

**Meeting Minutes
April 16, 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 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chair George Dunlap, Vice-Chair Mark Jerrell,
and Commissioners Leigh Altman, Patricia "Pat" Cotham,
Elaine Powell, 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 Vilma D. Leake
Commissioner Arthur Griffin

-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 - None

STAFF BRIEFINGS - NONE

24-0207 CLOSED SESSION

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

The Board went into Closed Session at 5:35 p.m. and came back into Open Session at 5:44 p.m.

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

-FORMAL SESSION-

CALL TO ORDER

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

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

24-0188 PROCLAMATION- NATIONAL LINeworker APPRECIATION DAY (CHAIR DUNLAP)

Background: Lineworkers are highly skilled professionals who undergo rigorous training to work with electricity safely and efficiently. Their role is critical to the safe and efficient delivery of power for our customers. On the job, linework comes with many hazards, but the extreme elements of storm damage, freezing cold or sweltering heat can increase the stakes exponentially. Lineworkers are the first line of defense and do the important work of 'keeping the lights on' - whether it's transmission techs working on high-voltage transmission lines that carry electricity from power plants or distribution techs working on the lines that carry power to homes and businesses.

Commissioner Meier read the Proclamation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried, to adopt a Proclamation declaring April 18, 2024, as "National Lineworker Appreciation Day".



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24-0227 PROCLAMATION – OLDER AMERICANS MONTH – 2004 (COMMISSIONER GRIFFIN)

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

Co-Sponsors of this proclamation were Commissioners Meier, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Leake.

Commissioner Cotham read the Proclamation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cotham, seconded by Commissioner Altman, and unanimously carried, to adopt a Proclamation declaring May 2024, as “Older Americans Month” in Mecklenburg County.

Kimberly Henderson, Director of Child, Family and Adult Services accepted the proclamation and made remarks.



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24-0215 PROCLAMATION – DECLARING APRIL 2024 AS REENTRY MONTH (VICE CHAIR JERRELL)

Background: The State of North Carolina has declared April 2024 as NC Reentry Month. All citizens are encouraged to join in supporting persons and families living with criminal histories and those who work to ensure their transition back into the community is successful.

The Co-sponsors for this proclamation were Commissioners Meier and Rodriguez-McDowell.

Commissioner Jerrell read the Proclamation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jerrell, seconded by Commissioner Meier, and unanimously carried, to adopt a Proclamation declaring April 2024, as NC Reentry Month in Mecklenburg County.

Latoshia Young, Criminal Justice Program Manager and Local Reentry Council representative, accepted the proclamation and made remarks.



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24-0219 JOINT PROCLAMATION – FAIR HOUSING MONTH

Background: The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee (CRC) was formed in 1961 when then-Mayor Stanford R. Brookshire appointed a group of citizens to address race relations in Charlotte. The CRC has been an integral part of the human relations support system for the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County for more than 50 years. Our local Fair Housing Ordinance protects people from discrimination when they are renting or buying a home, getting a mortgage, seeking housing assistance, or engaging in other housing-related activities because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental disability or family status (families with children).

During the month of April, we celebrate Fair Housing Month as our continued commitment to ameliorate discrimination in housing, protecting fair housing rights for all who call Mecklenburg County home. As such, through the joint proclamation we support the 2024 Fair Housing month theme "Fair Housing: The 'Act' in Action."

Commissioner Altman read the Proclamation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Altman, seconded by Commissioner Meier, and unanimously carried, to adopt a Joint Proclamation declaring April 2024, as Fair Housing Month.

Mr. Willie Ratchford, Executive Director of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee accepted the proclamation and made remarks.



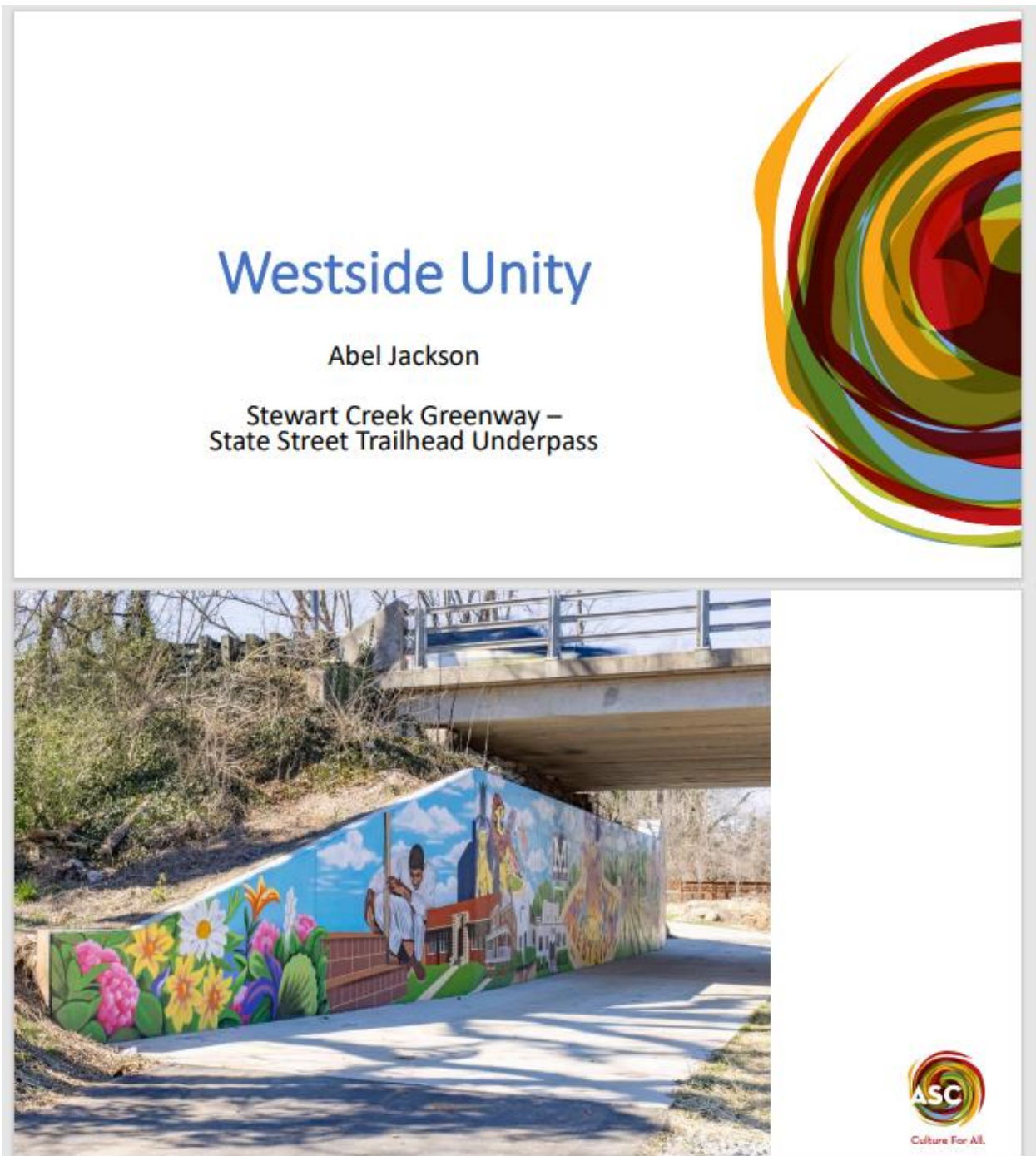
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PUBLIC ART MOMENT

24-0208 PUBLIC ART MOMENT

Background: On January 5, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved the addition of an agenda topic to the second Regular meeting of the month entitled Public Art Moment. The item, with the help of the Arts & Science Council, will highlight a piece of public art - a different one each month. The purpose of this item is to raise public awareness and appreciation for the tax dollars that are spent on public art each year. This month's featured art piece is called "Westside Unity" by Abel Jackson. This project is located at the State Street Trailhead Underpass of the Stewart Creek Greenway in District 2.

The Board received a presentation from Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell on the Public Art piece titled "Westside Unity,"



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24-0209 PUBLIC APPEARANCE

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

1. Joyce Kluttz Topic: North Carolina State Extension Advisory Council - Support of adequate staffing and facility upgrades.

APPOINTMENTS

24-0158 APPOINTMENTS – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVISORY BOARD

Reappointments were needed on the Domestic Violence Advisory Board for three (3) three-year terms expiring April 30, 2027. Tashara Brown, Deandra Hall, and Ashley Wiley are eligible for reappointment.

Motion was made by Commissioner Altman, seconded by Commissioner Cotham, and unanimously carried, to reappoint Tashara Brown, Deandra Hall and Ashley Wiley on the Domestic Violence Advisory Board for three (3) three-year terms expiring April 30, 2027.

24-0159 APPOINTMENTS – WOMENS’S ADVISORY BOARD

Reappointments were needed on the Women's Advisory Board for six (6) three-year terms expiring April 30, 2027. Shawana Burnette, Katelyn Hogan, Laphaedra Howard, Kandice McQueen, Sara Seegers, and Delynn Turner are eligible for reappointment.

Motion was made by Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Altman, and unanimously carried, to reappoint Shawana Burnette, Katelyn Hogan, Laphaedra Howard, Kandice McQueen, Sara Seegers, and Delynn Turner on the Women's Advisory Board for six (6) three-year terms expiring April 30, 2027.

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24-0160 APPOINTMENTS – CITIZENS TRANSIT ADVISORY GROUP

A reappointment was needed on the Citizens Transit Advisory Group for one (1) two-year term expiring April 30, 2026. Jeffrey Parker is eligible for reappointment.

Motion was made by Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Altman, and unanimously carried, to reappoint Jeffrey Parker on the Citizens Transit Advisory Group for one (1) two-year term expiring April 30, 2026.

24-0171 APPOINTMENTS – BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW

Nominations were needed on the Board of Equalization and Review to fill two (2) unexpired terms expiring March 31, 2025, and three (3) three-year terms expiring March 31, 2027.

