,250
1054110	55150	Insurance & Bonding	260,000	45,000	305,000
		Increase departmental total	726,604	55,000	781,604
County Attorney					
1054150	51500	Professional Services	138,890	25,000	163,890
		Increase departmental total	175,065	25,000	200,065
Judicial Center BLDG					
1054185	53010	Building & Grounds Maintenance	75,000	(15,000)	60,000
		Decrease departmental total	413,815	(15,000)	398,815
Buildings & Grounds-County					
1054190	53010	Building & Grounds Maintenance	80,000	(10,000)	70,000
		Decrease departmental total	625,995	(10,000)	615,995
Court Facilities					
1054193	55500	Dues & Subscriptions	15,000	15,000	30,000
		Increase departmental total	32,308	15,000	47,308
Sheriff's					
1054310	53040	Vehicle Maintenance	135,866	3,533	139,399
		Increase departmental total	7,355,854	3,533	7,359,387
Medical Examiner					
1054360	51500	Professional Services	66,000	10,000	76,000
		Increase departmental total	70,000	10,000	80,000
Road Signs Project					
1054912	52350	Automotive Supplies	1,500	10,000	11,500
		Increase departmental total	35,551	10,000	45,551
Beehive Field Testing Grant					
1054944	52010	Supplies & Materials	0	4,290	4,290
		Increase departmental total	0	4,290	4,290
Health Dept. Administration					
1055110	52010	Supplies & Materials	10,601	(4,600)	6,001
		Decrease departmental total	115,545	(4,600)	110,945
Communicable Disease					
1055121	51010	Salaries & Wages	696,984	151,972	848,956
		Increase departmental total	1,219,415	151,972	1,371,387
Community Alternatives Program					
1055154	51010	Salaries & Wages	490,400	(28,000)	462,400
		Decrease departmental total	760,700	(28,000)	732,700
Cancer Control Program					
1055158	51010	Salaries & Wages	129,000	(75,000)	54,000
		Decrease departmental total	309,003	(75,000)	234,003

Pregnacy Care Management					
1055161	51010	Salaries & Wages	69,300	(750)	68,550
		Decrease departmental total	171,010	(750)	170,260
Child Service					
1055178	51010	Salaries & Wages	111,800	750	112,550
		Increase departmental total	154,754	750	155,504
Environmental Health					
1055181	51010	Salaries & Wages	553,598	83,720	637,318
		Increase departmental total	827,170	83,720	910,890
Bioterrorism & Preparedness					
1055185	51010	Salaries & Wages	36,000	4,600	40,600
		Increase departmental total	38,800	4,600	43,400
Service Programs					
1055313	57853	Energy/LIEAP	966,501	821,325	1,787,826
		Increase departmental total	4,425,201	821,325	5,246,526
REVENUE					
1044000	48500	Insurance Refunds	57,534	3,533	61,067
1044000	48610	Rent Income	90,000	40,000	130,000
1044000	48900	Miscellaneous	5,000	50,000	55,000
1044944	43362	Beehive Grant	0	4,290	4,290
1045121	42275	American Rescue Plan Act (NEW)	0	151,972	151,972
1045181	43313	Food & Lodging	38,560	(19,280)	19,280
1045313	42388	Energy/LIEAP	966,501	821,325	1,787,826
		Increase fund totals.	92,850,437	1,051,840	93,902,277
GENERAL FUND - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS					
EXPENDITURES					
Dental/Vision/Hearing					
1354230	55615	Reimbursement Expense	120,000	10,000	130,000
		Increase departmental total	125,000	10,000	135,000
Employee Wellness					
1354237	52020	Medical Supplies	20,000	(10,000)	10,000
		Decrease departmental total	189,590	(10,000)	179,590
		No change in fund balance			
GENERAL FUND - DEED OF TRUST					
EXPENDITURES					
3154136	57398	State Treasurer ROD	100,000	330,000	430,000
		Increase departmental total	100,000	330,000	430,000
REVENUE					
3144136	44102	ROD Fees State Treasurer	100,000	330,000	430,000
		Increase fund totals.	100,000	330,000	430,000
AIRPORT OPERATIONS					
EXPENDITURES					
8154985	51010	Salaries & Wages	164,474	25,000	189,474
8154985	52460	Fuel - Airport Operations	20,000	260,000	280,000
REVENUE					
8144985	42270	Covid 19 Crisis	0	13,000	13,000
8144985	42275	American Rescue Plan (NEW)	0	32,000	32,000

8144985	44574	Jet A Fuel Sales	215,000	180,000	395,000
8144985	44576	AVGAS Fuel Sales	55,000	60,000	115,000
		Increase fund totals.	719,429	285,000	1,004,429

Upon motion of Vice Chairman Eddie Harris, seconded by Commissioner Mark Marion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the budget amendment as presented.

The County Manager discussed exemption to solicit qualifications for architects for Rockford and the Elkin Center, referencing 143-64-32. Upon motion of Commissioner Larry Johnson, seconded by Vice Chairman Eddie Harris, the Board voted unanimously to exempt Rockford and the Elkin Center projects from bidding requirements for architectural services retroactive to April 1, 2022.

County Manager Chris Knopf discussed members for boards including Elections, Planning, and the Health Board receiving payments for meeting attendance in the amount of $100 per meeting for Chairman and $75 for members.

Commissioner Van Tucker discussed the importance of compensating citizens for their service.

Commissioner Van Tucker made a motion to adopt a County Board payment schedule in the amount of $100 per meeting for chairman and $75 per member. Commissioner Larry Johnson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Chris Knopf, County Manager, discussed an increase of $150 for monthly travel stipends. The consensus of the Board was to approve the travel stipend increase.

Commissioner Mark Marion made a motion to go into closed session. Chairman Bill Goins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to go into closed session.

The Board returned to open session.

Upon motion of Vice Chairman Eddie Harris, seconded by Commissioner Van Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting ended at 8:34 p.m.

Sandra Snow
Deputy Clerk to the Board

Surry County Board of Commissioners
Meeting of June 20, 2022

The Surry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m., June 20, 2022. The meeting was held in the Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Dobson, N.C.

Board members present in-person for the meeting were Chairman Bill Goins, Vice-Chairman Eddie Harris, Commissioner Mark Marion and Commissioner Larry Johnson. Commissioner Van Tucker attended virtually.

Others present in-person for the meeting, at various times, included:
Chris Knopf, County Manager
Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager
Ed Woltz, County Attorney
Howard Jones, Attorney
Martha Brintle, MIS Director
Kristy Preston, DSS Director, and DSS staff
Jessica Montgomery, Public Works Director
Marty Needham, Development Services Director
Nick Brown, 911 Communications Director
Larry Lowe, Sheriff's Major
Paul Barker, Chief Deputy
Brandi McMillian, Finance Office
News Media

Attending virtually was:
Rhonda Nixon, Finance Officer

Chairman Goins called the meeting to order. Commissioner Johnson delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Goins requested the Board review and approve the agenda. Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to approve the June 20, 2022 agenda.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the minutes of the June 6, 2022 meeting as presented. Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the consent agenda. Chris Knopf, County Manager, reviewed each consent agenda item. Upon motion of Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Requests from the County Manager:

- Approve the following from the Tax Department:
  1. Total releases for the month ending 5/31/22 in the amount of $71.32.
  2. Total refunds for the month ending 5/31/22 in the amount of $2,444.48.
  3. Total NCVTS tag and tax refunds for the month ending 5/31/22 in the amount of $2,179.88.
  4. Total real and personal property discoveries for the month ending 5/31/22 in the amount of $3,642.84.
  5. Total motor vehicle discoveries for the month ending 5/31/22 in the amount of $0.
  6. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC additions for the month ending 5/31/22 in the amount of $69,798.01.

7. **Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC refunds for the month ending 5/31/22 in the amount of $417.92.**
8. **Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC releases for the month ending 5/31/22 in the amount of $1,373.34.**
9. **Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC collections for the month ending 5/31/22 in the amount of $30,494.98.**

- **Approve the acceptance of conveyance of parcel #5912-00-31-4520 for $75,000, located at 5096 Rockford Road, recorded in April of 2022, as a result of instructions to the County Attorney in September of 2021. The property conveyance is in conjunction with Surry County's 250th Anniversary. Chairman Goins read a statement from the County about the property conveyance, which was for the 1830 Rockford Courthouse. Chairman Goins read the following: "The Board of Commissioners are pleased to announce, in conjunction with Surry 250 and Surry County's Invest In Surry initiative, the acquisition of the 1830 Surry County Courthouse in Historic Rockford. The building served as the County Courthouse from 1830 until 1853. This acquisition process has been ongoing since last Fall and was slow due to title issues on the part of the seller. Now that this process has concluded, we are excited to move forward. The Board wants to thank the County's Parks & Recreation Department, Development Services Department and Public Works Department for their property improvement efforts the past few weeks. County staff has already engaged and is working closely with restoration specialists from the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources and State Historic Preservation Office to develop a plan and use for the property and building going forward. It is the County's primary intent to return use of this property to the citizens of Surry County in some capacity as we move forward in developing a plan for the property."**
- **Approve the following Waste Haulers Non-Exclusive Franchise renewals:**
  - **BK Moody Enterprises, Inc.**
  - **CMJ Container Services, LLC**
  - **Cooke Rentals, Mount Airy**
  - **CWS of the Triad, Inc.**
  - **EME Industrial Services, LLC**
  - **Foothills Sanitation & Recycling**
  - **Greenhill Environmental, LLC**
  - **Kingdom Klean S.S.**
  - **Ultimate Towing & Recovery**
  - **Hulk's Waste Disposal**
  - **Republic Waste Services of NC**
  - **Rural Services**
  - **Vixster Waste and Recycling**
  - **Waste Industries**
  - **Waste Management**
- **Approve the following resolution, which was read aloud by Vice-Chairman Harris:**

SURRY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO NAME THE NC 268 BYPASS/CC CAMP ROAD BRIDGE OVER BIG ELKIN CREEK THE "TROOPER SAMUEL NEWTON BULLARD BRIDGE" IN HIS MEMORY BY ERECTING SIGNAGE.

WHEREAS, Samuel Newton Bullard was a native and lifelong resident of Wilkes County, and the son of Suzanne Felts and Samuel Bullard; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Newton Bullard was a graduate of East Wilkes High School; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Newton Bullard was an avid hunter and outdoorsman, who also participated in and had a passion for Meals on Wheels; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Newton Bullard began his law enforcement career on June 21, 2015 with the North Carolina State Highway Patrol and was assigned to Surry County as a Trooper, serving proudly for just over three years; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Samuel Newton Bullard served Surry County professionally in all his assigned duties, making Surry County roads safer to travel; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Samuel Newton Bullard was killed in the line of duty due to a collision during a vehicle pursuit on May 21, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Samuel Newton Bullard was posthumously awarded the Officer of the Year Award at the 2019 Blue Line Brotherhood Banquet in Kannapolis; and

WHEREAS, the Surry County Board of Commissioners wishes and desires to honor Trooper Samuel Newton Bullard for sacrificing his life in service to Surry County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Surry County Board of Commissioners does hereby, in memory, honor Trooper Samuel Newton Bullard, deceased, for his bravery and service as a Trooper for the North Carolina State Highway Patrol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Surry County Board of Commissioners does hereby respectfully request the North Carolina Department of Transportation to dedicate the bridge located on NC 268 Bypass/CC Camp Road over Big Elkin Creek in Surry County in honor and in memory of deceased Trooper Samuel Newton Bullard, who was killed in the line of duty, by erecting appropriate signage designating the honor.

Adopted this 20th day of June 2022.

Requests from the Assistant County Manager:
- **Approve to change position #518118 from Grade 75 to Grade 76 on the Position Classification Plan to comply with State requirements.**
- **Approve to change position #516702 from a PPTH Nutritionist II to a PFT Nutritionist II.**
- **Approve change orders as presented for the new Detention Center, including additional CATV outlets (PCO#11R), phones (PCO#13R), a kitchen sink sanitary waste and vent piping (PCO#14), and columns and beams (PCO#20), as well as electrical revisions (PCO#12), a coordination breaker study (PCO#15), women's dorm flooring (PCO#17), door sliders (PCO#18), increased cell glazing (PCO#19R), and roofing insulation price increases (PCO#21), totaling $253,461.**

Requests from the Finance Officer:
- **Approve the nondiscrimination policy, records retention policy, eligible use policy and conflict of interest policy for compliance with Uniform Guidance 2 CFR Part 200 under the American Rescue Plan State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (ARP/SLFRF).**

Chairman Goins declared the meeting to be an open forum and invited members of the audience to address any matters of civic concern.

Rachel Collins asked the Board to reconsider their decision to eliminate PART bus route 6 that serves Surry County in Mount Airy and Pilot Mountain. She provided history of the decision to bring the route to Surry County.

Libby Radford thanked the Board for their concern for feral cats in Surry County. She said that the non-profit Tiny Tigers is out of funding and discussed other problems with cats and dogs in Surry County.

Teresa Leiva, a volunteer with Surry County Animal Rescue, advocated for a spay and neuter program in the County. She discussed the formation of a committee, or Humane Society, to help with the problem. Ms. Leiva also said she would like to help with the organization.

Alan Bagshaw presented cat and dog euthanasia numbers, as well as adoptions and rescues, in Surry County. He requested addressing feral cat colonies in the County.

John Bowes said voter fraud issues are being exposed in our country everyday and said he knows it will all be exposed in Surry County. He asked the Board to take an official role in asking the Board of Elections to not destroy any of the 2020 Presidential Elections documentation because in September 2022, they can shred all the ballots. Bowes also discussed specific voter fraud allegations.

Patty Miller-Fulk thanked Commissioner Johnson for the care he showed the late Commissioner Jimmy Miller. She stated she worked with and for Chairman Goins. She said she is sure that Donald Trump won the 2020 Presidential Election. Ms. Miller-Fulk showed the Board mailers she received during the same election. She asked the Board for help with election fraud issues.

Gayle Norman reiterated Bowes's request to secure data from the 2020 Presidential Election. She discussed various allegations of election fraud.

Seeing there were no further speakers, Chairman Goins closed the open forum.

Kristy Preston, DSS Director, provided a director's report with several items for the Board to consider. The first item to consider was the agency's Program Integrity Plan, which investigates cases of public assistance fraud. Recent changes were made to assist in submitting fraud cases for criminal prosecution. Ms. Preston discussed income verification details.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agency's Program Integrity Plan as presented.

The second DSS item for the Board to consider was the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Surry County DSS and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS). The MOU is for two years (2022-2023 and 2023-2024).

Upon motion of Chairman Goins, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Surry County DSS and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS) for two years (2022-2023 and 2023-2024).

Ms. Preston also provided the Board information about DSS receiving a clean report on fiscal monitoring (a clean audit), a clean report on the Social Services block grant audit, a Recipient Eligibility Determination Audit reviewing Medicaid denials that showed DSS did not meet the state standard in only one area (negative eligibility) – which means corrective actions will be taken for improvement. Due to the corrective action, DSS had to pay back $720, which Ms. Preston said she was not pleased with, but the amount was not bad, all things considered. She also updated the Board on the Title 4E Foster Care, Guardianship Assistance and Medicaid Administrative Claiming Monitoring Report that revealed one error case. Ms. Preston said DSS appealed the case decision, which eventually resulted in an amended court order.

Chairman Goins and Vice-Chairman Harris, considering Ms. Preston's imminent retirement, thanked her for her years of service.

Marty Needham, Development Services Director, presented rezoning request ZCR1221 from applicant Creed Transmissions (David Creed) for property located at 1052 Pratt Road, Ararat. The request was made to rezone the property from Rural Agricultural to Community Business-Conditional Use.

Mr. Needham said the request was for five acres to allow for automotive sales and repair on the property. He said the rezoning is consistent with the County's Land Use Plan and was recommended for approval by the Planning Board. Mr. Needham also said there was no public opposition to the request.

Chairman Goins opened the public hearing for the rezoning request.

Seeing there were no speakers, Chairman Goins closed the public hearing.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Statement of Consistency for rezoning request ZCR1221 from applicant Creed Transmissions (David Creed) for property located at 1052 Pratt Road, Ararat to rezone the property from Rural Agricultural to Community Business-Conditional Use.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to rezone five acres of property at 1052 Pratt Road, Ararat, tax parcel ID #5925-00-11-8211, from Rural Agricultural to Community Business-Conditional Use at the request of Creed Transmissions (David Creed).

Mr. Knopf presented the proposed fiscal year 2023 budget. He said the recommended budget was presented at the last Board meeting and the total for fiscal year 2023, if approved, would be $93,607,336 with no County tax increase. Only three volunteer fire departments requested tax increases, he said. Mr. Knopf also reviewed changes that the Board requested since a budget work session on June 8, 2022, which are shown below. He said, overall, that's a change of $9,767 lower than the previous recommended budget.

Chairman Goins opened the public hearing to discuss the proposed fiscal year 2023 budget.

Seeing there were no speakers, Chairman Goins closed the public hearing.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommended fiscal year 2023 budget, which totals $93,597,569, with the following changes: an $87,648 decrease in the Emergency Services budget, a $55,409 decrease in Emergency Management, a $268,147 increase in salary reserve, a $9,000 increase in Governing Body, a $125,090 decrease in Elections, a $205,440 increase in Schools Current Expense ($1,260 per student), a $164,190 decrease in the Sheriff's budget, a $10,017 decrease in the Northwestern Regional Library System and a $50,000 decrease in Surry Medical Ministries. The fiscal year 2023 budget ordinance is as follows:

2022-2023 BUDGET ORDINANCE

Be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of Surry County, North Carolina:

SECTION 1. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund for the operation of Surry County Government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023:

CODE	DEPARTMENT	APPROPRIATION
10-4110	Governing Body	782,253
10-4115	Digital Platform	133,778
10-4120	Administration	338,167
10-4122	Human Resources Department	647,466
10-4130	Finance	969,672
10-4140	Tax Supervisor	1,889,100
10-4150	County Attorney	175,065
10-4170	Board of Elections	814,801
10-4180	Register of Deeds	484,104
10-4184	Communications Building	52,700
10-4185	Judicial Center Building	521,061
10-4186	Cooper Street Building	15,600
10-4187	Sheriff's Office Building	53,500
10-4188	Dobson Service Center	123,800

10-4189	Permitting and Health Bldg.	76,450
10-4190	Building & Grounds – County	851,286
10-4192	Historic Courthouse	1,360,000
10-4193	Court Facilities	31,700
10-4195	Health Department Building	38,200
10-4196	Health/Social Services Building	306,300
10-4197	Resource Center Building – Mt. Airy	463,000
10-4198	Special Appropriations	487,014
10-4199	Non-Departmental	1,098,147
10-4200	Central Services	20,000
10-4206	Administrative Support	110,925
10-4210	Management Information Service	1,283,045
10-4238	Surry County Workers' Comp	708,741
10-4305	Pre-Trial Release (County)	147,023
10-4310	Sheriff's	7,227,335
10-4312	School Resource Officer County	151,054
10-4314	Middle School SRO	261,475
10-4316	School Resource Officer	233,519
10-4318	Judicial Center Officers	188,228
10-4320	County Jail	4,377,909
10-4325	Communications Center	1,761,143
10-4330	Emergency Management	238,201
10-4340	Fire Marshal	325,978
10-4342	Fire and Rescue	691,067
10-4349	Development Services	504,898
10-4350	Inspections	416,681
10-4360	Medical Examiner	80,000
10-4365	Substance Abuse Recovery	199,035
10-4368	Community Transportation Program	38,750
10-4370	Emergency Medical Services	7,923,346
10-4380	Rabies Control	675,065
10-4730	Lovill Creek Phase (I & II combined)	20,000
10-4912	Road Signs Project	41,247
10-4945	Dobson Farmer's Market	3,500
10-4950	Cooperative Extension	324,850
10-4959	SHIIP Grant	11,113
10-4960	Soil & Water Conservation District	134,735
10-4962	Agriculture Cost Share Program	88,307
10-5110	Health Dept. Administration	116,736
10-5121	Communicable Disease/STD	492,748
10-5126	School Health	98,626
10-5148	Adult Primary Care	384,811
10-5154	Community Alternatives Program	725,903
10-5155	Home Health Grant Program	438,849
10-5158	Cancer Control Program	309,374
10-5161	Pregnancy Care Management	117,241
10-5162	Maternal Health Program	45,124
10-5163	Child Health Program	1,484,600
10-5164	Family Planning Program	380,001
10-5167	Supplemental Food Program	725,376
10-5170	Immunization Action Plan	310,370
10-5175	Behavioral Health	246,100
10-5178	Child Service	166,161
10-5181	Environmental Health	1,058,641
10-5185	Bioterrorism & Preparedness	35,478
10-5191	Health Promotions	103,226
10-5192	Dental Clinic	1,517,020
10-5197	Peer Support Grant	100,000
10-5210	Mental Health	201,728
10-5312	Social Services Administration	994,556
10-5313	Services' Programs	3,868,501
10-5321	Local Assistance	1,588,538
10-5373	Child Support – Title IV-D	658,575
10-5380	Public Assistance Administration	3,106,551
10-5820	Veterans Service Office	227,220
10-5830	Community Action Program	164,969
10-5911	Current Expense-Schools	
57000	Mount Airy Schools (1,658 students)	2,089,080
57001	Elkin Schools (954 students)	1,202,040

57002	County Schools (7,068 students)	8,905,680
57375	County Schools Supplement	300,000
57380	Surry Works	200,000
59585	Charter School Reserve	768,830
10-5921	Surry Community College M & O Department	2,900,000
10-6110	Library	532,999
10-6120	Recreation	422,027
10-6125	Parks Maintenance	540,434
10-6128	Mountain To Sea Trail	100,000
10-6131	Canoe Access	18,400
10-9810	Transfers to other Funds	
59150	Transfer to Reappraisal Reserve	364,265
59210	Transfer to Cap Improvement	5,576,338
59227	Transfer to Airport	237,239
59240	Transfer to Water/Sewer	250,000
59260	Transfer to Employee Benefits	500,000
59325	Transfer to Flat Rock/Bannertown W & S	24,070
59400	Public Assistance Transfer	654,800
	Total General Fund – Expenditure Appropriation	85,153,559

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 to meet the foregoing General Fund appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
10-4000	General Fund – Not Classified Elsewhere	26,553,464
10-4130	Finance	24,000
10-4140	Tax Supervisor	38,846,865
10-4180	Register of Deeds Fees	600,000
10-4193	Court Cost Facility Fees	75,000
10-4310	Sheriff’s	199,500
10-4314	Middle School Resource Officer	133,332
10-4316	School Resource Officer	176,266
10-4320	County Jail	506,500
10-4330	Emergency Management	48,000
10-4340	Fire Marshal	17,000
10-4349	Development Services Department	14,200
10-4350	Inspections	275,000
10-4368	Community Transportation Program	25,000
10-4370	Emergency Medical Services	4,000,000
10-4380	Rabies Control	50,250
10-4959	SHIIP Grant	11,113
10-4960	Soil & Water Conservation District	8,300
10-4962	Agriculture Cost Share Program NCACS	30,000
10-5110	Health Dept. Administration	95,667
10-5121	Communicable Disease/STD	242,130
10-5126	School Health	15,000
10-5148	Adult Primary Care	278,480
10-5154	Community Alternatives Program	725,903
10-5155	Home Health Grant Programs	397,454
10-5158	Cancer Control Program	90,750
10-5161	Pregnancy Care Management	117,241
10-5162	Maternal Health Program	45,124
10-5163	Child Health Program	1,484,600
10-5164	Family Planning Program	220,532
10-5167	Supplemental Food Program	394,761
10-5170	Immunization Action Plan	263,750
10-5175	Behavioral Health	246,100
10-5178	Child Service	166,161
10-5181	Environmental Health	184,762
10-5185	Bioterrorism & Preparedness	35,478
10-5191	Health Promotions	41,354
10-5192	Dental Clinic	1,517,020
10-5197	Peer Support Grant	100,000
10-5313	Services’ Programs	2,556,843
10-5321	Local Assistance	762,088
10-5373	Child Support – Title IV-D	659,697
10-5380	Public Assistance Admin	2,896,874
10-5820	Veterans Services Office	2,000
10-6120	Recreation	10,500

10-6125	Parks Maintenance	9,500
	Total General Fund – Revenue Estimated	85,153,559

There is hereby levied a tax rate of .552 cents per one hundred dollars ($100) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2022 for the purpose of raising the revenue listed as Ad Valorem Tax-Current in the General Fund Revenue Sources. This amount of tax is based on an estimated total value of property for the purpose of taxation of $6,384,000,000 and an estimated collection rate of 97%.

SECTION 2. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund –Economic Development for the said fiscal year.

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
11-4922	Spencer's Mill	250,000
11-4922	Certified Sites	5,000
11-4922	Willowtex	15,000
11-4922	Texwipe	9,903
11-4922	Round Peak	500
11-4922	Pilot/MA Water Connect	32,500
Total Appropriations – General Fund – Economic Development		312,903

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund-Economic Development for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
11-4922	Transfer from the General Fund	250,000
11-4922	Unencumbered Balance	62,903
Total Estimated Revenues – General Fund – Economic Development		312,903

SECTION 3. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund-Debt Service for the said fiscal year.

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
12-9110	Education Debt Service	8,397,814
12-9150	County Building Debt Service	2,489,939
Total Appropriations – General Fund – Debt Service		10,887,753

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund-Debt Service for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
12-9110	Transfer from the General Fund – CIP	4,597,308
12-9110	Unencumbered Balance	3,800,506
12-9150	Transfer from the General Fund – CIP	2,489,939
Total Estimated Revenues – General Fund – Debt Service		10,887,753

SECTION 4. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund-Employee Benefits for the said fiscal year.

