

**TENTATIVE AGENDA & MEETING NOTICE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023
5:30 P.M.**

**WATAUGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM**

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AGENDA ITEM 2:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

April 4, 2023, Regular Meeting

April 4, 2023, Closed Session

DRAFT**MINUTES****WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023**

The Watauga County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting, as scheduled, on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 5:30 P.M. in the Commissioners' Board Room located in the Watauga County Administration Building, Boone, North Carolina.

Chairman Turnbow called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. The following were present:

PRESENT: Larry Turnbow, Chairman
 Charlie Wallin, Vice-Chairman
 Todd Castle, Commissioner
 Braxton Eggers, Commissioner
 Ray Russell, Commissioner
 Andrea Capua, County Attorney
 Deron Geouque, County Manager
 Anita J. Fogle, Clerk to the Board

Commissioner Castle opened with a prayer and Commissioner Eggers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Turnbow called for additions and/or corrections to the March 21, 2023, regular and closed session minutes.

Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to approve the March 21, 2023, regular meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5
 Nay-0

Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to approve the March 21, 2023, closed session minutes as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5
 Nay-0

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Turnbow called for additions and/or corrections to the April 4, 2023, agenda.

Commissioner Eggers requested to add a Solid Waste Plan and Community Appearance discussion as Item F under Miscellaneous Administrative Matters.

Commissioner Wallin, seconded by Commissioner Castle, moved to approve the April 4, 2023, agenda as amended.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF OUR FALLEN OFFICERS

Chairman Turnbow, in conjunction with the designation of April 24, 2023 through April 30, 2023 as First Responder Wellness Week, presented a proposed resolution in memory of our fallen officers. The resolution requested citizens, businesses, nonprofits, and state and local governments observe a moment of remembrance on April 26, 2023.

Chairman Turnbow read the resolution.

Commissioner Wallin, seconded by Commissioner Castle, moved to adopt the resolution in memory of our fallen officers as presented by Chairman Turnbow.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

SUPPORT LETTER WITH NC DHHS AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROPOSAL FOR A STATEWIDE DSS CHILD & FAMILY SPECIALTY WAIVER

Chairman Turnbow stated that the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) proposed placing children in the DSS In-Home and Foster Care System, their caregivers and siblings into a single state-wide Medicaid Health Plan, instead of their assignments now with Vaya Health and other LME/MCO's across the State. Under the change, social services departments would lose their local relationship and connection with Vaya Health, along with the Vaya staff embedded in their departments, and contacts with local Vaya staff who support them in troubleshooting and problem solving on cases.

Chairman Turnbow read a proposed letter in support of Vaya.

Mr. Tom Hughes, Director of Social Services, stated that there was a lot that didn't meet the eye but that he did sign a similar letter of support and defended his reasoning for doing so. Mr. Hughes shared how Vaya currently had to determine the level of care a child needing more care than a foster home environment would provide. Because of this, there have been instances where a child has had to stay at the DSS Office overnight while awaiting a placement. This happened three times over the past year in Watauga County requiring a Social Worker to remain with the child 24/7 while waiting for the placement. Progress had been made, but there remained a backlog for facilities/homes that provide level II and III care. Since being held accountable, there haven't been children sleeping in the hallways.

Mr. Hughes stated that a lot of progress had been made; however, there remained a lot to be made. Mr. Hughes stated that the support letters were written by Vaya supporting Vaya but he signed his because it was the best option as the hope was to help Vaya become what they need to become.

County Attorney Capua stated that the letter mentioned two major changes but was not clear enough. Commissioner Russell stated that he would like to strike the words “quickly” and “remarkable.” He also stated that there was urgency to get the letter sent in as the proposed changes had passed in the Senate and were in the Rule Committee in the House of Representatives. Mr. Hughes suggested the ending of the letter include wording recognizing improvements but encouraging more improvements.

After discussion, Commissioner Russell, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to direct County Attorney Capua to amend the support letter by removing the words “quickly” and “remarkable” (in regards to Vaya’s improvements) and to reword the closing with the sentiment that Vaya made improvements and would work to make further improvements; and to direct staff to send the letter to Secretary Kinsely.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE VOLUNTARY FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM ORDINANCE

Mr. Kelly Coffey, Watauga County Farmland Preservation Advisory Board Chair, presented proposed required amendments to the Voluntary Farmland Preservation Program Ordinance to reflect the changes made by the North Carolina General Assembly. The Farmland Preservation Advisory Board approved the recommended amendments to be submitted to the Board of Commissioners for final adoption.

Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to adopt the recommended amendments as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

SUPPORT LETTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION GRANT FOR KILL CHILL PROJECT

Mr. Kelly Coffey stated that, as a Senior Planner at High Country Council of Governments, he was assisting Mr. Jim Hamilton, Cooperative Extension Director, with grant applications for the Kill Chill project.

Mr. Coffey requested authorization to submit applications for Economic Development Administration (EDA) and Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grants in the combined amounts of \$600,000 for the Kill Chill facility. There were matching funds associated with these grants which would be covered via previous grant commitments. The grant required a \$517,558

match which would come from \$500,000 that the County currently has designated for the project. The remaining match would come from additional grants the County had already been awarded.

Mr. Coffey stated that these grants would concentrate on the water/sewer infrastructure for the proposed facility and provided the below breakout of proposed funding for that portion of the project:

Economic Development Administration (EDA) pending	\$250,000
Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) due April 17	\$300,000
Watauga County (approved)	\$500,000
Goldenleaf (awarded) or other grant in-hand	<u>\$17,558</u>
Total	\$1,067,558

As the grant application was due prior to the Board meeting, the County Manager presented a letter that was sent in support of the application. Mr. Coffey stated that the EDA would not process the application until other funding was approved but would accept the good faith commitment via the letter the County Manager had submitted.

Commissioner Castle asked when the \$500,000 was approved and County Manager Geouque stated that it originated as American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds but was considered as revenue replacement and therefore the County could utilize the funds however it liked. Mr. Geouque stated that it was approved approximately one to two years ago.

Discussion was held regarding the County’s commitment of tax payer dollars for the project. County Manager Geouque stated that if the Board was not inclined to apply for the grants, the County could withdraw the application or reject the grants if awarded at a future date.

After discussion concerning the County’s commitment to cover required match funds, the last paragraph of the letter was revised as below:

“In the event that the ARC grant application is not awarded, Watauga County hereby commits ~~County~~ **Goldenleaf** funds to cover the required match for EDA and certifies that the funds are available as needed, and not conditioned or encumbered in any way that would preclude their use for the project.”

Commissioner Castle, seconded by Commissioner Eggers, moved to authorize the submittal of the grant and the required match as well as the amended letter to be signed by the County Manager which specified Goldenleaf funds would be used to cover the required match, if necessary.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

PROPOSED PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING “GREENING MY PLATE” MONTH

Ms. Courtney Wheeler, with Blue Ridge Women in Agriculture, and Ms. Margie Mansure, with Cooperative Extension, requested the month of April 2023 be proclaimed as “Greening My Plate

Month.” The purpose of the proclamation was to bring awareness to the benefits of locally grown fruits and vegetables and recognize and celebrate the farmers who provide this produce.

Chairman Turnbow read the proclamation.

Commissioner Wallin, seconded by Commissioner Russell, moved to adopt the proclamation as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

REQUEST TO APPLY FOR A RURAL TRANSFORMATION GRANT

Mr. Joe Furman, Economic Development Director for the Boone Area Chamber of Commerce, requested permission to apply for a Rural Transformation Grant through the County. The funds would be used to pay for preliminary engineering for a presumed multi-family housing project to be located on the County-owned Brookshire Road property. The work would complement the agreement between the County and the UNC-Development Finance Initiative. Mr. Furman stated that the award could be up to \$950,000 but he did not anticipate the costs would be that much.

