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The Catawba County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, July 20, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., in the Board of Commissioners Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Catawba County Justice Center, 100 Government Drive, Newton, North Carolina.

Present were Chair Randy Isenhower, Vice-Chair Austin Allran, and Commissioners Robert C. Abernethy, Jr., and Cole Setzer. Commissioner Barbara G. Beatty was not present.

Also present were County Manager Mary S. Furtado, Assistant County Manager Paul Murray, Assistant County Manager Adam Lindsay, County Attorney Jodi Stewart, and County Clerk Dale Stiles.

1. Chair Randy Isenhower called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., noting a quorum was present.
2. Chair Isenhower led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Commissioner Robert C. Abernethy, Jr., offered the invocation.
4. Commissioner Abernethy made a motion to approve the Minutes from the Board's Regular Meeting of June 15, 2026, and Special Meeting of June 30, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Recognition of Special Guests:
Chair Isenhower welcomed everyone present.
6. Public Comments.
Watkins Sherrill came forward and spoke about Juneteenth and America 250.
7. Appointments.
Upon a recommendation by Chair Isenhower that came in the form of a motion which unanimously carried, the Board appointed Carrie Ford to the Catawba County Child Fatality Prevention Team.
8. Public Hearings.
 - a. Assistant Planning Director Laurie LoCicero requested the Board of Commissioners hold a public hearing to consider an application to rezone 2.86 acres located at 4862 Springs Road owned by Jeffrey Barger (applicant) from R-20 Residential to Highway Commercial - Conditional District (HC-CD).

The current R-20 Residential district requires a minimum lot size of 20,000 square feet (approx. 1/2 acre) and is considered a high-density "general use" residential district. Predominant uses in this district include single-family homes and agriculture. The Highway Commercial district requires a minimum lot size of 40,000 square feet (about an acre). The Highway Commercial district "provides areas for regional highway-oriented business, office, service, and civic uses." Conditional zoning is intended for a firm development proposal with a concept site plan, with all parties voluntarily agreeing to the conditions.

The parcel is located at 4862 Springs Road, further identified by Parcel Identification Number 3744-0509-4150 within the St Stephens/Oxford Area of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The property is zoned R-20 Residential and is undeveloped.

The applicant owns Barger Equipment located at 4901 Springs Road. The current business has grown beyond the storage capacity for 4901 Springs Road, which is zoned Rural Commercial, and the applicant wants to move a portion of the business to the subject property at 4862 Springs Road.

- *North* – Parcel 2 is zoned Residential R-20, is owned by the applicant, and contains a single-family dwelling. Parcel 9 to the northwest, across Springs Rd, is also zoned R-20 and is currently vacant.
- *South* – Parcel 4 is zoned R-20 and is undeveloped.
- *East* – Parcel 3 is zoned R-20 and is undeveloped.
- *West* – Parcels 5, 6, 7 and 8 are zoned R-20 and contain single family dwellings.

The parcel located at 4901 Springs Road, which contains Barger Equipment, was rezoned in 1990 from R-2 Residential to C-1 Commercial. When the Unified Development Ordinance was adopted in 2007, the C-1 district was converted to the Rural Commercial (RC) district for 4901 Springs Rd. The rezoning request for 4862 Springs Road began as a code compliance issue. County staff received complaints that Barger Equipment was storing inventory on 4893 Springs Road, the parcel adjacent to business, and an unaddressed parcel at the corner of Springs Road and Sawmill Road (PIN 3744-0509-7416). Both of those parcels are zoned R-20.

The applicant submitted a rezoning request for general Highway Commercial district. This request was heard by the Planning Board in April. The Planning Board did not recommend the request and the applicant withdrew the request. Subsequently, Mr. Barger applied for a conditional district rezoning request Highway Commercial – Conditional District. With a Conditional District, conditions can be placed on the development to lessen the impact of commercial use on the residential adjoining properties and residential area.

The applicant proposes a 2,400-square-foot retail and office building for expansion of Barger Equipment. The parcel acreage meets minimum requirements for Highway Commercial (HC) property (40,000 square feet). Farm and heavy equipment sales and rental is an allowed use in the HC district. As an additional condition, the applicant has offered to limit the uses of the commercial activity to "sale and service of agriculture tractors, equipment and related parts" and the "sale and service of trailers for transporting agriculture related machinery." If approved, the commercial uses would be limited to those offered by the applicant; any change or addition of use(s) would require an amendment to the Conditional District.

The project is located within one-half mile of several properties participating in the Voluntary Agriculture District.

The concept plan meets the standards required by the Unified Development Ordinance. The plan illustrates landscape buffering between the subject parcel and the residentially zoned adjacent properties. The plan also noted the grass area in the front and side yard would be used for agriculture sales area.

Public water is located along Springs Road. Public sewer is not available. The parcel will be served by on-site septic.

Springs Road is considered a minor arterial road within the NCDOT maintenance system. In 2023, the Annual Average Daily Traffic calculation was 8400. This portion of Springs Road does not have any projects in the State Transportation Improvement Program (2026-2035) or the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (2050 Horizon year). In the Greater Hickory Comprehensive Transportation Plan, Springs Road is designated for widening to four lanes from Charlotte Street to NC Highway 16 beyond the 2050 time horizon.

The Catawba County Comprehensive Plan was adopted in April 2024. The Future Land Use recommendation for this parcel is high-density residential (one dwelling unit per 1/2 acre, R-20). A Highway Commercial node is located about a half mile north of this parcel, at the intersection of Springs Road and St.

Peters Church Road. There is also a Rural Commercial node located about a half mile south of the parcel at the intersection of Springs Road and Houston Mill Road.

The Comprehensive Plan also makes the following recommendations in support of agriculture in Catawba County:

- Evaluate possible flexibility for agricultural support services in agricultural areas and evaluate opportunities for agriculture support industries in residential areas;
- Encourage agribusiness through programs and policies that support generational farms, growers and sustainability.

The Planning Board met on June 29, 2026 to hold a public hearing to consider the request. The applicant and three people spoke in favor of the request. No one spoke in opposition to the request. There were no questions by the board.

Staff recommended and the Planning Board voted 8 – 0 to rezone the 2.86-acre parcel located at 4862 Springs Road from Residential R-20 to Highway Commercial - Conditional District (HC-CD) (RZ2026-03) district based upon:

1. The Catawba County Comprehensive Plan's recommendation for agricultural support services and support industries in residential areas;
2. The use of the property being limited to the "sale and service of agriculture tractors, equipment and related parts" and the "sale and service of trailers for transporting agriculture related machinery" by conditions voluntarily agreed upon for the Conditional District; and
3. The project's location near properties participating in the Voluntary Agriculture District and being a "business that supports the agriculture community of Catawba County and the surrounding area."