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
13-4230	Dental/Visual/Hearing	135,000
13-4232	Employee Programs	137,000
13-4234	Retiree Insurance	478,000
13-4237	Employee Wellness	196,410
Total Appropriations – General Fund – Employee Benefits		946,410

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund–Employee Benefits for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
13-4230	Dental/Visual/Hearing – Unencumbered Balance	135,000
13-4232	Employee Programs – Unencumbered Balance	137,000
13-4234	Retiree Insurance – 65+ Premium	107,500
13-4234	Retiree Insurance – Transfer from General Fund	350,000
13-4234	Retiree Insurance – Unencumbered Balance	20,500
13-4237	Employee Wellness – Transfer from General Fund	150,000
13-4237	Employee Wellness – Unencumbered Balance	46,410
Total Estimated Revenues – General Fund – Employee Benefits		946,410

SECTION 5. **The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund – HOME (HUD) Program for the said fiscal year:**

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
14-4970	Home Program	2,902,973
14-4970	Program Returns	595,000
Total Appropriations – General Fund – Home (HUD) Program		3,497,973

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund – HOME (HUD) Program for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
14-42305	Home Program 2017	119,965
14-42306	Home Program 2018	517,418
14-42307	Home Program 2019	522,256
14-42308	Home Program 2020	571,106
14-42309	Home Program 2021	582,228
14-42311	Home Program 2022	590,000
14-44350	Program Returns	595,000
Total Estimated Revenues – General Fund – Home (HUD) Program		3,497,973

SECTION 6. **The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund-Cooperative Extension for the said fiscal year:**

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
15-4951	Miscellaneous	80,000
Total Appropriations – General Fund – Cooperative Extension		80,000

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund – Cooperative Extension for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
15-4951	Miscellaneous	40,000
15-4951	Unencumbered Balance	40,000
Total Estimated Revenues – General Fund – Cooperative Extension		80,000

SECTION 7. **The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund-Sheriff's Levy for the said fiscal year:**

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
16-4322	Miscellaneous - Levy	100,000
Total Appropriations – General Fund – Sheriff's Levy		100,000

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund - Sheriff's Levy for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
16-4322	Miscellaneous - Levy	100,000
Total Estimated Revenues – General Fund – Sheriff's Levy		100,000

SECTION 8. **The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund-Sheriff's - Narcotics for the said fiscal year:**

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
18-4311	Sheriff's-Narcotics	106,350
Total Appropriations- General Fund- Sheriff's Narcotics		106,350

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund - Sheriff's Narcotics for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
18-4311	Ctrl Sub	10,000
18-4311	Unencumbered Balance	96,350
Total Estimated Revenues – General Fund – Sheriff's Narcotics		106,350

SECTION 9. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund-Register of Deeds Automation for the said fiscal year:

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
19-4182	Register of Deeds Automation Fund	45,267
Total Appropriations – General Fund – Register of Deeds Automation Fund		45,267

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund-Register of Deeds Automation for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
19-4182	Register of Deeds Fees	35,000
19-4182	Unencumbered Balance	10,267
Total Estimated Revenues – General Fund – Register of Deeds Automation Fund		45,267

SECTION 10. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund-Public Assistance for the said fiscal year:

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
21-5410	Medical Assistance	50,000
21-5410	Special Assistance for Adults	600,000
21-5410	Aid to the Blind	4,800
Total Appropriations – General Fund – Public Assistance		654,800

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund-Public Assistance for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
21-5410	Transfer from General Fund	654,800
Total Estimated Revenues – General Fund – Public Assistance		654,800

SECTION 11. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund-Sheriffs Dare Program for the said fiscal year:

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
22-4323	Miscellaneous–Dare Account	5,000
Total Appropriations – General Fund – Sheriffs Dare Program		5,000

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund-Sheriffs Dare Program for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
22-4323	Miscellaneous Revenue – Dare	5,000
Total Estimated Revenues – General Fund – Sheriff's Dare Program		5,000

SECTION 12. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund-Reappraisal for the said fiscal year:

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
23-4141	Reappraisal Department	414,265
Total Appropriations – General Fund – Reappraisal		414,265

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund-Reappraisal for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
23-4141	Transfer from General Fund	364,265
23-4141	Unencumbered Balance	50,000
Total Estimated Revenues – General Fund – Reappraisal		414,265

SECTION 13. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund-Capital Improvements for the said fiscal year:

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
25-4245	Transfer to Debt Service	7,087,247
25-4245	Transfer to Schools Capital Outlay	3,082,595
Total Appropriations – General Fund – Capital Improvement		10,169,842

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund-Capital Improvements for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
25-4245	Federal Subsidy – QSCB	214,916
25-4245	Sales Tax Article 40	994,423
25-4245	Sales Tax Article 42	3,127,576
25-4245	Lottery Elkin City Schools	30,000
25-4245	Transfer from General Fund	5,576,338
25-4245	Unencumbered Balance	226,589
Total Estimated Revenues – General Fund – Capital Improvements		10,169,842

SECTION 14. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund-Capital Outlay-Schools for the said fiscal year:

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
27-5912	Mount Airy – School Capital Outlay	190,670
27-5912	Elkin City – School Capital Outlay	109,710
27-5912	Surry County – School Capital Outlay	812,820
27-5912	Surry County – Special Capital	1,331,425
27-5912	Elkin City – Special Capital	300,900
27-5912	Mount Airy – Special Capital	337,070
Total Appropriations – General Fund – Capital Outlay Schools		3,082,595

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund-Capital Outlay-Schools for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
27-5912	Transfer from General Fund – Capital Improv.	3,082,595
Total Estimated Revenues – General Fund – Capital Outlay Schools		3,082,595

SECTION 15. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Deed of Trust Fund for the said fiscal year:

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
31-4136	State Treasurer ROD Fees	510,000
Total Appropriations – Deed of Trust Fund		510,000

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Deed of Trust Fund for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
31-4136	ROD Fees State Treasurer	510,000
Total Estimated Revenues – Deed of Trust Fund		510,000

SECTION 16. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Representative Payee Fund for the said fiscal year.

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
32-5385	Beneficiary Payments	600,000
Total Appropriations - Benefit Payee Fund		600,000

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Representative Payee Fund for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
32-5385	Beneficiary Income	600,000
Total Estimated Revenues – Representative Payee Fund		600,000

SECTION 17. **The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Emergency Telephone System Fund for the said fiscal year.**

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
35-4329	Emergency Telephone System	304,156
Total Appropriations – Emergency Telephone System Fund		304,156

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Emergency Telephone System Fund for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
35-4329	Subscriber Charges	279,400
35-4329	Unencumbered Balance	24,756
Total Estimated Revenues – Emergency Telephone System Fund Subscriber Charges		304,156

SECTION 18. **The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Fines & Forfeitures Fund for the said fiscal year.**

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
37-4135	Mount Airy Schools Fines & Forfeitures	101,460
37-4135	Elkin City Schools Fines & Forfeitures	58,740
37-4135	County Schools Fines & Forfeitures	439,800
Total Appropriations – Fines & Forfeitures Fund		600,000

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Fines & Forfeitures Fund for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
37-4135	Fines-Forfeitures	600,000
Total Estimated Revenues – Fines & Forfeitures Fund		600,000

SECTION 19. **The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Opioid Settlement Fund for the said fiscal year.**

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
39-5220	Opioid Settlement Administration	85,686
39-5225	Prevention/Intervention	255,489
39-5230	Recovery to Work	151,248
39-5235	Transportation	19,600
39-5240	Treatment	49,000
Total Appropriations – Opioid Settlement Fund		561,023

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Opioid Settlement Fund for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
39-5220	Opioid Settlement	561,023
Total Estimated Revenues – Opioid Settlement Fund		561,023

SECTION 20. **The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Elkin School Special District Fund for the said fiscal year.**

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
40-5916	Elkin School Special District	1,099,497
Total Appropriations – Elkin School Special District Fund		1,099,497

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Elkin School Special District Fund for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
40-5916	Ad Valorem Tax – Current	999,760
40-5916	Ad Valorem Tax – Prior	5,000
40-5916	Ad Valorem Tax – Previous	3,500
40-5916	Motor Vehicle Tax	86,237
40-5916	Interest/Fees	5,000
Total Estimated Revenues – Elkin Schools Special Fund District		1,099,497

There is hereby levied a tax at the rate .126 cents per one hundred dollars ($100) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2022 for the purpose of raising the revenue listed as Elkin Schools 2022 Special Tax in the revenue sources of this fund. This amount of tax is based on an estimated total value of property for the purpose of taxation of $818,000,000 and an estimated collection rate of 97%.

<u>SECTION 21.</u> The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Mount Airy Schools Special District Fund for the said fiscal year.

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
41-5915	Mount Airy Schools Special District	999,275
Total Appropriations – Mount Airy Schools Special Fund District		999,275

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Mount Airy Schools Special District Fund for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
41-5915	Ad Valorem Tax – Current	864,716
41-5915	Ad Valorem Tax – Prior	3,000
41-5915	Ad Valorem Tax – Previous	4,000
41-5915	Motor Vehicle Tax	124,059
41-5915	Interest/Fees	3,500
Total Estimated Revenues – Mount Airy Schools Special Fund District		999,275

There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of .106 cents per one hundred dollars ($100) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2022 for the purpose of raising the revenue listed as Mount Airy Schools 2022 Special Tax in the revenue sources of this fund. This amount of tax is based on an estimated total value of property for the purpose of taxation of $841,000,000 and an estimated collection rate of 97%.

<u>SECTION 22.</u> The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Ararat Fire District Fund for the said fiscal year.

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
42-4381	Ararat Fire District	127,852
Total Appropriations – Ararat Fire District		127,852

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Ararat Fire District Fund for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
42-4381	Ad Valorem Tax – Current	106,819
42-4381	Ad Valorem Tax – Prior	500
42-4381	Ad Valorem Tax – Previous	500
42-4381	Motor Vehicle Tax	19,433
42-4381	Interest/Fees	600
Total Estimated Revenues – Ararat Fire District		127,852

There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of .086 cents per one hundred dollars ($100) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2022 in the Ararat Fire Tax District for the purpose of raising the revenue listed as Ararat Fire 2022 Special Tax in the Ararat Fire District Fund. This amount of tax is based on an estimated total value of property for the purpose of taxation of $128,050,000 and an estimated collection rate of 97%.

<u>SECTION 23.</u> The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Bannertown Fire District Fund for the said fiscal year.

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
43-4382	Bannertown Fire District	622,554
Total Appropriations – Bannertown Fire District		622,554

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Bannertown Fire District Fund for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
43-4382	Ad Valorem Tax – Current	575,551
43-4382	Ad Valorem Tax – Prior	1,800

43-4382	Ad Valorem Tax – Previous	500
43-4382	Motor Vehicle Tax	43,703
43-4382	Interest/Fees	1,000
Total Estimated Revenues – Bannertown Fire District		622,554

There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of .067 cents per one hundred dollars ($100) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2022 in the Bannertown Fire Tax District for the purpose of raising the revenue listed as Bannertown Fire 2022 Special Tax in the Bannertown Fire District Fund. This amount of tax is based on an estimated total value of property for the purpose of taxation of $901,600,000 and an estimated collection rate of 97%.

SECTION 24. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the CC Camp Fire District Fund for the said fiscal year.

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
44-4384	CC Camp Fire District	267,509
Total Appropriations – CC Camp Fire District		267,509

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the CC Camp Fire District Fund for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
44-4384	Ad Valorem Tax – Current	247,796
44-4384	Ad Valorem Tax – Prior	1,900
44-4384	Ad Valorem Tax – Previous	1,000
44-4384	Motor Vehicle Tax	15,813
44-4384	Interest/Fees	1,000
Total Estimated Revenues – CC Camp Fire District		267,509

There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of .106 cents per one hundred dollars ($100) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2022 in the CC Camp Fire Tax District for the purpose of raising the revenue listed as CC Camp Fire 2022 Special Tax in the CC Camp Fire District Fund. This amount of tax is based on an estimated total value of property for the purpose of taxation of $241,000,000 and an estimated collection rate of 97%.

SECTION 25. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Central Surry Fire District Fund for the said fiscal year.

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
45-4383	Central Surry Fire District	250,525
Total Appropriations – Central Surry Fire District		250,525

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Central Surry Fire District Fund for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
45-4383	Ad Valorem Tax – Current	209,879
45-4383	Ad Valorem Tax – Prior	500
45-4383	Ad Valorem Tax – Previous	700
45-4383	Motor Vehicle Tax	38,546
45-4383	Interest/Fees	900
Total Estimated Revenues – Central Surry Fire District		250,525

There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of .077 cents per one hundred dollars ($100) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2022 in the Central Surry Fire Tax District for the purpose of raising the revenue listed as Central Surry Fire 2022 Special Tax in the Central Surry Fire District Fund. This amount of tax is based on an estimated total value of property for the purpose of taxation of $281,000,000 and an estimated collection rate of 97%.

SECTION 26. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Four-Way Fire District Fund for the said fiscal year.

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
46-4385	Four-Way Fire District	247,865
Total Appropriations – Four-Way Fire District		247,865

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Four-Way Fire District Fund for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
46-4385	Ad Valorem Tax – Current	204,681
46-4385	Ad Valorem Tax – Prior	1,300
46-4385	Ad Valorem Tax – Previous	1,400
46-4385	Motor Vehicle Tax	39,184
46-4385	Interest/Fees	1,300
Total Estimated Revenues – Four-Way Fire District		247,865

There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of .111 cents per one hundred dollars ($100) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2022 in the Four-Way Fire Tax District for the purpose of raising the revenue listed as Four-Way Fire 2022 Special Tax in the Four-Way Fire District Fund. This amount of tax is based on an estimated total value of property for the purpose of taxation of $190,100,000 and an estimated collection rate of 97%.

SECTION 27. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Franklin Fire District Fund for the said fiscal year.

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
47-4386	Franklin Fire District	491,164
Total Appropriations – Franklin Fire District		491,164

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Franklin Fire District Fund for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
47-4386	Ad Valorem Tax – Current	405,223
47-4386	Ad Valorem Tax – Prior	2,000
47-4386	Ad Valorem Tax – Previous	2,500
47-4386	Motor Vehicle Tax	79,441
47-4386	Interest/Fees	2,000
Total Estimated Revenues – Franklin Fire District		491,164

There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of .093 cents per one hundred dollars ($100) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2022 in Franklin Fire Tax District for the purpose of raising the revenue listed as Franklin Fire 2022 Special Tax in the Franklin Fire District Fund. This amount of tax is based on an estimated total value of property for the purpose of taxation of $449,200,000 an estimated collection rate of 97%.

SECTION 28. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Jot-Um-Down Fire District Fund for the said fiscal year.

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
48-4387	Jot-Um-Down Fire District	111,732
Total Appropriations – Jot-Um-Down Fire District		111,732

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Jot-Um-Down Fire District Fund for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
48-4387	Ad Valorem Tax – Current	94,796
48-4387	Ad Valorem Tax – Prior	400
48-4387	Ad Valorem Tax – Previous	200
48-4387	Motor Vehicle Tax	15,836
48-4387	Interest/Fees	500
Total Estimated Revenues – Jot-Um-Down Fire District		111,732

There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of .096 cents per one hundred dollars ($100) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2022 in the Jot-Um-Down Fire Tax District for the purpose of raising the revenue listed as Jot-Um-Down Fire 2022 Special Tax in the Jot-Um-Down Fire District Fund. This amount of tax is based on an estimated total value of property for the purpose of taxation of $101,800,000 and an estimated collection rate of 97%.

SECTION 29. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Mountain Park Fire District Fund for the said fiscal year.

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
49-4388	Mountain Park Fire District	139,067
Total Appropriations – Mountain Park Fire District		139,067

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Mountain Park Fire District Fund for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
49-4388	Ad Valorem Tax – Current	120,377
49-4388	Ad Valorem Tax – Prior	900
49-4388	Ad Valorem Tax – Previous	1,000
49-4388	Motor Vehicle Tax	15,890
49-4388	Interest/Fees	900
Total Estimated Revenues – Mountain Park Fire District		139,067

There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of .073 cents per one hundred dollars ($100) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2022 in the Mountain Park Fire Tax District for the purpose of raising the revenue listed as Mountain Park Fire 2022 Special Tax in the Mountain Park Fire District Fund. This amount of tax is based on an estimated total value of property for the purpose of taxation of $170,000,000 and an estimated collection rate of 97%.

SECTION 30. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Pilot Knob Fire District Fund for the said fiscal year.

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
50-4389	Pilot Knob Fire District	213,967
Total Appropriations – Pilot Knob Fire District		213,967

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Pilot Knob Fire District Fund for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
50-4389	Ad Valorem Tax – Current	186,915
50-4389	Ad Valorem Tax – Prior	600
50-4389	Ad Valorem Tax – Previous	600
50-4389	Motor Vehicle Tax	25,152
50-4389	Interest/Fees	700
Total Estimated Revenues – Pilot Knob Fire District		213,967

There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of .037 cents per one hundred dollars ($100) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2022 in the Pilot Knob Fire Tax District for the purpose of raising the revenue listed as Pilot Knob Fire 2022 Special Tax in the Pilot Knob Fire District Fund. This amount of tax is based on an estimated total value of property for the purpose of taxation of $520,800,000 and an estimated collection rate of 97%.

SECTION 31. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Shoals Fire District Fund for the said fiscal year.

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
51-4390	Shoals Fire District	100,660
Total Appropriations – Shoals Fire District		100,660

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Shoals Fire District Fund for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
51-4390	Ad Valorem Tax – Current	87,276
51-4390	Ad Valorem Tax – Prior	400
51-4390	Ad Valorem Tax – Previous	500
51-4390	Motor Vehicle Tax	11,884
51-4390	Interest/Fees	600
Total Estimated Revenues – Shoals Fire District		100,660

There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of .061 cents per one hundred dollars ($100) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2022 in the Shoals Fire Tax District for the purpose of raising the revenue listed as Shoals Fire 2022 Special Tax in the Shoals Fire District Fund. This amount of tax is based on

an estimated total value of property for the purpose of taxation of $147,500,000 and an estimated collection rate of 97%.

SECTION 32. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Skull Camp Fire District Fund for said fiscal year.

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
52-4391	Skull Camp Fire District	259,305
Total Appropriations – Skull Camp Fire District		259,305

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Skull Camp Fire District Fund for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
52-4391	Ad Valorem Tax – Current	218,084
52-4391	Ad Valorem Tax – Prior	1,000
52-4391	Ad Valorem Tax – Previous	1,200
52-4391	Motor Vehicle Tax	37,721
52-4391	Interest/Fees	1,300
Total Estimated Revenues – Skull Camp Fire District		259,305

There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of .099 cents per one hundred dollars ($100) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2022 in the Skull Camp Fire Tax District for the purpose of raising the revenue listed as Skull Camp Fire 2022 Special Tax in the Skull Camp Fire District Fund. This amount of tax is based on an estimated total value of property for the purpose of taxation of $227,100,000 and an estimated collection rate of 97%.

SECTION 33. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the South Surry Fire District Fund for the said fiscal year.

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
53-4392	South Surry Fire District	309,328
Total Appropriations – South Surry Fire District		309,328

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the South Surry Fire District Fund for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
53-4392	Ad Valorem Tax – Current	264,781
53-4392	Ad Valorem Tax – Prior	1,700
53-4392	Ad Valorem Tax – Previous	900
53-4392	Motor Vehicle Tax	40,747
53-4392	Interest/Fees	1,200
Total Estimated Revenues – South Surry Fire District		309,328

There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of .090 cents per one hundred dollars ($100) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2022 in the South Surry Fire Tax District for the purpose of raising the revenue listed as South Surry Fire 2022 Special Tax in the South Surry Fire District Fund. This amount of tax is based on an estimated total value of property for the purpose of taxation of $303,300,000 and an estimated collection rate of 97%.

SECTION 34. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the State Road Fire District Fund for the said fiscal year.

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
54-4393	State Road Fire District	97,742
Total Appropriations – State Road Fire District		97,742

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the State Road Fire District Fund for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
54-4393	Ad Valorem Tax – Current	84,274
54-4393	Ad Valorem Tax – Prior	400
54-4393	Ad valorem Tax – Previous	500
54-4393	Motor Vehicle Tax	12,168

54-4393	**Interest/Fees**	**400**
Total Estimated Revenues – State Road Fire District		**97,742**

There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of .048 cents per one hundred dollars ($100) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2022 in the State Road Fire Tax District for the purpose of raising the revenue listed as State Road Fire 2022 Special Tax in the State Road Fire District Fund. This amount of tax is based on an estimated total value of property for the purpose of taxation of $181,000,000 and an estimated collection rate of 97%.

SECTION 35. **The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Westfield Fire District Fund for the said fiscal year.**

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
55-4394	**Westfield Fire District**	**166,183**
Total Appropriations – Westfield Fire District		**166,183**

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Westfield Fire District Fund for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
55-4394	**Ad Valorem Tax – Current**	**141,259**
55-4394	**Ad Valorem Tax – Prior**	**1,000**
55-4394	**Ad Valorem Tax – Previous**	**500**
55-4394	**Motor Vehicle Tax**	**22,624**
55-4394	**Interest/Fees**	**800**
Total Estimated Revenues – Westfield Fire District		**166,183**

There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of .098 cents per one hundred dollars ($100) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2022 in the Westfield Fire Tax District for the purpose of raising the revenue listed as Westfield Fire 2022 Special Tax in the Westfield Fire District Fund. This amount of tax is based on an estimated total value of property for the purpose of taxation of $148,600,000 and an estimated collection rate of 97%.

SECTION 36. **The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the White Plains Fire District Fund for the said fiscal year.**

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
56-4395	**White Plains Fire District**	**200,259**
Total Appropriations – White Plains Fire District		**200,259**

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the White Plains Fire District Fund for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
56-4395	**Ad Valorem Tax – Current**	**167,713**
56-4395	**Ad Valorem Tax – Prior**	**900**
56-4395	**Ad Valorem Tax – Previous**	**1,200**
56-4395	**Motor Vehicle Tax**	**29,046**
56-4395	**Interest/Fees**	**1,400**
Total Estimated Revenues – White Plains Fire District		**200,259**

There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of .065 cents per one hundred dollars ($100) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2022 in the White Plains Fire Tax District for the purpose of raising the revenue listed as White Plains Fire 2022 Special Tax in the White Plains Fire District Fund. This amount of tax is based on an estimated total value of property for the purpose of taxation of $266,000,000 and an estimated collection rate of 97%.

SECTION 37. **The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Pine Ridge Fire District Fund for the said fiscal year.**

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
57-4396	**Pine Ridge Fire District**	**164,362**
Total Appropriations – Pine Ridge Fire District		**164,362**

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Pine Ridge Fire District Fund for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
57-4396	Ad Valorem Tax – Current	141,938
57-4396	Ad Valorem Tax – Prior	900
57-4396	Ad Valorem Tax – Previous	700
57-4396	Motor Vehicle Tax	20,224
57-4396	Interest/Fees	600
Total Estimated Revenues – Pine Ridge Fire District		164,362

There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of .067 cents per one hundred dollars ($100) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2022 in the Pine Ridge Fire Tax District for the purpose of raising the revenue listed as Pine Ridge Fire 2022 Special Tax in the Pine Ridge Fire District Fund. This amount of tax is based on an estimated total value of property for the purpose of taxation of $232,400,000 and an estimated collection rate of 97%.

SECTION 38. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Pleasant Hill Fire District Fund for the said fiscal year.

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
58-4397	Pleasant Hill Fire District	416
Total Appropriations – Pleasant Hill Fire District		416

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Pleasant Hill Fire District Fund for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
58-4397	Pleasant Hill Fire District	370
58-4397	Motor Vehicle Tax	46
Total Estimated Revenues – Pleasant Hill Fire District		416

There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of .040 cents per one hundred dollars ($100) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2022 in the Pleasant Hill Fire Tax District for the purpose of raising the revenue listed as Pleasant Hill Fire 2022 Special Tax in the Pleasant Hill Fire District Fund. This amount of tax is based on an estimated total value of property for the purpose of taxation of $953,000 and an estimated collection rate of 97%.

SECTION 39. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Landfill/Recycling Fund for the said fiscal year.

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
67-7415	Waste Collection/Recycling	1,241,595
67-7420	Landfill Operations	2,386,231
67-9130	Landfill Debt Service	796,559
Total Appropriations – Landfill/Recycling Fund		4,424,385

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Landfill/ Recycling Fund for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
67-7415	Electronics Mgmt. Program	4,500
67-7415	Sale of Recyclables	200,000
67-7420	Interest/Fees	13,000
67-7420	Scrap Tire – Qtr. Fees	95,000
67-7420	White Goods	25,000
67-7420	Solid Waste Tax Distribution	45,000
67-7420	Landfill Fees – Commercial	1,200,000
67-7420	Landfill Fees – Residential	1,600,000
67-7420	Litter Fee	161,810
67-7420	Retained Earnings	1,080,075
Total Estimated Revenues – Landfill/Recycling Fund		4,424,385

SECTION 40. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in Airport Operations Fund for the said fiscal year.

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
81-4985	Airport Operations	924,239
Total Appropriations – Airport Operations		924,239

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Airport Operation Fund for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
81-4985	Mount Airy Contribution	10,000
81-4985	Flowage Fees	23,000
81-4985	Access Fee	4,800
81-4985	Fuel Sales	468,000
81-4985	Aircraft Fee	1,500
81-4985	Rent - Hangars	147,800
81-4985	Rent - Property	31,000
81-4985	Miscellaneous	900
81-4985	Transfer from General Fund	237,239
Total Estimated Revenues – Airport Operations		924,239

SECTION 41. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Flat Rock/Bannertown Water and Sewer District for the said fiscal year.