After brief discussion, Commissioner Russell, seconded by Commissioner Castle, moved to authorize Mr. Joe Furman and Dr. Kellie Ashcraft to submit the application for the Rural Transformation Grant.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

BID AWARD REQUEST FOR SEALING AND STRIPING PARKING LOTS

Mr. Robert Marsh, Maintenance Director, presented the following bids received for sealing and striping parking lots.

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Carolina Pavement Care	No Response
CACTX Surfaces	\$62,200
Carolina Sealing and Striping	No Response
Carolina Pavement Technology	\$48,479
Main And main Paving	No Response
Champion Paving	No Response
RAM Pavement	No Response
Williams Sealcoating	No Response
Hickory Sealing and Striping	No Response

Mr. Marsh requested the bid be awarded to Carolina Pavement Technology in the amount of \$48,479 for sealing and striping County parking lots. Carolina Pavement Technology was the lowest responsive bidder.

The Humane Society was included in the bid to provide the benefit of the County volume discount and accounts for 14.8% of the overall project. Staff estimated the cost at approximately \$7,175 but had requested a formal amount from the contractor. The Humane Society would be billed for their portion if they so choose to participate. The County Manager added that, if the Humane Society did not want to pave their lot, that amount would be subtracted from the bid.

Commissioner Russell, seconded by Chairman Turnbow, moved to award the bid to Carolina Pavement Technology in the amount of \$48,479 with the Humane Society to be responsible for their portion of the project.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. RTI International Proposal for “Watauga County Groundwater Vulnerability Assessment and Planning Tool”

County Manager Geouque stated that an update to the well study that was compiled in 2010/2011 was recently completed. As part of the plan to research and understand water resources in the County, the next step in the process was to assess and develop a planning tool for groundwater vulnerability.

The County Manager presented a proposal provided by RTI International in the amount of \$149,370 to develop a groundwater vulnerability assessment and planning tool.

Chairman Turnbow stated that the understanding was that the County would not be building water facilities but the updated information would lend to better understand the effects of future high impact land development to the area and the runoff capacity would be known.

The Chairman stated that the County could ask the Tourism Development Authority for assistance in funding the study as the information received may be helpful to them as well or request the High Country Council of Governments to search for grants that may cover the costs.

Discussion was held regarding the need for the study.

Chairman Turnbow tabled future discussion to allow staff to invite RTI representatives to give a presentation to the Board at a future meeting to determine how useful the information would be.

B. Proposed Public Event and Tournament Memorial Naming & Memorial Bench Donation Policy

County Manager Geouque presented, per Board direction from the Annual Retreat held February 9th and 10th, the proposed Public Event and Tournament Memorial Naming & Memorial Bench

Donation Policy for Board consideration. The policy would replace the County's existing naming policy.

Commissioner Russell shared concerns that the new policy would replace the old. Concerns included the removal of the ability to name rooms and facilities as it could inhibit the Library, for example, in raising funds for their future expansion. County Attorney Capua stated that the proposed policy allowed the Board of Commissioners the power to waive or modify any requirement of the policy as they deemed appropriate on a case-by-case basis.

Commissioner Wallin, seconded by Commissioner Russell, moved to direct staff to further study and rewrite the policy to better suit the needs.

County Manager Geouque stated that more information was needed.

Commissioner Russell shared that he had sent suggestions to Counsel as Commissioners were asked to do and Counsel was supposed to share with all Board members. Commissioner Russell also suggested the use of a committee to review all request for naming as a first contact.

County Attorney Capua stated that she had not been involved in creating the draft policy but would be happy to help. Ms. Capua requested that all Commissioners send their thoughts on the matter and she would work with staff to take all concerns into a new draft to present at a future meeting.

After discussion, the following vote was taken on the above motion by Commissioner Wallin as seconded by Commissioner Russell:

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

C. Proposed Lease of County Property to Skyline Telephone Membership Corporation

County Manager Geouque stated that Skyline/SkyBest currently leased a .057-acre parcel of land located at the entrance of Watauga High School. The County was the owner of record as the property serves as collateral for the loan the County incurred. Property owned by the County may be leased or rented for such terms and upon such conditions as the Board may determine, for up to ten (10) years. Property may be rented or leased only pursuant to a resolution of the Board authorizing the execution of the lease or rental agreement adopted at a regular Board meeting upon a 30-day public notice. Notice shall be given by publication describing the property to be leased or rented, stating the annual rental or lease payments, and announcing the Board's intent to authorize the lease or rental at a future meeting.

However, North Carolina General Statue 160A-272 section (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b1) of this section, the council may approve a lease without treating that lease as a sale of property for any of the following reasons:

(1) For the siting and operation of a renewable energy facility, as that term is defined in G.S. 62-133.8(a)(7), for a term up to 25 years.

(2) For the siting and operation of a tower, as that term is defined in G.S. 146-29.2(a)(7), for communication purposes for a term up to 25 years.

(3) For the operation and use of components of a wired or wireless network, for a term up to 25 years; provided, however, that the lease is entered into with a private broadband provider or a cooperative in connection with a grant agreement pursuant to G.S. 143B-1373 and is for a discrete and specific project located in an unserved area of an economically distressed county seeking to provide broadband service to homes, businesses, and community anchor points not currently served.

The County Manager stated that Skyline/SkyBest had requested the twenty-five (25) year term to continue their expansion to provide coverage to unserved and underserved areas of the County.

The Board may adopt the lease with Skyline/SkyBest, if so desired, as the required 30-day public notice of the proposed lease has been held.

County Attorney Capua asked if this lease would replace the current lease which was set to expire in 2027. County Manager Geouque stated that, yes, it would.

Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Castle, moved to terminate the current lease and adopt the proposed lease as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

D. Boards and Commissions

County Manager Geouque presented the following:

Jury Commission

Biannually, a Jury Commission was empaneled for a two-year term. Of the three-member panel, one member was appointed by the Board of Commissioners. The current term was set to expire June 30, 2023. The new term for the appointment was July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025.

Assistant Clerk of Court Stephanie Dalton recommended Mr. Thomas Redmond, retired from the Boone Police Department, be appointed to fill the position. This was a first reading and, therefore, no action was required at this time.

Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to waive the second reading and appoint Mr. Thomas Redmond to serve on the Jury Commission from July 1, 2023, until June 30, 2025.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

E. Announcements

County Manager Geouque announced that the Board of Equalization and Review had added the meeting date of May 24, 2023, from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. to its schedule.

F. Solid Waste Plan and Community Appearance

In order to promote and improve community appearance, as well as convenience to the citizens, Commissioner Eggers requested discussion and possible action on allowing citizens to use their disposal allocation during the week as well as on Saturday. This would avoid long lines and backlogs on Saturday, which were regular and frequent occurrences. Additionally, it would encourage citizens to dispose of their solid waste in the proper location, rather than becoming trash along the sides of the road.

Commissioner Eggers added that dumping at the transfer station was free to citizens on Saturdays but there were some who aren't able to come on Saturdays and therefore, he felt it would be a benefit to all citizens to be able to utilize their free 2000 pounds during the week.

Commissioner Castle stated that he had been contacted by half a dozen people in the past few weeks as it was brush clean up time. Commissioner Castle stated that he had met with Mr. Rex Buck, Operation Services Director; however, no action requests had been brought to the Board.

Chairman Turnbow stated that it was a good and valid point. The Chairman stated that taxpayers pay for the waste but also use it for disposing of trash at the container sites.

Commissioner Eggers stated that taxes have gone up over the past twelve years and citizens do pay a green box fee but all citizens can't come on Saturdays.

Commissioner Wallin stated that he had been approached as well and was open to the transfer station being available to citizens for free disposal two to three days a week. He felt it was worth a discussion.

County Manager Geouque stated that the County no longer had a landfill and, therefore, had to pay to transfer and dispose to haul the disposals. Mr. Geouque stated that citizens do get 2000 pounds of free disposal (at the container sites and transfer station). Mr. Geouque stated that getting the number of those calling about the issue compared to those who utilize the free disposal would be helpful. The County Manager encouraged Commissioners to go by the transfer station on a Saturday to monitor the lines.

