

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING AGENDA

6:00 P.M. – February 6, 2023

Historic Courthouse – 145 Worth Street, Asheboro NC

- I. Call to Order – *Chairman Frye***
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Consent Agenda**
 - A. Approve Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes of January 3, 2023 and Special Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2023 and January 10, 2023
 - B. Approve Budget Amendment – Juvenile Day Reporting Center (\$1,500)
 - C. Approve Budget Amendment – Public Health (\$19,000)
 - D. Approve Budget Amendment – Public Library (\$2,000)
 - E. Reappoint David Henderson to the Asheboro Planning Board
 - F. Reappoint Sancia Coble to the Randolph County Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee
 - G. Approve K-9 Retirements and Adoptions
 - H. Appoint Betty Jo Armfield to the Randolph County Library Board of Trustees
 - I. Approve Budget Amendment #3 – I-74 Industrial Center Sewer Project (\$93,100)
 - J. Reappoint Bobby Allen, Ken Austin, and Bernard Beck to the Randolph County Voluntary Ag District Board
 - K. Approve Budget Amendment – TDA (\$200,000)
 - L. Approve Budget Amendment – Public Health (\$40,000)
 - M. Appoint Jennifer Parks as Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners
 - N. Appoint Cyrena Welch to the Randolph County Child Fatality Prevention Team
 - O. Approve Audit Contract with Cherry Bekaert, LLP
 - P. Approve Budget Amendment – Emergency Services (\$12,367)
 - Q. Adopt Proclamations Honoring Pat Hurley and Allen McNeill
- IV. Special Recognitions**
 - A. Lt. Michael Blackwell Retired with 30 Years of Service in the Sheriff's Office
 - B. Ruia Virginia "Gigi" Rogers Retired with 23 Years of Service in the Social Services Department
 - C. Pat Hurley with 16 Years of Service in the House of Representatives
 - D. Allen McNeill with 10 Years of Service in the House of Representatives
- V. Public Comment Period** (Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 153A-52.1)
- VI. New Business**
 - A. Health Department Renovation Update – *Paxton Arthurs, County Engineer/Robert Carmac, Smith Sinett*

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- B. Tourism Development Authority (TDA) Annual Update – *Amber Scarlett, TDA Executive Director*
- C. Voluntary Agriculture District Annual Report – *Kenny Sherin, Cooperative Extension Director*
- D. Child Fatality Prevention/Community Child Protection Team Annual Report – *Tara Aker, Public Health Director/Tracie Murphy, Social Services Director*
- E. Communications Update – *Chelsey Butler, Public Information Officer*
- F. Consider Abolishment of Current Fire Protection County Service Districts for Coleridge-Erect, Fair Grove, Farmer, Julian, Northeast, and Staley Fire Districts (capped at 15 cents) and the Creation of New Fire Protection County Service Districts without the 15 Cent Cap and Set a Public Hearing on the Matter (Process each fire district separately)—*Aimee Scotton, Associate County Attorney/Erik Beard, Fire Marshal*
- G. Consider Proposed Budget Meeting Schedule for FY 2023-2024 – *Chairman Darrell Frye*
- H. County Manager's Update
- I. Commissioner's Updates

Upcoming Board Term Expirations

April

Randolph County Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee-Suzanne West
Randolph County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council-Alvin Battle

May

Randolph County Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee-Jan Hancock

Chaplin Michael Trogon from the Sheriff's office will give the invocation.

January 3, 2023

The Randolph County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. in the 1909 Randolph County Historic Courthouse Meeting Room, 145 Worth Street, Asheboro, NC. Chairman Darrell Frye, Vice-Chairman David Allen, Commissioner Kenny Kidd, Commissioner Maxton McDowell, and Commissioner Hope Haywood were present. Also present were County Manager Hal Johnson, Assistant County Manager/Finance Officer Will Massie, County Attorney Ben Morgan, and Clerk to the Board Dana Crisco. Chaplain Barry Wall from Amity Hills Baptist Church gave the invocation and everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube.

Special Recognitions

Lindale Thomas retired November 30th from Public Buildings with 33 years of service. Mr. Thomas was recognized by County Manager Hal Johnson, after which, Chairman Frye presented him with an engraved clock on behalf of the Board.

Cathy Wall retired December 30th from Public Health with 28 years of service. Ms. Wall was recognized by Tara Aker, Public Health Director, after which, Chairman Frye presented her with an engraved clock on behalf of the Board.

Captain Mickey Beal retired December 30th from the Sheriff's office with 25 years of service. Captain Beal was recognized by Chief Deputy Aundrea Azelton, after which, Chairman Frye presented him with an engraved clock on behalf of the Board.

Former House Representative Allen McNeill was recognized by the Board and Chairman Frye presented him the Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

Public Comment Period

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 153A-52.1, Chairman Frye opened the floor for public comment and closed it after everyone wishing to speak had done so. County Attorney Ben Morgan read aloud the Public Comment Rules of Procedure.

Ken Rhodes, 712 Stoney Creek Dr., Asheboro, complained about a nearby development that had been clear cut then the debris was burnt creating an overabundance of smoke in his neighborhood.

Larry Cahoon, 1058 Ann's Ct., Asheboro, confirmed the abundance of smoke that was in their neighborhood. He asked the Board to investigate and correct the problem.

Dwain Roberts, 4654 Rainbow Trail, Ramseur, thanked the Board for having the Confederate Monument cleaned so quickly after the vandalism that occurred.

Clyde Foust, 3746 Midway Acres Rd., Asheboro, spoke of considering a warming center in Randolph County.

Commissioner Haywood said that a warming station is being discussed. She said the effort over the holidays to bring citizens to a warm location because of the freezing temperatures was carried out through collaboration of many local organizations.

Commissioner Kidd welcomed Justin Brubaker to Administration as Deputy Finance Director.

Consent Agenda

On motion of Haywood, seconded by Allen, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Consent agenda, as presented, as follows:

- approve Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2022 and Special Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2022 and December 13, 2022;*
- approve Budget Amendment – Public Health (\$23,278), as follows:*

2022-2023 Budget Ordinance		
General Fund—Budget Amendment #47		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
<i>Restricted Intergovernmental</i>	\$23,278	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
<i>Public Health</i>	\$23,278	

- approve Resolution for Year of the Trails, as follow:*

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR TRAILS AND 2023 YEAR OF THE TRAIL

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has proclaimed 2023 as the Year of the Trail;
and

WHEREAS, the Covid pandemic demonstrated the value of trails for safe places for people to get outdoors for their physical and mental health and sense of wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, trails, greenways, and blueways provide key amenities to neighborhoods and are often the centerpiece of a community bringing people together to exercise, play, and connect with nature; and

WHEREAS, the parks, greenways, trails, and natural areas in our community are welcoming to all and provide a common ground for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds to access our rich and diverse natural, cultural, and historic resources; and

WHEREAS, trails offer quality-of-life benefits to all as expressions of local community character and pride, as outdoor workshops for science education, as tools for economic revitalization, as free resources for healthy recreation, as accessible alternative transportation, and as sites for social and cultural events; and

WHEREAS, trails have significant impact on the economic viability of the community through increased levels of tourism, enhanced property values, as well as the ability to attract and retain businesses such as restaurants, outfitters, lodging, and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, Randolph County has existing and potential trails including both a State Trail, Deep River State Trail, and a National Recreation Trail, Uwharrie Trail, as well as numerous municipal parks, greenways, and trails; and

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners has invested \$3 million in trails including \$1 Million for Deep River State Trail.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Randolph County Board of Commissioners support trails and are committed to supporting trail events during 2023 to celebrate the Year of the Trail.

- approve Budget Amendment – Public Library (\$5,000), as follows:

2022-2023 Budget Ordinance General Fund—Budget Amendment #48		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$5,000	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
Library Support	\$5,000	

- approve Budget Amendment – TDA #4 (\$15,000), as follows:

2022-2023 Budget Ordinance General Fund—Budget Amendment #49		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$15,000	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
Personnel Costs	\$10,368	
Administration Cost	\$4,632	

- approve Budget Amendment – TDA #7 (\$34,284), as follows:

2022-2023 Budget Ordinance General Fund—Budget Amendment #50		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
NCDOT Contract – Visitor Centers	\$34,284	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
VC – Personnel Cost – Full-Time Salaries	\$10,000	
VC – Personnel Cost – Part-Time Salaries	\$1,019	
VC – Personnel Cost – FICA	\$895	
VC – Personnel Cost – Retirement	\$125	
VC – Personnel Cost – 401(K)	\$20	
VC – Operating Cost – Travel	\$2,000	
VC – Operating Cost – Conferences & Training	\$2,000	
VC – Operating Cost – Printing	\$1,000	
VC – Operating Cost – Office Supplies	\$16,560	

- approve Budget Amendment – EMS (\$10,000), as follows:

2022-2023 Budget Ordinance General Fund—Budget Amendment #51		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
Restricted Intergovernmental	\$10,000	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
Emergency Services	\$10,000	

- approve Budget Amendment – Public Health (\$1,979), as follows:

2022-2023 Budget Ordinance General Fund—Budget Amendment #52		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
<i>Restricted Intergovernmental</i>	\$1,979	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
<i>Public Health</i>	\$1,979	

- approve Red Oak Special Revenue Fund, as follows:

**RANDOLPH COUNTY
SPECIAL REVENUE PROJECT ORDINANCE
RED OAK GRANT PROJECT**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of the Randolph County Commissioners 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 the Project Red Oak road improvements in Archdale, a project to be funded primarily by a grant of \$645,000 from the Golden LEAF Foundation, with additional local sources.

Section 2. The officers of Randolph County are hereby authorized to proceed with the grant project in accordance with all General Statutes of North Carolina and within terms of the contracts approved by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners.

Section 3. The following amounts are anticipated to be available to complete this grant project:

<i>Golden LEAF grant</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>645,000</i>
<i>Transfer from Economic Development</i>		
<i>Reserve</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>165,000</i>
<i>TOTAL:</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>810,000</i>

Section 4. The following amounts are appropriated for expenditures for the grant project:

<i>DOT Road Improvements</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>810,000</i>
<i>TOTAL:</i>	<i>\$</i>	<i>810,000</i>

Section 5. The Finance Officer is hereby directed to maintain within the Grant Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of General Statutes of North Carolina and the grant agreement.

Section 6. Funds may be advanced from the General Fund for the purpose of making payments as due. Reimbursement requests should be made to the grantor agency in an orderly and timely manner.

Section 7. This Grant Project Ordinance shall be entered in the minutes of the Board of the Randolph County Commissioners and after adoption copies of this Ordinance shall be filed with the Finance Officer, the Budget Officer, and the Clerk to the Board.

Section 8. This Grant Project Ordinance is adopted on January 3, 2023 and shall continue in effect until the project is completed.

- appoint Justin Brubaker as Deputy Finance Officer, set his bond at \$500,000, and authorize his signature for all County bank accounts;*
- approve the County's Petition to Remain Substantially Equivalent, as requested by the Office of State Human Resources.*

Chairman Frye announced that Item C on New Business: TDA Annual Update has been postponed until February.

Annual Audit Presentation

April Adams, Partner at Cherry Bekaert LLC, presented and reviewed the County's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for year ending June 30, 2022. Cherry-Bekaert issued an unmodified opinion on the financial statements as well as a report on internal controls over financial reporting and compliance on other matters with no findings.

Ms. Adams said the firm had also issued reports on federal and state compliance with the Uniform Guidance and the State Single Audit Implementation Act for the major programs with the following finding: 2022-01 – DSS Crosscutting – Nonmaterial noncompliance.

Federal Major Programs reviewed included Medicaid, Low Income Home Energy Assistance, Coronavirus State & Local Recovery Funds (ARPA), and Epidemiology Funds. State Major Programs reviewed include DSS Crosscutting, Public School Building Capital Fund (Lottery Funds), and Juvenile Crime Prevention. No inappropriate accounting policies or practices were noted.

Commissioner McDowell asked if the County was stable. Ms. Adams stated that Randolph County Government would be here a year from now.

Chairman Frye indicated that the Piedmont Regional Water Authority had been given notice that Cherry-Bekaert could no longer do their audit and asked if the County audit would be stopped. Ms. Adams said no.

Commissioner Allen thanked Mr. Massie and his staff for doing such a great job. Mr. Massie stated that all of the departments have pitched in to make the audit a success.

The Business Gym

Linda Brown, Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce President, thanked the Board for the support given in 2022 that launched The Business Gym. This learning portal was developed as a result of Randolph County's 62.5% increase in new business start-ups during the COVID pandemic.

The Chamber was given \$50,000 from the Strategic Planning Funding. The Business Gym directly aligns with the Well-Being Vision, and more specifically, Goal #1 that talks about supporting existing industries and businesses.

Small business is Randolph County's top employer. The training and materials provided through The Business Gym are invaluable and FREE resources that are available to ALL Randolph County businesses and to individuals interested in starting their own. Without the support from Randolph County, this initiative would never have gone "live."

Ms. Brown showed a PowerPoint presentation highlighting successes and the online traffic experienced so far. A future goal is to build out a robust library of content so The Business Gym can live on into the future without the need for ongoing support. To make that happen, she asked the Board to consider approving a request for a second (and final) year of support in the amount of \$50,000. The funding would allow the completion of additional content to the library, including the County Wellness content, and continue to have it available FREE to anyone and everyone in Randolph County.

Chairman Frye asked about upkeep on The Business Gym. Ms. Brown said that there are subscription fees annually.

Commissioner Allen questioned how long would this platform be viable. Ms. Brown estimated that it would be useful for at least five years. Commissioner Allen wanted to see a broader range of users from within the county. Ms. Brown said she agreed and wanted to speak to people in areas that have used it less.