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
85-8100	Flat Rock/Bannertown Water & Sewer District	286,070
Total Appropriations – Flat Rock/Bannertown Water & Sewer District		286,070

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Flat Rock/Bannertown Water and Sewer District for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
85-8100	Water Service	244,000
85-8100	Sewer Service	18,000
85-8100	Transfer from General Fund	24,070
Total Estimated Revenues – Flat Rock/Bannertown Water & Sewer District		286,070

SECTION 42. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Surry County Tourism Development Authority for the said fiscal year.

CODE	ACTIVITY	APPROPRIATION
990-4995	Surry County Tourism Development Authority	189,313
Total Appropriations – Surry County Tourism Development Authority		189,313

It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Surry County Tourism Development Authority for the said fiscal year to meet the foregoing appropriations:

CODE	REVENUE SOURCE	AMOUNT
990-4995	Occupancy Tax	168,000
990-4995	Town of Dobson TDA	1,975
990-4995	Unencumbered Balance	19,338
Total Estimated Revenues – Surry County Tourism Development Authority		189,313

SECTION 43. There is hereby established for the year beginning July 1, 2022 and continuing until changed by Board action the following schedule of solid waste management fees:

1. Commercial and industrial tipping fee of $45.00 per ton. Fractions of a ton shall be charged a pro-rated fee, with a minimum fee of $5.00.

2. Residential units shall be charged a landfill availability fee of $50.00 per year. The fee will be billed annually with property taxes and becomes a lien on the real property described on the tax bill that includes the fee. Penalty schedule for late payment will accrue at the same rate as interest for property taxes.

SECTION 44. The Assistant County Manager is instructed to approve the Classification Plan for 2022-2023 by making changes and adjusting salaries according to the approved recommendations of the County Manager and Department Heads, providing a 5.0% Cost of Living on July 1, 2022. The hourly rate for County Attorney services is set at $150 per hour.

<u>SECTION 45.</u> Copies of this Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to the Finance Officer, Budget Officer and the Tax Administrator of Surry County to be kept on file by them for their direction in the collection of revenues and expenditures of amounts appropriated.

ADOPTED this the 20th day of June, 2022.

Mr. Knopf asked the Board to consider a voting delegate and alternate for the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Conference August 11-13 in Concord.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to elect Commissioner Marion as voting delegate and Chairman Goins as alternate at the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Conference August 11-13 in Concord.

Mr. Knopf requested the Board consider a new 10-year agreement with the Northwestern Regional Library System.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to approve a new 10-year agreement with the Northwestern Regional Library System.

Mr. Knopf presented a request from the North Carolina Wildlife Commission to set up a site at the Siloam Recycling Center to identify potential cases of deer chronic wasting disease and potentially dispose of any deer carcasses from Surry and Yadkin counties in the Surry County landfill.

Chairman Goins said this is a serious matter and detailed the disease.

Vice-Chairman Harris asked if the Chairman could have latitude to work with the North Carolina Wildlife Commission to address deer chronic wasting disease in Surry County.

Upon motion of Chairman Goins, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to give Chairman Goins latitude to work with the North Carolina Wildlife Commission to address deer chronic wasting disease in Surry County.

Mr. Knopf, Ed Woltz, County Attorney, and Jessica Montgomery, Public Works Director, discussed the Hep Petra Landfill Gas-to-Energy lease renewal that would be used by Hep Petra to collateralize a new loan. This would help them improve their facility in Surry County and other locations. Mr. Woltz said the County does not have four exhibits needed from Hep Petra at this time. Ms. Montgomery said Hep Petra are trying to get the loan through the USDA – she said we are still waiting on the documents to approve the request. Ms. Montgomery said Hep Petra will make $500,000 of improvements to the Surry County location.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the forthcoming lease renewal and associated documents from Hep Petra for the Surry County Landfill Gas-to-Energy facility.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda to include an item on a final offer from John and Beverly Shelton for the old Westfield School property.

Mr. Knopf presented the $102,000 final offer from John and Beverly Shelton for the old Westfield School property for the Board's consideration.

Vice-Chairman Harris said the final offer seems a bit under fair market value and would like to hear what Commissioner Tucker has to say about the topic, since the property is within his district.

Commissioner Tucker asked for confirmation if the upset bid process had finalized, which the Board said it had. He believes the $102,000 offer is less than what the property should bring and suggested not accepting it.

Commissioner Johnson agreed with Vice-Chairman Harris that the for sale sign is not enough advertisement and believes the $102,000 final offer is too low. Mr. Woltz reminded the Board of a previous offer of $150,000 that was rescinded.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to reject the $102,000 final offer on the old Westfield School property. The property remains in surplus.

In General County Business, Commissioner Johnson thanked citizens for being diligent in paying their property taxes and contributing sales tax revenue.

Vice-Chairman Harris requested a public forum, the County paying a $2,000 administrative fee for the sign cost and a certified copy of the meeting minutes to meet the requirements of the bridge naming resolution for Trooper Bullard. Chairman Goins asked the public for any comments about the bridge naming to meet the requirements – no comments were received. Vice-Chairman Harris asked the County to pay the $2,000 administrative fee for the sign cost from the General Fund contingency.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to pay the $2,000 administrative fee for the "Trooper Samuel Newton Bullard Bridge" sign cost, on Hwy. 268 Bypass over Big Elkin Creek, from the General Fund contingency.

Commissioner Tucker apologized for not being able to physically make it to the meeting due to a physical ailment. He thanked citizens for their comments.

Commissioner Marion said he hoped fathers all enjoyed Fathers Day. He thanked staff for their work on the FY23 budget.

Chairman Goins thanked citizens for their comments and commended staff for their budget work.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to enter closed session to discuss items pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) legal and pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) personnel.

The Board exited closed session and returned to regular business.

Upon motion of Chairman Goins, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Position Classification Plan for FY23, make changes and adjustments in salaries according to presented recommendations and the approved FY23 budget, providing a 5 percent Cost

of Living Adjustment for all graded employees and elected officials, effective July 1, 2022.

Upon motion of Chairman Goins, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to approve unbudgeted expenses for DSS, as requested, not to exceed $240,000.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:29 p.m.

All leases, contracts, agreements, resolutions, ordinances and documents referenced in the minutes are kept in the Clerk's Office or in the department office they are associated with.

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Sandra Snow
Deputy Clerk to the Board

Surry County Board of Commissioners
Meeting of July 18, 2022

The Surry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m., July 18, 2022. The meeting was held in the Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Dobson, N.C.

Board members present in-person for the meeting were Chairman Bill Goins, Vice-Chairman Eddie Harris, Commissioner Mark Marion, Commissioner Larry Johnson and Commissioner Van Tucker.

Others present in-person for the meeting, at various times, included:
Chris Knopf, County Manager
Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager
Ed Woltz, County Attorney
Martha Brintle, MIS Director
Marty Needham, Development Services Director
Mark Willis, Substance Abuse Recovery Director
Eric Southern, Emergency Services Director
Dr. Kim Morrison, Superintendent of Mount Airy City Schools
Jay Temple, Mount Airy City Schools
Dr. Travis Reeves, Superintendent of Surry County Schools
Brian Villegos
Abraham Mendez
Mike Fox, Teramore Development Attorney
Joe Strickland, Teramore Development
News Media

Attending virtually was:
Rhonda Nixon, Finance Officer

Chairman Goins called the meeting to order. Commissioner Marion delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Goins requested the Board review and approve the agenda. Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to approve the July 18, 2022 agenda.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the minutes of the June 20, 2022 meeting as presented. Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the consent agenda. Chris Knopf, County Manager, reviewed each consent agenda item. Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Requests from the County Manager:

- Approve the Jones Family Resource Center Assignment and following First Amendment to Resolution Approving Conveyance of the Property to a Nonprofit Organization:

First Amendment to
Resolution Approving Conveyance of Property to
A Nonprofit Organization
Pursuant to G.S. 160A-279

WHEREAS, the County of Surry owns the Jones School Property, also known as LH Jones Family Resource Center, 215 Jones School Road, Surry County PIN No. 5021-12-85-9833, Mount Airy, North Carolina 27030; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute (NCGS) 160A-279 and 160A-267 authorize and set forth procedures for a county to convey real or personal property by private sale to a nonprofit corporation if the county is authorized by law to appropriate money to the non-profit corporation; and

WHEREAS, NCGS 160A-266(b) permits a county to convey, after private negotiation, real property that is significant for its architectural, artistic, cultural or historic associations. The conveyance must be to a nonprofit corporation whose purposes include the preservation or the conservation of such property, and the deed must include covenants and other restrictions securing or promoting the property's protection; and

WHEREAS, the County of Surry has negotiated with African American Historical and Genealogical Society of Surry County (AAHGS), a twenty-eight year old, volunteer-based, 501(c)(3) non-profit entity. The goal of AAHGS is to preserve the former JJ Jones Colored High School in order that future generations may develop an understanding of their culture, heritage and history. AAHGS intends to promote the use of the LH Jones Family Resource Center (Premises), formerly JJ Jones Colored High School, for education and enrichment of the residents of Surry County and surrounding counties; and

WHEREAS, AAHGS intends to expand use of the facility to serve as a multi-cultural center inclusive of educational, health and service resources, affordable housing and artistic endeavors for future generations. Such use of the facility will assist county in meeting the educational, cultural, health and civic needs of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSISONERS RESOLVES THAT:

1. The Board Chairman or County Manager of Surry County is authorized to execute all documents necessary to convey fee simple defeasible title of the LH Jones Family Resource Center, 215 Jones School Road, Mount Airy, NC 27030, Surry County tax parcel # 5021-12-85-9833) to African American Historical and Genealogical Society of Surry County.

2. The consideration for the conveyance is the following set of conditions, covenants, and restrictions, which shall be incorporated in the deed given by the county to AAHGS:

- The Premises will be put to public use by the nonprofit recipient and title will revert to the county if the property is not put to continuous public use.
- That Grantee continue as a nonprofit corporation in good standing with the NC Secretary of State.
- That Grantee continue as a charitable organization consistent with requirements and guidelines of the IRS and the US Department of Treasury.
- Grantee shall be solely responsible for: 1. Grant solicitation and fund raising for operations/improvements and professional fees incurred in any evaluation; 2. Management of facility, including but not limited to maintenance, legal/accounting, leasing, utilities, insurance, tax matters, upkeep of buildings and parking areas; 3. Programing and operations that occur on Premises; 4. Creation of any desired foundation to ensure long term sustainability.
- Grantee shall assume all leases in effect upon conveyance on 6/30/2022.
- Grantor will provide maintenance funds, not to exceed $60,000 annually for FY '23, '24 and '25. This maintenance assistance shall be on a reimbursement basis only and unused funds will not be carried over year to year.
- Grantor has previously conveyed Graham Field to the City of Mount Airy and it will not be part of conveyance to Grantee.
- That Grantor comply with state, federal and local laws and ordinances, including environmental laws.
- The Premises must be maintained in compliance with ordinances in effect in the City of Mount Airy.
- The Premises shall be used for a public purpose, including but not limited to: a multi-cultural center inclusive of educational, health and service resources, affordable housing and artistic endeavors for future generations.
- A material breach of these conditions/restrictions shall cause the Premises to revert to County's ownership. Grantee shall have up to twelve (12) months to cure any alleged breach from date of written notice to Grantee from Grantor.
- The parties acknowledge that NCGS 160A-267 and NCGS 160A-279 are applicable to this transaction.

3. The county clerk shall publish a notice summarizing the contents of this resolution, and the property may be sold at any time after 10 days following publication of the public notice.

4. This resolution was considered and approved at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Surry County Board of Commissioners.

Adopted this the 18th day of July, 2022 with an effective date of April 4, 2022.

- **Approve the request to apply for the EMS Bridge Medication Assisted Treatment Program Grant and accept if awarded.**
- **Approve the following from the Tax Department:**

1. Total releases for the month ending 6/30/22 in the amount of $2,831.94.
2. Total refunds for the month ending 6/30/22 in the amount of $1,663.02.
3. Total NCVTS tag and tax refunds for the month ending 6/30/22 in the amount of $2,243.61.
4. Total real and personal property discoveries for the month ending 6/30/22 in the amount of $6,620.55.
5. Total motor vehicle discoveries for the month ending 6/30/22 in the amount of $102.77.
6. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC additions for the month ending 6/30/22 in the amount of $67,199.18.
7. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC refunds for the month ending 6/30/22 in the amount of $0.
8. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC releases for the month ending 6/30/22 in the amount of $0.
9. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC collections for the month ending 6/30/22 in the amount of $6,064.68.

- Approve an easement from Duke Energy to extend power to the Elkin Schools Gymnasium.

Requests from the Assistant County Manager:

- Approve to renew workers' compensation with NCACC in the amount of $154,580 for fiscal year 2022-2023.
- Approve to reclassify a temporary part-time position to permanent part time 40 percent for Register of Deeds.
- Approve for Parks and Recreation to apply for the PARTF and AFP grants, using current funds as a match, and accept if awarded.

Requests from the Finance Officer:

- Approve the following Budget Amendment #1 for the FY23 County Budget:

					Change #1
The Board of County Commissioners approved an amendment to the FY2022-2023 Budget Ordinance at their meeting on July 18,2022.					
ACCOUNT			PREVIOUS		REVISED
CODE		DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHANGE	AMOUNT
SCHOOLS CAPITAL PROJECTS					
EXPENDITURES					
Dobson Elementary Renovations					
99255956	51660	Demolition	124,000	(40,000)	84,000
99255956	57017	Co School- Mobiles	115,000	(68,000)	47,000
		Decrease departmental total	9,347,067	(108,000)	9,239,067
Mountain Park Elementary					
99255957	51640	Project Construction	8,093,161	108,000	8,201,161
		Increase departmental total	8,980,476	108,000	9,088,476
		No change in fund balance			
AIRPORT CAPITAL PROJECTS					
EXPENDITURES					
99754994	51560	Professional Services-Engineering	100,000	98,879	198,879

		Increase departmental total	2,900,000	98,879	2,998,879
REVENUE					
99744994	42215	Non-Primary Entitlement (NEW)	0	95,850	95,850
99744994	49900	Unencumbered Balance (NEW)	0	3,029	3,029
		Increase fund totals.	9,418,475	98,879	9,517,354

- **Approve an ambulance purchase, which costs have increased by $8,504, for a total of $117,598. The vehicle was purchased in FY22 and FY23 funds are needed for the additional $8,504.**
- **Approve the following Capital Project Ordinances for Amendment Two-Surry County Schools Dobson Elementary School, Amendment Two-Surry County Schools Mountain Park Elementary School and Amendment One-Mount Airy/Surry County Airport Authority Airport Terminal:**

CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE

SURRY COUNTY SCHOOLS
DOBSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
AMENDMENT TWO

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Surry that pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, this capital project ordinance is hereby adopted:

SECTION 1: The project authorized by this ordinance includes repairs, renovations, demolition and additions to the existing property.

SECTION 2: The officers of this governmental unit are hereby directed to proceed with this capital project within the guidelines set by the budget herein.

SECTION 3: The costs of the project are:

A.	Professional Services – Engineering	298,500	
B.	Legal/Soil Tests/Surveys	194,400	
C.	Project Construction	8,495,167	
D.	Demolition	84,000	
E.	Temporary Classrooms	47,000	
F.	Underground Storage Tank Removal	50,000	
G.	Admin Costs	70,000	
	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS		$ 9,329,067

SECTION 4: The following financing sources are anticipated to be available to complete this project:

Other Financing Source – 2018 LOB's	194,025
Other Financing Source – 2019 LOB's	8,745,042
Transfer from the General Fund	300,000
TOTAL	$ 9,339,067

SECTION 5: The Finance Officer is directed to report quarterly to the Board of Commissioners on the financial status of the project.

SECTION 6: The Budget Officer is directed to include an analysis of past and future costs and revenue for this capital project in each annual budget submitted to the Board of Commissioners for as long as this ordinance shall remain in effect.

SECTION 7: Any balance of appropriated funds which are unexpected at the conclusion of this project shall be reserved by the Board of Commissioners for use as provided by applicable law or regulation.

SECTION 8: Copies of this capital project ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED BY THE SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS this the 5th day of March 2018. AMENDED this the 20th day of May 2019. AMENDED this the 18th day of July 2022.

CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE

SURRY COUNTY SCHOOLS
MOUNTAIN PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
AMENDMENT TWO

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Surry that pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, this capital project ordinance is hereby adopted:

SECTION 1: The project authorized by this ordinance includes repairs, renovations, demolition and additions to the existing property.

SECTION 2: The officers of this governmental unit are hereby directed to proceed with this capital project within the guidelines set by the budget herein.

SECTION 3: The costs of the project are:

A.	Professional Services – Engineering	382,760
B.	Legal/Soil Tests/Surveys	215,555
C.	Project Construction	8,201,161
D.	Demolition	169,000
E.	Underground Storage Tank Removal	50,000
F	Admin Costs	70,000
	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	$ 9,088,476

SECTION 4: The following financing sources are anticipated to be available to complete this project:

Other Financing Source – 2018 LOB's	248,794
Other Financing Source – 2019 LOB's	8,539,682
Transfer from the General Fund	300,000
TOTAL	$ 9,088,476

SECTION 5: The Finance Officer is directed to report quarterly to the Board of Commissioners on the financial status of the project.

SECTION 6: The Budget Officer is directed to include an analysis of past and future costs and revenue for this capital project in each annual budget submitted to the Board of Commissioners for as long as this ordinance shall remain in effect.

SECTION 7: Any balance of appropriated funds which are unexpected at the conclusion of this project shall be reserved by the Board of Commissioners for use as provided by applicable law or regulation.

SECTION 8: Copies of this capital project ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED BY THE SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS this the 5th day of March 2018. AMENDED this the 20th day of May 2019. AMENDED this the 20th day of July 2022.

MOUNT AIRY SURRY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY
CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE

AIRPORT TERMINAL
AMENDMENT ONE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Surry that pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, this capital project ordinance is hereby adopted:

SECTION 1: The project funds authorized are to be used for design, engineering, project management, and construction of a terminal building at the Mount Airy Surry County Airport.

SECTION 2: The officers of this governmental unit are hereby directed to proceed with this capital projected within the guidelines set by the budget contained herein.

SECTION 3: The following amounts are available for expenditures for the project:

Project Construction	$ 2,600,000
Design Fees	160,000
Engineering Services	198,879
Contingency	40,000
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	$ 2,998,879

SECTION 4: The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete this projected and are hereby appropriated or referenced by prior appropriation:

State Budget Directed Grant HB 105	$ 2,900,000
Non-Primary Entitlement Fund	95,850
Fund Balance	3,029
TOTAL	$ 2,998,879

SECTION 5: The Finance Officer is directed to report quarterly to the Mount Airy Surry County Airport Authority on the financial status of this project.

SECTION 6: The Budget Officer is directed to include an analysis of past and future costs and revenues for this capital project in each annual budget submitted to the Mount Airy Surry County Airport Authority for as long as this ordinance shall remain in effect.

SECTION 7: Any unexpended funds appropriated shall be reserved by the Grantor and the Board of Commissioners for use as provided by applicable law or regulation.

SECTION 8: Copies of this grant project ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED BY THE SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS this the 7th day of March 2022. AMENDED this the 18th day of July 2022.

- **Approve increase in Federal Micro-Purchase Threshold to match the State Threshold of $30,000 and the following resolution pertaining to it:**

RESOLUTION
OF
SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AUTHORIZING INCREASE IN MICRO-PURCHASE THRESHOLD

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WHEREAS, from time to time, the County of Surry purchases goods and services using federal funding subject to the procurement standards in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart D; and

WHEREAS, the County of Surry's procurement of such goods and services is subject to the Surry County Purchasing policy, as most recently amended on July 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the County of Surry is a non-Federal entity under the definition set forth in 2 C.F.R. § 200.1; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.320(a)(1)(ii), a non-Federal entity may award micro-purchases without soliciting competitive price or rate quotations if the non-Federal entity considers the price to be reasonable based on research, experience, purchase history or other information and documents that the non-Federal entity files accordingly; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.320(a)(1)(iii), a non-Federal entity is responsible for determining and documenting an appropriate micro-purchase threshold based on internal controls, an evaluation of risk, and its documented procurement procedures; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.320(a)(1)(iv), a non-Federal entity may self-certify on an annual basis a micro-purchase threshold not to exceed $50,000 and maintain documentation to be made available to a Federal awarding agency and auditors in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.334; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.320(a)(1)(iv), such self-certification must include (1) a justification for the threshold, (2) a clear identification of the threshold, and (3) supporting documentation, which, for public institutions, may be a "higher threshold consistent with State law"; and

WHEREAS, G.S. 143-129(a) and G.S. 143-131(a) require the County of Surry to conduct a competitive bidding process for the purchase of (1) "apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment" where the cost of such purchase is equal to or greater than $30,000, and (2) "construction or repair work" where the cost of such purchase is greater than or equal to $30,000; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina law does not require a unit of local government to competitively bid for purchase of services other than services subject to the qualifications-based selection process set forth in Article 3D of Chapter 143 of the North Carolina General Statutes (the "Mini-Brooks Act"); and

WHEREAS, G.S. 143-64.32 permits units of local government to exercise, in writing, an exemption to the qualifications-based selection process for services subject to the Mini-Brooks Act for particular projects where the aggregate cost of such services do not exceed $50,000; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.320(a)(1)(iv), the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Surry now desires to adopt higher micro-purchase thresholds than those identified in 48 C.F.R. § 2.101.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF SURRY:

1. In accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.320(a)(1)(iv) and the applicable provisions of North Carolina law, the County of Surry hereby self-certifies the following micro-purchase thresholds, each of which is a "higher threshold consistent with State law" under 2 C.F.R. § 200.320(a)(1)(iv)(C) for the reasons set forth in the recitals to this resolution:

A. $30,000, for the purchase of "apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment"; and

B. $30,000, for the purchase of "construction or repair work"; and

C. $50,000, for the purchase of services not subject to competitive bidding under North Carolina law; and

D. $50,000, for the purchase of services subject to the qualifications-based selection process in the Mini-Brooks Act; provided that such threshold shall apply to a contract only if the Unit has exercised an exemption to the Mini-Brooks Act, in writing, for a particular project pursuant to G.S. 143-64.32. If the exemption is not authorized, the micro-purchase threshold shall be $10,000.]

2. The self-certification made herein shall be effective as of July 1, 2022 and shall be applicable until the end of the same fiscal year ending on the 30th day of June, 2022 but shall not be applicable to Federal financial assistance awards issued prior to November 12, 2020, including financial assistance awards issued prior to that date under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Support (CARES) Act of 2020 (Pub. L. 116-136).

3. In the event that the County of Surry receives funding from a federal grantor agency that adopts a threshold more restrictive than those contained herein, the Unit shall comply with the more restrictive threshold when expending such funds.

4. The Unit shall maintain documentation to be made available to a Federal awarding agency, any pass-through entity, and auditors in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.334.

5. The Purchasing Officer of the County of Surry is hereby authorized, individually and collectively, to revise the Purchasing Policy of the County of Surry to reflect the increased micro-purchase thresholds specified herein, and to take all such actions, individually and collectively, to carry into effect the purpose and intent of the foregoing resolution.

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Adopted this the 18th day of July, 2022.

The Board recognized Surry Central High School students Brian Villegos and Abraham Mendez for saving a citizen's life from an overdose in the parking lot of their employment.

Chairman Goins declared the meeting to be an open forum and invited members of the audience to address any matters of civic concern.

Seeing there were no speakers, Chairman Goins closed the open forum.

Marty Needham, Development Services Director, presented rezoning request #ZCR1222 from applicant Teramore Development LLC for a proposed Dollar General that would be located at tax parcel ID numbers 5040-00-42-3487 and 5040-00-42-1490, with the address of 2953 Westfield Road, Mount

Airy. The applicant was requesting rezoning from Residential General (RG) to Rural Business-Conditional (RB-C).

Mr. Needham said the case was presented to the Planning Board on Monday, July 11. He said citizens and developer representatives spoke and the Planning Board denied the request unanimously.

Chairman Goins opened the public hearing to take comments on the rezoning request.

Mike Fox, an attorney representing Teramore Development, spoke in favor of the applicant. He handed out documents to the Board of Commissioners and County Attorney Ed Woltz. Mr. Fox said he was present with Teramore staff members, that the request is reasonable, fits within the development ordinance, is consistent with the 2040 Land Use Plan, and Surry County Planning staff recommended approval. He said the Dollar General would serve passers-by and nearby residents.

Joe Strickland, with Teramore Development, said the store could provide cooled produce and would have coolers and freezers. He said Teramore has developed five new Dollar General stores and invested $10-plus million in economic impact in the last four years in Surry County. Mr. Strickland said that does not include sales tax revenues or property taxes paid. He detailed each store and said there are 18 stores in the County. Mr. Strickland said the County Planning staff supported Teramore's request and stated why he thought the Board of Commissioners should approve the request, including how numerous businesses are in the same area and traffic control patterns.

Mr. Strickland confirmed to Vice-Chairman Harris that the nearest Dollar General to the proposed location is 2.5 miles away in Flat Rock.

Commissioner Tucker asked Mr. Strickland why Teramore wanted to put a store in the proposed Sheltontown location, to which Mr. Strickland said the store could generate $1.3 million in sales annually. He said the numbers are based on traffic counts and number of houses.