Commissioner Eggers stated that there was an issue with trash being dumped on the side of the road. The County Manager stated that has been an ongoing issue even before hours were changed at the transfer station.

Commissioner Castle suggested cutting hours on Saturday and Sunday to allow for weekday hours.

Commissioner Russell stated that, if the reason for changing the hours to Saturday for citizens was because of commercial use during the week, perhaps technology could be utilized to help differentiate between private and commercial use.

Mr. Buck stated that scale house attendants were being asked to enforce the commercial vs. residential use. Mr. Buck stated that the vast majority of citizens did not use their 2000 pounds. Mr. Buck also stated that tipping fees would be increased to all citizens, not just those utilizing the

service and the removal costs had been more than the \$80 fee per dwelling for many years. Mr. Buck stated that 25% of the free disposals were coming from the container sites. Mr. Buck also stated that the department was run as an enterprise fund.

After discussion, Commissioner Eggers, seconded by Commissioner Russell, moved to direct County Manager Geouque and Mr. Rex Buck to study the costs to the County to offer citizens free transfer station disposal from 1 up to 5 weekdays; also, the costs to cut hours on Saturday or Sunday; and to research to see if technology was available to cut down on fraudulent use.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following spoke in support of moving the public comment period to the beginning of future Board of Commissioners agendas: Moriah Cox, Sarah Davis, Kayla Dillard, Kyle Sigmon, Alana Baird, Brielle Kaluzny; Benjamin Hyler, Olive Burress, Chan Houck, and Justin Haber. Eric Plaag also spoke making the same request and adding that a public comment period should be held at all BCC meetings, not just regular meetings.

After brief Commissioner discussion, Chairman Turnbow requested staff add discussion of the Public Comment Policy to the beginning of the April 18, 2023, agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:15 P.M., Commissioner Wallin, seconded by Commissioner Castle, moved to enter Closed Session to discuss Attorney/Client Matters, per G. S. 143-318.11(a)(3), Land Acquisition, per G. S. 143-318.11(a)(5)(i), and Personnel Matters, per G. S. 143-318.11(a)(6).

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

Commissioner Wallin, seconded by Commissioner Eggers, moved to resume the open meeting at 9:36 P.M.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

ADJOURN

Commissioner Wallin, seconded by Commissioner Eggers, moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 P.M.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

Larry Turnbow, Chairman

ATTEST: Anita J. Fogle, Clerk to the Board

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AGENDA ITEM 3:

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 18, 2023, AGENDA

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AGENDA ITEM 4:

PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY DISCUSSION

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Per Commissioner direction, staff has provided an updated Public Comment Policy. The update does include moving the public comment from the end of the meeting to the beginning. The County Attorney has reviewed the policy as written.

Staff seeks direction from the Board.

WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY

In accordance with North Carolina General Statutes 160A-81.1, the Watauga County Board of Commissioners establishes the following policy and rules regarding Public Comment.

- The Board does hereby establish a time period of up to sixty (60) minutes, for an open forum, at the beginning of each regular meeting to hear citizen comments.
- Persons who wish to speak must register on the sign-up sheet located on the information desk outside the meeting room. Sign-up sheets will be available one hour prior to the start of each meeting.
- Speakers shall provide their name and address at the start of their comments.
- Each speaker is allocated up to three (3) minutes to speak. No public comment period shall extend beyond one (1) hour. The Chair reserves the right to reduce the time limitation for individual speakers in order to meet the one (1) hour time limit and as necessary for efficient conduct of business.
- A speaker may not share or relinquish any remaining time they have not used to another speaker and shall only be allowed to speak once during the public comment period.
- Speaker substitutions at the meeting are not allowed.
- Comments are to be directed to the Board as a whole. The forum is intended to provide the Board of Commissioners an opportunity to hear citizens. It is not intended to subject the Board to answering impromptu questions. Citizens will be expected to be civil in their language and presentation and not to engage in slander or name-calling.
- Speakers shall refrain from personal attacks and/or threats directed towards County staff, elected Board members, or members of the public. Insults, profanity, use of vulgar language or gestures, or other inappropriate behavior are not allowed.
- Speakers shall limit their comments to matters that are germane to, or within the jurisdiction of the Watauga County Board of Commissioners.
- Speakers shall address the Board with any, and all public comments. Comments, questions, jeering, or other interruptions from the audience are not allowed. Speakers shall likewise not address or respond to members of the audience.
- The Chair, or presiding officer, has the authority to enforce the Rules of Decorum. Failure to obey these Rules may result in the forfeiture of the remaining speaking time and possible criminal charges. Individuals who engage in egregious or repeated violations may be asked to leave the meeting.

- During the open forum, speakers should not discuss any of the following:
 - a. Matters which concern the candidacy of any person seeking public office, including of the person addressing the Board.
 - b. Matters in current or anticipated litigation.
 - c. Advertising or promoting the sale of products, services, or private enterprise.
 - d. Promoting any contest or lottery.

AGENDA ITEM 5:

CHILDREN’S COUNCIL UPDATE

MANAGER’S COMMENTS:

Ms. Elisha Childers, Children’s Council Executive Director, will update the Board on the impact report for Watauga County. The report is for information only; therefore, no action is required.



IMPACT REPORT: WATAUGA COUNTY

\$175,000 – Watauga County has invested \$175,000 early childhood since 2019 through grants To the Children’s Council of Watauga County, Inc.

Funds have been used to served **children** and **families** and **early childhood educators** in our community.



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IN FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

- We served **2,452** people
- We served **1,825** children
- We provided over **20** different programs to children and family’s needs



Funding from Watauga County has helped us leverage additional funding from private funding sources to:

- Increase wages for early childhood educators (how many, have we tracked their turnover).
- Support high-quality early childhood education.
- Build a continuum of programs and support for families of young children beginning at birth.
- Launch Family Connects, a universal home-visiting program available to all children.
- Launch Parents as Teachers, an evidence-based home visiting program for children, ages birth to three, and their families.



CHILDREN'S COUNCIL OF WATAUGA COUNTY

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DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN

Proven Success!

45 years

2,452

people were served last year!



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DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN

Our Key Programs & Services

Parent Education & Family Support Programs

Programs and services that provide parent education and support for families during their child's first years of life.

Early Care & Education Programs

Services that produce high-quality early childhood education and that support the local early childhood workforce.

Early Childhood Literacy Programs

Programs that promote the development of early childhood literacy skills and encourage parents to read daily with their children.

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DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN

When you invest in early childhood, you realize

\$7.30 return on every \$1.00 spent

Increased worker productivity

Increased property values

Saves \$ in K-12 with reduced costs for remediation and retention.

Long-term gains when kids have a great start:

- ✓ **Lower incarceration**
- ✓ **Lower arrests for violent crimes**
- ✓ **Reduced reliance on government assistance.**



Our littlest learners are our greatest investment!

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DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN**

2019: Watauga County Commissioners make a commitment to invest in young children!



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Community Priorities for Children: Prenatal to Three:

- **Collaborate with community leaders and stakeholders for a coordinated system approach with a specific focus on Prenatal to age 3**
- **Implementation of a universal family connection and referral strategy which provides initial screening and referrals for maternal depression, early care and education, and child health and developmental services to all newborns in Watauga County**
- **Address issues of child care quality, accessibility, and affordability, both for providers in a sustainable business model and for families in access to care with an emphasis on infant and toddler slots/programs**
- **Increase availability of evidence-based models of home visiting and parent education for families with young children ages birth to 3 with an emphasis on those impacted by trauma, poverty and addiction.**



Watauga County's early childhood initiative brings individuals, businesses and local government together to create and invest in solutions for our community's young children.