Andrew Dunn was nominated by Commissioner Powell
Finesse Lyons was nominated by Commissioner Jerrell
Maureen Mahood was nominated by Commissioner Jerrell
Edward Tillman was nominated by Commissioner Altman

All nominees must be interviewed per Board policy.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – BEGAN AT 6:35 PM

24-0199 BUSINESS LOCATION AND EXPANSION – SIEMENS ENERGY, INC.

Background: Siemens Energy, Inc. is headquartered in Orlando. The parent Siemens AG is headquartered in Berlin. The company employs 10,000 people in 80 offices in the U.S., including 26 manufacturing facilities. The existing facility on Westinghouse Blvd. that manufactures power generation equipment was opened in 1969. Siemens has been an exemplary corporate steward over the years, forming close ties with CPCC, CMS, and various Veterans organizations as well as helping with many philanthropic causes.

Siemens Energy, Inc. seeks to establish an advanced manufacturing facility for the production and service of Large Power Transformers. This facility will employ a skilled workforce of over 475 new full-time manufacturing, engineering, and other professional employees to meet a critical demand for the increased production and service of high-voltage transformers that will further help strengthen the domestic U.S. supply chain and facilitate the transition to sustainable energy in the U.S.

Siemens Energy anticipates that this Project's scope will include approximately 118,400 square feet of new space and 53,820 square feet of refurbished space on its existing site.

Siemens Energy, Inc. proposed project meets all the following grant guidelines for a five-year Business Investment Grant, specifically:

- *A taxable investment of \$149,895,000 to be completed in the next two years.*
- *Creation of 475 new jobs with an average wage of \$82,052 (which is equal or greater than 100% of the average SOC codes for each job position for the Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill M.S.A.).*
- *There is competition for this project from Hutchinson, KS.*

The general terms and condition of this grant include:

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- *A portion of the grant must be repaid if the company moves this investment from Charlotte within 10 years of the end of the grant term.*
- *Actual grant payments are based on the value of the investment as appraised by the Mecklenburg County Assessor's Office.*
- *All property taxes due from the company must be paid before a grant payment is made.*

The Board of County Commissioners indicated its intent to approve this grant in a closed session on January 17, 2024.

Motion was made by Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, and unanimously carried, to open public hearing to receive comments on a proposed Business Investment Program grant to Siemens Energy, Inc.

Shahid Rana, Deputy Director of Economic Development gave the presentation.

Business Investment Program (BIP) Grant
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Siemens Energy, Inc. BIP Grant – Public Hearing

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Siemens Energy, Inc. BIP Grant – Public Hearing

Company Background



- Siemens Energy Inc. (Siemens) is headquartered in Orlando, Florida and has over 10,000 employees in the U.S.
- The company has an existing facility on Westinghouse Blvd. that manufactures power generation equipment.
- Siemens seeks to establish an advanced manufacturing facility for the production and service of Large Power Transformers.
- Siemens Energy anticipates that this Project's scope will include approximately 118,400 square feet of new space and 53,820 square feet of refurbished space on its existing site.



Siemens Energy, Inc. BIP Grant – Public Hearing

Project Details

- **\$149,895,000 in New Taxable Investment**
 - \$80,429,000 in Real Property
 - \$69,466,000 Business Personal Property
- **475 New Employees**
 - \$82,052 Average Wage
- **Site Consideration:**
 - Current Facility- 20 acres
- **Competition Sites:**
 - Hutchinson, KS



Siemens Energy, Inc. BIP Grant – Public Hearing

Project Location



Proposed Location:
5101 Westinghouse Blvd,
Charlotte, NC.

Commission District: 2

Submarket: Steele Creek



Siemens Energy, Inc. BIP Grant – Public Hearing

Project Incentives

Partner	Terms	Amount
County	10 years/50%	\$2,811,248
City of Charlotte	Under consideration	TBD
State JDIG	12 years	\$6,880,500
State Sales Tax Exemption M&E	Based on 6.75%	\$4,722,705
State Job Training	Up to \$2,500 Per Eligible Trainee	\$2,588,300
Total		\$17,002,753+



Siemens Energy, Inc. BIP Grant – Public Hearing

Project Employment

Management/Supervisor (\$93,600 - \$143,500)

- Supervisor, Manager, HR, Finance

Administrative (\$55,450 - \$128,900)

- Procurement, Logistics, Tendering, Project Management, Business Excellence and Quality, Logistics

Manufacturing & Technical (\$41,400 - \$118,900)

- Assembly, Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Mechanics, Maintenance, Testing, Winding



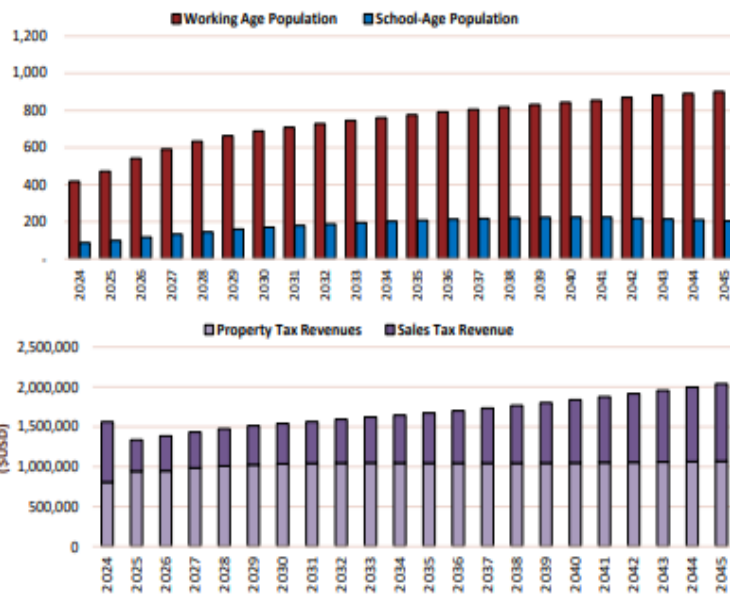
475 New Employees
\$82,052 Average Wage

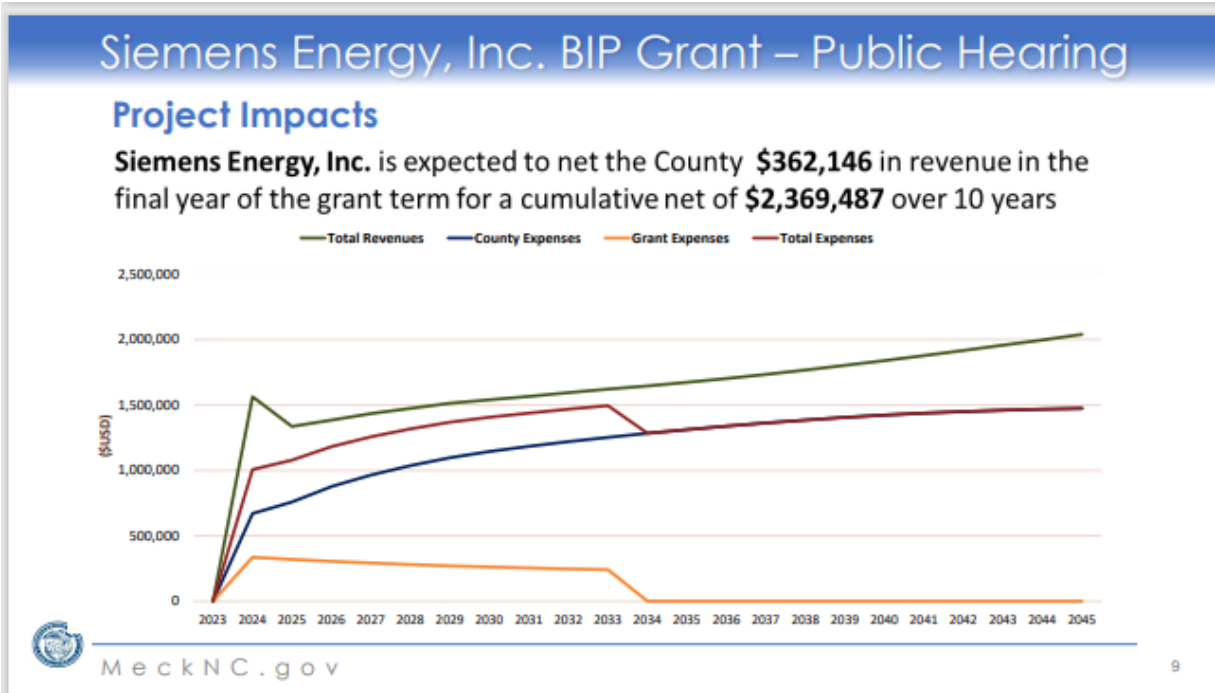


Siemens Energy, Inc. BIP Grant – Public Hearing

Project Impacts

- Siemens Energy, Inc. is expected to induce an additional **242 jobs** by the end of the ten-year grant term.
- Siemens Energy, Inc. is expected to induce an additional cumulative net of **\$5,724,381 in sales tax revenue** by the end of Year 10.





Siemens Energy, Inc. BIP Grant – Public Hearing

Community Engagement

- **CPCPC Partnership**
 - Apprenticeship Program that provides on-the-job training
 - Industry Advisory Board
- **Link North Carolina**
 - Innovative Talent initiative which connects employers, service providers and interns to provide internship opportunities for early career professionals on the autism spectrum
- **Patriots Path**
 - Prepares service members to transition to the civilian workforce
- **CMS Partnerships**
 - Olympic High School

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Siemens Energy, Inc. BIP Grant – Public Hearing

BOCC Action

Requesting the Board of County Commissioners to vote and adopt a resolution to approve a **10-year, 50%** Business Investment Program Grant to **Siemens Energy, Inc.** for a not to exceed amount of **\$2,811,248** and to authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute the contract.

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Business Investment Program (BIP) Grant
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Comments

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell said the Economic Development committee voted unanimously to bring this recommendation forward. We had full support from all the members, especially when the state is also investing this much money in the program. She said with the amount of investment coming to the County, it was pleased to recommend this to the entire Board for approval.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Altman and carried 6-1 with Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Meier and Rodriguez-McDowell voting yes, and Commissioner Powell voting no, to close public hearing and adopt a resolution approving a 10-year, 50% Business Investment Program grant to Siemens Energy, Inc. for a not to exceed amount of \$2,811,248 and authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute the contract.

