January 15, 2019 (Regular)

MINUTES
BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

The Burke County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room, Burke County Services Building, 110 N. Green Street, Entrance E in Morganton, N.C. Those present were:

COMMISSIONERS:  Johnnie W. Carswell, Chairman
                 Scott Mulwee, Vice Chairman
                 Wayne F. Abele, Sr.
                 Jeffrey C. Brittain
                 Maynard M. Taylor

STAFF PRESENT:  Bryan Steen, County Manager
                 Margaret Pierce, Deputy County Manager/Finance Director
                 J.R. Simpson, II, County Attorney
                 Kay Honeycutt Draughn, Clerk to the Board

CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Carswell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION
Pastor David Bridges, First Apostolic Church, delivered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Deputy Jones with the Burke County Sheriff’s Office delivered the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Afterwards, he had his photograph taken with the Board and staff.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Motion: To approve the agenda.
RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Wayne F. Abele, Sr., Commissioner
AYES: Johnnie W. Carswell, Scott Mulwee, Wayne F. Abele, Sr., Jeffrey C. Brittain and Maynard M. Taylor

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
Motion: To approve the meeting minutes of November 20, 2018 (Regular), December 3, 2018 (Organizational) and the December 3, 2018 (Pre-Agenda) as written.
RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Jeffrey C. Brittain, Commissioner
AYES: Johnnie W. Carswell, Scott Mulwee, Wayne F. Abele, Sr., Jeffrey C. Brittain and Maynard M. Taylor

PRESENTATIONS
NCDOT - STI PRIORITIZATION AND PROGRAMMING PROCESS
Stephen Sparks, PE, Division 13 Corridor Development Engineer, presented a short overview of NCDOT’s STI (Strategic Transportation Investments) prioritization and programming process.

STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS
- New funding formula for NCDOT’s Capital Expenditures called the Strategic Mobility Formula
- House Bill 817 signed into Law June 2013
- Most significant NC transportation legislation since 1989 Highway Trust Fund
- Created a Prioritization Workgroup to provide recommendations to NCDOT on weights and criteria

Where do projects come from?

Long-Range Planning (CTP)
Project Funding (STIP)

Where Do Projects Come From?

Like all bills want to become laws, all projects want to make it in to the STIP.
Mr. Sparks also responded to questions and comments from the Board.

**Motion:** To accept the report as presented.
RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]  
MOVER: Scott Mulwee, Vice Chairman  
AYES: Johnnie W. Carswell, Scott Mulwee, Wayne F. Abele, Sr., Jeffrey C. Brittain and Maynard M. Taylor  

BBBS - PROCLAMATION HONORING BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS FOR 20 YEARS OF SERVICE TO BURKE COUNTY

Dorian Palmer, with Big Brothers Big Sisters, presented the proclamation shown below honoring Big Brothers Big Sisters for 20 years of service to the community. He also mentioned various activities planned for 2019 and responded to questions from the Board.

Motion: To adopt Proclamation No. 2019-01.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
MOVER: Jeffrey C. Brittain, Commissioner  
AYES: Johnnie W. Carswell, Scott Mulwee, Wayne F. Abele, Sr., Jeffrey C. Brittain and Maynard M. Taylor  

Proclamation No. 2019-01 reads as follows:

Burke County  
North Carolina  

Proclamation  
Honoring 20 Years of Service to the Community  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Burke County  

WHEREAS, the Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring model is a proven, effective strategy that builds friendships with a purpose by matching youth with a caring, responsible adult role model who can provide guidance and direction, build their confidence and empower their potential; and

WHEREAS, mentoring strengthens Burke County’s economic and social well-being by helping young people fulfill their potential, encouraging healthy relationships and promoting more vibrant communities; and

WHEREAS, Big Brothers Big Sisters has been making an impact on the lives of young people in the County of Burke since the year 1999, serving a total of over eight hundred youth.

WHEREAS, residents of Burke County are making a profound difference in the lives of our young people by serving as mentors; and

WHEREAS, the year 2019 marks the 20th anniversary of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western North Carolina-Burke County’s founding and service to local youth.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Burke County Board of Commissioners honors Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western North Carolina-Burke County for the organization’s twenty years of dedicated service to our community’s youth and congratulates the organization for
reaching this milestone. We also call upon all citizens, businesses, public and private agencies, as well as religious and educational institutions, to join the mentoring movement and become part of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western North Carolina-Burke County.

Adopted this the 15 day of January 2019.

/s/:  Johnnie W. Carswell  
Johnnie W. Carswell, Chairman  
Burke County Board of Commissioners

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS

COMM. DEV. - ZONING MAP AMENDMENT    ZMA 2018-08 & PUBLIC HEARING - 6:00 P.M.
Scott Carpenter, Deputy Co. Manager/Planning Director, presented the following rezoning request:

REQUEST
Staff has received a rezoning application from Mr. and Mrs. Spolarich to rezone one (1) parcel of land totaling 1.34 acres. The Spolarich’s request to rezone the property from its current zoning of Residential Two (R-2) to the Planned Residential Mixed Use (PRMU) zoning district. The parcel is also within the Scenic Overlay District. The Scenic Overlay zoning designation would not change. The Planned Residential Mixed-Use District permits various types of residential, and a limited number of commercial businesses.

SITE ANALYSIS
The parcel is described as follows: The 911 address of the parcel is 3268 NC 126 Morganton. The parcel has approximately 520 feet of frontage on NC 126, a principle arterial road. The parcel is further identified in county records as (PIN# 1764573876 and REID# 7596). As mentioned above, the parcel is 1.34 acres and is vegetated with a few standing trees. Most of the parcel is relatively level. The parcel is served by public water only (City of Morganton). Wastewater disposal would be handled by a private onsite septic system. The property is located within the Lake James Water Supply Watershed and is within the Lake James Fire District. The parcel is located within the Linville Township of Burke County.