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DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN



Fund Supporters

**Appalachian Commercial Real Estate
BREMCO
Children's Council of Watauga County,
Inc.
Destination by Design
Environmental Economics
First Horizon Bank
4 Forty Four
NACO (one-time mini grant)
Mast General Store
Stepping Stone of Boone
John & Faye Cooper (individual
donors)
David Jackson (individual donor)
Crystal Kelly (individual donor)**

041823 BCC Meeting



**Early Childhood
Education &
Development Fund**

**\$36,250
raised**

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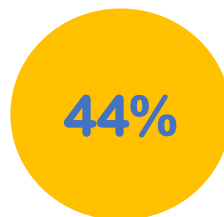
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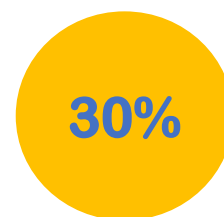
Family Connects



Less ER visits in baby's 1st year



Reduction in CPS investigations



Less likely to experience post-partum depression



Parenting behaviors, home environments, and child care choices



INVESTING IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

Increased wages of qualified lead teachers from
\$9.50 to \$12.00!

82% of children in childcare have lead teachers
with college degrees!

Average Quality Rating for Child Care in
Watauga County: 4.38 (out of 5)

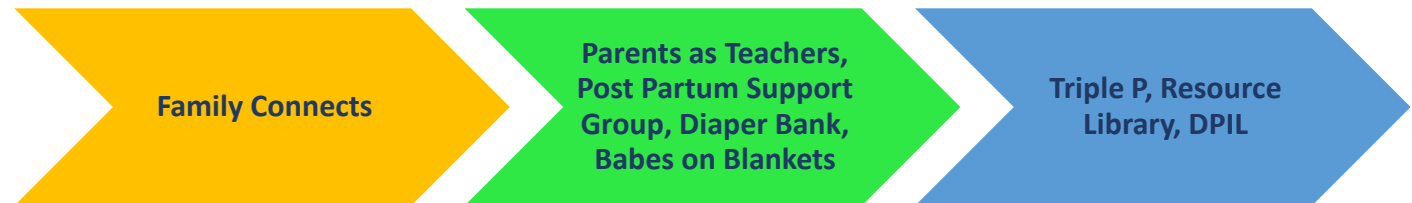
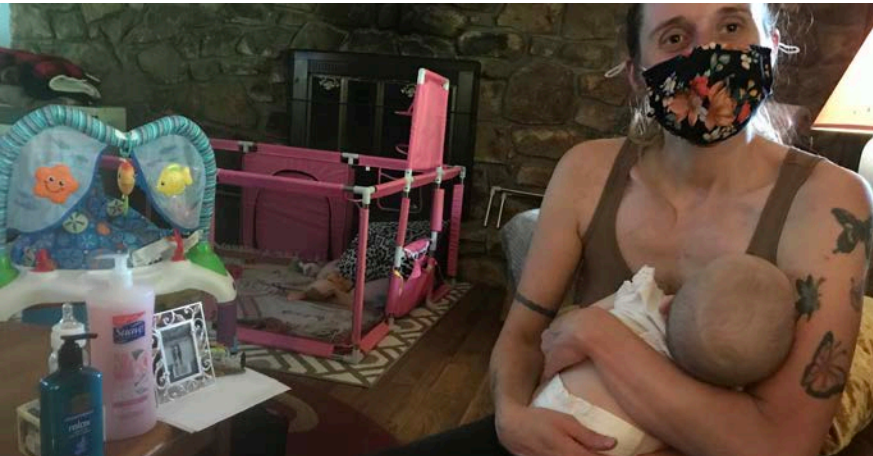
9 local centers achieved accreditation – a
recognition of their advanced quality standards
– in 2022!

In FY 2023 – 2024, four new centers will be
eligible for quality enhancements allowing them
to increase teacher wages.



Parents as Teachers

- Increases parent knowledge of early childhood development and improve positive parenting practices,
- Provides early detection of developmental delays and connection to services,
- Improves parent, child, and family health and well-being,
- Prevents child abuse and neglect,
- Increases children's school readiness and success,
- Improves family economic well-being, and
- Strengthens community capacity and connectedness.



Parent Education & Family Support Programs

Adolescent Parenting Program
Parents as Teachers
Triple P: Positive Parenting Program
Circle of Security
Family Connects
The Incredible Years
Babes on Blankets
Elevate Dads – new group for dads
Post-partum Support Group
Who Needs a Change? Diaper Bank

Early Care & Education Programs

NC Pre-K
D.U.A.L School
Child Care Resource & Referral
Pathways to Accreditation
Smart Start Quality Enhancement Program

Early Childhood Literacy Programs

Dolly Parton Imagination Library
Raising a Reader
Resource Library

Dolly Parton's
**IMAGINATION
LIBRARY**



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DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN

Make Early Childhood Education an expansion of the county's education budget

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AGENDA ITEM 6:

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION UPDATE

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Richard Boylan, Cooperative Extension Agent, will update the Board on 2023 program activities. The report is for information only; therefore, no action is required.

Title:

NCA&TSU Extension Tailors Fresh Produce Food Safety Practices to Small Farms and Retail Markets

Situation:

High Country area farms tend to be small and diversified in their crops, making them a perfect fit for direct-to consumer and retail scale markets. Most area small farms have sufficiently small annual gross sales to fit into the “Qualified Exempt” status under the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), and their direct-retail markets remove the need for GAP certifications. Farms of this size and scale are able to take extra care of crops through harvest and marketing, but still need the best information and tools to keep their produce as fresh, healthy, and safe as possible. Extension can serve as a trusted and non-regulatory partner to guide and inform without coercion or possible penalty.

Response:

Cooperative Extension’s 2022 Small Farms Fresh Produce Food Safety programming began early in the year with a request from High Country Local Food Hub staff for assistance in learning and navigating food safety regulations as an aggregator of local harvests. In cooperation with NCSU’s Area Specialized Food Safety Agent, Extension helped the staff there make the minor necessary improvements in facilities management and Standard Operating Procedures to meet and exceed recommended safe food handling and storage regulations. These are steps that are important now, and would be required if participating farms should grow to a sales volume where FSMA regulations increase, or if they should pursue a wholesale market that requires GAP certification.

Results:

Following successful improvements at the Food Hub itself, a needs scan identified regional small farms supplying the Food Hub as one of their markets as candidates for further Fresh Produce Food Safety education and support. In conjunction with Blue Ridge Women in Agriculture, Extension organized and taught two, free, on-farm Fresh Produce Food Safety workshops that guided growers through appropriate choices for dry-packing when possible, hydrocooling and washing with appropriate food contact sanitization compounds, and other best practices for packing house hygiene and farmworker health. Over the two (identical except for host farm) workshops, more than twenty producers gained new knowledge and indicated that they would implement improved practices on their own farms. Extension’s Small Farms outreach then continued via post-workshop follow-ups with a half dozen participants since the workshop, clarifying matters specific to their particular farms, and reinforcing other lessons. Participating farms will sell approximately \$85,000 worth of fresh produce in aggregate just through the Food Hub retail outlet, and another \$165,000 to other direct-to-consumer markets, all improved by best handling practices.

Title:

NCA&T Extension Leverages Research Project for Sustained Small Farms Support

Situation:

Extension personnel are often asked by researchers at both North Carolina Land Grant Universities to contribute to research efforts by sharing farm contacts, collecting data from field sites, and related efforts. One such request in 2022 from NCSU Entomologist Jim Walgenbach, asked Extension Agriculture Agents to place and monitor traps for Diamondback Moths and Pickleworm Moths in order to monitor the phenology of these pests. While this task was important for regional knowledge, it also posed significant time management challenges, as the traps were to be checked weekly through the growing season.

Response:

NCA&T Extension was able to place these traps at two proximate small farms that not only were growing suitable crops for such monitoring, but also diversifying into new crops along with new market sales outlets such that they required frequent assistance with pest scouting and management questions. These farms were then visited weekly from June through October, with the Watauga Horticulture Agent Paige Patterson and NCA&T Small Farms Agent Richard Boylan alternating turns at the weekly visits.

