

**Meeting Minutes  
October 3, 2023**

**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, October 3, 2023.

**ATTENDANCE**

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

**Absent:** County Manager Dena R. Diorio

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**-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:

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**23-0548** Commissioner Leake

**23-0581** Commissioner Leake

**23-0592** Commissioner Leake

**23-0595** Commissioner Leake

**23-0598** Commissioner Leake

**23-0600** Commissioner Altman

### **STAFF BRIEFINGS - None**

During Open Session Commissioner Altman spoke about the MTC's proposed interlocal agreement with the County, the City and the six Towns and the status.

Chair Dunlap said there was a dispute within the MTC between the Town Managers and the City of Charlotte about the authority of the MTC. He said the City was approached to renegotiate. He said the goal was to change the wording so that it was clearly understood that the MTC had a say in a number of the processes. He said the County had not taken an official position.

### **23-0604      CLOSED SESSION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Meier, and unanimously carried, voting yes to go into Closed Session for the following purpose(s): Business Location and Expansion.

***The Board went into Closed Session at 5:33 p.m. and returned to Open Session at 5:48 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 Rodriguez-McDowell, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; after which, the matters below were addressed.*

#### **AWARDS/RECOGNITION**

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**23-0598      JOINT PROCLAMATION – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH &  
SURVIVORS' DAY (CHAIR DUNLAP)**

Adopt a joint proclamation declaring October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and October 21, 2023, as Survivors' Day in Mecklenburg County.

Commissioner Laura Meier read the proclamation.

*Background: In order to honor domestic violence survivors, raise community awareness about the prevalence of domestic violence, and show support for the individuals and organizations who provide advocacy, services, and assistance to victims, Mecklenburg County, in concert with the City of Charlotte, proclaims October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and recognizes October 21, 2023, as Domestic Violence Survivors Day. All residents are encouraged to learn about Domestic Violence and the associated resources available in our community.*

Motion was made by Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried, to adopt a joint proclamation declaring October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and October 21, 2023, as Survivors' Day in Mecklenburg County.

## PROCLAMATION City of Charlotte/Mecklenburg County

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a serious offense that impacts people of every background and identity, manifesting in a multitude of forms including physical, sexual, verbal, emotional, psychological, and financial abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is prevalent in Mecklenburg County, with over 25,000 domestic violence-related calls for service placed to local law enforcement each year; and

**WHEREAS**, these documented calls for help represent only a fraction of those in our community who experience the hidden impacts of domestic violence in secrecy and silence; and

**WHEREAS**, the effects of domestic violence can be long-term and far-reaching, with implications for public health and safety, economic costs, child development, mental health, and generational cycles of abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, our community offers a continuum of care made up of nonprofit, for-profit, public, grassroots, and survivor-led partners to support and empower those impacted by domestic violence as they seek out safety, hope, and healing; and

**WHEREAS**, communities nationwide recognize Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October, and the enhancement of this awareness month with a dedicated Domestic Violence Survivors Day creates a unique opportunity to recognize, honor, and celebrate the courage of victims and survivors in Mecklenburg County; and

**WHEREAS**, Mecklenburg County will further acknowledge this awareness month by presenting current data to stakeholders during the *The Status of Intimate Partner Violence in Mecklenburg County* event on October 12, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Mecklenburg County will bring education and resources to the public through a *Community Conversations Series* in 2024 highlighting the connections between intimate partner violence and substance use;

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE**, Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor of the City of Charlotte, and George Dunlap, Chair of the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 2023 and October 21, 2023, respectively, as

### **“DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH” & “DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS DAY”**

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.

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Vi Alexander Lyles, Mayor  
City of Charlotte

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George Dunlap, Chair  
Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners

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**Comments**

Commissioner Leake made comments regarding domestic violence in the community.

Commissioner Meier invited everyone to the Status of Intimate Partners Domestic Violence event to be held on October 12, 2023, at the Government Center.

Commissioner Cotham spoke about intimate relationships and about 50C, which was domestic violence between parties that weren't involved in an intimate relationship.

**PUBLIC ART MOMENT – N/A**

**23-0605** **PUBLIC APPEARANCE**

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

- 1. Calvin McKenzie**      Topic: Foster Care System in Mecklenburg County.  
He is a Guardian Ad Litem.

## APPOINTMENTS

**23-0601          APPOINTMENTS -TRANSIT SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Board voted on one appointment needed for the Transit Services Advisory Committee, which was a three-year term expiring January 31, 2026, for the BOCC slot. Robert Moran was the only applicant.

*Background: This is a City of Charlotte Committee in which the BOCC has one slot.*

*The committee reviews, makes recommendations, and provides input into short-range transit operations. The TSAC focuses on day-to-day operations of the transit service to ensure that it meets the needs of the community. TSAC makes recommendations to the Metropolitan Transit*

*Commission (MTC) on issues within its sphere of interest and acts as a vehicle to promote public involvement in short-term transit planning. The committee serves as a forum for citizen*

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*suggestions and complaints concerning fares, routes, and schedules. It also serves as an advocacy group for public transportation services and reviews staff recommendations on services provision and transit policies. The TSAC reviews and makes recommendations on minimum performance standards for the system. The TSAC also explores emerging issues in public transit and works with staff on solutions.*

Motion was made by Commissioner Altman, seconded by Commissioner Meier, and unanimously carried, to appoint Robert Moran to the Transit Services Advisory Committee for a three-year term expiring January 31, 2026.

### **23-0602      APPOINTMENTS - WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD**

The Board voted on four nominations/appointments needed on the Women's Advisory Board to fill four (4) unexpired terms.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cotham, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried, to appoint Kandice McQueen, Camellia Nixon, Delynn Turner, and Sherri Winters, on the Women's Advisory Board to fill four (4) unexpired terms.

### **23-0609      APPOINTMENTS - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVISORY BOARD**

The Board voted on two appointments needed on the Domestic Violence Advisory Board to fill two (2) unexpired terms expiring April 30, 2024.

*Background: On September 19, 2023, the Board nominated Tashara Brown and Delynn Turner for appointment consideration to the Domestic Violence Advisory Board.*

Motion was made by Commissioner Meier, seconded by Jerrell, and unanimously carried to appoint Tashara Brown, on the Domestic Violence Advisory Board to fill one (1) unexpired term expiring April 30, 2024.