Chairman Frye asked if the City of Asheboro was participating in The Business Gym. Ms. Brown said they fund other initiatives for the Chamber and she had not asked them to fund this project.

Chairman Frye stated that Venture/Asheboro is on the agenda for the February meeting. The grant Dr. Thill is speaking about when Commissioner Haywood and I met with him, overlaps with The Business Gym goals.

Commissioner Haywood said the Board wanted all small businesses in the County to succeed and thrive.

On motion by Kidd, seconded by McDowell, the Board voted 5-0 to table the request to fund the Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce Business Gym until the February meeting.

Randolph Heritage Conservancy, Inc.

Mac Whatley, Randolph Heritage Conservancy, Inc. President, gave a history of the creation of the North Carolina Textile Museum. He provided details of demolition and reconstruction that had occurred.

Moving forward, the Textile Museum project will need \$152,265 for design, an environmental impact study, lighting and security work, plumbing and utility work, and roof demolition and reconstruction. The above estimate addresses the following items:

1. Structural Masonry repairs (largely complete)
2. Roof repairs to the Cedar Falls mill (Completed in December 2022)
3. Architectural and Engineering studies by Hobbs Architects in Pittsboro

4. Permanent electrical service at Cedar Falls and Franklinville
5. Sprinkler service at Cedar Falls and Franklinville

Mr. Whatley said the Conservancy is currently involved in a variety of private fundraising activities to address all remaining needs. They will be seeking at least \$2 million from the next legislature, with the goal of handing over the facility to the state Department of Natural and Cultural Resources by the 2025-27 biennium.

Mr. Whatley asked the Board to consider funding the capital projects outlined in the amount of \$152,265.

Commissioner Allen said that funding by Randolph County would leverage more money from the State.

Commissioner Kidd stated how important this museum would be to Franklinville and Randolph County.

On motion of Allen, seconded by Kidd, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the request to fund the Randolph Heritage Conservancy Museum Project in the amount of \$152,265 and approve the associated Budget Amendment, as follows:

2022-2023 Budget Ordinance General Fund—Budget Amendment #53		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
<i>Transfer from Well-Being Reserve</i>	\$152,265	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
<i>Other Cultural and Recreational Appropriations</i>	\$152,265	

Trinity Museum

Chairman Frye stated that the Trinity Museum had been asking for money for a long time to make some needed repairs to the structure.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Kidd, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the funding for the Trinity Museum in the amount of \$25,000 and approve the associated Budget Amendment, as follows:

2022-2023 Budget Ordinance General Fund—Budget Amendment #54		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
<i>Transfer from Well-Being Reserve</i>	\$25,000	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
<i>Other Cultural and Recreational Appropriations</i>	\$25,000	

Sheriff's Office Vehicles

Major Stephen Nunn said the Sheriff's Office wishes to purchase three (3) 2023 Chrysler 300 Touring edition vehicles through the CSA Procurement Program. The North Carolina Sheriff's Association's Procurement Program helps to eliminate duplication of effort through the creation of one statewide bid that can be used by all 100 sheriff's offices in North Carolina, as well as units of local governments and political subdivisions including, but not limited to, county, local county board of public instruction, municipalities and/or police agencies.

Ilderton Dodge was awarded the bid for the 2022-2023 fiscal year – 22-09-0913R.

He stated that the Sheriff's Office also wishes to purchase six (6) 2023 Ford 150 pickup trucks through the North Carolina Statewide Vehicle Contract.

The Division of Purchase and Contract governs procurement for State agencies, community colleges, universities and some local government entities, ensuring that the State acquires the goods and services it needs to operate at costs which are fair and effective uses of taxpayer dollars.

Performance Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram was awarded the bid under the North Carolina Statewide Vehicle Contract #2021-00002.

The total purchase price for six (6) Ford F-150s and three (3) Chrysler 300s comes to \$416,501. Funding for these purchases were included in the Sheriff's 2022-2023 budget. Major Nunn asked that the Board approve the purchase.

Commissioner Allen confirmed that all vehicles will be fully equipped. Major Nunn said yes.

On motion of Kidd, seconded by Haywood, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the purchase of 6 Ford F-150s and 3 Chrysler 300s for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$416,501.

Sheriff's Office Parking Lot Paving

Mr. Arthurs, County Engineer, said last year, the Sheriff's Office reached out to look into making some improvements to their Fleet Maintenance Garage parking lot. It has always been gravel and has required regular maintenance. Additionally, there have been ongoing issues with poor drainage and standing water. To correct these issues, a Request for Bids was sent out for pricing to grade and pave this area and to provide for site drainage. The low bid received was from Smith and Allen, LLC for \$161,450. Not long after this, the project was postponed and the contract was never presented for approval. Recently, the Sheriff's Office was ready to proceed with the work; however, Smith and Allen is no longer in business. Mr. Arthurs said from previous discussions, he knew that the entire job was to be subbed out to DBM Construction. The owner, Brian Moody, was contacted and a proposal for the paving and drainage work as well as an additional 20-foot extension along the east side of the building was sent to him. Because the project was no longer being marked up by another contractor, DBM proposed to do the work at the same price as Smith and Allen, LLC. DBM Construction has been in business for many years and has performed other asphalt paving work for the County.

Commissioner McDowell confirmed that the flooding issues would be corrected. Mr. Arthurs said that was the purpose for the paving.

Commissioner Allen said he investigated the area for the lot. He noticed the lower lot had standing water.

Commissioner Kidd commented that this would stop the problems that will continue to occur until paving is done.

On motion of Allen, seconded by Haywood, the Board voted 5-0 to award a contract to DBM Construction, LLC. in the amount of \$161,450 for the paving of the Sheriff's Office Fleet Maintenance Garage parking lot and authorize the County Manager to sign the contract.

Duke Endowment Grant

Tara Akers, Public Health Director, said in 2021, the Duke Endowment approved a grant to Randolph County in the amount of \$375,000 to support the expansion of a comprehensive school based oral health program. When the County applied for this grant, it was the intent of the Public Health to use these funds and develop this program in-house. The Public Health dentist left and a replacement was not found. At the December meeting, the partnership between Randolph County Public Health and Kintegra Family Dentistry was explained. Kintegra assumes all responsibility for the provision of dental services.

As part of this partnership, Kintegra will provide school based dental services. Since the County is not providing these services directly, a subcontract of the Duke Endowment to Kintegra is necessary. These funds are dedicated to the provision of the school based dental service program. If they are not used for this purpose, the funds would need to be returned to the Duke Endowment. Duke Endowment staff are aware of the County's new relationship with Kintegra Family Dentistry and have indicated that these funds may still be used in Randolph County if the County subcontracts the grant agreement to Kintegra.

On motion of McDowell, seconded by Haywood, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the subcontract of the Duke Endowment Grant funds to Kintegra Family Dentistry to be used for the provision of school based oral health services in Randolph County and authorize the Chairman to sign related documents.

County Growth Management Plan

County Manager Hal Johnson said, as Randolph County entered the 21st century, the public process of accommodating new growth while preserving the county's rural resources and natural heritage became more difficult. As a result, in 2000, the Board of County Commissioners asked that a Growth Management Plan be developed that would provide guidance as evaluations and decisions were made on rezoning and growth-related issues. In 2002, the County Commissioners adopted Randolph County's first Growth Management Plan. This Plan prepared broad policy statements that would, when combined with designated Growth Management Areas (Primary, Secondary, and Rural Growth), form an overall growth management policy for Randolph County.

In 2009, high density residential subdivisions interspersed with rural industrial and commercial development continued to impact the rural community and challenged Randolph County's ability to manage growth. As a result, the Board of Commissioners approved revisions to the Growth

Management Plan that provided flexibility to County boards and agencies enabling them to adapt to the practical requirements often necessary for rural economic development. The Plan focused on the physical growth and development of Randolph County but also addressed quality of life issues such as the preservation of our heritage assets in an increasingly fragile rural environment.

The foundation of Randolph County's Growth Management Plan is to recognize that sustainable economic growth, environmental protection, and rural quality of life can be pursued together as mutually supporting growth management and public policy goals. One does not necessarily exclude the other.

The location and construction of Toyota Battery at the Greensboro/Randolph Megasite and the pending development of the Chatham County Advanced Manufacturing (CAM) Site, will have growth impacts on Randolph County never before envisioned. The availability of Federal/State Recovery Funds strengthens the County's ability to impact future infrastructure (water/sewer) development. As a result, a comprehensive update of the existing Randolph County Growth Management Plan should be implemented. The initial scope of the update should focus on the northeast portion of Randolph County.

Mr. Johnson requested that the Board of Commissioners approve a Scope of Services contract with the Piedmont Triad Regional Council (PTRC) in the amount of \$58,500. The duration of the contract is anticipated from January 2023 until August 2023. The Scope of Services as outlined in the contract include, as follows:

1. Report Development (economic factors, growth patterns/trends, jurisdictional plans, review & update growth areas, growth impacts, mapping, policy & goals)
2. Public Involvement & Consensus Building
3. Committee Meetings
4. Public Meetings including Municipal Meetings

A Growth Management Plan Steering Committee and related Subcommittees, shall be appointed by the County Manager.

Commissioner McDowell stated that the Growth Management Plan was essential to the rulings of the Planning Board.

On motion of McDowell, seconded by Allen, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the contract with the Piedmont Triad Regional Council (PTRC) for updating the Randolph County Growth Management Plan in the amount of \$58,500 and approve the associated Budget Amendment, as follows:

2022-2023 Budget Ordinance		
General Fund—Budget Amendment #55		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
<i>Investment Income</i>	<i>\$58,500</i>	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
<i>Planning and Zoning</i>	<i>\$58,500</i>	

Classification Plan Updates

County Manager Hal Johnson said due to growth and development throughout the County and increases in requests for services, departments are faced with the challenge of having sufficient staff to provide critical services. Positive changes were made during the 2022 – 2023 budget process to add a number of positions requested by departments. However, because there was uncertainty about economic trends, it was not possible to approve all position requests.

While it is not possible to fund all of the position requests that were previously requested but not approved during the budget process, Mr. Johnson asked the Board to consider several requests for new positions, as well as position reclassifications, that will allow departments the ability to provide necessary services more efficiently. Fortunately, investment income has been greater than anticipated for the first half of the 2023 fiscal year and can cover the additional costs for the new positions. The costs of reclassifications are being absorbed by existing departmental budgets.

The following positions are being added to the Classification Plan

- Accounting Clerk Supervisor, Grade 115
- Administration Paralegal, Grade 115
- Assistant County Manager, Grade 131
- Inspections Permitting Technician, Grade 114
- Morgue Manager, Grade E214
- JDRC Program Manager, Grade 120
- Planning Information Specialist, Grade 117
- Public Information Officer, Grade 123
- Zoning Permitting Technician, Grade 114
- Property Development Technician, Grade 114, is being removed.

The following are the reclassification requests:

- Benefits Coordinator, Grade 117 to Assistant Human Resources Director, Grade 120
- Media Communications Specialist, Grade 118 to Public Information Officer, Grade 123
- Property Development Technician, Grade 114 to Planning Information Specialist, Grade 117
- Public Health Strategist, Grade 122 to Environmental Health Director, Grade 123
- Dental Position N/A Environmental Health Specialist, Grade 117
- Dental Position N/A Foreign Language Interpreter I, Grade 111
- Dental Position N/A Accounting Clerk Supervisor, Grade 115
- Deputy Sheriff Corporal, Grade 167 to Deputy Sheriff Lieutenant, Grade 171
- Deputy Sheriff Sergeant, Grade 167 to Deputy Sheriff Detective Sergeant, Grade 168
- Deputy Sheriff, Grade 164 to Deputy Sheriff Detective, Grade 167

Commissioner Allen stated that these additions and changes would make the 2023-24 budget more challenging.

On motion of Allen, seconded by McDowell, the Board voted 5-0 to approve 1) the requested new positions and position reclassifications, 2) the associated changes to the 2022 – 23 Randolph County Classification Plan, and 3) the associated Budget Amendment in the amount of \$355,307 as proposed by the County Manager, as follows:

2022-2023 Budget Ordinance General Fund—Budget Amendment #56		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
<i>Investment Income</i>	\$355,307	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
<i>Administration</i>	\$85,387	
<i>Building Inspections</i>	\$26,707	
<i>Social Services</i>	\$27,826	
<i>Juvenile DRC</i>	\$34,319	
<i>Public Buildings</i>	\$26,707	
<i>Planning & Zoning</i>	\$27,826	
<i>Emergency Services</i>	\$126,535	

I-74 Sewer Line Grant

Will Massie, Assistant County Manager/Finance Officer, said the redesign of the I-74 sewer connection to Randleman instead of Asheboro is underway and the estimated costs for the shorter route are lower than those originally budgeted. Please approve the following budget amendments to reduce the expected ARPA funding for this project.

On motion of Allen, seconded by Haywood, approve the following Budget Amendments to reduce the expected ARPA funding for the I-74 Sewer Line, as follows:

Coronavirus Recovery Fund Project Amendment #11		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
<i>Transfer to I-74 Industrial Center Sewer Capital Project</i>		\$2,000,000
<i>Contingency</i>	\$2,000,000	

I-74 Industrial Center Sewer Capital Project Ordinance Amendment #1		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
<i>Transfer from Coronavirus Recovery Fund</i>		\$2,000,000
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
<i>Construction</i>		\$2,000,000

On motion by Haywood, seconded by Allen, to 1) accept the revised Commerce IDF grant in the amount of \$800,000 and Golden LEAF grant in the amount of \$1,000,000, 2) authorize the Chairman to sign related documents, and 3) approve the associated Project and Budget Amendments, as follows:

Randolph I-74 Industrial Center Sewer Capital Project Fund Amendment #2		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
State Grant-Commerce IDF		\$200,000
Golden LEAF Grant	\$1,000,000	
Transfer from Coronavirus Recovery Fund		\$800,000
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease

Coronavirus Recovery Fund Project Amendment #12		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
Transfer to I-74 Industrial Center Sewer Capital Project		\$800,000
Contingency	\$800,000	

Building Inspections Budget Amendment

Will Massie, Assistant County Manager/Finance Officer, stated that per the performance-based incentive agreement with Toyota Battery Manufacturing, any building inspection permits are refundable once a year. For the 2022 calendar year, Toyota initiated construction on three buildings. The total permits assessed on these buildings in this fiscal year were approximately \$200,000. These fees were not included as part of the normal budget estimates, since they were not available.