After Ms. LoCicero's presentation, there were no questions. Chair Isenhower opened the public hearing. Applicant Jeffrey Barger, Gary Winebarger and Melissa Hefner came forward and spoke in favor of the rezoning request. With no one further coming forward the Chair closed the public hearing. Commissioner Cole Setzer made a motion to rezone the 2.86-acre parcel located at 4862 springs Road from Residential R-20 to Highway Commercial-Conditional District (HC-CD) (RZ2026-03) and adopt the consistency and reasonableness statement that incorporates the findings articulated by the Planning Board in its consistency and reasonable statement. The motion carried unanimously.

The following ordinance applies:

Ordinance No. 2026-06
AMENDMENT TO THE CATAWBA COUNTY ZONING MAP

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that the Catawba County Official Zoning Atlas is hereby amended by rezoning the below described property from R-20 Residential to PD-CD RZ2026-03 allowing for "sale and service of agriculture tractors, equipment and related parts" and the "sale and service of trailers for transporting agriculture related machinery."

One parcel totaling 2.86-acres, located at 4862 Springs Road and identified by Parcel Identification Number 3744-0509-4150.

This, the 20th day of July 2026.

The following Consistency and Reasonableness Statement applies:

CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PROPOSED PLAN CONSISTENCY AND REASONABLENESS STATEMENT

Zoning Amendment Request: To rezone a 2.86-acre parcel located at 4862 Springs Road also identified by Parcel Identification Number 3744-0509-4150, from R-20 Residential to Highway Commercial-Conditional District (HC-CD).

While the Catawba County Board of Commissioners finds the request to be inconsistent with the Catawba County Comprehensive Plan's Future Land Use Map recommendation of high-density residential use on this parcel, it is consistent with the Plan's recommendations in support of agriculture in Catawba County. The Plan recommends evaluation of flexibility for agricultural support services in agriculture areas and evaluation of opportunities for agriculture support industries in residential areas and encouragement of agribusiness through programs and policies that support generational farms, growers and sustainability.

Pursuant to NCGS 160D-605, the Board of Commissioners finds the rezoning request reasonable based upon:

1. The Catawba County Comprehensive Plan's recommendation for agricultural support services and support industries in residential areas;
2. The use of the property being limited to the "sale and service of agriculture tractors, equipment and related parts" and the "sale and service of trailers for transporting agriculture related machinery" by conditions voluntarily agreed upon for the Conditional District; and
3. The project is located near properties participating in the Voluntary Agriculture District and is a "business that supports the agriculture community of Catawba County and the surrounding area."

By a vote of 4-0, the Catawba County Board of Commissioners approves the rezoning request.

This the 20th day of July 2026.

b. Planning Director Chris Timberlake requested the Board of Commissioners hold a public hearing to consider an application submitted by Home Run Market Properties, LLC to rezone a 7.2-acre parcel from Highway Commercial (HC) to Planned Development (PD) utilizing the High-Density Development option (70% built upon area) under the Watershed Protection Overlay (WP-O).

The current Highway Commercial (HC) district requires a minimum lot size of 40,000 square feet (approx. one acre) and provides areas for regional highway-oriented business, office, service and civic uses. The property is also within the Watershed Protection Overlay (WP-O) district, which limits the built upon area in Lake Norman watershed and in the Mixed-Use Corridor Overlay (MUC-O). MUC-O district has additional standards for some uses, appearance criteria for structures, and pedestrian design requirements along certain corridors in the county.

The Planned Development (PD) district is established to encourage the master planning of large-scale developments, developments incorporating multiple parcels, and/or mixed-use development patterns. This district requires 80,000 square feet (just under two acres). PD district allows the High-Density Development option for properties within the WP-O, which authorizes increased built-upon area (BUA) in the protected area of the watershed through use of engineered stormwater controls (i.e. stormwater ponds).

The parcel is located at 5580 E NC 150 HWY, at the intersection of East Maiden Road and NC Highway 150 (parcel identification number 3686-1554-2142).

The subject property is zoned Highway Commercial. The parcel currently has active construction of a convenience store with fuel pumps, authorized by right. The surrounding parcels contain the zoning districts and uses described below.

- *North* – Parcel 2 is zoned R-20 and is developed with a single-family dwelling. Parcel 3 is zoned PD (sports training facility) and is undeveloped. Parcel 4 is zoned Highway Commercial (HC) and is undeveloped.

- *South* – Parcel 6 is zoned PD and is the location of the approved Catawba Village multifamily development, which is currently under construction.
- *East* – Parcel 5 is zoned PD and is developed with the Food Lion Shopping Center.
- *West* – Parcels 7-10 are zoned R-20 Residential. Parcel 7 is developed with a single-family dwelling. The dwellings on Parcels 8-10 have been removed.

This parcel was rezoned in 1985 from Residential-Agriculture to Community – Shopping commercial district. With the 2007 Unified Development adoption, this commercial zoning district was converted to Highway Commercial (HC) district.

The current phase of construction (convenience store and fuel pumps) is an allowed use in the HC district and the PD district.

The project is in the Watershed Protection Overlay, specifically the WS-IV Protected Area, where built-upon area for nonresidential projects is limited to 24% or 36%, depending on installation of curb and gutter and limitations of stormwater piping. The applicant is requesting PD zoning and approval for the high-density development option, allowing up to 70% built-upon area (BUA) with use of engineered stormwater controls. The High-Density Development option will allow a stormwater system to channel stormwater away from the buildings currently under construction into stormwater ponds, which would facilitate future development of the property.

The concept site plan displays two areas of future development: a car wash and retail and restaurant space. The concept plan designates one stormwater control measure on the eastern side of the property and one stormwater control measure, if necessary, on the western side of the property.

The concept plan notes the maximum floor area ratio, maximum built upon area, parking standards, and landscape standards will all be met. Setbacks along the development's perimeter meet the PD standards. The plan illustrates a 50' setback from residentially zoned property (to the west) and 30' setback from road right-of-way.

As a PD, turn lanes are required along the frontage road, subject to NCDOT approval. NCDOT is requiring off-site improvements, detailed below.

The current construction project meets the site design standards of the MUC-O. All future development will be required to meet the MUC-O regulations.

Public water and sewer are located along NC 150, and water is located on E. Maiden Rd. The convenience store, intended to be in the first phase of development, will be able to connect to sewer. Future Development Area 1 and Future Development Area 2 will be evaluated for sewer allocation prior to Commercial Building Plan review submittal for those portions of the development not being undertaken at this time.

