

Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2025

MINUTES OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, met in Informal Session in the Meeting Chamber Conference Room CH-14 of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center located at 600 East Fourth Street, Charlotte, North Carolina at 5:00 p.m. and in Formal Session in the Meeting Chamber of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chair Mark Jerrell and Commissioners Arthur Griffin,
Vilma D. Leake, Laura J. Meier, Elaine Powell,
Susan Rodriguez-McDowell, Yvette Townsend-Ingram
Incoming County Manager Michael Bryant
County Attorney Tyrone C. Wade
Clerk to the Board Kristine M. Smith
Sr. Administrative Support Barb Felder

Absent: Vice-Chair Leigh Altman
Commissioner George Dunlap
County Manager Dena R. Diorio

-INFORMAL SESSION-

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jerrell, after which the matters below were addressed.

REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT

The Board identified item(s) to be removed from Consent and voted upon separately. The items identified were Items:

- 25-0263** Commissioner Leake
- 25-0276** Commissioner Leake
- 25-0280** Commissioner Leake
- 25-0282** Commissioner Leake
- 25-0286** Commissioner Leake
- 25-0288** Commissioner Leake
- 25-0295** Commissioner Leake
- 25-0311** Commissioner Leake
- 25-0322** Commissioner Leake
- 25-0323** Commissioner Leake and Commissioner Powell

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STAFF BRIEFINGS - None

25-0305 CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Meier, and unanimously carried (7-0), to go into Closed Session for the following purpose(s): Business Location and Expansion, Land Acquisition and Consult with Attorney.

The Board went into Closed Session at 5:12 p.m. and came back into Open Session at 5:46 p.m.

The Board then proceeded to the Meeting Chamber for the remainder of the meeting.

-FORMAL SESSION-

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jerrell called this portion of the meeting to order, which was followed by introductions, invocation by Chair Jerrell, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; after which, the matters below were addressed.

Motion made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Powell and carried unanimously to authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute all documents necessary for acquisition of Tax Parcels 133-242-01, 133-242-02 and 133-242-03 (+/- 2.73 acres) in the City of Charlotte from Robert B. Marolf and spouse, Debra A. Marolf for a purchase price of \$1,200,000 for Park and Recreation purposes.

Motion made by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Griffin, and carried unanimously to authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute all documents necessary for the acquisition of Tax Parcel 163-021-55 (+/- 0.467 acres) from Joan P. Baker for a purchase price of \$450,000 for Park and Recreation purposes.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

25-0324 PROCLAMATION – EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) WEEK (CHAIR JERRELL)

Background: Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week is nationally recognized as a time to bring together local communities and medical personnel to honor the dedication of those who save lives, hold hands, and respond when and where patients need them. Our EMS professionals face unimaginable circumstances every day. There has never been a better time, however, as they remained steadfast in the face of a global pandemic, to express our heartfelt thanks for the noble sacrifices made by our EMS heroes as they continue to provide compassionate care in Mecklenburg County.

The proclamation was read by Commissioner Powell.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Griffin, and unanimously carried, to adopt a proclamation designating May 18-24, 2025, as “Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week” in Mecklenburg County.

John Peterson, Executive Director of Medic, received the proclamation and gave remarks.



25-0224 PROCLAMATION – FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH (CHAIR JERRELL)

Background: Mecklenburg County urges all of its citizens to take the time to celebrate and thank those who work with our children and youth. It is also a time to focus on the foster children who wait in foster homes for permanent and adoptive families, as well as those children who are turning 18 and aging out of the foster care "system".

The proclamation was read by Commissioner Leake.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Meier, and unanimously carried, to adopt a proclamation declaring May 2025 as "Foster Care Awareness".

Bridget Happney, Senior Social Services Manager, received the proclamation and gave remarks.



25-0248 **PROCLAMATION – OLDER AMERICANS MONTH (CHAIR JERRELL)**

Background: To honor the Seniors who are essential contributors to the strength of our community, we would like Mecklenburg County to recognize May as Older Americans Month.

The proclamation was read by Commissioner Townsend-Ingram.

Motion was made by Commissioner Townsend-Ingram, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and unanimously carried, to adopt a proclamation declaring May 2025 as "Older Americans Month" in Mecklenburg County.

Greg Tanner, Division Director of Services for Adults, accepted the proclamation and gave remarks.



PUBLIC ART MOMENT

25-0300 PUBLIC ART MOMENT

The Board received a presentation on Public Art piece titled “The Action of Water”.

Background: On January 5, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved the addition of an agenda topic to the second Regular meeting of the month entitled Public Art Moment. The item, with the help of the Arts & Science Council, will highlight a piece of public art - a different one each month. The purpose of this item is to raise public awareness and appreciation for the tax dollars that are spent on public art each year. This month's featured art piece is called "The Action of Water" by IlaSahia Prouty of Bakersville, NC. This project is located at the Medical Examiner's Office in District 2.

The Action of Water

IlaSahai Prouty
Mecklenburg County
Medical Examiner’s Office



IlaShai Prouty. *The Action of Water*. 2008.
Mecklenburg County Medical Examiner's Office
(Exterior Sculpture).



IlaShai Prouty. *The Action of Water*. 2008.
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IlaShai Prouty. *The Action of Water*. 2008. Mecklenburg County Medical Examiner's Office (Interior Sculpture).



IlaShai Prouty. *The Action of Water*. 2008. Mecklenburg County Medical Examiner's Office (Interior Sculpture).



PUBLIC APPEARANCE

25-0304 PUBLIC APPEARANCE

The following persons appeared to speak during the Public Appearance portion of the agenda:

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| 1. Denesha Degraffenreid | Mental Health |
| 2. Dyrrie Osborne | Statue of Charlie Sifford on the Charlie Sifford Golf Course. |
| Abra Koffi | |
| Charles Kearse | |
| Andrea Springs | |
| James Bouldwear | |
| Verbens McIlwan | |
| 3. Kaya Allyn | Law Enforcement |

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APPOINTMENTS

25-0108 APPOINTMENTS – CENTRAL PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Motion was made by Commissioner Townsend-Ingram, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and unanimously carried, to reappoint Khalif Rhodes on the Central Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees for one (1) four-year term expiring June 30, 2029, effective July 1, 2025. Khalif Rhodes is eligible for reappointment.

25-0264 APPOINTMENTS – CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG PLANNING COMMISSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Griffin, and carried, (6-1) with Commissioners Griffin, Townsend-Ingram, Powell, Jerrell, Meier and Rodriguez-McDowell voting yes and Commissioner Leake voting no to reappoint Terry Lansdell and Shana Neeley on the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission for two (2) three-year terms expiring June 30, 2028, effective July 1, 2025.

25-0268 APPOINTMENTS – JURY COMMISSION

Nominations were needed on the Jury Commission to fill one (1) two-Year term expiring June 30, 2027, effective July 1, 2025.

The nominations were as follows:

Brandi Falls – Commissioners Griffin and Rodriguez-McDowell
Janine Lafferty – Commissioner Powell
Obdulio Oden – Commissioner Meier
Queen Thompson – Chair Jerrell

Nominees will be brought back at next Regular Meeting for appointment.

25-0273 APPOINTMENTS – WOMEN’S ADVISORY BOARD

Motion was made by Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and unanimously carried, to reappoint Joelle Dugue on the Women’s Advisory Board for one (1) three-year term expiring June 30, 2028.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Leake, and unanimously carried, to nominate and appoint Catherine Etemad, to the Women’s Advisory Board to fill one (1) three-year term expiring April 30, 2028, effective July 1, 2025.

Note: Corelutta Reid completed her terms on the board.

25-0294 APPOINTMENTS- LAKE WYLIE MARINE COMMISSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Meier, and unanimously carried, to nominate and appoint Lawrence Justen, on the Lake Wylie Marine Commission to fill one (1) unexpired term expiring September 30, 2026.

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25-0307 APPOINTMENTS – STORM WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and unanimously carried, to appoint Christopher Smith, on the Storm Water Advisory Committee to fill one (1) three-year term expiring June 30, 2028, effective July 1, 2025, Institutions slot.