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**MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION
APPROVING BUSINESS INVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANT
FOR SIEMENS ENERGY, INC.**

WHEREAS, Siemens Energy, Inc. is seeking to expand their operations in Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the organization evaluated sites in Hutchinson, KS; and

WHEREAS, this project, as described by the company, was determined to meet all of the criteria for a Business Investment Program grant from the County of Mecklenburg, the Board of Commissioners voted its intent to provide a Business Investment Program grant to the company during a closed session meeting on January 17, 2024, and as authorized by the Board, the County communicated this information to the company; and

WHEREAS, taking into consideration the Board's stated intent to make an economic development grant, the company subsequently decided to expand in Mecklenburg County. The project will include a capital investment of **\$149,895,000** and will create **475** new jobs within 5 years at an average annual salary of approximately **\$82,052**. The Business Investment Program grant is a **50%** grant over **10** years, with a not to exceed amount of **\$2,811,248**. The grant will be subject to the County's standard contract provisions, including compliance requirements for the company related to job creation targets and claw back provisions; and

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners has determined that this grant will provide new employment, new taxable property, and new economic activity within the County, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve the Business Investment Program grant as described above and authorizes the County Manager to execute a contract for the same, with any necessary or helpful nonmaterial changes.

ADOPTED the

Approved as to Form:

Clerk to the Board

County Attorney

Resolution recorded in full in Ordinance Book 52, Document #91.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

24-0206 JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL PROPOSED FY25 FUNDING ALLOCATION PLAN & ANNUAL REPORT - CJS

Background: The Mecklenburg County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) will receive \$2,051,713 in FY25 funding from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety. In turn, the JCPC makes recommendations for the distribution of the funds to community-based programs that address juvenile justice involvement. The JCPC is charged with reviewing the needs of juveniles within the community who are delinquent or at-risk of becoming court-involved, assessing local services needs and presenting an annual service proposal to the BOCC.

Sonya Harper introduced Nicole Beverly, interim chair of the JCPC, who gave the presentation.



Mecklenburg County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

FY 25 Funding Allocation Plan

Presented to Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners
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JCPC Authority and Mission

- The Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) is a **statutorily authorized advisory board***
- **Mission:** to address gaps in youth services by promoting prevention, intervention, treatment, and aftercare strategies and programs that strengthen families and support community safety



**General Statute 143B-845 – 852*

JCPC Charge

The JCPC is charged with:

- Reviewing the needs of juveniles who are delinquent or at-risk of becoming court-involved
- Assessing local service needs
- Presenting an annual service proposal to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)





JCPC Membership

Seat by State Statute	JCPC Member	Occupation
School Superintendent or designee	Cotrane Penn	Executive Director of Student Services
Chief of Police or designee	Lt. Ericka Ojaniit	Lieutenant- CMPD
Local Sheriff or designee	Georgia Woodruff	Detention Program Manager
District Attorney or designee	Heather Taraska	Assistant District Attorney
Chief Court Counselor or designee	Corey Edwards	Chief Court Counselor
Director, MH/DD/SA, or designee	Noel Thomas-Lester	System Care Coordinator
Director, DSS, or designee	Denise Steele-Campbell	Social Services Manager
County Manager or designee	Sonya L. Harper	Director, Criminal Justice Services
Member of the Faith Community	Thomas Barnett	Risk & Controls Executive
Substance Abuse Professional	Vacant	Licensed Clinician
Two Persons Under Age 21	Saron Zerai Mia Hunter	Student
Juvenile Defense Attorney	Vacant	Council for Children's Rights



JCPC Membership

Seat by State Statute	JCPC Member	Occupation
Chief District Judge or designee	Renee Little	District Court Judge
County Commissioner	Pat Cotham	County Commissioner
Local Health Director or designee	Tracie Campbell	Senior Health Manager
United Way or other non-profit	Robert Collier, IV	In-Home Account Specialist
Representative for Parks and Recreation	Heidi Kitterman	Community Recreation
Member of Business Community	Jamal Briggs	Global Human Resources
County Commissioner appointee	Kimberly James-Williams	UX Researcher
County Commissioner appointee	Jessica Foster	NC National Guard
County Commissioner appointee	Meghann Lail	Community Training Coordinator
County Commissioner appointee	Darrell Gregory	Program Mgr for Mental Health
County Commissioner appointee	Ezra Corbett	Student
County Commissioner appointee	Roshouny Johnson	Dell Program Manager
County Commissioner appointee	Nicole Beverly (Chair)	Educational Initiatives Manager






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JCPC Funding

- North Carolina Department of Public Safety
 Division of Adult Corrections and Juvenile
 Justice allocates annual funding to the JCPC.
 For FY25, Mecklenburg County JCPC’s funding
 allocation is **\$2,051,713**

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2024-2025 Funding Calendar

Funding Process Steps	Key Dates
Posting of RFP on County website	February 12, 2024
Mandatory Pre-Bid Information Sessions	February 21, 2024
RFP Submission Deadline	March 15, 2024, at 4:00 PM
JCPC Review of Submissions	March 27, 2024
JCPC Selection of RFP Awards	April 3, 2024
JCPC Funding Recommendation to BOCC	April 16, 2024



FY25 Funding Allocation Plan

Agency	Amount	Type of Service
JCPC Administration	\$15,500	N/A
CMPD - Youthful Diversion Program	\$240,000	Skill Building
Tresports - Positive Action Program	\$230,800	Skill Building
Team Up Connections	\$241,326	Mentoring
Achieving Success on Purpose - B.R.I.C.K.	\$163,917	Substance Abuse Counseling
YDI - Family Life Skills Academy	\$77,960	Parent/Family Skill Building
YDI - Vocational and Career Development	\$152,052	Vocational Skills
Thompson - Juvenile Court Assessment Program	\$216,906	Assessment
TYM-SHIFT Restitution/Community Service	\$266,532	Restitution/Community Service
ARISE-KRE8IVU	\$50,000	Vocational Skills
SaluteU (For the Struggle, Inc)	\$110,000	Juvenile Structured Day
Youth Style Fitness-The Holistic Approach	\$175,000	Skill Building/ Mentoring/ Counseling
Promise Youth Development, Inc-Promise Pathways Mentoring	\$111,720	Mentoring
Total	\$2,051,713	

Request for Board Action

- Recognize and appropriate FY25 Department of Public Safety - Division of Juvenile Justice funds in the amount of \$2,051,713
- Approve FY25 funding allocation plan recommended by the Mecklenburg County JCPC



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Mecklenburg County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

FY 25 Funding Allocation Plan

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GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County is applying and/or has been awarded a grant from the (North Carolina Department of Public Safety Division). The grant has been made available to Mecklenburg County under the (Juvenile Crime Prevention Council) up to the amount of \$2,051,713.00; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds must be used to (address gaps in youth services by promoting prevention, intervention, treatment, and aftercare strategies and programs that strengthen families and support community safety).

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 (North Carolina Department of Public Safety Division) 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 appropriated for the County to receive the (Juvenile Crime Prevention Council) and to undertake the project. The County Manager is directed to take steps necessary to ensure compliance with all spending and reporting requirements (North Carolina Department of Public Safety Division).

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

Grant	\$2,051,713.00 (award amount)
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Section 4. The following expenses are appropriated for Mecklenburg County in the (G001) to complete this project:

Grant	\$2,051,713.00 (award amount)
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Adopted this ____ day of _____

Clerk to the Board

Grant Application recorded in full in Ordinance Book 52, Document #97.

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Mecklenburg County
NC DPS - Community Programs - County Funding Plan

Available Funds: \$ 2,051,713 Local Match: \$ 792,930 Rate: 30%

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

#	Program Provider	DPS-JCPC Funding	LOCAL FUNDING			OTHER	OTHER	Total	% Non DPS-JCPC Program Revenues
			County Cash Match	Local Cash Match	Local In-Kind	State/Federal	Funds		
	JCPC Administration	\$15,500						\$15,500	
	CMFD Youthful Diversion Program	\$240,000		\$90,436				\$330,436	27%
	Treasures Positive Action Program	\$230,800			\$69,240			\$300,040	23%
	Transforming Youth Movement (TYM)-SHIFT Reedlution & Community Service	\$266,532			\$80,640			\$347,172	23%
	Thompson Child and Family Focus-Court Assessment Program	\$216,906			\$65,072			\$281,978	23%
	Team-Up Connections-Group Mentoring	\$241,326			\$77,399			\$318,725	24%
	Achieving Success on Purpose-Building Reality w/ Imagination, Consciousness & Knowledge	\$163,917		\$18,760	\$39,008			\$221,685	26%
	Youth Development Initiatives-YDI Family Life Skills Academy	\$77,960			\$23,393			\$101,353	23%
	Youth Development Initiatives-YDI Vocational and Career Development Academy	\$152,052			\$49,556			\$201,608	25%
	KrellivU-A.R.I.S.E	\$50,000			\$18,650			\$68,650	27%
	For The Struggle, Inc-SaluteU	\$110,000		\$134,888				\$244,888	59%
	Youth Style Fitness, Inc	\$175,000			\$62,560			\$237,560	28%
	Promise Youth Development, Inc-Promise Pathways Mentoring	\$111,720			\$63,328			\$175,048	36%
	TOTALS:	\$2,051,713		\$244,884	\$548,846			\$2,844,643	28%

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

Amount of Unallocated Funds _____
Amount of Funds reverted back to DPS _____
Discretionary Funds added _____

Nicole Beverly 4/11/24
Chairperson, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (Date)

check type initial plan update final

Chairperson, Board of County Commissioners (Date)
or County Finance Officer

---DPS Use Only---

Reviewed by _____ Area Consultant _____ Date _____
Reviewed by _____ Program Assistant _____ Date _____
Verified by _____ Designated State Office Staff _____ Date _____