The applicant submitted a Traffic Impact Analysis to NCDOT prior to convenience store permitting. NCDOT requires the NC 150 access to be right-in/right-out and to have a 50' right turn lane (deceleration lane). The access on E. Maiden Rd will be full movement and require a 50' left turn lane. Future Development 1 and 2 will require additional review by NCDOT when development plans solidify to determine if any further off-site improvements will be required.

Traffic counts along NC 150, just east of the site, measured 14,000 Annual Average Daily Traffic in 2024. The widening of NC Hwy 150 is funded for preliminary engineering only in the current State Transportation Improvement Program (NCSTIP).

No new roads are proposed to be constructed in conjunction with this project; internal drive aisles and parking lots are designed for internal circulation. The project is designed to allow future realignment of the E. Maiden Road and E. NC 150 Highway intersection.

The Catawba County Comprehensive Plan's Future Land Use Map designates this parcel for mixed use/commercial/multifamily development. The Plan also makes the following recommendations for commercial development:

- Continue the efforts of a "regional commercial center" that may include a diversity of uses such as a medical, business park, Class A industrial park, commercial and retail at the intersection of the existing Hwy. 150/16 and the new Hwy 150/16 interchange. *(from the Sherrills Ford Small Area recommendations); and*
- Provide opportunity for neighborhood and regional commercial development at appropriate intersections. *(from the Land Use and Growth Management recommendations).*

The Planning Board held a public hearing on June 29, 2026, to consider the request. Cory Sloan, PE spoke on behalf of the applicant. No one spoke in opposition of the request. There were no questions from the board.

Staff recommended and the Planning Board voted 8 – 0 to recommend approval of the request by Home Run Market Properties LLC to rezone the 7.2-acre parcel located at 5580 E NC Hwy 150 (Parcel Identification Number 3686-1554-2142) from Highway Commercial (HC) to Planned Development (PD) with the High-Density Development option based upon:

1. The convenience store with fuel pumps (currently under construction) being an allowed use in the PD district;
2. The Concept Plan proposing opportunities for a mixture of commercial uses on the property;
3. The Concept Plan limiting built-upon area to 70% and illustrates the use of stormwater control measures to meet the requirements of the high-density development option;
4. The Future Land Use map within the Comprehensive Plan's recommendation for mixed use/commercial/multifamily development on this parcel;
5. The Comprehensive Plan's recommendation for commercial development between the NC 16/NC 150 interchange and the NC 16 Business/NC 150 intersection; and
6. The development's proximity to other commercial development and multifamily development along the NC 150 corridor.

After Mr. Timberlake's presentation, there were no questions. Chair Isenhower opened the public hearing. Cory Sloan came forward and spoke in favor of the rezoning request. With no one further coming forward the Chair closed the public hearing. Vice Chair Austin Allran made a motion to rezone the 7.2-acre parcel from Highway Commercial (HC) to Planned Development (PD) utilizing the High-Density Development option (70% built upon area) under the Watershed Protection Overlay (WP-0) and adopt the consistency and reasonableness statement that incorporates the findings articulated by the Planning Board in its consistency and reasonable statement. The motion carried unanimously.

The following ordinance applies:

Ordinance No. 2026-07
AMENDMENT TO THE CATAWBA COUNTY ZONING MAP

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that the Catawba County Official Zoning Atlas is hereby amended by rezoning the below described property from Highway Commercial (HC) to Planned Development (PD) and allow the high-density development option.

One parcel totaling 7.2-acres, located at 5580 East NC 150 Highway and identified by Parcel Identification Number 3686-1554-2142.

This, the 20th day of July 2026.

The following Consistency and Reasonableness Statement applies:

CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PROPOSED PLAN CONSISTENCY AND REASONABLENESS STATEMENT

Zoning Amendment Request: To rezone a 7.2-acre parcel located at 5580 E NC 150 Highway, identified by Parcel Identification Number 3686-1554-2142, from Highway Commercial (HC) to Planned Development (PD).

The Catawba County Board of Commissioners finds the request to be consistent with the Catawba County Comprehensive Plan's Future Land Use Map recommendation of mixed use/commercial/multifamily development on this parcel. It is also consistent with the Comprehensive Plan's recommendation to continue the efforts of a regional commercial center that may include a diversity of uses such as medical, business park, Class A industrial park, commercial and retail at the intersection of the existing Hwy 150/16 and the new Hwy 150/16 interchange.

Pursuant to NCGS 160D-605, the Board of Commissioners finds the rezoning request reasonable based upon:

1. The convenience store with fuel pumps (currently under construction) being an allowed use in the PD district;
2. The Concept Plan proposing opportunities for a mixture of commercial uses on the property;
3. The Concept Plan limiting built-upon area to 70% and illustrates the use of stormwater control measures to meet the requirements of the high-density development option;
4. The Future Land Use map within the Comprehensive Plan's recommendation for mixed use/commercial/multifamily development on this parcel;
5. The Comprehensive Plan's recommendation for commercial development between the NC 16/NC 150 interchange and the NC 16 Business/NC 150 intersection; and
6. The development's proximity to other commercial development and multifamily development along the NC 150 corridor.

By a vote of 4-0, the Catawba County Board of Commissioners approves the rezoning request.

This the 20th day of July 2026.

9. Department Reports.

a. Tax.

Tax Collector Lori Mathes requested the Board of Commissioners receive and approve the 2025 Property Tax Settlement Report and issue the 2026 Order of Collections.

In accordance with N.C.G.S 105-373(a)(1), Ms. Mathes presented the Board with the persons owning real property whose taxes for 2025 remain unpaid along with the principal amount owed by each person; the persons whose personal property taxes for 2025 remain unpaid along with the principal amount owed by each taxpayer; and the Tax Settlement Report detailing the collection of taxes for Catawba County.

Ms. Mathes certified that she made diligent efforts to collect the taxes due utilizing the remedies available for collection.

The requested actions are required annually of the Board of Commissioners to close out the 2025 tax year and to open the 2025 tax year from a collections standpoint.

After Ms. Mathes' presentation, there were no questions. Commissioner Abernethy made a motion to approve the 2025 Tax Settlement Report and issue the 2026 Order of Collections. The motion carried unanimously.