Results:

The data-collection visits then became ongoing technical assistance opportunities, with each agent being available on a regular basis.

At Full Moon Farm (site of the Diamondback Moth traps), the weekly visits facilitated early detection of some soil drainage problems affecting a beet crop in high tunnels, Alternaria and fertility problems in a high tunnel crop of celery, and Alternaria problems on green onions. Suitable IPM recommendations combining succession harvests, better water management, crop rotations, and organic spray materials were developed and implemented in conjunction with Full Moon's farmers to counteract these problems before they could significantly damage the crop. The combined value of these crops exceeded \$5,000.

At Simply Growing Farm (site of the Pickleworm Moth traps), Extension's regular consultations helped its growers expand production for Ashe County Farmers' Market Sales by assisting with managing weeds, and improving sour gherkin and cherry tomato harvests. The farm reported a 30% growth in sales between the 2021 and 2022 seasons.

Title:

NCA&T Cooperative Extension Assists Growers in Navigating a Changing and Maturing Hemp Market.

Situation:

As the NCDA Hemp Pilot Project concluded in 2021, the 2022 production year began with many questions among regional hemp growers regarding the details of transitioning to a USDA permit, along with how to profit amidst continued market saturation and competitive pressures.

Response:

NCA&T Extension organized a regional hemp virtual meeting in January, 2022 that gave growers timely and critical information about the regulatory changes necessitated by the switch from a Pilot Program to USDA permitting. In follow-up consultations, Extension was able to network growers with USDA FSA personnel for licensing, and also helped to share laboratory information for required compliance testing.

Results:

Ashe and Watauga County growers still in hemp production in 2022 are the ones who have made smart decisions to focus on direct-retail sales and in some cases vertically-integrate their hemp products into value-added products or even store fronts of their own. Extension support for these growers has facilitated an improved AgOptions grant application for one grower seeking to improve in-house cannabinoid extraction, which was the only hemp-focused AgOptions proposal funded for 2023. It will deliver an immediate \$8,000 of capital improvements to the farm, and easily translate into improving 2023 sales by a further \$9,000-\$16,000. Also, Extension connected this hemp grower with resources at Appalachian State University for a long-term loan of lighting and monitoring equipment worth more than \$5,000 that will be used to further improve production and generate data on efficiencies in indoor cultivation.

Title:

NCA&T Cooperative Extension Integrates Soil Management Tools & Strategies for Improved Yields and Profits

Situation:

What was the issue or need that required Extension action? Who was affected by the issue? Include numeric and/or narrative data that shows the need. (Describe why it matters/why the reader should care about the issue.)

Small-farm, Organic growers work with limited options for pre-plant and in-season fertility inputs. Soil testing can only get growers so far in making informed management decisions and optimizing plant growth through the season.

Response:

NCA&T Cooperative Extension worked with growers in 2022 to integrate crop rotation, cover crop management, and tissue-testing to help organic farms maximize the health and productivity of their soils, both in high tunnels and in outdoor field production. Drawing upon a network of agency partners and private sector suppliers, Extension helped small farms source the fertility inputs they needed, while stretching farm dollars as far as possible during this time of increasing expenses.

Results:

Pre-season soil testing and fertilizer consultations with Against the Grain Farm, combined with in-season tissue testing resulted in a ~20% gain in marketable high-tunnel organic tomatoes. Optimal pre-plant fertility, combining composts and bagged organic nutrients minimized the need for time-consuming foliar feeding, decreasing labor inputs to this successful tomato crop by ~5%. A timely side-dressing of potassium sulfate thanks to routine tissue testing virtually eliminated late-season fruiting problems that had challenged this farm in past years.

Comprehensive soil testing and consultation with Springhouse Farm helped facilitate diversification into increased cut flower harvests while maintaining core production of vegetable crops. Soil management there was further enhanced by Extension-recommended cereal rye and buckwheat cover crops at seasonally-appropriate times, and transitioning many of the fields to reduced-tillage or permanent bed production systems.

At Rose Mountain Farm, soil testing and management recommendations enabled new terraces to come into meaningful production the first year following their grading and high tunnel installations there. Farm acreage in production increased by 10% this year, while harvests and net profitability increased by 15%.

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AGENDA ITEM 7:

TAX MATTERS

A. Monthly Collections Report

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Larry Warren, Tax Administrator, will present the Monthly Collections Report and be available for questions and discussion.

The report is for information only; therefore, no action is required.

Monthly Collections Report

Watauga County

Bank deposits of the following amounts have been made and credited to the account of Watauga County. The reported totals do not include small shortages and overages reported to the Watauga County Finance Officer

Monthly Report March 2023

	<u>Current Month</u> <u>Collections</u>	<u>Current FY</u> <u>Collections</u>	<u>Current FY</u> <u>Percentage</u>	<u>Previous FY</u> <u>Percentage</u>
General County				
Taxes 2022	614,575.30	41,847,263.82	97.85%	97.84%
Prior Year Taxes	37,757.11	380,776.23		
Solid Waste User Fees	45,606.35	2,612,003.89	96.51%	96.69%
Green Box Fees	0.00	235.80	NA	NA
Total County Funds	697,938.76	\$44,840,279.74		
Fire Districts				
Foscoe Fire	10,900.82	661,360.33	98.25%	98.51%
Boone Fire	19,852.13	1,299,775.18	97.83%	98.15%
Fall Creek Service Dist.	236.07	13,333.72	96.91%	97.78%
Beaver Dam Fire	3,344.87	139,271.76	95.36%	93.71%
Stewart Simmons Fire	10,683.66	367,375.18	98.48%	96.07%
Zionville Fire	4,804.52	155,352.19	96.08%	96.04%
Cove Creek Fire	5,085.10	347,580.55	96.92%	96.78%
Shawneeaw Fire	3,126.89	154,351.79	98.72%	97.77%
Meat Camp Fire	5,448.77	305,356.95	95.64%	95.77%
Deep Gap Fire	2,939.30	264,739.82	96.47%	96.42%
Todd Fire	884.64	73,846.24	96.67%	97.54%
Blowing Rock Fire	8,297.13	684,295.18	98.40%	98.05%
M.C. Creston Fire	338.17	7,643.81	91.76%	88.22%
Foscoe Service District	589.40	109,099.22	97.73%	98.20%
Beech Mtn. Service Dist.	46.89	2,313.22	98.49%	99.93%
Cove Creek Service Dist.	0.00	336.65	100.00%	100.00%
Shawneeaw Service Dist	139.06	8,192.65	95.05%	97.00%
Total Fire Districts	76,717.42	4,594,224.44		
Towns				
Boone	102,007.44	8,312,691.50	98.83%	98.86%
Municipal Services	2,452.87	166,544.86	98.16%	98.85%
Boone MV Fee	NA	NA	NA	NA
Blowing Rock	NA	NA	NA	NA
Seven Devils	NA	NA	NA	NA
Beech Mountain	NA	NA	NA	NA
Total Town Taxes	\$104,460.31	\$8,479,236.36		
Total Amount Collected	\$879,116.49	\$57,913,740.54		

 Tax Collections Director

 Tax Administrator

AGENDA ITEM 7:

TAX MATTERS

B. Refunds and Releases

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Larry Warren will present the Refunds and Releases Reports. Board action is required to accept the Refunds and Releases Reports.