On motion of Kidd, seconded by McDowell, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Budget Amendment for Building Inspections in the amount of \$200,000, as follows:

2022-2023 Budget Ordinance General Fund—Budget Amendment #57		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
Permits and Fees	\$200,000	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
Building Inspections	\$200,000	

Building Reuse Grants

Will Massie, Assistant County Manager/Finance Officer, said on February 7, 2022, following a Public Hearing, the Board of Commissioners approved the Building Reuse Application for Kraftsman Trailers. The Dept. of Commerce approved this project on April 21. The grant will be a \$140,000 pass through to the company, with 20 new jobs required.

He also stated that on December 5, 2022, following a Public Hearing, the Board of Commissioners approved the Building Reuse Application for Mid-State Trailers. The Dept. of Commerce approved this project on December 8. The grant will be a \$100,000 pass through to the company, with 19 new jobs required.

On motion of McDowell, seconded by Allen, the Board voted 5-0 to 1) accept the Building Reuse Grants for Kraftsman Trailers and Mid-State Trailers, 2) authorize the Chairman to sign any documentation, and 3) approve the associated Budget Amendment, as follows:

2022-2023 Budget Ordinance		
General Fund—Budget Amendment #58		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
<i>Restricted Intergovernmental</i>	\$240,000	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
<i>Other Economic and Physical Development</i>	\$240,000	

County Manager's Update

County Manager Hal Johnson had no updates.

Commissioner Updates

Chairman Frye said that the Piedmont Triad Regional Council had repaired or refurbished seventeen homes in Randolph County for a total of over \$577,000 through a Home Care Block Grant from 2019.

Adjournment

At 9:11 pm on motion of Allen, seconded by Kidd, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn.

Darrell Frye, Chairman

David Allen

Kenny Kidd

Maxton McDowell

Hope Haywood

Dana Crisco, Clerk to the Board

January 9, 2023 — Special Joint Meeting with the Randolph County Board of Education

The Randolph County Board of Commissioners met in special joint session with the Randolph County Board of Education at 4:30 p.m. in the Randolph County Schools Central Services Board Room, 2222 S. Fayetteville Street, Asheboro. Chairman Darrell Frye, Vice-Chairman David Allen, Commissioners Hope Haywood, Kenny Kidd, and Maxton McDowell were present. Also present were County Manager Hal Johnson, Assistant County Manager/Finance Officer Will Massie, Associate County Attorney Aimee Scotton and Clerk to the Board Dana Crisco. Members of the Randolph County Schools System present were Superintendent Dr. Stephen Gainey, Board of Education members Gary Cook, Tracy Boyles, Fred Burgess, Sharon Petty Farlow, Mike Sink, Phillip Lanier, and Shannon Whitaker, Finance Officer Todd Lowe, and Executive Assistant to the Superintendent Beverly Fowler.

Superintendent Dr. Stephen Gainey welcomed the Commissioners and Chairman Frye called the meeting to order for the County.

Dr. Gainey introduced School Board members and County School System leadership staff.

Dr. Gainey gave an update on their accomplishments after nine years into their nine-year facilities plan and thanked the Commissioners for making their needs a “team” effort. He gave an update on funding and discussed some of their 2023-2024 fiscal year (FY) budget requests.

Dr. Gainey said the projected continuation costs are \$711,000 for the 2023-2024 FY. He stated this would cover the everyday expenses including matching insurance and retirement increases, and the effects of charter school growth. He explained the financial impact of charter school enrollment on funding from the state. He asked for \$173,000 for local employee salary increases and \$114,000 for additional school resource officers.

For capital outlay, Dr. Gainey stated that they would not be asking for any money for the “Nine-Year Facility Upgrade/Repair Plan.”

Dr. Gainey thanked the Commissioners for their continued support of Randolph County Schools.

Adjournment

At 6:02 p.m., on motion of Allen, seconded by McDowell, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn.

Darrell Frye, Chairman

David Allen

Kenny Kidd

Maxton McDowell

Hope Haywood

Dana Crisco, Clerk to the Board

January 10, 2023
Special Joint Meeting with the City of Archdale – Project Superman

The Randolph County Board of Commissioners met in a special joint session with the City of Archdale City Council at Archdale City Hall, 307 Balfour Dr., Archdale, during their regular meeting starting at 4:00 p.m. Chairman Darrell Frye, Vice-Chairman David Allen, and Commissioners Kenny Kidd, Maxton McDowell, and Hope Haywood were present. Also present were County Manager Hal Johnson, Assistant County Manager/Finance Officer Will Massie, Associate County Aimee Scotton, and Clerk to the Board Dana Crisco. Present for the Archdale City Council were Chairman Lewis Dorsett, Council Members Roger Blackwell, Tim Williams, Larry Warlick, Trey Gray, John Glass, City Manager Zeb Holden, City Attorney Beth Koonce, and Clerk to the Council Susan Swaim. Present from Randolph County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) were President Kevin Franklin and Business Recruitment Director Crystal Gettys.

At 4:01 p.m., Chairman Frye called the meeting to order for the County.

At 4:03 p.m., on motion of Allen, seconded by Kidd, the Board voted 5-0 to go into Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of business in the area served by these bodies including possible Economic Development incentive offerings.

At 4:40 p.m., the Board returned to Regular Session.

At 4:41 p.m., on motion of Allen, seconded by Kidd, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn.

Darrell Frye, Chairman

David Allen

Kenny Kidd

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Dana Crisco, Clerk to the Board

Randolph County Finance

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Memo

To: Randolph County Board of Commissioners
From: Michael McKenzie, Reporting Specialist
Date: January 9, 2023
Re: Budget Amendment – Juvenile Day Reporting Center

The Juvenile Day Reporting Center (JDRC) has received a grant from Truliant Federal Credit Union for the BRICKS program (summer camp) for 2022-2023. This grant will help support youth involved in the STEP program and does not require a local match.

Please make the following budget amendment to the General Fund:

2022-2023 Budget Ordinance

General Fund

Budget amendment #_____

Revenues	Increase	Decrease
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 1,500	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
Juvenile Day Reporting Center	\$ 1,500	

Randolph County Public Health

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Memo – Budget Amendment

To: Randolph County Board of Commissioners

From: Tara Aker, Health Director

Date: 01/09/2023

Re: Budget Amendment – Public Health

Randolph County Public Health has been awarded \$19,000.00 from the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) FDA Retail Flexible Funding Model Grant Program. Funding will be used to take data generated over the past 4 years of data collections to create targeted intervention strategies, and/or educational efforts, that can train foodservice operators and their employees on how to minimize the occurrence of the most frequently out of compliance risk factors. Once complete, this will be disseminated to our foodservice facilities to aid them in putting forth an even safer food product for the people of Randolph County.

Please make the following budget amendment to the General Fund:

2022-23 Budget Ordinance

General Fund

Budget amendment #_____

Revenues	Increase	Decrease
Restricted Intergovernmental	\$19,000	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
Public Health	\$19,000	



RANDOLPH COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Memorandum

January 11, 2023

TO: Randolph County Board of Commissioners
FROM: Ross Holt, Library Director
RE: Budget Amendment – Acme-McCrary and Sapona Foundation gift

Although the Acme-McCrary and Sapona Foundation's five-year gift that helped fund the Mobile Library was completed last year, the Foundation has continued its support of the project this year with a \$2,000 gift for vehicle maintenance and fuel.

We respectfully request that you approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$2,000 to accept the Foundation funding.

Thank you.

2022-2023 Budget Ordinance

General Fund

Budget amendment # _____

Revenues	Increase	Decrease
Miscellaneous	\$2,000	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
Library Support	\$2,000	



TO: Dana S. Crisco, Clerk to Randolph County BOC
FROM: Trevor L. Nuttall, Community Development Director 
DATE: 1-9-23
RE: Reappointment of David Henderson to City Planning Board

Please present for consideration by the Board of Commissioners the re-appointment of Mr. David Henderson to the City of Asheboro Planning Board as an extra-territorial jurisdiction representative. Mr. Henderson has stated his interest in continuing to serve and has consistently shown himself to be a dedicated and thoughtful member of the Board; the city council supports his re-appointment to a five-year term.



January 9, 2023

Ms. Dana Crisco
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners
Randolph County
725 McDowell Rd.
Asheboro, NC 27205

Dear Ms. Crisco,

This letter is to request the reappointment of Ms. Sancia Coble to the Randolph County Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee. She is a true asset to the committee and is willing to continue to serve.

Your assistance in bringing this matter to the Board of County Commissioners is appreciated. If you have any questions please contact me at (336) 904-0300. Thank you for all of your help.

Sincerely,

Ashley Marcolivio

Ashley Marcolivio
Long-Term Care Ombudsman



RANDOLPH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

GREGORY J. SEABOLT

727 McDowell Road
Asheboro, North Carolina 27205
Phone: 336.318.6699 Fax: 336.318.6618

Date: January 18, 2023

To: Hal Johnson, County Manager

From: Sheriff Greg Seabolt

Re: Disposition of Retired Service Animals – K9 Officers Ripley and Taz

This is a request for the Randolph County Board of Commissioners to declare that K9 (canine) Officers "Ripley" and "Taz" of the Sheriff's Office are no longer fit or needed for public service and for ownership of Ripley and Taz to be transferred to their respective handlers for the purchase price of one dollar (\$1.00) each. Their handlers have agreed to accept ownership, care, and custody.

Canine Ripley, now almost five years old, was purchased from High Point Solutions in 2019 at one year old. Ripley was a single purpose narcotics detection canine assigned to the Vice/Narcotics Unit.

Canine Taz, now almost six years old, was also purchased from High Point Solutions in 2020 at three years old. Taz is a multi-purpose patrol canine (narcotics detection, tracking, apprehension, and article searching).

Please approve the following:

1. Declare Ripley and Taz no longer fit or needed for public service.
2. Grant permission for the handlers to adopt their K9 from Randolph County for the purchase price of one dollar (\$1.00).

§ 20-187.4. Disposition of retired *service animals*

- (a) Upon determination that any ***service animal*** is no longer fit or needed for public ***service***, the State or unit of local government may transfer ownership of the ***animal*** at a price determined by the State or unit of local government and upon any other terms and conditions as the State or unit of local government deems appropriate, to any of the following individuals, if that individual agrees to accept ownership, care, and custody of the ***service animal***:
- (1) The officer or employee who had normal custody and control of the ***service animal*** during the ***service animal's*** public ***service*** to the State or unit of local government.
 - (2) A surviving spouse, or in the event such officer or employee dies unsurvived by a spouse, surviving children of the officer or employee killed in the line of duty who had normal custody and control of the ***service animal*** during the ***service animal's*** public ***service*** to the State or unit of local government.
 - (3) An organization or program dedicated to the assistance or support of ***service animals*** retired from public ***service***.
- (b) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:
- (1) "***Service animal***." -- Any horse, dog, or other ***animal*** owned by the State or a unit of local government that performs law enforcement, public safety, or emergency ***service*** functions.
 - (2) "Unit of local government." -- As defined in [G.S. 159-7\(b\)\(15\)](#).



RANDOLPH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Memorandum

Date: January 18, 2023

TO: Randolph County Board of Commissioners
FROM: Ralph Hardison, Chairman, Randolph County Public Library Board of Trustees
Ross Holt, Library Director
RE: Trustee appointment request – Betty Jo Armfield

We respectfully request that you appoint of Betty Jo Armfield of Ramseur to the Randolph County Public Library Board of Trustees for a six-year term beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2028.

Mrs. Armfield will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Carol Lowe after 31 years' service when Mrs. Lowe's term expired on June 30, 2022.

Mrs. Armfield is a retired educator, advocate for people with special needs, a leader in her church and community, and an avid reader and library patron. Her appointment will fill a geographic gap, as the board has not had representation from the Ramseur area for several years.

Her application for Randolph County Boards and Commissions accompanies this memo.

Thank you.



Application for Randolph County Boards/Commissions

If you reside in Randolph County and are willing to volunteer your time and knowledge to your community and wish to serve on a board or commission, please complete and submit this form.

Full Name(called name): Betty Jo Armfield

Address: 6098 Burgess Farm Dr. Ramseur, NC 27316

Telephone: (M) 336-963-2792 (H) — (W) — (please * preferred #)

E-mail: bjarm7684@aol.com Date of Birth: 5-22-1953

Place of Employment/Address: Retired, Randolph Co. Schools

Have you ever served on a Randolph County volunteer board before? Yes — No ☒ If yes, what Board?

How long have you been a resident of Randolph County? 49 years

If you live within an incorporated city in Randolph County, please note: NA

Please list any professional associations with which you may be affiliated:
NC Beta Nu Chapter, Alpha Delta Kappa

Is there a particular board or commission on which you wish to serve? Randolph Co. Public Library

Depending on particular board, the frequency of meetings and the meeting times vary. Do you have any limitations for attending meetings? None

Why do you wish to be a member of a Committee, Commission or Board? Libraries have been a part of American culture since the 1800's. They offer citizens free access to a wide range of materials and resources. As a retired educator, I am deeply invested and interested in advocating for the many services available through our library system.