July 20, 2026, MB#58

The 2025 Tax Settlement Report and Order of Collection are hereto attached:

Pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S 105-373, this memorandum is the Tax Collector's report of settlement to the Catawba County Board of Commissioners for Fiscal Year 2026 (2025 tax year)

The total FY 2025 Real Estate, Personal Property, and Registered Motor Vehicles are as follows:

REAL ESTATE / PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES - CATAWBA COUNTY	
LEVY AS OF 06/30/2026	113,325,199.11
BALANCE OUTSTANDING AS OF 06/30/2026	1,800,316.24
CREDITS TO THE COLLECTOR AS OF 06/30/2026	117,862,298.92
COLLECTION RATE FOR CATAWBA COUNTY 2025	98.50%
MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES - CATAWBA COUNTY	
LEVY AS OF 06/30/2026	10,243,837.05
BALANCE OUTSTANDING AS OF 06/30/2026	25,551.77
CREDITS TO THE COLLECTOR AS OF 06/30/2026	10,218,285.28
COLLECTION RATE FOR CATAWBA COUNTY 2025	99.75%

FIRE TAX (REAL / PERSONAL)	
LEVY AS OF 06/30/2026	13,472,336.72
BALANCE OUTSTANDING AS OF 06/30/2026	246,946.51
CREDITS TO THE COLLECTOR AS OF 06/30/2026	13,225,390.21
COLLECTION RATE FOR CATAWBA COUNTY 2025	98.17%

Report of persons owning property in Catawba County for the preceding fiscal year that remain unpaid is available for inspection and review upon request. The Tax Collector has made diligent efforts to collect the taxes due from the individuals listed by utilizing the remedies available for collection.

Collection From Other Sources

Collected Penalty (County and Fire)	178,331.47		
Collected Interest (County and Fire)	456,880.54		
Real and Personal Property Taxes			
	Levy	Outstanding	Credits to the Collector
Prior Year Credits to the Collector (County)	4,633,859.78	3,215,909.84	1,417,949.94
Prior Year Credits to the Collector (Fire)	434,533.25	218,709.15	215,824.10
Motor Vehicle Property Taxes			
Prior Year Credits to the Collector (County)	2,625,831.70	2,621,678.29	4,153.41
Prior Year Credits to the Collector (Fire)	139,071.33	138,784.60	286.73
Other Credits			
NSF Charges	9,136.14		
Garnishment Fees	63,923.15		
Stree Assessments	409,758.12		
Prepayments for 2026 Levy	121,060.91		
Municipal Fee Collected	242,504.00		

MUNICIPAL BILLS

Brookford	370
Catawba	1,041
Claremont	1,365
Conover	6,422
Hickory	36,769
Longview	3,033
Maiden	2,879
Maiden (In Lincoln County)	9
Newton	8,738
Total Bills	60,626

2025 COLLECTIONS INFORMATION BY CITY AND TOWN
Real Estate and Personal Property

Municipality	Beginning Balance	Credits to the Collector	% Collected
Brookford	206,769.20	-197,472.56	-95.50%
Catawba	1,051,104.48	-1,036,116.98	-98.57%
Claremont	3,277,493.76	-3,267,636.97	-99.70%
Conover	7,725,871.17	-7,591,904.16	-98.27%
Hickory	37,275,924.96	-36,795,147.61	-98.71%
Long View	2,141,763.54	-2,074,550.65	-96.86%
Maiden	8,672,778.41	-8,637,393.24	-99.59%
MDN	13,541.55	-13,541.55	-100.00%
Newton	8,828,546.46	-8,685,597.00	-98.38%

ORDER OF COLLECTION

NORTH CAROLINA, CATAWBA

TO THE TAX COLLECTOR OF CATAWBA COUNTY

GENERAL STATUTE 105-321(b)

You are hereby authorized, empowered, and commanded to collect the taxes set for in the tax records, filed in the Office of the Catawba County Tax Assessor and the tax receipts herewith delivered to you, in the amounts and from the taxpayers likewise therein set forth. Such taxes are hereby declared to be first lien upon all real property of the respective taxpayers in Catawba County and this order shall be a full and sufficient authority to direct, require and enable you to levy on and sell any real and personal property of such taxpayers, for and on account thereof, in accordance with law.

Witness my hand official seal, this 20th day of July, 2026.

_____(Seal)
C. Randall Isenhower
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

Dale R. Stiles
Clerk to the Board

10. Consent Agenda.

County Manager Mary Furtado presented the following nine items under the consent agenda. Chair Isenhower asked if any commissioner wished for the item to be broken out of the consent agenda for individual consideration. None was requested.

a. The Finance and Personnel Subcommittee recommended the Board of Commissioners accept the North Carolina Office of EMS (NCOEMS) Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) Grant award in the amount of \$185,386 and authorize the County Manager to execute the grant agreement and any associated documents necessary to administer the grant.

The North Carolina Office of EMS Rural Health Transformation Program provides grant funding to licensed EMS agencies to expand Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) and Community Paramedicine programs serving rural communities. The program is designed to strengthen behavioral health crisis response, improve access to treatment for individuals experiencing substance use disorder, and reduce avoidable emergency department utilization through coordinated, community-based care.

Catawba County Emergency Services submitted a competitive application to expand the County's existing REACH (Resource for Addiction and Community Health) program. REACH is an established Mobile Integrated Healthcare initiative that provides post-overdose follow-up, care coordination, peer engagement, and connections to treatment and recovery resources for individuals experiencing substance use disorder and behavioral health challenges. The program works collaboratively with Catawba County Public Health, both local healthcare systems, behavioral health providers, recovery organizations, and law enforcement partners to improve continuity of care and reduce barriers to treatment.

The grant award will expand the County's existing REACH program by:

- Adding one full-time Certified Peer Support Specialist.
- Supporting a portion of existing REACH personnel dedicated to Mobile Integrated Healthcare services.
- Providing specialized workforce training in Motivational Interviewing, substance use disorder response, behavioral health, and community paramedicine.
- Funding equipment, technology, medical supplies, and operational resources necessary to support field-based outreach and patient engagement.

The grant period is August 15, 2026, through October 30, 2027. The project requires no local match. Emergency Services intends to sustain the additional Peer Support Specialist position following the grant period through available opioid settlement funding, subject to continued funding availability.

This award strengthens Catawba County's ongoing efforts to improve behavioral health response, reduce overdose-related harm, expand treatment access, and enhance collaboration among Emergency Services, Public Health, healthcare providers, and community recovery partners.

Fiscal Impact:

- Grant Award: \$185,386
- County Match Required: None
- Grant Period: August 15, 2026 – October 30, 2027

A copy of the NCOEMS Mobile Integrated Healthcare Grant Narrative is hereto attached:

NCOEMS Mobile Integrated Healthcare Grant

Year 1 Project Narrative

A. Project Title:

Catawba County REACH MIH Expansion Initiative

B. Project Narrative:

Catawba County Emergency Services, in coordination with Catawba County Public Health, is seeking funding to expand its existing REACH (Community Paramedicine) program through a structured Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) model focused on substance use disorder (SUD), behavioral health response, and coordinated recovery support services.