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OWNER NAME AND ADDRESS	CAT YEAR PROPERTY REASON	BILL	EFF DATE JUR	REF NO	VALUE CHARGE	AMOUNT
1642472 AJCH LLC PO BOX 1988 BOONE, NC 28607	RE 2022	28411	03/16/2023		0 F02	33.30
	2819-74-5885-000		F02		G01	176.49
	TAX RELEASES			8573		
	PARCEL SHOULD HAVE BEEN DEACTIVATED FOR 2022					209.79
1644564 CANTER, JOSEPH 172 DILLON LANE WILKESBORO, NC 28697	PP 2020	3386	03/31/2023		0 SWF	80.00
	644564999		F11		G01	12.29
	TAX RELEASES			8552	F11	2.14
	mobile home was burnt down in april 2019				G01L	1.23
					F11L	.21
					95.87	
1644564 CANTER, JOSEPH 172 DILLON LANE WILKESBORO, NC 28697	PP 2021	3536	03/31/2023		0 SWF	80.00
	644564999		F11		G01	11.93
	TAX RELEASES			8551	F11	2.07
	mobile home was burnt down in april 2019				G01L	1.19
					F11L	.21
					95.40	
1644564 CANTER, JOSEPH 172 DILLON LANE WILKESBORO, NC 28697	PP 2022	3617	03/31/2023		0 SWF	80.00
	644564999		F11		G01	9.13
	TAX RELEASES			8550	F11	2.01
	mobile home burnt down april 2019				G01L	.91
					F11L	.20
					92.25	
1297837 ESTATE OF KIMLYN H. DOLLARS C/O JAMES L. MERRITT 4090 CHASEWOOD DRIVE CONOVER, NC 28613	PP 2020	3176	03/31/2023		0 SWF	80.00
	297837999		F10		G01	8.30
	TAX RELEASES			8577	F10	1.03
	property sold 2019 mh removed and new ho				G01L	.83
	me built 2020				F10L	.10
						90.26
1297837 ESTATE OF KIMLYN H. DOLLARS C/O JAMES L. MERRITT 4090 CHASEWOOD DRIVE CONOVER, NC 28613	PP 2021	1952	03/31/2023		0 SWF	80.00
	297837999		F10		G01	8.06
	TAX RELEASES			8578	F10	1.00
	sold property 2019-removed mh and new ho				G01L	.81
	me built				F10L	.10
						89.97

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1297837 ESTATE OF KIMLYN H. DOLLARS C/O JAMES L. MERRITT 4090 CHASEWOOD DRIVE CONOVER, NC 28613	PP 2022 297837999 TAX RELEASES property sold 2019-mh removed and new ho me built on property	2111	03/31/2023	F10	8579	0	SWF G01 F10 G01L F10L	80.00 6.17 .97 .62 .10 <hr/> 87.86
1743548 GOODWIN, PAUL 1433 LITTLE LAUREL RD BOONE, NC 28607	PP 2022 1037 TAX RELEASES NO LONGER LOCATED IN BOONE-BOAT IS NOT IN ASHE COUNTY	296	03/31/2023	F02	8553	0	F02 G01 F02L G01L	.30 1.59 .03 .16 <hr/> 2.08
1817779 HOSPITALITY HOUSE OF NORTHWEST NORTH CAROLINA P O BOX 309 BOONE, NC 28607	RE 2022 43187 03/31/2023 2920-27-0075-000 TAX RELEASES EXEMPT PROPERTY			C02	8559	0	C02 G01	2,727.72 2,409.49 <hr/> 5,137.21
1529886 JONES, JERRY 147 ISAACS DRIVE VILAS, NC 28692	PP 2022 529886999 TAX RELEASES SOLD IN 2021-LISTED UNDER NEW OWNER FOR 2023	2667	03/31/2023	F07	8575	0	SWF G01 F07 G01L F07L	80.00 3.18 .50 .32 .05 <hr/> 84.05
1394014 JONES, JERRY DEAN JONES, MAXINE P 147 ISSACS DR VILAS, NC 28692-9702	PP 2022 215137900 TAX RELEASES SOLD IN 2021-DISCOVERY DONE FOR NEW OWNE	1979	03/31/2023	F07	8574	0	G01 F07 SWF	34.88 5.49 80.00 <hr/> 120.37
1826806 KELLER, JACOB M KELLER, HANNAH C 272 WOODLAND DR BOONE, NC 28607	RE 2022 2910-17-5512-000 REFUND RELEASE INCORRECT DATA AS TO SQUARE FOOTAGE	38578	03/31/2023	C02	8581	17,100	C02 G01	61.56 54.38 <hr/> 115.94
1621639 KELLY, JOHN S KELLY, MARY K 5627 ATALA AVE THE VILLAGES, FL 32163-0176	PP 2022 644 TAX RELEASES sold property in 2021	169	03/31/2023	C04	8576	0	G01 G01L	16.09 1.61 <hr/> 17.70

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1852466 LAUREL RIDGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION 1841 BAIRDS CREEK RD VILAS, NC 28692	RE 2022	20244	03/31/2023			0	FS1	3.55
	1990-08-7606-000			FS1			G01	22.58
	TAX RELEASES COMMON AREA EXEMPT				8568			26.13
1852466 LAUREL RIDGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION 1841 BAIRDS CREEK RD VILAS, NC 28692	RE 2022	20255	03/31/2023			0	FS1	34.90
	1990-09-5165-000			FS1			G01	221.96
	TAX RELEASES COMMON AREA EXEMPT				8565			256.86
1747832 MODULAR SPACE CORPORATION 12603 COLLECTIONS CENTER DR CHICAGO, IL 60693-0126	RE 2022	44327	03/31/2023			0	F02	81.65
	2921-81-4836-001			F02			G01	432.73
	TAX RELEASES EXEMPT PROPERTY-TWO RIVERS SCHOOL				8547			514.38
1747832 MODULAR SPACE CORPORATION 12603 COLLECTIONS CENTER DR CHICAGO, IL 60693-0126	RE 2022	44334	03/31/2023			0	F02	136.08
	2921-81-8651-001			F02			G01	721.22
	TAX RELEASES EXEMPT PROPERTY-TWO RIVERS SCHOOL				8548			857.30
1570661 NORTHERN LEASING SYSTEMS INC 111 TOWN SQUARE PLACE STE. 1203 JERSEY CITY, NJ 07310	PP 2020	2629	03/31/2023			0	F02	.01
	570661999			F07			C02	.25
	REFUND RELEASE				8555		F09	.01
	PROPERTY NOT IN WATAUGA						F10	.18
							MS1	.19
							F01	.44
							G01	1.57
							F07	.01
								2.66
1570661 NORTHERN LEASING SYSTEMS INC 111 TOWN SQUARE PLACE STE. 1203 JERSEY CITY, NJ 07310	PP 2021	2858	03/31/2023			0	F02	.01
	570661999			F07			C02	.18
	REFUND RELEASE				8556		F09	.01
	PROPERTY NO LONGER IN WATAUGA						F10	.11
							MS1	.11
							F01	.23
							G01	.81
							F07	.01
							C02L	.02
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1570661 NORTHERN LEASING SYSTEMS INC 111 TOWN SQUARE PLACE STE. 1203 JERSEY CITY, NJ 07310	PP 2022 570661999 REFUND RELEASE PROPERTY NO LONGER IN WATAUGA	2971	03/31/2023 F07	8557	0 F02	.01
					C02	.14
					F09	.01
					F10	.11
					MS1	.06
					F01	.20
					G01	.54
					F07	.01
					C02L	.01
					F10L	.01
					MS1L	.01
					F01L	.02
					G01L	.05
						1.18
1782401 OXENTINE, LOUISE C/O BRENDA CORNELL 717 LAUREL FORK RD VILAS, NC 28692	PP 2020 2677 TAX RELEASES MH REMOVED IN 2018	2337	03/31/2023 F06	8562	0 F06	4.71
					G01	37.92
					SWF	80.00
					F06L	.47
					G01L	3.79
	126.89					
1782401 OXENTINE, LOUISE C/O BRENDA CORNELL 717 LAUREL FORK RD VILAS, NC 28692	PP 2021 2677 TAX RELEASES MOBILE HOME REMOVED 2018	932	03/31/2023 F06	8563	0 F06	4.57
					G01	36.79
					SWF	80.00
					F06L	.46
					G01L	3.68
	125.50					
1782401 OXENTINE, LOUISE C/O BRENDA CORNELL 717 LAUREL FORK RD VILAS, NC 28692	PP 2022 2677 TAX RELEASES MOBILE HOME REMOVED IN 2018	862	03/31/2023 F06	8564	0 F06	4.43
					G01	28.17
					SWF	80.00
					F06L	.44
					G01L	2.82
	115.86					
1791606 PASCHALL, TIMOTHY TAYLOR 3709 PRINCETON DR GASTONIA, NC 28056	RE 2022 1889-31-3329-000 REFUND RELEASE PROPERTY TAX COMMISSION SETTLEMENT	4503	03/31/2023 F01	8583	42,600 F01	21.30
					G01	135.47
						156.77