I certify the answers I have made to each and all the foregoing questions are true to the best of my knowledge and belief:

1-17-23
Date

Betty Jo Armfield
Signature of Applicant

Do you object to the County Manager's Office obtaining your criminal background history? Yes — No ☒

RETURN TO: Randolph County Manager's Office; 725 McDowell Rd.; Asheboro, NC 27205

Please note all application materials submitted will become public record once submitted and may be disclosed under the NC Public Records Law.

Randolph County Administration



Memo

To: Randolph County Board of Commissioners

From: Will Massie, Assistant County Manager / Finance Officer

Date: 2/1/2023

Re: Project Amendment – I-74 Industrial Center Sewer Project

A multi-year capital project fund has already been established to account for I-74 Industrial Center Sewer extension costs, separate from the General Fund.

The redesign of the sewer connection to Randleman instead of Asheboro will require additional services, increasing the cost of the engineering contract.

To update the budget for the Capital Project, please approve the following project amendment:

Randolph I-74 Industrial Center Sewer Capital Project Fund

Amendment #3

Revenues	Increase	Decrease
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
Professional Services	\$93,100	
Construction		\$93,100

Memorandum

Date: February 1, 2023
To: Randolph County Board of Commissioners
From: Kenny Sherin, County Extension Director
RE: Request for Reappointment of Voluntary Agricultural District Board Members

The board terms of Randolph County Voluntary Agriculture District board members Bobby Allen, Ken Austin, Bernard Beck, and Wilburt Hancock are expiring in February 2023.

All but Wilburt Hancock, have expressed a desire and willingness to serve another term. We are seeking an additional member to fill the seat left open by Wilbur Hancock but have not been successful yet. We will bring forth an name in a future meeting for your consideration.

Therefore, we ask for the approval of Bobby Allen, Ken Austin, and Bernard Beck to serve another term.



Memo

To: TDA Board of Directors
From: Will Massie, Finance Officer
CC: Amber M. Skeen, Clerk to the Board
Date: 01/25/2023
Re: FY 2022/23 – Budget Amendment #2023-08

The original FY23 budget was adopted with a very conservative estimate for occupancy tax distributions. Based on tax collections through November occupancy of over \$600,000, we should see an increase in the current year. This Budget Amendment requests to increase the original 2022-23 Fiscal Year Budget for occupancy taxes from \$800,000 to \$1,000,000. Total actual collections in the 2021-22 fiscal year were \$1,269,356.45.

This Budget Amendment will allow the TDA to increase the budget in Personnel Costs, Operating Costs, and Marketing Costs to help with needed expenses, especially as the TDA rehires personnel.

Please approve Budget Amendment #2023-08 for the Fiscal Year 2022-23 to record the increase in the 2022-23 Fiscal Year Budget.

Revenue	Increase	Decrease
Occupancy Tax Distributions	\$200,000	
Expenditures	Increase	Decrease
Personnel Cost	\$75,000	
Operating Cost	\$14,500	
Marketing Cost	\$110,500	

This Budget amendment was approved by the Tourism Board of Directors on January 25, 2023.

Randolph County Public Health

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Memo – Budget Amendment

To: Randolph County Board of Commissioners

From: Tara Aker, Health Director

Date: 01/24/2023

Re: Budget Amendment – Public Health

Randolph County Public Health has been awarded \$40,000.00 through the Region 5 ARPA Public Health Workforce Agreement Addendum led by Guilford County Public Health. Funding will be used to establish, expand, train, and sustain the county's public health workforce to support jurisdictional COVID-19 prevention, preparedness, response and recovery initiatives. A goal of the funding is to assist with recruitment, retention and training of the public health workforce.

Please make the following budget amendment to the General Fund:

2022-23 Budget Ordinance

General Fund

Budget amendment #_____

Revenues	Increase	Decrease
Restricted Intergovernmental	\$40,000	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
Public Health	\$40,000	

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To: Randolph County Board of Commissioners

From: Tara Aker, Health Director

Date: January 24, 2023

Re: Appoint Cyrena Welch to the Child Fatality Prevention Team

Please appoint Cyrena Welch of Randolph Health to the Randolph County Child Fatality Prevention Team. Cyrena will be able to provide an important perspective when reviewing cases where children have died. She will replace Amy Allen who is unable to continue serving as a member of the team.

Thank you.

Randolph County Administration



Memo

To: Randolph County Board of Commissioners

From: Will Massie, Assistant County Manager / Finance Officer

Date: 2/1/2023

Re: Consideration of 2023 Audit Contract

Federal and state laws require a local government's annual audit to encompass testing of both financial statements and legal compliance, thus making it a specialized service. The County has historically maintained a lasting relationship with its independent audit firm, resulting in better service and a more efficient audit. Last year, we selected Cherry Bekaert for another three-year period.

The proposed base audit fee for the County's 2023 fiscal year is \$100,200, plus another \$5,500 for the audit of the Tourism Development Authority. These are the fees listed as 2023 estimates in last year's bid package, and are a 4.9% increase. To meet requirements for a federal and state Single Audit, there are contingent fees if they must audit more than seven major programs (\$5,000 for each additional program).

We recommend the Board of Commissioners authorize the Chairman to sign the contract with Cherry Bekaert LLP for the audit of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.



Randolph County

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Office of the Chief

TO: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FROM: DONOVAN DAVIS, EMERGENCY SERVICES CHIEF

DATE: FEBRUARY 6, 2023

RE: BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR ES CANCER CENTER DONATION

The employees of Emergency Services bring awareness to the issues surrounding cancer by having a t-shirt fundraiser. Each year, Cpl. Paramedic Tracee Marsh designs the t-shirts and heads-up the fundraiser. Our employees purchase the t-shirts and wear them on-duty during the month of October. We also sell the t-shirts to the public and other public-safety agencies.

Our most recent fundraisers have generated \$12,366.64. This money will be donated to the Randolph Cancer Center. The money will be deposited into their *patient assistance fund* that directly helps patients obtain services, medications, and equipment.

Because this was a Randolph County employee fundraiser, the check to the Cancer Center will be generated by Randolph County. To correctly reflect this in the general ledger, we need a budget amendment to increase revenues and expenditures that reflects the donations collected and the contribution to the Cancer Center.

I ask that you please approve the following budget amendment # ____.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

General Fund Ordinance	
Revenue	Increase
Miscellaneous	\$12,367
Expenditures	Increase
Emergency Services	\$12,367



RANDOLPH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF GREGORY J. SEABOLT

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Detective Lt. Michael Blackwell to Retire October 31st – 30 Years of Service



Detective Lieutenant Michael Blackwell began his law enforcement career by attending Basic Law Enforcement Training (B.L.E.T.) at the Randolph County Community College, graduating in March of 1992. Upon graduating from B.L.E.T., Michael Blackwell was sworn in as a Reserve Deputy with the Randolph County Sheriff's Office.

He was hired full time on October 16th, 1992, and assigned to the Civil Division as a Bailiff where he worked for three years until being transferred to the Road Division where he served civil process papers throughout the county.

After spending multiple years in the Civil Division, Mike was then transferred to the Breaking and Entering Task Force. This division focused on saturation patrols to detect and deter criminal activity as it involved property crimes in Randolph County. When necessary this division assisted the Criminal Investigations Division, Vice Narcotics Division and the Warrant Squad. While serving in the Breaking and Entering Task Force, Mike was promoted to Corporal, then Sergeant.

In 2010, Mike was promoted to the Criminal Investigative Division as a Detective Sergeant. In this role, Mike investigated property crimes, frauds and serious assaults to include homicides. In 2016, Michael was promoted to Detective Lieutenant where he assisted in an administrative role in the Criminal Investigative Division.

Through Mike's 30 years of service to the Randolph County Sheriff's Office, he also served in multiple volunteer roles within the agency. Mike was a member of the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team, also known as S.W.A.T., for 18 years. He was one of four original Deputies on the Motor Unit, which led parades, funerals and numerous other events in which a motorcycle squad was needed. Mike utilized this role to also volunteer for numerous D.A.R.E. events and assisted the School Resource Division. In 2005, Mike earned his Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate through the North Carolina Sheriff's Association Training and Standards.

We appreciate and congratulate Michael Blackwell on his successful 30 years of service to the citizens of Randolph County and his service to the Randolph County Office of the Sheriff.

"When keeping the job means more than doing the job, the mission is lost!"

Ruia Virginia “Gigi” Rogers

Retires from DSS – December 31, 2022

Gigi Rogers is celebrating her retirement from the Department of Social Services as of January 1, 2023, with a total of twenty-three years with the department.

Gigi is a 1980 graduate of Asheboro High School. Gigi started her career with Social Services on September 20, 1999 as an Income Maintenance Caseworker what was known as the Work First Family Assistance Section (Medicaid).

While an employee at DSS, Gigi has been a great asset. She has a positive attitude, treats people with respect, compassion, and understanding, and she maintains a high level of standards when completing her work. Gigi also adheres to policy guidelines and applies them to her cases.

Gigi has three children: Rose and husband Juan, Robbie, and Hannah and husband Emilio. Gigi has five grandchildren: Lillian, Eric, Vanessa, Jackeline, and Miranda and is looking forward to welcoming number six that is currently on the way! She is so happy for her daughter and son-in-law and cannot wait for the baby to arrive.

Gigi states that the best thing about working at Randolph County DSS is being able to make a difference in many people’s lives and of course..... making it to retirement!! The advice Gigi would like to leave behind is to take it one day at a time.

In retirement Gigi looks forward to spending more time with family and working on her house and yard. She hopes to spend as much time as she can at the beach and in the mountains.

Congratulations Gigi. You will be greatly missed. Best wishes for a very long and very happy retirement!



RANDOLPH COUNTY

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Proclamation

In Appreciation and Recognition of Pat Hurley

WHEREAS, Pat Hurley has made numerous important contributions to the citizens of North Carolina and, in particular, Randolph County, through her role as a community and county leader; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hurley served as a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives for nine terms from 2007-2023; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hurley has been an advocate for Randolph County on many critical issues; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure, Ms. Hurley has demonstrated her dedication to providing a better quality of life for all citizens by devoting countless hours serving on various boards and committees as well as state, regional, and local organizations; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hurley's kindness, positivity, and genuine concern for others shows in everything she does.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners that we, too, acknowledge the talents, knowledge, leadership, and dedication of Pat Hurley and the altruistic manner in which she has devoted herself to the service of her fellow citizens for a total of sixteen years. We take this opportunity to formally express our appreciation and give accolades to a woman who is a true servant in every sense of the word.

This the 6th day of February 2023.

Darrell Frye, Chairman
Randolph County Commissioners



RANDOLPH COUNTY

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Proclamation

In Appreciation and Recognition of Allen McNeill

WHEREAS, Allen McNeill has made numerous important contributions to the citizens of North Carolina and, in particular, Randolph County, through his role as a community and county leader; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McNeill served as a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives from 2013 until 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McNeill filled the unexpired term of Harold Brubaker on August 13, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McNeill has been an advocate for Randolph and Moore Counties on many critical issues; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Mr. McNeill has demonstrated his dedication to providing a better quality of life for all citizens by devoting countless hours serving on various boards, committees as well as state, regional, and local organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McNeill's kindness, positivity, and genuine concern for others makes him a friend to everyone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners that we, too, acknowledge the talents, knowledge, leadership, and dedication of Allen McNeill and the altruistic manner in which he has devoted himself to the service of his fellow citizens continually for the last ten years. We take this opportunity to formally express our appreciation and give accolades to a man who is a true servant in every sense of the word.

This the 6th day of February 2023.

Darrell Frye, Chairman
Randolph County Commissioners

**RANDOLPH COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS**

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Asheboro, North Carolina 27205

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Memo

To: Randolph County Board of Commissioners

From: Paxton Arthurs, County Engineer

Date: February 6, 2023

Re: Health Department Renovation Design and Authorization to Bid

At your July meeting last year, you awarded a contract to Smith Sinnett Architecture for the design of the Renovation to the Health Department facility located at the Ira McDowell Complex. This renovation involved reconstructing the Dental suite along with upgrades to several clinical and office spaces. The project also includes various alternates for pricing of upgrades to other ancillary spaces. That design is now complete. At your February Board meeting, Robert Carmac, who is a principal Architect with Smith Sinnett, will be attending to present the final design and to request authorization to bid the project. If after hearing the presentation, you would like to move forward with this project, I ask that you authorize County Staff to advertise the project for Bidding.

I will be available to answer any questions.

Thank you.



MEMORANDUM

To: Randolph County Board of Commissioners | Chairman Darrell Frye, Vice Chair David Allen, Commissioners Hope Haywood, Kenny Kidd, Maxton McDowell

CC: David Caughron, Chairman of Randolph County Tourism Development Authority

From: Amber Scarlett, Executive Director of Randolph County Tourism Development Authority

Subject: Summary of 2021 Annual Report on Tourism

Date: January 3, 2023

In reviewing the past year, it is important to restate our mission – to unify and lead the County in developing the Heart of North Carolina as a family-friendly, affordable, and strategically located destination serving the leisure and business travel, group tour, meetings, and sports and recreational tournament markets. We remain dedicated to making tourism work harder to positively impact our economy and the livelihood of our citizens who work in and benefit from tourism. The most important measures of our success are those that highlight the combined effort between the TDA, and our tourism destination partners and stakeholders. We were able to continue successes in 2021 with a level of dedication and determination for our organization's mission.