REACH currently serves as the County's primary field-based community paramedicine and overdose response engagement program, working with high-risk and high-utilization individuals experiencing opioid use disorder, repeat overdoses, behavioral health crises, incarceration-related reentry challenges, and barriers to treatment access. In its first year of operation, REACH has demonstrated measurable impact, including more than 200 suspected overdoses, 23 suspected fatalities, and over 300 referrals into the program. The team has conducted nearly 1,000 patient encounters, completed more than 800 service tasks, and achieved an engagement rate of approximately 58%. The program has also achieved first contact within 24 hours in approximately 74% of cases, a key indicator in successful post-overdose intervention and treatment linkage efforts.

Referral data demonstrates the central role EMS plays in identifying individuals experiencing substance use and behavioral health crises, while also highlighting opportunities to strengthen integration across healthcare, public health, social services, criminal justice, and recovery systems. REACH is already actively integrated with multiple community partners and initiatives, including local hospitals, treatment providers, Public Health, recovery alliances, recovery courts, and detention facility coordination efforts.

Geospatial overdose analysis demonstrates concentrated overdose activity within the Hickory metropolitan area and along key transportation corridors, with additional distribution throughout the County. These trends reinforce the need for a mobile, field-based response model capable of engaging individuals outside traditional healthcare settings and connecting them directly to treatment, recovery supports, and essential services.

Despite these successes, significant service gaps remain. Current staffing limits the program's ability to consistently provide sustained follow-up during the critical 24–72 hour period following overdose events, behavioral health crises, or release from incarceration. Individuals reentering the community following incarceration face significantly elevated risks of overdose, suicide, untreated behavioral health conditions, homelessness, unemployment, and lack of healthcare access, particularly during the first days following release. Coordinated pre-release and post-release engagement can significantly improve continuity of care, treatment access,

Medicaid enrollment, and long-term recovery outcomes while reducing recidivism and uncompensated healthcare utilization.

Funding through this opportunity will allow Catawba County to expand REACH through targeted workforce, training, and operational investments directly supporting Mobile Integrated Health service delivery. The County proposes to add a dedicated full-time Certified Peer Support Specialist to strengthen engagement with high-risk populations and expand coordinated outreach efforts across the Catawba County Detention Center, Recovery Courts, Catawba Valley Medical Center, Frye Regional Medical Center, and future recovery support initiatives within the community. This position will serve as a critical bridge between emergency response, healthcare systems, behavioral health providers, treatment programs, and long-term recovery resources.

In addition to expanding staffing capacity, funding will support partial personnel allocations across the existing REACH team, allowing for increased follow-up capacity, care coordination, treatment linkage, and field-based engagement. Operational funding will support equipment, medical supplies, communication tools, fuel, and other mobile response costs currently absorbed within the broader EMS system.

The initiative also includes a comprehensive workforce development component for both REACH personnel and the broader EMS workforce. Funding will support Motivational Interviewing training for EMS personnel, focused on evidence-based communication techniques that improve behavior change engagement and reduce barriers to treatment acceptance. Additional Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health awareness training will increase EMS understanding of local behavioral health trends, strengthen system-wide response capabilities, and support long-term succession planning for future MIH and community paramedicine initiatives. Funding will also support attendance at Mobile Integrated Health and Community Paramedicine conferences to strengthen program development, innovation, and collaboration with regional and national MIH leaders.

Catawba County is well-positioned to implement this expansion within the required project timeline. REACH is already operational, integrated with multidisciplinary community partnerships, and actively engaged in countywide overdose response and recovery coordination efforts. This existing infrastructure provides a strong foundation for rapid implementation and measurable impact. Through this expansion, Catawba County aims to increase engagement in treatment and recovery services, improve post-overdose and post-release follow-up, strengthen behavioral health response capabilities, reduce avoidable emergency department utilization, and improve long-term outcomes for individuals experiencing substance use disorder and behavioral health crises. The County intends to sustain expanded program capacity beyond the grant period through continued opioid settlement funding and ongoing community partnerships.

b. The Finance and Personnel Subcommittee recommended the Board of Commissioners create two new full-time building inspector positions and appropriate additional building services revenue to support the expense.

Permitting and inspections volume in Building Services has been consistently high for the past several years, with annual inspection totals exceeding 60,000 in each of the past 3 years. This level of sustained volume has required current Building Inspections staff to work mandatory overtime in order to complete all inspections within the statutorily required two-day timeframe. (Even with the mandatory overtime, which has amounted to at least a full staff position in each of the past 3 years, it has been challenging to stay within this target response window.) In addition to mandatory overtime, the County has employed 4 retired building inspectors on a part-time basis to supplement existing staff's productive capacity.

These workload expectations, intended to be a stop-gap measure to address temporary spikes in development activity, are not sustainable within existing resources over the long-term, as mandatory overtime and high workloads can lead to low morale and eventually staff turnover.

Over the course of FY26, staff worked a total of 3,525 part-time and over-time hours to maintain service levels. This is approximately 2 FTEs, after factoring in holiday and sick time. North Carolina General Statutes require all permitting / inspections revenue be reserved for spending that supports the Building Services function. Surplus revenue generated from Building Services activities over the past 3 fiscal years totals almost \$2 million, demonstrating sufficient revenue capacity to support these additional positions.

Based on the foregoing information, staff recommended creation of two additional staff positions and appropriation of additional building services revenue to support the associated expenses.

Supplemental Appropriation

Revenue

110-430100-662000	Building Permit Revenue	\$322,000
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Expense

110-430100-812100	Regular Wages	\$158,000
110-430100-821100	FICA	\$12,088
110-430100-822100	Local Gov't Employee Retire	\$23,906

c. The Finance and Personnel Subcommittee recommended the Board of Commissioners appropriate \$111,642 in General Fund fund balance and authorize transfer of \$203,348 in previously appropriated capital project funds and \$237,577 in current-year operating funds into a capital project to support purchase of Motorola N70 7/800 Model APX radios and associated equipment to support operations in the Sheriff's Office.

Through the FY27 Adopted Budget, the Sheriff's Office has planned to replace its current Motorola portable radios with a newer device model. During budget formulation, the decision was made to plan for replacement of all 150 radios in the Sheriff's Office in the same year, through a 5-year lease-to-own arrangement offered by the vendor.

Upon more detailed evaluation of the proposed contract structure, this method of budgeting came to be understood as unfavorable to the County, based on more recent GASB requirements and interest fees and financing charges embedded in the proposed agreement. Supported by this deeper understanding of the available options, staff has worked with the Sheriff to devise an alternative strategy for addressing the radio needs of the Sheriff's Office.