**NOTE:** *Delynn Turner was no longer eligible for this Board due to being appointed to the Women's Advisory Board.*

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

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**ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**23-0610      LAKE WYLIE MARINE COMMISSION – ANNUAL REPORT**

The Board received an Annual Report of the Lake Wylie Marine Commission.

Neil Brennan, Executive Director of the Lake Wylie Marine Commission, 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.*



### **Mission Statement**

To promote public policies and support regulations for the preservation of Lake Wylie and its wildlife and for the education and safety of the citizens who use this beautiful natural resource.



## Areas We Address

- SAFETY
- POLLUTION
- ENVIRONMENT
- LAWS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT
- SEDIMENTATION / EROSION CONTROL
- EDUCATION



## SAFETY

- DANGER BUOYS -States Approve and Maintain
- NO-WAKE BUOYS
  - LWMC **screens** applications to NCWRC/SCDNR
  - LWMC **places & maintains** NC no-wake buoys



## POLLUTION - **RIVERSWEEP**

- LWMC JOINED THE CATAWBA RIVERKEEPER IN BASIN-WIDE CLEANUPS
- SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 7<sup>th</sup> THIS YEAR, HURRICANE IAN CANCELLED LAST YEAR
- DONATIONS FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES
- GASTON, YORK, AND MECKLENBURG COUNTIES PROVIDE DUMPSTERS



## ENVIRONMENT— **Hydrilla Control Carp and Chemicals**



Photo by  
Sandy Dupuy



## ENVIRONMENT - Alligator Weed



- Thrips
- Manual extraction

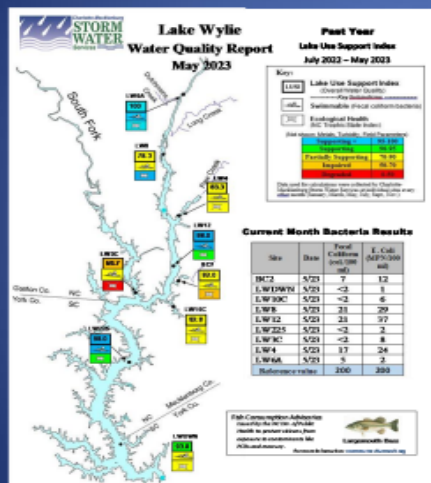
## ENVIRONMENT— Clean Marina Program

### SOUTH CAROLINA ONLY

- SEWAGE HANDLING
- STORMWATER MANAGEMENT
- BOAT MAINTENANCE
- SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
- SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PLANNING
- OIL & OTHER HAZARDOUS WASTE HANDLING



## ENVIRONMENT – Water Quality



### Lake Wylie

- Routine lake monitoring for May conducted on 5/23/23
- Average water temperature on day of sampling = 74.3 F
- Lake level on day of monitoring = 97.2 ft (target = 97.0 ft)
- Average water clarity on day of monitoring = 1.26 m (4.15 ft)

Routine Monitoring	BC2	Brown's Cove
	LW17WN	Main Channel @ Wardsmill Point
	LW10C	Wether's Cove
	LW12	Main channel at Interstate 85 bridge
	LW22S	Main channel, downstream of Paw Creek
	LW12	Main channel at Buster Boyd Bridge (Hwy 49)
Routine Monitoring	LW10C	South Fork Catawba River (at Hwy 273 bridge)
	LW4	Paw Creek Cove
	LW16A	Headwaters, upstream of Dutchman's Creek

Routine Lake Monitoring Efforts (every other month)	
Physical Parameters	Water Chemistry Analyses
• Secchi Depth in meters (water clarity)	• Fecal Coliform Bacteria (CFU/100ml)
• Temperature (°C)	• E. coli Bacteria (MPN/100ml)
• Specific Conductivity (µS)	• Turbidity (NTU)
• Dissolved Oxygen (% and mg/l)	• Nitrate/Nitrite (mg/l)
• pH	• Ammonia (mg/l)
• Turbidity (NTU)	• Total Phosphorus (mg/l)
• Chlorophyll A (RFU)	• Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (mg/l)
	• Chlorophyll A (µg/l)

Questions/Comments/More information? Please contact:  
Dave Ferguson, Sr. Environmental Specialist [dave.ferguson@mecknc.gov](mailto:dave.ferguson@mecknc.gov)

## ENVIRONEMENT – Swim Guides

- SPONSORED 2 SWIM GUIDES ON LAKE WYLIE
- CATAWBA RIVERKEEPER PROGRAM  
SAMPLED FOR E-COLI ON THURSDAYS  
RESULTS ON WEBSITE APP ON FRIDAYS  
TO ADVISE WEEKEND SWIMMERS



## LAW ENFORCEMENT

- LIFE JACKETS & CHEM LIGHTS ON ALL POLICE BOATS
- HF RADIOS (YORK, STEEL CREEK & CHARLOTTE FIRE BOATS)
- MEDICAL SUPPLIES (MECKLENBURG)
- SIDE-LOOKING SONAR & BOAT HOUSE (GASTON)



## FEDERAL LAW

**Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 60.3(d)(3)**, communities must "...**prohibit encroachments, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements, and other development within the adopted regulatory floodway unless it has been demonstrated through hydrologic and hydraulic analyses performed in accordance with standard engineering practice that the proposed encroachment would not result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.**"

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## LAWS / REGULATIONS

### Lake-Wide Idle Speed Regulation: Boats

No person may operate a boat on Lake Wylie in excess of idle speed within **50 feet** of (i) a moored or an anchored vessel, (ii) a person in the water, (iii) any private wharf, (iv) any private dock, (v) any private bulkhead, or (vi) any private pier.

**For reference, 52 feet is the width of 4 lanes of I-85**

**NEW** for North Carolina waters of Lake Wylie - enacted in 2023 - NC G.S.77-37(a)

**EXISTING** South Carolina law- SC 50-21-870 B (6) (b)



## LAWS / REGULATIONS

### New Lake Wide-Idle Speed Regulation: Wake Surfing

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No one shall Wake Surf on Lake Wylie in excess of idle speed within **200 feet** of (i) a moored or an anchored vessel, (ii) a person in the water, (iii) any wharf, (iv) any dock, (v) any bulkhead, or (vi) any pier.