The intended purpose of an annual report is to provide accountability by looking back at the progress achieved and this report delivers a glimpse of the challenging work accomplished. A quick snapshot indicates the true, realistic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic within the tourism industry and Randolph County. We had an increase of 65% in visitor spending and our occupancy tax revenues increased by 25.2% in comparison to 2020.

The Randolph County Tourism Development Authority Annual Report includes details on the TDA's challenges and successes in 2021. We continue to work daily to set new strategic benchmarks for our future tourism marketing wins.

Tourism matters, in our nation, our state, our region, and in our county. I look forward to sharing highlights with you of the 2021 Annual Report.

Amber Scarlett, Executive Director | Randolph County Tourism Development Authority

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Annual Report 2021

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of North Carolina



Message from Executive Director- Amber Scarlett

2021 Successes and Outlook

The challenges of the past year and events in the most recent months have served as a reminder of the resiliency within the tourism industry. Our partners have been flexible in their business plans and remain dedicated to providing the most positive visitor experience with every interaction. Each community that has supported local business owners and jumped hurdles is what makes the spirit of the Heart of North Carolina in Randolph County so special.

Time and time again, visitors are attracted to our communities for the small-town charm, and they leave with lifelong memories. Randolph County, with its unique assets, – not found anywhere else in the world – has proven to be a destination for all ages and interest groups.

By providing inspirational marketing messages and signature customer service, we aim to have continued growth in visitation.

We invite you to join us as we maintain our focus on supporting tourism partners and stakeholders in the Heart of North Carolina in the years ahead.



Overview

The Randolph County Tourism Development Authority (Authority) is a public authority governed by the terms of special legislation granted by the N.C. General Assembly on July 28, 1997 as House Bill 337, An Act to Authorize Randolph County to Levy a Room Occupancy and Tourism Development Tax under the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act. The current tax rate is set at five percent.



Mission

The mission of the Authority is to unify and lead the County in developing the Heart of North Carolina as a family-friendly, affordable, and strategically located destination serving the leisure and business travel, group tour, meeting, and sports and recreational tournament markets.

Vision

With a strong commitment to professional advocacy, we pledge to be a consistent, supportive, and accountable partner in marketing Randolph County as a destination by offering partners and stakeholders and communities enhanced exposure to visitor market opportunities.

Economic Impact Numbers:

- \$90.90 tax relief to reach resident of Randolph County as a result of visitor spending
- State Tax Revenues: \$8.2 million
- Local Tax Revenues: \$5 million
- Total payroll generated by tourism industry in Randolph County: \$41.1 million
- More than 1,127 direct tourism jobs in our county

Visitor Spending:

INCREASE of 65% from 2020 – visitors spent \$172.06 million in 2021.

(This data is provided by an annual study commissioned by Visit North Carolina, a unit of Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina.)

Occupancy Tax Revenues:

- Occupancy collections increased 25.2% compared to 2020
- ADR (average daily rate) increased 12.4% from 2020
- RevPAR (revenue per available room) increased 45.4% from 2020
- Demand for hotel rooms increased 35.4% when compared to 2020
- Revenues increased 52.9% when compared to 2020 as a whole

*(*This report analyzes a variety of tourism indicators and comparisons to previous years where applicable. While virtually every chain in the United States provides Smith Travel Research (STR) with data on almost all properties, there are still some hotels that do not submit data. However, every year STR examines listings and directories for information on hotels that do not participate. STR calls each hotel in the database every year to obtain “published” rates for multiple categories. Based on this information all hotels are grouped – those that report data and those that do not – based off price level and geographic proximity. They then estimate the non-respondents based on nearby hotels with similar price levels.)*

Historical Growth in Revenues:

Overall tax revenue collections for 2021 were:

\$1,155,778.55 compared to 2020 revenues of: \$636,761.81; this is an 81.5% increase in revenues from 2020

*(*Occupancy tax revenues reports are provided by Will Massie, Ex-Officio, Finance Officer, Randolph County)*



Destination Data –

29 attractions surveyed:

- 2020 Attendance #'s – **507,685** | • 2021 Attendance #'s – **1,310,281** (158% increase from 2020)

Domestic Top States:

- North Carolina
- Florida
- South Carolina
- Ohio
- Virginia
- Pennsylvania
- Texas
- Georgia
- California
- New York

Domestic NC Metro:

- Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill
- Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point/Burlington
- Charlotte/Gastonia/Concord
- Wilmington/Southport
- Pinehurst/Southern Pines
- Asheville/Brevard

Requests from International Countries:

- Iran
- India
- Canada
- Germany
- Poland

Top Visitor Requests:

- Heart of NC – General Information
- Seagrove Pottery
- North Carolina Zoo
- History & Heritage
- Deep River State Trail
- Kersey Valley Attractions
- Petty Family Attractions
- Linbrook Heritage Estate
- High Point Furniture Market
- Victory Junction



I-73/74 Visitor Centers Statistics:

- **Greeted 60,381 visitors** for a 104% increase from 2020's 29,535 visitors greeted
- **Distribution of Heart of NC Travel Guides was 22,550** compared to 19,850 in 2020 (an increase of 14%)
- **Distribution of NCDOT Road Maps was 18,400** compared to 10,826 in 2020 (an increase of 70%)
- **Distribution of NC Travel Guides was 10,900** compared to 9,250 in 2020 (an increase of 18%)
- **Domestic Guest Registries for 2021 were 2,127** compared to 3,520 in 2020 (a decrease of 39%)
- **International Guest Registries for 2021 were zero** compared to 79 in 2020 (this was due to International Travel Bans that expired in November 2021; with COVID vaccination proof & recent negative COVID test)



Northbound Visitor Center



Southbound Visitor Center

Social Media Review & Website –



Facebook – Heart of NC:

- **New likes & follows – 813** (an increase of 1,494% increase from 2020's 51 NEW likes/follows)
- **Page visits – 6,027** (an increase of 1,765% increase from 2020's 323 page visits)
- **Page reach – 87,661** (an increase of 1,101% increase from 2020's 7,298-page reach)

Instagram – Heart of NC:

- **Profile visits – 2,938** (an increase of 996.3% increase from 2020's 268 profile visits)
- **Profile reach – 24,933** (an increase of 1,145% from 2020's 2,003 profile reach)

Facebook – Seagrove, Pottery Capital of the US:

- **New likes & follows – 219** (an increase of 606% from 2020's 31 NEW likes/follows)
- **Page visits – 1,161** (an increase of 548% from 2020's 179 page visits)
- **Page reach – 57,457** (an increase of 930% from 2020's 5,580-page reach)

Facebook – I-73/74 Visitor Centers:

- **New likes & follows – 27** (an increase of 170% from 2020's 10 NEW likes/follows)
- **Page visits – 526** (an increase of 1,778% from 2020's 28 page visits)
- **Page reach – 28,734** (an increase of 1,179% from 2020's 2,246-page reach)



Website Stats:

- **Unique Visitors in 2021 – 61,799**
a decrease of 16.5% from 2020's 74,014
- **Page Views in 2021 – 155,188**
a decrease of .32% from 2020's 155,680

Top 10 URLs:

- Cities & Towns – Asheboro
- Newsroom
- BLOG – Feel Your Heart Race, Why We Love Richard Petty
- Cities & Towns – Seagrove
- Cities & Towns – Archdale
- Travel Tools – About Randolph County
- Things To Do – Seagrove Pottery
- Cities & Towns – Randleman
- Cities & Towns – Liberty
- Cities & Towns – Ramseur

Links from External Pages:

- LibertyAntiquesFestival.com
- AsheboroNC.gov
- VisitNC.com
- NCZoo.org
- SeagrovePotteryMuseum.net
- RichardPettyMuseum.com
- Courier-Tribune.com
- Linktr.ee
- RandolphCountyNC.gov
- StarNewsOnline.com

Top 10 Key Phrases:

- Seagrove, NC
- Asheboro, NC
- Downtown Asheboro
- Asheboro Christmas Parade 2021
- Asheboro
- Seagrove Pottery
- Asheboro Fall Festival 2021
- Staley NC
- Randleman NC
- Heart of NC



Public Relations –

Estimated Total Coverage Views:

- Online - 323.4K
- Print – 304.K
- Social Shares of Media Stories – 23.03K
- Links back to HeartofNorthCarolina.com – 5
- Average Domain Authority – 49 out of 100 (this is a STRONG number; context – New York Times has D.A. of 88 with more than 300 million visits to their site.)
- TV Segments – 5 (in Charlotte, Raleigh, Durham regions)
- Online Placements – 6
- Podcast – 1, NC Tripping featured Millstone Creek Orchards
- Hosted Media
 - Jessica Laurel – Raleigh based influencer, hosted at North Carolina Zoo
 - Tara Lynn – WRAL online, hosted at North Carolina Zoo for family Snorin' Zoo Safari
 - Jason Barnette – Charleston based national blogger Road Trips & Coffee
 - Debbie Moose – Raleigh based national freelance writer
 - Bridgette Lacy – freelance writer
 - Christina Riley – Raleigh based NC blog NC Tripping
 - Vanessa Infanzon – Charlotte based national freelancer
 - Stephanie Burnette – Editor of Greenville (SC) At Home Magazine
 - Martha Steger – freelance writer for Richmond Magazine



DK Communications Group with NC Tripping, Vanessa Infanzon, and Tom Osteen at Linbrook Hall Christmas

Highlights: Media Coverage

- **STATE** - **WRAL online** featured TWO stories with a reach of more than 20K readers, Seagrove Pottery community and North Carolina Zoo | **Charlotte Parent** and **AAA Go** online stories, multiple partners
- **REGIONAL** - Continued visibility in Greenville, SC area with 'road trip' feature in **At Home Magazine** and **Talk Greenville**, Seagrove Pottery community | Cracked Richmond drive market with **Richmond Magazine**, Seagrove Pottery story
- **NATIONAL** – **Travel + Leisure** online story features Seagrove in a list of 'Best Small Towns in NC'

Highlights: Partners Covered by Media (social & content)

- **First time or notable coverage:**
 - **Tarheel Traveler** covered Pisgah Covered Bridge
 - **NC Tripping** covered holiday stories and featured Linbrook Hall in Trinity Christmas Events and Kersey Valley Christmas on TikTok
 - **Carolina Bronze** – CB East Opening
 - **Triad Moms on Main** included Piedmont Legacy Trails in their hiking round up with Randolph County trails mention
 - **Media training** for event organizers of Liberty Antiques Festival for a Triad TV segment
 - **Improved visibility** of the Randolph Arts Guild initiatives
- **Event Highlights:** DKCG participated in VisitNC Statewide Media Mission in October in Raleigh with a new pitch sheet including "highlights" of our area
- **Social Media Execution:** DKCG provided social media execution for all platforms through October 2021 and for Seagrove Pottery Facebook through November 2021
- **Creation of Consumer Focused Eblast Newsletters:** Two quarterly consumer focused newsletters from the Heart of NC
 - **July 2021** – "Cool Off in the Heart of NC" featuring 10 partners with 1,917 readers
 - **Fall 2021** – "Full on Fall" featuring 13 partners and events with 1,826 readers



Tarheel Traveler photojournalist at Jugtown Pottery

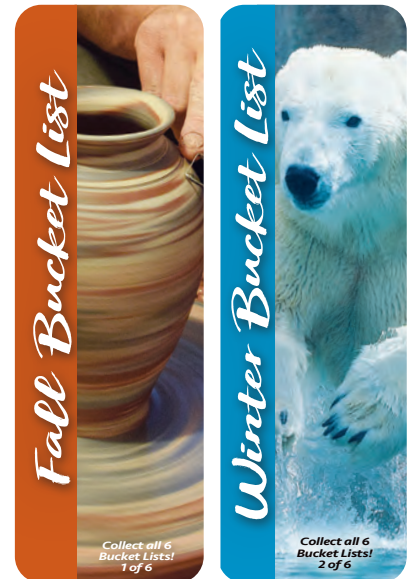
Visual Advertising –

Advertising Partners + Print & Digital:

- Chapel Hill Magazine
- Our State Magazine
- The Griffon
- Chatham Magazine
- Raleigh Magazine
- The Randolph Hub
- Durham Magazine
- The Courier-Tribune
- USA Today



Double Page Spread - Chatham Magazine



Bucket List Bookmarks



Full Page Ad - Chapel Hill & Durham Magazines



Weekly Ad - The Randolph Hub



Quarter Page Ad - The Griffon



Half Page Ad - Our State Magazine



Half Page Ad - Our State Magazine



Weekly Ad - The Courier-Tribune

Award Winners for 2021:



Hospitality Hero Award
- Vivian Hunt -
I-73/74 Visitor Center Staff Member



Mary Joan Pugh Excellence in Hospitality Award
- Dr. Frances Jones -
Friends of the Library

TDA Board of Directors:

- David Caughron, Chairman
- Rebecca Petty Moffitt, Vice Chairperson
- Luke Hollingsworth
- Leslie Brown
- Pam Brown
- Barbara Gallimore
- Ross Holt
- Shawn Patel
- Diane Villa

Meet Our Team:

- Amber Scarlett, Executive Director
- Amber Skeen, Director of Office Administration
- Melody Varner, Tourism Marketing Coordinator
- Doyle Craven, Visitor Services Coordinator
- Annette Cagle, Director of Visitor Services & Information
- Jerry Hayes, Tourism Information Coordinator
- Part-Time Travel Information Counselors:
Kenneth Broadway, JoAnne Higgins, Vivian Hunt, Matthew Jarrett,
Christy Kiser, Shelly LaCoss, Benita McNeill, and Carole Thorsen

Collaboration Team:

- Kenny Kidd, Liaison to the Board of County Commissioners
- Will Massie, Ex-Officio Finance Officer
- Susan Dosier, DK Communications Group
- Richard Schoenberger, Manor House Creative
- Mike Southard, Triad Hosting, Inc.



