

**Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2024**

**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 6:29p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chair George Dunlap, Vice-Chair Mark Jerrell,
and Commissioners Leigh Altman, Patricia “Pat” Cotham,
Arthur Griffin, Vilma D. Leake, Laura J Meier,
and Susan Rodriguez- McDowell
County Manager Dena R. Diorio
County Attorney Tyrone C. Wade
Clerk to the Board Kristine M. Smith
Deputy Clerk to the Board Arlissa Eason

Absent: Commissioner Elaine Powell

-INFORMAL SESSION-

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dunlap, 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:

- 24-0050** Commissioner Leake
- 24-0062** Commissioner Altman
- 24-0067** Commissioner Leake

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24-0071 Commissioner Leake

24-0072 Commissioner Leake

24-0078 Commissioner Leake

24-0086 Commissioner Leake

STAFF BRIEFINGS - None

24-0087 CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Jerrell, seconded by Commissioner Altman, and unanimously carried, to go into Closed Session for the following purpose(s): Consult with Attorney.

The Board went into Closed Session at 5:15 p.m. and came back into Open Session at 6:20 p.m.

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

-FORMAL SESSION-

CALL TO ORDER

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

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

24-0084 ORDER OF THE HORNET

Background: The Order of the Hornet was established in 1972. It is bestowed by the Board of County Commissioners on persons who have displayed valor or high order of service uniquely and specifically to the residents of Mecklenburg County. This is the highest honor bestowed by the Board. The Order of the Hornet was founded in the spirit of the early Mecklenburg patriots who signed the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence on May 20, 1775, and proclaimed the County's freedom from Britain more than a year before the U.S. Declaration of Independence was signed. Those early patriots valiantly fought for their independence during the Revolution and gave Lord Cornwallis such difficulties during his occupation of Charlotte that he termed the town a "hornet's nest" of rebellion. Because Dr. John T. Crawford reflects the honor, strength, and fierce

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American patriotism that so stung Lord Cornwallis, he is being recommended for membership in the Order of the Hornet.

Chair George Dunlap gave the presentation.

Motion made by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Altman, and unanimously carried, to Induct Dr. John T. Crawford into the Mecklenburg County Order of the Hornet, the highest honor bestowed by the Board.

Dr. John T. Crawford

Greater Steps Scholars began in 1983 as the dream of John T. Crawford, the Youth Services Director for Charlotte Housing Authority (CHA). It is the oldest program of its kind and a true model for the nation, unique in that it provides scholarships specifically for students from Charlotte public housing communities.

Crawford had been approached by a young CHA resident who was concerned that he would be unable to return to college for his senior year. The difference between completing his baccalaureate degree and returning to public housing amounted to \$300. Crawford could not imagine allowing this young man's chances for a brighter future to be derailed. He, himself had come from a family that was rich in spirit, but struggled financially. So, any opportunity to help someone in need was second nature. Crawford contacted a personal friend and the two of them paid the \$300 for the student to return to school and he graduated the following semester.

This experience spawned Crawford's "calling" by making it clear that this young man's burden of limited financial resources was shared by hundreds of otherwise talented students who happened to be residents of public housing. As a result, Crawford decided to create a scholarship fund so that these youth could have a permanent source of support for their educational pursuits.

Knowing that he could not start and grow a scholarship fund alone, Crawford met with several advisors who helped him develop the program, appoint an advisory board and raise seed money. With the support of the Charlotte community, Crawford and his colleagues raised \$64,990 to establish Greater Steps Scholars and assisted 16 students with funding for their college education starting in the fall of 1984. Crawford asserts that the best advice he received was to partner with the Greater Charlotte Foundation (recognized today as Foundation For The Carolinas) to manage the scholarship. The Foundation still professionally and prudently manages Greater Steps' assets and this partnership has grown stronger and deeper over the years.

To date, \$4.4 million has been awarded to 1,000 young public housing residents. Greater Steps recipients have attended over 80 colleges including the University of North Carolina system, Johnson C. Smith University, Queens University, Winthrop University, Howard University, Spelman College, Wake Forest University, Central Piedmont Community College, and the Art Institute of Charlotte. Degrees earned are numerous and include mechanical engineering, computer science, medicine, accounting, psychology, business management and social work to name just a few.

With a 40+ year legacy, John Crawford remains optimistic about the future of the scholarship fund and the continued success of its recipients. "Education is the key to positive life outcomes, especially for underserved kids," he notes. "When I first wanted to start the scholarship fund, I remember being told that it was a nice idea but that I'd never get very far. Over the years, I have enjoyed proving the naysayers wrong!"¹

¹ <https://greatersteps.org/about/25-about/history/157-from-our-founder-john-crawford>

Dr. Crawford made remarks and accepted the Order of the Hornet.

The Order of the Hornet

Know All Persons by These Presents
that

Dr. John T. Crawford

is hereby inducted into the Order of the Hornet of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

The Order of the Hornet was founded in the spirit of the early Mecklenburg patriots who signed the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence on May 20, 1775, and proclaimed the County's freedom from Britain more than a year before the U.S. Declaration of Independence was signed.

Those early patriots valiantly fought for their independence during the Revolution and gave Lord Cornwallis such difficulties during his occupation of Charlotte that he termed the town a "hornet's nest" of rebellion.

Because the above-named reflects the honor, independence and fierce American patriotism that so stung Lord Cornwallis, this person is chosen for membership in the Order of the Hornet.

In testimony thereof we hereby confer the rights and privileges pertaining thereto and affix the seal of Mecklenburg County on this 20th day of February in the year of 2024.



George Dunlap

Chairman,
Mecklenburg Board of
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Dr. Rembert and Kevin Monroe (representing Governor Cooper), Steve Manz and Iesha Strothers presented Dr. Crawford with The Order of the Long Leaf Pine, which is the highest honor that the Governor can bestow upon a citizen.

**24-0083 JOINT PROCLAMATION DECLARING FEBRUARY 2024 TEEN DATING VIOLENCE
AWARENESS MONTH (TDVAM) (COMMISSIONER MEIER)**

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell read the proclamation.

Motion made by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell seconded by Commissioner Meier, and unanimously carried, to adopt a Joint Proclamation designating February 2024 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

Background: According to Love Is Respect, “1 in 3 U.S. teens will experience physical, sexual, or emotional abuse from someone they’re in a relationship with before becoming adults.” And among U.S. adults, “1 in 5 women and 1 in 7 men who experienced rape, physical violence, and stalking by an intimate partner first experienced some form of partner violence between 11 and 17 years of age.” Among Charlotte-Mecklenburg high school students who responded to the Youth Risk Behavior Survey in 2019, 9% reported being physically hurt by someone they were dating or going out with one or more times in the past 12 months, compared with 7% in 2017. Recognizing Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month honors the experiences of teens in our community, amplifies the message that teens deserve healthy relationships, and highlights resources available to support teens who are experiencing unhealthy or abusive relationships.