Note: John Tartt completed his term on the committee.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

25-0246 LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AGENCY FEE ORDINANCE CHANGES

Motion was made by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Meier, and unanimously carried, to open public hearing for comments on proposed revisions to the Land Use and Environmental Services Agency (LUESA) Fee Ordinance.

There were no speakers for this portion of the meeting.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISIONS TO THE LUESA FEE ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, in 2002, Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners and the Towns in Mecklenburg County approved Land Development Services Interlocal Cooperation Agreements which sets forth roles and responsibilities for County and Towns associated with the provision of Land Development, North Carolina Building Code and other related services; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2025, an informal Budget Committee consisting of Town Managers and the Storm Water Services Division Director wrote a letter to the County Manager endorsing the proposed FY26 budget, including the proposed fee adjustments; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2025, the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on the proposed revisions to the LUESA Fee Ordinance including the proposed fee adjustments; and

WHEREAS, Paragraph 4 of the Land Development Services Interlocal Cooperation Agreements gives the County the right to charge fees to cover the costs incurred by the County; and

WHEREAS, July 1, 2025, is the intended effective date of the proposed fee adjustments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County that on May 20, 2025, the Board approves revisions to the LUESA Fee Ordinance in substantially the form attached to this resolution and that this resolution shall be spread upon the minutes.

Approved as to form:

Clerk to the Board

County Attorney

Resolution recorded in full in Ordinance Book 54, Document #34.

Ordinance recorded in full Ordinance Book 54, Document #35.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Leake seconded by Commissioner Griffin, and unanimously carried, to close public hearing on proposed revisions to the Land Use and Environmental Services Agency (LUESA) Fee Ordinance.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, and unanimously carried, to adopt a Resolution Revising the Land Use and Environmental Services Agency (LUESA) Fee Ordinance.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

25-0187 CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE- ANNUAL REPORT

The Board received an Annual Report of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee.

Terry Bradley, CRC Deputy Director, and Sam Smith Jr., CRC Chair, gave the presentation.

Background: The Board's Appointment Policy states all Committees must report at least annually to the Board of County Commissioners on their activities. Reports can be submitted to the Clerk to the Board for distribution to the Board in writing or for formal presentation at a Regular Board Meeting.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg
Community Relations
Committee (CRC)

2025 Annual Report



PREPARED FOR THE MECKLENBURG
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS





CRC At-A-Glance

VISION: Be recognized as a global model in building community harmony by advocating for diversity, equity and access for all.

MISSION: CRC empowers, collaborates, engages and promotes opportunities to create positive outcomes.

- Current Membership: 39 of 45 seats filled
 - Charlotte Mayor appoints eight members
 - Charlotte City Council appoints 16 members
 - Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners appoints 21 members
- CRC's Primary Functions:
 - Provide authentic feedback on community issues
 - Assist in the facilitation of communication between the committee, community, and elected officials
 - Promote community harmony, civic opportunities, respect, and understanding among all residents
 - Advocate for equity across Charlotte-Mecklenburg

Committee Structure

COMMUNITY LIAISON REPRESENTATIVES	COMMUNITY/CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT	PUBLIC RELATIONS/NEWSLETTER
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ADA• Community Affairs• Dispute Settlement• Fair Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual MLK Celebration• Police-Community Relations Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CRC Newsletter• Speaking (in the community)• Speaker Series (internal)• Partnerships

Community Liaison Representatives

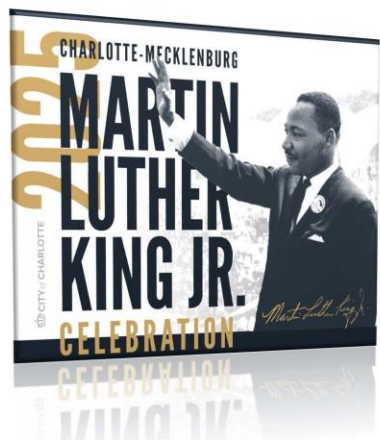


This subcommittee actively engages with each division of the Community Relations Department (CRD) to explore collaboration opportunities that advance the vision and mission.

Two impactful events hosted by this subcommittee in FY25 were:

- An in-person panel discussion on landlord tenant rights and responsibilities.
- A virtual panel discussion focused on building lasting solutions for the unhoused.

Community Engagement & Cultural Events



- **Annual Charlotte-Mecklenburg MLK Celebration:** Lead/host engaging activities and meaningful awards programs that honor Dr. King's legacy.
- **Police-Community Relations Awards:** Lead/host annual awards program honoring CMPD officers who go above and beyond to foster meaningful connections with residents and neighborhood groups.

Public Relations/Newsletter



- Developed and distributed the CRC newsletter, keeping the community informed about CRC's work, events, and other relevant topics.
 - Distribution includes: 3,500+ subscribers; city and county employees.
- Successfully hosted a "Think Local, Act Global" event during Welcoming Week. This dynamic panel discussion highlighted the vital contributions of immigrants to Charlotte, reinforcing the importance of diversity and inclusion in our community.
- Developed a robust infrastructure and protocols to ensure seamless and productive workflows for the public relations subcommittee's key initiatives.



Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Program

FY25



ADA guarantees equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities.

- Twenty citywide ADA training sessions conducted in FY25.
- Seven Lunch & Learns held in FY25 to elevate conversations about disabilities across the city and county, and engage community partners in this work.
- Physical barriers removed in FY25: 382. Currently tracking the remaining 7,457 physical barriers.
- The City of Charlotte received 45 ADA inquiries and filled five ASL interpreting requests in FY25.
 - Individuals can file ADA complaints and grievances (within 60 days of the alleged violation) to the Community Relations ADA program office at charlotteADA@charlottenc.gov.



Community Affairs

FY25

- Implemented new programs focused on bridging intergenerational gaps and connecting with residents in creative ways.
- Increased community engagement by attending festivals, events and community meetings.
- Worked with 100+ students through the Peer Club Program in schools.
- Continued work to build police-community relations.
- Continued to develop initiatives that promote the programs and services offered by CRD.

Dispute Settlement Program

FY25



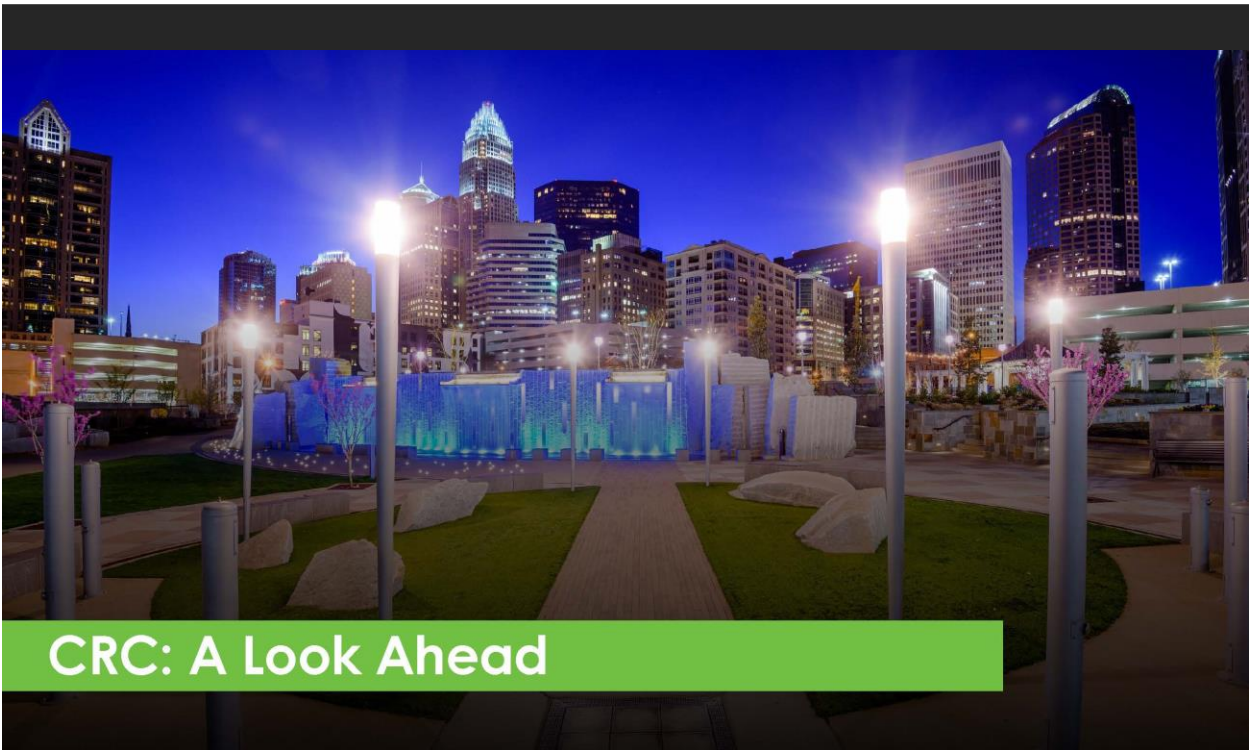
- Continued to provide weekly mediation services in Private Warrant Court.
- Mediation referrals: 871 ; cases mediated/conciliated: 754 cases.
- Criminal justice dollars saved: \$95,400.
- Collected \$17,755 in restitution for complainants because of successful mediations.
- Received and processed 716 calls regarding our services.
- Continued to recruit and train new volunteer mediators.
- Continued to foster partnerships with CMPD, Sheriff's Office, Courts, City and County departments.
- Increased education and outreach efforts.