#### **NEW FOR BOTH STATES:**

SC 50-21-870 B (10) - enacted in 2022

NC G.S.77-37(a) - enacted in 2023



## NEW REGULATIONS

### CHARTER BOAT AND VESSEL RENTALS

- UNSAFE VESSELS – UNQUALIFIED “CAPTAINS”  
CHARTER BOAT OWNER QUALIFICATIONS  
PERMITS/ LICENSES  
REQUIRED SAFETY INSPECTIONS /CHECKLISTS  
LIABILITY INSURANCE  
ENFORCEMENT
- LAKE NORMAN MARINE COMMISSION MODEL



## SEDIMENTATION



**SEDIMENTATION  
IS A CANCER ON  
THE LAKE**





## SEDIMENTATION - Erosion Control

- BOAT TOUR SEPTEMBER 28 FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS TO VISIT AREAS OF SEDIMENTATION
- ENHANCED STORMWATER AND EROSION CONTROL MEASURES (E&SCMs) SUGGESTED FOR THE SOUTH FORK RIVER
- YORK COUNTY UPGRADED ORDINANCES IN 2019 AFTER BLOWOUTS INTO TORRENCE CREEK AND AT BONUM ROAD



## SEDIMENTATION South Fork River Health Project (SFRHP)

MOU to cooperate on the **Action Plan**

- Several agencies/townships
- Implement enhanced erosion and stormwater control management policies (E&SCMs)





## SEDIMENTATION - SFRHP

Not just construction / development projects in Gaston County

- Bank erosion from livestock in Gaston, Lincoln, and Catawba Counties
- No buffer protections on the South Fork
- Residents losing docking ability
- Dredging to access the channel



## EROSION CONTROL - SFRHP

- New Gaston County enhanced E&SCMs
  - Grading permits issued only after E&SCMs are approved
  - No permits issued before rezoning
  - Phased clearing of sites now required
- Increased budget for more inspectors



## EROSION CONTROL – SFRHP

### More Opportunities to Strengthen Policies

- **Double or single High-hazard silt fencing** within 100 feet of streams and wetlands
- **Monitor waterways** downstream of large development sediment basins
  - Devices identify problems in real time for rapid corrective action
- **Expand buffer requirements** in all County FEMA floodplains



## Erosion Control – SFRHP

- Increase Post-Construction retention pond capacity for to handle a **25-year flood** vs a 10-year flood
- Make them **SOP** for Gaston County
- Seek similar E&SCMs in Lincoln and Catawba Counties



## Erosion Control - SFRHP

- Engaging the Soil and Water Conservation Districts in all three counties
  - Improve agricultural use & land conservation
  - Encourage upstream neighbors to follow suit
- Pursue state engagement and advocacy for those E&SCM policies



## Erosion Control - SFRHP

Cost of Del Webb E&SCMs  
< \$200 per lot

Reasonable price to pay to help  
protect the waterway where the  
new the residents chose to live





## Education

- Catawba-Wateree Water Management Group  
**Citizens' Water Academy**
- Monthly **Newsletter** and meetings (except December)
- **Mid-Atlantic Boat Show**, Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation RiverFest and Garibaldi Festival in Belmont
- [Lakewyliemarinecommission.com/environment/](https://lakewyliemarinecommission.com/environment/)  
**"Why is Lake Wylie Brown"**



**We Protect, Preserve, and Promote  
Lake Wylie as a Clean and Safe Recreational  
Waterway**

For more information, visit  
[LakeWylieMarineCommission.com](https://LakeWylieMarineCommission.com)

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**Comments**

Vice-Chair Powell said the work of Mr. Brennan's leadership and his team made things better, i.e., the Wilkinson bridge, safety on the lake, potential drownings, and water management.

Commissioner Meier recommended going out on the water with Mr. Brennan to see how wildlife is affected.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

**23-0588        RESOLUTION ADVANCING THE TIME FOR GENERAL REAPPRAISAL OF REAL PROPERTY**


The Board received information regarding adopting the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners Resolution Advancing the Time for General Reappraisal of Real Property to a Quadrennial Cycle.

*Background: Pursuant to G.S. 105-283 and G.S. 317, each county must reappraise all real property in accordance with the initial statutory provisions and every eighth year thereafter, unless the county advances the date.*

*Pursuant to G.S. 105-286, a County has the option to advance reappraisal of real property earlier than required by subdivision (1) or (2) of G.S. 105-283 if the board of county commissioners adopts a resolution providing for advancement of the reappraisal.*

*Absent an advancement, the Octennial Cycle, for reappraisal for properties in Mecklenburg County will be January 1, 2031. Staff recommends, pursuant to NC G.S. 105-286(a)(3), that the Board advance the time for a general reappraisal of real property to a quadrennial cycle which would be January 1, 2027.*


Ken Joyner, County Assessor gave the presentation.



**Resolution Advancing the  
Time for General  
Reappraisal of Real  
Property**

Kenneth Joyner, County Assessor

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Manager's Report



## Revaluation Advancement

- NCGS 105-286 (a) established the Octennial Cycle, meaning that each county was required to conduct a revaluation at least once every 8 years
- NCGS 105-286 (a) (3) allows counties to advance a revaluation to a cycle more frequent than the 8-year cycle



## Revaluation Advancement

- The 2019 revaluation was completed in accordance with the octennial cycle, following the 2011 revaluation
- The 2023 revaluation was advanced, by resolution, to a 4-year cycle in October of 2019



## Revaluation Advancement

- The 2027 revaluation resolution will advance the next revaluation and set Mecklenburg County on a 4-year, Quadrennial Cycle, moving forward.
- Future revaluations following the 2027 year would be:
  - 2031
  - 2035
  - 2039 and so on





## Revaluation Advancement

- If approved tonight
- Assessor will provide a copy of the signed resolution to the North Carolina Department of Revenue, Local Government Division pursuant to NCGS 105-286 (a) (3)
- Assessor will provide a copy of the signed resolution to each of the Taxing units located within Mecklenburg County



## Revaluation Advancement

- Questions?