Domestic Violence Advisory Board Chair Tanisha “Tya” Patterson-Powe accepted the proclamation.



City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County



JOINT PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, teen dating violence is a form of intimate partner violence that may include physical or sexual violence, psychological harm, stalking, economic abuse, or cyber abuse; one in three U.S. teens will experience physical, sexual, or psychological abuse from someone they are in a relationship with before becoming adults; and

WHEREAS, up to 9% of Charlotte-Mecklenburg high school students have disclosed being physically hurt by someone they were dating or going out with; teen dating violence does not exist in isolation, but is often connected to other forms of interpersonal and community violence; and

WHEREAS, teens who experience intimate partner violence are at higher risk of negative physical and behavioral health outcomes, as well as higher risk of experiencing relationship violence into adulthood; by providing young people with education about healthy relationships and relationship skills, and by changing attitudes that support violence, we recognize that teen dating violence can be prevented; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to raise community awareness and to provide training for adults to recognize and support teens who are experiencing unhealthy or abusive relationships; and

WHEREAS, the recognition of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month benefits young people, their families, schools, and communities; and

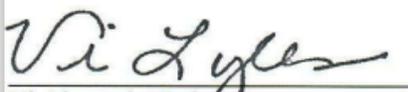
WHEREAS, everyone deserves safe and healthy relationships and freedom from abuse:

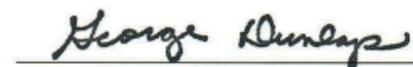
NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor of Charlotte, and George Dunlap, Chair of the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim February 2024 as

“TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH”

in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County and commend its observance to all citizens.

WITNESS OUR HANDS and the official Seals of the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.


Vi Alexander Lyles
Mayor


George Dunlap, Chair
Mecklenburg Board of County
Commissioners

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**24-0096 PROCLAMATION – WORLD UNDERSTANDING AND PEACE DAY
(COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ-MCDOWELL)**

Commissioner Meier read the proclamation.

Motion made by Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, and unanimously carried, to adopt a Proclamation declaring February 23, 2024, as World Understanding and Peace Day in Mecklenburg County.

Mr. Kevin Kendrick accepted the proclamation and made remarks.

Co-sponsors for this proclamation were Chair George Dunlap and Commissioner Laura Meier

Background: Rotary has a long-standing commitment to peace and peace-centered activities. Rotary connects 1.2 million members from more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work impacts lives at both the local and international levels.

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Mecklenburg County North Carolina Proclamation

WHEREAS, Rotary has a long history of advocacy for peace and peace-related activities, and in 1914, before the onset of World War I, Rotarians from the Hamilton, Ontario Club in Canada, proposed before the 1914 Rotary Convention that the International Association of Rotary (now Rotary International) "lend its influence to the maintenance of peace among the nations of the world", and delegates at the convention, which took place just weeks before Europe became engulfed in war, agreed; and

WHEREAS, Rotary was present at the inception of the United Nations in 1945 and was one of only 42 organizations invited to serve as consultants to the U.S. delegation to the UN charter conference in San Francisco, California, USA, and throughout that process, Rotary members served as delegates, advisers, and consultants, guiding agendas, drafting resolutions, and helping resolve disputes between delegates; and

WHEREAS, today, Rotary holds the highest consultative status offered to a nongovernmental organization by the UN Economic and Social Council, which oversees many specialized UN agencies; and

WHEREAS, Rotary International launched its Peace Centers program in 1999 to train new generations of peacebuilders, and the inaugural class of Rotary Peace Fellows began their studies in 2002, with one of those centers here in NC, operated by Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

WHEREAS, Peace Fellows are responsible for initiating peace projects around the world and an alumnus of the program here in Charlotte, initiated an organization of high school students called NewGen Peacebuilders, focusing on building peace with a variety of students in our communities, including within Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, during COVID, NewGen Peacebuilders established a program called "Project Unity", aimed at fostering a sense of belonging, increasing English language skills, and improving acculturation, and building unity with children of immigrants; and

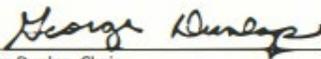
WHEREAS, in our District, especially within Mecklenburg County, Rotarians have been involved in many initiatives aimed at building peace, including during COVID, volunteering regularly at Second Harvest Food Bank, sorting food for distribution at the Convention Center during that time and also at NC MedAssist, packaging medications for families in Mecklenburg County and other locations around North Carolina, organized a Unity Picnic for more than 400 Afghan allies from Mecklenburg County during 2022 which included food, dance and games; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in recognition of Rotary's longstanding commitment to peace and their record of involvement in peace-centered activities in North Carolina and Mecklenburg County, and in recognition of the eleven Rotary Clubs present in Mecklenburg County, including Charlotte, Cornelius, and Huntersville, February 23, 2024, has been proclaimed as

"WORLD UNDERSTANDING AND PEACE DAY"

In Mecklenburg County.

This 20th Day of February 2024


George Dunlap, Chair
Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners



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PUBLIC ART MOMENT

24-0088 PUBLIC ART MOMENT

The Board received a presentation on Public Art piece titled “Spiral Odyssey”

Commissioner Altman gave the presentation.

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 called "Spiral Odyssey" by Richard Hunt. This project is located at Romare Bearden Park in District Four.

Spiral Odyssey
Richard Hunt
Romare Bearden Park



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24-0089 PUBLIC APPEARANCE

There were no speakers for this portion of the agenda.

APPOINTMENTS

24-0094 APPOINTMENTS – WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

Appointments were needed on the Waste Management Advisory Board to fill two (2) three-year terms expiring February 28, 2027, and one (1) unexpired term expiring March 31, 2025, effective March 1, 2024.

Note: On February 6, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners nominated the following candidates for appointment consideration to the Waste Management Advisory Board: James Clay, Frederick Haeflein, William Hall, and Christopher Kelly.

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The vote was as follows:

Nominees	Round 1	Round 2
James Clay	Commissioners Leake, Meier and Rodriguez-McDowell	
Frederick Haeflein	Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Griffin, Jerrell, Meier, Rodriguez-McDowell	
William Hall	Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Griffin, Jerrell, Meier, Rodriguez-McDowell	
Christopher Kelly	Commissioner Leake	

James Clay, Frederick Haeflein, and William Hall were appointed.