Fair Housing/ NDO/SOIP

FY25

- The Fair Housing Division opened 28 inquiries for investigation and closed 29. The monetary relief received for Complainants during that time totals \$31,563. Most complaints were race and disability related.
- The Nondiscrimination Ordinance program opened eight inquiries and closed 10. The total dollars received through conciliation is \$30,787.59. Most complaints were employment related and based on disability.
- There have been five Source of Income inquiries, but none meeting elements of jurisdiction for investigation.



Year One - **DISRUPTIVE**



Community/Civil Visit
– Listening Sessions
(City, County, CC,
CRC, etc.)



Increase CRC
Membership to
the Full Body
(Understanding
Roles)



Create/Restructure
Committees
(Formalize)



Decorum and
Respect



Revisit
Mission/Value/
Goals – Staff
Roles vs. CRC
Roles

Year Two - **GROWTH**

Increase

- Increase community engagement efforts/initiatives

Form

- Form strategic partners

Build

- Build a talk series

Year Three- **STABILIZING**

Retain 100%
membership and
engagement

Strong leadership
transition



Needs & Support

- Considering reducing the threshold of members to 30 – this will allow room for more engagement.
- Partnership with countywide initiatives – how can CRC get more involved?

THANK YOU!

Sam Smith Jr.
CRC Chair
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Terry Bradley
CRC Deputy Director
terry.bradley@charlottenc.gov

Thank you for your continued support of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee. We feel our partnership is vital to a healthy community in promoting harmony, facilitating resolution and celebrating diversity.

Comments

Commissioner Meier wanted to know the attendance rate of the board due to previous attendance issues. *Mr. Smith said attendance was good, and members typically didn’t miss meetings. He said for their retreat, they had a 95% attendance rate on a Saturday morning, and they were all highly engaged.*

Commissioner Meier asked why there were 45 seats. *Mr. Bradley stated that community relations had been around since the 1960s and based on those issues that were happening back then, they expanded the body with Ad hoc members to grow it. He said the actual committee was much larger than it was now. He said it was a little over 60 at one point and was cut down to currently 45. He said based on the needs back then, it required more bodies.*

Commissioner Meier thanked them for a job well done.

Commissioner Powell asked if the meetings were virtual or in person. *Mr. Smith said for six months, they were virtual, and for six months, they were in person.*

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Commissioner Powell asked for an example of a barrier removal that they were happy about. *Mr. Bradley said they had remodeled the chamber to ensure that the media had access and the automatic doors, so that it was more accessible for the public to attend meetings.*

Commissioner Powell asked for an example of county-wide involvement in the towns. *Mr. Bradley said the programs were city and county-wide. He said the Fair Housing Program and the Conflict Resolution Program was City and County-Wide and also the Community Relations Awards and the MLK celebrations.*

Commissioner Powell asked to be on their invitation list for meetings, so that if they were available, they would know when and where the meetings were.

Commissioner Powell asked for an example of how they had increased community engagement. *Mr. Bradley said they had a series of Lunch and Learns, and they were able to invite individuals to those events. He said they also sent the information out to their partners.*

Commissioner Townsend-Ingram thanked the presenters for their work. She said that she appreciated their deliberate and intentional hard work.

Commissioner Townsend-Ingram said that Deputy County Manager Trotman talked about the changes that were coming to housing with rapid rehousing. She wanted to know if they could get involved with advocacy regarding housing vouchers, where there was no set guideline for time limits. She said that now people would be cut off after two years on those vouchers, and that was a part of the equity talk, so she would like them to engage and advocate and set up some meetings with Deputy County Manager Trotman on that.

Commissioner Griffin thanked them for getting them back on track. He said that if the Board could help in any way, to please reach out.

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell asked that on the proposal of going from 45 to 30 members, if their terms would roll off and not be replaced. *Mr. Smith said that was the strategy that was being used presently. He said there were six rolling off in June and the goal was not to fill those appointments, but moving from 45 to 30 was a State issue, and they had been trying to look into it to see how to take control of that, but the short answer was not to fill appointments as others rolled off.*

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell asked if that was our decision. *Mr. Bradley said that it was in the Human Relations Ordinance, which sets the total number of how many should sit on the Board.*

Commissioner Leake expressed concern for Americans with Disabilities. She said that facilities in Mecklenburg County were not as accommodating as they ought to be. She said that there was a law requiring that every building be accessible for those who were disabled.

Commissioner Leake was concerned that Charlotte had grown so much in the last five years that human relations had almost changed its job because of its growth in Mecklenburg County and the City of Charlotte. She asked whether they were prepared for this. *Mr. Bradley said that The American Disabilities Act's, (ADA) initial approach for them was to tell everyone what was wrong, and that was a slow process. He said that it was more of a deliberate cultural shift in thinking, putting people in certain situations so they could understand better what that experience might look like. He said that he was sharing stories and asking questions. He said that this continuous outreach and education that they tend to do around that program helped get people more in tune with what was going on.*

Mr. Bradley said that human relations were basically about the needs of the community. He said they needed hear those needs. He said the committees were their eyes and ears to what was going

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on, and they told them some of the things that the department needed to be in front of and were being addressed.

Commissioner Leake asked what the current major issue was. *Mr. Bradley said the major issues today were issues around housing and making sure there was equity and access to housing. He said mobility was another key issue that they were focusing on. He said one of the things they were starting to slowly see was how they could better address the digital divide, making sure everyone had the same information and how to get information to them if they did not use technology.*

Commissioner Powell asked if the agenda was set by staff or committee members. *Mr. Smith said he served with a leadership team that consisted of himself, the vice chair, and all the chairs for the subcommittees. He said when they had their leadership meeting, that was when they set the agenda for the next meeting.*

Chair Jerrell thanked the presenters.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Incoming County Manager Bryant announced that the Mecklenburg County Public Health Department was now accredited with honors by the North Carolina Local Health Department Accreditation Board. He said that in North Carolina, per general statute, all local health departments must be accredited by the State Accreditation Board.

Incoming County Manager Bryant said that this rigorous process is done to assure all local health departments met state and national standards for delivering essential public health services. He said after providing necessary documentation and completing an on-site visit in March, the Accreditation Board determined that Mecklenburg County Public Health met or exceeded 147 out of the 147 requirements, thereby receiving the highest designation of accreditation with honors. He said during the Accreditation Board meeting, the Mecklenburg County team was recognized for its leadership and best practices across the state, including the County's mobile health program, community-driven HRV Care and Prevention, and for having strong support for public health from the Board of County Commissioners.

Incoming County Manager Bryant thanked them for their tireless work and dedication and for being the strongest in the state and the nation.

Dr. Washington gave remarks thanking his team and the Commissioners.

The Commissioners gave remarks and thanked Dr. Washington and the Health Department.



DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORS’ MONTHLY REPORTS

25-0301 DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

The Board received as information the department directors’ monthly management reports. The monthly management reports can be accessed online via public dashboards at:

<https://meck.co/DataDashboard>

Background: The County Manager has requested department directors develop department management monthly reports highlighting key activities and initiatives within the departments and that reports show relevant performance indicators of departmental activity.