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County Funding Plan recorded in full in Ordinance Book 52, Document #93

Comments

Commissioner Altman stated that she noticed that the Juvenile Defense Attorney slot from the Council of Children's Rights is open. She asked how long has it been open, if she knew why they hadnt been able to fill it. *Nicole Beverly, the interim chair for the JCPC Council, stated that she wasn't sure, but there had been some shifts and changes and that she would get back to her with that information.*

Commissioner Altman asked if they still tried to give opportunities to new organizations rather than legacy providers. *Ms. Beverly stated that for 2024, they had a few new programs, and were getting acclimated as service providers for the County. She said for 2025, they voted for one new program.*

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Commissioner Altman asked if someone was filling the gap that the Thompsons left as a short-term residential program: *Sonya Harper stated that the Thompsons did not have the bandwidth to continue that service. She said the Department of Juvenile Justice, as well as the council, is still interested in providing that service, however, they had yet to find a provider who could do that, so short-term residential is not a service that they could currently provide. She said as for the Legal Council position, it had been open for about 6 weeks due to some staffing transition with the Council for Children's Rights. She said the Executive Director was currently in the process of finding an individual to fill that spot.*

Commissioner Jerrell said looking at the organizations that were funded by the County, he heard new organizations were not getting an opportunity. He asked if there were any plans to take a deeper dive into organizations that had not been a part of the legacy funding. He asked about measuring the impact of the organizations funded. *Ms. Beverly stated that it has been a discussion within the council, and were looking into it and plan to take steps in the next JCPC meeting. She said with regard to impact, they were monitoring the youth and parents, and they use surveys.*

Commissioner Jerrell asked for the Board to receive high-level data on the impact.

Commissioner Cotham said this group was very serious about documenting results. She said a large portion of the funding came from the Governor's crime commission. She said they were hardworking and had great leadership and were very collaborative.

Commissioner Dunlap thanked her for agreeing to step up to chair the committee and commended her for filling every seat on the committee

Motion was made by Commissioner Altman, seconded by Commissioner Meier, and carried unanimously to adopt a grant project ordinance for FY25 Department of Public Safety Division of Juvenile Justice Funds in the General Grants Fund (G001); Recognize, receive, and appropriate up to \$2,051,713 to the General Grants Fund (G001) within Criminal Justice Services and approve FY25 Funding allocation plan as recommended by the Mecklenburg County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council in the amount up to \$2,051,713.

MANAGER'S REPORT

24-0225 UPDATE ON DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES

The Board received an update on delinquent property taxes.



Delinquent Property Tax Collections Update

Presented to the Mecklenburg
Board of County Commissioners

April 16, 2024

Presented by Neal L. Dixon, Tax Collector

Key Tax Dates for the FY 2024 Billing



- Exemptions and Exclusions Deadline: June 1, 2023
- Billing Date: July 28, 2023
- Tax Due Date: September 1, 2023
- HOMES Program Deadline: December 15, 2023
- Delinquent Date: January 6, 2024
- Tax Advertisement Avoidance Deadline: February 29, 2024
- Tax Advertisement: April 7, 2024
- Debt Set-off Deadline: April 11, 2024



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Ad Valorem Collections to Date



Current Year Taxes:

- We have collected \$1.28 Billion in County taxes.
- This is 99.00% of this year's levy.
- Last year we collected \$1.16 Billion, equating to 99.11% of the levy.
- LESD and FPSD collections are lower than previous years.

Prior Year Taxes:

- We have collected \$4.38 Million in County taxes.
- This time last year we had collected \$4.57 Million.



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Delinquency Snapshot for FY 2021 – FY 2024

Property Type	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	Total
Business Personal Property	\$842,036.49	\$884,123.52	\$1,134,103.61	\$2,027,643.84	\$4,887,907.46
Individual Personal Property	\$340,976.08	\$815,575.86	\$788,783.69	\$1,092,507.11	\$3,037,842.74
Real Estate	\$471,480.20	\$588,938.03	\$1,082,035.65	\$9,614,726.69	\$11,757,180.57
Public Utilities (State Certified)	\$12,636.33	\$8,084.62	\$1,188.62	\$7,116.65	\$29,026.22
Grand Totals	\$1,667,129.10	\$2,296,722.03	\$3,006,111.57	\$12,741,994.29	\$19,711,956.99



FY 2023 Compared to FY 2024 by Bill Amount

FY 2023

Current Bill Amount	Delinquent Bill Count	Total Due
Over \$10,000	103	\$2,830,053.56
\$5,000 and \$9,999	250	\$1,649,647.43
\$1,000 and \$4,999	4,602	\$9,003,126.97
Under \$1,000	29,936	\$4,635,136.11
Grand Totals	34,891	\$18,117,964.07

FY 2024

Current Bill Amount	Delinquent Bill Count	Total Due	Count Difference	Amount Difference
Over \$10,000	116	\$3,266,737.79	13	\$436,684.23
\$5,000 and \$9,999	321	\$2,186,515.90	71	\$536,868.47
\$1,000 and \$4,999	5,476	\$11,777,080.08	874	\$2,773,953.11
Under \$1,000	29,056	\$4,455,392.14	(880)	(\$179,743.97)
Grand Totals	34,969	\$21,685,725.91	78	\$3,567,761.84



Collection Statistics to Date



- Voluntary Collections: FY 2024 96.82% compared to FY 2023 96.81%
- Delinquent Notices Mailed: 118,484
- Number of Delinquent Bills Advertised: 40,342
- Deputy Tax Collector Field Visits: 5,867
- Garnishments Issued: 2,634
- Bills in Bankruptcy: 419
- Bills Under Appeal: 135



County Revenue and Collection Percentage by FY

Fiscal Year	County Revenue Collected	End of Year Collection Percentage
FY 2021	\$1,100,057,085.79	99.22%
FY 2022	\$1,129,085,814.16	99.47%
FY 2023	\$1,164,367,822.69	99.52%
FY 2024	TBD	TBD



Conclusion



- Revenue collected to date is higher than last year at a lower percentage.
- Prior year collections are lower than last year.
- There is \$3.58 Million more in delinquency due to the County and municipalities now compared to this time last year.
- The pace of collections for the 34,532 bills with less than \$5,000 currently due will be a challenge over the next 2.5 months.
- We are barred from pursuing collections for bills in bankruptcy and under appeal making it questionable if we will collect those taxes this fiscal year.
- Revenue will likely be higher than last year with a lower percentage .



Comments

Commissioner Cotham asked how many were collecting taxes in the field. *Mr. Dixon said that there were 15 going out into the field.*

Commissioner Cotham asked if there was any safety training. *Mr. Dixon stated that safety is a concern and they watched what was happening in the community and society in general and provided training in a lot of ways through the years from the Sheriff coming, outside vendors, and most recently, working with Mike Nel, the new County Security Director, talking to him about the details of what the jobs entailed, the ones that go out and also the ones that were in the office. He said the collectors that were in the field planned their visits, they knew where they were going, they knew what taxpayer they were visiting, and they exercised their judgment. He said if they had any reservations at all, they were not required to go and engage with the taxpayer. He said they used company vehicles and had business cards and police-style badges if needed.*

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Commissioner Cotham asked if anyone made sure they ended their day safely. *Mr. Dixon stated that they came back to the office before ending their day.*

Commissioner Powell asked if when listed in the newspaper what was still due, if they listed everything or just the individual personal property. *Mr. Dixon stated that they list real estate, individual and business personal property.*

Commissioner Powell asked about slide 4, looking at the different years of delinquency, business personal property tax, and real estate, it looked like a strategy to avoid paying the bill. *Mr. Dixon stated that there are a few places where it has gone up versus going down.*

Commissioner Powell asked what the delinquency rate for not paying was. *Mr. Dixon said it was 2% the first month and then ¼% every month after that; the amount of interest that they pay depended on how long it was delinquent and if they were paying it down or not.*

Commissioner Dunlap gave a real-life situation scenario as to what people should do if they were on a fixed income and facing garnishment for taxes owed. *Mr. Dixon said they verified their situation and then worked with the individual. He said if an individual knew they were going to have trouble to call the tax office. He said interest was statutory. He said they try to resolve the situation the best way possible as they wanted to stop the cycle.*

Commissioner Dunlap asked if a citizen making regular payments avoid garnishment by making regular payments. *Mr. Dixon stated that it is all about communication and consistency, that if they were consistently making the payments or if they were going to have trouble and they contacted them they were not going to move into action.*

Commissioner Dunlap asked how many were behind who could have benefited from the Homes program. *Mr. Dixon said he didn't have anything in tax data from his office but he could check with other departments.*

Commissioner Dunlap asked if the County didn't collect all that's due and the budget was based on what was due in next year's budget, is there ever a possibility that taxes would rise to cover the cost that other citizens didn't pay the previous year. *Mr. Dixon said the state says you had to use the collection percentage from the prior year. He said they were always pursuing 100 % and the answer was that it's possible but not probable.*

**24-0187 MECKLENBURG TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (MTS) TRIP PROGRAM
MODIFICATION**

The Board received as information a trip program modification plan for FY24 and FY25 from the Mecklenburg Transportation System (MTS).

Background: Mecklenburg Transportation System (MTS) of CFAS's Services for Adults Division is presenting a trip program modification plan for the remainder of FY24 and projections for FY25.

MTS received \$8.9M in additional federal funding as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and used it to expand individual trip services and facilitate social distancing. The \$1.50 passenger fare was also waived from October 2021 to the present in response to the pandemic. CARES Act funding will be fully expended by end of FY24. Coronavirus Relief funding will be fully expended before the end of FY25.

The proposed trip program modification strategy will help sustain MTS operations going forward. General reinstatement of the \$1.50 trip fare and the elimination of General-Purpose trips will help

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offset program-related expenses. The overall strategy will improve customer service delivery when paired with anticipated technology enhancements. MTS will continue to provide Medicaid transportation services and non-Medicaid transportation services that help meet the most critical health needs of the community, including trips to medical appointments, grocery stores, farmer's markets, adult day care sites and congregate nutrition sites.