24-0047 APPOINTMENTS – INFORMATION SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Appointment was needed on the Information Services and Technology Committee to fill one (1) unexpired term expiring February 28, 2025.

Motion made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Altman, and unanimously carried, to appoint Terrence Ziemniak, on the Information Services and Technology Committee to fill one (1) unexpired term expiring February 28, 2025.

Reappointments were needed on the Information Services and Technology Committee for three (3) three-year terms expiring February 28, 2027.

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Motion made by Commissioner Cotham, seconded by Commissioner Griffin, and unanimously carried, to reappoint Andrew Blake, Travis Burgess, and Stacey Jenkins on the Information Services and Technology Committee for three (3) three-year terms expiring February 28, 2027.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

24-0065 HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION – ANNUAL REPORT

The Board received an Annual Report of the Historic Landmarks Commission.

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.

Stewart Gray, Director, Historic Landmarks Commission, Brian Clark, Chair, Nadine Ford, Vice-chair And John Howard, Historic Preservation Manager gave the presentation.



Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission Annual Report

Presented to the Mecklenburg
Board of County Commissioners
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Historic Landmarks Commission

Powers and Duties

- Recommends designation of Historic Landmarks
- Administers design review over Historic Landmarks
- Negotiates purchase and sale of Historic Landmarks
- Receives and administers donation of preservation easements
- Facilitates historic preservation throughout Mecklenburg County



Historic Landmarks Commission

Landmark Designations for 2023



Wyche-Dobson-McCoy
House
801 E. 8th St, Charlotte
c. 1910



Savona Mill
528 S. Turner Ave, Charlotte
Three Construction Phases:
1915; 1921; 1951



Historic Landmarks Commission

Landmark Designations for 2023



Lambeth-Sullivan House
435 Hermitage Rd,
Charlotte
1927



Renfrow Commercial
Properties
156 N. Trade St, Matthews
c. 1900



Historic Landmarks Commission

Landmark Designations for 2023



Renfrow Commercial Properties
106 N. Trade St, Matthews
c. 1920



Renfrow Commercial Properties
125 E. John St, Matthews
c. 1950



Historic Landmarks Commission

Study List of Prospective Historic Landmarks

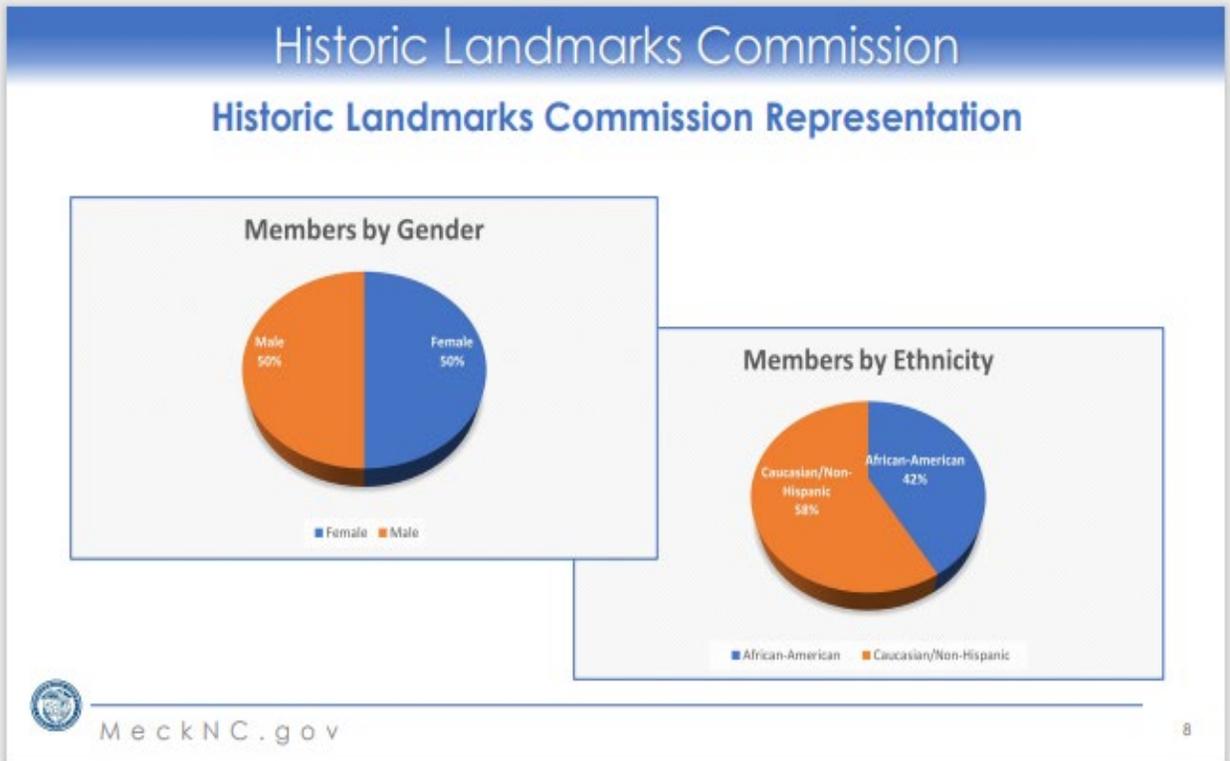
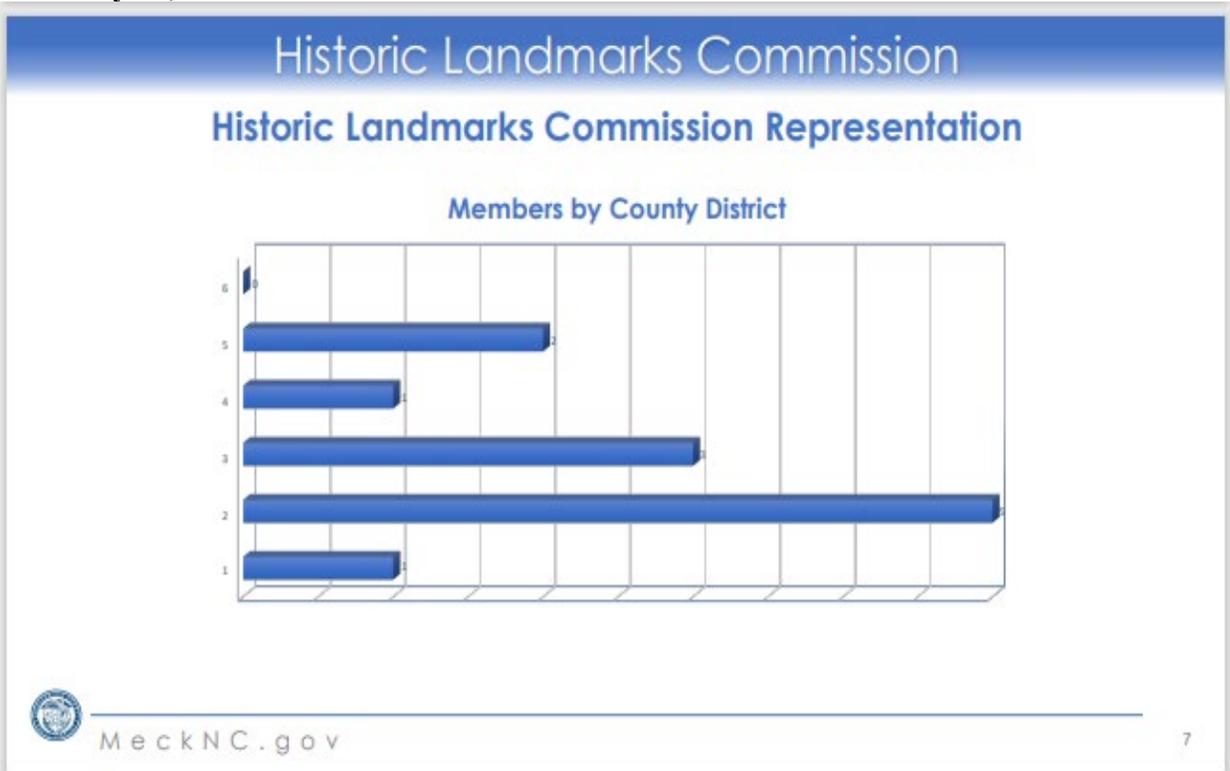
Approximately 50 Properties Added in 2023



Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church

- Caldwell Bradford Schoolhouse, Huntersville
- Shuffletown Drag Strip, Charlotte
- Holbrook House, Huntersville
- Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church, Charlotte
- Camp Oak, Charlotte





Historic Landmarks Commission

Historic Landmarks Staffing Changes



Stewart Gray
Director



John Howard
Historic Preservation
Manager



Historic Landmarks Commission

Community Outreach Efforts



Historic Landmarks Commission

Social Media Presence





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50th Anniversary Celebration

Camp North End









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Historic Landmarks Commission

Supporting Our Partners

County Departments

- Park & Recreation
- LUESA
- AFM

Six Municipal Jurisdictions

Nonprofits

- Preservation North Carolina
- Charlotte Museum of History
- Preserve Mecklenburg



Siloam School



St. Mary's Chapel



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Historic Landmarks Commission

Supporting Our Customers

Homeowners & Families

Neighborhoods

Churches & Cemeteries

Adaptive Reuse/Development



Huntersville Town Jail



Steele Creek
Presbyterian Church
Cemetery

**The largest inventory of Historic
Landmarks of any County in
North Carolina**



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Comments

Chair Dunlap asked what the status of the contribution that we made was because some stipulations said certain things had to be done by a certain time and if it wasn't we would get our money back for instance the Excelsior Club. *Deputy County Manager Leslie Johnson said the developer for The Excelsior Club was still working with the City concerning parking. She said there was a certain number of parking spaces needed, and at this time, they were still short so they were working on it. She said they had until December to try to be in a better position and More than likely at that time, the County may have to be open to an extension due to some of the delay being out of the developer's control.*

Commissioner Leake asked how much the County donated towards The Excelsior Club. *Dr. Johnson said she would give them that information but did not have it at that time.*

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell left the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Commissioner Griffin asked regarding the old McCrorey YMCA, if there were any conversations with the developer that purchased that property, about efforts to try to save it. *Mr. Gray said that it has been established as a historic landmark which was the maximum amount of protection that the Historic Landmark Commission could provide. He said the individual that owned that property did not seem to be in a hurry to do anything with it and when they reached out in the past, they did not receive any response.*

Commissioner Griffin asked them to keep trying and thanked them for their efforts.

MANAGER'S REPORT - NONE

DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORS' MONTHLY REPORTS

24-0090 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>

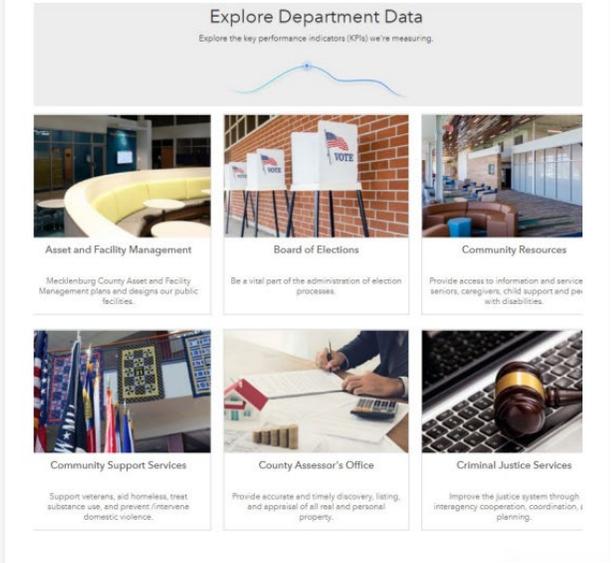
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Background: The County Manager has requested department directors develop department management monthly reports highlighting key activities and initiatives within the departments and that reports show relevant performance indicators of departmental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



The screenshot shows a dashboard titled "Explore Department Data" with the subtitle "Explore the key performance indicators (KPIs) we're measuring." Below the title is a blue line graph. The dashboard is divided into six grid cells, each with a representative image and a department name with a brief description:

- Asset and Facility Management:** Mecklenburg 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/intervene 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, and planning.

STAFF REPORTS & REQUESTS - NONE

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS & REQUESTS – NONE

CONSENT ITEMS

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

24-0040 GRANT APPLICATION – NORTH CAROLINA LAND AND WATER FUND - RESTORATION

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Authorize the County Manager to apply for NC Land and Water Fund (NC LWF) Restoration Program grant funding of up to \$750,000 to be used for the restoration of the South Prong of Clarke Creek upstream of Asbury Chapel Road.

If awarded, recognize, receive, and appropriate the awarded amount in the (G705) fund.

Adopt a grant project ordinance for the North Carolina Land and Water Fund - Restoration Program Grant.

Authorize the County Manager to execute contract(s) with the NC Land and Water Fund.