Department Management Monthly Reports

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2023, the Department Management Monthly Reports transitioned to a public-facing dashboard.

[Click here, or click the image to the right, to access the Department Management Monthly Report Dashboard](#)


Explore Department Data

Explore the key performance indicators (KPIs) we're measuring.




Asset and Facility Management

Mackinburg County Asset and Facility Management plans and designs our public facilities.




Board of Elections

Be a vital part of the administration of election processes.




Community Resources

Provide access to information and service seniors, caregivers, child support and people with disabilities.




Community Support Services

Support veterans, aid homeless, treat substance use, and prevent/intercede domestic violence.



County Assessor's Office

Provide accurate and timely discovery, listing, and appraisal of all real and personal property.



Criminal Justice Services

Improve the justice system through interagency cooperation, coordination, & planning.

STAFF REPORTS & REQUESTS - NONE

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS & REQUESTS – NONE

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and unanimously carried, to approve the following item(s):

25-0269 LAND ACQUISITION – TAX FORECLOSURES

Authorize County Manager to negotiate and execute all documents necessary for acquisition of the following properties in the City of Charlotte from the County's Office of the Tax Collector for Park and Recreation purposes:

Tax Parcel 027-011-19 (\pm 1.013 acres) for a purchase price of \$7,000,

Tax Parcel 027-011-57 (\pm 0.147 acres) for a purchase price of \$6,500, and

Tax Parcel 135-102-68 (\pm 0.574 acres) for a purchase price of \$8,000

Background: The County recently (through the Office of the Tax Collector) auctioned several properties for back taxes in which the County was the default highest bidder due to receiving no other bids at the auctions. Several of those properties are along greenway corridors and Park and Recreation is requesting permission to acquire those properties by satisfying payment of those back taxes and associated legal fees. Doing so will result in the County obtaining clear title to the properties and will allow for incorporation of the properties into various greenway projects. Properties to be acquired include:

Mallard Creek Greenway Expansion

- Tax Parcel 027-011-19 (\pm 1.013 acres) for a purchase price of \$7,000*
- Tax Parcel 027-011-57 (\pm 0.147 acres) for a purchase price of \$6,500*

McAlpine Creek Greenway Expansion

- Tax Parcel 135-102-68 (\pm 0.148 acres) for a purchase price of \$8,000*

The total purchase price is \$22,000 and will cover back taxes, court costs, and legal fees. This acquisition is consistent with Meck Playbook, the Greenway Master Plan, and the County's Environmental Leadership Policy.

**25-0281 VENDOR SELECTION – GREENWAY AND PARK WAYFINDING SIGNAGE
FABRICATION & INSTALLATION**

Authorize the County Manager to negotiate terms and conditions to execute a firm-fixed-price contract with ACSM, Inc. for Wayfinding Signage fabrication and installation for an initial term of three (3) years, with an option to extend for two (2) additional, consecutive one (1) year terms thereafter, and in the event negotiations with the selected firm are unsuccessful, approve negotiations and contract execution with the next lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

Background: A wayfinding signage company is needed to fabricate, deliver and install a variety of signs in the County greenway and park system for both new and existing facilities. The vendor will produce signs according to detailed requirements in coordination with the Park and Recreation Department to ensure timeliness, accuracy, and consistency of signage across the system.

**25-0284 STORM WATER PROGRAM – HAZARD MITIGATION CATAWBA RIVER
FLOODPLAIN**

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Accept the Offer of Sale of Real Estate from William Robbins, owner of the property located at 1421 Riverside Drive, Charlotte, NC (tax parcel 031-161-18), for \$557,514.

Authorize the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police and Fire Departments to use the structures for training exercises.

Background: Since late 1999, Mecklenburg County has used storm water fee revenue to mitigate flood prone property. Buyouts reduce the risk to life and property during floods, while also enhancing the natural and beneficial functions of the floodplain. Mecklenburg County uses the land as open space, to expand greenways, to construct wetlands, etc.

At the November 6, 2024, Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting, the BOCC adopted the MECKLENBURG COUNTY RESOLUTION ADOPTING GUIDELINES FOR A VOLUNTARY BUYOUT AND RETROFIT GRANT PROGRAM FOR FLOODPLAIN STRUCTURES THAT SUSTAINED FLOOD DAMAGE FROM TROPICAL STORM HELENE ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2024, OR AFTER. The resolution set out guidelines for use of the Storm Water Capital Reserve for voluntary buyouts and retroFIT grants for floodplain structures that sustained flood damage from Tropical Storm Helene. These properties were selected for possible acquisition using criteria listed in the adopted Resolution.

The requested actions will consist of acquiring the property and demolishing the existing home. The purchase price is based upon the pre-flood Fair Market Value (FMV) minus documented flood damages from the September 2024 event. The owner has voluntarily agreed to sell to the

County for the FMV minus Actual Cash Value (ACV) of structural losses (from County obtained Damage Assessment) per the November 6, 2024, resolution as outlined in the table below:

Address	Pre-Storm FMV	ACV of Losses	Final Offer Price
1421 Riverside Dr	\$795,000	\$237,486	\$557,514

Storm Water Services staff allows the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department and the City of Charlotte Fire Department training opportunities for police and fire personnel prior to demolition of flood prone buildings.

25-0290 TAX REFUNDS

Approve refunds in the amount of \$4,141.08 for registered motor vehicles as statutorily required to be paid as requested by the County Assessor; and

Approve refunds in the amount of \$64,934.54 as statutorily required to be paid as requested by the County Assessor.

Background: This Board action is necessary to approve registered motor vehicle tax refunds resulting from clerical errors, value changes and appeals processed in the statewide vehicle tax system.

This Board action is necessary to approve tax refunds resulting from clerical errors, audits and other amendments, including revaluation appeals. There is accrued interest of \$33.99 to be added to refunds of \$230.41. There is no accrued interest to be added to the refunds of \$64,670.14. The total refunds with interest added is \$64,934.54.

25-0291 PERMANENT GREENWAY EASEMENT – IRWIN CREEK GREENWAY

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Accept donation of a Permanent Greenway Easement on a portion of Tax Parcel 143-031-06 (+/- 37,338 square feet or +/- 0.857 acres) from PR III/DRP Lakepoint Apartments LP, a Delaware limited partnership, for future Irwin Creek Greenway.

Background: Park and Recreation is requesting approval to accept donation of a Permanent Greenway Easement from PR III/DRP Lakepoint Apartments LP, a Delaware limited partnership on the Irwin Creek Greenway (a portion of Tax Parcel 143-031-06) required by an approved re-zoning. The property is located in the City of Charlotte off Tyvola Road near Billy Graham Parkway, surrounded by both commercial and residential properties.

The donation will allow access to future Irwin Creek Greenway from the new Lakepoint apartment complex development.

The donation is consistent with Park and Recreation’s Greenway Master Plan that calls for the addition of parkland, greenway and open space within the County. It is also consistent with the County’s Environmental Leadership Action Plan.

25-0293 CONSERVATION DECLARATIONS ON COUNTY PROPERTY

Authorize the County Manager to execute conservation declarations on seven (7) County properties (totaling 30.36 acres) located along the Long Creek at I-485 Stream Restoration Project.

Background: Mecklenburg County Storm Water Services is currently constructing the Long Creek Stream Restoration project from I-485 to Oakdale Road (Phase 3 of 3) as part of implementing the county’s Environmental Leadership Action Plan and meeting LUESA’s Strategic Business Plan goals.

This project will restore approximately 8,300 feet of Long Creek in Charlotte, NC. The project will revegetate the stream bank with native plant species, improve aquatic habitat, and reduce in-stream erosion. Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation partnered with Storm Water to jointly design and construct the greenway within the project area.

Parcel numbers are shown below:

033-191-99
033-146-08
033-261-05
033-251-17
033-251-14
033-251-15
033-111-12

The Board of County Commissioners approved the North Carolina Land & Water Fund (NCLWF) grant on February 18, 2020, which included a Grant amount of \$400,000, and a local match of \$1,497,100, for a contract total amount of \$1,897,100. With the execution of these conservation declarations, the project fulfills the conservation requirements set forth in the NCLWF grant. The 30.36 acres being conserved are located in the floodplain adjacent to the stream restoration project. Additional documents are available upon request.