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1595920 QUILT SHOP, THE 251 KATIE WAY BOONE, NC 28607	PP 2022 595920999 TAX RELEASES out of business	3175	03/31/2023	C02	8561	0	G01 C02	18.57 21.02 <hr/> 39.59
1591119 R & L MANAGEMENT PO BOX 769 BLOWING ROCK, NC 28605	PP 2022 591119999 TAX RELEASES BUSINESS CLOSED	3150	03/31/2023	F01	8580	0	G01 F01 G01L F01L	3.12 .49 .31 .05 <hr/> 3.97
1764630 RAYMOND TIMBER FRAMED HOMES, LLC C/O KAREN RAYMOND 878 RED CEDAR RD BOONE, NC 28607	RE 2022 2807-65-5992-000 TAX RELEASES SMALL PARCEL ABSORBED INTO PARCEL NUMBER 2807655947000	23498	03/31/2023	C03	8549	0	G01	2.54
1641931 SHURLEY, WILLIAM E .REVOCABLE TRUST OF WILLIAM E SHURLEY 145 CHIEFTAIN TRL BOONE, NC 28607	RE 2022 1889-31-0273-000 REFUND RELEASE PROPERTY TAX COMMISSION SETTLEMENT	4498	03/31/2023	F01	8558	86,500	F01 G01	43.25 275.07 <hr/> 318.32
1569965 SKYMONT INC DEVELOPMENT CORP 2551 BAIRDS CREEK RD VILAS, NC 28692	RE 2019 1990-08-7606-000 TAX RELEASES COMMON AREA EXEMPT	20315	03/31/2023	FS1	8571	0	FS1 G01	2.15 17.33 <hr/> 19.48
1569965 SKYMONT INC DEVELOPMENT CORP 2551 BAIRDS CREEK RD VILAS, NC 28692	RE 2019 1990-08-7606-000 TAX RELEASES COMMON AREA EXEMPT Reversal of release	20315	03/31/2023	FS1	8572	0	FS1 G01	-2.15 -17.33 <hr/> -19.48
1569965 SKYMONT INC DEVELOPMENT CORP 2551 BAIRDS CREEK RD VILAS, NC 28692	RE 2020 1990-08-7606-000 TAX RELEASES COMMON AREA EXEMPT	48662	03/31/2023	FS1	8570	0	FS1 G01	2.15 17.33 <hr/> 19.48
1569965 SKYMONT INC DEVELOPMENT CORP 2551 BAIRDS CREEK RD VILAS, NC 28692	RE 2020 1990-09-5165-000 TAX RELEASES COMMON AREA EXEMPT	48663	03/31/2023	FS1	8567	0	FS1 G01	21.15 170.47 <hr/> 191.62

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1569965 SKYMONT INC DEVELOPMENT CORP 2551 BAIRDS CREEK RD VILAS, NC 28692	RE 2021 1990-08-7606-000 TAX RELEASES COMMON AREA EXEMPT	20212	03/31/2023 FS1	8569	0 FS1 G01	2.15 17.33 <hr/> 19.48
1569965 SKYMONT INC DEVELOPMENT CORP 2551 BAIRDS CREEK RD VILAS, NC 28692	RE 2021 1990-09-5165-000 TAX RELEASES COMMON AREA EXEMPT	20223	03/31/2023 FS1	8566	0 FS1 G01	21.15 170.47 <hr/> 191.62
1579033 WATAUGA HUMANE SOCIETY PO BOX 1835 BOONE, NC 28607	PP 2022 4126 REFUND RELEASE TAX EXEMPT	1632	03/31/2023 C02	8560	0 F10 G01	19.60 124.66 <hr/> 144.26
1589385 WHITLEY FAMILY LTD PARTNERSHIP 12760 MARSH LNDG PALM BCH GDNS, FL 33418	PP 2022 589385999 REFUND RELEASE SOLD	3125	03/31/2023 F01	8582	0 G01 F01	4.74 .75 <hr/> 5.49
DETAIL SUMMARY	COUNT: 36	RELEASES - TOTAL			146,200	9,360.26

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RELEASES - CHARGE SUMMARY FOR ALL CLERKS

YEAR	CAT	CHARGE	AMOUNT	
2019	RE	FS1	FOSCOE SERV DIST RE	.00
2019	RE	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY RE	.00
			2019 TOTAL	.00
2020	RE	FS1	FOSCOE SERV DIST RE	23.30
2020	RE	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY RE	187.80
2020	PP	C02	BOONE PP	.25
2020	PP	F01	FOSCOE FIRE PP	.44
2020	PP	F02	BOONE FIRE PP	.01
2020	PP	F06	ZIONVILLE FIRE PP	4.71
2020	PP	F06L	ZIONVILLE FIRE LATE LIST	.47
2020	PP	F07	COVE CREEK FIRE PP	.01
2020	PP	F09	MEAT CAMP FIRE PP	.01
2020	PP	F10	DEEP GAP FIRE PP	1.21
2020	PP	F10L	DEEP GAP FIRE LATE LIST	.10
2020	PP	F11	TODD FIRE PP	2.14
2020	PP	F11L	TODD FIRE LATE LIST	.21
2020	PP	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	60.08
2020	PP	G01L	WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	5.85
2020	PP	MS1	BOONE MUNICIPAL SERV DIST PP	.19
2020	PP	SWF	SANITATION USER FEE	240.00
			2020 TOTAL	526.78
2021	RE	FS1	FOSCOE SERV DIST RE	23.30
2021	RE	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY RE	187.80
2021	PP	C02	BOONE PP	.18
2021	PP	C02L	BOONE LATE LIST	.02
2021	PP	F01	FOSCOE FIRE PP	.23
2021	PP	F01L	FOSCOE FIRE LATE LIST	.02
2021	PP	F02	BOONE FIRE PP	.01
2021	PP	F06	ZIONVILLE FIRE PP	4.57
2021	PP	F06L	ZIONVILLE FIRE LATE LIST	.46
2021	PP	F07	COVE CREEK FIRE PP	.01
2021	PP	F09	MEAT CAMP FIRE PP	.01
2021	PP	F10	DEEP GAP FIRE PP	1.11
2021	PP	F10L	DEEP GAP FIRE LATE LIST	.11
2021	PP	F11	TODD FIRE PP	2.07
2021	PP	F11L	TODD FIRE LATE LIST	.21
2021	PP	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	57.59
2021	PP	G01L	WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	5.76
2021	PP	MS1	BOONE MUNICIPAL SERV DIST PP	.11
2021	PP	MS1L	BOONE MUNICIPAL SERV DIST LATE	.01
2021	PP	SWF	SANITATION USER FEE	240.00
			2021 TOTAL	523.58
2022	RE	C02	BOONE RE	2,789.28
2022	RE	F01	FOSCOE FIRE RE	64.55
2022	RE	F02	BOONE FIRE RE	251.03
2022	RE	FS1	FOSCOE SERV DIST RE	38.45
2022	RE	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY RE	4,451.93
2022	PP	C02	BOONE PP	21.16
2022	PP	C02L	BOONE LATE LIST	.01
2022	PP	F01	FOSCOE FIRE PP	1.44