Commissioner Johnson said it appears that most of the commercial businesses in that area appear to be family-owned and have been there for quite some time. He does not want them to be impacted by a Dollar General.

Mr. Fox addressed citizens' concerns that were stated at the Planning Board meeting, including preserving the rural nature of the area by objecting to commercial activity, crime, traffic and the impact of home property values. He believes that most of the viewpoints are based on emotion instead of fact. Mr. Fox also dispelled fears of the Dollar General going on a potential scenic byway. He discussed how the proposed store is consistent with the 2040 Land Use Plan. Mr. Fox asked the Board to support staff's recommendation.

Melissa Hiatt spoke, saying the Board had been provided a petition with over 1,000 signatures and tonight she was providing 171 more signatures in opposition of the proposed Dollar General, totaling 1,198. She reminded the Board to read the minutes from the Planning Board meeting where the topic was presented. Ms. Hiatt said Teramore and their representatives are not the experts on Surry County or Sheltontown, but the citizens of the area are. Ms. Hiatt said there are general stores and other Dollar Generals already in the Sheltontown area.

Mary Raasch said she deals in facts and impact studies. She asked the Teramore representatives information about ingress and egress, to which they responded. Mrs. Raasch described a blind spot driving in the area that is dangerous. She said the area can get logged down with water after rainstorms and icy after winter storms. Mrs. Raasch discussed with the Teramore representatives tractor trailer requirements for blind spots. She also pointed out the importance of the locally owned businesses in

Sheltontown. Mrs. Raasch also discussed reasons to preserve the rural areas for tourism reasons.

Jake Hiatt said that crime can follow retail businesses and shared crime data. He discussed traffic safety issues that could arise.

Melody Hiatt White said in the 2040 Land Use Plan, Section 5, it covers quality of life. She said rural areas are the heartbeat of America when it comes to quality of life. A large amount of people stood when asked if they were in opposition of the rezoning request. Ms. White said there are other Dollar General stores close enough to the area. She also shared her viewpoints on how the proposed store would decrease residential property values.

Treva Kirkman discussed how many commercial properties in the area have been closed for years. He said the only commercial property in the area that is doing much business is Moore's General Store.

Heather Moore, of Moore's General Store, said she and other citizens say "No" to the rezoning request. She said the citizens are passionate about this belief and that this is a quality-of-life issue. Mrs. Moore said Dollar General is not a destination, but Mayberry is and let's keep it that way.

Susan Reavis said she plays the piano at the adjacent church and is concerned about traffic noise during services. She discussed traits she wants to preserve about the community.

Ralph Smith said when he moved here four years ago, he did so to enjoy rural living. He asked the Board to deny the rezoning request.

Seeing there were no further speakers, Chairman Goins closed the public hearing.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Statement of Consistency for rezoning request #ZCR1222 from applicant Teramore Development LLC for a proposed Dollar General that would be located at tax parcel ID numbers 5040-00-42-3487 and 5040-00-42-1490, with the address of 2953 Westfield Road, Mount Airy.

The Board provided comments supporting denial of the rezoning request.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to deny rezoning request #ZCR1222 from applicant Teramore Development LLC for a proposed Dollar General that would be located at tax parcel ID numbers 5040-00-42-3487 and 5040-00-42-1490, with the address of 2953 Westfield Road, Mount Airy.

The Board took a short break.

The Board returned and resumed regular business.

Dr. Kim Morrison and Jay Temple of Mount Airy City Schools provided an update on the CTE Building renovation at Mount Airy High School. She thanked the Board for their support of the grant, which includes a 5 percent County match. Dr. Morrison said the project includes the addition of an elevator, restroom upgrades and expansion, door hardware, ADA compliance throughout the building, a connected fire alarm, light replacements, extended handicamp ramp, aluminum canopy replacement for the upper walkway, climate-controlled wood storage with a covered walkway and alternate bids for roofing and windows.

Dr. Morrison expressed the school system's excitement with the improvements to the building, which also upgrade the students' experience.

Mr. Temple said the school system is in the advance stages of hiring a construction manager for the project. He said they are trying to compress the schedule, which Dr. Morrison handed the Board, to get equipment ordered because of the lead time and inflation of material costs. Mr. Temple said the architect has been hired. He said he would be happy to provide any future updates to the Board going forward.

Commissioner Johnson and Vice-Chairman Harris provided positive comments about the project.

Dr. Morrison discussed how students will soon be required to take skilled trade classes at the school.

Mr. Knopf discussed deadlines to submit Legislative Goals for the Legislative Goals Conference in November. He requested the goals to be provided to him by September 12.

Vice-Chairman Harris requested one goal be for an extra quarter-cent sales tax related to Article 43. Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Tucker agreed with that statement. It was the consensus of the Board for the extra quarter-cent sales tax be the number one priority. There was further discussion on Internet sales tax, retail tax and other taxes.

Mr. Knopf presented a landfill fee waiver request from Lyn's Medical Loan Closet, a ministry of Trinity Episcopal Church and Grace Moravian Church. He said they would like to be added to the non-profit fee waiver list at the landfill that would allow them to dispose of unusable items without paying a fee.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to add Lyn's Medical Loan Closet to the non-profit fee waiver list at the landfill and to waive any of the organization's landfill fees.

Mr. Woltz presented a request for the Board to reconsider a $102,000 surplus property offer for the old Westfield School property. Mike Bennett, the counsel for John and Beverly Shelton, who made the offer, communicated with Mr. Woltz about the request for the Board to reconsider the offer. Mr. Bennett said the buildings on the property have depreciated in value and the offer is representative of what he thinks the land value is worth after the cost that would be incurred to remove the buildings.

Commissioner Tucker asked Mr. Woltz how long the bid would be good for. Mr. Woltz said if the Board was interested in accepting the offer, the Board would accept another bid bond from the Sheltons to start the upset bid process over again. Mr. Woltz said this would involve another newspaper notice and to tentatively reserve the right to reject the offer.

The Board discussed the tax value of the property.

The Board decided to take no action.

Mr. Knopf presented requests to appoint Amanda Dolinger to the Surry County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council; reappoint Joe Rick, Daniel White, Jeff Eads and Rusty Slate to the Surry County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council; and reappoint Dr. Brooke Lowry to the Surry County Board of Health.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Amanda Dolinger to the Surry County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Joe Rick, Daniel White, Jeff Eads and Rusty Slate to the Surry County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

Mr. Knopf provided information about who would serve as officers on the Surry County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Dr. Brooke Lowry to the Surry County Board of Health.

Mr. Woltz discussed the hep Petra contract agreement with the Surry County Landfill, which the Board previously approved, subject to hep Petra providing the Memorandum of Lease Addendum that wasn't included the first time. He said that document is in the process of being signed and recorded subject to the Board's approval.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve hep Petra's Memorandum of Lease Addendum with the Surry County Landfill.

Dr. Travis Reeves, Superintendent of Surry County Schools, presented an update on the boiler room leak cleanup costs at North Surry High School. He read a letter about the insurance company making an ex-gratia payment of $50,000 for the cleanup costs. Dr. Reeves said he can offer approximately $34,693 in savings from another project and combine it with the $50,000 to reduce the price to approximately $148,882.86 from $233,575.86. He said the cleanup company inquired recently about the status of the payment.

The Board provided comments including asking Dr. Reeves to pursue the question of hose inspections and results.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to pay $148,882.86 from the County's General Fund Contingency to Ultimate Environmental for their cleanup services for the boiler room leak at North Surry High School.

Mr. Knopf provided an update on the Invest in Surry non-profit grants. He described staff's process and criteria in deciding how to dole out the $2.1 million in funds to community non-profits.

If approved, the following agencies would receive the following amount of funds:

Yadkin Valley United Fund	$12,000.00
Surry Young Entrepreneurs, Inc. dba YESurry	$6,200.00
Surry Medical Ministries	$89,345.00
Mountain Park Rescue Squad	$17,902.00
Tiny Tigers Rescue, Inc.	$29,000.00
Helping Hands of Surry County, Inc.	$100,000.00
SCS Educational Foundation	$25,000.00
Northern Regional Hospital	$564,631.00
Children's Center of NWNC	$100,000.00
Rockford Preservation Society	$14,000.00
Mayberry 4 Paws	$11,700.00
Surry County Historical Society	$9,900.00
Mount Airy Rescue Squad, Inc.	$40,540.00
Mount Airy Public Library	$39,700.00
Pilot Mountain Rescue and EMS	$73,674.00

United Fund of Surry County	$59,205.00
Sandy Level Community Council	$6,475.00
Dobson Pool	$10,000.00
Surry Friends of Youth	$30,000.00
Dobson Community Library	$60,000.00
Dobson Rescue Squad	$64,064.00
Mount Airy Junior Womens Club	$25,000.00
Greater Mount Airy Habitat for Humanity	$113,000.00
ECHO Ministry/The Ark	$9,000.00
Grace Clinic	$40,000.00
Mountain Valley Hospice	$27,023.00
Birches Foundation	$20,000.00
JJ Jones High School Alumni Chapter	$15,200.00
NC Horne Living Historical Farm Committee	$12,915.00
Pilot Mountain Library	$41,693.00
Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital	$300,000.00
Elkin Library	$13,110.00
Lowgap Library	$7,204.00

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Invest in Surry non-profit grants as recommended, and not Armfield Recreation Center's funding.

Mr. Knopf discussed Invest in Surry projects in detail. Approximately $23,692 is unallocated at this point.

He said additional funding may be left over from Airport hangar construction to divert towards the Airport terminal project.

Mr. Knopf discussed details about construction costs, including for water and sewer.

Vice-Chairman Harris said he would like to see the unallocated amount of $23,692 go to the Surry County Historical Society's Edwards-Franklin House to cover some of the roofing costs. He said the Surry County Animal Shelter could use some more financial assistance going forward, recommending that the current red barn be torn down and replaced with a red metal building to provide more capacity for animals. Commissioner Johnson said he agreed on Vice-Chairman Harris's recommendation on the Edwards-Franklin House roof funding and would agree on the Animal Shelter recommendation, at the very least with placing more funding for the Animal Shelter expansion in next year's County budget. Mr. Knopf said the roof cost is an approximate $50,000 project. Commissioner Tucker agreed with Vice-Chairman Harris on the roof recommendation.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to appropriate $23,692 to the Surry County Historical Society's Edwards-Franklin House roofing project from Invest in Surry funding.

Chairman Goins said he would like to get more feedback on potential costs for the Animal Shelter expansion recommendation.

Commissioner Johnson said Jessica Montgomery, Public Works Director, reported to him that if there is an environmental problem at the landfill, water would be required there. He just reminded the Board to remember that requirement in the future.

In General County Business, Commissioner Marion said he spoke at a recent Pastor's Conference at the Heritage Barn. He said it was nice to see that many pastors in the same room.

Commissioner Tucker said he appreciated citizen comments during the meeting. He also said he would like to be frugal with Invest in Surry funds they provide non-profits and be fair to all.

Vice-Chairman Harris said it was with mixed emotions for him to appropriate the Invest in Surry funding because he thinks they have contributed to inflation. He said someone will pay for it.

Chairman Goins discussed the Main-Oak Building collapse and provided a shout out to Surry County Inspections, Emergency Services and other responding agencies in the County for their recovery efforts. He was thankful that no one was hurt.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to enter closed session to discuss items pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) legal.

The Board exited closed session and returned to regular business.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:35 p.m.

All leases, contracts, agreements, resolutions, ordinances and documents referenced in the minutes are kept in the Clerk's Office or in the department office they are associated with.

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Sandra Snow
Deputy Clerk to the Board

Surry County Board of Commissioners
Meeting of August 15, 2022

The Surry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m., August 15, 2022. The meeting was held in the Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Dobson, N.C.

Board members present in-person for the meeting were Chairman Bill Goins, Vice-Chairman Eddie Harris, Commissioner Mark Marion, Commissioner Larry Johnson and Commissioner Van Tucker.

Others present in-person for the meeting, at various times, included:
Chris Knopf, County Manager
Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager
Ed Woltz, County Attorney
Penny Harrison, Tax Administrator
Martha Brintle, MIS Director
Marty Needham, Development Services Director
Jessica Montgomery, Public Works Director
Jimmy Ashburn, Fire Marshal
Laura Neely, Incoming Finance Officer
Nathan Walls, Assistant to the County Manager/PIO
Sheriff's Office Staff
Byron Isaacs, Emergency Management Coordinator
News Media
Todd Tucker, Surry County Economic Development Partnership

Attending virtually was:
Rhonda Nixon, Finance Officer

Chairman Goins called the meeting to order. Commissioner Tucker delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Goins requested the Board review and approve the agenda. Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to approve the August 15, 2022 agenda.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the minutes of the July 18, 2022 meeting as presented. Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the consent agenda. Chris Knopf, County Manager, reviewed each consent agenda item. Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Requests from the County Manager:

- Approve the following tax foreclosure sales: Parcel# 409100175324, Parcel# 498900207891, Parcel# 591700010481, Parcel# 495114428653 and Parcel# 494116930580.
- Approve the 2021-2022 annual property tax settlement, including the following resolution:

RESOLUTION APPROVING

THE TAX COLLECTOR'S ANNUAL SETTLEMENT

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 – 2022 AND PRIOR YEARS

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 105-373, the Tax Administrator in her capacity as Tax Collector has made her report of settlement to the Surry County Board of Commissioners for fiscal year 2021 – 2022 and prior years after July 1 and before she is charged with taxes for the current fiscal year, 2022 – 2023; and

WHEREAS, based upon the written and oral report of settlement of the Tax Administrator in her capacity as Tax Collector, Surry County Board of Commissioners has made sufficient inquiry in order to reach a determination that the collection work of the Tax Administrator in her capacity as Tax Collector has been performed satisfactorily and that the Tax Administrator in her capacity as Tax Collector has done everything that she could have done to reach whatever property may have been available; and

WHEREAS, as required by N.C.G.S. 105-373, before being charged with taxes for the current fiscal year, the Tax Administrator in her capacity as Tax Collector has presented the Surry County Board of Commissioners a list of the persons owning real property taxes whose taxes for the preceding fiscal year remain unpaid and the principal amount owed by each person and a list of the persons not owning real property taxes whose personal property taxes for the preceding fiscal year remain unpaid and the principal amount owed by each person, along with a statement under oath that she has made diligent efforts to collect the taxes due from the persons listed in a manner that is reasonably necessary by all means available to her for collection; and

WHEREAS the settlement of the Tax Administrator in her capacity as Tax Collector, including the settlement for the taxes for prior years, which are attached hereto, together with her action of the Surry County Board of Commissioners, shall be entered into the minutes of said Board.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Surry County Board of Commissioners that the list of persons owning real property whose 2021 real property taxes remain unpaid and the list of persons not owning real property whose 2021 personal property taxes remain unpaid and the principal amount owed by each person are hereby acknowledged as received.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Surry County Board of Commissioners that the annual settlement of the Tax Administrator in her capacity as Tax Collector for the fiscal year 2021 – 2022 and prior years is hereby accepted as presented by the Tax Administrator in her capacity as Tax Collector.

ADOPTED this the 15th day of August 2022.

- **Approve to write off $112,833.64 in 2012 property taxes. The amount includes delinquent motor vehicles, personal property and real property taxes.**
- **Approve Invoice Cloud for taxpayers to pay their taxes, beginning July 2023.**
- **Approve the following from the Tax Department:**

1. Total releases for the month ending 7/31/22 in the amount of $41,800.22.
2. Total refunds for the month ending 7/31/22 in the amount of $14,580.98.
3. Total NCVTS tag and tax refunds for the month ending 7/31/22 in the amount of $2,451.72.
4. Total real and personal property discoveries for the month ending 7/31/22 in the amount of $64,928.95.
5. Total motor vehicle discoveries for the month ending 7/31/22 in the amount of $0.
6. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC additions for the month ending 7/31/22 in the amount of $106,028.50.
7. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC refunds for the month ending 7/31/22 in the amount of $0.
8. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC releases for the month ending 7/31/22 in the amount of $774.31.
9. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC collections for the month ending 7/31/22 in the amount of $8,087.51.

- **Approve retirement badges and weapon requests for Deputy Sheriff Eric Latza, Sgt. Jonathan Bledsoe and Chief Deputy Paul Barker.**
- **Approve Streamflow Rehabilitation Program Contract for $261,666 to remove debris from streams in Surry County.**
- **Approve/Accept State budget directed funds from S.L. 2021-180 (House Bill 105), providing $500,000 in nonrecurring funds for Fiscal Year 2023 to Partners Health Management to address the**

needs of individuals in Surry County with a substance use disorder or are otherwise struggling with addiction.
- Approve motion to not renew the Dobson Planning Services Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Dobson. The agreement expired June 30, 2022 and the Town will be informed of the decision. The County will continue to provide these services on a month-to-month basis through January 31, 2023, or until the Town establishes a new provider, whichever comes first.
- Approve chiller purchase for $78,000 to replace chiller at the Sheriff's Office.

Requests from the Assistant County Manager:
- Approve $39,429.43 in workers' compensation settlement activity for quarter ending June 30, 2022.
- Approve to sell the Elkin Center sign to NCDOT for $15,000.

The Board recognized Micah Vaughan for attaining Eagle Scout status.

Chairman Goins declared the meeting to be an open forum and invited members of the audience to address any matters of civic concern.

Terrell Stephens said members of the community are very disappointed that the Board has not acted on paper ballots. He described how he thought votes were stolen in the 2020 election. Mr. Stephens requested the Board to encourage paper ballots, paper voting rolls and hand-to-eye counting.

Rachel Collins requested the Board ask PART to reinstate their service to Surry County and Pilot Mountain. She said PART provides service that helps reduce vehicles on roads. Ms. Collins also said she was surprised by the Board's lack of communication on withdrawing from PART. She asked for PART service to return.

Tim Childress spoke in favor of PART. He said he rode the bus; other people rode it to cancer treatment and nurses rode it. Mr. Childress asked for the Board to support the return of PART.

John Bowes thanked the Board for serving their community and asked if the Board has made efforts to move any closer to paper ballots. Chairman Goins said the Board doesn't generally respond to open forum comments. Mr. Bowes asked the Board to let citizens know why they're taking actions or not.

Keith Senter said he's asking and demanding the Board to work for "We the People." Mr. Senter publicly apologized and said he was sorry for anything he has said that offended the Board. He said Ed Woltz, County Attorney, threatened him to not speak during the open forum at Board meetings. Mr. Senter said that Chairman Goins said 2020 election data will not be destroyed. He said he was pushing for paper ballots for love of his country and discussed his viewpoints about the 2020 election.

Peggy Bowes asked for Surry County to repent. She asked the Board to do the will of God. Mrs. Bowes read Scriptures, showed an image of Jesus Christ and prayed.

Tessa Saeli told the Board that "We the People" pay their salaries and Board of Elections salaries. She discussed the prayer walk that was held around the building prior to the meeting. Mrs. Saeli said the Board had broken citizens' constitutional rights by removing the June 6 Board meeting from YouTube. She said it seems the Board is being arrogant and prideful and read a Scripture.

Alan Bagshaw read Animal Shelter numbers for dogs and cats. He blamed this on Surry County's ordinances and provided hard copies of improvement suggestions to the Board.

Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager, introduced Laura Neely, the incoming Finance Officer. Mrs. Neely introduced herself and said she is thankful for the opportunity.

Gayle Norman said the Board was looking at citizens of the "We the People" contingent with their eyes during the meeting, which she said is positive.

Seeing there were no additional speakers, Chairman Goins closed the open forum.

Marty Needham, Development Services Director, presented rezoning request ZCR1223, in which applicant Khalil Nassar of PQA Healthcare requested a general rezoning for a property on Edgewood Drive, Mount Airy, Tax Parcel ID #5929-03-43-8817, from Rural Agricultural (RA) to Highway Business (HB). The property is in an open area of medium-to-high level density with frontage on Edgewood Drive and Park Drive. The Planning Board unanimously recommended the Board approve the request at their August 8, 2022 meeting.

Chairman Goins opened the public hearing.

Bobby Toler, who owns an adjoining parcel, stated his opposition to the proposed rezoning, including examples of high traffic count, nearby apartments and erosion issues that need correcting. He requested a site plan be provided and the applicant to address these issues first.

Dale Fulk, real estate agent for Mr. Nassar, the applicant and owner of PQA Healthcare, spoke on behalf of his client. He said his client is well vested in Dobson and Statesville, as well as other municipalities in North Carolina. Mr. Fulk voiced his support for rezoning the property.

Commissioner Johnson asked Mr. Toler to come back to the podium and he restated his concerns. Mr. Toler said he is not OK with the property being used for pain management. Vice-Chairman Harris recommended Mr. Toler contact NCDEQ about the stated erosion issues.

Commissioner Johnson asked Mr. Fulk about Mr. Nassar. Mr. Fulk discussed Mr. Nassar's other investment properties in the County. He said he has a good realtor-broker relationship with Mr. Nassar.

Chairman Goins closed the public hearing.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Statement of Consistency for Rezoning Request ZCR1223.

Vice-Chairman Harris and Commissioner Tucker asked Mr. Needham questions about the property. Mr. Needham said there would be an erosion control plan and work for the developer to be done. He said a commercial site plan would have to go through inspectors. Vice-Chairman Harris added the need for water quality studies.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to approve rezoning request ZCR1223, for a property on Edgewood Drive, Mount Airy, Tax Parcel ID #5929-03-43-8817, from Rural Agricultural (RA) to Highway Business (HB).

Chris Knopf, County Manager, presented a request to renew the Magistrate's Office lease for one year with Steven and Marion Boone at 120 W. Kapp Street for $1,000 a month.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to renew the Magistrate's Office lease with Steven and Marion Boone at 120 W. Kapp Street for $1,000 a month.

Mr. Knopf reviewed draft Legislative Goals with the Board, which will be provided to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners and Surry County's Legislative Delegation once adopted by the Board.

Vice-Chairman Harris discussed items he would like to see added to the Legislative Goals list, but he doesn't think they will get passed. He said the Board of County Commissioners passes resolutions because they are important topics to citizens, and they are items that will probably not get approved at the State level. Vice-Chairman Harris voices his support for the quarter-cent sales tax referendum on the Legislative Goals list because it's a fair tax that would benefit Surry County.

Commissioner Tucker and Mr. Knopf discussed how the list's numbers do not reflect an order of priority. Commissioner Tucker echoed support for the sales tax, Interstate 74/Highway 52 upgrades and Airport hangar upgrade funding. He asked Mr. Knopf if the Board can prioritize the items, to which Mr. Knopf said, yes, the items will be brought back to the Board for approval at the September 6, 2022 Board meeting, in which action will be needed.

Vice-Chairman Harris, Chairman Goins and Mr. Knopf discussed the need to increase public school construction funding for public schools in Surry County. The Board was happy with recent funds that Mount Airy City Schools received through the current State program but would like to see more State funding.

Mr. Knopf presented a request that Jerry Sawyers be reappointed to the Board of Health.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Jerry Sawyers to the Board of Health.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to amend Manager's Items to add approval of the amended South Surry Volunteer Fire Department contract and agreement and an Invest in Surry Funds Update.

Ed Woltz, County Attorney, presented the amended South Surry Volunteer Fire Department contract and agreement to include light rescue services. Mr. Woltz said the document is time sensitive and would help with the department's grant funding.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the amended South Surry Volunteer Fire Department contract and agreement.

Mr. Knopf presented suggestions to amend Invest in Surry funds.

He said the Camp Creek project originally included $300,000 in the Invest in Surry funds but had been funded by the County's General Fund in FY22. Mr. Knopf said Mountain Park, Dobson and Shoals are installing lighting with their funding. He said the Cedar Ridge Youth Association received an increased amount, at $165,000 total, for lighting. Mr. Knopf said after these changes there is a $239,000 balance in the Invest in Surry funds.

Commissioner Marion discussed the request from the Cedar Ridge Youth Association to receive $165,000 from the funds for lighting at the facility in Beulah.

Commissioner Tucker discussed the need for $37,000 to fund a lighting project for ballfields in Shoals.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the requested changes for parks in Beulah and Shoals.

Vice-Chairman Harris proposed adding public water and sewer to the Surry County Animal Shelter and the Hope Center. He also proposed adding additional space to the Animal Shelter and discussed various options on how to accomplish the request. Vice-Chairman Harris and Commissioner Johnson discussed specifics of committees and addressing concerns with Animal Shelter staff.

Commissioner Johnson a requested fire hydrant for Franklin Elementary School and said the County could get assistance on one-third of the cost. He said it's the largest elementary school in the County and it would be good to have the fire hydrants on the school's side of the road.

Vice-Chairman Harris asked if Jessica Montgomery, Public Works Director, and Mr. Needham, Development Services Director, can look at making his requested Animal Shelter recommendations and improvements. Mr. Knopf said staff can get started on that this week.

In General County Business, Commissioner Marion said he attended the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) Conference and welcomed the Surry County panel that discussed how the organization is addressing Substance Use Disorder (SUD). He said many Counties are now discussing what Surry County is doing.

Commissioner Tucker said he always appreciates community input. He said we have some answers to some of the questions that were raised in open forum, and he will defer the answers to Chairman Goins.

Vice-Chairman Harris said he and Commissioner Johnson attended the recent ribbon cutting for the new Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital Urgent Care on CC Camp Road/Hwy. 268 Bypass.