Background: The County's Storm Water Capital Improvement Program (CIP) began restoring Mecklenburg County creeks and floodplains to improve water quality in 1997. The program is funded with revenue from Storm Water fees. In 2021, Storm Water began implementing a 15-year CIP consistent with goals in the Environmental Leadership Action Plan (ELAP). By 2036, 69 additional miles of major creeks will be stable and partially supporting of diverse aquatic life. These natural infrastructure investments have many other benefits to greenway systems, increasing native plants/trees, open space, aesthetic improvements, and corridors for wildlife.

Staff seeks to pursue a grant from the NC Land & Water Fund (NC LWF previously known as the Clean Water Management Trust Fund) for 4,900 feet of stream restoration in South Prong of Clarke Creek upstream of Asbury Chapel Road in the amount of \$750,000. The grant application is due March 1, 2024. Since 1997, the NC LWF has provided more than \$21,000,000 in funding for projects in Mecklenburg County.

The project area has been identified by Park and Recreation as a potential site for a future greenway. Storm Water Services will coordinate with Park and Recreation to ensure the stream project is designed and constructed in support of the future greenway. Additionally, Storm Water Services has been coordinating property and easement acquisition in the project corridor with Asset and Facility Management.

GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County is applying and/or has been awarded a grant from the North Carolina Land and Water Fund (NCLWF). The grant is through the NCLWF Restoration program up to the amount of \$750,000; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds must be used to construct a stream restoration project along the South Prong of Clarke Creek in Mecklenburg County;

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:

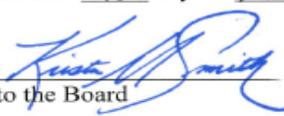
- Section 1. The project described in the NCLWF Restoration grant application is hereby authorized to be undertaken for the duration of the grant.
- Section 2. The County Manager is authorized to execute the grant agreement and other documents that are required or appropriate for the County to receive the NCLWF Restoration 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 NCLWF.
- Section 3. The following revenues are anticipated for Mecklenburg County in the G705 fund to complete this project:

NCLWF Restoration Grant: up to \$750,000
Mecklenburg County Storm Water Cash Match: \$2,500,000

- Section 4. The following expenses are appropriated for Mecklenburg County in the G705 fund to complete this project:

NCLWF Restoration Grant: up to \$750,000
Mecklenburg County Storm Water Cash Match: \$2,500,000

Adopted this 20th day of FEBRUARY


Clerk to the Board



Ordinance recorded in full in Ordinance Book 52, Document #72.

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**24-0062 REVISIONS TO THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL
ORDINANCE**

This was pulled and then moved to the next meeting.

24-0074 TAX REFUNDS

Approve refunds in the amount of \$32,905.71 for registered motor vehicles as statutorily required to be paid as requested by the County Assessor; and

Approve refunds in the amount of \$1,351,039.08 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 \$45,642.08 to be added to refunds of \$1,304,059.35. There is no accrued interest to be added to the refunds of \$1,337.65. The total refunds with interest added is \$1,351,039.08.

**24-0075 INTERIM MATERIALS RECYCLING FACILITY (MRF) INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRACTOR
SELECTION**

Authorize the County Manager, or designee, to negotiate and execute a contract with Ground Thunder Construction, Inc. for the Interim MRF infrastructure construction in the amount of \$4,750,750.25.

Background: The construction work that will be performed with this project is an integral part of work planned to ensure that recyclables continue to be processed in Mecklenburg County and is part of LUESA's Strategic Plan.

The Interim Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) will be the recycling processing facility for the Mecklenburg region during the retrofit of the main MRF on Amble Drive.

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In support of the main MRF retrofit, the Solid Waste Division is developing an Interim MRF to process the single stream recyclables normally received and processed at the Metrolina MRF during the retrofit downtime.

The Interim MRF will be repurposed, after completion of the main MRF retrofit, to be utilized to recycle construction and demolition materials. The re-use of this system is revolutionary for the industry and will accelerate Mecklenburg County’s ability to divert additional materials from landfilling.

This Interim MRF infrastructure project is for the site construction work associated with the facility including excavation and backfill; grading; utility construction; scale installation; erosion and sedimentation control; concrete and asphalt pavement; concrete footings and foundations; electrical and lighting; and landscaping.

24-0076 LAND ACQUISITION – TAX FORECLOSURES

Authorize County Manager to negotiate and execute all documents necessary for the acquisition of the following properties in the City of Charlotte for Park and Recreation purposes:

1.	\$7,000,	for	Tax	Parcel	069-084-06	(±	0.142	acres),
2.	\$7,000,	for	Tax	Parcel	069-082-11	(±	0.135	acres),
3.	\$7,000,	for	Tax	Parcel	069-082-13	(±	0.149	acres),
4.	\$15,000,	for	Tax	Parcel	069-114-05	(±	0.148	acres),
5.	\$15,000,	for	Tax	Parcel	069-114-07	(±	0.284	acres),
6.	\$8,500,	for	Tax	Parcel	069-084-07	(±	0.152	acres),
7.	\$7,000,	for	Tax	Parcel	069-082-15	(±	0.103	acres),
8.	\$7,000,	for	Tax	Parcel	069-094-07	(±	0151	acres)

Staff Contact: Bethany Fritts, Asset & Facility Management

Background: On October 17, 2023 the Board authorized staff to bid on several properties at a tax foreclosure sale. The properties will be used for Park and Recreation purposes, for the future Stewart Creek Greenway. The following maximum bid amounts were authorized:

- Up to \$40,000 for Tax Parcel 069-084-06 (± 0.142 acres);*
- Up to \$40,000 for Tax Parcel 069-082-11 (± 0.135 acres),*
- Up to \$40,000 for Tax Parcel 069-082-13 (± 0.149 acres),*

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- Up to \$40,000 for Tax Parcel 069-114-05 (\pm 0.148 acres),
- Up to \$60,000 for Tax Parcel 069-114-07 (\pm 0.284 acres),
- Up to \$40,000 for Tax Parcel 069-084-07 (\pm 0.152 acres),
- Up to \$40,000 for Tax Parcel 069-082-15 (\pm 0.103 acres),

- Up to \$20,000 for Tax Parcel 069-094-07 (\pm 0.151 acres),
- Up to \$40,000 for Tax Parcel 069-084-09 (\pm 0.151 acres),
- Up to \$20,000 for Tax Parcel 069-084-14 (\pm 0.052 acres),
- Up to \$20,000 for Tax Parcel 069-094-07 (\pm 0.151 acres) and
- Up to \$60,000, collectively, for Tax Parcels 069-084-15 (\pm 0.015 acres), 069-084-10 (\pm 0.147 acres), 069-084-12 (\pm 0.116 acres)