SURROUNDING AREA
The surrounding area is a mixture of commercial businesses, residential homes, and vacant land. The parcel has 500 feet of frontage along NC 126 and is located 200 feet from the intersection of NC 126 and North Powerhouse Road. This intersection is a commercial hub to this area. To the north of the property is an 83-acre undeveloped parcel which is proposed as Future Development within the Hawkshill Subdivision. To the east are several commercial businesses, the Lake James Volunteer Fire Dept., a convenience store, and a restaurant. To the south is vacant land and several dwellings. To the west is several more occupied dwellings, an abandoned home, and large undeveloped tracts of land.

The table below indicates the existing land uses in the area.
## Existing Zoning and Land Uses within the Surrounding Area

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The Existing Land Use Map and the 2014 aerial photo also provide a visual representation of the existing land uses in the area. The current Zoning Map shows where the current zoning districts are located.

![Burke County, NC Zoning Administration Aerial Land Use Map](image)

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CONFORMITY WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
The current land use plan for Burke County is the 2016-2030 Blueprint Burke Strategic Land Use Plan. The parcel lies at the eastern fringe of the “Lake James Special Planning Area”. This area has certain natural and environmental resources which make it a center for multiple outdoor recreational uses, as well as major residential subdivisions. Both residential and commercial development are also essential to this planning area.

The Future Land Use Map indicates this area as an “Economic Development Focus Area”/ Node. Economic Development Nodes are small areas where commercial development is already located, and additional development of similar uses is encouraged. However, development in this area should be carefully thought out and well planned in order to protect this area’s important resources.

CONFORMITY WITH THE BURKE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE
The current zoning district for this parcel is Residential Two (R-2). The Zoning Ordinance defines the R-2 District as a district composed of high to medium density single-family site-built homes, modular homes, and Class A manufactured homes (double-wide with vinyl-sided/shingled roof). This district is likely to have access to public water and/or sewer utilities or those services are likely to be provided in the future. The characteristics of the district and the uses allowed there are primarily residential in nature.

The proposed Planned Residential Mixed-Use District was created to allow a mix of housing types and non-residential uses to exist in harmony. Allowable commercial uses may be proposed on smaller parcels in the district that are
independent of residential developments. The resulting development should be well-planned, aesthetically pleasing, and complimentary to the area.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION
The Planning Board met on December 5, 2018 to hear the rezoning request. There was no one present from the public to speak at the meeting. After the public comment portion of the meeting was closed, the Board asked several questions of staff. Following the question and answer session, the Board Chairman asked for a motion on the proposed rezoning. Richard Evey made a motion to: “Approve ZMA 2018-08 - A request to rezone one (1) parcel of land consisting of 1.34 acres from the Residential Two (R-2) Zoning District to the Planned Residential Mixed Use (PRMU) Zoning District, based on conformity with the 2016-2030 Burke County Future Land Use Plan and the Burke County Zoning Ordinance”. His motion was seconded by Bobby Costner. A full vote of the Board was unanimous 4/0.

STAFF COMMENTS
To assist the Planning Board in their decision, staff has provided the following considerations:

• Is there a public need for additional land to be zoned to the requested classification?
• What is the impact on public services, facilities, infrastructure, fire and safety, and topography?
• What are the nearby development/zoning patterns?
• Consider the full range of uses allowed by the proposed district versus the uses allowed within the current zoning district.
• Is the rezoning request compatible with the character of the surrounding area and suitable with the property for certain uses?

STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY
When a local government adopts development regulations, there must be a rational basis for determining what those regulations should be. Zoning regulates where various land uses can be located and at what density and intensity of use. To make rational and informed choices in adopting and later amending these regulations, there should be careful consideration of many factors, including what infrastructure is needed to support development, how the land uses relate to one another, what the community’s goals, objectives, and vision for the future are, and so forth.

The statement must take one of three forms:
1. A statement approving the proposed zoning amendment and describing its consistency with the plan;
2. A statement rejecting the proposed zoning amendment and describing its inconsistency with the plan; or
3. A statement approving the proposed amendment and declaring that this also amends the plan, along with an explanation of the change in conditions to meet the development needs of the community taken into account in the zoning amendment.
With each of these alternatives, the statement is also to include an explanation of why the board deems the action reasonable and in the public interest.

The statutory requirement for consideration of plan consistency is not a legislative suggestion. A statement on plan consistency must be explicitly approved by the board at the time a zoning amendment decision is made. The statement must be more than a one-sentence conclusion. It must both describe plan consistency or inconsistency and it must explain the rationale of the decision. The statement is to take the form of one of the three options noted above.

PHOTOS
Chairman Carswell opened the floor for comments or questions from the Board. Mr. Carpenter responded to a question from Commissioner Taylor.

At 6:23 p.m., Chairman Carswell opened the public hearing. The Public Hearing Notice was published in THE NEWS HERALD on January 3, 2019, January 10, 2019, and it was posted to the County’s website (www.burkenc.org) on January 3, 2019. There was no one present to address the Board; therefore, Chairman Carswell closed the public hearing.

Motion: To adopt Ord. No. 2019-01 amending the Burke County Zoning Map and related consistence statement.