Mr. Knopf addressed an allegation about the June 6 Board of County Commissioners meeting broadcast being pulled off YouTube. He said that soon YouTube recorded meetings will be on the new Surry on the Go TV channel/streaming app. Mr. Knopf said staff didn't remove the recording from June 6, YouTube did because YouTube said "We removed content from the Surry County NC channel for violating our election integrity policy, which prohibits content that advances false claims that widespread fraud occurred in the 2020 U.S. presidential election, such as claiming that the election was rigged or stolen. While we do allow content that provides additional context such as countervailing views, the content we removed from this channel was footage that did not provide sufficient context." Commissioner Tucker discussed the need for recorded meetings to be archived.

Commissioner Goins, in response to citizens' comments, said that affidavits regarding election fraud in Surry County have not been brought to the Board of County Commissioners or Board of Elections, as requested

prior to the May 16, 2022 Board meeting. He said some unkind things have been said about the Board of County Commissioners.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to enter closed session to discuss items pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) legal, pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) personnel and pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) economic development.

The Board returned from closed session and resumed regular business.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:14 p.m.

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Nathan Walls
Clerk to the Board

Surry County Board of Commissioners
Meeting of September 6, 2022

The Surry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m., September 6, 2022. The meeting was held in the Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Dobson, N.C.

Board members present in-person for the meeting were Chairman Bill Goins, Vice-Chairman Eddie Harris, Commissioner Mark Marion, Commissioner Larry Johnson and Commissioner Van Tucker.

Others present in-person for the meeting, at various times, included:
Chris Knopf, County Manager
Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager
Ed Woltz, County Attorney
Laura Neely, Finance Officer
Daniel White, Parks & Recreation Director
Martha Brintle, MIS Director
Jimmy Ashburn, Fire Marshal
Keith Kiger, Inspections
Eric Southern, Emergency Services Director
Nathan Walls, Assistant to the County Manager/PIO
News Media

Chairman Goins called the meeting to order, delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Goins requested the Board review and approve the agenda. Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to approve the September 6, 2022 agenda.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the minutes of the August 15, 2022 meeting as presented. Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the consent agenda. Chris Knopf, County Manager, reviewed each consent agenda item. Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Requests from the County Manager:

- **Approve the following resolution for Constitution Week:**

SURRY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOARD RESOLUTION

Jonathan Hunt Chapter North Carolina Daughters of the American Revolution

WHEREAS, It is the privilege and duty of the American people to commemorate the two hundred and thirty-fifth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and

WHEREAS: Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week,

NOW, THEREFORE I, Bill Goins, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Chairman of the Surry County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 as

CONSTITUTION WEEK

and urge all citizens to study the Constitution and reflect on the privilege of being an American with all the rights and responsibilities which that privilege involves.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Surry County to be affixed this 6th day of September of the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-two.

Requests from the Assistant County Manager:

- **Approve to reclassify a Social Worker II position to a Public Health Nurse II position, contingent upon final approval from State personnel.**
- **Approve to reclassify a Migrant Health Tech to a Social Work Clinical Specialist, contingent upon final approval from State personnel and add to the Position Classification Plan at Grade 74.**
- **Approve for Sheriff's Office to work with the Assistant County Manager for payment of comp time worked at the Detention Center utilizing current funding.**
- **Reclassify Animal Shelter Attendant from Grade 58 to Grade 60 on the Position Classification Plan, effective August 1, 2022.**

Requests from the Finance Officer:

- **Approve the following Commercial Banking Services Resolution:**

COMMERCIAL BANKING SERVICES RESOLUTION

OF

County of Surry (the "County")

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that Surry County shall from time to time enter into such Commercial Banking Services related agreements with Truist Bank as any one of the officers of the County named below deems appropriate in order to facilitate management of the County's cash resources.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that any one of the following officers is hereby authorized and directed, either now or at any such time hereafter as they may deem appropriate, to execute and deliver on behalf of the County the Commercial Banking Services related agreements and any and all schedules or exhibits to such agreements, and any other certificates or documents which are required in connection with such agreements.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that any one of the following officers is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the County in designating the authority to transfer its funds, make payment orders or give other orders or instructions, and do all other things that may be necessary or desirable in connection with the County's use of the Commercial Banking services that are the subject of the above-designated or described agreements or in connection with the County's performance of its duties and obligations under such agreements:

Name of Officer /Title:

Chris Knopf, County Manager

Sandra Snow, Assistant County Manager

Laura Neely, Finance Officer

Denise Brown, Deputy Finance Officer

Rhonda Nixon, Deputy Finance Officer

RESOLVED FURTHER, that this resolution shall remain in full force and effect until written notice of its amendment or rescission has been given to and received by Truist Bank in the manner and place designated by the agreements entered into pursuant to this authorization, and that no such notice shall affect any action taken or order or instruction made prior to its receipt.

THIS RESOLUTION is effective upon its adoption this the 6th day of September 2022.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Certificate of Commercial Online Banking Services Resolution as Clerk to the Board on this 6th day of September 2022.

- **Approve the following surplus conveyance resolution for a 2016 Dodge Charger:**

Resolution Approving Conveyance of Personal Property to

A Nonprofit Organization

Pursuant to G.S. 160A-278

WHEREAS, the County of Surry owns a 2016 Dodge Charger, Asset#95258, VIN: 2C3CDXAT9GH228690; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 160A-280 authorizes a county to convey personal property for nonmonetary consideration to a nonprofit corporation if the governing board deems the property to be surplus, obsolete, or unused;

and

WHEREAS, the County of Surry has determined that the personal property described above is surplus, obsolete, or unused; and

WHEREAS, the County of Surry finds that the public will benefit from the conveyance of the property described above by enhancing the public safety resources available in Surry County.

THEREFORE, THE SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLVES THAT:

The Board Chairman of Surry is authorized to execute all documents necessary to convey title to the 2016 Dodge Charger to CC Camp Fire Department.

The consideration for the conveyance is enhancing the public safety resources in Surry County.

In accordance with the notice requirements of N.C.G.S. § 160A-280, public notice of this resolution was given by posting on the County of Surry, North Carolina website.

Adopted this the 6th day of September 2022.

- **Approve the following surplus conveyance resolution for a 2009 Ford Focus:**

Resolution Approving Conveyance of Personal Property to

A Nonprofit Organization

Pursuant to G.S. 160A-278

WHEREAS, the County of Surry owns a 2009 Ford Focus, Asset#51664, VIN: 1FAHP34N09W155055; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 160A-280 authorizes a county to convey personal property for nonmonetary consideration to a nonprofit corporation if the governing board deems the property to be surplus, obsolete, or unused; and

WHEREAS, the County of Surry has determined that the personal property described above is surplus, obsolete, or unused; and

WHEREAS, the County of Surry finds that the public will benefit from the conveyance of the property described above by enhancing the public safety resources available in Surry County.

THEREFORE, THE SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLVES THAT:

The Board Chairman of Surry is authorized to execute all documents necessary to convey title to the 2009 Ford Focus to Four Way Volunteer Fire Department.

The consideration for the conveyance is enhancing the public safety resources in Surry County.

In accordance with the notice requirements of N.C.G.S. § 160A-280, public notice of this resolution was given by posting on the County of Surry, North Carolina website.

Adopted this the 6th day of September 2022.

- **Award the RFQ for the Bean Shoals design build project to North State Environmental.**

The Board recognized Taylor Galyean, Isaiah Hayes, Nolan Richard Haynes and James Madel for attaining Eagle Scout status. Zachariah Hawkins, Owen Michael Greenstreet and Eli Powell were to be recognized but were not in attendance.

Chairman Goins declared the meeting to be an open forum and invited members of the audience to address any matters of civic concern.

Mark Barr recommended the entire intersection of Highways 601 and 52 in Mount Airy turn to red lights when first responder crews are attempting to pass through safely. He recently observed an ambulance come close to being T-boned at the intersection. Mr. Barr said other cities have mechanisms in place to turn an entire intersection to red lights for emergencies.

Melissa Hiatt requested a retail moratorium on dollar stores in Surry County. She provided statistics and research from a prepared statement, which is attached to the hard copy of these minutes. Mrs. Hiatt requested the Board look into amending ordinances or developing a plan to assist.

Seeing there were no additional speakers, Chairman Goins closed the open forum.

Ed Woltz, County Attorney, presented an item about the recent gas rights agreement with Hep Petra, who has a methane gas facility at the Surry County Landfill. He said PNC Bank has agreed to release the 0.32 acre property off the PNC Deed of Trust and to permit Hep Petra to have adequate easements to access the property. Mr. Woltz said Board approval for this is not required, but he did ask the Board to approve the spirit of the release. He said once PNC has executed it, he will record it and circulate. Hep Petra has agreed to reimburse Surry County for all its costs associated, including the County's bond counsel, PNC's bond counsel and Mr. Woltz's attorney fees.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the spirit of the release of the 0.32 acre methane facility property off the PNC Deed of Trust and to permit Hep Petra to have adequate easements to access the property at the Surry County Landfill.

Mr. Woltz presented an item that would, if approved, terminate an incentive agreement between Surry County, Mount Airy and CK Technologies. Most recently, the company was not able to meet minimum job creation requirements. Mr. Woltz said a new company purchased CK Technologies' property and they are willing to assume liabilities of CK Technologies, but it has been awkward. The termination agreement would provide the County $45,000 back and Mount Airy $45,000 back from CK Technologies.

Commissioner Tucker, Vice-Chairman Harris, Commissioner Johnson spoke about similar topics, including how the COVID-19 pandemic affected the job market and how many businesses have struggled to hire people since.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the incentive termination agreement between the County, Mounty Airy and CK Technologies, with Surry County and Mount Airy receiving $45,000 each back from CK Technologies.

Mr. Knopf presented a proposed 2023 County Commissioners' Calendar.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following 2023 County Commissioners Calendar:

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'
CALENDAR FOR 2023

Regular meetings of the Surry County Board of Commissioners are held at 6:00 p.m., on the first and third Mondays, in the Historic Courthouse, Dobson, NC. However, State law only requires the Board to meet once a month if it decides to amend this calendar following its adoption. If a County-recognized holiday falls on Monday, the meeting is held on Tuesday, or a date determined by the Commissioners. The County observes the State's holiday schedule.

The Board may amend this calendar as needed.

December 5, 2022	Regular Meeting Election of Officers for 2023
December 23, 26 & 27, 2022	Christmas Holiday

January 2, 2023	New Year's Day Holiday
January 3	Regular Meeting (Tuesday)
January 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
January 17	Regular Meeting (Tuesday)
February 6	Regular Meeting
February 20	Regular Meeting
February 22	Commissioners' Planning Retreat (Location: TBD)
March 6	Regular Meeting
March 20	Regular Meeting
April 3	Regular Meeting
April 7	Good Friday Holiday
April 17	Regular Meeting
May 1	Regular Meeting
May 15	Regular Meeting
May 29	Memorial Day Holiday
June 5	Regular Meeting County Manager presents recommended budget for FY 2023-2024
June 19	Regular Meeting Public hearing on FY 2023-2024 recommended budget
July 4	Independence Day Holiday
July 17	Regular Meeting
July 21-24	National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference Travis County/Austin, Texas
Dates TBA	NC Association of County Commissioners Annual Conference Location TBA
August 21	Regular Meeting
September 4	Labor Day Holiday
September 5	Regular Meeting (Tuesday)
September 18	Regular Meeting
October 2	Regular Meeting
October 16	Regular Meeting
November 6	Regular Meeting
November 10	Veterans' Day Holiday
November 20	Regular Meeting

<u>November 23 & 24</u> Thanksgiving Holiday

<u>December 4</u> Regular Meeting
Election of Officers for 2024

<u>December 25, 26 & 27</u> Christmas Holiday

Mr. Knopf presented an update on the Zephyr-Mountain Park Road river access, where an adjacent property owner will have to move a fence off the property line, a sign will need to be moved and new stairs and a flattened slope are requested for construction. All of the changes are due to a NCDOT bridge replacement adjacent to the river access.

Vice-Chairman Harris thinks the $6,000 offer was too low. The Board asked Mr. Knopf to counter at $10,000 to NCDOT for the right of way acquisition.

Mr. Knopf presented a request to approve a Perpetual Easement Agreement at the Burch Station river access.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to approve a Perpetual Easement Agreement at the Burch Station river access.

Mr. Knopf presented a request to approve a Perpetual Easement Agreement (Memorandum of Understanding) with Luck Stone granite quarry company for a river access on Luck Stone's property adjacent to the Ararat River in Mount Airy, near the Park Drive/Sheep Farm Road intersection.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board unanimously voted to approve a Perpetual Easement Agreement (Memorandum of Understanding) with Luck Stone granite quarry company for a river access on Luck Stone's property adjacent to the Ararat River in Mount Airy.

Mr. Knopf requested the Board's approval of the draft 2022-2023 Legislative Goals Resolution, which include the following goals, in order: Sales Tax Flexibility, Detention Officer Certification, Homestead Exclusion Relief Reform, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment Funding, US Highway 52 Interstate Upgrades (Interstate 74) and Aircraft Hangar Funding.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the below 2022-2023 Legislative Goals Resolution:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING SURRY COUNTY'S
2023-2024 LEGISLATIVE GOALS

WHEREAS, the Surry County Board of Commissioners has determined that the following items should be submitted to the General Assembly and the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners as Surry County's 2023-2024 Legislative Goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Surry County Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt the following goals:

1. **<u>Sales Tax Flexibility</u>**. Seek authorization to allow an additional quarter-cent sales tax for counties to levy but only following voter approval. This type of flexibility provides voters with an option to expand a tax that is fair and shared by all citizens.

2. **<u>Detention Officer Certification</u>**. The NC Department of Justice, Sheriffs' Standards Division's proposal to require BLET certification prior to working as a detention officer will severely hinder the ability of counties to fill these

types of positions. This proposal, if adopted, will have a profoundly adverse impact on the operations of our detention center.

3. **Homestead Exclusion Relief Reform**. Currently, the market value threshold is $25,000 or 50% of value, whichever is higher. The 50% of value option is an issue with high value residential properties that qualify for this exclusion. Counties need a maximum threshold like South Carolina which has a cap of $50,000.

4. **Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment Funding.** According to treatment providers, the funding provided by Medicaid and the State to treat the large population in North Carolina who suffer from substance use disorder (SUD) is insufficient to pay the counselors and clinicians a wage that is consistent to the medium accepted salary in those fields. The State should consider a funding model that allows SUD treatment providers to raise wages for counselors and clinicians to meet the medium salary level in those fields. Without sufficient treatment providers, substance abuse recovery efforts will be ineffective.

5. **US Highway 52 Interstate Upgrades (Interstate 74)**. Surry County requests that NCDOT and the General Assembly allocate funding for the necessary interstate upgrades along US Highway 52 from Rural Hall to Mount Airy. With the impending completion of Interstate 74 construction projects around Rockingham and Winston-Salem, the section of US Highway 52 between Rural Hall and Mount Airy will be the only segment that doesn't meet interstate standards from the Virginia state line to Scotland County.

6. **Aircraft Hangar Funding**. The North Carolina Department of Transportation, Division of Aviation currently does not have a dedicated stream of funding for public airports to utilize for building aircraft hangars. Revenue created at public airports is critical to their financial health and the ability to provide hangar space to local aircraft is a primary revenue driver.

Adopted this the 6th day of September 2022.

Mr. Knopf presented an update for Invest in Surry funding. He said the first wave of checks for the non-profits have all been distributed. Mr. Knopf said there was one GREAT grant awarded to Zitel, LLC for broadband connection services for $372,175.50. The required match from the County would be $159,503.78, which are carved out in the Invest in Surry Broadband line item.

Mr. Knopf said the public safety systems replacement was updated from $750,000 to $880,904 – the difference would come from the Invest in Surry balance is to be used for any future adjustments or new projects. He said the request from the last meeting to run public water and sewer to the Animal Shelter and Fisher River Park would be approximately $2.2 million, according to preliminary cost estimates from The Lane Group.

Commissioner Marion said equipment has arrived for Dobson and Mountain Park ballparks and should be installed by or in October.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to approve the public safety systems replacement revision in Invest in Surry funding.

In General County Business, Commissioner Johnson thanked volunteers in Surry County who are a tremendous asset – he said he and the Mount Airy Board of Commissioners distributed Invest in Surry funds to non-profits in Mount Airy. He also discussed the Special Olympics Golf Tournament being held on September 22 at Cedarbrook Country Club in State Road.

Vice-Chairman Harris had no comments.

Commissioner Tucker thanked everyone for coming.

Commissioner Marion said he was thankful that he beat a bout with COVID-19.

Chairman Goins thanked the citizens and County staff in attendance.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to enter closed session to discuss items pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) legal and pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) personnel.

The Board returned from closed session and resumed regular business.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:01 p.m.

All leases, contracts, agreements, resolutions, ordinances and documents referenced in the minutes are kept in the Clerk's Office or in the department office they are associated with.

Nathan Walls
Clerk to the Board

Surry County Board of Commissioners
Meeting of September 19, 2022

The Surry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m., September 19, 2022. The meeting was held in the Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Dobson, N.C.

Board members present in-person for the meeting were Chairman Bill Goins, Vice-Chairman Eddie Harris, Commissioner Mark Marion, Commissioner Larry Johnson and Commissioner Van Tucker.

Others present in-person for the meeting, at various times, included:
Chris Knopf, County Manager
Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager
Laura Neely, Finance Officer
Martha Brintle, MIS Director
Marty Needham, Development Services Director
Sheriff's Office Staff
Substance Abuse Recovery Staff
Nathan Walls, Assistant to the County Manager/PIO
YVEDDI Board
Kathy Payne, YVEDDI Executive Director
YVEDDI Staff
News Media

Others present virtually for the meeting, at various times, included:
Ed Woltz, County Attorney

Chairman Goins called the meeting to order. Commissioner Johnson delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Goins requested the Board review and approve the agenda. Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the September 19, 2022 agenda.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the minutes of the September 6, 2022 meeting as presented. Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the consent agenda. Chris Knopf, County Manager, reviewed each consent agenda item.

Commissioner Tucker asked Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager, questions regarding the Emergency Services' request to write-off COVID-19 ambulance transport fees for a total of $23,410.70. Commissioner Tucker questioned why people with private insurance could not pay the fees. Mrs. Snow said she believes Emergency Services could bill but what was not paid by the insurance companies, there was no funding to collect and federal funds were exhausted. Mrs. Snow said because Surry County entered an agreement to pay the ambulance transport fees with federal funds, the remaining balance could not be billed to the individuals. Commissioner Tucker and the Board reached consensus to pull the item for more discussion with Emergency Services Director Eric Southern at the next Board meeting on October 3, 2022.

Commissioner Harris commended the Substance Abuse Recovery Department for their efforts at all times and for their hard work during Red Ribbon Week, which was being recognized in consent items in a resolution.

Commissioner Johnson applauded Surry County property owners, 60 percent of whom have already paid their property taxes.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the amended consent agenda, minus the request to write-off COVID-19 ambulance transport fees, as follows:

Requests from the County Manager:

- Approve the following proclamation for Red Ribbon Week:

Surry County Government Proclamation for RED RIBBON WEEK

October 23 to October 31, 2022

WHEREAS, Alcohol and other drug abuse is this country, and this county, has reached epidemic stages; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that visible, unified prevention education efforts by community members be launched to eliminate the demand for drugs; and

WHEREAS, The National Family Partnership is sponsoring the NATIONAL RED RIBBON CAMPAIGN offering citizens the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to drug-free lifestyles (no use of illegal drugs, no illegal use of legal drugs; and

WHEREAS, The NATIONAL RED RIBBON CAMPAIGN will be celebrated in every community in America during RED RIBBON WEEK, October 23 to 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Business, government, parents, law enforcement, media, medical, religious organizations, schools, senior citizens, service organizations and youth will demonstrate their commitment to healthy, drug free lifestyles by wearing and displaying Red Ribbons during this weeklong campaign; and

WHEREAS, The County of Surry further commits its resources to ensure the success of the RED RIBBON CAMPAIGN;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

The County of Surry does by hereby proclaim October 23 to 31, 2022, as RED RIBBON WEEK and encourages its citizens to participate in drug prevention education activities, making a visible statement that we are strongly committed to a drug-free County.

- Accept the $75,000 State directed funds on behalf of Surry Young Entrepreneurs, Inc. dba YESurry for the sole intended purpose of the YESurry Entrepreneurial Competition.
- Approve the following from the Tax Department:
  1. Total releases for the month ending 8/31/22 in the amount of $22,690.49.
  2. Total refunds for the month ending 8/31/22 in the amount of $38,686.56.
  3. Total NCVTS tag and tax refunds for the month ending 8/31/22 in the amount of $1,472.02.
  4. Total real and personal property discoveries for the month ending 8/31/22 in the amount of $149,750.29.
  5. Total motor vehicle discoveries for the month ending 8/31/22 in the amount of $223.19.
  6. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC additions for the month ending 8/31/22 in the amount of $85,600.01.
  7. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC refunds for the month ending 8/31/22 in the amount of $0.
  8. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC releases for the month ending 8/31/22 in the amount of $1,318.14.
  9. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC collections for the month ending 8/31/22 in the amount of $15,730.86.
- Approve the purchase of a skid-steer replacement grapple for $4,095 plus delivery charges from the recycling budget.

Requests from the Assistant County Manager:

- Approve to create a position of Human Services Coordinator I, Grade 63, contingent upon final approval from State Personnel.
- Approve to renew a Vehicle Maintenance Agreement with FEVCO for Surry County Emergency Services for a one-year period.
- Approve to create two grant-funded positions of Mobile Integrated Health Paramedic, Grade 66, and add to the Position Classification Plan.
- Reclassify a temporary part-time position #436704 to a full-time position, grade 56, Transport Driver, and add to the Position Classification Plan.
- Approve to hire an official stenographer to transcribe quasi-judicial hearings for Planning.

Requests from the Finance Officer:

- Approve the following FY23 Budget Amendment #2:

					Change #2
The Board of County Commissioners approved an amendment to the FY2022-2023 Budget Ordinance at their meeting on September 19, 2022.					
ACCOUNT			PREVIOUS		REVISED
CODE		DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHANGE	AMOUNT
GENERAL FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
Sheriff Office Building					
1054187	53010	B&G Maintenance	13,000	78,000	91,000
		Increase departmental total.	53,500	78,000	131,500
Emergency Medical Services					
1054370	56010	Equipment	109,094	117,598	226,692
		Increase departmental total.	515,802	117,598	633,400
REVENUE					
1044000	49900	Unencumbered Balance	##########	195,598	12,679,682
		Increase fund totals.	##########	195,598	93,945,903

The Board presented a framed proclamation to the Daughters of the American Revolution during Special Recognition. Faye Hass and Becky Dursee accepted the proclamation, which had been approved during the September 6, 2022 Board meeting. Mrs. Hass provided a detailed statement regarding the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Chairman Goins declared the meeting to be an open forum and invited members of the audience to address any matters of civic concern.

Heather Moore provided data from within a seven-mile radius related to dollar stores in the County. She said a recent survey shows that 94 percent of residents said similar stores should not be placed too close to one another. Mrs. Moore said this is part of a nationwide movement that is picking up steam in other states. She said Wilmington, NC passed a dollar store moratorium. Mrs. Moore also said Salisbury and other parts of NC have similar movements.

William Lawrence said that Teramore Development and Dollar General stores are targeting townships without elected boards for current and future construction. He said Sheltontown got organized and wants to have some say in their future.

Angela Leonard lives in Sheltontown and asked if a property is zoned commercial, does the property owner have to get permission from local citizens to start a business. She said it’s the American dream to do what you want on your own property and she and her family have been asked by other citizens what they are doing on their own property. Mrs. Leonard said if commercial property starts receiving too much scrutiny, then residential property is next.

Teresa Leiva said she thought it was clear that Sheltontown did not want a Dollar General, but Teramore continues to seek land in the area. She read a prepared speech regarding concerns of overdevelopment of like businesses and requested a moratorium so the issue could be studied.

Susan Krepps said only three states have more Dollar General stores than North Carolina. One is Texas, which is much larger. She said a dollar store in Sheltontown is not needed.

Seeing there were no additional speakers, Chairman Goins closed the open forum.

Marty Needham, Development Services Director, presented rezoning request ZCR1224 from applicant Bryant Brantley for property located at the intersection of U.S. Hwy 52 and Cook School Road. Mr. Brantley was requesting to rezone the property from Rural Agricultural (RA) to Highway Business (HB). A public hearing was held to receive feedback from citizens. Mr. Needham said the property is an area of medium-to-high density, with road frontage on Cook School Road. Staff communicated with the applicant via phone and in-person in August. The Planning Board met September 12, 2022 and recommended the Board of County Commissioners approve the rezoning request.

Two tax parcels are included in the rezoning request, with tax parcel ID numbers 5957-00-80-1582 and 5957-04-80-4539.

Commissioner Tucker confirmed with Mr. Needham that the request is to rezone from RA to HB, not to determine what type of commercial business goes there.

Chairman Goins opened the public hearing for feedback and closed it when there were no speakers present.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Statement of Consistency for rezoning request ZCR1224.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to approve rezoning request ZCR1224, tax parcel ID numbers 5957-00-80-1582 and 5957-04-80-4539, for property at the intersection of U.S. Hwy 52 and Cook School Road, from RA to HB.

Kathy Payne, Executive Director of YVEDDI, presented a request for Surry County to assist in funding upgrades to the Ottenweller Building in Mount Airy so YVEDDI can relocate services from the Jones Resource Center. Ms. Payne said the Ottenweller Building has over 16,000 square feet and would serve as a good location for YVEDDI’s head start, senior center, congregate nutrition, Meals on Wheels and other services that are currently located in the Jones Resource Center.