## Office Awards and Certifications

- The International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) Certificate of Excellence in Assessment Administration (CEAA) 2017.
- IAAO- 2019 Distinguished Assessment Jurisdiction Award
- NCAAO- 2019 Distinguished Jurisdiction Award- Large Jurisdiction
- IAAO- 2019 Public Information Program Award
- NACO- 2019 Award of Innovation
- NCACC- 2019 Excellence in Innovation
- NACO- 2023 Award of Innovation
- The IAAO Certificate of Excellence in Assessment Administration (CEAA) recertified 2023.
- North Carolina Assessor of the Year- 2019, Ken Joyner
- IAAO Lifetime Achievement in Professional Development 2019, Ken Joyner
- IAAO Professional Designee of the Year 2019, Cecil Jackson
- North Carolina Appraiser of the Year- 2022, Scott Hudson



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- **NACO- 2023 Award of Innovation**
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- North Carolina Assessor of the Year- 2019, Ken Joyner
- IAAO Lifetime Achievement in Professional Development 2019, Ken Joyner
- IAAO Professional Designee of the Year 2019, Cecil Jackson
- North Carolina Appraiser of the Year- 2022, Scott Hudson



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**RESOLUTION  
OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
ADVANCING THE TIME FOR GENERAL APPRAISAL OF REAL PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to G.S. 105-283 and G.S. 105-317, each County must reappraise all real property in accordance with the initial statutory provisions and every eighth year thereafter, unless the County advances the date; and

**WHEREAS**, under the Octennial Cycle, the County of Mecklenburg will be required to reappraise all real property as of January 1, 2031, in accordance with the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes 105-283 and 105-317; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 105-286(a)(3), the County may advance the time for a general reappraisal of real property to a shorter period and may, by resolution, designate a new reappraisal cycle that is more frequent than the required Octennial Cycle; and

**WHEREAS**, the County previously, by Resolution dated 01 October 2019, advanced the date of revaluation to January 1, 2023, under the provisions established by GS 105-286(a)(3); and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Assessor has requested that the Board of County Commissioners advance the time of the next general reappraisal of real property to January 1, 2027, and designate a Quadrennial Cycle (every four years) for general reappraisals of real property. Now therefore be it,

**RESOLVE:**

1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby adopts a Quadrennial Cycle (every four years) for general reappraisals of real property pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes 105-286(a)(3).
2. The next general reappraisal of real property within the County of Mecklenburg, North Carolina is hereby advanced to January 1, 2027, pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes 105-286(a)(3).
3. The Tax Assessor shall promptly forward a copy of this Resolution to the North Carolina Department of Revenue.
4. The Tax Assessor shall promptly forward a copy of this Resolution to each of the taxing units located within the County.

**ADOPTED** this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
George Dunlap, Chairman  
Mecklenburg County Board of County Commissioners

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Kristine Smith, Clerk to the Board

Approved as to Form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Attorney

***Resolution recorded in full in Ordinance Book ---, Document #---***

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Commissioner Jerrell asked if they looked at a 2-year cycle. *Mr. Joyner said there was some discussion about a 2-year cycle. He said it was determined that to move to a 2-year cycle, they would have to hire an additional 40 appraisers because they would need to immediately begin working on the next cycle while working on appeals and, therefore, looked at a 4-year cycle instead.*

Commissioner Griffin said he anticipated tightening of the market. He said he figured four years was better than eight.

Chair Dunlap thanked him for explaining that the initial 4-years was a one-off and adopting this resolution made it an ongoing 4-year cycle. He said it took staff so long to do appraisals and then had to do field surveys so that they didn't bump up on each other, so that is why we decided on the 4-year cycle as opposed to the 2-year cycle.

Motion was made by Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried, to adopt the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners Resolution Advancing the Time for General Reappraisal of Real Property to a Quadrennial Cycle.

Mr. Joyer announced that at their most recent conference in Salt Lake City, they were awarded their recertification on the Certificate of Excellence and Assessment Administration, which was one of the driving items that the Board back in 2013 impressed on him to get. He said they not only achieved it but completed their first five-year cycle and had been recertified on that. He said also at the last board meeting they were one of the departments that had a partnership with OTC and ITS on the Award of Innovation.

**23-0614      MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' LEGISLATIVE AGENDA  
UPDATE**

The Board received an update on the 2023 Legislative Agenda.

*Background: The North Carolina General Assembly recently adopted the State's Biennial Budget and has passed legislation impacting local government. The Board will hear an update on these actions and alignment with the 2023 adopted Mecklenburg County Legislative Agenda.*

Starla Tanner, Intergovernmental Affairs Manager, gave the presentation.

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Legislative Update  
Starla Tanner, Intergovernmental Affairs Manager

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**State and Federal Update**



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## Supplemental Materials

- 2023 Legislative Agenda
- State Budget Text Highlights
- State Budget Local Funding
- Potential Federal Shutdown Impact



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## 2023 Legislative Agenda Priorities

- Guiding Principles
- Education
- Health and Human Services
- Community
- Environment



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State Legislative Update  
124<sup>th</sup> Legislative Day

Budget passed 9/22/23

9 Bills enacted without signature

66 Bills signed

12 Bills pending signature

16 Bills vetoed

14 Bills overridden

2 Bills pending possible override



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## Education

7% Teacher salary increase, additional 2% for bus drivers (2 years)

Expanded school voucher eligibility and funding

Funding for homeless and foster students' transportation

Funding for PreK and childcare staffing programs

Funding for low-wealth counties, at-risk student services, and economically disadvantaged public schools

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## Health and Human Services

### Going Live!



## Health and Human Services

Funding for behavioral health outreach programs and provider rate increases

Gives NCDHHS broad authority over Local Management Entities/Managed Care Organizations (LME/MCO) organizing, dissolution, county disengagement

Requires LME/MCOs workgroups to address gaps in care for children in foster care

Sets requirements for Child and Families Specialty Plan with contracting by Dec. 1, 2024 and limits county options

Funding for maternal and child health grants and other local public health services

Requires Behavioral Health Tailored Plan implementation by July 1, 2024, with initial minimum 4-year contracts





## Community

- Includes tier 3 counties in broadband expansion program
- Funds expansion of alternatives to pre-trial detention fund
- Increases staff allotments:
  - + 4 Asst. District Attorneys and
  - + 6 Magistrates
- Provides numerous community organization grants



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## Environment

- ★ Funds water and wastewater infrastructure grants
  - Removes emissions inspection requirements
  - Restricts county review of erosion and sedimentation control plans
  - Forbids local governments from restricting or levying fees for plastic bags and containers
  - Removes or limits statewide environmental initiatives



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## Additional Budget Provisions

Prohibits local governments from imposing wage/compensation requirements for most employers