On November 7, 2023, these properties were auctioned for back taxes. The County was the highest bidder for 8 of the 13 properties. The final purchase price for each are as follows:

- \$7,000 for Tax Parcel 069-084-06 (\pm 0.142 acres)
- \$7,000 for Tax Parcel 069-082-11 (\pm 0.135 acres),
- \$7,000 for Tax Parcel 069-082-13 (\pm 0.149 acres),
- \$15,000 for Tax Parcel 069-114-05 (\pm 0.148 acres),
- \$15,000 for Tax Parcel 069-114-07 (\pm 0.284 acres),
- \$8,500 for Tax Parcel 069-084-07 (\pm 0.152 acres),
- \$7,000 for Tax Parcel 069-082-15 (\pm 0.103 acres), and
- \$7,000 for Tax Parcel 069-094-07 (\pm 0.151 acres)

The total purchase price is \$73,500 and will cover back taxes, court costs, and legal fees. The Board must vote to approve the final purchase price to complete the transaction.

This acquisition is consistent with Meck Playbook, the Greenway Master Plan, and the County's Environmental Leadership Policy.

24-0080 INCREASE SERVICE FEE FOR OUT OF STATE AND FEDERAL SUMMONS AND COMPLAINTS

Adopt a Resolution approving the increase of service fees for out-of-state and federal Summons and Complaints, from fifty dollars (\$50.00) to one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Background: The current fee that is charged by the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) for the service of out-of-state and federal summons and complaints is fifty dollars (\$50.00). The last time the MCSO requested to increase the service fee for out-of-state and federal summons and

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complaints was in 1992. Based on recent research and review conducted by the MCSO's Civil Judgment Unit, many counties in the state of North Carolina are charging a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the service of out-of-state and federal complaints and summons. The MCSO is requesting the Board of County Commissioners to adopt a resolution approving the increase of service fees for all out-of-state and federal Summons and Complaints from fifty dollars (\$50.00) to one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

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**MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION ON SETTING FEES TO BE CHARGED BY THE SHERIFF FOR SERVICE OF
PROCESS ORIGINATING OUTSIDE OF THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE OR OTHER
NORTH CAROLINA COURTS OR AGENCIES**

WHEREAS, N.C. G.S 153A-102 grants to the Board of Commissioners the power to fix the fees and commissions charged by the county officers and employees for performing services or duties permitted or required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff and his deputies are permitted, but not required, to serve summons and complaints and other legal process issued by the federal courts and courts of the several states other than North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of N.C. G.S. 7A-311 which set uniform fees for service of civil process only apply to process issued by the North Carolina General Court of Justice. Now, therefore,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that in any civil action or special proceeding arising in the federal courts or in a court of one of the several states other than the State of North Carolina, the following fees shall be assessed, collected, and remitted to Mecklenburg County:

Effective March 1, 2024, for each item of civil process, including summons and complaints, subpoenas, notices, motions, orders, and pleadings served, a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be charged. When two or more items of civil process are served simultaneously on one party, only one hundred dollars (\$100.00) fee shall be charged. When an item of civil process is served on two or more persons or organizations, a separate service charge shall be made for each person or organization.

This resolution shall not apply to any process issued by the North Carolina General Court of Justice or any other court, administrative body, or agency of the State of North Carolina or any of its political subdivisions.

Adopted the 20th day of February 2024.

Approved as to Form:

County Attorney

Clerk to the Board

Resolution recorded in full in Ordinance Book 52, Document #134.

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24-0081 EQUIPMENT LEASE – PITNEY BOWES POSTAL EQUIPMENT

Authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute a five-year lease of postal equipment.

Background: This is a Pitney Bowes, Inc. lease agreement for equipment rental and supplies for a postage meter machine. The Office of the Tax Collector will use this equipment and supplies to mail taxpayer notices, monthly tax returns, and other legal correspondence requiring postage. The current lease expires in March 2024.

24-0093 MINUTES

Approve the following Meeting Minutes:

- February 7, 2023, Regular Meeting
- February 21, 2023, Regular Meeting
- March 7, 2023, Regular Meeting
- February 6, 2024, Regular Meeting

24-0100 APPOINTMENT OF REVIEW OFFICERS

Amend "Resolution Designating Review Officers to Review Each Map and Plat Recorded in the Register Deed Office pursuant to N.C.G.S. 47-30.2 to include John Clapper, Christopher Jain, Eduardo Regalado, Patrick Patterson, and Brad Priest and remove Becky Partin.

Background: On July 8, 1997, the General Assembly passed Senate Bill 875, which required that each Board of County Commissioners designate by name one or more persons experienced in mapping or land records management as a Review Officer to review each map and plat presented to the Register of Deeds for recording. On September 16, 1997, the Board adopted the attached resolution appointing representatives from Mecklenburg County, the City of Charlotte, and other municipalities in Mecklenburg County. These individuals were chosen by their respective jurisdiction based on their expertise in mapping and land use planning within their jurisdictions (a list of those departments and/or municipalities is attached).

The original resolution has been amended multiple times since its adoption to add or delete names of appointees. The need to add or delete names occurs for various reasons such as changes in staffing (e.g., resignations, retirements) and/or changes in the duties and responsibilities of related

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positions within the respective jurisdictions. In these instances, a replacement Review Officer is identified from within the department or municipality in which the change has occurred.

From time to time, and for various reasons, the City of Charlotte's Planning Design and Development Department receives requests to update the Review Officer roster from various agencies within Mecklenburg County. This update will remove staff members who are no longer employed with the entity and add new staff in charge of plat and map reviews by the respective agencies. Becky Partin is no longer employed by the Town of Cornelius and John Clapper, Christopher Jain, Eduardo Regalado, Patrick Patterson and Brad Priest will assume the duties of final record plat review.

Attached is the original September 16, 1997 resolution, the list of departments and municipalities represented on the list of Review Officers, the proposed amendment, and for historical information, a memorandum of explanation dated September 12, 1997.