25-0315 MINUTES

Approve the following Meeting Minutes:

March 11, 2025, Budget/Public Policy Workshop
March 18, 2025, Regular Meeting

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May 14, 2025, County Manager's Recommended FY26 Budget

THIS CONCLUDED ITEMS APPROVED BY CONSENT

25- 0302 PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioners may remove agenda items from the Consent Agenda for a separate vote, to bring public awareness or to make comments. The following items were pulled and voted upon separately:

25-0263 LUESA INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Griffin, and unanimously carried, to amend Mecklenburg County Street Addressing Interlocal Agreement with all six towns and City (City of Charlotte, Towns of Huntersville, Davidson, Cornelius, Mint-Hill, Pineville and Matthews).

Background: Proposed revisions to the Interlocal Agreement on Address Assignment between Mecklenburg County GIS and the participating jurisdictions. The existing agreements with the city of Charlotte and the six towns lack the requirement for inclusion of any amendments and other relevant informal agreements that may need to be documented. To address this issue, this revised agreement incorporates the updated requirements, with the approval of the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). This language has been reviewed and agreed to by all parties.

This item was pulled by Commissioner Leake for clarity and/or public awareness.



**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR
ASSIGNMENT OF STREET ADDRESSES**

This Interlocal Agreement ("Agreement") made and entered into this 20th of May, 2025 to be effective upon the date of full execution, by and between Mecklenburg County, a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina (the County), the City of Charlotte, a municipal corporation, organized under the State of North Carolina (the "City") and the Towns of Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville, Matthews, Mint Hill, and Pineville, all municipal corporations, collectively referred to as ("Partidparts") for the assignment of street addresses.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Partidpants acknowledge the importance of displaying proper street address numbers for effective emergency response, mail delivery, and general identification of properties;

WHEREAS, Charlotte, Davidson, Huntersville, Matthews, Mint Hill, Cornelius, and Pineville municipalities are willing to and do hereby delegate to Mecklenburg County the responsibility for the assignment of street addresses per the provisions of the Mecklenburg County Street Address Ordinance;

WHEREAS, Partidpants recognize the need for a unified approach to the assignment of addresses within Mecklenburg County, promoting consistency and efficiency.

WHEREAS, Partidpants desire and agree to addresses within their corporate limits being assigned by Mecklenburg County pursuant to the Mecklenburg County Street Address Ordinance, which sets forth the rules and requirements for the proper display of street address numbers;

WHEREAS, Partidpants intend to establish a joint agency as authorized by N.C. Gen. Stat. 160A-462, the "Addressing Working Committee," to oversee the implementation and administration of the addressing system;

WHEREAS, Partidpants agree to follow the street naming approval process set forth by the Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency (LUESA) and to comply with street name changes;

WHEREAS, as a result of the consolidation of the development permit process throughout Mecklenburg County LUESA, all building permits and approvals have been centralized in one location;

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County will issue certificates of occupancy once it has been certified that the street address numbers required by either Charlotte, Davidson, Huntersville, Matthews, Mint Hill, Cornelius, or Pineville ordinances have been posted.

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WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County will report all assignments of street addresses and certificates of occupancy within the city and town limits on a regular basis according to a schedule agreed upon by the respective staff.

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County will accept the responsibility for the enforcement of all relevant ordinances pursuant to this Interlocal Agreement. Mecklenburg County will apprise other Participants of enforcement actions on an ongoing basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Participants agree as follows:

Section I. Applicability

This Agreement shall apply to all incorporated and unincorporated areas within Mecklenburg County, including the City of Charlotte, and the Towns of Davidson, Huntersville, Matthews, Mint Hill, Cornelius, and Pineville.

Section II. Display of Street Address Numbers

Owners of residential, institutional, or commercial buildings are required to prominently display the proper street address numbers on the front of the building, ensuring visibility and legibility from the nearest public travel way.

Section III. Assignment of Street Address Numbers

The Geospatial Information Systems (GIS) Division within the Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency (LUESA) shall be responsible for assigning proper street address numbers. Property owners shall apply to the Mecklenburg County LUESA department through the web, telephone, mail, or in-person methods to obtain the correct address assignment.

Section IV. Numbering Rules

LUESA shall provide detailed numbering rules that govern the assignment and display of street address numbers. These rules shall be made available to property owners and stakeholders upon request and through official communication channels.

Section V. Timeframe for Displaying Street Address Numbers

- a. Address identification characters should contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numbers or alphabetical letters. Numbers shall not be spelled out. Each character shall be a minimum of 6 inches high with a minimum stroke width of ¼ inch. Where required by the fire code official, address identification should be provided in additional approved locations to facilitate emergency response. Where access is by means of a private road and building address cannot be viewed from the public way, a monument, pole, or other approved sign or means shall be used to identify the structure. (2018 NC State Building Code – [F] 501.2 Address Identification)
 - b. Address information not on face area: Street address numbers shall be at least 4 inches in height or 1 inch in height for every 10 feet of distance between the displayed number and the centerline of the adjacent roadway, whichever is greater. The maximum number size will not exceed 1.5 times the required size and not exceed 30 inches.
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c. "Clearly visible" shall be defined as having sufficient size and contrast to be easily read and identified without being overly attention-grabbing or distracting.

d. For sites that have been recently addressed for building permit submittal and will not be constructed within the next 30-day period, property owners are required to post temporary address markers or numbers that meet the specified size and visibility requirements. Utility equipment on sites without buildings shall also be required to display addresses according to the same rules for buildings.

Section VI. Prohibited Acts

It shall be unlawful for anyone or other legal entity to remove or deface a street address that is displayed in accordance with Section V of this Agreement. It shall also be unlawful to allow an incorrect street address to remain on a building.

Section VII. Street Name Approval and Street Name Changes

a. LUESA shall review new street names and proposed street name changes. Participants agree to follow the street naming approval process set forth by the County and comply with approved street name changes.

b. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 153A-239.1. Naming roads and assigning street numbers in unincorporated areas for counties.

a. A county may by ordinance name or rename any road within the county and not within a city, and may pursuant to a procedure established by ordinance assign or reassign street numbers for use on such a road.

b. In naming or renaming a road, a county may not:

i. Change the name, if any, given to the road by the Board of Transportation, unless the Board of Transportation agrees ;

ii. Change the number assigned to the road by the Board of Transportation, but may give the road a name in addition to its number; or

iii. Give the road a name that is deceptively similar to the name of any other public road in the vicinity.

c. A county shall not name or rename a road or adopt an ordinance to establish a procedure to assign or reassign street numbers on a road until it has held a public hearing on the matter. At least 10 days before the day of the hearing to name or rename a road, the board of commissioners shall cause notice of the time, place and subject matter of the hearing to be prominently posted at the county courthouse, in at least two public places in the township or townships where the road is located, and shall publish a notice of such hearing in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county. At least 10 days before the day of the hearing to adopt an ordinance to establish a procedure to assign or reassign street numbers on a road, the board of commissioners shall publish a notice of such hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. After naming or renaming a road, or assigning or reassigning street numbers on a road, a county shall cause notice of its action to be given to the local postmaster with jurisdiction over the road, to the Board of Transportation, and to any city within five miles

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of the road. Names may be initially assigned to new roads by recordation of an approved subdivision plat without following the procedure established by this section. (b) Repealed by Session Laws 1993, c. 62, s. 3. (1979, 2nd Sess., c. 1319, s. 2; 1981, c. 568; 1983, cc. 98, 299; 1987 (Reg. Sess., 1988), cc. 900, 906; 1989, c. 335, s. 1; 1989 (Reg. Sess., 1990), cc. 836, 854, 911; 1991, c. 9, s. 2; 1991 (Reg. Sess., 1992), c. 778, s. 2; c. 849, ss. 2, 2.2; c. 936, s. 2; 1993, c. 62, s. 3; 2001-145, s. 1.)