Requires projected property tax increase notice on bond referendum ballots

Grants new investigatory power over local governments including:

Evaluation of local implementation of laws, access to buildings, and investigation of public officials and employees

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## State Legislative Update

27 Direct  
Appropriations

Regulatory  
Reform Bills

HB 813 Pretrial  
Integrity Act

Meals Tax  
Extension  
(2060)

Inspections,  
Permitting, and  
Code Changes

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## Federal Budget Update – Potential Shutdown Impact



Federal Employees	Furloughed (Essentials on duty)
Social Security/Medicare/ Veteran Benefits	Not impacted, limited staff in offices
Travel	Airports remain open w/TSA delays, closed national parks, limited passport offices
Public Health/Safety	Emergency measures continue, limited inspections for food and hazards
Services for Women and Children	Loss of Head Start access and WIC services (pending State funding)
Medicaid	Not impacted immediately
Food Assistance	SNAP not impacted until Nov.
Housing Assistance	Limited contracting authority
US Postal Service / IRS	Not impacted



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**Comments**

Chair Dunlap thanked Ms. Tanner for her work and her engagement in all the steering committees from NACO.

Commissioner Leake said retired teachers needed to return to the classrooms so that there were qualified teachers. *Ms. Tanner said measures in the budget included increasing the teacher salary, but she was not sure about retired teachers returning to the classroom.*

Commissioner Meier asked about investigatory powers, authorized to enter into private homes and office buildings; our own government can reject any records request in the state legislature. *Ms. Tanner said it would broaden the limitations of laws and access to public buildings, public records, and public staff.*

Commissioner Meier stated that she was very disturbed by some of these powers. She also wanted to note that under that provision, public employees under investigation would be required to keep all communication requests confidential and could not even alert their supervisor.

Chair Dunlap said although some of the bills have passed, some of them would be litigated as to if they are constitutional.

Vice-Chair Powell thanked Ms. Tanner for her work and presence in NACO and NCACC meetings. She spoke about the protection of our natural resources and the dismantling of environmental protections. She thanked Governor Cooper for HB600. She said protecting air and water should be a bipartisan issue.

Commissioner Altman said with regard to environmental issues, we would pay now or pay later. She said we could have forward-thinking laws to reduce global warming or pretend it's not there, go another election cycle and pay later.

Commissioner Altman asked Acting County Manager Anthony Trotman what the mention around the tailored plan and behavioral health was. She said she recollected that it was difficult to cross this threshold and convert over to a new system because not all regions were ready. She asked what that meant for Mecklenburg County. *Mr. Trotman said that they were looking to merging some of the LMACOs going from 6 to 4, which was one of the issues. He said the other issue was that some of the tailored plans were struggling to have all the providers sign on to the provider panel, specifically our tailored plan. He said Alliance was struggling to have Atrium sign on to their provider panel. He said they had a conversation with Atrium and Alliance to help bridge the gap.*

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Commissioner Altman asked with regard to the State budget, if he had a sense of whether it improved or where we were with behavioral health in terms of what was just reported by Ms. Tanner. *Mr. Trotman said that in some aspects, it improved. He said they would move forward with a tailored plan but were opposed to the third plan. He said there was the Standard Plan, which was Physical Health; a Tailored Plan, which was Behavioral Health; and then there is the third plan which is the Foster Care plan, which they were opposed to because they developed a strong relationship with Alliance to build out such things as the Behavioral Health Urgent Care and other local activities but were overruled and the State is mandating there will be a statewide foster care plan.*

Commissioner Chair Dunlap said that he thought the tailored plan required the LMEO to provide mental and physical health care. *Acting County Manager Anthony Trotman said that is correct.*

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell thanked Ms. Tanner. She mentioned the Lake Wylie presentation and how important the water is. She also said that it was very disturbing for the State Legislature to shield its own public records and allow destroying and selling of records.

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell asked about orphan roads. Ms. Tanner said no, but that our delegation members have been listening and were still having conversations about it.

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell said that the local funding is out of balance.

Commissioner Griffin made comments.

Commissioner Jerrell asked, concerning language that talks about County local government actions prohibiting imposing wage compensation, if they could get information on what certain economic development incentives mean and what falls into that bucket. He also wanted to understand if an entity contracts with the County and if it was restricted from that requirement even if they were contracting with us at a certain level. *Ms. Tanner said yes unless a provision in a federal grant was included. She said many of the federal construction grants required prevailing wage requirements, which was a part of that federal grant money that state law couldn't preempt. She said that was the one exception, and other than that, we would be prohibited from imposing waiver restrictions on anyone other than our own employees.*

Commissioner Jerrell asked Acting County Manager Anthony Trotman about school nurses. Does the language allow us to go away from the 4-year requirement? *Acting County Manager Anthony Trotman said the language was consistent with what was communicated to the Board several months ago by our Public Health Team, which would allow us to utilize RNs in certain capacities to serve as school nurses even if they don't have the BSN. He said because there was such a critical*

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*need within the community in CMS, they potentially had the ability to open up additional access and resources for the school system and provide that element to the children and have begun the process.*

Chair Dunlap said it's about who you have advocating for you and what you ask for. Sometimes you get more, sometimes less.

Commissioner Powell asked if there was an update on the additional magistrate for North Mecklenburg. *Ms. Tanner said no, but she could look into it. She said they were granted additional magistrate conditions and flexibility regarding how magistrates could be utilized, but how it was being enacted was not known, but she could find out.*

### **DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORS' MONTHLY REPORTS – N/A**

### **STAFF REPORTS & REQUESTS - None**

### **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS & REQUESTS - None**

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

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

### **23-0587      CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT – COUNTY & COURTS OFFICE BUILDING (CCOB) 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR GUARDIAN AD LITEM UPFIT & RESTROOMS RENOVATIONS**

Award a construction contract to W.C. Construction Company, LLC in the amount of \$872,500.00.

*Background: This contract will provide construction services for upfitting currently unoccupied space on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the County & Courts Office Building (CCOB) for use by the North Carolina Guardian ad Litem Charlotte Office. This contract also includes construction services for renovations to the 2nd-floor restrooms at CCOB to update them to conform with Accessibility requirements.*

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### 23-0589 ARCHITECT SELECTION – BUILDING SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS

Authorize the County Manager to negotiate fees and terms and conditions to execute a contract with Gensler Architecture, Design & Planning, P.C. for Architectural/Engineering Services for the Building Security Improvements project, and in the event negotiations with this firm are unsuccessful, approve negotiations with the alternate firm.