Kim Henderson, Child, Family, and Adult Services Director made the presentation.



Mecklenburg Transportation System (MTS)

Presentation Overview

- Transit Service Providers
- Pandemic-Related Funding Impacts
- Future Trip Program Modifications
- MTS Service Data
- Community Transportation Resources
- Appendix



Transit Service Providers

- **Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS)** – Largest transit system between Atlanta and Washington, D.C.; 69 local, express and regional bus routes, including LYNX Blue Line, City LYNX Gold Line, vanpools and paratransit
- **Special Transportation Services (STS)** – Paratransit with CATS operating under ADA law that guarantees all trips within system service area
- **Mecklenburg County Transportation Services (MTS)** – MTS and six (6) contracted vendors provide non-emergency transportation for Medicaid recipients and non-Medicaid residents 60 and older or individuals with disabilities; 46 staff; 25 Light-Transit Vehicles; and three 15-passenger vans



MTS Transportation Vendor Partners

Vendor Name	Total vehicles	ADA-accessible Vehicles
A-1 Wheelchair	10	10
City Cab	28	1
Inner City	15	1
Orange	45	2
Prestige	30	5
Royal	51	9



Medicaid Trips (Mandated)

The County is obligated to ensure that Medicaid recipients have transportation to access medical care. Both MTS and its contracted vendors provide Medicaid transportation.

Fiscal Year	Clients	Trips
FY23	2,460	190,142
FY24 (Jul-Feb)	2,170	144,610



Non-Medicaid Trips (Discretionary)

Maintenance of Health	General Purpose
Medical (Non-Medicaid)	Government/Non -Profit Organizations
Adult Daycare	Paid Employment
Dialysis and Chemotherapy	Financial Institutions
Congregate Nutrition Sites	Fitness Centers
Grocery	Post-Secondary Education
Food Bank	Hair Salons/Barber Shops
Farmer's Market	Faith-Based Organizations



Pandemic-Related MTS Funding Impacts

- From FY21-FY23, MTS received \$8.9M in additional federal funding due to the COVID-19 pandemic:
 - ❑ Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) - \$4,095,288
 - ❑ American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - \$3,861,645
 - ❑ Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) - \$982,163
- MTS used the federal funding to expand non -Medicaid trip services by 28% (4,472 more trips than in FY21) and facilitate social distancing.



Pandemic-Related Funding Impacts

- CARES Act funding will be fully expended by the end of FY24.
- ARPA/CRRSAA funding will be fully expended before the end of FY25.
- The exhaustion of COVID funding will generate a revenue loss of approximately \$1.54M after FY25.
- Maintaining current service levels would require an additional \$1M of revenue in FY25, \$2.4M in FY26 and continued escalation in future fiscal years.



MTS Trip Program Modifications

For FY25 and beyond, MTS will make the following adjustments to trip services:

- Continue all Medicaid trip services
- Continue all Maintenance of Health trip services
 - Medical, Dialysis, Chemotherapy
 - Nutrition Sites, Grocery, Food Bank, Farmer's Market, Adult Day Care
- Discontinue General Purpose trip services (eff. July 1, 2024)
 - Government/Non -Profit Organizations, Faith-Based Organizations
 - Employment, Financial Institutions, Post -Secondary Education
 - Fitness Centers, Hair Salons, Barber Shops



MTS Trip Program Modifications

- Freeze enrollment of new, non-Medicaid customers
- Reinstate \$1.50 passenger trip fare after the required 30-day notice and comment period (July 1, 2024)
- Implement new scheduling and routing software (January 2025)
- Evaluate the feasibility of increasing fares by \$2.00 to align with the \$3.50 CATS/STS fare (FY26)



MTS Trip Program Modifications

- Discontinuing General Purpose trips will reduce costs by \$1.7M and allow MTS to continue providing Maintenance of Health trips that meet the most critical needs of the community.

- The \$1.50 passenger fare was waived from October 2021-present in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Reinstating the \$1.50 fare will reduce FY25 vendor costs by an estimated \$170,000 out of a total vendor cost of \$3.4 million.



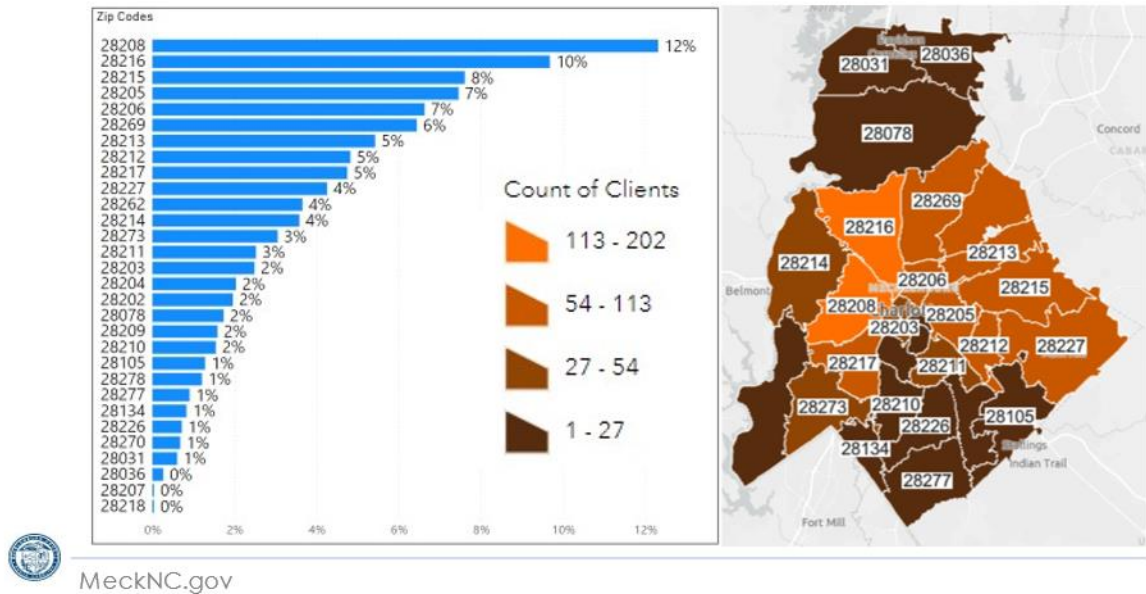
MTS Non-Medicaid Service Data

Trip Type	FY21		FY22		FY23		FY24 (Jul-Feb)	
	Clients	Trips	Clients	Trips	Clients	Trips	Clients	Trips
Maintenance of Health	1,546	66,254	1,658	80,203	1,898	94,598	1,714	71,452
General Purpose	630	15,471	562	19,943	573	32,783	652	32,499
Total	*1,755	81,725	*1,848	100,146	*2,109	127,381	*1,925	103,951

*Client totals reflect an unduplicated count. Some clients receive both Maintenance of Health and General Purpose trips.

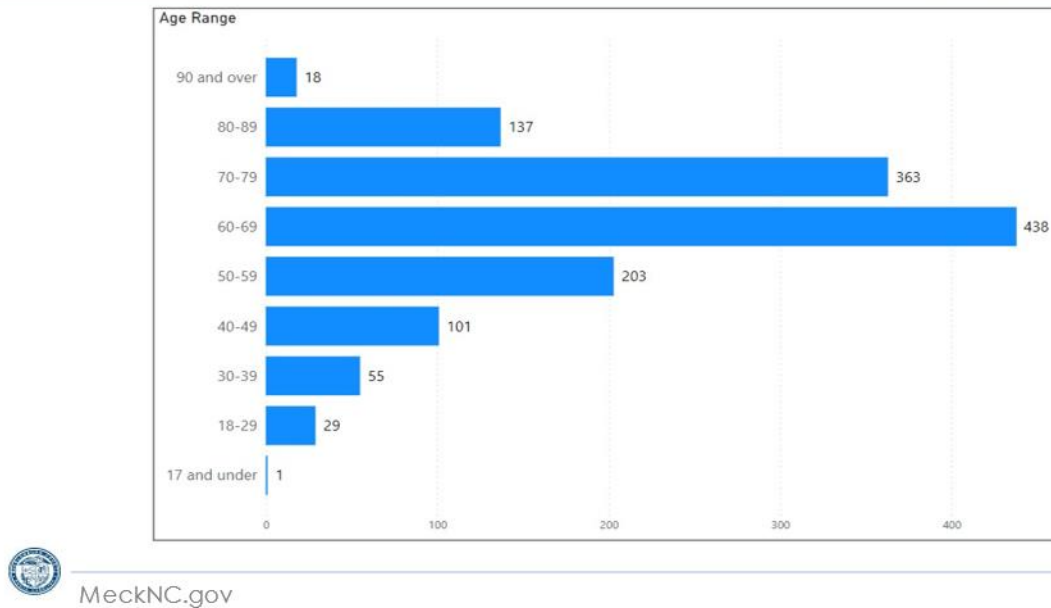


FY24 YTD Non-Medicaid MTS Clients by Zip Code



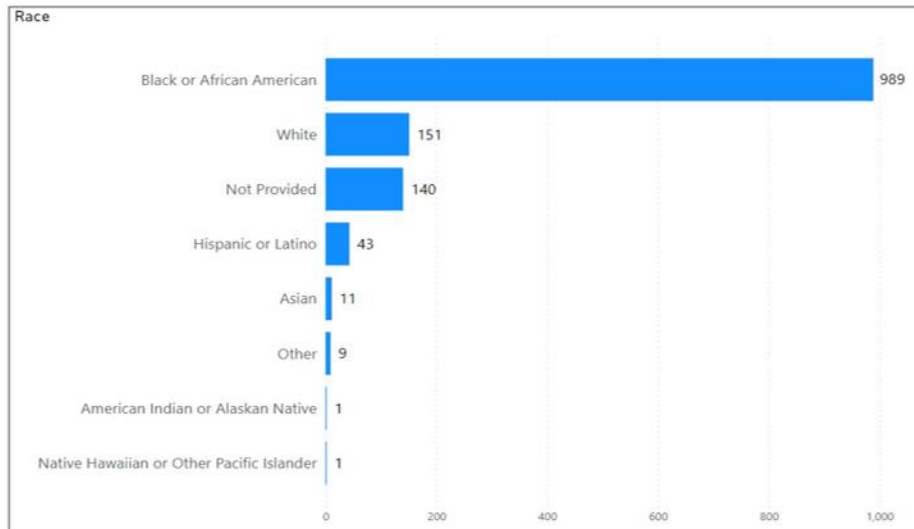
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FY24 YTD Non-Medicaid Clients by Age



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FY24 YTD Non-Medicaid Clients by Race



Waived Passenger Fares

\$1.50 fare was waived from October 2021 -present in response to the COVID -19 pandemic.