Section VIII: Municipal Street Maintenance Adoption (Related to the NC Powell Bill)

Cities and Towns will submit a Street Acceptance notification to the LUESA - GIS Addressing Program when adopting street segments for municipal road surface maintenance and responsibility. This notification should be in the form of a formal letter or an official email, providing comprehensive details about the street acceptance process. The documentation should include specific information related to the town or city council’s action item and approval, ensuring clarity and transparency in the adoption procedure.

Additionally, the Street Acceptance Report notification must indicate when streets have been formally adopted for maintenance purposes. This notification serves as an official record of the adoption and must be submitted promptly to LUESA – GIS Addressing Program.

Section IX. Enforcement

Mecklenburg County shall be the responsible party for enforcing the addressing standards set forth in this Agreement. Enforcement actions may include issuing citations, notices of violation, or other appropriate measures to ensure compliance. Enforcement will be primarily complaint-driven.

Section X. Treatment of Existing Nonconforming Address Numbers

Existing nonconforming address numbers shall be required to be updated to meet the new addressing standards within a reasonable timeframe after the effective date of this Agreement. Property owners shall be provided with a grace period to make the necessary adjustments.

Section XI. Corner Lot Address Posting

On lots adjoining more than one street, placement of address numbers on structures shall make clear to which street or road the number refers. Where this cannot be attained by choice of placement location, both the street name and number shall be displayed (e.g., 234 Bay Street).

Section XII. Supplementary Numbers for Buildings with Rear Parking Lots

Buildings with rear parking lots shall be required to display supplementary numbers at a size of at least two (2) inches in height and one (1) inch in width, visible from the parking lot and meeting the same visibility requirements as specified for other street address numbers.

Section XIII. Amendment(s)

The Address Working Committee, composed of representatives from Mecklenburg County, Charlotte, Davidson, Huntersville, Matthews, Mint Hill, Cornelius, and Pineville, shall establish procedures for amending this Agreement, subject to the approval of the Participants.

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This Committee would be responsible for overseeing the implementation, administration, and enforcement of the addressing system as outlined in this Agreement. The composition of this joint committee would include delegates or representatives appointed by the management of each entity, such as County Manager, City Manager and the town managers (Mecklenburg County, City of Charlotte, and the towns of Davidson, Huntersville, Matthews, Mint Hill, Cornelius, and Pineville). The purpose of the joint agency is to ensure cooperation and coordination among all involved parties for the effective implementation of the Agreement's provisions.

Section XIV. Termination

Any party may withdraw from this agreement upon sixty (60) days' written notice to the Committee.

Section XV. Other Matters

Any other necessary or proper matters related to the implementation, administration, or enforcement of the addressing system shall be recommended by the Committee and is subject to the approval of the Participants.

Section XVI. Effective Date and Term

This Agreement shall become effective on the date signed by all Participants and shall remain in effect unless modified or terminated by mutual agreement of the Participants.

City of Charlotte Signature:

Dena Diorio
County of Mecklenburg County Signature

Date

Town of Cornelius Signature:

Town of Davidson Signature:

Town of Huntersville Signature:

Town of Matthews Signature:

Town of Mint Hill Signature:

Town of Pineville Signature:



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Historical Address Assignment Workload:

To provide context, I have outlined below the historical workload associated with Address Assignment over the past few years, illustrating the growth and changes in the number and types of address assignments:

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Services & Planning, Fire, and Emergency Communication departments/city/towns, meets quarterly throughout the calendar year. Committee members from the City of Charlotte and the Towns of Huntersville, Cornelius, Davidson, Matthews, Mint Hill, and Pineville are tasked with actively communicating any address-related issues and advocating for their respective agencies' interests during committee discussions.

Final Agreement Attached:

Attached to this memo, you will find the final draft of the proposed agreement. Since last December, over 15 versions have been distributed and discussed extensively.

Appendix:

The appendix includes the previous agreement, related ordinances, and other relevant documents for your reference.

Recommended Processing Schedule:

To ensure timely progress, we recommend the following processing schedule:

- Final review period by mid-July.
- Submission for Approval by the end of August.

Feedback Deadline:

Please review the attached documents and provide any feedback or suggestions by July 15, 2024. Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me or Angela Johnson.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Your cooperation and input are greatly appreciated in this endeavor.

Best Regards,

Jai Wei
Director, GIS
Mecklenburg County – LUESA
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The Interlocal Agreement is recorded in full Ordinance Book 54, Document #36.

25-0276 ALLIANCE HEALTH FACILITY BASED CRISIS CENTER FUNDING

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, and unanimously carried, to recognize, receive, and appropriate \$3,742,267 in funding from Alliance Health to the General Grant Fund (G001) for Mecklenburg County’s Facility Based Crisis Center.

Background: Mecklenburg County partnered with Alliance Health to establish and operate an Adult 24/7 Crisis and Assessment Center with the goals of stabilizing people in crisis, decreasing emergency department use and reducing psychiatric boarding. This action combined with previously approved funding will bring total funds for this initiative to \$19,955,357 as shown in the following table:

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Funding source:	
County ARPA Funding	\$ 1,928,098
State ARPA Funding	12,500,000
County ARPA Interest Earnings	1,784,992
Alliance funding	3,742,267
Total project	\$ 19,955,357

This item was pulled by Commissioner Leake for clarity and/or public awareness.

25-0280 ACQUISITION OF FLOODPRONE PROPERTY UNDER HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Griffin, and unanimously carried, to accept the Offer of Sale of Real Estate from James and Kathy-Smith Laster, owners of property located at 5517 Cutshaw Ct, Charlotte, NC (tax parcel 099-102-71), for \$370,000 and, to authorize local emergency response agencies to use the structures for training exercises.

Background: Since late 1999, Mecklenburg County has used storm water fee revenue to acquire flood prone property. Buyouts reduce the risk to life and property during floods, while also enhancing the natural and beneficial functions of the floodplain. Mecklenburg County uses the land as open space, for expanding greenways, constructing wetlands, etc.

Storm Water Services (STW) pursued FEMA grant funds through the Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant program in February 2021. The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approved to recognize, receive and appropriate the grant funding if awarded at the February 1, 2022, meeting. The grant was approved and awarded in November 2024 for a voluntary buyout at 5517 Cutshaw Court in the Briar Creek Watershed.

This action is consistent with goals in the Environmental Leadership Action Plan which supports the Environmental Leadership Policy adopted by the BOCC. These acquisitions are part of Storm Water’s 15-year CIP risk reduction goals and consistent with recommendations in the Flood Risk Assessment and Risk Reduction Plan, adopted by the BOCC on May 1, 2012.

The buyout is voluntarily. The purchase and demolition are funded by a combination of Federal and local STW capital funds. The requested actions will consist of acquiring the properties and demolishing the existing buildings. The purchase price is based upon a current fair market value appraisal. Consistent with past practices, the actual expenditure could be reduced if the owner received any insurance payments for flood damage within the previous 36 months and did not spend those funds on repairs.

STW staff allows training opportunities for local police and fire personnel prior to demolition of flood prone buildings. In addition, STW staff has established a process with Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte to maximize the responsible reuse of materials prior to structure demolition while protecting the health of the community.

This item was pulled by Commissioner Leake for clarity and/or public awareness.

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25-0282 GRANT APPLICATION – FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE (HMA)

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and unanimously carried, to affirm application by the County Manager for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant funding of up to \$220,032 to be used for flood mitigation on Briar Creek and to recognize, receive and appropriate in the Storm Water grant fund (G705) federal and state funds up to the awarded amounts plus any property owner matching funds available through completion of the project, and to also authorize the County Manager to execute contracts with the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management and to adopt the grant project ordinance for FEMA HMA grant in the Grant Fund (G705).

This item was pulled by Commissioner Leake for clarity and/or public awareness.

GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County is applying and/or has been awarded a grant from the Department of Homeland Security / Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The notice of funding has been made available to Mecklenburg County under the 2023 Fiscal Year Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program up to the amount of \$165,024.00; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds must be used to elevate the home located at 3026 Hanson Drive, Charlotte, NC 28207;

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg County Board of County Commissioners deems this activity to be a worthy and desirable undertaking;

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. 159-13.2, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS that:

Section 1.

The project described in the FEMA grant application is hereby authorized to be undertaken for the duration of the grant.

Section 2.

The County Manager is authorized to execute the grant agreement and other documents that are required or appropriate for the County to receive the FMA grant and to undertake the project. The County Manager is directed to take steps necessary to ensure compliance with all spending and reporting requirements made by FEMA.