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Date: February 6, 2023

To: Randolph County Board of Commissioners

From: Kenny Sherin, County Extension Director

RE: Voluntary Agricultural District Update

In 2022, the Voluntary Agricultural District Board admitted farms into the program totaling 191 acres of land. As a result, Randolph County now has over 26240.41 acres of land enrolled in the program. Of this, 33 parcels are enrolled in the Enhanced Voluntary Agriculture District with 1903.92 acres and 517 parcels with 24,145.49 acres enrolled in the Regular Voluntary Agriculture District.

The NC Cooperative Extension office, with the support of the Voluntary Agriculture District Board, held the First Annual Randolph County Land Use Summit. We secured several speakers, including our County Manager, our County Tax Department, Three Rivers Land Trust, and Dr. Andrew Branan from NC State. Topics discussed included long-range county planning, voluntary agriculture districts, farm tax considerations, conservation easements, and succession planning. This was a free, four-hour event and was open to the public. We were able to reach 42 people in total. The participants were comprised of farmers, landowners, and county leadership.

Results

Post-program evaluations show that 100% of participants were satisfied with the program. 5% of participants indicated that they are going to put their property in a conservation easement, and 23% indicated they would put their property in the voluntary agriculture district. 68% were going to create or update their plans for how their property is passed down because of the event. We believe that the evaluation data implies that more people will take advantage of the farmland preservation programs available to them and think more in-depth about how their property will be transferred in the future. As development pressure increases, we believe participation in this annual event will also rise.

The VAD board members are also grateful for the commissioners' support for Farm, Food, and Family Education Center. The Center will help create a bright future for the agricultural sector in Randolph County.





Randolph County Department of Social Services

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**Annual Report of the
Community Child Protection Team
February 1, 2023**

In accordance with NCGS 143-576.1(a) (2), the following is the annual report to the County Commissioners of recommendations for system improvements in Randolph County.

Team Activities: The Community Child Protection Team (CCPT) met virtually 6 times during this year (January 1, 2022– December 31, 2022). We reviewed nine current cases of children under the protection of Social Services.

Areas of concern were:

Substance Abuse	5
Adult Mental Health Issues	2
Sex Abuse	1
Improper Discipline	1
Injurious Environment	5
Physical Abuse	1
Improper Supervision	3
Improper Care	1
Domestic Violence	2
Dependency	1

The purpose of the Community Child Protection Team (CCPT) is to identify systemic deficiencies in child welfare services or resources. Once identified, teams develop strategies to address the gaps in the child welfare system within the county. The CCPT reviewed 9 cases during the past year (January 2022-December 2022). **The following gaps and recommendations were identified:**

- Child deaths related to co-sleeping: CCPT had a training on safe sleep during a monthly meeting presented by the Randolph County Health Department.
- Mental Health services for low income families: CCPT recommended researching additional intensive in-home preservation services.
- Increase public awareness about conditions that impact child protection within the community: CCPT recommended continuous community education with law enforcement,

school system, daycare centers, medical professionals, mental health facilities and churches.

Action steps taken by DSS

- DSS held another targeted training on Safe Sleep to educate all CPS employees on the dangers of parents co-sleeping with their children.
- To increase awareness and open communication between DSS and community partners DSS was able to take part in the Asheboro Police Department's and RCSO In-Service Training educating them on making CPS reports as well as new child welfare policies, and procedures.
- To continue open and clear communication between DSS and 911 communications DSS continues to use 911 communications scheduling calendar. DSS keeps 911 communications aware of our afterhours CPS Supervisor with their contact information so that someone is readily available to them at all times.
- DSS met with the Charter Schools, Randolph County and Asheboro City School nurses and social workers keeping them abreast of all new child welfare policies and procedures.
- To increase awareness, DSS met with Randolph County Partnership for Children staff, educating them on how to make reports, child welfare policies, procedures, and signs to look for.
- Each entity was given informational handouts and flyers on how to report abuse, neglect and dependency.

Were there any intensive death reviews during this reporting period?

- The State Division of Social Services conducted two Intensive Fatality Reviews during this reporting period.

Members of the Combined

Community Child Protection Team and Child Fatality Prevention Team

Tracie Murphy, Randolph County Social Services Director
Tara Aker, Randolph County Public Health Director
Amy Allen, RN Randolph Health Hospital
Brandley Beck, Randolph County EMS
Brian Martin, Sergeant for NC Hwy Patrol
Bridget McMath, Guardian Ad Litem
Donna Wright, Family Crisis Center
Chuck Mears, Department of Juvenile Justice
Dr. Kathleen Riley, RMA Pediatrics
Enjonae Anderson, Daymark Recovery Services
Jennifer Evans, Social Services Director Designee
Kim Wagoner, Designee of the Superintendent of Randolph County Schools
Laurie Perez, Sandhills Center
Lewis Schirloff, Medical Examiner
Lt. Scott Brown, Asheboro Police Dept.
Melody Huggins, Health Director Designee
Myra Gaddy, Randolph County Sheriff's Dept.
Tena Lester, Asheboro City Schools

Memo

To: Randolph County Commissioners
From: Erik Beard, County Fire Marshal
Aimee Scotton, Associate County Attorney
Date: 1/16/2023
Re: Consideration of Abolishment of Capped Service Districts for Coleridge-Erect, Fair Grove, Farmer, Julian, Northeast, and Staley and the Formation of Districts Without the Fifteen Cent Tax Rate Cap

As you are aware, several years ago, you created county service districts for fire protection and first responder, rescue and emergency services. These districts were created with a fifteen-cent cap on the tax rate in order to mirror the rural fire protection districts that they were replacing. Recently a few of the fire departments servicing these districts indicated the need to request a tax rate in excess of the fifteen-cent cap, and it is expected that others will need to do so in the future. In order to remove the fifteen-cent tax cap, the current districts need to be abolished and replaced with districts that do not have the cap. The abolishment of the current districts is fairly simple. You set a public hearing to consider the matter, and at the close of the public hearing, you can pass a resolution abolishing the district. Notice of the public hearing must be published at least one week before the date of the hearing. The creation of the new uncapped districts is slightly more complicated. If you move forward with this, for each of these districts, you will be creating a new county service district for fire protection and for first responder, rescue and emergency services pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 153A-301(a)(2) and (7). The process for the creation of these districts is found in NCGS 153A-302. You have already followed this process for several other districts. Tonight, we are asking you to begin this process for Coleridge-Erect, Fair Grove, Farmer, Julian, Northeast, and Staley. The process is outlined below:

First, you need to consider the following for each proposed district:

- a. the resident or seasonal population and population density of the proposed district;

- b. the appraised value of property subject to taxation in the proposed district;
- c. the present tax rates of the County and any cities or special districts in which the district or any portion thereof is located;
- d. the ability of the proposed district to sustain the additional taxes necessary to provide the services planned for the district; and
- e. any other matters that the Commissioners believe to have a bearing on whether or not the district should be established.

Fire Marshal Erik Beard has provided a fact sheet for each district containing the items that are required to be considered. You may, of course, consider any other item that you deem relevant to the matter.

Once you have considered these issues, you may pass the attached resolutions if you find that the following apply for each respective district:

- a. there is a demonstrable need for providing fire protection services in the district. For each of these districts, we have provided the number of calls received during the past year, so that you can see the need;
- b. it is impossible or impracticable to provide these services on a countywide basis;
- c. it is economically feasible to provide the proposed services in the district without unreasonable or burdensome tax levies; and
- d. there is a demonstrable demand for the proposed services by persons residing in the district. The number of calls in the past year is also information that can indicate the demand for these services.

The resolutions make certain the findings, call for the creation of a report that must be made available for public inspection and set public hearings on the creation of the respective new districts for your meeting on April 3, 2023. The resolutions also set the public hearing for the abolition of the current districts. Notice of the public hearing must be published at least one week before the hearing and must be mailed to property owners within the affected district at least four weeks before the hearing. The resolutions also direct me to oversee these mailings. I have included a draft of the letter that will be sent for your information.

If, after consideration of the items contained herein and on the attached fact sheets, you pass the attached resolutions and set the public hearing, we will compile the report for each proposed district and publish and mail notice of the public hearing in accordance with state law.

COLERIDGE-ERECT FIRE DISTRICT

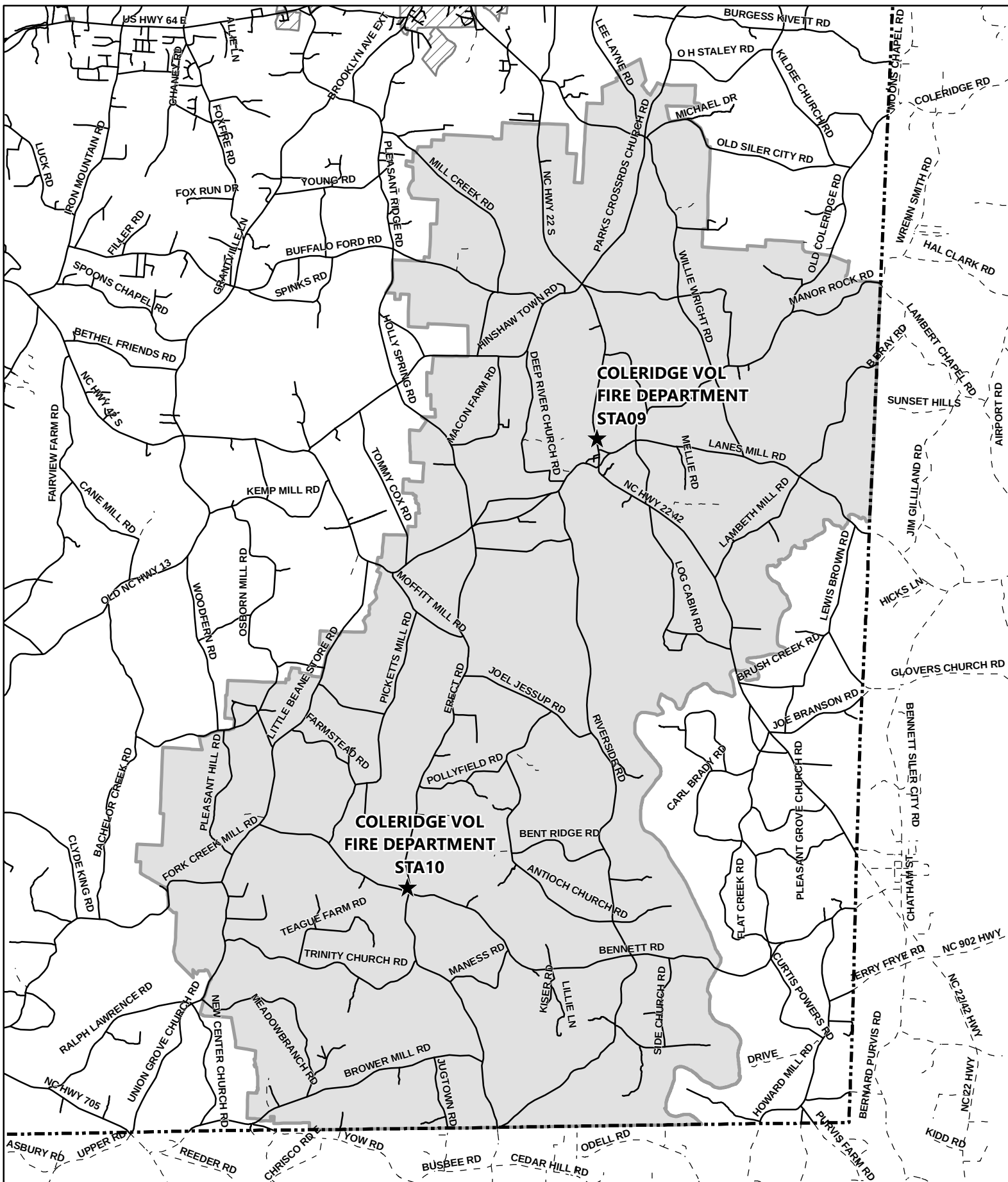


- Fire District
- Fire Station
- Roads
- Adjacent County Roads
- City Limits
- County Boundary



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RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ABOLISHMENT OF THE CURRENT FIFTEEN CENT CAPPED COLERIDGE-ERECT FIRE PROTECTION COUNTY SERVICE DISTRICT AND THE CREATION OF A NEW SERVICE DISTRICT WITHOUT THE CAP

WHEREAS, the Coleridge-Erect Fire Protection County Service District was formed under 153A-309.2 for the provision of fire protection services and emergency medical, rescue and ambulance services with a tax rate limitation of fifteen (15) cents per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation, said district hereinafter referred to as the “Capped District”; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary for the fifteen (15) cent cap on the tax rate in the district to be removed; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 153A-306 allows for the current Capped District to be abolished upon a finding that the need for the district no longer exists and a public hearing on the matter; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 153A-301 allows a County to establish a county service district for the provision of fire protection services and for the provision of emergency, medical, rescue and ambulance services within the district that has no cap except for the general rule that all tax rates in the district, taken together, cannot exceed one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation, hereinafter the “Proposed New District”; and

WHEREAS, it has been requested that the Board of County Commissioners abolish the current Capped District and create the Proposed New District, said Proposed New District having the same boundaries and containing the same properties as the current Capped District; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the current or future need for the Current District to be able to request a tax rate in excess of its current limitation, the population of the Proposed New District, the appraised value of property in the Proposed New District, the present tax rates in effect in the Proposed New District, the ability of the Proposed New District to sustain the taxing of the Proposed New District, the call history of the Proposed New District and other matters that the Board deemed relevant; and

WHEREAS, the Board, having considered such matters, makes the following findings:

1. The limitation on the tax rate of the Current District have rendered or will soon render it obsolescent to the provision of fire protection and emergency medical, rescue and ambulance services in the district; and

2. There is a demonstrable need for providing fire protection and emergency medical, rescue and ambulance services in the Proposed New District; and
3. It is impossible or impracticable to provide these services on a countywide basis; and
4. It is economically feasible to provide these services in the Proposed New District without unreasonable or burdensome annual tax levies; and
5. There is a demonstrable demand for fire protection and emergency medical, rescue and ambulance services in the Proposed New District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board intends to pursue the abolition of the Current District and the creation of the Proposed New District and therefore sets a public hearing on the matter for 6:00 p.m. on April 3, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of the public hearing shall be published at least one week before the hearing and that notice shall be mailed to the owners of property in the district at least four weeks before the hearing, and the Board directs the Associate County Attorney to oversee and certify the mailing and publication of said notice; and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that a report shall be prepared containing a map of the Proposed New District, a statement that the Proposed New District meets the findings contained herein, and a plan for providing fire service to the Proposed New District, said report to be available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk to the Board at least four weeks before the date of the public hearing referenced above.