Rather than replacing all 150 radios in the Sheriff's Office in FY27, staff is proposing an arrangement where the radios are purchased over 2 years, with 75 radios being purchased in FY27 and again in FY28. This

alternative scenario avoids incurring interest fees and financing charges on behalf of the County while at the same time meeting the needs of the Sheriff's Office.

To accomplish this adjusted course of action, staff is requesting transfer of \$440,925 in previous appropriations (\$237,577 in current-year operating funds to the Sheriff to support the lease expense redirected to support the purchase, plus \$203,348 in unspent funds remaining in completed capital projects) plus \$111,642 in additional monies from Fund Balance.

BUDGET APPROPRIATION

Revenue

410-460100-695110	Transfer from General Fund	349,219
110-190050-690100	Fund Balance Appropriated	111,642

Expense

110-190900-995410	Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	349,219
410-460100-985000-12052	Sheriff Office Radio Replacement	552,567
410-460100-985000-12001	Justice Center Public Safety	(103,348)
410-460100-988000-12009	JC Sheriff Parking/Driveway Asphalt	(100,000)
110-210050-985000	Other Equipment	(237,577)

d. The Finance and Personnel Subcommittee recommended the Board of Commissioners appropriate \$228,665 in General Fund fund balance to provide funding for an increase to the Newton Detention Center medical services contract.

In FY2026, due to increases in inmate population and medical demand at the facility, the contract with the vendor necessitated re-negotiation to allow for sufficient funding to meet needs. This process began in late FY2026. At the time of budget development, the total funding required for this contract was not yet finalized; as a result, the funding increase from FY2026 requested by the department and approved by the Board was an estimate based on prior year spending.

Final negotiations for this contract were still underway during budget finalization, with the FY2027 contract increasing by \$445,668 over approved funding for FY2027. \$217,000 of this increase is funded with local opioid settlement dollars allocated to support Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) services; the remainder of the contract is funded through departmental funds. This has resulted in a gap between approved funding and required funding. This request will make this budget whole and provide funding for the full year of the contract.

REVISION

Supplemental Appropriation:

Revenue:

110-220050-690100	Fund Balance Applied	\$228,665.00
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Expense:

110-220050-856300	Medical Services	\$228,665.00
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e. The Finance and Personnel Subcommittee recommended the Board of Commissioners approve an update to the County's Opioid Settlement Funds Resolution.

To appropriate Opioid Settlement Funds, the County is required by the State Memorandum of Understanding to approve a resolution detailing how these funds will be spent and for what length of time. The opioid resolution recently adopted as a part of the budget process did not include the CVMC Grant Project, which was previously approved and funded by the Board of Commissioners in August 2025. This omission was unintentional, and to ensure all Opioid Settlement Fund projects are accounted for in this resolution, the attached update is recommended to be adopted by the BOC.

The updated resolution extends the project period for the CVMC Grant Project to 6/30/2027 to match other funded programs and consolidates language on how these funds can be used. These changes do not add any additional funds beyond what was previously approved.

The following resolution applies:

Resolution # 2026- 15
A RESOLUTION BY CATAWBA COUNTY
TO DIRECT THE EXPENDITURE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

WHEREAS Catawba County has joined national settlement agreements with multiple companies engaged in the manufacturing, distribution, and dispensing of opioids; and

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

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

WHEREAS section E.6 of the MOA states:

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

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

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

1. First strategy authorized:
 - a. Name of strategy: Opioid / Substance Use Disorder Program Coordinator
 - b. Strategy is included in: Exhibit A
 - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Exhibit A Item 1
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$587,981
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date 8/7/2023 through End date 6/30/2027
 - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Provides funding to employ an Opioid / Substance Use Disorder Program Coordinator Position and provide related operating expenses to explore /oversee / implement the County's collaborative strategic planning efforts related to Opioid / Substance Use Disorder, and criminal justice diversion programs (part of duties will be to work with Drug Court and Veterans Court).
 - g. Provider: Catawba County
 - h. Date(s) of BOC Action: 8/7/23; 6/3/24; 6/2/25; 6/15/26; 7/20/26
2. Second strategy authorized:
 - a. Name of strategy: Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in Detention Centers
 - b. Strategy is included in: Exhibit A

- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Exhibit A, Item 11
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$400,000
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date 7/1/2024 through End date 6/30/2027
 - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Provides medically assisted treatment for this purpose and associated therapy for inmates in the Catawba County Detention Center.
 - g. Provider: Catawba County Sheriff's Office and its contracted medical provider/s.
 - h. Date(s) of BOC Action: 6/3/24; 6/2/25; 6/15/26; 7/20/26
3. Third strategy authorized:
- a. Name of strategy: Community Paramedicine/PORT
 - b. Strategy is included in: Exhibit A
 - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Exhibit A, Item 8
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$1,209,402
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date 8/26/2024 through End date 6/30/2027
 - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: A post-overdose response team (PORT), is an overdose follow-up program that allows Community Paramedics to visit a person who experienced an overdose within 24-72 hours of the incident. PORTs provide support, education, and access to evidence-based treatment such as medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD) and other life-saving resources.
 - g. Provider: Catawba County Emergency Services / Emergency Medical Services
 - h. Date(s) of BOC Action: 8/26/24; 6/2/25; 6/15/26; 7/20/26
4. Fourth strategy authorized:
- a. Name of strategy: Newton-Conover City Schools (N-CCS) School Resilience Pilot
 - b. Strategy is included in: Exhibit A
 - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Exhibit A, Item 6
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$80,000
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date 8/26/2024 through End date 6/30/2025
 - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Partner with N-CCS to continue building out School Resilience Framework. Structure as pilot program to potentially serve as model for other schools
 - i. Fund full-time School Psychologist (\$61,000); part-time Community Outreach Coordinator (\$19,000) at N-CCS as part of pilot team; roles are critical to defining and facilitating framework
 - ii. Moving forward, develop replicable, measurable model and implementation method that can be scaled to fit other school systems, based on readiness.
 - g. Provider: N-CCS
 - h. Date(s) of BOC Action: 8/26/24
5. Fifth strategy authorized:
- a. Name of strategy: Catawba Valley Medical Center (CVMC) Opioid Grant
 - b. Strategy is included in: Exhibit A
 - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Exhibit A, Item 2
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$162,266
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date 8/18/2025 through End date 6/30/2027
 - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Partner with CVMC to hire a Licensed Clinical Addiction Specialist part-time to cover the weekends, as well as some medication and appointment costs
 - g. Provider: CVMC
 - h. Date(s) of BOC Action: 8/18/25; 7/20/26

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is \$2,439,649.