Statement of Consistency

The proposed rezoning would be consistent with the 2016-2030 Burke County Strategic Land Use Plan and considered reasonable and in the public interest because:

- The proposed zoning reclassification is consistent with the purposes, goals, and objectives, and policies, of the adopted land use plan, and other plans for the physical development of the County as adopted by the Board of Commissioners;
- The proposed zoning reclassification is compatible with the overall character of existing development in the immediate vicinity of the subject property;
- There is adequate of public facilities and services to serve the subject property, including but not limited to; roadways, parks and recreational facilities, police and fire protection, schools, storm water drainage systems, water supplies and waste water treatment systems and garbage services.
RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Maynard M. Taylor, Commissioner
AYES: Johnnie W. Carswell, Scott Mulwee, Wayne F. Abele, Sr., Jeffrey C. Brittain and Maynard M. Taylor

Ord. No. 2019-01 reads as follows:

Burke County
North Carolina

An Ordinance Amending the Official Burke County Zoning Map
ZMA 2018-08

Be it ordained that the Official Burke County Zoning Map is hereby amended as follows:

One parcel of land referenced by Property Identification Number (PIN # 1764573876), in the Linville Township of Burke County is hereby rezoned from the Residential Two (R-2) Zoning District to the Planned Residential Mixed Use (PRMU) Zoning District.

Adopted this 15th day of January 2019.

/s/: Johnnie W. Carswell, Chairman
Johnnie W. Carswell, Chairman
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners

Attest:
/s/: Kay Honeycutt Draughn
Kay Honeycutt Draughn, CMC, NCMCC
Clerk to the Board

BDI - BUILDING REUSE GRANT FOR A CARING ALTERNATIVE AND PUBLIC HEARING - 6:00 PM

Alan Wood, BDI President & CEO, presented the following request:

Burke Development Inc. requests the County support for A Caring Alternative, a local health care establishment located in Morganton, through a $230,000 Building Reuse grant approved by the State in 2018. A Caring Alternative is in the former One North Square building and has improved the building to assist their growth. The Building Reuse Grant requires a 5 percent local match of $11,500 and it is the County’s practice to split the local match with the City. Therefore, the County and the City of Morganton will each provide $5,750. The company will create 23 new jobs with the project. The jobs will meet or exceed the average county wage and will include healthcare benefits. Furthermore, the City of Morganton will contract with the WPCOG to administer the grant and the local match funds covers the grant administration fee.

Budgetary Effect: The County’s portion of the local match, $5,750, was not
included in the FY 2018-19 budget. As such, an appropriation of General Fund, Fund Balance is necessary.

Chairman Carswell opened the floor for comments or questions from the Board. After responding to a question, Mr. Wood reported this project will create 23 jobs and requires a local match which will be split between the County and the City. The County’s portion of the match is $5,750 and the grant will be administered by the City of Morganton. Mr. Wood said this project is located at the One North Square property, which is currently being rehabilitated.

At 6:28 p.m., Chairman Carswell opened the public hearing. The Public Hearing Notice was published in THE NEWS HERALD on January 4, 2019 and it was posted to the County’s website (www.burkenc.org) on January 4, 2019. There was no one present to address the Board; therefore, Chairman Carswell closed the public hearing.

Motion: To approve an appropriation of General Fund, Fund Balance in the amount of $5,750 for an economic development incentive for A Caring Alternative.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Scott Mulwee, Vice Chairman
AYES: Johnnie W. Carswell, Scott Mulwee, Wayne F. Abele, Sr., Jeffrey C. Brittain and Maynard M. Taylor

INFORMAL PUBLIC COMMENTS
At 6:29 p.m., Chairman Carswell opened the informal public comment portion of the meeting. There were four (4) citizens who signed up to speak.

Gwen Hood, 4077 Plantation Drive, Morganton, introduced a new animal welfare group, The Burke County Animal Welfare Alliance. Ms. Hood said the rescue groups involved with the alliance are: A Better Life Animal Rescue, Partners for Cats, Cats Cradle, Hartman’s Haven, Mercy Fund, Hearts and Hands, and REASON. She said their two (2) main goals are to unite as a strong voice to work with the County to save animals from the Animal Control facility, and to work to become a “no-kill” county. Ms. Hood said there needs to be a volunteer who is allowed to enter the shelter. She said currently, there are people who take pictures of adoptable dogs, so they have a better chance at being adopted, so far, around 98 percent of animals who have their picture taken/posted are adopted. However, she said they need a larger scale volunteer operation for the shelter. Ms. Hood then asked the members of The Burke County Animal Welfare Alliance in attendance to stand up to be recognized.

Carla Wallace, 707 Vine Arden Road, Morganton, a member of The Burke County Animal Welfare Alliance and a concerned citizen, spoke about the cats being killed at Animal Control. Ms. Wallace said in 2017, 89 percent of cats held by Animal Control were killed compared to 42 percent of dogs. She said herself along with a few others have been taking pictures and videos of dogs up for adoption and this has had great success in getting more animals adopted. Ms. Wallace said currently, they are not allowed to take pictures of cats, which hinders their efforts of getting cats adopted. She requested the Board allow pictures of cats to be taken and posted just like the dogs to increase adoption rates and decrease the number euthanized. She said that all the surrounding counties post pictures of their adoptable animals and Burke County should do the same.
Michelle Sessoms, Vice President of The McDowell Animal Welfare Alliance, said she is here on behalf of Pamela Lookabill, President of Fur Ever Friends. Ms. Sessoms presented a letter from Ms. Lookabill, which is shown below.

Dear Commissioners:

Furever Friends Animal Rescue Network, established 2002, has been approved to rescue cats from the Burke County Animal Shelter. However, the time constraints set forth by shelter management for pick-up between 2:00 PM & 3:00 PM on Tuesdays & Thursdays are too confining for our organization. We are an all volunteer 501(c)3, with no paid employees. Most of our volunteers have work commitments.