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**AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION DESIGNATING REVIEW OFFICERS
TO REVIEW EACH MAP AND PLAT RECORDED IN THE
REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. 47-30.2**

WHEREAS, on September 16, 1997 the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution entitled "Resolution Designating Review Officers to Review Each Map and Plat Recorded in the Register of Deeds Office Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 47-30.2"; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution has been amended multiple times to accommodate additions and deletions; and

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners now desires to amend the Resolution to make additional modifications. Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners that the Resolution adopted on September 16, 1997, as amended on prior occasions, be amended and the same hereby is further amended as follows:

1. John Clapper, Christopher Jain and Eduardo Regalado Newly Employed with the City of Charlotte Storm Water Services with plat review responsibilities and Patrick Patterson and Brad Priest Newly Employed with the Town of Huntersville Planning Department with plat review responsibilities are hereby designated as Review Officers in addition to those persons so designated in the Resolution of September 16, 1997, and other appointees as amended on prior occasions; thus the Resolution is accordingly amended to add these names.
2. Becky Partin is no longer responsible for the Senior Planner role with the Town of Cornelius and shall be deleted from the Resolution adopted on September 7, 2022.

ADOPTED this the ____ day of February 2024.

Kristine Smith
Clerk to the Board

Resolution recorded in full in Ordinance Book 52, Document #76.

THIS CONCLUDED ITEMS APPROVED BY CONSENT

24-0092 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:

24-0050 REVALUATION RESERVE FUND APPROPRIATION

Motion made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried, to amend the FY24 Annual Budget Ordinance to appropriate \$222,501 of fund balance held in the Revaluation Reserve Fund for transfer and appropriation to the General Fund (0001) for revaluation expenses within the County Assessor's Office.

Background: Funds have been approved for the Revaluation Reserve Fund. This action provides for the expenditures by the Assessor for enhancements for the appeal module and new sector maps to capture images of 325 and 279 sectors of imagery-neighborhoods. This funding will also include legal expenses, subscriptions, publications, mailings, casual labor, and additional third party resources utilized to ensure timely and accurate completion of the 2023 revaluation in accordance with NC.G.S 105-286.

24-0067 AFFIRM APPLICATION – PEDIATRIC VACCINATION COVERAGE THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS GRANT

Motion made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried, to 1) affirm the submitted application for funding in the amount of \$120,000 from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) in the General Grant fund (G001) for the grant period of February 5, 2024-September 29, 2024. The application deadline was January 28, 2024; 2) If awarded recognize, receive, and appropriate funds for the affirmed amount awarded of \$120,000 to the General Grant fund (G001) within Public Health; 3) Adopt the required grant project ordinance for Pediatric Vaccination Coverage through Partnerships with Early Care and Education grant in the General Grant Fund (G001).

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BACKGROUND: In partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), NACCHO is pleased to offer a funding opportunity for Local Health Departments (LHD) to improve the health of young children by expanding vaccination coverage through partnerships with Early Care and Education (ECE) programs and other stakeholders.

Funds will support the Mecklenburg County Public Health Department Child Health Care Consultants program. Funds will be used towards pediatric vaccination education, child care center vaccine champions and communication campaigns promoting pediatric vaccinations in zip codes with the lowest pediatric vaccination rates.

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GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County has been awarded a grant from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO). The grant has been made available to Mecklenburg County under the Pediatric Vaccination Coverage through Partnerships with Early Care and Education Programs grant up to the amount of \$120,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds must be used to towards pediatric vaccination education, child care center vaccine champions and communications campaign promoting pediatric vaccinations in zip codes with the lowest pediatric vaccination rates.

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 **National Association of County and City Health Officials** 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 **Pediatric Vaccination Coverage through Partnerships with Early Care and Education Programs grant** and to undertake the project. The County Manager is directed to take steps necessary to ensure compliance with all spending and reporting requirements **National Association of County and City Health Officials**

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

National Association of County and City Health Officials
\$120,000.00 Pediatric Vaccination Coverage through Partnerships with
Early Care and Education Programs grant

Section 4. The following \$120,000.00 is appropriated in the General Grant Fund (G001) to complete this project:

National Association of County and City Health Officials **\$120,000.00**

Adopted this ____ day of _____

Clerk to the Board

Ordinance recorded in full in Ordinance Book 52, Document #73.

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24-0071 CONVEYING OF PROPERTY-SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Motion made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried, to adopt a Resolution approving the conveyance of property from the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office to the Central Piedmont Community College.

Background: This action will allow the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office to transfer six (6) high mileage vehicles which have been replaced. The vehicles are three (3) 2014 Dodge Charger vehicles, one (1) 2017 Dodge Charger vehicle, two (2) 2018 Dodge Charger vehicles. The vehicles will be disbursed to the Central Piedmont Community College for their Basic Law Enforcement Training program. Per North Carolina General Statute G.S. 160A-280, donations to other governmental units of any equipment deemed to be obsolete, surplus or unused are allowed.

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**MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION ON DONATION OF EQUIPMENT
TO CENTRAL PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office has two (6) high mileage vehicles which have been scheduled to be decommissioned; and

WHEREAS, the high mileage vehicles are three (3) 2014 Dodge Charger vehicles, one (1) 2017 Dodge Charger vehicle, two (2) 2018 Dodge Charger vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg County Sheriff has learned that the Central Piedmont Community College-BLET Program is in need of such vehicles; and

WHEREAS, NCGS 160A-280 allows one North Carolina local government to donate obsolete or unused personal property to another governmental unit within the United States; and

WHEREAS, as required by law a notice has been posted at least 5 days prior to the February 20, 2024 Board of County Commissioners meeting indicating that the Board of Commissioners would consider donating the high mileage vehicles to the Central Piedmont Community College; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve donating the six (6) high mileage vehicles and authorizes the County Manager, or his designee, to take all necessary actions to convey title to such equipment to the Central Piedmont Community College.

Adopted the 20th day of February 2024.

Approved as to Form:

County Attorney

Clerk to the Board

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**24-0072 CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT @ RISK CONTRACTING METHODOLOGY –
MECKLENBURG COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUILDING
RENOVATION**

Motion made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried, to authorize the use of the Construction Management @ Risk (CM@Risk) contract methodology for the Mecklenburg County Sheriff’s Office Administrative Services Building Renovation as the best construction contracting delivery method for this project.

Background: In 2001, the General Assembly Session Law 2001-496 enacted Senate Bill 914 (revisions to G.S. 143-128), to provide construction flexibility for public entities by allowing the use, without limitation, of separate prime contracting, single prime contracting, dual bidding, construction management at risk (CM@Risk), and alternative contracting methods authorized by the State Building Commission.

Effective October 1, 2014, the NC Legislature approved revisions to Section 143-128.1, requiring the comparison of the advantages and disadvantages of the CM@Risk method; and a decision by the governing body that the CM@Risk method “is in the best interest of the project” before it can used by a public entity.

“(e) Construction Management at Risk services may be used by the public entity only after the public entity has concluded that construction management at risk services is in the best interest of the project, and the public entity has compared the advantages and disadvantages of using the construction management at risk method for a given project in lieu of the delivery methods identified in G.S. 143-128(a1) (1) through G.S. 143-128(a1) (3). The public entity may not delegate this determination.”