Fiscal Year	MTS & Vendor Trips	Waived Fares
FY21	87,614	\$ 131,421
FY22	106,359	\$ 159,539
FY23	131,339	\$ 197,008
FY24 (Jul -Feb)	105,404	\$ 158,106
Total	430,716	\$ 646,074



Local Transit Service Fare Comparison

Provider	Status	Adult One -Way Trip
Iredell County Area Public Transit (ICATS)	Active	\$1.00
MTS	Reinstating July 2024	\$1.50
Fayetteville Area System Transit (FAST) FASTTrac Program	Active	\$2.00
GoDurham ACCESS	Reinstating July 2024	\$2.00
GoWake Access	Active	\$2.00
Union County	Active	\$2.00
GoRaleigh Access	Reinstating July 2024	\$2.50
CATS ADA Paratransit Service (STS)	Active	\$3.50
Wave Transit ADA Paratransit Service (Wilmington)	Active	\$4.00



FY23-FY24 YTD General Purpose Trips

Trip Sub-Purpose	FY23			FY24 (Jul-Feb)		
	Clients	Trips	Cost	Clients	Trips	Cost
Education	28	2,101	\$50,761	23	677	\$21,460
Faith-Based Organizations	35	302	\$5,304	103	1,454	\$44,801
Paid Employment	128	14,083	\$279,186	120	14,171	\$433,912
Park and Recreation	205	11,571	\$177,810	209	8,372	\$234,524
Miscellaneous (government facilities; non-profit organizations; financial institutions; hair salons/ barber shops)	299	4,726	\$105,232	448	7,825	\$223,263
Total	*573	32,783	\$618,293	*652	32,499	\$957,960

* Unduplicated client totals



FY23-FY25 Trip Budget Comparison

Funding Source	FY23	FY24	Proposed FY25
CATS/EGP/GATS	\$81,614	\$107,159	\$107,159
VATS	\$39,039	\$30,000	\$30,000
ROAP	\$613,585	\$398,468	\$398,468
Section 5307	\$236,539	\$1,118,816	\$1,197,709
ARPA/CRRSAA	\$0	\$2,346,319	\$1,311,831
CARES	\$1,333,532	\$55,892	\$0
County Match	\$303,978	\$553,623	\$619,333
Total Trip Budget	*\$2,608,287	\$4,610,277	**\$3,664,500

*In FY24, MTS increased vendor rates, which resulted in an increase in the average cost per trip from \$18.96 to \$32.26. If adjusted using FY24 costs, the total FY23 trip budget would be \$4,147,175.85.

**FY25 total does not include Capital funding of \$84,829 (ARPA/CRRSAA) or \$451,964 (\$361,571 Section 5307 + \$90,392 Local Match). Total County local match requirement is \$709,725.



Summary - MTS Trip Program Modifications

- Continue all Medicaid trip services

- Continue all Maintenance of Health trip services
 - Medical, Dialysis, Chemotherapy
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Summary - MTS Trip Program Modifications

- The trip reduction strategy will help sustain future MTS operations.
- Reinstating the \$1.50 trip fare will help offset vendor-related expenses.
- The overall strategy will improve overall customer service delivery when paired with anticipated technology enhancements.
- MTS will continue to provide transportation services that help meet the most critical health needs of the community.
- In early May, MTS will begin communicating program modifications to clients and making resource referrals.



Community Transportation Resources

Transportation Alternatives

MTS will work collaboratively with our community partners to provide transportation services for our diverse population. Referrals will be made for:

- **CATS/STS Paratransit** – Individuals whose disability impacts their ability to ride the CATS fixed route service; Fee: \$35 (10 tickets)
- **Charlotte Regional Center** – Individuals who need Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services; Fee: \$0
- **Disability Rights & Resources** – Older adults and persons with disabilities who would like to learn how to travel safely and independently within the community; Fee: \$0



Community Transportation Resources

- **First in Families (InReach)** – Individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities; Fee: based on the household size and 300% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines
- **Metrolina Association for the Blind** – Individuals who are visually impaired; Fee: \$5-\$20
- **PACE of the Southern Piedmont** – Older adults who desire an all -inclusive health care plan, which includes transportation to medical appointments and social activities; Fee: \$0



Community Transportation Resources

- **Road to Recovery, American Cancer Society** – Individuals who request services for cancer-related medical appointments; Fee: \$0
- **Shepherd's Center of Charlotte** – Individuals 55+ who need transportation anywhere in Mecklenburg County; Fee: Donation
- **Supportive Services for Veteran Families** (Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte) – Refugee families only; Fee: \$0



Mecklenburg Transportation System (MTS)

APPENDIX



Acronyms

ARPA	American Rescue Plan Act
CARES	Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security
CATS	Charlotte Area Transit System
CRRSAA	Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act
EGP	General Assistance Transportation Services
GATS	Elderly General Purpose
ROAP	Rural Operating Assistance Program
Section 5307	Urbanized Area Formula Program 5307
VATS	Veterans Assistance Transportation Services



Community Transportation Resources

CATS Paratransit - Charlotte Area Transit System

- <https://www.charlottenc.gov/CATS/Paratransit>
- (704) 336-5055

Charlotte Regional Centers for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing

- <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/services-deaf-and-hard-hearing/regional-centers-deaf-and-hard-hearing>
- (704) 918-1554 (Video phone)

Disability Rights & Resources

- <http://www.disability-rights.org/>
- (704) 537-0550



Community Transportation Resources

First in Families, by InReach

- <https://www.inreachnc.org/first-in-families>
- (704) 536-6661

Metrolina Association for the Blind

- <https://www.mabnc.org/>
- (704) 887-5134

PACE of the Southern Piedmont

- <https://www.pacesp.com/>
- (704) 887-3840



Community Transportation Resources

Road to Recovery - American Cancer Society

- <https://www.cancer.org/support-programs-and-services/road-to-recovery.html>
- (800) 227-2345

Shepherd's Center of Charlotte

- <https://www.shepherdscharlotte.org/>
- (704) 365-1995

Supportive Services for Veteran Families

- <https://www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf/index.html>
- (704) 495-3315



Comments

Commissioner Powell asked if the discretionary general-purpose category was the only thing added during the expansion. *Ms. Henderson said no that the number of maintenance health trips and the number of clients served were also expanded.*

Commissioner Powell asked if there was a waiting list for the maintenance of health clients. *Ms. Henderson said yes, there was a waiting list, and said she would send the Board the breakdown.*

Commissioner Powell asked if there would be human beings answering the phone for people who needed help. *Ms. Henderson said yes, there would be a human being answering the phone.*

Commissioner Powell asked clarifying questions which were answered by Ms. Henderson.

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Commissioner Altman asked whether they talked to disability rights groups so that they understood what was going on. *Ms. Henderson stated that they had the ability, that their team within MTS was very well-trained and accustomed to taking the calls and dealing with the diverse needs of clients who were 60 years and older and individuals with disabilities, so they were starting with this communication at the Board level and would move through a progressive series of communication out into the community around the planned trip modification which was why they wanted to come ahead of the July 1st date. She said they would ensure that this was well communicated. She said yes, they were going to discontinue a certain category of trips that could impact an individual who may have cognitive disabilities but would endeavor to connect them with other resources.*

Commissioner Altman asked Ms. Henderson to explain the difference between STS and MTS. *Ms. Henderson stated that for STS, the paratransit service area is defined very specifically—it's $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile on either side of an existing fixed or local bus route. She said there was some prescriptiveness for individuals in that space, which is why individuals lean more toward MTS. She said that was not a requirement that they were able to change or impact as far as the STS dynamic is concerned.*

Ms. Henderson stated that the first question pertained to whether we have categories of eligibility for individuals, so for Mecklenburg County Transportation System, its individuals who are 60 or older or who have disabilities, and for STS, they are operating under the ADA law, and I believe you have to have medical proof of your eligibility under the ADA for that service with STS and of course, CATS is much more broad it's the local transit system that anyone can avail themselves of.

Commissioner Jerrell said regarding slide 9 that he was most concerned about two items: employment and education. He asked that those items be reconsidered, especially when considering the social determinants of health and what they were trying to accomplish as a Board and as a community. He said they were too important not to include and they needed to find a way to make them happen.

Commissioner Jerrell asked that in talking about funding and the tough decisions that needed to be made if the major component of the issue was really capacity and vendors. *Ms. Henderson said it was a multifaceted challenge that they faced and that there was a lack of capacity to fully meet the need. She said they had a very robust fleet and that was still not enough. She said they had 6 vendors they contracted with and that was 179 vehicles running on the streets and 300,000 plus trips which was still a challenge for in terms of meeting scheduling needs. She said they issued an RFP to bring on additional vendors to help deliver the trip service.*

Commissioner Jerrell asked what the funding gap would be at the end of FY2024. *Ms. Henderson said the elimination of trips would generate a cost savings of \$1.7 million.*

Commissioner Jerrell said that he hoped and suggested that there be a level of engagement with community experts to get an understanding of the community's needs from the people doing the work, then, they present that information back to the Board to see ways to help close that gap and meet the community's needs and the population was aging drastically.

Ms. Henderson stated the by the end of FY25, the revenue loss will be 1.3 million.

Commissioner Meier stated that she realizes that there were going to be some tough decisions to be made and the Board would have some tough decisions to make but that they really needed to try to reconsider as Commissioner Jerrell stated the education and employment because they were too important not to include in and to find a way to make them happen.