As our primary focus is to rescue cats from high "kill" shelters, we work with a number of NC & SC Animal Control agencies & find them to be more accommodating. One of our rescue partners, Alexander County, allows rescues to pick up an animal any time during operating hours and has on a few occasions had a staff member transport animals 1/2 way between Taylorsville & Asheville or even once to Asheville. On two occasions, we were able to assist Alexander County with completely clearing their shelter of cats.

Many partners provide photos & videos via email and Facebook postings with animal descriptions, health records & temperament information for the animals so that we can choose those that may best suit our adoptive parents. These photos and videos are facilitated by both shelter employees and volunteers. In Alexander County, emails come from the shelter director. In Wake County, Facebook postings come from the County Rescue Coordinator. In York County, emails come from the shelter director & Facebook postings come from volunteers. It should be noted that in at least one shelter, county jail inmates are involved in daily animal care. The inmates are not photographed.

If you have any questions regarding our organization, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Pamela Lookabill
President, COO

Joy Harklerode, 167 Burleson Road, is the founder of Mercy Animal Rescue in Marion and President of The McDowell County Animal Welfare Alliance. Ms. Harklerode said she has been involved with rescue organizations for over 30 years and requested the Board not differentiate between licensed and foster based shelters. She said no other county does this and it is a hinderance in saving lives. She also said foster based groups can only pull from the animal shelter from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and licensed groups can pull Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. She said there are six (6) foster based groups pulling animals and no licensed groups. Ms. Harklerode said this policy makes no sense and is not conducive to saving animals lives. She requested a change in the current policy. She said in McDowell County, they have one (1) officer and one (1) assistant, but they allow rescue groups to pull at any time. She said McDowell County has not had to euthanize an animal due to space in over a year because they work with rescue groups.

Chairman Carswell thanked the speakers for coming to the meeting and said their concerns were noted by the County Manager. Chairman Carswell said he understands their concerns and noted the County will try to address them. In response to a question from Commissioner Abele, Chairman Carswell said currently, shelter operations are handled by the Sheriff's Department and negotiations are ongoing.

CONSENT AGENDA
At the request of the Chairman, County Manager Steen reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda.

BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY ACTION - COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT FOR FY 19-20
Blue Ridge Community Action intends to apply for funding provided by The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Economic Opportunity. The Office of Economic Opportunity helps low-income individuals and families achieve self-sufficiency. They work to improve the social and economic well-being of individuals, families and communities across North Carolina. Local agencies help individuals find jobs, locate housing, obtain shelter, have food, obtain access to health care and take care of children. The application deadline is February 15, 2019.

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020
Funding level: $456,973 ($170,213 for Burke, $152,280 for Caldwell and $134,480 for Rutherford County)
Funding source: North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Social Services/Economic and Family Services
Service area: Burke, Caldwell and Rutherford Counties
Families to be served: 185
Long Range Goal: To reduce barriers that adversely affect living conditions of low-income families by providing information, referrals and access to needed human services by 6/30/2020.

One Year Objective:
1. To conduct intake, assessment, eligibility and referral for 200 low-income families about local human services assistance programs and provide assistance in applying for services.
2. To assure 145 low-income families receive identified human service by 6/30/20. (65 in Burke, 60 Caldwell and 22 in Rutherford County)
3. To provide to 40 families comprehensive case management service to assist them to move above the poverty level. (10 - Burke, 8 - Caldwell, 22 - Rutherford)

Information and Referral Activities:
1. Provide outreach and intake through door-to-door canvassing, intra-agency referrals, agency referrals, walk-ins and through the family support center.
2. Assess family needs and make appropriate referrals for needed services.
3. Provide follow up activities to ensure services are received.
4. Coordinate a cross referral system for services for the poor.
5. Families will receive information on how to make better choices in their lives by attending scheduled workshops and presentations at the family support center. This includes understanding why choices are made, the procedures that lead to change, financial awareness and planning, and achieving and maintaining good health.

Self-Sufficiency Outcomes
1. Provide outreach and recruitment through door-to-door canvassing, inter-agency referrals, walk-ins and through the BRCA family support center.
2. Secure documents for eligibility determination and recordkeeping.
3. Complete a family assessment to identify family strengths and resources needed.
4. Make appropriate referrals for needed services.
Monitor family plans for progress and/or adjustments.
Provide direct assistance to families as needed.

BRCA Community Services Block Grant employs 1 Community Service Worker II and 1 Case Manager and 2 part time CS Program Assistants that are responsible for the following:
1. Providing support and services as a response to the poor.
2. Serving as liaisons between clients and available service providers.
3. Reaching out into the community to determine what services are available to low-income families; what needed services are lacking in the community; how available services are obtained; and what sources can be utilized to obtain services which are not immediately within the community/county.
4. Providing case management services.
5. Providing a centralized intake and application process.
6. Maintaining centralized agency filing system.
7. Coordinate and or conduct training sessions as needed.

Note: The Board received a copy of the grant application by email on Dec. 21, 2018.
Budgetary Effect: None. No local funding is requested.

Motion: To formally acknowledge receipt of Blue Ridge Community Action’s Community Service Block Grant application for FY 19-20.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Maynard M. Taylor, Commissioner
AYES: Johnnie W. Carswell, Scott Mulwee, Wayne F. Abele, Sr., Jeffrey C. Brittain and Maynard M. Taylor

CLERK - APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH
In accordance with NCGS 130A-35, the Health Director requests the appointment of Michelle Freeman to the Board of Health to fill vacant Seat No. 5 (optometrist) until an optometrist can be obtained or an at-large seat becomes available. Ms. Freeman is a member of the general public and is very interested in serving. The term is for three (3) years. “In the event a licensed optometrist who is a resident of the county is not available for appointment, then the county commissioners shall have the option of appointing either a licensed optometrist who is a resident of another county or a member of the general public.”