*Background: This consultant selection is for the design and construction administration services for miscellaneous security improvements at multiple County facilities. Improvements may include but are not limited to screening stations, cameras, door alarms, and door hardware.*

### 23-0590 GRANT APPLICATION – CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION FUNDING

Approve submission of a sub-grant application for up to \$75,000 to the Centralina Regional Council for Climate Pollution Reduction Grant funding;

Adopt the required grant project ordinance for Climate Pollution Reduction Grant in the General Grant Fund (G001) and

If awarded, recognize, receive, and appropriate the award amount to the General Grant Fund (G001) within the Land Use and Environmental Services Agency.

*Background: Mecklenburg County Air Quality (MCAQ) is requesting approval to apply for up to \$75,000 in Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) funds in a sub-grant from the Centralina Regional Council (CRC). This CPRG funding will reimburse the County for costs associated with providing technical support and subject matter expertise to CRC as part of developing a regional climate plan.*

*The CPRG program, a product of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, is focused on generating greenhouse gas (GHG) pollution reductions. The CPRG is being implemented in two grant phases: planning grants and implementation grants. CRC is the lead organization for the Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia NC/SC Metropolitan Statistical Area planning grant. CRC will award a sub-grant to MCAQ for the purposes of providing technical oversight and subject matter expertise on three deliverables: a Priority Climate Action Plan due March 2024; a Comprehensive Climate Action Plan due Summer 2025; and a Status Report, due at the close of the 4-year grant period.*

*County support and participating in the CPRG program aligns with the County's Environmental Leadership Policy and the Land Use and Environmental Services Agency (LUESA) Strategic*



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*Business Plan strategy LUE3.1.A to "partner with regional interest groups, businesses, and civic organizations on air quality improvement efforts."*

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**GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE**

**WHEREAS,** Mecklenburg County is applying and/or has been awarded a grant from the Centralina Regional Council. The grant has been made available to Mecklenburg County under the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants program up to the amount of \$75,000.00; and

**WHEREAS,** the grant funds reimburse the County for costs associated with providing technical support and subject matter expertise as part of developing a regional climate plan; and

**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 Centralina Region Council Climate Pollution Reduction Grants 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 Climate Pollution Reduction Grants program and to undertake the project. The County Manager is directed to take steps necessary to ensure compliance with all spending and reporting requirements of the Centralina Regional Council.
- Section 3. The following revenues are anticipated for Mecklenburg County in the General Grant Fund (G001) to complete this project:

<b>Grant</b>	<b>\$75,000.00 (application/award amount)</b>
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- Section 4. The following expenses are appropriated for Mecklenburg County in the General Grant Fund (G001) to complete this project:

<b>Grant</b>	<b>\$75,000.00 (application/award amount)</b>
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### 23-0593      FY2024 NCDOT RURAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ROAP) GRANT APPLICATION

Approve the Certified Statement for the FY2024 Rural Operating Assistance Program in Mecklenburg County;

Approve the application for the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) Grant for Fiscal Year 2024 in Mecklenburg County Department of Child, Family, & Adult Services;

Amend the 2023-2024 Annual Budget Ordinance to recognize, receive and appropriate \$398,468 from the State to the General Fund (0001) within the Department of Child, Family, & Adult Services.

*Background: Mecklenburg County Department of Child, Family, & Adult Services is submitting a Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) grant application. This NCDOT grant provides funding for transportation services to elderly and disabled citizens, Work First clients requiring transitional/employment transportation services, and the general public living outside the urban area boundary not the metropolitan boundary of Mecklenburg County and do not have a human service agency or organization paying for their transportation. The Mecklenburg Transportation System (MTS) of CFAS' Services for Adults Division operates this program. The NC General Assembly reinstated the allocation of ROAP funds statewide in FY24 to assist with community needs and ensuring that resources are met.*

*The Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP) Formula allocation is \$361,539 and does not have a county match. The Elderly & Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP) provides operating assistance for the public transportation of elderly and disabled citizens.*

*The Employment Transportation Program (ETP) allocation is \$299.00 and does not have a county match. The Employment Transportation Assistance Program provides operating assistance for the public transportation of person with employment related transportation needs.*

*The Rural General Program (RGP) allocation is \$36,630 and does not have a county match.*

*The Rural General Public Program (RGP) operating funds are intended to provide transportation services to individuals who do NOT have a human service agency or organization that will pay for the transportation service and live in the non-urbanized area of the county.*

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**CERTIFIED STATEMENT  
FY2024  
RURAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
County of Mecklenburg**

**WHEREAS**, the state-funded, formula-based Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) administered by the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Integrated Mobility Division provides funding for the operating cost of passenger trips for counties within the state;

**WHEREAS**, the county uses the most recent transportation plans (i.e., CCP, CTIP, LCP) available and other public involvement strategies to learn about the transportation needs of agencies and individuals in the county before determining the sub-allocation of these ROAP funds;

**WHEREAS**, the county government or regional public transportation authorities created pursuant to Article 25 or Article 26 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes (upon written agreement with the municipalities or counties served) are the only eligible recipients of Rural Operating Assistance Program funds which are allocated to the counties based on a formula as described in the Program Guidelines included in the ROAP State Management Plan. NCDOT will disburse the ROAP funds only to counties and eligible transportation authorities and not to any sub-recipients selected by the county;

**WHEREAS**, the county finance officer will be considered the county official accountable for the administration of the Rural Operating Assistance Program in the county, unless otherwise designated by the Board of County Commissioners;

**WHEREAS**, the passenger trips provided with ROAP funds must be accessible to individuals with disabilities and be provided without discrimination on the basis of national origin, creed, age, race, or gender (FTA C 4702.1B, FTA C 4704.1A, Americans with Disabilities Act 1990); and

**WHEREAS**, the period of performance for these funds will be July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 regardless of the date on which ROAP funds are disbursed to the county.

