

Minutes
Catawba County Board of Commissioners
Wednesday, May 25, 2022, 8:00 a.m.

Budget

Budget Hearings with Departments and outside agencies

The Catawba County Board of Commissioners held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners Meeting Room, Catawba County Justice Center, 100 Government Drive, Newton, NC. The purpose of the special meeting was for budget hearings for County departments and outside agencies for Fiscal Year 2022/23.

Present were Chair Randy Isenhower, Vice-Chair Barbara G. Beatty, and Commissioners Katherine W. Barnes, Sherry E. Butler, and Austin Allran.

Absent: None

A quorum was present.

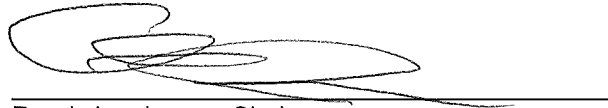
Also present were Deputy County Manager Mary Furtado, Assistant County Manager Alison Alexander, Budget and Management Director Jennifer Mace and Budget and Management Analyst Ian Bumgarner. County Manager Mick Berry was present for the afternoon session, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

1. Chair Isenhower called the special meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
2. Budget Hearings:
The following departments presented their proposed budgets for Fiscal Year 2022/23:
Catawba County Schools
Hickory Public Schools
Newton-Conover City Schools
Catawba Valley Community College
Catawba Valley Medical Center
Public Health
Partners HM
Technology
Sheriff
Utilities & Engineering / Water & Sewer / Solid Waste
Parks, Planning & Development
Facilities
Soil & Water
Cooperative Extension
Elections
United Arts Council / Salt Block/Historical Association / Hickory Public Libraries
Emergency Services / Communications Center / Fire Districts
Finance
Tax
Facilities
Court Services (Repay)
Conflict Resolution
Center Lake Norman Marine Commission
Convention & Visitors Bureau
Human Resources
Library
Social Services

Debrief and Question and Answers with staff.
3. County Attorney Jodi Stewart requested the Board consider moving into Closed Session pursuant to North

Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(3) and (4) 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 and 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. Attorney Stewart did not anticipate any action upon return to open session. Vice Chair Beatty made a motion to move into closed session for the stated reason. The motion carried unanimously. The Board entered into Closed Session at 4:37 p.m.

4. Adjournment. No action was taken. Upon a motion by Vice Chair Beatty which unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.



Randy Isenhower, Chair
Board of Commissioners



Dale R. Stiles, County Clerk