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YEAR	CAT	CHARGE	AMOUNT
2022	PP	F01L FOSCOE FIRE LATE LIST	.07
2022	PP	F02 BOONE FIRE PP	.31
2022	PP	F02L BOONE FIRE LATE LIST	.03
2022	PP	F06 ZIONVILLE FIRE PP	4.43
2022	PP	F06L ZIONVILLE FIRE LATE LIST	.44
2022	PP	F07 COVE CREEK FIRE PP	6.00
2022	PP	F07L COVE CREEK FIRE LATE LIST	.05
2022	PP	F09 MEAT CAMP FIRE PP	.01
2022	PP	F10 DEEP GAP FIRE PP	20.68
2022	PP	F10L DEEP GAP FIRE LATE LIST	.11
2022	PP	F11 TODD FIRE PP	2.01
2022	PP	F11L TODD FIRE LATE LIST	.20
2022	PP	G01 WATAUGA COUNTY PP	250.84
2022	PP	G01L WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	6.80
2022	PP	MS1 BOONE MUNICIPAL SERV DIST PP	.06
2022	PP	MS1L BOONE MUNICIPAL SERV DIST LATE	.01
2022	PP	SWF SANITATION USER FEE	400.00
2022 TOTAL			8,309.90
SUMMARY TOTAL			9,360.26

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JUR	YEAR	CHARGE	AMOUNT
C02	2022	C02 BOONE RE	2,810.30
C02	2022	F10 DEEP GAP FIRE PP	19.60
C02	2022	G01 WATAUGA COUNTY RE	2,607.10
C02 TOTAL			5,437.00
C03	2022	G01 WATAUGA COUNTY RE	2.54
C03 TOTAL			2.54
C04	2022	G01 WATAUGA COUNTY PP	16.09
C04	2022	G01L WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	1.61
C04 TOTAL			17.70
F01	2022	F01 FOSCOE FIRE RE	65.79
F01	2022	F01L FOSCOE FIRE LATE LIST	.05
F01	2022	G01 WATAUGA COUNTY RE	418.40
F01	2022	G01L WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	.31
F01 TOTAL			484.55
F02	2022	F02 BOONE FIRE RE	251.33
F02	2022	F02L BOONE FIRE LATE LIST	.03
F02	2022	G01 WATAUGA COUNTY RE	1,332.03
F02	2022	G01L WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	.16
F02 TOTAL			1,583.55
F06	2020	F06 ZIONVILLE FIRE PP	4.71
F06	2020	F06L ZIONVILLE FIRE LATE LIST	.47
F06	2020	G01 WATAUGA COUNTY PP	37.92
F06	2020	G01L WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	3.79
F06	2020	SWF SANITATION USER FEE	80.00
F06	2021	F06 ZIONVILLE FIRE PP	4.57
F06	2021	F06L ZIONVILLE FIRE LATE LIST	.46
F06	2021	G01 WATAUGA COUNTY PP	36.79
F06	2021	G01L WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	3.68
F06	2021	SWF SANITATION USER FEE	80.00
F06	2022	F06 ZIONVILLE FIRE PP	4.43
F06	2022	F06L ZIONVILLE FIRE LATE LIST	.44
F06	2022	G01 WATAUGA COUNTY PP	28.17
F06	2022	G01L WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	2.82
F06	2022	SWF SANITATION USER FEE	80.00
F06 TOTAL			368.25
F07	2020	C02 BOONE PP	.25
F07	2020	F01 FOSCOE FIRE PP	.44
F07	2020	F02 BOONE FIRE PP	.01
F07	2020	F07 COVE CREEK FIRE PP	.01
F07	2020	F09 MEAT CAMP FIRE PP	.01
F07	2020	F10 DEEP GAP FIRE PP	.18
F07	2020	G01 WATAUGA COUNTY PP	1.57
F07	2020	MS1 BOONE MUNICIPAL SERV DIST PP	.19
F07	2021	C02 BOONE PP	.18

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JUR	YEAR	CHARGE	AMOUNT	
F07	2021	C02L	BOONE LATE LIST	.02
F07	2021	F01	FOSCOE FIRE PP	.23
F07	2021	F01L	FOSCOE FIRE LATE LIST	.02
F07	2021	F02	BOONE FIRE PP	.01
F07	2021	F07	COVE CREEK FIRE PP	.01
F07	2021	F09	MEAT CAMP FIRE PP	.01
F07	2021	F10	DEEP GAP FIRE PP	.11
F07	2021	F10L	DEEP GAP FIRE LATE LIST	.01
F07	2021	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	.81
F07	2021	G01L	WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	.08
F07	2021	MS1	BOONE MUNICIPAL SERV DIST PP	.11
F07	2021	MS1L	BOONE MUNICIPAL SERV DIST LATE	.01
F07	2022	C02	BOONE PP	.14
F07	2022	C02L	BOONE LATE LIST	.01
F07	2022	F01	FOSCOE FIRE PP	.20
F07	2022	F01L	FOSCOE FIRE LATE LIST	.02
F07	2022	F02	BOONE FIRE PP	.01
F07	2022	F07	COVE CREEK FIRE PP	6.00
F07	2022	F07L	COVE CREEK FIRE LATE LIST	.05
F07	2022	F09	MEAT CAMP FIRE PP	.01
F07	2022	F10	DEEP GAP FIRE PP	.11
F07	2022	F10L	DEEP GAP FIRE LATE LIST	.01
F07	2022	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	38.60
F07	2022	G01L	WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	.37
F07	2022	MS1	BOONE MUNICIPAL SERV DIST PP	.06
F07	2022	MS1L	BOONE MUNICIPAL SERV DIST LATE	.01
F07	2022	SWF	SANITATION USER FEE	160.00
			F07 TOTAL	209.87
F10	2020	F10	DEEP GAP FIRE PP	1.03
F10	2020	F10L	DEEP GAP FIRE LATE LIST	.10
F10	2020	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	8.30
F10	2020	G01L	WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	.83
F10	2020	SWF	SANITATION USER FEE	80.00
F10	2021	F10	DEEP GAP FIRE PP	1.00
F10	2021	F10L	DEEP GAP FIRE LATE LIST	.10
F10	2021	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	8.06
F10	2021	G01L	WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	.81
F10	2021	SWF	SANITATION USER FEE	80.00
F10	2022	F10	DEEP GAP FIRE PP	.97
F10	2022	F10L	DEEP GAP FIRE LATE LIST	.10
F10	2022	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	6.17
F10	2022	G01L	WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	.62
F10	2022	SWF	SANITATION USER FEE	80.00
			F10 TOTAL	268.09
F11	2020	F11	TODD FIRE PP	2.14
F11	2020	F11L	TODD FIRE LATE LIST	.21
F11	2020	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	12.29
F11	2020	G01L	WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	1.23
F11	2020	SWF	SANITATION USER FEE	80.00
F11	2021	F11	TODD FIRE PP	2.07
F11	2021	F11L	TODD FIRE LATE LIST	.21
F11	2021	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	11.93

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JUR	YEAR	CHARGE	AMOUNT
F11	2021	G01L WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	1.19
F11	2021	SWF SANITATION USER FEE	80.00
F11	2022	F11 TODD FIRE PP	2.01
F11	2022	F11L TODD FIRE LATE LIST	.20
F11	2022	G01 WATAUGA COUNTY PP	9.13
F11	2022	G01L WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	.91
F11	2022	SWF SANITATION USER FEE	80.00
F11 TOTAL			283.52
FS1	2019	FS1 FOSCOE SERV DIST RE	.00
FS1	2019	G01 WATAUGA COUNTY RE	.00
FS1	2020	FS1 FOSCOE SERV DIST RE	23.30
FS1	2020	G01 WATAUGA COUNTY RE	187.80
FS1	2021	FS1 FOSCOE SERV DIST RE	23.30
FS1	2021	G01 WATAUGA COUNTY RE	187.80
FS1	2022	FS1 FOSCOE SERV DIST RE	38.45
FS1	2022	G01 WATAUGA COUNTY RE	244.54
FS1 TOTAL			705.19
SUMMARY TOTAL			9,360.26

AGENDA ITEM 8:

MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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AGENDA ITEM 11:

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