This the 20th day of July, 2026.

f. The Policy and Public Works Subcommittee recommended the Board of Commissioners approve a resolution declaring the County-owned property located at 245 East N Street, Newton, surplus and begin the upset bid process, based on an offer to purchase the property by Ashure Ministry, Inc. in the amount of \$65,000.

Ashure Ministry, Inc. (formerly ECCCM) currently leases this parcel and operates a nonprofit business providing county-wide food assistance and operating a thrift store. Ashure Ministry has leased the real property since 1971 and constructed the current building in 2005. Ashure made an offer to purchase the property for \$65,000 and submitted a bid deposit of \$3,250, as required by County policy and State law. The County does not have any specific use for this property at the present time or in the foreseeable future. The property's assessed value is \$78,200, not including the value of the improvements (which are owned by Ashure).

If authorized by the Board, notice of the bid will be advertised in the Hickory Daily Record and on the County's website, and upset bids may be made to the County within ten (10) days of publication. If an upset bid is received, that bid will be re-advertised until there are no further upset bids. The Board will then either accept or reject the offer. If the offer is accepted, the property will be sold to the highest bidder. The successful bidder must present cash or a certified check for the entire balance due at the time of closing.

Based on discussion at BOC subcommittee, the County has added a further condition of property transfer with a right of first refusal.

The following resolution applies:

RESOLUTION # 2026-16
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE AND UPSET BID PROCESS
Parcel ID: 363908979575

WHEREAS, Catawba County owns certain property located at 245 East N Street, Newton, North Carolina, as shown in Deed Book 758 at Page 417 in the office of the Register of Deeds for Catawba County, to which Deed reference is hereby made for more complete description; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute §160A-269 permits the County to sell property by upset bid, after declaring the property surplus and receiving an offer to purchase the property; and

WHEREAS, the County has received an offer to purchase the property described above, in the amount of \$65,000, submitted by Ashure Ministry, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Ashure Ministry, Inc. has paid the required five percent (5%) deposit on their offer; and

WHEREAS, the Catawba County Board of Commissioners acknowledges the offer of \$65,000, subject to the upset bid procedure and upon condition of County being granted a right of first refusal, for the property located at 245 East N Street, Newton, North Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Catawba County Board of Commissioners resolves that:

1. The Catawba County Board of Commissioners declares the property located at 245 East N Street, Newton, surplus and authorizes the sale of the property described above through the upset bid procedure of North Carolina General Statute §160A-269, upon condition that the County is granted a right of first refusal to purchase the property.

2. The County Clerk shall cause a notice of the proposed sale to be published. The notice shall describe the property and the amount of the offer and shall state the terms under which the offer may be upset.
3. Persons wishing to upset the offer that has been received shall submit a sealed bid with their offer to the office of the County Clerk within 10 days after the notice of sale is published. At the conclusion of the 10-day period, the Purchasing Manager shall open the bids, if any, and the highest such bid will become the new offer. If there is more than one bid in the highest amount, the first such bid received will become the new offer.
4. If a qualifying bid is received, the County Clerk shall cause a new notice of upset bid to be published and shall continue to do so until a 10-day period has passed without any qualifying upset bid having been received.
5. A qualifying higher bid is one that raises the existing offer by not less than ten percent (10%) of the first \$1,000 of that offer and five percent (5%) of the remainder of that offer.
6. A qualifying higher bid must also be accompanied by a deposit for five percent (5%) of the bid; the deposit may be made in cash, cashier's check, or certified check. The County will return the deposit on any bid not accepted and will return the deposit on an offer subject to upset if a qualifying higher bid is received. The County will return the deposit of the final high bidder at closing.
7. The terms of the final sale are that the property is sold "as is"; the property is subject to the County's right of first refusal to purchase the property before it can be sold to any other party; and the buyer must pay with cash, cashier's check or certified check at the time of closing.
8. The County reserves the right to withdraw the property from sale at any time before the final high bid is accepted and the right to reject all bids at any time.
9. If no qualifying bid is received after the initial public notice, the offer set forth above is hereby accepted. The appropriate County officials are authorized to execute the instruments necessary to convey the property. All other bids must be accepted by the Board of Commissioners.

This the 20th day of July, 2026.

A copy of the map of 245 E N St is hereto attached:



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Geospatial
Information Services

Real Estate Search



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Parcel: 363908979575, 245 E N ST NEWTON, 28658

Owners: CATAWBA COUNTY,

Owner Address: PO BOX 389, NEWTON NC 28658-0389

Values - Building(s): \$570,200, Land: \$78,200, Total: \$648,400

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g. Staff recommended the Board of Commissioners approve 11 releases totaling \$2,024.13, one refund totaling \$399.22 and 54 Motor Vehicles Bill adjustments / refunds totaling \$5,847.29 requested during the month of June.

North Carolina General Statute 105-381(b) states upon receipt of a taxpayer's written request for release or refund, the taxing unit's governing body has 90 days to determine whether the taxpayer's request is valid to either approve the release or refund of the incorrect portion or to notify the taxpayer in writing that no release or refund will be made.

During the month of June Tax Office staff have checked records and verified the legitimacy of 11 releases totaling \$2,024.13, one refund totaling \$399.22 and 54 Motor Vehicle Bill adjustments / refunds totaling \$5,847.29

Common reasons for the release of tax bill amounts include change in values and months, change in situs, businesses closing / being sold, clerical errors and adjusted bills to remove vehicles located out of state and remove mobile homes sold in prior years. The refund was due to the correction of an over assessment identified through audit findings by GovTax. The motor vehicle bill adjustments are largely due to pro-ration of tax bill amounts to account for mid-year transfers of ownership, change in values and change in situs.

h. Staff recommended the Catawba County Board of Commissioners amend the list of Map Review Officers by adoption of the attached resolution.

On July 17, 1997, the General Assembly ratified SB 875 - Maps and Plats Law. This law requires all counties to appoint Review Officers who would review each plat or map before it is recorded and certify that it meets the statutory requirements for mapping. The law states that individuals have to be appointed by name, not by job title, so that any time a change occurs in staffing, a new Review Officer has to be appointed and approved by resolution of the Board of Commissioners and subsequently recorded in the Register of Deeds Office.

Catawba County is requesting Blake Wright and Jonathan Pilkenton be added as review officers and Maggie Izlar be removed. Town of Maiden requesting Blake Wright be removed as a review officer.