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Chair Dunlap said the concern was the unintended consequences when they were diligently working on the social determinants of health. He asked regarding slide 17, service fare comparison, did we consider an increase of \$1.50 in that category? *Ms. Henderson stated that we must first start according to FDA requirements by reinstating, giving notice and comment, and then being able to evaluate later in FY25-26 increasing the fare. There are equity studies that need to be undertaken when you increase the fares in the community.*

Chair Dunlap stated that when you think about the traditional average cost to ride a Taxi or Uber, all these fees are substantially less. So, did you consider a person's voluntary commitment to pay a higher fee, which is still less than the commercial rate? *Ms. Henderson stated no, not for what the Trip Modification plan is for July 1, 2024, effective date, but all the options are on the table as we first get that reinstated, then move forward to evaluate what's possible and what can be done about our fares. We do have a consultant who is engaged with us and has been very instrumental in helping deliver this data.*

Chair Dunlap asked if they could look at partners who may not necessarily be traditional partners. He said part of these transportation requests may be to attend religious services. He said there were still many churches and congregations that provided transit services, and just because the County offered the service, it may be easier to route it to us, but we should consider those who still provide those services. He said there were barber shops that made home visits and paid their clients to come in. He said he wanted them to look at everything so they could best utilize our resources to help the ones who were going to be affected by the social determinants of health.

24-0205 REVISIONS TO THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE (MCAPCO)

The Board received information regarding proposed revisions to the MCAPCO to incorporate a financial model for adjusting permitting and compliance fees.

Background: Mecklenburg County Air Quality is proposing a model for the annual adjustment of permitting fees for regulated sources of air pollution. Information will be presented regarding the proposed fee model.

Incorporation of this model requires a revision to the Mecklenburg County Air Pollution Ordinance which must be preceded by a 30-day public comment period. The proposed revisions involve adjustments to permitting and compliance monitoring fees currently found in MCAPCO Regulation 1.5231 - "Air Quality Fees."

The model, fee adjustments and ordinance change will be included in the overall FY25 budget ordinance.

Persons wishing to review and/or comment on the proposed revisions during the comment period should contact:

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Leslie Rhodes, Air Quality Director, Land Use and Environmental Services Agency made the presentation.

LUESA Air Quality Fee Proposal

Fiscal Year 2025

Proposal

Goal:

Adopt mechanism to adjust air quality fees annually to avoid funding gaps and the need for large adjustments in one year.

Recommendation:

Starting in FY25, adjust fees annually based on the average monthly change in Consumer Price Index as calculated by USEPA.

Rationale:

This adjustment methodology is specified in Part 70 of the Clean Air Act for federally regulated (Title V) permits. Some state and local agencies apply it to all AQ fees.

September 19, 2023

Annual EPA Memo

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Calculation of the Part 70 Presumptive Minimum Fee Effective September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024

FROM: Corey Sugerik
Operating Permits Group, AQPD, OAQPS

TO: Operating Permits Contacts
Regions I-X

- Each year EPA publishes the % increase of their presumptive minimum fee rate based on average monthly change in the Consumer Price Index.

The part 70 presumptive minimum fee rate (\$/ton) effective for the 12-month period of September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024 is \$61.73. This fee rate represents an increase of 5.43149% (or \$3.18) from the fee rate in effect for the prior 12-month period (\$58.55). This increase is based on a calculation of the average monthly change in the Consumer Price Index (All Urban Consumers) for the 12-month period of September 2022 through August 2023 as reported by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

This fee rate is used to calculate emissions-based fees for part 70 permit programs that use the presumptive minimum fee for that purpose.¹ Note that many part 70 programs do not use the presumptive fee rate, so check with your permitting authority for the proper fee rates for your location. Also, the fee rate in effect for a given time period is the one normally used in fee calculations performed during that time period, regardless of the time period of the emissions data used in the calculation. For example, when annual fees are calculated in October of 2023 and they are based on the presumptive minimum fee rate, you would use \$61.73 as the fee rate, even though the emissions data would typically be from calendar year 2022.

For any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact Corey Sugerik at (919) 541-3223 or sugerik.corey@epa.gov.

Historical Comparison

CPI Adjusted Fee vs Actual MCAQ Fee
Example: Synthetic Minor Facility Fee



Historical Comparison

Fiscal Year	CPI Adjustment Factor Published by EPA	CPI Adjusted Fee	Actual Fee for Synthetic Minor
FY16		\$5,400	\$5,400
FY17	0.46%	\$5,425	\$5,400
FY18	0.80%	\$5,468	\$5,400
FY19	1.98%	\$5,577	\$5,400
FY20	2.43%	\$5,712	\$5,400
FY21	1.90%	\$5,821	\$5,400
FY22	1.46%	\$5,906	\$5,400
FY23	2.99%	\$6,082	\$5,400
FY24	7.69%	\$6,550	\$6,480

Proposed FY25 Fees

Annual Facility Fees and Application Fees

Class	# of Businesses	Examples of Industry Type	Annual Facility Fee	Application Fee
Title V	10	Foundries, Steel Mill, Wood-fired boilers	\$11,400 \$12,020	\$12,000 \$12,650
SM	60	Gasoline terminals, Hospitals, Asphalt plants	\$6,480 \$6,830	\$900 \$950
SB	30	Water treatment facilities, Small industries with boilers	\$2,100 \$2,210	\$600 \$630
B	47	Concrete plants, Larger printing/coating	\$1,500 \$1,580	\$300 \$320
C	67	Auto-body shops, Commercial printing/coating	\$750 \$790	\$300 \$320
Stage I	324	Gasoline Stations	\$120 \$130	\$240 \$250

- Annual Emission Fee = ~~\$60/ton~~-\$63
- Annual Ambient Monitoring Fee= ~~\$300~~-\$320

Draft Regulatory Language

MCAPCO Regulation 1.5231, paragraph (j):

The fees as determined in Paragraph (b) of this Regulation ~~for~~ ~~Title V facilities~~ may be adjusted as of ~~July 1~~ ~~September 30th~~ of each year for inflation. The inflation adjustment shall be done by the method described in 40 CFR 70.9(b)(2)(iv). The tonnage factor shall be rounded to a whole dollar and the other fees shall be rounded to the nearest ten-dollar (\$10.00) increment.

QUESTIONS ?

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Comments

Commissioner Powell asked if it was enough. *Ms. Rhodes said that for the regulatory portion of our program, yes, we do believe that this will keep the county in line, allow it to compete with the salaries in the industry, and allow it to continue to provide the same level of service that we provide right now.*

Motion was made by Commissioner Altman, seconded by Commissioner Meier, and carried unanimously to approve opening a public review and comment period beginning April 16, 2024, for the proposed revisions and, schedule a public hearing on May 23, 2024, no earlier than 6:30 pm to receive public comments.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED AIR QUALITY ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

The Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to the requirements of G.S. 143.215.112 and G.S. 130A-39, has opened a public review and comment period, and scheduled a public hearing regarding proposed amendments to the Mecklenburg County Air Pollution Control Ordinance, and incorporation of the proposed amendments into the Mecklenburg County portion of the North Carolina State Implementation Plan set forth in 40 CFR 52.1770. The public hearing will be held May 23, 2024, at 6:00 pm, or as soon thereafter as the agenda allows, in the Meeting Chamber of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center located at 600 East Fourth Street, Charlotte, NC. The proposed amendments to the Ordinance have been provided to the North Carolina Division of Air Quality, and USEPA, Region IV for their review. The proposed amendments were endorsed by the Mecklenburg County Air Quality Commission during their March 25, 2024 meeting.

The Mecklenburg County Air Pollution Control Ordinance (MCAPCO) provides for the administration and enforcement of an air pollution control program for the protection of the environment and protection of the public health and applies throughout Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, including but not limited to all cities, towns, hamlets, and villages whether incorporated or unincorporated. The proposed amendment involves adjustments to permitting and compliance monitoring fees found in MCAPCO Regulation 1.5231 – “Air Quality Fees.”

Interested persons are encouraged to review the amendments either on the Mecklenburg County Air Quality website, airquality.mecknc.gov/mcapco, or during normal business hours at Mecklenburg County Air Quality's offices located at 2145 Suttle Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28208, or by requesting the information by calling (704) 336-5430.

Persons wishing to submit comments regarding the incorporation of these amendments into MCAPCO are invited to do so. Comments must be received on or before May 23, 2024, and may be submitted in writing addressed to Leslie H. Rhodes, Director, Mecklenburg County Air Quality, 2145 Suttle Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28208. Also, comments may be submitted via e-mail to the following address:

Leslie.Rhodes@mecklenburgcountync.gov.

Anyone needing special accommodations if attending the public hearing and/or if this information is needed in an alternative format because of a disability should contact the Clerk to the Board. The Clerk is located at 600 East Fourth Street, in the Charlotte- Mecklenburg Government Center, 11th floor, (980-314-2939), fax (704-336-5887) or by E-mail: kristine.smith@mecklenburgcountync.gov. We request at least 72-hour notice prior to the meeting to make the appropriate arrangements.

Kristine Smith, Clerk to the Board

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DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORS' MONTHLY REPORTS

24-0210 DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

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

<https://meck.co/DataDashboard>

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

Department Management Monthly Reports

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

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

Asset and Facility Management	Board of Elections	Community Resources
Mecklenburg County Asset and Facility Management plans and designs our public facilities.	Be a vital part of the administration of election processes.	Provide access to information and services seniors, caregivers, child support and pe with disabilities.
Community Support Services	County Assessor's Office	Criminal Justice Services
Support veterans, aid homeless, treat substance use, and prevent, intervene domestic violence.	Provide accurate and timely discovery, listing, and appraisal of all real and personal property.	Improve the justice system through interagency cooperation, coordination, planning.