Motion: To appoint Michelle Freeman to the Board of Health (Seat No. 5) for the remainder of a 3-year term ending December 31, 2021.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Maynard M. Taylor, Commissioner
AYES: Johnnie W. Carswell, Scott Mulwee, Wayne F. Abele, Sr., Jeffrey C. Brittain and Maynard M. Taylor

CLERK - REAPPOINTMENT TO FOOTHILLS REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
The Burke County Board of Commissioners appoints two (2) members to the Foothills Regional Airport Authority, an 8-member board that oversees the operation of the Foothills Regional Airport. The term for Dennis Pearson ends January 31, 2019. Mr. Pearson is willing to serve another 2-year term.
Motion: To reappoint Dennis Pearson to the Foothills Regional Airport Authority for a 2-year term ending January 31, 2021.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Maynard M. Taylor, Commissioner
AYES: Johnnie W. Carswell, Scott Mulwee, Wayne F. Abele, Sr., Jeffrey C. Brittain and Maynard M. Taylor

CO. MGR. - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEASE AMENDMENT OF REAL PROPERTY - AMMONS DRIVE, SUITE 1

The Federal Government wishes to continue leasing office space at 130 Ammons Drive, Suite 1 (USDA Service Center) until July 31, 2020 for an annual rent of $37,276.25 or $13.75 per 2,711 sq. ft. The required 30-day notice was posted on the County's website and published in the News Herald on December 6, 2018 in accordance with NCGS 160A-272.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2019-01.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Maynard M. Taylor, Commissioner
AYES: Johnnie W. Carswell, Scott Mulwee, Wayne F. Abele, Sr., Jeffrey C. Brittain and Maynard M. Taylor

Res. No. 2019-01 reads as follows:

Burke County
North Carolina

Resolution Approving Lease of Real Property
130 Ammons Drive, Suite 1

WHEREAS, the County of Burke owns property located at 130 Ammons Drive in Morganton; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has leased office space (Suite 1, 130 Ammons Drive) from the County for the USDA Service Center for many years and wishes to continue; and

WHEREAS, as set forth in Amendment No. 4, the Lessee will lease 2,711 sq. ft. of net useable office space at an annual rent of $37,276.25 through July 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 160A-272 authorizes the County to enter into leases of up to 10 years upon resolution of the County Commissioners adopted at a regular meeting after 30 days' public notice; and

WHEREAS, the required notice has been published and the County Commissioners are convened in a regular meeting.

THEREFORE, THE BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLVES THAT:

The County Commissioners hereby approves the lease of county property described above to the United States of America for the USDA Service Center on Ammons Drive in Morganton and authorizes the County Manager to execute Lease Amendment No. 4 on behalf of the Board.
TAX DEPT. - TAX COLLECTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2018
The Board of Commissioners is presented with the Tax Collection Report for the period between July 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018. It reflects the status of collections by the Burke County Tax Collection’s Staff. For each category below, the following information is provided: the annual budget amount, the amount collected year-to-date, the balance to collect and the percent of budget collected. This report is a supplement to the Settlement Report submitted annually to keep Commissioners, County Manager and Finance Director informed of the status of tax collections in Burke County.

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Motion: To accept the Tax Collection Report for December 2018 as presented.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Maynard M. Taylor, Commissioner
AYES: Johnnie W. Carswell, Scott Mulwee, Wayne F. Abele, Sr., Jeffrey C. Brittain and Maynard M. Taylor

TAX DEPT. - RELEASE REFUND REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2018
Releases in value and/or refunds of taxes typically occur when:
- Taxpayers submit information that creates a reduction in value.
- Situs is corrected between counties and/or municipalities.
- Valuation appeals reduce the value for real or personal property.
- The postmark reveals a payment was timely sent.
January 15, 2019 (Regular)

The Board of Commissioners is presented with the following list of releases and refunds for consideration. The Net Release is a result of the Report Amount minus the Rebilled Amount.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Tax System Refunds and Releases</th>
<th>Report Amount</th>
<th>Rebilled Amount</th>
<th>Net Release</th>
<th>Refund Amount</th>
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<tr>
<td>Releases (TR-304)</td>
<td>$2,308.72</td>
<td>$1,443.83</td>
<td>$864.89</td>
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<th>VTS Refunds Over $100</th>
<th>Refund Amount</th>
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<td>VTS Adjustments</td>
<td>$133.62</td>
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*Note: The net loss amount is a result of the report amount minus the rebilled amount.

Motion: To approve the Tax Releases and Refunds for December 2018 as presented.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Maynard M. Taylor, Commissioner
AYES: Johnnie W. Carswell, Scott Mulwee, Wayne F. Abele, Sr., Jeffrey C. Brittain and Maynard M. Taylor

The Tax reports reads as follows:

TR-304 BILL RELEASE REPORT DECEMBER 2018

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Bill #</th>
<th>Taxpayer Name</th>
<th>Bill Date</th>
<th>Operator ID (Name)</th>
<th>Release Date</th>
<th>Orig Bill Amount($)</th>
<th>Release Amount($)</th>
<th>Bill Amount after Release($)</th>
<th>Notes and Rebilled Amount</th>
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<td>0000076450-2018-2018-0000-00-REF</td>
<td>COMPASS GROUP USA INC</td>
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<td>RENEU AUSTIN</td>
<td>12/19/2018</td>
<td>5.97</td>
<td>5.52</td>
<td>2.35</td>
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<td>000001271-2018-2018-0000-00-REG</td>
<td>COMPASS GROUP USA INC</td>
<td>7/1/2018</td>
<td>RENEU AUSTIN</td>
<td>12/19/2018</td>
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<td>2.06</td>
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Subtotal | 5.60 | 0.00 |