The Asset and Facility Management Department (AFM) has developed the attached matrix comparing the traditional Design-Bid-Build contracting method to the CM@ Risk method. After comparing the advantages and disadvantages of the contracting options, AFM has determined CM@Risk is in the best interest of the project as a contracting methodology.

With the Construction Management at Risk (CM@Risk) project delivery method, the construction manager assists the County during the design phase with scheduling, constructability, and budget control prior to construction. The County has successfully utilized the CM@Risk contract methodology previously on multiple projects involving renovations and new construction, including, the Valerie C. Woodard Center Renovation, the MEDIC Headquarters and Operations Relocation, the American Legion Memorial Stadium Renovation, The Eastway Regional Recreation Center, and the

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Northern Regional Recreation Center. These projects were large, complex renovation projects that were time and budget sensitive.

Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools, Central Piedmont Community College and the City of Charlotte have also successfully utilized the CM@Risk methodology.

Project Description

The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office Administrative Services Building (ASB) Renovation is a Capital project.

For this project, the CM@Risk contractor shall provide services for both the pre-construction and construction phases related to the renovation of the ASB. The proposed project includes the design and construction of renovations to the ASB for the purpose of relocating Sheriff's Office Headquarters and various divisions into the ASB, as well as the replacement of worn finishes and systems required in a building of this age.

In review of the attached Comparison Matrix, the following advantages make a CM@Risk Contract methodology the best delivery option for the ASB Renovation and in the best interest of the project. Details that pertain to the project are in parenthesis:

- a) Selection of contractor based on qualifications, experience and team. (Qualifications based on similar projects of large scale or complexity)*
- b) Contractor provides design phase assistance in constructability, budgeting, and scheduling. (Assistance in pre-construction services for this project)*
- c) Continuous budget control possible. (Design phase needs budget monitoring throughout the process).*
- d) Prequalification of subcontractors allows Owner and contractor to ensure quality and experience. (This helps mitigate cost overruns and delays, and ensures a quality product).*
- e) Subcontracts are competitively bid by pre-qualified contractors. (Lowest price by qualified contractors).*
- f) Better coordination between design team and contractor. (This collaboration allows early pricing, scheduling and expedited implementation, including early ordering of materials/equipment with long lead times).*
- g) Changes in scope during design can be immediately priced by CM@Risk to determine budget impact. (Better budget data to inform potential design changes prior to construction, including evolving market and supply chain issues).*
- h) Should reduce change orders during construction since CM@Risk participated in the design phase. (Minimizes unexpected costs and/or delays).*
- i) Typically used for large or complex projects, requiring a high level of construction management due to multiple phases, technical complexity or multi-disciplinary coordination.*

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(The project will be technically complex to manage due to the distinct nature of renovations, upgrading of the existing, occupied facility, and sequencing of work).

- j) *Allows early ordering/purchasing of materials/equipment with long lead times (certain materials and equipment still have supply chain issues).*
- k) *CM@Risk historically have provided greater MWBE participation for County projects (contractor's involvement in pre-construction allows more time for outreach to MWBE subcontractors).*

24-0078 GRANT APPLICATION – BASS PRO SHOPS – CABELA’S COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

Motion made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Altman, and unanimously carried, to approve the submission of a grant application to Bass Pro Shops- Cabala’s Community Grant to provide archery equipment to support the MCSO Centershot Blue program; and

If approved, receive a donation of archery equipment from Bass Pro Shops-Cabela’s Community Grant program.

Background: The MCSO Community Engagement Team members are certified Basic Archery Instructors through the Centershot Blue program, whose mission is to build new levels of trust and rapport in our communities through archery. Nationally, this program has been proven to release stress, enhance physical fitness, and make incredible memories with community members of any age. Through this program, we look to engage with our communities in a way that promotes competition, adventure, and camaraderie and connects participants to the outdoors. The MCSO is seeking approval to apply for a donation of Archery equipment, including 20 Bows, arrows, targets, and miscellaneous equipment, to support the facilitation of the Centershot Blue program to residents of Mecklenburg County.

Grant applications are accepted on a rolling basis. This is a donation of equipment only.

24-0086 GRANT APPLICATION – RYAN WHITE YEAR 18

Motion made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Altman, and unanimously carried, to A) affirm submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for up to \$7,049,992 for funding for HIV positive patients in the Transitional Grant Area; and B) recognize, receive, and appropriate the award amount in the General Grant Fund (G001); and C) approve the allocation process involving regional participation in accordance with HRSA of the U.S. Department of Health and Human

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Services guidelines; D) adopt the required grant project ordinance for U.S. Department of Health and HRSA Grant in the General Grant Fund (G001).

Background: Under the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009, Part A funds are awarded by HRSA to serve HIV positive patients. Ryan White year eighteen (18) funds were awarded to Mecklenburg County. Funds will be used for patients in the Transitional grant Area (TGA) consisting of the following counties: Mecklenburg, Anson, Cabarrus, Gaston, Union, and York, SC. Ryan White. Part A funding is used to assist this six-county region in developing and enhancing access to a comprehensive continuum of high quality, community-based care for low-income individuals and families with HIV disease. In the current year seventeen, fourteen (14) providers in our region are providing medical or support related services to 3,349 HIV clients during the first 10 months of the year, as of December 31, 2023.

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GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County has been awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The grant has been made available to Mecklenburg County under the Grant Application – Ryan White Year 18 up to the amount of \$7,049,992; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds must be used to serve HIV positive patients. Funds will be used for patients in the Transitional Grant Area (TGA) consisting of a six-county region to develop and enhance access to a comprehensive continuum of high quality, community-based care for low-income individuals and families with HIV disease.

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 **U.S. Department of Health and Human services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)** 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 (name of grant) and to undertake the project. The County Manager is directed to take steps necessary to ensure compliance with all spending and reporting requirements **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)**.

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

Ryan White Year 18 (Health) Grant	\$7,049,992
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Section 4. The following expenses are appropriated for Mecklenburg County in the General Fund (G001) to complete this project:

Ryan White Year 18 (Health) Grant	\$7,049,992
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Adopted this ____ day of _____

Clerk to the Board

Ordinance recorded in full in Ordinance Book 52, Document #75.

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COMMISSIONER REPORTS

24-0091 COMMISSIONER REPORTS

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

There being no further business to come before the Board that the meeting be adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Kristine M. Smith, Clerk to the Board

George Dunlap, Chair