STAFF REPORTS & REQUESTS - NONE

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS & REQUESTS – NONE

CONSENT ITEMS

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

24-0172 BUDGET AMENDMENT – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

Approve minor budget amendments for Mecklenburg County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

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Background: As an entitlement community, Mecklenburg County receives an annual share of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The following minor amendments are necessary and require Board approval to allow modification of existing activities, reallocation of program funds, and to complete other administrative actions as follows:

- § 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan Minor Amendment #1
- § 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan Minor Amendment #2
- § 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan Minor Amendment #2
- § 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan Minor Amendment #1

MECKLENBURG COUNTY
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program

OVERVIEW OF MINOR AMENDMENTS

MARCH 12, 2024

To continue to spend federal dollars in accordance with HUD required program standards, Mecklenburg County is making the following minor amendments as needed to allow modification for existing activities.

The following changes are submitted for BOCC approval:

- **2019-2020 Annual Action Plan Minor Amendment #1**
 - PY 2019-2020 CDBG-CV funds were awarded to the Town of Pineville Lake Park Fitness Equipment project. Due to higher construction bids, an additional \$30,000 CDBG-CV funds will be added to the project.

- **2020-2021 Annual Action Plan Minor Amendment #2**
 - PY 2020-2021 Program Administration unspent funds in the amount of \$35,125 to be allocated to the PY 2019-2020 Huntersville Huntington Green Sidewalk Project Phase I.
 - PY 2020-2021 Greater Matthews Habitat unspent funds in the amount of \$5,222.64 to be allocated to the PY 2019-2020 Huntersville Huntington Green Sidewalk Project Phase I.
 - Unallocated funds in the amount of \$141,603.37 to be allocated to the PY 2019-2020 Huntersville Huntington Green Sidewalk Project Phase I.
 - Unallocated funds in the amount of \$47,009.13 to be allocated to the PY 2023-2024 Huntersville Huntington Green Sidewalk Project Phase II.
 - PY 2020-2021 Pineville South Polk Connector Sidewalk Project Phase I funds in the amount of \$56,780 to be allocated to the PY 2023-2024 Huntersville Huntington Green Sidewalk Project Phase II.

- **2021-2022 Annual Action Plan Minor Amendment #2**
 - Unallocated funds in the amount of \$22,639.82 to be allocated to the PY 2023-2024 Huntersville Huntington Green Sidewalk Project Phase II.

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- **2022-2023 Annual Action Plan Minor Amendment #1**
 - PY 2022-2023 unspent Program Administration funds in the amount of \$24,225 to be allocated to the PY 2023-2024 Huntersville Huntington Green Sidewalk Project Phase II.

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24-0178 AUCTION FOR DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Adopt a resolution authorizing sale of surplus personal property by public electronic auction. Auction begins on May 6, 2024, and ends on May 15, 2024.

Background: The electronic auction will be conducted by Rogers Realty and Auction Company Inc.

**NORTH CAROLINA
MECKLENBURG COUNTY**

**DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY
TO TRANSFER TITLE**

Rex E. Dye and/or Marcy Mars are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of Mecklenburg County such documents as may be necessary to evidence the transfer of title for the vehicles listed on Exhibit A (attached hereto) upon sale of said surplus vehicles at the date and location set forth below:

Date: May 15, 2024

Location:
5550 Wilkinson Blvd
Charlotte, North Carolina 28208

This is the _____ day of _____, 2024.

Dena Diorio
Title: County Manager

ATTEST:

This Delegation of Authority recorded in full in Ordinance Book 52, Document #95.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Resolution Authorizing Sale of Surplus Personal Property by Public Auction

WHEREAS, North Carolina G.S. 160A-270(c) allows the County to sell surplus personal property at public electronic auction upon adoption of a resolution or order authorizing the appropriate official to dispose of the surplus property at public auction; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager has recommended that the surplus property listed on the attached Exhibit-A should be sold at public auction,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners that the County Manager or her designee is authorized to sell the surplus property described on Exhibit A at public electronic auction (beginning May 6th and ending May 15th). The surplus assets are located at 5550 Wilkinson Blvd, Charlotte, North Carolina, as per the terms and conditions in accordance with North Carolina G.S. 160A-270(c) and in compliance with County policies. The terms of the sale shall be net cash. The County Manager or her designee is directed to publish at least once and not less than ten (10) days before the date of the auction, a copy of this Resolution or a notice summarizing its contents.

Adopted on the _____ day of _____ 2024.

George Dunlap, Chair
Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Kristine M. Smith
Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

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24-0182 BUDGET AMENDMENT – HEALTH DEPARTMENT (REVENUE/EXPENSE INCREASE)

Amend the 2023-2024 Annual Budget Ordinance to recognize, receive and appropriate an increase in federal revenue and expenses in the amount of \$50,000 from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health (DPH), for essential services and core functions of public health, in the General Fund (0001) within Public Health.

Background: The North Carolina DPH has allocated funding from the ARPA Temporary Savings fund to enhance the ability of the local health departments to deliver the essential services and core functions of public health. Mecklenburg County Health Department has been allocated \$50,000 to support activities authorized under the General Aid-to-Counties Agreement Addendum.

24-0189 CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK – MECKLENBURG COUNTY COURTHOUSE SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS & HVAC CONTROLS UPGRADES

Authorize the County Manager to negotiate fees, terms, and conditions to execute a contract for Construction Manager @ Risk services with JE Dunn Construction for The Mecklenburg County Courthouse Security Improvements and HVAC Controls Upgrades and in the event negotiations with this firm are unsuccessful, approve negotiations with the alternate firm.

Background: A Construction Manager is needed to provide Preconstruction and Construction Management services during the design and construction phases of The Mecklenburg County Courthouse upgrades to and/or replacement of the access control, security & video surveillance systems and HVAC Controls upgrade projects.

24-0190 DISPOSAL OF ORIGINAL NC SAFETY TRAINING CERTIFICATE FILES DUPLICATED BY ELECTRONIC MEANS

Approve the disposal of original NC Safety Training Certificate files as authorized by the NC Department of Cultural and Natural Resources.

Background: The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office is requesting approval to dispose of original NC Safety Training Certificate documentation, which was part of the concealed handgun permit application packets. As required by the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNR), the Sheriff's Office submitted a request and received approval from NCDNR to dispose of training certificate documentation, which was part of the concealed handgun permit application packets. The original supporting documentation has been scanned and duplicated by electronic means. The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office is committed to the proper management and disposition of records.

24-0192 GRANT APPLICATION – FY24 LAW ENFORCEMENT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS ACT GRANT (LEMHWA) – U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHERIFF'S OFFICE)

Approve the submission of a grant application to U.S. Department of Justice- Office of Community Oriented Policing Services- LEMHWA grant in the amount of up to \$200,000 dollars; and if awarded, adopt a grant project ordinance for the LEMHWA- U.S. Department of Justice grant in the General Grants Fund (G001); and if awarded, recognize, receive, and appropriate awarded funds to the General Grants Fund (G001).

GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County is applying and/or has been awarded a grant from U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). The grant has been made available to Mecklenburg County under the FY24 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Implementation Projects grant up to the amount not to exceed \$200,000; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds must be used by state and local governments to support a broad range of activities to improve the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services for law enforcement officers; 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 LEMHWA 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 appropriated for the County to receive the Lowe's-Hometowns Project grant and to undertake the project. The County Manager is directed to take steps necessary to ensure compliance with all spending and reporting requirements of LEMHWA.

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

LEMHWA	\$200,000
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Section 4. The following expenses are appropriated for Mecklenburg County in the (list fund) to complete this project:

LEMHWA	\$200,000
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Adopted this _____ day of _____

Clerk to the Board

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24-0193 PARKLAND DONATION – BLACKBURN COMMUNITIES, LLC.

Accept donation of Tax Parcel 029-321-53 (+/- 0.62 acres) from Blackburn Communities LLC, for future County local park.

Background: The subject property owner and developer, Blackburn Communities LLC, has proposed to donate Tax Parcel 029-321-53 (+/- 0.62 acres) to the County in accordance with its approved rezoning of the Prosperity Junction located on Johnston Oehler Road in Charlotte. The land is surrounded by newly developed residential communities near Mallard Creek High School and Corvian Community School making it a great location for a small walkable park.

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.

24-0196 MECKLENBURG COUNTY FACILITIES UPGRADES

Authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute an amendment to the lease with Evolv Technology to extend the lease and increase the number of Evolv Express detection system units for upgrades to various Mecklenburg County facilities.

Background: At the March 17, 2020, meeting, the Board approved a capital project ordinance and selection of an architect to design facility upgrades, including security features, at numerous Mecklenburg County facilities over a multi-year implementation.

The Board also approved the sole source procurement of the Evolv Express detection system as authorized by G.S. 143-129(e)(6). Formal bidding requirements do not apply when "performance or price competition for a product is not available." Sole sourcing for this procurement continues to be necessary because there is still only one supply source.

The Board also authorized the County Manager to negotiate and execute a lease with Evolv Technology for the acquisition of Evolv Express detection system units for upgrades to various Mecklenburg County facilities. The lease included the acquisition of eight (8) detection system units and is scheduled to expire June 8, 2025. In FY25 and FY26 the County will upgrade additional County facilities to include more detection units at multiple County facilities. Consequently, the lease needs to be amended to extend the term and include the acquisition of additional detection units.

The County Manager will negotiate an amendment to the lease with Evolv Technology according to the following proposed key terms:

- *Term: Extend lease an additional 48 months to expire June 8, 2029*
- *Per unit cost: approximately \$23,000/year + initial installation per unit*
- *Number of units: increase number of Express detection units up to twenty (20) additional units*

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24-0200 TAX REFUNDS

Approve refunds in the amount of \$53,781.50 for registered motor vehicles as statutorily required to be paid as requested by the County Assessor; and approve refunds in the amount of \$653,548.37 as statutorily required to be paid as requested by the County Assessor.

24-0216 MINUTES

Approve the following Meeting Minutes:

June 6, 2023, Regular Meeting
March 26, 2024, Budget/Public Policy Workshop

THIS CONCLUDED ITEMS APPROVED BY CONSENT

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

24-0211 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 Meier, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, and unanimously carried, that there being no further business to come before the Board that the meeting be adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Kristine M. Smith, Clerk to the Board

George Dunlap, Chair