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<th>TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY</th>
<th>RELEASE REASON: Amended Listing</th>
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<tr>
<td>000006209-2018-2018-0000-00-REG</td>
<td>SIEMENS HEALTHCARE DIAGNOSTICS INC</td>
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<td>000006211-2018-2018-0000-00-REG</td>
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Subtotal | 197.58 | 0.00 |

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<th>RELEASE REASON: Duplicate Billing</th>
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<td>0000032250-2018-2018-0000-00-REG</td>
<td>DEAL, ERVIN S</td>
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Subtotal | 184.11 | 0.00 |

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<th>RELEASE REASON: Exempt Property</th>
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<td>0000012167-2018-2018-0000-00-REG</td>
<td>TRIAL OF FAITH INC</td>
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Subtotal | 211.63 | 0.00 |

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<th>RELEASE REASON: Release LFUF</th>
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<td>0000019252-2018-2018-0000-00-REG</td>
<td>SHEERAN, CHARLOTTE</td>
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Subtotal | 72.00 | 0.00 |
ITEMS FOR DECISION

BOE - NEW JOB DESCRIPTION & SALARY FOR ELECTION SPECIALIST II POSITION
Anthony Iovino, BOE Chairman, and L. H. Kirksey, BOE Secretary, presented information regarding the new job description and salary for the Election Specialist II position as follows:

The BOE Chair & Secretary will present a request to increase the salary of the Election Specialist II position by $3,700 (mid-point of the salary grade). Further, the job description for this position would be modified to include more in-depth knowledge/qualifications in the information technology (IT) field to satisfy mandates from the State Board of Elections and their IT department. Currently, this position is vacant, and applications are being accepted (Grade 16, starting salary - $28,232, open until filled). The employee that held this position...
resigned on Dec. 14. (No change to the pay range of Grade 16 or the job title is requested.)

Budgetary Effect: An appropriation of up to $3,700 of General Fund, Fund Balance is necessary to fulfill the request through June 30.

County Manager’s Recommendation: Approval is recommended, subject to the Chairman’s and Vice Chairman’s approval of the qualifications of the prospective candidate.

Mr. Kirksey said they are requesting $3,700 for stop-gap funding for the remainder of the fiscal year for this position and $37,500 for next year.

Commissioner Taylor expressed his displeasure over the motion, specifically, the wording, “subject to the Chairman’s and Vice Chairman’s approval of the qualifications of the prospective candidate.” Commissioner Taylor contacted two (2) attorneys and read the following transcripts of their conversations.

Commissioner Taylor relayed the parable of the talents from the Bible and said everyone on the Board has talents. He said God has blessed him with talents and one of his is to be able to recognize evil quickly. Commissioner Taylor said the motion for this item is wrong and he tried to tell everyone so at the pre-agenda meeting. He said something the Board needs to remember, which they seem to forget, is that the taxpayers voted them in, not County staff. Commissioner Taylor said this motion is like one church picking the deacons of another church. He said this does not make sense and the Board should not be circumventing the rules.

Commissioner Abele asked if “subject to the Chairman’s and Vice Chairman’s approval” could be
removed from the motion. Chairman Carswell said it could be done and recognized the County Manager. County Manager Steen said it has been standard practice since he has been employed with the County to bring prospective applicants, regardless of department or board, to the Board of Commissioners when the requested salary exceeds his hiring authority (over 10 percent) for the salary grade. He said this was done to expedite the process so the BOE (Board of Elections) would not have to wait until the next Commissioners’ meeting to approve the additional funding.

Commissioner Taylor said this is not about the money, but someone placing themselves above routine policies in order to choose an employee instead of following standard hiring policies. Commissioner Abele reiterated his suggestion that if “subject to the Chairman’s and Vice Chairman’s approval” was removed, then Commissioner Taylor would probably support the motion.

Vice Chairman Mulwee said he concurs with County Manager Steen in that this is standard policy for new hires that exceed his hiring authority and can see both sides of the issue.

**Motion: To increase the starting salary of the Elections Specialist II position by $3,700 and appropriate up to $3,700 of General Fund, Fund Balance.**

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<th>RESULT:</th>
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<td>MOVER:</td>
<td>Scott Mulwee, Vice Chairman</td>
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<td>AYES:</td>
<td>Johnnie W. Carswell, Scott Mulwee, Wayne F. Abele, Sr., Jeffrey C. Brittain and Maynard M. Taylor</td>
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Note: prior to the vote, the Clerk was asked to repeat the motion.

**G.S. - AWARD OF BID FOR NC 18 SOUTH & RHONEY ROAD CDBG WATERLINE PROJECT**

Miles Champion, General Services Director/County Engineer, presented the following request:

Burke County proposes to construct the NC 18 South and Rhoney Road Waterline Project utilizing CDBG funds. A bid invitation was published on Nov. 11, 2018. Formal bids were received on December 19, 2018 at which time they were publicly open and read. Six (6) sealed bids were received by qualified contractors and the bid tabulation is included. Piedmont Utility Group, Inc. of Mooresboro, NC is the successful low bidder with a total bid of $1,843,844.38 including the alternate bid item which is the Music Mtn. altitude value and vault.