Estimated upgrades to the Ottenweller Building could total approximately $500,000. Mrs. Payne said that YVEDDI may be able to sublease space to other agencies. The rental rate would be an estimated 66 cents per square foot.

Ms. Payne requested funding to assist with the project from Surry County and said she would also be asking the City of Mount Airy for funding, as well.

Tom Bachmann and others from the YVEDDI Board, as well as YVEDDI staff, were also in attendance. Mr. Bachmann stated the disadvantages of staying in the Jones Resource Center are related to maintenance. He and Ms. Payne discussed the benefits of moving seniors to a modern building.

Following questions from Commissioner Tucker, Ms. Payne said a bank has requested YVEDDI provide details on who can assist in funding. Ms. Payne said because YVEDDI is heavily regulated, they can’t purchase property, but they can lease. Commissioner Tucker said if it’s a bad deal for the bank, he wasn’t so sure Surry County should be in the lending business.

Commissioner Johnson discussed the square foot cost, said YVEDDI’s Board had a unanimous vote to move to the Ottenweller Building and YVEDDI could include $100,000 to the building upgrades. Commissioner Johnson said he would be in favor of providing funding.

Vice-Chairman Harris provided detailed viewpoints and pointed out that the YVEDDI Board’s unanimous vote was undefined, simply permitting Ms. Payne to pursue the project. Discussions between Vice-Chairman Harris ranged from the monthly lease cost to other properties that YVEDDI uses, which Vice-Chairman Harris suggested that Ms. Payne use as leverage in the bank loan negotiation process. Vice-Chairman Harris also said Surry County has to consider its taxpayers and be consistent.

Ms. Payne told Vice-Chairman Harris that YVEDDI would ask the City of Mount Airy for $100,000, just as much or more from the State, approximately $75,000 from the YVEDDI General Fund and another local agency may possibly help with more funding.

After further discussion between Vice-Chairman Harris and Ms. Payne, he said he was not in support of Surry County’s General Fund being used for the project, but may be in support of utilizing Invest in Surry funding. He also said he hopes that First Citizens Bank will read the subsequent newspaper article after the meeting and agree to assist YVEDDI more financially.

Commissioner Johnson voiced his support of using Invest in Surry funding.

Chairman Goins confirmed with Ms. Payne that the Ottenweller Building is the best deal for YVEDDI in Surry County and he suggested a 15-year rental guarantee.

Commissioner Marion said he would like to see all avenues explored for funding and delay a vote until the next Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Ed Woltz, County Attorney, said upfitting a private building with public funds is questionable, but a return of any public funds used on the renovation over the life of the lease, from the lessor to the lessee, may be acceptable.

Mr. Knopf discussed details of the General Fund vs. Invest in Surry funds.

Commissioner Tucker and Vice-Chairman Harris stated why they didn't want to support the decision at this point in time.

Commissioner Marion said he liked Mr. Woltz's comments.

Commissioner Johnson said YVEDDI has been able to maintain grants since the mid-1960s.

Vice-Chairman Harris said the discussion was healthy for the Board, County and citizens.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted 3-2 (yays: Johnson, Goins and Marion) (nays: Tucker and Harris) in favor of providing up to $400,000 from Invest in Surry funding, with hopes of receiving some of the money back, to assist YVEDDI in renovating the Ottenweller Building.

Commissioner Johnson presented a request to place a fire hydrant at Franklin Elementary School. He said three churches border the campus and a former church building that was nearby once burned.

Commissioner Johnson proposed funding 2/3 of the project from Invest in Surry infrastructure money, with the City of Mount Airy paying for the other 1/3, and to accept three bids on the project.

Vice-Chairman Harris proposed asking Surry County Schools to kick in 1/3 also, so three entities are paying exactly 1/3 each.

Commissioner Tucker said he agrees with spending money on this project, but would like the County to be more frugal with other projects.

Mr. Woltz said the County has the ability to let a bid or not accept a bid.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to request bids for the Franklin Elementary School fire hydrant installation project and ask Surry County Schools to contribute 1/3 of the funding, along with Surry County and the City of Mount Airy providing equal contributions.

Mr. Knopf presented a request to approve the lowest bid from Foxhill Construction, for $54,127, with $14,500 additional to complete weatherproofing the front knee wall (Alternate #1), to start after October 1 on the Judicial Center weatherproofing project.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to accept the bid from Foxhill Construction, totaling $68,627, to start after October 1 on the Judicial Center weatherproofing project.

Mr. Knopf presented a request to accept a bid from Gallagher Management Corporation, totaling $167,690, for the Resource Center roofing restoration project. He said the item had been budgeted for $180,000 in the FY23 budget.

Upon motion of Chairman Goins, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to accept a bid from Gallagher Management Corporation, totaling $167,690, for the Resource Center roofing restoration project.

Mr. Knopf presented a request to accept the $10,000 counteroffer from NCDOT for additional right-of-way located adjacent to the Bill Hall

Bridge, which will be replaced. The project will also allow for improvements to the Zephyr-Mountain Park Road river access.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to accept the $10,000 counteroffer from NCDOT for additional right-of-way located adjacent to the Bill Hall Bridge on Zephyr-Mountain Park Road.

In General County Business, Commissioner Tucker thanked everyone who participated in the meeting.

Vice-Chairman Harris said new ballfield lights were installed at Mountain Park Elementary School and they look good.

Commissioner Johnson thanked the Board for listening during the meeting and that it's a pleasure to serve with them.

Commissioner Marion said on Friday, September 16 that Surry Central High School had their homecoming football game and a special needs young lady was elected Homecoming Queen. Commissioner Marion applauded the good-hearted students for their act of kindness.

Chairman Goins thanked everyone who spoke during the meeting and expressed his appreciation for his fellow Board members and citizens.

No closed session was scheduled for the meeting.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:09 p.m.

All leases, contracts, agreements, resolutions, ordinances and documents referenced in the minutes are kept in the Clerk's Office or in the department office they are associated with.

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Nathan Walls
Clerk to the Board

Surry County Board of Commissioners
Meeting of October 3, 2022

The Surry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m., October 3, 2022. The meeting was held in the Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Dobson, N.C.

Board members present in-person for the meeting were Chairman Bill Goins, Vice-Chairman Eddie Harris, Commissioner Mark Marion, Commissioner Larry Johnson and Commissioner Van Tucker.

Others present in-person for the meeting, at various times, included:
Sheriff Steve Hiatt
Chris Knopf, County Manager
Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager
Laura Neely, Finance Officer
Martha Brintle, MIS Director
Eric Southern, Emergency Services Director
Jimmy Ashburn, Fire Marshal
News Media

Chairman Goins called the meeting to order. Vice-Chairman Harris delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Goins requested the Board review and approve the agenda. Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to approve the October 3, 2022 agenda.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the minutes of the September 19, 2022 meeting as presented. Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the consent agenda. Chris Knopf, County Manager, reviewed each consent agenda item. Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Requests from the County Manager:

- Approve the award recommendation for RFQ for Design Build for the Surry Community College Watershed Project to North State Environmental.
- Approve the following conveyance resolution transferring two Stryker Power-Pro 6500 XT stretchers and mounting brackets from Surry County Emergency Services to Pilot Mountain Rescue & EMS, Inc:

Resolution Approving Conveyance of Personal Property to
Another Governmental Unit
Pursuant to G.S. 160A-280

WHEREAS, the County of Surry owns two complete Stryker Power-Pro 6500 XT Stretchers Serial numbers 91041260 and 91041261 with mounting brackets; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 160A-280 authorizes a county to convey personal property for nonmonetary consideration to another government entity if the governing board deems the property to be surplus, obsolete, or unused; and

WHEREAS, the County of Surry has determined that the personal property described above is surplus, obsolete, or unused; and

WHEREAS, the County of Surry finds that the public will benefit from the conveyance of the property described above by enhancing the public safety resources available in Surry County.

THEREFORE, THE SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLVES THAT:

The Board Chairman of Surry is authorized to execute all documents necessary to convey two Stryker Power-Pro 6500 XT Stretchers and mounting brackets to Pilot Mountain Rescue & EMS, Inc.

The consideration for the conveyance is enhancing the public safety resources in Surry County.

In accordance with the notice requirements of N.C.G.S. § 160A-280, public notice of this resolution was given by posting on the County of Surry, North Carolina website.

Adopted this the 3rd day of October, 2022.

- **Approve the following conveyance resolution transferring nine Scott SCBA 4.5 Airpacks with bottles from Surry County Emergency Services to Surry Community College Firefighter and Rescue Programs:**

Resolution Approving Conveyance of Personal Property to Another Governmental Unit Pursuant to G.S. 160A-280

WHEREAS, the County of Surry owns nine complete Scott SCBA 4.5 Airpacks with bottles Serial numbers NFO312033455M2/11919, NFO311074455M1/48457, NFO330093455M2/109434, NFO312141455M1/108770, NFO312057455M2/109433, NFO0311071455M1/347736, NFO312023455M2/49214, NFO33061455M1/109614, ND0330028455M2/120118, 1272437, 120203, 12146, 109446, 109454, 109589, 49178; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 160A-280 authorizes a county to convey personal property for nonmonetary consideration to another government entity if the governing board deems the property to be surplus, obsolete, or unused; and

WHEREAS, the County of Surry has determined that the personal property described above is surplus, obsolete, or unused; and

WHEREAS, the County of Surry finds that the public will benefit from the conveyance of the property described above by enhancing the public safety resources available in Surry County.

THEREFORE, THE SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLVES THAT:

The Board Chairman of Surry is authorized to execute all documents necessary to convey nine Scott SCBA 4.5 Airpacks with bottles to Surry Community College Firefighter and Rescue Programs.

The consideration for the conveyance is enhancing the public safety resources in Surry County.

In accordance with the notice requirements of N.C.G.S. § 160A-280, public notice of this resolution was given by posting on the County of Surry, North Carolina website.

Adopted this the 3rd day of October, 2022.

Requests from the Assistant County Manager:

- Approve for Health and Nutrition to purchase a mobile phone application using no County funds.

Requests from the Finance Officer:

- Approve the following FY23 Budget Amendment #3:

					Change #3
The Board of County Commissioners approved an amendment to the FY2022-2023 Budget Ordinance at their meeting on October 3, 2022.					
ACCOUNT			PREVIOUS		REVISED
CODE		DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHANGE	AMOUNT
GENERAL FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
Cancer Control Program					
1055158	51720	Contracted Services	55,000	(12,600)	42,400
1055158	51010	Salaries and Wages	122,100	500	122,600
		Decrease Departmental Total	309,374	(12,100)	297,274
Supplemental Food Program					
1055167	52010	Supplies and Materials	11,000	398	11,398
1055167	51010	Salaries and Wages	374,100	500	374,600
		Increase Departmental Total	725,376	898	726,274
Health Department Administration					
1055110	56600	Other Improvements	0	279,842	279,842
		Increase Departmental Total	113,736	279,842	393,578
Communicable Disease/STD					
1055121	51010	Salaries and Wages	223,700	53,464	277,164
1055121	51720	Contracted Services	8,000	5,500	13,500
		Increase Departmental Total	492,748	58,964	551,712
School Health					
1055126	51010	Salaries and Wages	66,700	98,313	165,013
1055126	51300	Social Security	4,135	2,820	6,955
1055126	51310	Medicare	967	660	1,627
1055126	51330	Retirement	8,124	5,600	13,724
1055126	51350	Group Insurance	8,500	10,400	18,900
1055126	52010	Supplies and Materials	3,500	6,500	10,000
1055126	52350	Automotive Supplies	1,000	500	1,500
1055126	54010	Travel/Training	1,500	5,000	6,500
1055126	54200	Telephone	600	500	1,100
1055126	54350	Printing	650	500	1,150
		Increase Departmental Total	98,626	130,793	229,419
Behavioral Health					
1055175	51720	Contracted Services	216,000	(130,000)	86,000
		Decrease Departmental Total	246,100	(130,000)	116,100
Child Health Program					
1055163	51720	Contracted Services	9,500	21,000	30,500
		Increase Departmental Total	1,484,600	21,000	1,505,600
Adult Primary Care					

1055148	51720	Contracted Services	8,000	5,500	13,500
		Increase Departmental Total	384,811	5,500	390,311
Home Health Grant Program					
1055155	51720	Contracted Services	287,667	6,748	294,415
1055155	52010	Supplies and Materials	2,500	250	2,750
1055155	52020	Medical Supplies	700	300	1,000
1055155	53025	Software License	0	3,000	3,000
		Increase Departmental Total	438,849	10,298	449,147
Dental Clinic					
1055192	51500	Professional Services	1,000	9,000	10,000
		Increase Departmental Total	1,517,020	9,000	1,526,020
REVENUES					
1045158	42360	Cancer Control	27,000	(12,600)	14,400
1045158	42361	Cardiovascular	21,000	500	21,500
1045167	42372	WIC-CFDA 10.557	352,961	898	353,859
1045110	42378	Medicaid Miscellaneous	95,667	127,870	223,537
1045121	42270	COVID-19 Crisis	210,000	53,464	263,464
1045126	42275	American Rescue Plan	15,000	130,793	145,793
1045175	42275	American Rescue Plan	130,000	(130,000)	0
1045110	48900	Miscellaneous	0	151,972	151,972
1045163	44205	Pat. Fee Private I	1,129,054	25,000	1,154,054
1045121	48900	Miscellaneous	0	5,500	5,500
1045148	49900	Unencumbered Balance	0	5,500	5,500
1045155	43395	Caregiver Grant	28,755	1,458	30,213
1045155	43322	Chore Service-PTR	330,750	5,840	336,590
1045155	49900	Unencumbered Balance	8,349	3,000	11,349
1045192	44154	Cost Settlement	263,820	9,000	272,820
		Increase fund totals.	##########	378,195	86,233,355

Chairman Goins declared the meeting to be an open forum and invited members of the audience to address any matters of civic concern.

Jimmy Love recommended a zoning ordinance amendment limiting the number of dollar stores in Surry County. He read prepared comments.

Mandy Love reiterated Mr. Love’s comments. She said that there are too many dollar stores in Surry County and better regulations are needed.

Nora Taggart echoed the same thoughts as the first two speakers.

Becky Young, who works at Moore’s General Store, recommended a zoning ordinance amendment limiting the number of dollar stores in Surry County.

Gayle Straight said she respects and appreciates the Board for their service.

Paula Stanley discussed the importance of local animal non-profits, the Animal Shelter and said spaying/neutering programs are needed in Surry County.

Seeing there were no additional speakers, Chairman Goins closed the open forum.

Eric Southern, Emergency Services Director, presented a request for the Board to accept COVID-19 ambulance transport write offs totaling $23,410.70. He detailed the program that was discontinued by the federal government when funding ran out. The program paid for uninsured patients. Mr. Southern said other area Emergency Services agencies have much larger remaining balances to write off.

Mr. Southern told Commissioner Tucker some of the patients have died. He also said that Surry County Emergency Services is not allowed to bill any of the remaining balance.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to pay $23,410.70 for COVID-19 ambulance transport write offs from the County General Fund.

Mr. Knopf requested the Board approve opening bids and permit the finalization of foreclosures on six properties.

Commissioner Tucker stated the County works hard to avoid foreclosures and most citizens pay their taxes – foreclosure is the final option.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Harris, the Board voted unanimously to approve opening bids and permit the finalization of foreclosures on the following six properties:

1. Parcel #502013231339 -263 Maple Dr.,
   Mount Airy – Franklin Fire – .15 ac.
   Opening bid: $15,600.00 – Tax Value: 38,480

2. Parcel #503017026221 – 1185 S. Main St.,
   Mount Airy – City of Mount Airy Fire – 1LT
   Opening bid: $16,800.00 – Tax Value: 57,910

3. Parcel #502112867835 – Bowman Rd., Mount Airy
   Four Way Fire – 0.00 ac. – vacant land
   Opening bid: $9,700.00 – Tax Value: 4,400

4. Parcel #502006489495 – N. South St., Mount Airy
   City of Mount Airy Fire – 1LT – vacant land
   Opening bid: $11,000.00 – Tax Value: 8,400

5. Parcel #407000859883 – 220 Cedar Gate Ln., Mount Airy
   Skull Camp Fire – .74 ac.
   Opening bid: $23,000.00 – Tax Value: 106,000

6. Parcel #499300436705 – 916 Jenkinstown Rd.,
   Dobson – South Surry Fire – .50 ac.
   Opening bid: $10,100.00 – Tax Value: 28,740

Mr. Knopf requested the Board approve an Operation Greenlight resolution, which honors veterans.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following Operation Greenlight resolution, which honors veterans:

Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans

WHEREAS, the residents of Surry County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Surry County seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high price for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, Veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veteran Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than $52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44 to 72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, Active Military Service Members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

WHEREAS, Surry County appreciates the sacrifices of our United State Military Personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted; therefore be it

RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Surry County hereby declares from early October through Veterans Day, November 11, 2022 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service; therefore, be it further

RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, Surry County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.

Mr. Knopf presented a request, asking the Board to elect a voting delegate and alternate for the upcoming North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Legislative Goals Conference Nov. 16-18.

Upon motion of Chairman Goins, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to elect Commissioner Johnson as voting delegate and Chairman Goins as alternate for the upcoming North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Legislative Goals Conference Nov. 16-18.

Mr. Knopf presented a request to reappoint Teresa Lewis, Paul Patterson, Tom Riggs and Anne Vaughn to the Northern Regional Hospital Board of Trustees.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Teresa Lewis, Paul Patterson, Tom Riggs and Anne Vaughn to the Northern Regional Hospital Board of Trustees.

Mr. Knopf presented a request to appoint Juan Sanchez to the Surry County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council as a Health Department designee.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Juan Sanchez to the Surry County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council as a Health Department designee.

In General County Business, Commissioner Johnson had no comments.

Vice-Chairman Harris said Elkin had a very successful Pumpkin Festival recently with good attendance and great vendors.

Commissioner Marion congratulated Bryan Cave on his retirement as Cooperative Extension Director, Surry Center, after 34.5 years.

Commissioner Tucker said the Shoals area had some high winds from Tropical Storm Ian and asked for thoughts and prayers about those affected by the storm in other states.

Chairman Goins thanked the citizens for attending the meeting and first responders for their service.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to enter closed session to discuss items pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) legal, pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) economic development and pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) personnel.

The Board returned from closed session and resumed regular business.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

All leases, contracts, agreements, resolutions, ordinances and documents referenced in the minutes are kept in the Clerk's Office or in the department office they are associated with.

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Nathan Walls
Clerk to the Board

Surry County Board of Commissioners
Meeting of October 17, 2022

The Surry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m., October 17, 2022. The meeting was held in the Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Dobson, N.C.

Board members present in-person for the meeting were Chairman Bill Goins, Vice-Chairman Eddie Harris, Commissioner Mark Marion, Commissioner Larry Johnson and Commissioner Van Tucker.

Others present in-person for the meeting, at various times, included:
Chris Knopf, County Manager
Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager
Laura Neely, Finance Officer
Ed Woltz, County Attorney
Martha Brintle, MIS Director
Jessica Montgomery, Public Works Director
Eric Southern, Emergency Services Director
Marty Needham, Development Services Director
Dwayne Carter, Elections Chairman
Michella Huff, Elections Director
Jimmy Ashburn, Fire Marshal
Byron Isaacs, Emergency Management Coordinator
Emergency Services Staff
Nathan Walls, Clerk to the Board/PIO
News Media

Chairman Goins called the meeting to order, delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Goins requested the Board review and approve the agenda. Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to approve the October 17, 2022 agenda.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the minutes of the October 3, 2022 meeting as presented. Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the consent agenda. Chris Knopf, County Manager, reviewed each consent agenda item. Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Requests from the County Manager:

- Approve the following from the Tax Department:
  1. Total releases for the month ending 9/30/22 in the amount of $8,656.40.
  2. Total refunds for the month ending 9/30/22 in the amount of $41,728.32.
  3. Total NCVTS tag and tax refunds for the month ending 9/30/22 in the amount of $826.07.
  4. Total real and personal property discoveries for the month ending 9/30/22 in the amount of $1,960,254.69.
  5. Total motor vehicle discoveries for the month ending 9/30/22 in the amount of $0.
  6. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC additions for the month ending 9/30/22 in the amount of $62,350.18.

7. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC refunds for the month ending 9/30/22 in the amount of $0.
8. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC releases for the month ending 9/30/22 in the amount of $3,036.01.
9. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC collections for the month ending 9/30/22 in the amount of $10,282.88.

- **Approve request to mail debt setoff letters to taxpayers on January 18, 2023, also providing taxpayers 30 days to respond.**

Requests from the Assistant County Manager:

- **Approve to hire an official stenographer to transcribe the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment meetings, in addition to the quasi-judicial hearings.**
- **Approve to create an additional Housekeeper position for Facilities, requiring no additional funds.**
- **Approve the compensation schedule for Election Day and one-stop poll workers, effective September 20, 2022 as on file in the Human Resources Department.**

Requests from the Finance Officer:

- **Approve to sell the following vehicles through surplus:**

Asset #	Item Description	VIN/Serial#	Department Requesting to Surplus	Disposal Method for Board Consideration
95117	2013 Dodge Van	2C4RDGBG5DR505428	Finance	Request to Sell on Auction with Rogers Realty
95165	2014 Dodge Charger	2C3CDXAT6EH186184	Sherriff's Office	Request to Transfer to the Mount Airy/Surry County Airport
95127	2013 Ford Truck	1FTEX1EM0DFA62313	Animal Control	Request to Sell on Auction with Rogers Realty
95182	2014 Dodge Charger (Police RWD)	2C3CDXAT0EH348438	Sherriff's Office	Request to Sell on Auction with Rogers Realty
95312	2017 Dodge Grand Caravan	2C4RDGBG4HR725620	Sherriff's Office	Request to Sell on Auction with Rogers Realty
95292	2017 Dodge AWD Charger	2C3CDXKT4HH621321	Sherriff's Office	Request to Sell on Auction with Rogers Realty
95151	2014 Dodge Charger	2C3CDXAT8EH156118	Sherriff's Office	Request to Sell on Auction with Rogers Realty
95032	1993 Jeep Cherokee	1J4FJ7853PL503501	Sherriff's Office	Request to Sell on Auction with Rogers Realty
95021	2010 Chevy Impala, 9C-1 Package w/Bucket Seats	2G1WD5EM3A1184856	Sherriff's Office	Request to Sell on Auction with Rogers Realty
95020	2010 Chevy Impala, 9C-1 Package w/Bucket Seats	2G1WD5EM2A1185481	Sherriff's Office	Request to Sell on Auction with Rogers Realty

95068	2011 Dodge Charger	2B3CL1CT1BH554227	Sherriff's Office	Request to Sell on Auction with Rogers Realty
95067	2011 Dodge Charger	2B3CL1CTXBH554226	Sherriff's Office	Request to Sell on Auction with Rogers Realty
51662	2009 Dodge Charger 4-Dr. Sedan	2B3KA43T79H521911	Sherriff's Office	Request to Sell on Auction with Rogers Realty
50061	1986 Chevrolet Truck	1GCHD34J0GF395851	Sherriff's Office	Request to Sell on Auction with Rogers Realty
95127	2013 Ford Truck	1FTEX1EM0DFA62312	Sherriff's Office	Request to Sell on Auction with Rogers Realty
95047	2010 Ford F-150 4x4 Pickup	1FTMF1EW9AKE34880	Animal Control	Request to Sell on Auction with Rogers Realty
95031	2000 Ford F150 Pick Up	2FTZF0829YCB02509	Sherriff's Office	Request to Sell on Auction with Rogers Realty
95197	2015 Dodge Grand Caravan	2C4RDGBG7FR652109	Sherriff's Office	Request to Sell on Auction with Rogers Realty

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The Board presented special recognitions to the following paramedics for the following number of life saves shown in parentheses: Cecillia Thoppil and Haley Gates (five life saves each); Scott Gambill, Chris Draughn and Luke Stevens (10 life saves each); and Kevin Hodges (25 life saves). Paramedics John Matthews, Dusty Jackson and Dylan Moats were not in attendance to receive their special recognition. Eric Southern, Emergency Services Director, praised staff on their excellent work and discussed a Duke University article about cardiac arrest interventions in the community.

The Board also presented a special recognition to John Hunt for 50 years of service at election polling sites. Michella Huff, Elections Director, thanked Mr. Hunt for his service after he provided remarks.

Chairman Goins declared the meeting to be an open forum and invited members of the audience to address any matters of civic concern.

Gayle Norman and Gayle Straight asked the Board to make a favorable decision for residents living near the Gordon's Recycling facility on Sparger Road.

Mitch Callaway, Jason Johnson, John Newton, Butch Holder, Johnny White, Tom Payne, James Owenby, Sunshine Gilliam and Ray Hudson asked for the Board to approve an abortion ban resolution. Some of the speakers also requested that Surry County become a sanctuary county for the unborn.

Mr. Holder also spoke in support of salvage yards, saying they provide income for owners and employees.

Seeing there were no additional speakers, Chairman Goins closed the open forum.

Ed Woltz, County Attorney, presented an item about the Abe Mayes Road closure that was not properly completed in 2020. Mr. Woltz described the series of events with Abe Mayes Road as an incomplete road closure. He said that both required actions, passing a resolution and actual road abandonment, were not completed at the same time in 2020.

The Board discussed Mr. Woltz's recommendations to legally close the road.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the need for a resolution and direct County Attorney Ed Woltz to advertise a public hearing once a week for three weeks, to hold the public hearing during the January 3 Board meeting. The public hearing would seek the public's feedback about closing the road or keeping it open. The vote also included fulfilling all legal requirements.