**NOW, THEREFORE, by signing below, the duly authorized representatives of the County of Mecklenburg North Carolina certify that the following statements are true and accurate:**

- The county employed a documented methodology for sub-allocating ROAP funds that involved the participation of eligible agencies and citizens. Outreach efforts to include the participation of the elderly and individuals with disabilities, persons with limited English proficiency, minorities and low-income persons in the county's sub-allocation decision have been documented.
- The county will advise any sub-recipients about the source of the ROAP funds, specific program requirements and restrictions, eligible program expenses and reporting requirements. The county will be responsible for invoicing any sub-recipients for unexpended ROAP funds as needed.
- The county will monitor ROAP funded services routinely to verify that ROAP funds are being spent on allowable activities and that the eligibility of service recipients is being properly documented. The county will maintain records of trips for at least five years that prove that an eligible citizen was provided an eligible transportation service on the billed date, by whatever conveyance at the specified cost.
- The county will be responsible for monitoring the safety, quality, and cost of ROAP funded services and assures that any procurements by subrecipients for contracted services will follow state and federal guidelines.

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- The county will conduct regular evaluations of ROAP funded passenger trips provided throughout the period of performance.
- The county will only use the ROAP funds to provide trips when other funding sources are not available for the same purpose or the other funding sources for the same purpose have been completely exhausted.
- The county will notify the Regional Grant Specialist assigned to the county if any ROAP funded services are discontinued before the end of the period of performance due to the lack of funding. No additional ROAP funds will be available.
- The county will provide an accounting of trips and expenditures in monthly reports to NCDOT – Integrated Mobility Division or its designee. **Back-up documentation is required to support the monthly reports, failure to provide documentation will affect future disbursements. The June report will be considered the annual report.**
- Any interest earned on the ROAP funds will be expended for eligible program uses as specified in the ROAP application. The County will include ROAP funds received and expended in its annual independent audit on the schedule of federal and state financial assistance. Funds passed through to other agencies will be identified as such.
- The county is applying for the following amount of FY2024 Rural Operating Assistance Program funds:

State-Funded Rural Operating Assistance Program	Allocated	Requested
Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP)	<u>361,539</u>	<u>361,539</u>
Employment Transportation Assistance Program (EMPL)	<u>299</u>	<u>299</u>
Rural General Public Program (RGP)	<u>36,630</u>	<u>36,630</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>398,468</u></b>	<b><u>398,468</u></b>

WITNESS my hand and county seal, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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Signature of Acting County Manager/Administrator  
Anthony Trotman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Acting County Manager/Administrator

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Signature of County Finance Officer  
David Boyd

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Printed Name of County Finance Officer

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**23-0594      DUKE ENDOWMENT SCHOOL-BASED ORAL HEALTH IMPLEMENTATION PLAN GRANT**

Affirm submission of a grant application to Duke Endowment for the School-Based Oral Health Initiative up to \$400,000 for a three-year period.

If awarded, recognize, receive, and appropriate the award amount to the General Grants fund (G001) within Public Health.

If awarded, adopt a grant project ordinance for Duke Endowment School-Based Oral Health Initiative Implementation Plan Grant in the General Grant Fund (G001).

*Background: This proposed project is to expand School-Based Oral Health Initiatives to provide more comprehensive care to school-aged children across all 178 schools in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS), specifically to students within the 54 Title I elementary schools. These comprehensive dental services will be available and more accessible to the 142,536 students in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and additional charter school students. With a 24-year history of oral health screenings with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools students, MCPH knows it is time to expand services and provide more comprehensive care across the County to school-aged children.*

*Mecklenburg County Health Department's mobile dental clinic will ensure that Mecklenburg County students have access to a broader range of dental services and more in-depth dental education on-site at school following their oral health screenings. This mobile dental clinic van is a sustainable means of reaching school-aged children year-after-year by bringing services to children rather than assuming children will be brought to receive dental services. For over two decades, MCPH has conducted oral health screenings within CMS schools; we are committed to this partnership and know it is time to improve and expand dental outcomes with help from community partner investments like the Duke Endowment and other partners like Delta Dental, who provides dental supplies for all children screened.*

*This investment will widen the scope of oral health services, reduce oral health disparities, and ensure not only preventative but comprehensive care is offered to more students across Mecklenburg County. The grant period will run from January 2024 to December 2026. The grant application has been submitted; the deadline was September 15, 2023.*

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**GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE**

**WHEREAS,** Mecklenburg County is applying and/or has been awarded a grant from the Duke Endowment. The grant has been made available to Mecklenburg County under the Duke Endowment School-Based Oral Health Initiative Implementation Plan Grant up to the amount of \$400,000; and

**WHEREAS,** the grant funds must be used to help supplement the School-based Oral Health (SBOHI) Implementation Plan with the dental mobile van visiting the 108 CMS Elementary School to provide equitable dental screenings and services. Priority will be given to the 54 Title I Elementary Schools within 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 Duke Endowment 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 Duke Endowment and to undertake the project. The County Manager is directed to take steps necessary to ensure compliance with all spending and reporting requirements Duke Endowment.
- Section 3. The following revenues are anticipated for Mecklenburg County in the General Grant fund (G001) to complete this project:

**Duke Endowment**  
**\$400,000 Duke Endowment School-Based Oral Health Initiative**  
**Implementation Plan Grant**

- Section 4. The following amount is appropriated in the General Grant fund (G001) to complete this project:

**\$400,000 Duke Endowment School-Based Oral Health Initiative**  
**Implementation Plan Grant**

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### **23-0596      NATURE PRESERVE DONATION – OEHLER NATURE PRESERVE**

Accept donation of Tax Parcel 019-437-55 (+/- 10.647 acres) for incorporation into the existing County-owned Oehler Nature Preserve from TF Walden, LP.

*Background: The subject property owner, TF Walden, LP, has proposed to donate Tax Parcel 019-437-55 (+/- 10.647 acres) to meet the Town of Huntersville's approved rezoning. The land is adjacent to the existing Oehler Nature Preserve and Clarke Creek Greenway, making this property highly desirable for Park and Recreation.*

*The existing Oehler Nature Preserve is roughly 124 acres in size and is located off Huntersville-Concord Road, in the Town of Huntersville. The donation is consistent with Meck Playbook 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.*

### **23-0597      VERMILLION GREENWAY DONATION – CLARKE CREEK GREENWAY**

Accept donation of Tax Parcel 019-371-39 (+/- 2.490 acres) from Southside Neighborhood, LLC for incorporation into the future County-owned Clarke Creek Greenway.