With approval of the attached resolution incorporating the changes noted above, the active list of Review Officers will be:

Catawba County:	Chris Timberlake, Laurie LoCicero, Diana Gandia, Blake Wright, Jonathan Pilkenton
City of Hickory:	Brian Frazier, Cal Overby, Mike Kirby, and Wilson Elliott
City of Newton:	Randy Williams and Alex S. Fulbright
City of Conover:	Stephanie Watson, Heather Stephens, Madeleine Epley, and Erik Schlichting
City of Claremont:	Bryce Carter
Town of Long View:	Susan Matheson, Daniel Odom
Town of Maiden:	Addyson Ikard
Town of Catawba:	Ashley Young, Daniel Odom
Town of Brookford:	Marshall Eckard

The following resolution applies:

RESOLUTION #2026-17
APPOINTMENT OF MAP REVIEW OFFICERS

WHEREAS, S.L. 1997-309 (SB875) made a number of significant changes in the procedures for recording maps and plats; and

WHEREAS, the main purpose of the law was to transfer the responsibility for reviewing plats to determine whether they meet recording requirements from the Register of Deeds to a Review Officer; and

WHEREAS, G.S. 47-30.2 requires the Board of County Commissioners in each County, by resolution, to appoint a person or persons to serve as Review Officer to review each plat or map before it is recorded and certify that it meets the statutory requirements for recording; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Catawba County Board of Commissioners to insure an expeditious review of all maps and plats as required by G.S. 47-30.2 before they are presented to the Register of Deeds for recording; and

WHEREAS, the Catawba County Board of Commissioners on April 6, 2026 adopted Resolution #2026-9 which included names of individuals who were appointed as Review Officers for representative jurisdictions in Catawba County; and

WHEREAS, said Resolution was recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds in Book 04011 Pages 0664-0665; and

WHEREAS, staffing changes have occurred in Catawba County and Town of Maiden which necessitate an amendment to the approved list of Map Review Officers.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Blake Wright and Jonathan Pilkenton hereby be added to the list of appointed review officers for Catawba County and that Blake Wright hereby be removed from the list of appointed Review Officers for The Town of Maiden.

With the above change, the comprehensive list of Map Review Officers is as follows:

Catawba County:	Chris Timberlake, Laure LoCicero, Diana Gandia, Blake Wright, Jonathan Pilkenton
City of Hickory:	Brian Frazier, Cal Overby, Mike Kirby, Wilson Elliott
City of Newton:	Randy Williams and Alex S. Fulbright
City of Conover:	Stephanie Watson, Heather Stephens, Madeleine Epley, and Erik Schlichting
City of Claremont:	Bryce Carter
Town of Long View:	Susan Matheson, Daniel Odom
Town of Maiden:	Addyson Ikard
Town of Catawba:	Ashley Young, Daniel Odom
Town of Brookford:	Marshall Eckard

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution designating the Review Officers be recorded in the Catawba County Register of Deed's Office and indexed in the names of the Review Officers.

Adopted this the 20th day of July, 2026.

i. Staff recommended the Board of Commissioners declare Lieutenant Bryon Hollar's badge and weapon surplus effective July 20, 2026, pursuant to North Carolina Statute 20-187.2(a).

Lieutenant Bryon Hollar is retiring effective August 1, 2026. He has requested his badge and service weapon. In lieu of receiving these items at a Board of Commissioners meeting, he has asked that the weapon and badge be presented at a retirement ceremony at a later date.

The consent agenda items came in the form of a motion by Chair Isenhower, which carried unanimously.

11. Other Items of Business. None.

12. Manager's Report.

a. Staff recommended the Board of Commissioners authorize appropriation of \$209,467 in reimbursement revenue from NC Department of Transportation for infrastructure expenses at Trivium Corporate Center to

the existing Southeastern Catawba County Business Park capital project for future expenditure for anticipated project expenses.

Since 2014, Catawba County, the City of Hickory, and the Catawba County Economic Development Corporation have partnered on the development of Trivium Corporate Center, a 378-acre Class-A Business Park located along Startown Rd. The partnership is centered around Catawba County's and Hickory's mutual commitment to share equally in development expenses associated with bringing Trivium closer to market-ready. Just as the partners share expenses, they also share revenues.

Several years ago, the County and Hickory were successful in securing reimbursement-based grant funds from NC Department of Transportation for turn lanes and other transportation infrastructure associated with the park. This reimbursement was budgeted at \$1.3M, and in December 2025 Catawba County's share of this revenue was authorized for deposit back into the Trivium Corporate Center capital project. Actual reimbursable project expenses totaled \$1,718,935, leaving Catawba County with \$209,467 in unappropriated revenue available for reinvestment back into economic development projects.

Based on current and future project activity planned for the Southeastern Catawba County Business Park, staff requests the BOC authorize appropriation of the remaining reimbursement revenues to the existing SECC Business Park capital project.

Supplemental Appropriation

Revenue:

410-460100-627151	NCDOT	\$209,467
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Expense:

410-460100-988000-18030	SECC Business Park Buildings/Structures & Improv.	\$209,467
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Commissioner Abernethy made a motion to authorize appropriation of \$209,467 in reimbursement revenue from NC Department of Transportation for infrastructure expenses at Trivium Corporate Center to the existing Southeastern Catawba County Business Park capital project for future expenditure for anticipated project expenses. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Pursuant to Board authority granted to the County Manager, the following budget transfers have been completed:

Special Contingency Transfer:

JCPC – Discretionary Funds Allocation – Aspire Youth

Transfer From:

110-190100-691500	Special Contingency Revenue	\$1,347.00
110-190100-994200	Special Contingency Expense	\$1,347.00

To:

110-190050-868261	JCPC Aspire Voc Direction	\$1,347.00
110-190050-630632	JCPC Aspire Voc Direction	\$1,347.00

Special Contingency transfer to Aspire Youth that was allocated Discretionary Funds under the JCPC for their Vocational Directions program in the amount of \$1,347.00.

Contingency Transfer:

Lake Norman Marine Commission Contingency Transfer

Transfer

From:

110-190100-994000 Contingency \$2,500

To:

110-270050-868160 Lake Norman Marine Comm \$2,500

Contingency transfer to move \$2,500 of contingency funds to Lake Norman Marine Commission for expenses related to participation in this group.

12. Attorney's Report.

County Attorney Jodi Stewart requested the Board consider moving into Closed Session pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11(a) (3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged; (4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations; and (5) to establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract. Attorney Stewart did not anticipate any action upon return to open session. Commissioner Setzer made a motion to enter closed session for that purpose. The motion carried unanimously.

13. Adjournment. No further action was taken. Upon a motion by Commissioner Abernethy which unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.



Randy Isenhower, Chair
Catawba County Board of Commissioners



Dale R. Stiles
County Clerk