Marty Needham, Development Services Director, presented rezoning request ZCR1227, which requests the property, tax parcel ID number 5957-04-71-6052, to be rezoned from Rural Agricultural (RA) to Highway Business (HB) to allow for commercial business use. The property is located on Old US 52 South. The owner is Freddie Ann Chilton and the applicant is Bill Overbey. Mr. Needham said the property is located in an area of medium-to-high density and is along road frontage in the Cook School Road area, adjacent to the US 52 interchange. He said the Planning Board recommended approval of the rezoning request based on the property's adherence to the Small Area Plan in the 2040 Land Use Plan, due to the property's location. Mr. Needham said the Planning Board was unanimous in their recommendation and no oppositional comments were made. He said the property is located behind the Dollar General on Cook School Road.

Chairman Goins opened the public hearing regarding the rezoning request.

Greg Goins spoke in opposition of the request, saying the new use of the property would cause more traffic and make it more dangerous.

Davis Goins echoed the comments of Greg Goins.

Joseph Schuler said that an RA district is designed to protect a rural setting and changing the property to HB would damage that. He wants the rezoning request to be denied, keeping the location more residential. Mr. Schuler said an action like this would work well in town or city limits, but not in a rural setting and that once you change the zoning, you can't go back. He asked the Board not to approve the request or limit the acreage of any approval that is granted.

Seeing there were no further comments, Chairman Goins closed the public hearing.

Road frontage acreage, needed NCDOT permits and a potential buyer for the property were discussed.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Statement of Consistency for the rezoning of tax parcel ID number 5957-04-71-6052, to be rezoned from Rural Agricultural (RA) to Highway Business (HB) to allow for commercial business use.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to rezone tax parcel ID number 5957-04-71-6052, to be rezoned from Rural Agricultural (RA) to Highway Business (HB) to allow for commercial business use.

Mr. Knopf presented a request to sell County-owned properties on W. Woltz Street in Dobson and on Bourbon Trail in Mount Airy.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to declare the following properties as surplus, then advertise their sell, contact adjacent property owners to see if they are interested in purchasing them and list (if needed) the properties with a local real estate agency: tax parcel ID numbers 4996-05-17-8849 and 5012-13-24-2260.

Mr. Knopf presented an Invest in Surry nonprofit funding update prepared by Denise Brown, Assistant Finance Officer. He discussed the potential release of the final payment to nonprofit organizations now instead of waiting until February 2023.

Upon motion of Chairman Goins, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to release the final payment to nonprofit organizations now instead of waiting until February 2023.

Mr. Knopf requested the Board appoint Vickie Ramey, to replace Angie Casstevens, on the Skull Camp Volunteer Fire Department Relief Fund Board.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Vickie Ramey, to replace Angie Casstevens, on the Skull Camp Volunteer Fire Department Relief Fund Board.

Mr. Knopf also reported that Corey George resigned from the Planning Board, and that a replacement will be discussed at a future meeting.

In General County Business, Vice-Chairman Harris thanked citizens for speaking and voiced his support for an abortion ban resolution.

Commissioner Johnson said he is looking forward to seeing a draft abortion ban resolution, and that he is pro-life with a few exceptions. He also said he has been informed that the Board's recent decision to upgrade the Ottenweller Building in Mount Airy, for use by YVEDDI, is not permissible. Commissioner Johnson requested an explanation, to which Mr. Knopf said public funds cannot be used to upfit private property. Mr. Knopf did say, however, that the County is looking at options to assist YVEDDI in their desire to move to another facility in any way that is legally possible.

Regarding the use of public funds to upfit private property, Mr. Woltz said that it's statutorily wrong to do so. Economic development deals with different property agreements were discussed.

Commissioner Tucker said the rezoning discussed during the meeting was for the greater good. He said the abortion ban topic is hot right now, he is a pro-life advocate and that he looks forward to reading the draft resolution.

Commissioner Tucker also discussed a bell from Old Westfield School and Mr. Woltz suggested options for the item to be disposed.

Commissioner Marion thanked citizens for speaking, first responders for their service and said he looks forward to reading the draft abortion ban resolution.

Commissioner Johnson said the County needs to look at what was surplused and what was not surplused from Old Westfield School for clarification on the bell.

Chairman Goins thanked citizens for speaking tonight and looks forward to seeing the draft abortion ban resolution. He said a recent Mount Airy News article misrepresented the Board's recent comments about Article 43, regarding an additional ¼ cent sales tax, being placed on a future ballot for Surry County voters to decide. Chairman Goins said the article may have implied that the Board wants to raise taxes, which is not true.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to enter closed session to discuss items pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) legal and pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) personnel.

The Board returned from closed session and resumed regular business.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the mediated settlement agreement with Gordon’s Recycling.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:01 p.m.

All leases, contracts, agreements, resolutions, ordinances and documents referenced in the minutes are kept in the Clerk’s Office or in the department office they are associated with.

Nathan Walls
Clerk to the Board

Surry County Board of Commissioners
Meeting of November 7, 2022

The Surry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m., November 7, 2022. The meeting was held in the Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Dobson, N.C.

Board members present in-person for the meeting were Chairman Bill Goins, Vice-Chairman Eddie Harris, Commissioner Mark Marion, Commissioner Larry Johnson and Commissioner Van Tucker.

Others present in-person for the meeting, at various times, included:
Kevin Reece, Town of Ronda Commissioner
Chris Knopf, County Manager
Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager
Laura Neely, Finance Officer
Martha Brintle, MIS Director
Jessica Montgomery, Public Works Director
Nathan Walls, Clerk to the Board/PIO
News Media

Chairman Goins called the meeting to order. Commissioner Johnson delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Goins requested the Board review and approve the agenda. Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the November 7, 2022 agenda.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the minutes of the October 17, 2022 meeting as presented. Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the consent agenda. Chris Knopf, County Manager, reviewed each consent agenda item. Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Requests from the County Manager:

- Approve the following proclamation that proclaims November National American Indian Heritage Month:

Proclamation

Declaring

National American Indian Heritage Month

WHEREAS, *the history and culture of our great nation have been significantly influenced by American Indians and indigenous peoples; and*

WHEREAS, *the contributions of American Indians have enhanced the freedom, prosperity, and greatness of America today; and*

WHEREAS, *their customs and traditions are respected and celebrated as part of a rich legacy throughout the United States; and*

WHEREAS, *Native American Awareness Week began in 1976 and recognition was expanded by Congress and approved by President George Bush in August 1990, designating the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month; and*

WHEREAS, *in honor of National American Indian Heritage Month, community celebrations as well as numerous cultural, artistic, educational and historical activities have been planned.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *that the Surry County Board of Commissioners proclaims November 1-30 to be National American Indian Heritage Month.*

Requests from the Assistant County Manager:

- **Approve for the Administrative Office of the Courts to install required cabling for two Surry County courtrooms to allow for remote proceedings, at a cost of $8,613 per courtroom, and authorize the County Manager to enter into an agreement with the Administrative Office of the Courts to complete the cabling project. The current budget can fund the costs.**
- **Approve for the Health and Nutrition Center to purchase a storage building to house their truck and incident trailer at a cost not to exceed $100,000, utilizing no County funds.**
- **Approve to reclassify positions 516101, 516402 and 516305 from PHN II positions to PHN III positions, contingent upon final approval from State Personnel.**
- **Approve for three DSS employees to be paid overtime in lieu of comp time earned for work performed on a one-time special project.**
- **Approve for Emergency Services to deploy staff to Florida to assist in rebuilding efforts from Hurricane Ian, if requested from NC Emergency Management.**

Requests from the Finance Officer:

- **Approve the following adjustment to correct the fund totals on FY23 Budget Amendment #2:**

					Change #2
The Board of County Commissioners approved an amendment to the FY2022-2023 Budget Ordinance at their meeting on September 19,2022. Amended November 7, 2022.					
ACCOUNT			**PREVIOUS**		**REVISED**
CODE		**DESCRIPTION**	**AMOUNT**	**CHANGE**	**AMOUNT**
GENERAL FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
Sheriff Office Building					
1054187	**53010**	**B& G Maintenance**	**13,000**	**78,000**	**91,000**
		Increase departmental total	**53,500**	**78,000**	**131,500**
Emergency Medical Services					
1054370	**56010**	**Equipment**	**109,094**	**117,598**	**226,692**
		Increase departmental total	**7,923,346**	**117,598**	**8,040,944**
REVENUE					
1044000	**49900**	**Unencumbered Balance**	**6,854,541**	**195,598**	**7,050,139**
		Increase fund totals.	**85,153,559**	**195,598**	**85,349,157**

- **Approve the following adjustments to the amendments submitted by the Health Department on Budget Amendment #3:**

Change #3

The Board of County Commissioners approved an amendment to the FY2022-2023 Budget Ordinance at their meeting on October 3, 2022. Amended November 7, 2022.

ACCOUNT CODE		DESCRIPTION	PREVIOUS AMOUNT	CHANGE	REVISED AMOUNT
GENERAL FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
Communicable Disease/STD					
1055121	51010	Salaries and Wages	223,700	53,464	277,164
		Increase Departmental Total	492,748	53,464	546,212
School Health					
1055126	51010	Salaries and Wages	66,700	98,313	165,013
1055126	51300	Social Security	4,135	2,820	6,955
1055126	51310	Medicare	967	660	1,627
1055126	51330	Retirement	8,124	5,600	13,724
1055126	51350	Group Insurance	8,500	10,400	18,900
1055126	52010	Supplies and Materials	3,500	6,500	10,000
1055126	52350	Automotive Supplies	1,000	500	1,500
1055126	54010	Travel/Training	1,500	5,000	6,500
1055126	54200	Telephone	600	500	1,100
1055126	54350	Printing	650	500	1,150
		Increase Departmental Total	98,626	130,793	229,419
Home Health Grant Program					
1055155	51720	Contracted Services	287,667	6,748	294,415
1055155	52010	Supplies and Materials	2,500	250	2,750
1055155	52020	Medical Supplies	700	300	1,000
		Increase Departmental Total	438,849	7,298	446,147
Cancer Control Program					
1055158	51010	Salaries and Wages	122,100	500	122,600
1055158	51720	Contracted Services	55,000	(12,600)	42,400
		Decrease Departmental Total	309,374	(12,100)	297,274
Child Health Program					
1055163	51720	Contracted Services	9,500	21,000	30,500
		Increase Departmental Total	1,484,600	21,000	1,505,600
Supplemental Food Program					
1055167	51010	Salaries and Wages	374,100	500	374,600
1055167	52010	Supplies and Materials	11,000	398	11,398
		Increase Departmental Total	725,376	898	726,274
Behavioral Health					
1055175	51720	Contracted Services	216,000	(130,000)	86,000
		Decrease Departmental Total	246,100	(130,000)	116,100
Dental Clinic					
1055192	51500	Professional Services	1,000	9,000	10,000
		Increase Departmental Total	1,517,020	9,000	1,526,020

REVENUES						
1045121	42270	COVID-19 Crisis	210,000	53,464	263,464	
1045126	42275	American Rescue Plan	15,000	130,793	145,793	
1045155	43395	Caregiver Grant	28,755	1,458	30,213	
1045155	43322	Chore Service-PTR	330,750	5,840	336,590	
1045158	42360	Cancer Control	27,000	(12,600)	14,400	
1045158	42361	Cardiovascular	21,000	500	21,500	
1045163	44205	Pat. Fee Private I	1,129,054	21,000	1,150,054	
1045167	42372	WIC-CFDA 10.557	352,961	898	353,859	
1045175	42275	American Rescue Plan	130,000	(130,000)	0	
1045192	44154	Cost Settlement	263,820	9,000	272,820	
		Increase fund totals.	85,349,157	80,353	85,429,510	

- **Approve the following FY23 Budget Amendment #4:**

					Change #4
The Board of County Commissioners approved an amendment to the FY2022-2023 Budget Ordinance at their meeting on November 7, 2022.					
ACCOUNT			PREVIOUS		
CODE		DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT		REVISED
GENERAL FUND				CHANGE	AMOUNT
EXPENSES					
Invest in Surry					
1054123		57960	Infrastructure	0	
1054123	57961	Public Health	0	5,715,042	5,715,042
1054123	57962	Public Recreation	0	1,471,093	1,471,093
1054123	57963	Community Development	0	1,535,000	1,535,000
1054123	57964	Public Safety	0	1,045,230	1,045,230
1054123	57965	Non-Profits	0	1,449,025	1,449,025
		Increase Departmental Total	0	2,356,219	2,356,219
Sheriff's				13,571,609	13,571,609
1054310		53040	Vehicle Maintenance	160,060	
		Increase Departmental Total	7,227,335	11,187	171,247
Recreation				11,187	7,238,522
1056120		53040	Vehicle Maintenance	866	
		Increase Departmental Total	422,027	1,440	2,306
				1,440	423,467
REVENUE					
1044000	48500	Insurance Refunds	15,000		

1044000	49871	Trans. From Special Revenue Fund	0	12,627	27,627
1044000	49900	Unencumbered Balance	7,050,139	10,495,932	10,495,932
		Increase Fund Totals	85,349,157	3,075,677	10,125,816
				13,584,236	98,933,393
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
2554245		59202	Transfer to CP-Schools	0	
				92,149	92,149
REVENUE					
2544245	49900	Unencumbered Balance	226,589		
		Increase Fund Totals	10,169,842	92,149	318,738
				92,149	10,261,991
GRANT PROJECT FUND					
EXPENSES					
American Rescue Plan Act					
3854379			59147	Transfer to General Fund	0
		Increase Departmental Total	0	10,495,932	10,495,932
				10,495,932	10,495,932
REVENUE					
3844379	42275	American Rescue Plan Act	0		
		Increase Fund Totals	0	10,495,932	10,495,932
				10,495,932	10,495,932
SCHOOLS CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
Mt. Airy City Schools CTE BLD (NEW)					
99255964			51600	Architect Fees	0
99255964	51665	Repairs & Renovations	0	129,672	129,672
99255964	59500	Contingency	0	1,528,060	1,528,060
		Increase Departmental Total	0	185,238	185,238
				1,842,970	1,842,970
REVENUE					
99245964	43346	Lottery-MA Schools (NEW)	0		

99245964	49810	Transfer from GF-Capital Improvements (NEW)	0	1,750,821	1,750,821
		Increase Fund Totals	36,999,420	92,149	92,149

- **Approve delegating authority to Purchasing Agents, Finance Officer and Deputy Finance Officers to conduct the private sale of totaled vehicles valued under $30,000.**
- **Approve Rogers Realty to surplus a large number of items, including Historic Rockford Courthouse items and Sheriff's Office vehicles.**
- **Approve the following Mount Airy High School CTE Building Renovations Capital Project Ordinance:**

CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE

MOUNT AIRY CITY SCHOOLS—MOUNT AIRY HIGH SCHOOL CTE RENOVATIONS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Surry that pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, this capital project ordinance is hereby adopted:

SECTION 1: The project authorized by this ordinance includes repairs and renovations to the existing CTE building property for Mount Airy City Schools.

SECTION 2: The officers of this governmental unit are hereby directed to proceed with this capital project within the guidelines set by the budget herein.

SECTION 3: The costs of the project are:

A.	Professional Services – Architect	129,672
B.	Construction	1,528,060
C.	Contingency	185,238
	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	$1,842,970

SECTION 4: The following financing sources are anticipated to be available to complete this project:

Needs Based School Capital Fund	1,750,821
Local Match	92,149
TOTAL	$1,842,970

SECTION 5: The Finance Officer is directed to report quarterly to the Board of Commissioners on the financial status of the project.

SECTION 6: The Budget Officer is directed to include an analysis of past and future costs and revenue for this capital project in each annual budget submitted to the Board of Commissioners for as long as this ordinance shall remain in effect.

SECTION 7: Any balance of appropriated funds which are unexpected at the conclusion of this project shall be reserved by the Board of Commissioners for use as provided by applicable law or regulation.

SECTION 8: Copies of this capital project ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED BY THE SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS this the 7th day of November, 2022.

- **Approve an amended version of the Surry County Financial Policies.**

Chairman Goins declared the meeting to be an open forum and invited members of the audience to address any matters of civic concern.

Don Vaughn, an attorney representing Heather Moore of Moore's General Store, introduced her.

Heather Moore read prepared remarks about how Moore's General Store is located on or near the Sauratown Scenic Byway, which she said helps preserve rural America. She said many small businesses are located in the Byway area and requested protection of said small businesses.

Mandy Love discussed how the Byway should support small communities and businesses.

Kevin Reece, who grew up in Surry County, and now serves as a Town of Ronda Commissioner, said that Ronda passed a sanctuary city resolution to prevent babies from being aborted within town limits. He asked the Board to pass the same resolution for Surry County, also.

Seeing there were no additional speakers, Chairman Goins closed the open forum.

Mr. Knopf provided background information about Project Cobra prior to Chairman Goins opening the public hearing for the economic development proposed project. Mr. Knopf said Todd Tucker from the Surry County Economic Development Partnership provided the following information: If approved, the County would provide $36,224 to the project for industrial development. A private corporation proposes a direct investment of $1,969,710. The County's General Fund Reserves would be utilized for the $36,224 and the investment would create jobs in Surry County. Since the project is for economic development, it had been discussed by the Board and Mr. Tucker in closed session.

Chairman Goins opened the public hearing.

J.T. Henson said it's almost an insult to ask Surry County citizens to weigh in on the proposal when they don't have much information about the project. He said he has nothing against incentives, but would like more information about the project.

Chairman Goins said the project is a local company trying to consolidate its warehouse distribution operations to one location in Mount Airy. The project had competition from locations in South Carolina and Alabama. The local company currently provides 63 jobs that would be lost if they moved and plans to add 35 new jobs, including new machinery and equipment, with the incentive from the County and the company's investment. The incentive will only be provided once the new jobs have been created and retained.

Seeing there were no further speakers, Chairman Goins closed the public hearing.

Vice-Chairman Harris discussed the importance of supporting small businesses and incentives to keep jobs and create new jobs in Surry County. He said the incentives are performance-based.

Chairman Goins said we need to keep our employees and businesses here and performance-based incentives assist in that effort.

Commissioner Tucker explained that economic development incentives are discussed in closed session to protect the businesses' confidentiality and preserve their proprietary information.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following Project Cobra Resolution and provide $36,224 from the County's General Fund Reserves, if the associated company meets the agreement requirements:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA }
} RESOLUTION
COUNTY OF SURRY }

WHEREAS, there has been described to the Board of Commissioners ("Board") of Surry County, North Carolina ("County") a proposal for County to provide certain incentives to Project Cobra ("Company") in connection with the Company's investment in a distribution center located in Surry County.

Proposed incentives to the Company include the following appropriations and expenditures:

A. Following payment of taxes by Company to County, the County shall make an incentive grant to Company of not more than $36,244 over a five-year period.

The incentive grant shall be reduced proportionally if Company fails to achieve or maintain its benchmark minimum of investment.

An Incentive Agreement ("Agreement"), including or addressing the County and Company and describing proposed incentives in detail shall be executed subject to approval and review of the County Manager and County Attorney. A copy of the Agreement will be filed in County's records.

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Surry County:

1. County hereby undertakes to provide certain incentives to Company in connection with its investment within County, as described in the Agreement. The County hereby finds and determines that such undertaking will increase the taxable property, employment, and business prospects of County.

2. That the Chairman of the Surry County Board of Commissioners, or his designee, is authorized and directed to execute the Agreement in a form that has been approved by the County Manager and County Attorney and to deliver the same to the appropriate counter-parties and the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to affix the County Seal to the Agreement and attest the same. The Agreement shall be in a form substantially as described above with such changes as may be approved by the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. The Chairman's execution of the Agreement shall constitute conclusive evidence of his approval of any change.

3. The Agreement in final form, however, must provide:

a. That the total amount to be expended by the County be an Incentive Grant over five years totaling not more than $36,244.

4. The Company's minimum investment of $1,969,710.00 in real and personal property be made by 12/31/2023.

5. The County's payment of the incentive grant portion is to be paid to Company only after Company provides evidence that its investment benchmark has been made as described above and after assessed property taxes are timely paid by Company to County.

6. The actions of the County Officers and officials in conformity with the purposes and intent of this Resolution and in furthermore with the execution and delivery of the Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, are hereby ratified, approved, and confirmed.

7. All of the Board proceedings or parts thereof, in conflict with this Resolution or, to the extent of such conflict, are hereby repealed.

8. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

9. That a public hearing be advertised and scheduled for a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

This is the 7th day of November, 2022.

Mr. Knopf requested the Board adopt the proposed FY24 Budget Calendar.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following FY24 Budget Calendar:

BUDGET CALENDAR
Fiscal Year 2023-2024

November 7, 2022	**Board review and adoption of Budget Calendar.**
2023 January-February	County staff will develop expenditure data on fuel, postage, capital equipment, salaries, and utilities. County Manager will prepare budget letters to be sent to agencies and departments.
February 1-28	Send budget instruction letters to outside agencies: 1. Fire Departments 2. Schools 3. Others
February 8	Distribute revenue and expenditure work sheets to Department Heads
February 22	County Commissioners' Annual Planning Retreat.
March 1– April 1	Departmental budget reviews with County Manager, Assistant County Manager and Finance Officer.
March 1	Budgets due from small departments (8 or fewer full-time employees).
March 8	Budgets due from medium departments (12 or fewer full-time employees).
March 15	Budgets due from fire departments and outside agencies.
March 20	Budgets due from large departments.
March 24	Budgets due from Social Services and Health departments.
March 28	Budgets due from Boards of Education
April 10	Estimate of values sent to each school system.
April 11	Commissioners' Budget Work Session # 1: Budget Presentation from County Departments.
April 18	Budget Work Session #2: Fire Departments
April 21	Estimate of values sent to the County Manager and Finance Officer from the Tax Administrator.
April 27	Budget Work Session # 3: Budget Presentations from Boards of Education.
May 9 or 11	Budget Work Session #4 (if needed).
May 22-25	Prepare and print recommended budget. County Manager prepares budget message.
May 26	File recommended budget with Commissioners and Clerk to the Board.
June 5	1. Present recommended budget at Commissioners' meeting. 2. Schedule public hearing.
June 5	Advertise public hearing for June 19 at 6:00 p.m. or soon thereafter and advertise that proposed budget is on file for public review.

June 6 or 8	Budget Work Session #4 (or 5).
June 19	Public hearing on Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Not later than June 30, 2023:

Commissioners adopt the Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Notify Tax Administrator of approved tax rates.

File the Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 with the Clerk to the Board.

July 1	**FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BEGINS.**

Adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on November 7, 2022 with the stipulation that dates may be changed as needed.

Mr. Knopf provided an Invest in Surry funding update. He discussed impediments with sewer capacity at the County Animal Shelter. Mr. Knopf and Jessica Montgomery, Public Works Director, said that public sewer extension would be needed at the Animal Shelter to facilitate any expansion.

Mr. Knopf requested that $50,000 of the balance of remaining Invest in Surry funds be used to finish the two remaining rooms in the basement of the Historic Courthouse, to include the boiler room and old Magistrate's Office. Commissioner Tucker requested the old boiler remain in the boiler room. Commissioner Johnson said he would like to hear more about private sewer possibilities for the Animal Shelter and requested updated numbers from Mrs. Montgomery on what the cost would be to extend public water at the Surry County Landfill. Commissioner Johnson said he is comfortable with the $50,000 renovations to the Historic Courthouse basement.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to spend $50,000 of the balance of remaining Invest in Surry funds to renovate the boiler room and old Magistrate's Office in the basement of the Historic Courthouse.

In General County Business, Commissioner Marion said he was glad early voting is over and encouraged the community to get out and vote.

Commissioner Tucker thanked everyone for coming and said voting is part of the electoral process. He said the remaining items in the old Westfield School could be headed for public auction after being announced in the local newspaper through public notices.

Commissioner Johnson said he heard record early voting numbers came out this year for a midterm election. He said he wants to hear more about the small businesses along the Sauratown Scenic Byway, but also wondered how you would focus on those small businesses and not for the whole county. Commissioner Johnson thanked Mr. Reece for visiting from Ronda with open forum comments. He said he is pro life with exceptions and said the resolution that has been proposed does not say that.

Vice-Chairman Harris thanked Mr. Reece for attending. He said he is pro life and wants to approve the requested resolution and is ready to very soon.

Chairman Goins thanked citizens for speaking and reminded people of Election Day and Veterans Day.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:43 p.m.

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Nathan Walls
Clerk to the Board

Surry County Board of Commissioners
Meeting of November 21, 2022

The Surry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m., November 21, 2022. The meeting was held in the Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Dobson, N.C.

Board members present in-person for the meeting were Chairman Bill Goins, Commissioner Mark Marion, Commissioner Larry Johnson and Commissioner Van Tucker. Vice-Chairman Eddie Harris was absent (excused).

Others present in-person for the meeting, at various times, included:
Chris Knopf, County Manager
Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager
Ed Woltz, County Attorney
Laura Neely, Finance Officer
Martha Brintle, MIS Director
Marty Needham, Development Services Director
Nathan Walls, Clerk to the Board/PIO

Chairman Goins called the meeting to order. Commissioner Tucker delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Goins requested the Board review and approve the agenda. Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the November 21, 2022 agenda.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the minutes of the November 7, 2022 meeting as presented. Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the consent agenda. Chris Knopf, County Manager, reviewed each consent agenda item. Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Requests from the County Manager:

- **Approve the following resolution to request a portion of Abe Mayes Road be closed and removed from the NCDOT State-Maintained Road System:**

NORTH CAROLINA STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS REQUEST FOR CLOSURE AND ABANDONMENT OF ROAD AND REMOVAL FROM STATE MAINTAINED SYSTEM

NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SURRY

Road description: **Portion of Abe Mayes Road (SR 1319) – 0.21 of a mile**

WHEREAS, the attached petition has been filed with the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Surry requesting that a portion of the above described road, be closed, abandoned and removed from the State Maintenance System; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is of the opinion that the specified portion of above described road should be closed, abandoned and removed from the State Maintenance System, if the removal meets criteria established by the Division of Highways of the Department of Transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Surry that the Division of Highways is hereby requested to review the specified portion of the above-described road, and to close, abandon and remove it from the State Maintained System if the request meets established standards and criteria.