**Budgetary Effect:**

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<th>The itemized budget:</th>
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<td>$1,810,000</td>
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<td>$190,000</td>
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<td>$2,000,000</td>
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<th>Contracts:</th>
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<td>$170,000</td>
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<td>$12,000</td>
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$178,280 | West Consultants for engineering
$21,000 | West Consultants for construction observation
$381,280

$2,000,000 | Available funds
-$381,280 | Contracts
$1,618,720

$1,798,580.19 | Low bidder
$45,264.19 | Altitude Valve & Vault
$1,843,844.38

$225,124.38 | Additional Funding Needed

The State has been contacted to see if additional funding is available. However, key personnel were off for the holidays. David Poore with West Consultants and WPCOG representatives are present to respond to questions, if needed. If additional grant funds cannot be obtained, an appropriation of $225,124.38 of General Fund, Fund Balance is necessary to award the bid. Funding is not available in the Water & Sewer Fund. Note: There are no contingency funds available for rock, etc.

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<tr>
<th>Contractor</th>
<th>Total Bid Amount</th>
<th>Alternate</th>
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<tr>
<td>Piedmont Utility Group, Inc.</td>
<td>$1,843,844.38</td>
<td>$45,264.19</td>
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<td>Buckeye Bridge, LLC</td>
<td>$2,252,272.50</td>
<td>$44,519.00</td>
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<td>M&amp;M Construction of Banner Elk, Inc.</td>
<td>$2,458,701.30</td>
<td>$38,500.00</td>
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<td>Hickory Sands Co., Inc.</td>
<td>$2,511,589.00</td>
<td>$49,500.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Two Brothers Utilities, LLC</td>
<td>$2,795,815.00</td>
<td>$60,000.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Central Builders, Inc.</td>
<td>$2,915,900.00</td>
<td>$75,000.00</td>
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Mr. Champion further reported WPCOG staff are still actively looking for additional CDBD funds. Commissioner Taylor reiterated his belief that the project should have been rebid.

Motion:
To award the bid to Piedmont Utility Group, Inc. in the amount of $1,843,844.38 (base bid & alternate) for construction of the NC 18 South and Rhoney Road Waterline Project and authorize the County Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the Board, subject to review by the County Attorney.

To appropriate up to $225,124.38 of General Fund, Fund Balance, if additional grant funds cannot be obtained.
RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Jeffrey C. Brittain, Commissioner
AYES: Johnnie W. Carswell, Scott Mulwee, Wayne F. Abele, Sr., Jeffrey C. Brittain and Maynard M. Taylor

BOC - ADOPTION OF SUGGESTED RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR 2019
It is the Board's practice to review, amend as needed and adopt its Suggested Rules of Procedures (ROP) on an annual basis. Proposed changes to the ROP's for 2019 are highlighted in yellow.

Chairman Carswell opened the floor for comments and/or questions. Commissioner Taylor distributed an email from Frayda Bluestein from the UNC School of Government regarding the proposed suggested rules of procedure.

Hi Commissioner Taylor:

Here's what the statute says about procedures for county commissioners:
§ 153A-41. Procedures. The board of commissioners may adopt its own rules of procedure, in keeping with the size and nature of the board and in the spirit of generally accepted principles of parliamentary procedure.

Other sources:
A single member has a right to remove any item from the consent agenda, in which case it is transferred to the regular agenda so that it may be considered and vote on separately. American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, pp. 120-21 (2012).

"The matters listed on [the consent agenda] are taken up in order, unless objected, in which case they are restored to the ordinary process by which they are placed in line for consideration on the regular agenda." Robert’s Rules page 361 under Order of Business.

The School of Government’s Suggested Rules consent agenda provision reads as follows:
“The board may designate part of an agenda for a regular meeting as the consent agenda. Item may be placed on the consent agenda by the person(s) charge with preparing the draft agenda if they are judged to be noncontroversial and routine. Prior to the board’s adoption of the meeting agenda, the request of any member to have an item moved from the consent agenda to unfinished business must be honored by the board. All item on the consent agenda must be voted and adopted by a single motion, with the minutes the motion and vote each item.” See Suggested Rules of Procedure for the Board of Commissioners, (2017), page 29.

I hope this is helpful.
Frayda
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Commissioner Taylor asked JR Simpson, II, County Attorney, if the proposed (ROP) are keeping in the spirit of generally accepted principles of parliamentary procedures. Attorney Simpson said he does not know what that is and said commissioners are entitled to adopt whatever ROP they would like. He further said the Board has a pre-agenda meeting in which matters are discussed and if the Board wants to allow a majority to keep items on the consent agenda, they can do so.

Commissioner Taylor asked if the proposed ROP allow for one member to remove any item from the consent agenda as per the American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of
Parliamentary Procedure. Attorney Simpson said those procedures can be used if a board does not have their own ROP and said the proposed ROP does not give an individual member the right to remove any item from the consent agenda.

Commissioner Taylor asked if the proposed ROP allows for items on the consent agenda to be taken up in order unless they are objected to in which case they are placed on the items for decision, as per the third highlighted parliamentary procedure shown above. Attorney Simpson said this change does allow a majority of the Board to remove an item from the consent agenda and noted that Robert’s Rules of Order are only used when a situation is not covered by the adopted ROP.

In response to another question from Commissioner Taylor, Attorney Simpson said the proposed ROP is different from last year’s ROP which is why they are suggested. He also said the Board adopts their own ROP and only uses Robert’s Rules of Order and other parliamentary procedures when the Board’s ROP does not cover a particular situation.

Commissioner Taylor told a story of an 11-year-old boy who was playing baseball who also owned the bat and ball, but when the game was not going his way, he packed up and went home. He said if the Board cannot follow the rules, then why do they want to play. He further said the Board is trying to change the ROP even though they do not fulfill parliamentary procedures. Commissioner Taylor requested a full unedited recording of this meeting.

Commissioner Abele said in his 16 years of being on the Board the situation with a member requesting an item to be removed from the consent agenda has only occurred a few times and does not know why the Board is making a change. Commissioner Taylor said this change takes away the freedom of speech from Commissioners to voice a second opinion on an item of business. He said some of these items are for thousands/millions of dollars and maybe the Board needs to get rid of the consent agenda and have every item as an item for decision.