*Background: The subject property owner, Southside Neighborhood, LLC, has proposed to donate Tax Parcel 019-371-39 (+/- 2.490 acres) to the County in accordance with its approved rezoning of the Vermillion subdivision in Huntersville. The land is next to the South Prong Clarke Creek, making this property highly desirable for Park and Recreation.*

*The donation by Southside Neighborhood, LLC will allow Park and Recreation to construct the greenway in this area and provide access for both the Vermillion and Valencia neighborhoods. The donation is consistent with Meck Playbook 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.*

### **23-0607      MINUTES**

Approve the following Meeting Minutes:

- September 7, 2022 Regular Meeting
- September 13, 2022 Budget/Public Policy Workshop



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**THIS CONCLUDED ITEMS APPROVED BY CONSENT**

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**23-0606      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:

**23-0548      BUDGET AMENDMENT – DEPARTMENT OF CHILD, FAMILY, AND ADULT SERVICES  
(REVENUE INCREASE)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Altman, and unanimously carried, to amend the 2023-2024 Annual Budget Ordinance to recognize, receive and appropriate an increase of \$141,229 in Federal funding from Centralina Council of Governments (CCOG) for the Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) to the General Fund (0001) in the Department of Child, Family, and Adult Services.

*Background: Annually, the Department of Child, Family, and Adult Services submits for Board approval the Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) funding plan (also referred to as the County Aging Plan). There was an increase of funding for FY 2024.*

*The following services are provided with this grant: In-Home Aide Services, Transportation Services, Congregate Meals, Home Delivered Meals, Senior Center Operations, Adult Day Care/Day Health, and Consumer Directed Services.*

*The additional required match is included in the Department of Child, Family, and Adult Services FY 2024 operating budget. Funding for Mecklenburg County Department of Child, Family, and Adult Services increased by \$141,229.*

This Consent Item was pulled by Commissioner Leake.

**23-0581      BUDGET AMENDMENT – DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried, to amend the 2023-2024 Annual Budget Ordinance to decrease Low-Income Home

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Energy Assistance Program federal revenue and expenses of \$1,225,925 in the General Fund (0001) within the Department of Community Resources, to amend the 2023-2024 Annual Budget Ordinance to decrease Crisis Intervention Program federal revenue and expenses of \$801,983 in the General Fund (0001) within the Department of Community Resources, and amend the 2023-2024 Annual Budget Ordinance to decrease revenue and expenses of \$585,373 from the Federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) administrative allocation in the General Fund (0001)

*Background: In November of 2021 the Energy Assistance Provider Portal was established by the NC Department of Health and Human Services. The Energy Assistance Provider Portal will move the payment functionality for the Crisis Intervention Program (CIP), Low Income Energy Assistance Program Mecklenburg County (LIEAP) and Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) from the counties making payments, to the payments being made through an electronic payment by FIS directly to Energy providers checking or savings accounts. The portal became active in October 2022 and nearly all energy providers have enrolled and are being paid directly through the portal.*

*The 2023-2024 Annual budget will need to be decreased by \$585,373 to true up the funding allocated by the Federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).*

This Consent Item was pulled by Commissioner Leake.

### **23-0592      HEALTH DEPARTMENT QMENDED FEE SCHEDULE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried, to amend the fee schedule.

*Background: The Department is requesting approval to amend the fee schedule to charge the acquisition cost for new Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) and COVID-19 vaccines.*

*New COVID fee for ages 6 months through 4 years, 5 through 11 years, 12 years and older*

*New COVID fee COVID-19 vaccine administration*

*New service and fee for Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), monoclonal antibody, seasonal dose; 0.5 mL*

*New service and fee for Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), monoclonal antibody, seasonal dose; 1 mL*

This Agena Item was pulled by Commissioner Leake.

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**23-0595        BUDGET AMENDMENT – COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES – REVENUE INCREASE (CSS)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried, to Recognize, receive and appropriate up to \$190,000 to the General Grants Fund (G001) within Community Support Services; and adopt a grant project ordinance for Enhancing Wellness through Affirming Services and Education (EASE) Program.

*Background: Mecklenburg County Community Support Services will enter into a subcontract for year two (September 30th, 2023 thru September 29th, 2024) with the Center of Health Policies and Inequalities Research at Duke University to provide comprehensive substance use services as a part of a federally funded project. The project, Enhancing Wellness through Affirming Services and Education (EASE), is funded through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and will provide substance abuse treatment services in Charlotte and Durham, North Carolina for individuals with and at high-risk for HIV for a 5-year period lasting through September 29, 2027. The services available in Charlotte to be provided through Community Support Services include individual and group substance use, mental health treatment and care coordination.*

*A subcontract between Duke University Center for Health Policy and Inequalities Research and Community Support Services would be managed by the Office of Research Support at Duke University. The total subcontract for the 5-year period is \$666,829.00.*

This Agenda Item was pulled by Commissioner Leake.

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**GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE**

**WHEREAS,** Mecklenburg County is applying and/or has been awarded a grant from the Center of Health Policies and Inequalities Research at Duke University. The grant has been made available to Mecklenburg County under the Enhancing Wellness through Affirming Services and Education (EASE) up to the amount of \$190,000.00; and

**WHEREAS,** the grant funds must be used to provide substance abuse treatment services for individuals with and at high-risk for HIV.

**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 Center of Health Policies and Inequalities Research 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 Enhancing Wellness through Affirming Services and Education and to undertake the project. The County Manager is directed to take steps necessary to ensure compliance with all spending and reporting requirements to the Center of Health Policies and Inequalities Research.
- Section 3. The following revenues are anticipated for Mecklenburg County in fund G001 to complete this project:

**The Center of Health Policies and Inequalities Research  
\$190,000.00**

- Section 4. The following amount is appropriated in fund G001 to complete this project:

**\$190,000.00**

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**23-0600 TAX REFUNDS**



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Motion was made by Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and approved (7-2) with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Griffin, Jerrell, Leake, and Meier voting yes, and Commissioners Powell and Rodriguez-McDowell voting no to approve refunds in the amount of \$184,667.03 as statutorily required to be paid as requested by the County Assessor.

This Consent Item was pulled by Commissioner Altman.

**23-0608                      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**

Motion was made by Commissioner Altman, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried, that there being no further business to come before the Board that the meeting be adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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Kristine M. Smith, Clerk to the Board

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George Dunlap, Chair