CERTIFICATE

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Surry at a meeting on the 21st day of November, 2022 and appears on the minutes of the said Commission.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this the 21st day of November, 2022.

- **Approve the following from the Tax Department:**
  1. Total releases for the month ending 10/31/22 in the amount of $4,278.21.
  2. Total refunds for the month ending 10/31/22 in the amount of $14,367.78.
  3. Total NCVTS tag and tax refunds for the month ending 10/31/22 in the amount of $2,652.05.
  4. Total real and personal property discoveries for the month ending 10/31/22 in the amount of $16,919.84.
  5. Total motor vehicle discoveries for the month ending 10/31/22 in the amount of $0.
  6. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC additions for the month ending 10/31/22 in the amount of $72,032.66.
  7. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC refunds for the month ending 10/31/22 in the amount of $0.
  8. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC releases for the month ending 10/31/22 in the amount of $1,697.34.
  9. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC collections for the month ending 10/31/22 in the amount of $12,659.97.
- **Approve the issuance of Waste Hauler Non-Exclusive Franchises to Capital Waste of Pilot Mountain and The Trash Bin of Mount Airy for three-year terms. The non-exclusive franchise requests must come to the Board for a second time, since it must be approved twice, per NCGS 153A-46.**

Requests from the Finance Officer:

- **Approve the reallocation of $325 from Invest in Surry Broadband funds to Invest in Surry Public Information Sign funds to cover the additional $325 for required Engineered Drawing.**

Chairman Goins declared the meeting to be an open forum and invited members of the audience to address any matters of civic concern.

Seeing there were no speakers, Chairman Goins closed the open forum.

Marty Needham, Development Services Director, presented information for a conditional rezoning request: ZCR1229. The applicant was David Creed and the Tax Parcel numbers were 5925-00-11-8211 and 5925-00-02-1005. The owner of the parcels were Joseph Franklin and Betty S. Riddle.

Mr. Needham said the Board of County Commissioners approved rezoning at a recent meeting for Mr. Creed, but since that time it has been discovered that the property has a low-lying area, so the building needs to be moved to a different location on the property. In so doing, Mr. Needham said, Mr. Creed will need to acquire an additional 1.2 acres to meet compliance. Mr. Needham said the Planning Board recommended approval of the conditional rezoning request, with no one speaking in opposition during the Planning Board hearing.

Chairman Goins opened the Board of County Commissioners’ public hearing and closed it after no speakers came forward.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Statement of Consistency for conditional rezoning request ZCR1229 for tax parcel numbers 5925-00-11-8211 and 5925-00-02-1005.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve conditional rezoning request ZCR1229 for tax parcel numbers 5925-00-11-8211 and 5925-00-02-1005.

In General County Business, Commissioner Johnson congratulated the three incumbent Board members for their November 8 general election victories. He said he attended recent Veterans Day ceremonies. Commissioner Johnson also said he and Mr. Knopf recently attended the Legislative Goals Conference in Raleigh and represented Surry County regarding its top priority Legislative Goals.

Commissioner Marion thanked voters for their support and applauded the impressive voter turnout on November 8.

Commissioner Tucker also congratulated the three incumbent Board members for their November 8 general election victories. He asked Mr. Knopf and Jessica Montgomery, Public Works Director, to wrap up remaining items to surplus and auction at the old Westfield School. Commissioner Tucker and the Board reached a consensus for staff to present a plan to consider on the topic at an upcoming Board meeting. He also requested prayers for Vice-Chairman Harris, who could not attend due to sickness.

Chairman Goins thanked Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager, and staff for their work with the recent County Veterans Luncheon – he said he appreciates the Veterans who serve on County staff.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to enter closed session to discuss items pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) legal, pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) personnel and pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) economic development.

The Board returned from closed session and resumed regular business.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:41 p.m.

All leases, contracts, agreements, resolutions, ordinances and documents referenced in the minutes are kept in the Clerk's Office or in the department office they are associated with.

Nathan Walls
Clerk to the Board

Surry County Board of Commissioners
Meeting of December 5, 2022

The Surry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m., December 5, 2022. The meeting was held in the Board Room, Historic Courthouse, Dobson, N.C.

Board members present in-person for the meeting were Chairman Bill Goins, Vice-Chairman Eddie Harris, Commissioner Mark Marion, Commissioner Larry Johnson and Commissioner Van Tucker.

Others present in-person for the meeting, at various times, included:
Sheriff Steve Hiatt
Judge Marion Boone
Surry County Schools Board Chairman Dale Badgett
Mount Airy Commissioner Chad Hutchens
Mount Airy Commissioner Phil Thacker
Chris Knopf, County Manager
Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager
Ed Woltz, County Attorney
Travis Reeves, Surry County Schools Superintendent
Tim Watson, District Attorney
Laura Neely, Finance Officer
Martha Brintle, MIS Director
Jimmy Ashburn, Fire Marshal
Eric Southern, Emergency Services Director
Nick Brown, 911 Director
Mark Willis, Substance Abuse Recovery Director
Sheriff's Office Staff
Joanna Radford, NC Cooperative Extension Director, Surry Center
Jonathan Sutphin, Fire Chiefs Council
Nathan Walls, Clerk to the Board/PIO
News Media

Chairman Goins called the meeting to order.

Judge Marion Boone swore-in re-elected Commissioners Bill Goins, Eddie Harris and Mark Marion, in that order.

Chairman Goins welcomed all elected officials, first responders, staff and citizens in attendance.

Vice Chairman Harris delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Goins requested the Board review and approve the agenda. Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the December 5, 2022 agenda.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the minutes of the November 21, 2022 meeting as presented. Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Harris, seconded by Chairman Goins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the minutes of the April 12, April 19, April 26 and June 8 budget work sessions. Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

Chairman Goins requested the Board consider the consent agenda. Chris Knopf, County Manager, reviewed each consent agenda item. Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Requests from the County Manager:

- **Approve the following from the Tax Department:**
  1. Total releases for the month ending 11/30/22 in the amount of $12,723.57.
  2. Total refunds for the month ending 11/30/22 in the amount of $9,654.25.
  3. Total NCVTS tag and tax refunds for the month ending 11/30/22 in the amount of $953.12.
  4. Total real and personal property discoveries for the month ending 11/30/22 in the amount of $63,731.73.
  5. Total motor vehicle discoveries for the month ending 11/30/22 in the amount of $253.63.
  6. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC additions for the month ending 11/30/22 in the amount of $70,786.40.
  7. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC refunds for the month ending 11/30/22 in the amount of $41.97.
  8. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC releases for the month ending 11/30/22 in the amount of $446.34.
  9. Total EMS, EMD and EMS-MC collections for the month ending 11/30/22 in the amount of $14,325.11.

Requests from the Assistant County Manager:

- **Approve for the Emergency Services Director to apply for and accept, if awarded, four Emergency Management grants, including the EMPG, Tier II, HMEP and CBCG.**

Requests from the Finance Officer:

- **Approve for Rogers Realty to conduct the auction of surplus items from the Old Westfield School property.**
- **Approve to transfer the following surplus items or sell on auction with Rogers Realty (the correct disposal method for each item is listed):**

Asset #	Item Description	VIN/Serial#	Department Requesting to Surplus	Disposal Method for Board Consideration
95127 95047	2013 Ford Truck 2010 Ford Truck	1FTEX1EM0DFA62312 1FTMF1EW9AKE34880	Sheriff (Animal Control)	Request to transfer to Developmental Services and Public Works

Asset #	Item Description	VIN/Serial#	Department Requesting to Surplus	Disposal Method for Board Consideration
95374	2017 Chevy Ambulance Chassis	1HA6GUCG1HN010973	EMS	Request to Sell on Auction with Rogers Realty
95316	2017 Chevy Ambulance Chassis	1HA6GUCG0HN010737	EMS	Request to Sell on Auction with Rogers Realty
95350	2017 Chevy Ambulance Chassis	1HA6GUCG1HN010875	EMS	Request to Sell on Auction with Rogers Realty

95270	2016 Chevy Ambulance Chassis	1GB6GUCL1G1260483	EMS	Request to Sell on Auction with Rogers Realty

- **Approve the following resolution to convey personal property to another governmental unit:**

Resolution Approving Conveyance of Personal Property to Another Governmental Unit Pursuant to G.S. 160A-280

WHEREAS, the County of Surry owns one complete Stryker Power-Pro 6500 XT Stretchers Serial number 80939096 with mounting brackets; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 160A-280 authorizes a county to convey personal property for nonmonetary consideration to another government entity if the governing board deems the property to be surplus, obsolete, or unused; and

WHEREAS, the County of Surry has determined that the personal property described above is surplus, obsolete, or unused; and

WHEREAS, the County of Surry finds that the public will benefit from the conveyance of the property described above by enhancing the public safety resources available in Surry County.

THEREFORE, THE SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLVES THAT:

The Board Chairman of Surry is authorized to execute all documents necessary to convey one Stryker Power-Pro 6500 XT Stretcher and mounting bracket to Mount Airy Rescue Squad.

The consideration for the conveyance is enhancing the public safety resources in Surry County.

In accordance with the notice requirements of N.C.G.S. § 160A-280, public notice of this resolution was given by posting on the County of Surry, North Carolina website.

Adopted this the 5th day of December, 2022.

- **Approve the following Grant Project Ordinance Streamflow Rehabilitation Assistance Program:**

GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE

STREAMFLOW REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Surry that pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, this capital project ordinance is hereby adopted:

SECTION 1: The project authorized by this ordinance includes assistance for streamflow rehabilitation.

SECTION 2: The officers of this governmental unit are hereby directed to proceed with this grant project within the guidelines set by the budget herein.

SECTION 3: The costs of the project are:

A. Stream Rehabilitation		261,666
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	$	261,666

SECTION 4: The following financing sources are anticipated to be available to complete this project:

State Budget Grant—HB 105		261,666
TOTAL	$	261,666

SECTION 5: The Finance Officer is directed to report quarterly to the Board of Commissioners on the financial status of the project.

SECTION 6: The Budget Officer is directed to include an analysis of past and future costs and revenue for this capital project in each annual budget submitted to the Board of Commissioners for as long as this ordinance shall remain in effect.

SECTION 7: Any balance of appropriated funds which are unexpected at the conclusion of this project shall be reserved by the Board of Commissioners for use as provided by applicable law or regulation.

SECTION 8: Copies of this grant project ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED BY THE SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS this the

5th day of December 2022.

- **Approve the following Budget Amendment #5 to the FY23 budget:**

					Change #5
The Board of County Commissioners approved an amendment to the FY2022-2023 Budget Ordinance at their meeting on December 5, 2022.					
ACCOUNT			PREVIOUS		REVISED
CODE		DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHANGE	AMOUNT
GENERAL FUND					
EXPENSES					
Building Façade Restoration					
1054183	56600	Other Improvement	0	362,621	362,621
		Increase Departmental Total	0	362,621	362,621
Central Services					
1054200	55100	Capital Leases	0	9,000	9,000
		Increase Departmental Total	20,000	9,000	29,000
State Budget Directed Grant					
1054309	51500	Professional Services	0	5,000	5,000
1054309	52010	Supplies & Materials	0	26,530	26,530
1054309	52900	Small Equipment	0	45,464	45,464
		Increase Departmental Total	0	76,994	76,994
Inspections					
1054350	51030	Salaries & Wages Part-Time	7,500	15,000	22,500
1054350	51300	Social Security	15,819	930	16,749
1054350	51310	Medicare	3,700	220	3,920
		Increase Departmental Total	416,681	16,150	432,831
COSSAP Grant					
1054367	51010	Salaries & Wages	0	117,080	117,080
1054367	51030	Salaries & Wages Part-Time	0	65,414	65,414
1054367	51300	Social Security	0	12,028	12,028
1054367	51310	Medicare	0	2,814	2,814
1054367	51330	Retirement	0	10,797	10,797
1054367	51350	Group Insurance	0	31,854	31,854
1054367	52010	Supplies & Materials	0	6,535	6,535
1054367	52350	Automotive Supplies	0	66,003	66,003
1054367	53040	Vehicle Maintenance	0	2,000	2,000
1054367	54010	Travel/Training	0	6,937	6,937
1054367	54200	Telephone	0	6,003	6,003
1054367	55100	Capital Leases	0	19,951	19,951
1054367	55150	Insurance & Bonding	0	9,076	9,076
1054367	55640	GPS Monitoring	0	2,736	2,736

		Increase Departmental Total	0	359,229	359,229
EMS					
1054370	53040	Vehicle Maintenance	180,000	5,383	185,383
		Increase Departmental Total	8,040,944	5,383	8,046,327
StRAP (NEW)					
1054961	51795	Stream Rehabilitation-StRAP	0	261,666	261,666
		Increase Departmental Total	0	261,666	261,666
Grassy Creek Grant					
1054963	51720	Contracted Services	0	219,200	219,200
		Increase Departmental Total	0	219,200	219,200
Environmental Health					
1055181	51010	Salaries & Wages	710,800	(73,549)	637,251
1055181	51020	Longevity Pay	12,300	(588)	11,712
1055181	51300	Social Security	44,832	(4,472)	40,360
1055181	51310	Medicare	10,485	(1,044)	9,441
1055181	51330	Retirement	88,074	(8,791)	79,283
1055181	51350	Group Insurance	97,300	(8,295)	89,005
		Decrease Departmental Total	1,058,641	(96,739)	961,902
REVENUE					
1044000	48500	Insurance Refunds	27,627	5,383	33,010
1044000	49900	Unencumbered Balance	10,125,816	(71,589)	10,054,227
1044183	43705	State Budget Grant	0	362,500	362,500
1044183	44910	Interest Earned-Checking	0	121	121
1044309	43705	State Budget Grant	0	76,994	76,994
1044367	42319	COSSAP Grant	0	359,229	359,229
1044961	43705	State Budget Grant HB 105	0	261,666	261,666
1044963	43356	Clean Water Grant	0	119,200	119,200
1044963	43389	Division of Water	0	100,000	100,000
		Increase Fund Totals	99,013,746	1,213,504	100,227,250
GRANT PROJECT FUND					
EXPENSES					
Cares Act Provider Relief					
3854304	52010	Supplies & Materials	0	130,203	130,203
3854304	56010	Equipment	0	55,663	55,663
		Increase Departmental Total	0	185,866	185,866
Bean Shoals Trail Project					
3854926	51720	Contracted Services	0	4,001,335	4,001,335
		Increase Departmental Total	0	4,001,335	4,001,335

SCC Watershed Project					
3854932	51720	Contracted Services	0	4,000,000	4,000,000
		Increase Departmental Total	0	4,000,000	4,000,000
REVENUE					
3844304	42272	Cares ACT-Provider Relief	0	185,866	185,866
3844926	43705	State Budget Grant	0	4,000,000	4,000,000
3844926	44910	Interest Earned-Checking	0	1,335	1,335
3844932	43705	State Budget Grant	0	4,000,000	4,000,000
		Increase Fund Total	10,495,932	8,187,201	18,683,133

Chairman Goins declared the meeting to be an open forum and invited members of the audience to address any matters of civic concern.

Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager, introduced Joanna Radford, who was promoted to Director of the NC Cooperative Extension, Surry Center. Radford said she was excited about her new position, was thankful and introduced Bailey Wood, who recently transitioned from 4-H Agent to Livestock Agent.

Seeing there were no further speakers, Chairman Goins closed the open forum.

Mr. Knopf held the election for Board Officer positions for calendar year 2023.

Commissioner Goins nominated Commissioner Harris for Chairman. Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to close nominations. Upon motion of Commissioner Goins, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to elect Commissioner Harris as Chairman for calendar year 2023.

Commissioner Johnson nominated Commissioner Tucker for Vice-Chairman. Upon motion of Commissioner Goins, seconded by Chairman Harris, the Board voted unanimously to close nominations. Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Goins, the Board voted unanimously to elect Commissioner Tucker as Vice-Chairman for calendar year 2023.

The Board took a brief recess to re-organize their seating locations and take pictures.

The Board reconvened the meeting and provided comments about the election of officers and the success of calendar year 2022. Judge Boone was thanked for swearing-in the re-elected Commissioners and each Board member thanked their families for their support.

Judge Boone swore-in detention officers and deputies, in that order.

Jonathan Sutphin of the local Fire Chiefs Council provided a paid staffing update to the Board. He said the paid program that the Board recently implemented is working.

Sutphin described the application and hiring process for paid staff with the different fire departments. He said Skull Camp, Pilot Knob, Jot-Um-Down, Central Surry and Bannertown hired paid staff. Sutphin said having the paid staff decreased response times from a range of 4 minutes, 7 seconds to 5 minutes, 30 seconds on average per call at the five departments. He said response times can help determine a matter of life or death. Sutphin said the paid staff ran 134 calls in two-and-a-half months and kept up with ISO requirements, as well as equipment inspection and maintenance. He said that at least 40 or more of the calls were answered by only the paid staff members.

Responding to Commissioner Johnson, Sutphin introduced himself as the president and Brian Lowe as the vice president of the local Fire Chiefs Council.

Specifics on different department services and what paid staff does were discussed.

Sutphin said he would like to come back in March and every three months thereafter, and asked the Board to bring any needed questions going forward.

Vice-Chairman Tucker asked Sutphin where he saw the paid staffing program in two to five years for the 19 volunteer fire departments in the county. Sutphin said volunteering is constantly going down and would like at least one paid person per department over the next three to five years. He said that helps lower ISO insurance ratings and ensures that calls get answered.

The Board discussed with Sutphin and Lowe the State's requirements to be a volunteer firefighter. Chairman Harris commented on how difficult it is to find volunteers when the requirements are so time consuming.

Mark Willis, Substance Abuse Recovery Director, provided a department update on Powerpoint titled the "State of the County."

He discussed five categories of measurements, to include Personal Health, Family Health, Community Health, Business Health and Criminal Justice.

For Personal Health, Willis said 2020 Surry County numbers for Acute Hepatitis C infections were high (indicator of number of people who use needles for drugs) and suicides were mid-range.

For Family Health, Willis said 2021 numbers show that Surry County has a large number of children in foster care due to parental substance use and 2020 numbers show that the County has a very high number of newborns affected by substance use with a plan of safe care referral.

For Community Health, in 2021, there were 533 overdose events responded to by County Emergency Medical Services and 44 overdoes deaths responded to by local EMS. Willis said that the number of overdose events responded to by local EMS have decreased and number of times Narcan has been administered by private citizens to overdose victims have increased. Also for Community Health, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) data is pending. The Board and Mr. Willis discussed how actual overdose events in Surry County are much higher than the 533 reported to EMS in 2021.

For Business Health, Surry County's August 2022 unemployment numbers were just higher than the State unemployment rate (3.7 to 3.5 percent) and August 2022 prime labor force participation rate for Surry County was lower than State and National numbers (76 to 82 and 82 percent).

For Criminal Justice, Surry County is about mid-range for number of people incarcerated per capita. Crimes Against Property and Involuntary Commitment data is pending.

Mr. Willis said his staff oversaw Red Ribbon Week events in 23 schools, reaching over 9,000 students with six days of activities. He said over 748 patient referrals to support services have been made to his Intervention Team staff and 175 citizens have been connected to treatment services through the Intervention Team. Mr. Willis said from June 2021 to December 5, 2022, over 1,700 online requests for services have been made, over 60,000 miles were driven from May 2021 to December 5, 2022 and 168 patients have been linked to treatment through the department's Transportation Division. He said 31 companies have been engaged by the Recovery to Work Division, helping citizens who are on probation or soon-to-be-released from the detention center find employment – as of December 5, 2022, 30 clients have been connected to employment. Mr. Willis said that 191 inmates in the detention center recently completed a job skills assessment – he said staff is working to get as many people as possible connected to employment.

Mr. Willis discussed future developments, including Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC), transitional housing, Recovery Coach Network and Recovery Community Center.

Chairman Harris asked if Mr. Willis could get more specific data for Surry County compared to peer counties – the data provided was compared to the other 99 counties in North Carolina.

The Board discussed details about the data, wondering if Surry County is turning the corner in the fight against substance use. The Board also thanked the staff for the great work they are doing.

Commissioner Johnson called Eric Southern, Emergency Services Director, and Larry Lowe, Chief Deputy, to the podium and asked details about Narcan. The Board discussed with the staff how frequent drug users keep a supply of Narcan. They also discussed how people who call 911 requesting ambulance transport to the hospital will at times call back and say an overdose victim has been revived with Narcan, so EMS has to turn around and go back to their work location. Mr. Willis said Narcan may be purchased from pharmacies without a prescription.

Mr. Willis told Chairman Harris that the department has a very close relationship with Partners Health Management.

Mr. Willis said he can provide a jail update related to the Substance Abuse Recovery Department for the Board's next department update.

Speaking to Chairman Harris, Mr. Willis said that without help with transitional housing, transportation and employment, 9 out of 10 people fall back into drug use.

Chairman Harris discussed the severe collateral damage to County services that are felt from substance use issues, including 85 percent or more of the jail's population having drug charges.

Details about what agencies can administer Narcan were discussed.

The "State of the County" Powerpoint is saved in the electronic folder: F:\Administration\BOCC\BOCC Presentations on the County's server.

Laura Neely, Finance Officer, presented an add-on budget amendment request for Budget Amendment #6 to the FY23 budget. She requested the Board's consideration of buying out the Eplus capital lease agreement, which would need a budget amendment. The Eplus equipment is used by the MIS Department. After discussing one option of amending the budget to use unencumbered fund balance from the General Fund, the Board decided to allocate dollars from Invest in Surry Public Safety funds.

Mrs. Neely also discussed a $75,000 YESurry Grant Allocation as part of Budget Amendment #6 to the FY23 budget.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to allocate $35,821 from Invest in Surry Public Safety funds to buyout the Eplus capital lease agreement for equipment used by the MIS Department, as part of the following Budget Amendment #6 to the FY23 budget:

Upon motion of Commissioner Goins, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following Grant Project Ordinance for the YESurry Grant Program, as part of the following Budget Amendment #6 to the FY23 budget:

GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE

YESURRY GRANT PROGRAM

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Surry that pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, this capital project ordinance is hereby adopted:

SECTION 1: The project authorized by this ordinance includes grant fund allocation for the YESurry program.

SECTION 2: The officers of this governmental unit are hereby directed to proceed with this capital project within the guidelines set by the budget herein.

SECTION 3: The costs of the project are:

A. YESURRY ALLOCATION		75,000
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	$	75,000

SECTION 4: The following financing sources are anticipated to be available to complete this project:

Session Law 2022-74		75,000
TOTAL	$	75,000

SECTION 5: The Finance Officer is directed to report quarterly to the Board of Commissioners on the financial status of the project.

SECTION 6: The Budget Officer is directed to include an analysis of past and future costs and revenue for this capital project in each annual budget submitted to the Board of Commissioners for as long as this ordinance shall remain in effect.

SECTION 7: Any balance of appropriated funds which are unexpected at the conclusion of this project shall be reserved by the Board of Commissioners for use as provided by applicable law or regulation.

SECTION 8: Copies of this capital project ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED BY THE SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS this the 5th day of December 2022.

					Change #6
The Board of County Commissioners approved an amendment to the FY2022-2023 Budget Ordinance at their meeting on December 5, 2022.					
ACCOUNT			**PREVIOUS**		**REVISED**
CODE		**DESCRIPTION**	**AMOUNT**	**CHANGE**	**AMOUNT**
GENERAL FUND					
EXPENSES					
Management Information Service					

1054123	57964	Public Safety Invest in Surry	1,449,025	35,821	1,484,846
		Increase Departmental Total	13,571,609	35,821	13,607,430
YESurry					
1055510	57382	YESurry Grant Allocation	0	75,000	75,000
		Increase Departmental Total	0	75,000	75,000
REVENUE					
1044000	49900	Unencumbered Balance	10,054,227	35,821	10,090,048
1045510	43706	S.L. 2022-74	0	75,000	75,000
		Increase Fund Totals	100,227,250	110,821	100,338,071

In General County Business, Commissioner Marion wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Commissioner Johnson said the recent Farm City event was great and said Surry County is 15th in the State currently for agriculture revenue.

Vice-Chairman Tucker thanked first responders and volunteers for their service, as well as everyone for attending.

Chairman Harris said he looks forward to working with the new school board members and will read the letter that Heather Moore provided him.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Goins, the Board voted unanimously to enter closed session to discuss items pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) legal, pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) personnel and pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) economic development.

The Board returned from closed session and resumed regular business.

Dr. Travis Reeves, Surry County Schools Superintendent, presented an item about a School Resource Officer Grant. He had to stop his presentation due to technical difficulties with the Zoom/YouTube broadcast of the meeting. It was decided that Dr. Reeves would present the full item at a future Board meeting.

Upon motion of Commissioner Goins, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:40 p.m.

All leases, contracts, agreements, resolutions, ordinances and documents referenced in the minutes are kept in the Clerk's Office or in the department office they are associated with.

Nathan Walls
Clerk to the Board