This the 6th day of February 2023.

Darrell Frye, Chairman
Randolph County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Dana Crisco, Clerk
Randolph County Board of Commissioners

Coleridge-Erect Fire Protection Service District

Population: 4,236 (2.94% of county population)

Appraised Value of Property: \$377,061,543

****This figure represents the estimated net valuation of properties within the proposed district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022.**

Present tax rates within the district:

Randolph County – 0.6327

Coleridge-Erect Fire – 0.1000

Total calls for 2022: 484

Ability to Sustain Additional Taxes: Current tax rate in the Coleridge-Erect Fire Protection Service District is 0.1000. The creation of a new county service district does not change this rate nor does it guarantee an increase in said rate. The county commissioners shall continue to set tax rates in the same manner as before.

Plan for the Provision of Services: Services shall be provided within the proposed district through a contractual agreement between Randolph County and the Coleridge Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

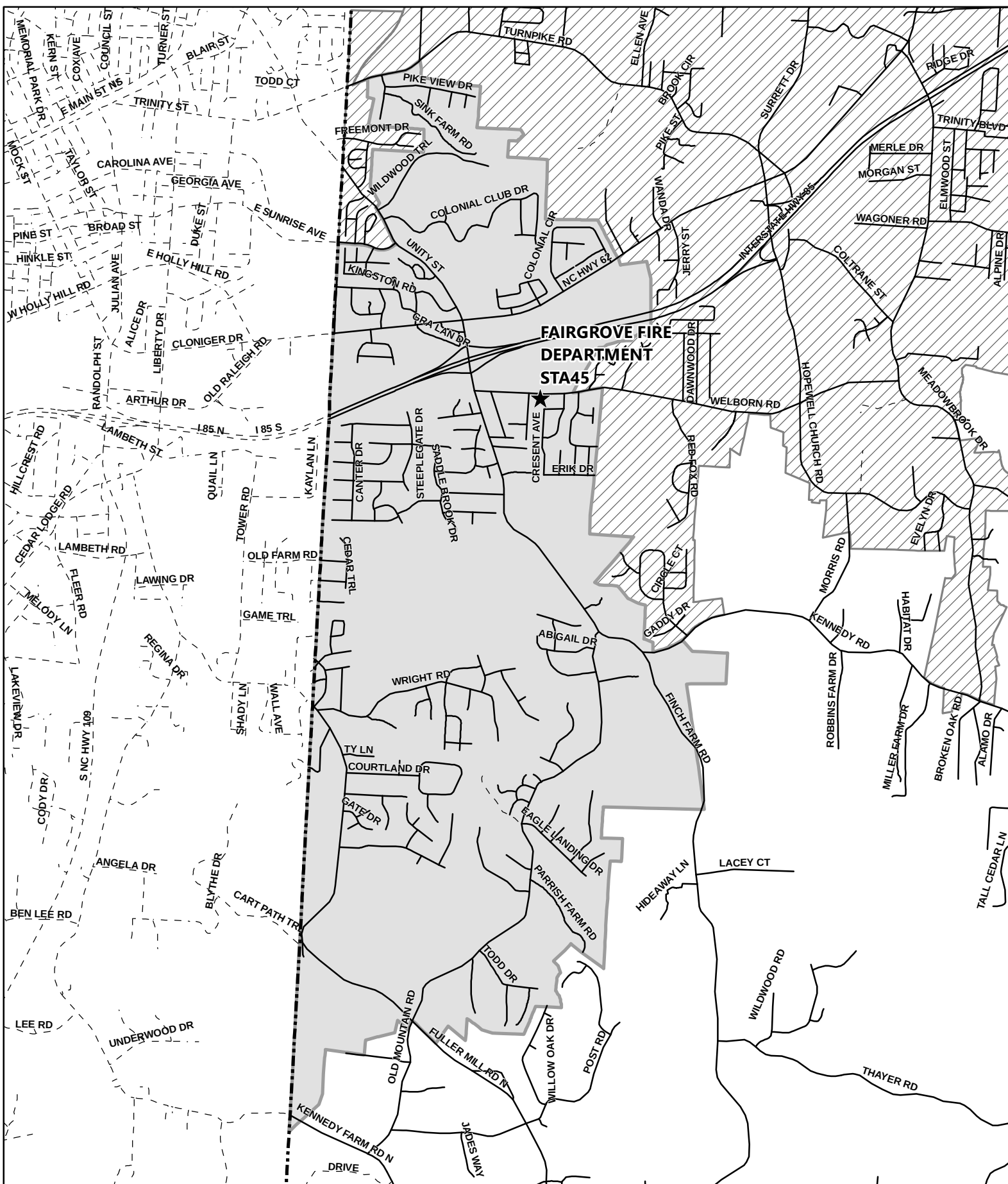
FAIRGROVE FIRE DISTRICT

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WHEREAS, the Fair Grove Fire Protection County Service District was formed under 153A-309.2 for the provision of fire protection services and emergency medical, rescue and ambulance services with a tax rate limitation of fifteen (15) cents per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation, said district hereinafter referred to as the “Capped District”; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary for the fifteen (15) cent cap on the tax rate in the district to be removed; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 153A-306 allows for the current Capped District to be abolished upon a finding that the need for the district no longer exists and a public hearing on the matter; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 153A-301 allows a County to establish a county service district for the provision of fire protection services and for the provision of emergency, medical, rescue and ambulance services within the district that has no cap except for the general rule that all tax rates in the district, taken together, cannot exceed one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation, hereinafter the “Proposed New District”; and

WHEREAS, it has been requested that the Board of County Commissioners abolish the current Capped District and create the Proposed New District, said Proposed New District having the same boundaries and containing the same properties as the current Capped District; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the current or future need for the Current District to be able to request a tax rate in excess of its current limitation, the population of the Proposed New District, the appraised value of property in the Proposed New District, the present tax rates in effect in the Proposed New District, the ability of the Proposed New District to sustain the taxing of the Proposed New District, the call history of the Proposed New District and other matters that the Board deemed relevant; and

WHEREAS, the Board, having considered such matters, makes the following findings:

1. The limitation on the tax rate of the Current District have rendered or will soon render it obsolescent to the provision of fire protection and emergency medical, rescue and ambulance services in the district; and

2. There is a demonstrable need for providing fire protection and emergency medical, rescue and ambulance services in the Proposed New District; and
3. It is impossible or impracticable to provide these services on a countywide basis; and
4. It is economically feasible to provide these services in the Proposed New District without unreasonable or burdensome annual tax levies; and
5. There is a demonstrable demand for fire protection and emergency medical, rescue and ambulance services in the Proposed New District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board intends to pursue the abolition of the Current District and the creation of the Proposed New District and therefore sets a public hearing on the matter for 6:00 p.m. on April 3, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of the public hearing shall be published at least one week before the hearing and that notice shall be mailed to the owners of property in the district at least four weeks before the hearing, and the Board directs the Associate County Attorney to oversee and certify the mailing and publication of said notice; and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that a report shall be prepared containing a map of the Proposed New District, a statement that the Proposed New District meets the findings contained herein, and a plan for providing fire service to the Proposed New District, said report to be available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk to the Board at least four weeks before the date of the public hearing referenced above.

This the 6th day of February 2023.

Darrell Frye, Chairman
Randolph County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Dana Crisco, Clerk
Randolph County Board of Commissioners

Fair Grove Fire Protection Service District

Population: 5,217 (3.62% of county population)

Appraised Value of Property: \$498,435,008

****This figure represents the estimated net valuation of properties within the proposed district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022.**

Present tax rates within the district:

Randolph County – 0.6327

Fair Grove Fire – 0.1020

Arhcdale-Trinity School – 0.0922 (*Applicable to only portions of the service district)

Total calls for 2022: 816

Ability to Sustain Additional Taxes: Current tax rate in the Fair Grove Fire Protection Service District is 0.1020. The creation of a new county service district does not change this rate nor does it guarantee an increase in said rate. The county commissioners shall continue to set tax rates in the same manner as before.

Plan for the Provision of Services: Services shall be provided within the proposed district through a contractual agreement between Randolph County and the Fair Grove Fire Department, Inc.



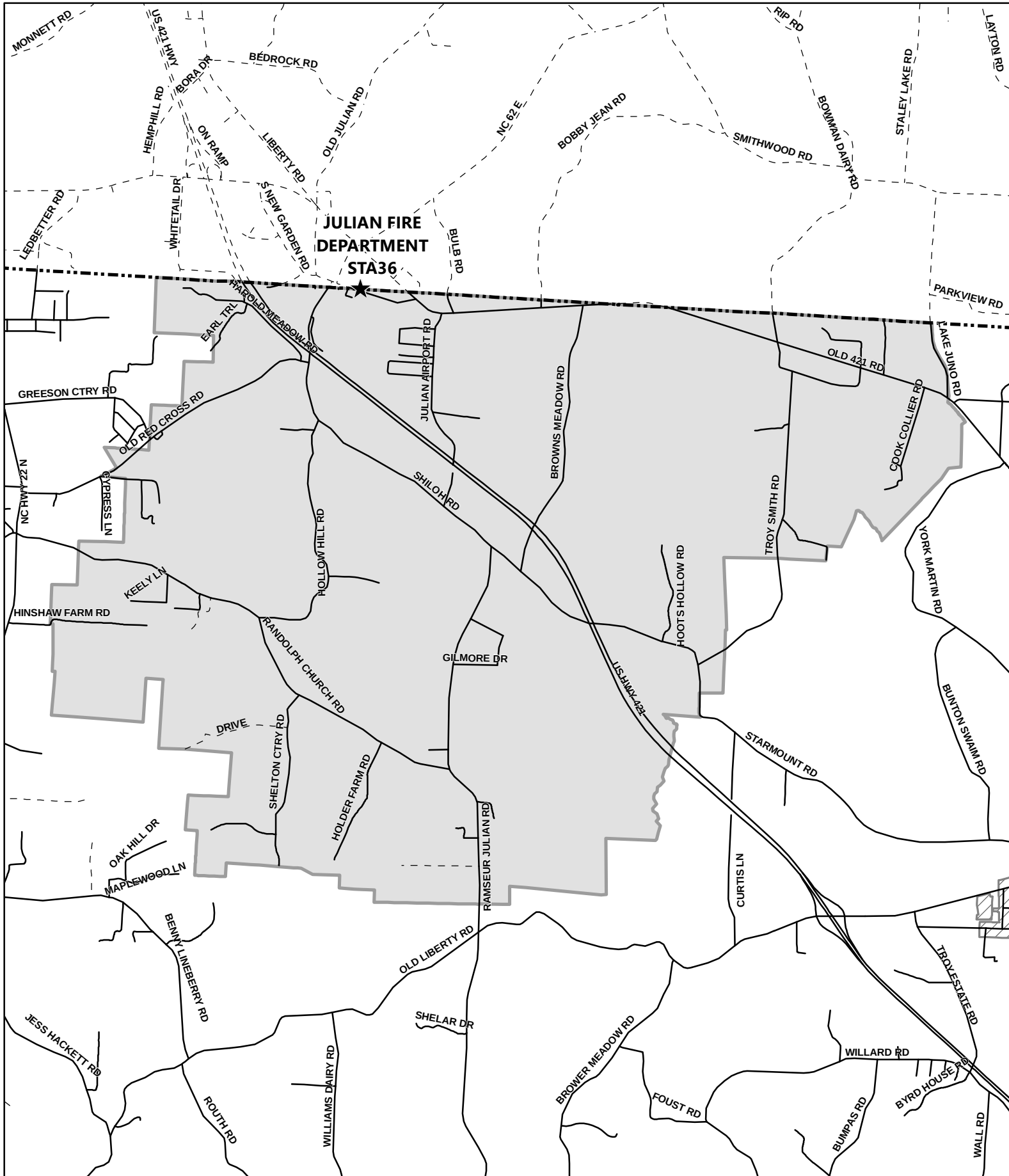
JULIAN FIRE DISTRICT

- Fire District
- Fire Station
- Roads
- Adjacent County Roads
- City Limits
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RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ABOLISHMENT OF THE CURRENT FIFTEEN CENT CAPPED JULIAN FIRE PROTECTION COUNTY SERVICE DISTRICT AND THE CREATION OF A NEW SERVICE DISTRICT WITHOUT THE CAP