Section 3.

The following revenues are anticipated for Mecklenburg County in the G705 fund to complete this project:

FEMA 2023 FMA Grant: up to \$165,024.00
Mecklenburg County Storm Water Cash Match: \$55,008.00

Section 4.

The following expenses are appropriated for Mecklenburg County in the G705 fund to complete this project:

FEMA 2023 FMA Grant: up to \$165,024.00
Mecklenburg County Storm Water Cash Match: \$55,008.00

Adopted this _____ day of _____

Clerk to the Board

Ordinance is recorded in full Ordinance Book 54, Document #63.


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25-0286 REAPPOINTMENT – MECKLENBURG COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Griffin, and unanimously carried, in accordance with the requirements of N.C.G.S. 105-294, reappoint Kenneth L. Joyner to the Office of Mecklenburg County Tax Assessor for a four-year term effective July 1, 2025. Direct the Clerk to the Board to administer the oath of office prior to the effective date and file it in the permanent records.

Background: The Tax Assessor's current appointment expires June 30, 2025.

This item was pulled by Commissioner Leake for clarity and/or public awareness.



OATH OF OFFICE
MECKLENBURG COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR

I, Kenneth L. Joyner, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as Tax Assessor of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, as described in the General Statutes of North Carolina, and that I will not allow my actions as Tax Assessor to be influenced by personal or political friendships or obligations, so help me God.

Kenneth L. Joyner

Date

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of May, 2025

Kristine M. Smith,
Clerk to the Board

Tax Assessor Oath recorded in full Ordinance Book 54, Document #37.

25-0288 JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL (JCPC) UPDATE TO PROPOSED FY25

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Griffin, and unanimously carried, to adopt a grant project ordinance for FY25 Department of Public Safety Division of Juvenile Justice Funds in the General Grants Fund (G001) and to recognize, receive, and appropriate an additional amount up to \$8,655 to the General Grants Fund (G001) within Criminal Justice

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This item was pulled by Commissioner Leake for clarity and/or public awareness.

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County is applying and/or has been awarded a grant from the (North Carolina Department of Public Safety Division). The grant has been made available to Mecklenburg County under the (Juvenile Crime Prevention Council) up to the amount of \$8,655.00; and

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg County Board of County Commissioners deems this activity to be a worthy and desirable undertaking;

Section 1. The project described in the (North Carolina Department of Public Safety Division) grant application is hereby authorized to be undertaken for the duration of the grant.

Section 3. The following revenues are anticipated for Mecklenburg County in the (G001) to complete this project:

Section 4. The following expenses are appropriated for Mecklenburg County in the (G001) to complete this project:

Adopted this _____ day of _____

Grant Application recorded in full in Ordinance Book 54, Document #38.

Mecklenburg County

NC DPS - Community Programs - County Funding Plan

Available Funds: \$ 2,051,713 Local Match: \$ 703,180 Rate: 30%

DPS JCPC funds must be consulted with a Program Agreement submitted in NC Allies and electronically signed by authorized officials.

#	Program Provider	DPS-JCPC Funding	LOCAL FUNDING			OTHER State/Federal	OTHER Funds	Total	% Non DPS/JCPC Program Revenues
			County Cash Match	Local Cash Match	Local In-Kind				
1	JCPC Administration	\$15,500					\$15,500		
2	CMPD Youthful Diversion Program	\$240,000		\$90,436			\$330,436	27%	
3	Transports Positive Action Program	\$233,300		\$300	\$69,990		\$303,590	23%	
4	Transforming Youth Movement (TYM)-SHIFT								
5	Restitution & Community Service	\$266,532			\$80,640		\$347,172	23%	
6	Thompson Child and Family Focus-Court Assessment Program	\$216,906			\$65,072		\$281,978	23%	
7	Team-Up Connections-Group Mentoring	\$242,981			\$95,600		\$338,581	28%	
8	Achieving Success on Purpose-Building Reality w/ Imagination, Consciousness & Knowledge	\$163,917		\$11,647	\$39,008		\$214,572	24%	
9	Youth Development Initiative-YDI Family Life Skills Academy	\$77,960			\$23,393		\$101,353	23%	
10	Youth Development Initiative-YDI Vocational and Career Development Academy	\$156,552			\$49,556		\$206,108	24%	
11	KreditVU-A.R.I.S.E	\$50,000			\$18,650		\$68,650	27%	
12	For The Struggle, Inc-SaluteU	\$110,000		\$33,000			\$143,000	23%	
13	Youth Style Fitness, Inc	\$175,000			\$62,560		\$237,560	26%	
14	Promise Youth Development, Inc-Promise Pathways Mentoring	\$111,720			\$63,328		\$175,048	36%	
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21	TOTALS:	\$2,060,368		\$135,383	\$567,797		\$2,763,548	25%	

The above plan was derived through a planning process by the Mecklenburg County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council and represents the County's Plan for use of these funds in FY 2024-2025.

Amount of Unallocated Funds

Amount of funds reverted back to DPS

Discretionary Funds added \$8,655

check type ☐ Initial plan ☒ update ☐ final

DPS Use Only

Reviewed by

Area Consultant

Date

Reviewed by

Program Assistant

Date

Verified by

Designated State Office Staff

Date

Nicole Beverly

Chairperson, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

5/6/2025

(Date)

Mark D. Jernell

Chairperson, Board of County Commissioners

(Date)

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Funding Plan recorded in full Ordinance Book 54, Document #39.

20-0295 LAND DONATION – POSSUM WALK NATURE PRESERVE

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Griffin, and unanimously carried, to accept donation of Tax Parcel 037-071-52 (+/- 10.355 acres) from TPG AG EHC III (EMP) Multi State 2, LLC, for incorporation into Possum Walk Nature Preserve.

Background: The subject property owner TPG AG EHC III (EMP) Multi state 2, LLC, has proposed donating Tax Parcel 037-071-52 (+/- 10.335 acres) to the County for addition to Possum Walk Nature Preserve as part of a “by-right” approval process for the Windsford Subdivision. The nature preserve is located off Miranda Road and is situated west of I-77 and inside the I-485 inner loop.

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The subject parcel is heavily wooded with the northern boundary abutting the existing nature preserve and the eastern and southern boundaries running along McIntyre Creek. The property is within close proximity to several residential neighborhoods including, the Woodlands subdivision.

The Windsford is being planned for construction on Tax Parcel 037-081-05 (+/- 27.36 acres) which shares a boundary with the County's nature preserve. To facilitate construction of the subdivision, the owner has requested to make a tie-in to the existing sanitary sewer easement that is located on the County's nature preserve property. The developer is asking for a permanent sewer easement (+/- 0.41 acres) and temporary construction easement (+/- 0.114 acres) for sewer over County owned Tax Parcel 037-081-102.

Staff with Park and Recreation's Nature Preserve and Natural Resources Division has reviewed the easement request and found that it does not pose a threat the health and continued operation of the nature preserve. The department believes that the addition of Tax Parcel 037-071-52 will serve to benefit the nature preserve and the public in several important ways including providing additional water quality protection, added buffer protection for the nature preserve, and greenway connectivity along the creek.

The donation is consistent with Park and Recreation's Greenway Master Plan that calls for the addition of parkland, greenway and open space within the County. It is also consistent with the County's Environmental Leadership Action Plan.

The requested permanent sewer easement will be conveyed to the City of Charlotte under the County Manager's authority. A separate temporary construction easement will be conveyed to the owner (and/or assignee) to allow for construction of the sewer tie-in. Following completion of the sewer project, the sewer will be maintained by the City of Charlotte. The land being conveyed to the County has a tax value of \$180,600. The appraised value of the temporary construction easement being granted to the developer is \$1,050.

This item was pulled by Commissioner Leake for clarity and/or public awareness.