Commissioner Brittain said this suggested rule was in place prior to last year but was changed when the School of Government released their new suggested ROP and the Board did not notice this change before they adopted last year’s ROP. He said the problem with the School of Government’s suggested ROP is that they are not written to accommodate Burke County’s pre-agenda meeting format. Commissioner Brittain further said the Board has a pre-agenda meeting to discuss, in detail, items that will be on the consent agenda, and it is at that time that a Commissioner can ask for an item to be removed from the consent agenda for the regular meeting. He said it seems counterproductive to remove a previously agreed upon item from the consent agenda. He further said if new information becomes available in the two (2) weeks before the regular meeting, then a majority of the Board would be able to act appropriately, by majority, to remove the item in question from the consent agenda.

In response to Commissioner Brittain’s comments, Commissioner Taylor said this is about controlling free speech and said if you presented this question to 60 attorneys, 80 percent would disagree with the proposed ROP change. Commissioner Taylor asked Clerk Draughn if other counties use the School of Government’s suggested ROP. Clerk Draughn said she does not know but could try to find that information. Commissioner Taylor further said changing rules to get your way when this has been the rules for at least seven (7) years is “kid stuff” and the Board needs to move on.
Motion: To adopt the 2019 Suggested Rules of Procedure for the Burke County
Board of Commissioners as presented.

RESULT: APPROVED [3 TO 2]
MOVER: Jeffrey C. Brittain, Commissioner
AYES: Johnnie W. Carswell, Scott Mulwee and Jeffrey C. Brittain
NAYS: Wayne F. Abele, Sr. and Maynard M. Taylor

The Suggested Rules of Procedure for 2019 as shown in the agenda packet are hereby
incorporated into the meeting minutes by reference.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

BOC - REPORTS & COMMENTS
Chairman Carswell opened the floor for comments and reports.

Vice Chairman Mulwee said he had the opportunity to be the County's voting delegate in
Raleigh for the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners' (NCACC) Legislative Goals
Conference where they were able, over two (2) days of hard work, to identify and support over
two (2) dozen goals to take to the state legislature. He said Chairman Carswell was the co-chair
of the Legislative Goals Committee. He said he also attended a “leading your county governing
board” class.

Commissioner Taylor said his reports are in the agenda packet for review and he is no longer
going to Asheville for ethics training, it will be held in Burke County.

Chairman Carswell thanked Vice Chairman Mulwee for leading the Board's December meeting
during his illness. He reminded everyone that County offices will be closed on January 21 for
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. On January 19, the Board will be attending the MLK Day dinner.
Further, he said he will also be attending the MLK Day presentation at Slades Chapel on Sunday
at 4:00 p.m. and encouraged the Commissioners to attend. He said budget presentation
meetings will begin February 22 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners’ meeting room.

Clerk Draughn reported the Region E Development Board has been dissolved according to the
Western Piedmont Council of Governments (WPCOG) Executive Director. She said it is time to
plan for the 2019 legislative breakfast with WPCC, they have proposed two (2) meeting dates,
Friday, March 22 and Friday, March 29, with the 29th being the preferred date for WPCC. Clerk
Draughn asked the Board to let her know if she needs to RSVP the Board for the dedication
ceremony and open house at the new Mountain View Elementary School, which will be held on
Tuesday, January 22 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. She also informed the Board that the School of
Government has made a few changes to their legislative reporting service, which is now free to
local government employees and the public. She also provided the Board with a grant update
from Sherry Long with the WPCOG.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS
CLERK - BOARDS AND COMMITTEES VACANCY REPORT
The following vacancies on boards and committees were announced by Clerk Draughn. Chairman Carswell encouraged citizens to participate.

- Hickory Regional Planning Commission
- Adult Care & Nursing Home Community Advisory Committees
- Council on Aging
- Aging - Regional
- Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
- City of Morganton - Board of Adjustment (ETJ)
- City of Morganton - Planning Board (ETJ)
- Voluntary Agriculture Board
- Burke Co. Board of Adjustment & Planning Board
- Western Piedmont Regional Transit Authority - Transportation Advisory Board
- Partners Behavioral Health Mgmt.
- Animal Advisory Board
- Board of Health
- Burke Senior Center Advisory Council

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN.

CLOSED SESSION

BOC - CLOSED SESSION
A closed session is needed to discuss threatened or pending litigation, to preserve the attorney-client privilege, to discuss economic development matters and to discuss personnel matters as authorized by NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3), (4) and (6).

Motion: To go into closed session to discuss threatened or pending litigation, to preserve the attorney-client privilege, to discuss economic development matters and to discuss personnel matters as authorized by NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3), (4) and (6).

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Maynard M. Taylor, Commissioner
AYES: Johnnie W. Carswell, Scott Mulwee, Wayne F. Abele, Sr., Jeffrey C. Brittain and Maynard M. Taylor

Motion: To come out of closed session.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Wayne F. Abele, Sr., Commissioner
AYES: Johnnie W. Carswell, Scott Mulwee, Wayne F. Abele, Sr., Jeffrey C. Brittain and Maynard M. Taylor

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN.

ADJOURN
Motion: To adjourn at 7:55 p.m.
RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Maynard M. Taylor, Commissioner
AYES: Johnnie W. Carswell, Scott Mulwee, Wayne F. Abele, Sr., Jeffrey C. Brittain and Maynard M. Taylor

Approved this 19th day of March 2019.

[Signature]
Johnnie W. Carswell, Chairman
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners

Attest:

[Signature]
Kay Honeycutt Draughn, CMC, NCMCC
Clerk to the Board