WHEREAS, the Julian Fire Protection County Service District was formed under 153A-309.2 for the provision of fire protection services and emergency medical, rescue and ambulance services with a tax rate limitation of fifteen (15) cents per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation, said district hereinafter referred to as the “Capped District”; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary for the fifteen (15) cent cap on the tax rate in the district to be removed; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 153A-306 allows for the current Capped District to be abolished upon a finding that the need for the district no longer exists and a public hearing on the matter; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 153A-301 allows a County to establish a county service district for the provision of fire protection services and for the provision of emergency, medical, rescue and ambulance services within the district that has no cap except for the general rule that all tax rates in the district, taken together, cannot exceed one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation, hereinafter the “Proposed New District”; and

WHEREAS, it has been requested that the Board of County Commissioners abolish the current Capped District and create the Proposed New District, said Proposed New District having the same boundaries and containing the same properties as the current Capped District; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the current or future need for the Current District to be able to request a tax rate in excess of its current limitation, the population of the Proposed New District, the appraised value of property in the Proposed New District, the present tax rates in effect in the Proposed New District, the ability of the Proposed New District to sustain the taxing of the Proposed New District, the call history of the Proposed New District and other matters that the Board deemed relevant; and

WHEREAS, the Board, having considered such matters, makes the following findings:

1. The limitation on the tax rate of the Current District have rendered or will soon render it obsolescent to the provision of fire protection and emergency medical, rescue and ambulance services in the district; and

2. There is a demonstrable need for providing fire protection and emergency medical, rescue and ambulance services in the Proposed New District; and
3. It is impossible or impracticable to provide these services on a countywide basis; and
4. It is economically feasible to provide these services in the Proposed New District without unreasonable or burdensome annual tax levies; and
5. There is a demonstrable demand for fire protection and emergency medical, rescue and ambulance services in the Proposed New District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board intends to pursue the abolition of the Current District and the creation of the Proposed New District and therefore sets a public hearing on the matter for 6:00 p.m. on April 3, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of the public hearing shall be published at least one week before the hearing and that notice shall be mailed to the owners of property in the district at least four weeks before the hearing, and the Board directs the Associate County Attorney to oversee and certify the mailing and publication of said notice; and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that a report shall be prepared containing a map of the Proposed New District, a statement that the Proposed New District meets the findings contained herein, and a plan for providing fire service to the Proposed New District, said report to be available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk to the Board at least four weeks before the date of the public hearing referenced above.

This the 6th day of February 2023.

Darrell Frye, Chairman
Randolph County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Dana Crisco, Clerk
Randolph County Board of Commissioners

Julian Fire Protection Service District

Population: 1,329 (0.92% of county population)

Appraised Value of Property: \$118,911,167

****This figure represents the estimated net valuation of properties within the proposed district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022.**

Present tax rates within the district:

Randolph County – 0.6327

Julian Fire – 0.1350

Total calls for 2022: 369

Ability to Sustain Additional Taxes: Current tax rate in the Julian Fire Protection Service District is 0.1350. The creation of a new county service district does not change this rate nor does it guarantee an increase in said rate. The county commissioners shall continue to set tax rates in the same manner as before.

Plan for the Provision of Services: Services shall be provided within the proposed district through a contractual agreement between Randolph County and the Julian Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Inc.

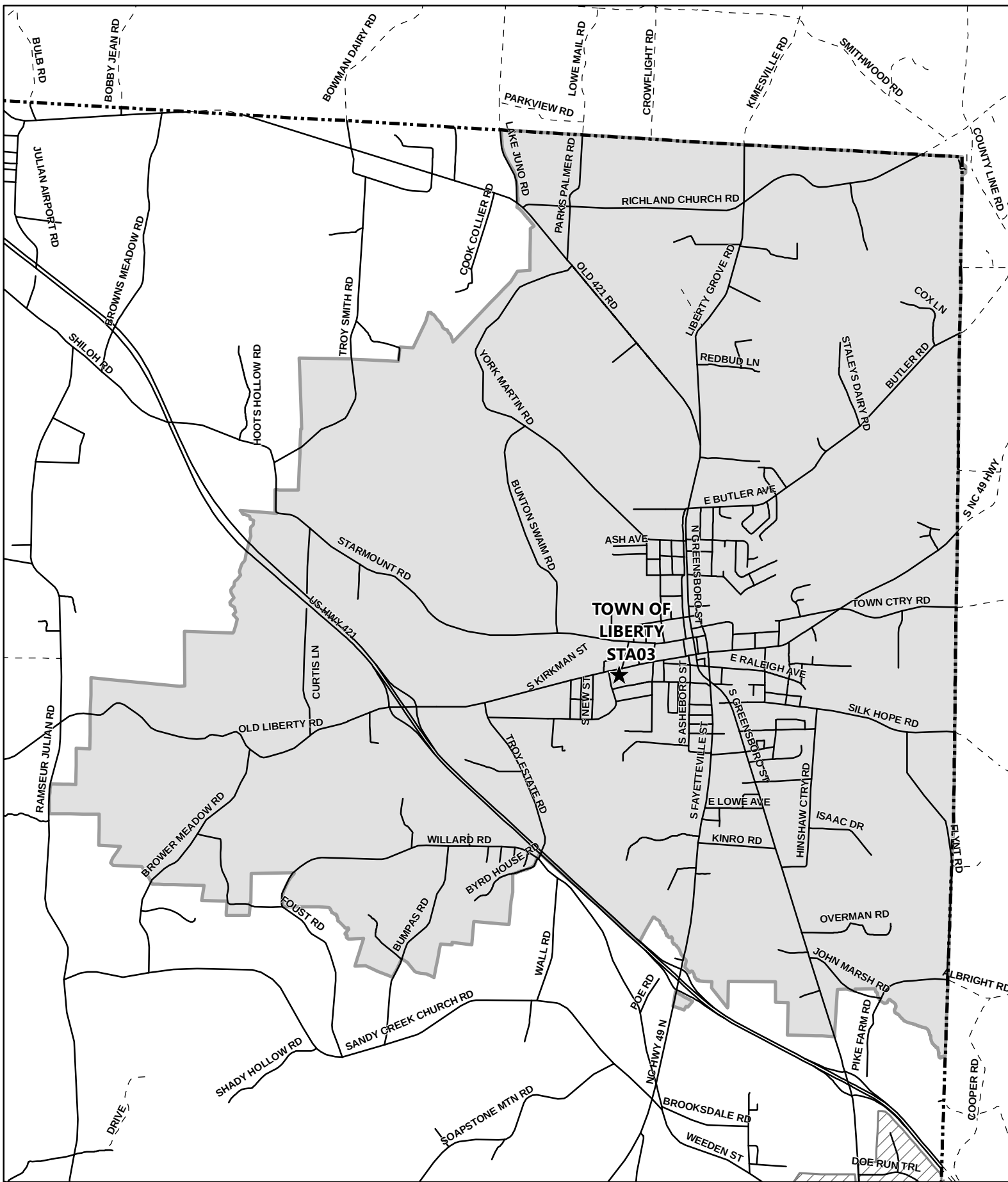
NORTHEAST FIRE DISTRICT

 Fire District  Adjacent County Roads
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WHEREAS, the Northeast Fire Protection County Service District was formed under 153A-309.2 for the provision of fire protection services and emergency medical, rescue and ambulance services with a tax rate limitation of fifteen (15) cents per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation, said district hereinafter referred to as the “Capped District”; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary for the fifteen (15) cent cap on the tax rate in the district to be removed; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 153A-306 allows for the current Capped District to be abolished upon a finding that the need for the district no longer exists and a public hearing on the matter; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 153A-301 allows a County to establish a county service district for the provision of fire protection services and for the provision of emergency, medical, rescue and ambulance services within the district that has no cap except for the general rule that all tax rates in the district, taken together, cannot exceed one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation, hereinafter the “Proposed New District”; and

WHEREAS, it has been requested that the Board of County Commissioners abolish the current Capped District and create the Proposed New District, said Proposed New District having the same boundaries and containing the same properties as the current Capped District; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the current or future need for the Current District to be able to request a tax rate in excess of its current limitation, the population of the Proposed New District, the appraised value of property in the Proposed New District, the present tax rates in effect in the Proposed New District, the ability of the Proposed New District to sustain the taxing of the Proposed New District, the call history of the Proposed New District and other matters that the Board deemed relevant; and

WHEREAS, the Board, having considered such matters, makes the following findings:

1. The limitation on the tax rate of the Current District have rendered or will soon render it obsolescent to the provision of fire protection and emergency medical, rescue and ambulance services in the district; and

2. There is a demonstrable need for providing fire protection and emergency medical, rescue and ambulance services in the Proposed New District; and
3. It is impossible or impracticable to provide these services on a countywide basis; and
4. It is economically feasible to provide these services in the Proposed New District without unreasonable or burdensome annual tax levies; and
5. There is a demonstrable demand for fire protection and emergency medical, rescue and ambulance services in the Proposed New District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board intends to pursue the abolition of the Current District and the creation of the Proposed New District and therefore sets a public hearing on the matter for 6:00 p.m. on April 3, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of the public hearing shall be published at least one week before the hearing and that notice shall be mailed to the owners of property in the district at least four weeks before the hearing, and the Board directs the Associate County Attorney to oversee and certify the mailing and publication of said notice; and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that a report shall be prepared containing a map of the Proposed New District, a statement that the Proposed New District meets the findings contained herein, and a plan for providing fire service to the Proposed New District, said report to be available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk to the Board at least four weeks before the date of the public hearing referenced above.

This the 6th day of February 2023.

Darrell Frye, Chairman
Randolph County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Dana Crisco, Clerk
Randolph County Board of Commissioners

Northeast Fire Protection Service District

Population: 5,276 (3.66% of county population)

Appraised Value of Property: \$190,775,223

****This figure represents the estimated net valuation of properties within the proposed district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021.**

Present tax rates within the district:

Randolph County - 0.6327

Northeast (Liberty) Fire – 0.1500

Total calls for 2022: 1136

Ability to Sustain Additional Taxes: Current tax rate in the Northeast Fire Protection Service District is 0.1500. The creation of a new county service district does not change this rate nor does it guarantee an increase in said rate. The county commissioners shall continue to set tax rates in the same manner as before.

Plan for the Provision of Services: Services shall be provided within the proposed district through a contractual agreement between Randolph County and the Town of Liberty.



STALEY FIRE DISTRICT

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WHEREAS, the Staley Fire Protection County Service District was formed under 153A-309.2 for the provision of fire protection services and emergency medical, rescue and ambulance services with a tax rate limitation of fifteen (15) cents per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation, said district hereinafter referred to as the “Capped District”; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary for the fifteen (15) cent cap on the tax rate in the district to be removed; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 153A-306 allows for the current Capped District to be abolished upon a finding that the need for the district no longer exists and a public hearing on the matter; and

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WHEREAS, it has been requested that the Board of County Commissioners abolish the current Capped District and create the Proposed New District, said Proposed New District having the same boundaries and containing the same properties as the current Capped District; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the current or future need for the Current District to be able to request a tax rate in excess of its current limitation, the population of the Proposed New District, the appraised value of property in the Proposed New District, the present tax rates in effect in the Proposed New District, the ability of the Proposed New District to sustain the taxing of the Proposed New District, the call history of the Proposed New District and other matters that the Board deemed relevant; and

WHEREAS, the Board, having considered such matters, makes the following findings:

1. The limitation on the tax rate of the Current District have rendered or will soon render it obsolescent to the provision of fire protection and emergency medical, rescue and ambulance services in the district; and

2. There is a demonstrable need for providing fire protection and emergency medical, rescue and ambulance services in the Proposed New District; and
3. It is impossible or impracticable to provide these services on a countywide basis; and
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5. There is a demonstrable demand for fire protection and emergency medical, rescue and ambulance services in the Proposed New District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board intends to pursue the abolition of the Current District and the creation of the Proposed New District and therefore sets a public hearing on the matter for 6:00 p.m. on April 3, 2023; and

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This the 6th day of February 2023.

Darrell Frye, Chairman
Randolph County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Dana Crisco, Clerk
Randolph County Board of Commissioners

Staley Fire Protection Service District

Population: 2,833 (1.96% of county population)

Appraised Value of Property: \$258,691,263

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Present tax rates within the district:

Randolph County – 0.6327

Staley Fire – 0.1000

Total calls for 2022: 691

Ability to Sustain Additional Taxes: Current tax rate in the Staley Fire Protection Service District is 0.1000. The creation of a new county service district does not change this rate nor does it guarantee an increase in said rate. The county commissioners shall continue to set tax rates in the same manner as before.

Plan for the Provision of Services: Services shall be provided within the proposed district through a contractual agreement between Randolph County and the Staley Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Randolph County, North Carolina

Proposed 2023-2024 Budget Adoption Schedule

Tuesday, May 30

Proposed Budget Presentations

6:00 - 6:40 p.m. Proposed County Budget
6:40 - 7:00 p.m. Asheboro City Schools
7:00 - 7:20 p.m. Randolph County Schools
7:20 - 7:40 p.m. Randolph Community College

Monday, June 5

Regular June Commissioners Meeting

6:00 p.m. Sandhills Mental Health

Thursday, June 8

County Department Presentations

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. All County Departments

Monday, June 12

Public Input

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Community Agencies Requesting Financial Assistance
5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Fire Department Presentations

break

6:30 p.m. Public Hearings

- 1) Appropriation to Randolph Economic Development Corp.
- 2) Proposed County Budget

Monday, June 19

Budget Adoption

6:00 p.m. Approve Close-out Budget Amendments for FY 2022-23

Capital Improvement Plan

Review Capital Project Schedule for 2023-24

2023-24 Budget Adoption

Adopt Fire Districts Property Tax Rates

Adopt School Districts Property Tax Rates

Adopt County Fee Schedules

Discussion of Manager's Proposed 2023-24 Budget

Adoption of Final County Budget and County Property Tax Rate