25-0311 OPIOID SETTLEMENT: WAVE 1 FUNDING EXPANSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Griffin, and unanimously carried, to increase Wave 1 funding for the Opioid Settlement Special Revenue Fund (OPIS) to \$23,000,000.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Griffin, and unanimously carried, to recognize, receive and appropriate \$12,085,000 Million in increased Wave 1 Settlement funds to support the special revenue fund increase and to adopt a revised resolution entitled "Resolution of the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners Directing the Initial Expenditures of the Wave 1 County Allocation and City Redirected Opioid Settlement Funds and to the approval of one Opioid Settlement-budgeted Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) to support the administration of the Opioid Settlement Spending Plan.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:

Mecklenburg County joined the national settlement Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the State of North Carolina and other local governments in July 2021. This MOA governs the allocation of proceeds from opioid litigation settlements, including funds from companies involved in manufacturing, distributing, and dispensing opioids. Wave 1 settlements, which include Cardinal, McKesson, AmerisourceBergen, Johnson & Johnson, and its subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals, have already been outlined. Wave 2 settlements will include funds from Walmart, Teva Pharmaceutical, Allergan, CVS Health, Walgreens, and Kroger, among others.

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As part of the Opioid Settlement, Mecklenburg County will receive \$74,854,434 over a sixteen-year period from 2022 and 2038. Pursuant to the NC Memorandum of Agreement (which provides policy guidance for use of the funds), Mecklenburg County is utilizing Exhibit A strategies to address the opioid overdose epidemic.

The recommendations and existing investments have been informed by insights from multiple opioid settlement community meetings, input from the Substance Use Disorder Task Force, best practice research, and dialogue with local advocates, subject matter experts and many other stakeholders.

The initial Wave 1 investments (totaling \$10.915 million) were approved for utilization from May 16, 2023 - June 30, 2025. The county will extend the utilization time for these funds through June 30, 2028, and increase funding by \$12,085,000.

This will allow for continued operation of Wave 1 programs and establish funding for a future Request for Proposals process to create new initiatives supporting expansion of the service array.

- *Collaborative Strategic Planning*
- *Early Intervention*
- *Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment*
- *Syringe Services Programs*
- *Naloxone Distribution*
- *Recovery Support Services*
- *Recovery Housing Support*
- *Employment-Related Services*

This item was pulled by Commissioner Leake for clarity and/or public awareness.

Resolution recorded in full Ordinance Book 54, Document #40.

25-0322 RE-APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM TAX COLLECTOR

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Griffin, and unanimously carried, to adopt a resolution re-appointing Julissa Fernandez as Interim Tax Collector.

Background: Julissa Fernandez was appointed as Interim Tax Collector upon the retirement of Neal Dixon in June 2024. Her interim appointment expires on June 30, 2025. It is necessary to continue her appointment as Interim Tax Collector to serve another 12-month period. The County Manager recommends reappointment of Julissa Fernandez as Interim Tax Collector for the Board's consideration.

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**MECKLENBURG COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JULISSA FERNANDEZ
AS INTERIM TAX COLLECTOR**

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes (“NCGS” 105-349) the governing body of each County shall appoint a tax collector to serve for a term to be determined by the appointing body and until his/her successor has been appointed and qualified; and

WHEREAS, Julissa Fernández has served in the capacity of Interim Tax Collector for nine months, effective August 1, 2024, to complete the unexpired term of the previous Tax Collector, Neal Dixon, which ends June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager recommends Julissa Fernández to be reappointed as Interim Tax Collector to serve another 12-month period; and

WHEREAS, Julissa Fernández has 9 years of experience working in the office of the tax collector and has the relevant knowledge and skills to assume the duties of interim tax collector.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt this Resolution reappointing Julissa Fernández as Interim Tax Collector for Mecklenburg County.

Adopted the ____ day of _____, 2025.

Mark Jerrell, Chair
Mecklenburg Board of Commissioners

Clerk to the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

County Attorney

Resolution recorded in full Ordinance Book 54, Document #42.

This item was pulled by Commissioner Leake for clarity and/or public awareness.

25-0323 LAKE NORMAN TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Griffin, and unanimously carried, to approve Joint Resolution Regarding Lake Norman Territorial Jurisdiction.

Background: The Lake Norman Marine Commission was established pursuant to legislation adopted in 1969 and has continuously operated since that time. Pursuant to a Resolution adopted on May 5, 2025, Lincoln County has withdrawn from the Commission, effective June 30, 2025. That action effectively dissolves the Lake Norman Marine Commission as a separate entity, as provided by the enacting legislation. As a result, a Resolution is necessary to allow all law enforcement officers with territorial jurisdiction on any part of Lake Norman or its shoreline within the limits of their subject matter jurisdiction to have peace officer status in enforcing laws over all of Lake Norman and its shoreline area. The four affected counties, Lincoln, Catawba, Iredell, and

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Mecklenburg will each adopt a joint resolution restating the authority of law enforcement to exercise territorial jurisdiction across the entirety of the lake and its shoreline.

JOINT RESOLUTION REGARDING LAKE NORMAN TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to "An Act to Establish the Lake Norman Marine Commission" enacted as Chapter 1089 of the 1969 Session Laws (the "Act"), the counties of Catawba, Iredell, Lincoln and Mecklenburg adopted resolutions which created the Lake Norman Marine Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Norman Marine Commission has operated continuously since its establishment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Resolution adopted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners on May 5, 2025, Lincoln County has withdrawn from the Commission effective June 30, 2025, and the Commission is therefore dissolved pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, Sec. 9 (a) of the Act reads as follows:

Sec. 9. Enforcement. (a) Where a joint resolution so provides, all law enforcement officers (or such officers as may be designated in the joint resolution) with territorial jurisdiction as to any part of Lake Norman or its shoreline area shall, within the limitations of their subject matter jurisdiction, have the authority of peace officers in enforcing the laws over all of Lake Norman and its shoreline area; and

Sec. 9. (c) All courts in the four counties, within the limits of their subject matter jurisdiction shall have concurrent jurisdiction as to all criminal offenses arising within the boundaries of Lake Norman and its shoreline area, and

Sec 9. (d) Where a law enforcement officer with jurisdiction over any part of Lake Norman or its shoreline area is performing duties relating to the enforcement of the laws on Lake Norman or in its shoreline area, he shall have such extra-territorial jurisdiction as may be necessary to perform such duties, and

WHEREAS, Catawba County previously adopted a Joint Resolution Regarding Lake Norman Territorial Jurisdiction (No. 2015-05) dated the 6th day of April 2015 which established the authority for the enforcement of laws over all of Lake Norman, and its shoreline, to any and all law enforcement officers having jurisdiction over any part of Lake Norman or its shoreline, and the above-described Joint Resolution is still valid; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Iredell, Mecklenburg and Lincoln Counties adopted the same Joint Resolution described above and all previously adopted joint resolutions relating to Sections 9(a)(c)(d) of the Act are not affected by Lincoln County's withdrawal from the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Boards of Commissioners for each respective County of Catawba, Iredell, Lincoln and Mecklenburg has determined it would be in the best interest of the residents of each County to reiterate and re-establish the previously adopted Joint Resolution relating to the territorial jurisdiction of all law enforcement officers having jurisdiction over any part of Lake Norman or its shoreline area to be expanded as authorized by Sec. 9 (a)(c)(d) of the Act.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, as authorized by Sec. 9 (a) of Chapter 1089 of the 1969 Session Laws, that all law enforcement officers with territorial jurisdiction as to any part of Lake Norman or its shoreline area shall, within the limitations of their subject matter jurisdiction, continue to have the authority of peace officers in enforcing the laws over all of Lake Norman and its shoreline area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Joint Resolution be forwarded by the Clerk to the Board to the governing bodies of Iredell, Lincoln and Catawba Counties and to the Executive Director of the North Carolina Wildlife Commission.

Adopted the ____ day of May, 2025.

Mark D. Jerrell, Chair
Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners

Approved as to Form

County Attorney

Clerk to the Board

Resolution recorded in full in Ordinance Book 54, Document #43.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

25-0303 COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioners shared information of their choosing within the guidelines as established by the Board, which included, but not limited to, past and/or upcoming events.

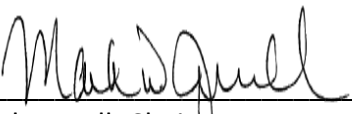
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Meier, and unanimously carried, that there being no further business to come before the Board that the meeting be

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adjourned at 8:32 p.m.



Kristine M. Smith, Clerk to the Board



Mark Jerrell, Chair