

Public Service Announcement

In order to maintain the safety of County residents, the Watauga County Board of Commissioners Meeting scheduled for 8:30 A.M. on Tuesday, June 2, 2020, will be conducted electronically. The Board Packet, including the agenda, is available on the County's website at: http://www.wataugacounty.org/App_Pages/Dept/BOC/boardpacket.aspx

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814 West King Street, Suite 205
Boone, NC 28607

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

**TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2020
8:30 A.M.**

**ELECTRONIC MEETING ORIGINATING FROM THE
WATAUGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM**

TIME	#	TOPIC	PRESENTER	PAGE
8:30	1	CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER		
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	3	APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 2, 2020, AGENDA		13
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9:00	9	ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET ORDINANCE	MR. DERON GEOUQUE	39
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AGENDA ITEM 2:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

May 14, 2020, Special Meeting (Budget Work Session)

May 15, 2020, Special Meeting (Budget Work Session)

May 19, 2020, Regular Meeting

May 19, 2020, Closed Session

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MINUTES

WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL MEETING, THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2020

The Watauga County Board of Commissioners held a budget work session on Thursday, May 14, 2020, at 12:00 P.M. remotely with the meeting originating in the Manager's Conference Room located in the Watauga County Administration Building, Boone, North Carolina.

PRESENT VIA ELECTRONIC MEANS:

- John Welch, Chairman
- Billy Kennedy, Vice-Chairman
- Larry Turnbow, Commissioner
- Charlie Wallin, Commissioner
- Perry Yates, Commissioner
- Deron Geouque, County Manager
- Misty Watson, Finance Director

Chairman Welch called the meeting to order at 12:07 P.M.

County Manager Geouque and Finance Director Watson reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget for Board discussion.

Board of Education Chairman Ron Henries, and members Gary Childers, Jay Fenwick, and Brenda Reese as well as staff members Dr. Scott Elliott, Dr. Stephen Martin, Ly Marze, and Jeff Trexler joined the electronic meeting at 3:00 P.M. to review Watauga County School System budget needs.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:39 P.M.

John Welch, Chairman

ATTEST:
Deron T. Geouque
County Manager

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MINUTES

WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL MEETING, FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2020

The Watauga County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting, as scheduled, on Friday, May 15, 2020, at 9:00 A.M. remotely with the meeting originating in the Manager's Conference Room located in the Watauga County Administration Building, Boone, North Carolina.

PRESENT VIA ELECTRONIC MEANS:

John Welch, Chairman
Billy Kennedy, Vice-Chairman
Larry Turnbow, Commissioner
Charlie Wallin, Commissioner
Perry Yates, Commissioner
Deron Geouque, County Manager
Misty Watson, Finance Director

Chairman Welch called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

County Manager Geouque and Finance Director Watson continued to review the proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget for Board discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 A.M.

John Welch, Chairman

ATTEST:
Deron T. Geouque
County Manager

DRAFT**MINUTES****WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020**

The Watauga County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting, as scheduled, on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, at 5:30 P.M. remotely with the meeting originating in the Manager's Conference Room located in the Watauga County Administration Building, Boone, North Carolina.

Chairman Welch called the remote electronic meeting to order at 5:36 P.M. by calling roll with each Commissioner answering as present. The following were present:

PRESENT VIA ELECTRONIC MEANS:

John Welch, Chairman
 Billy Kennedy, Vice-Chairman
 Larry Turnbow, Commissioner
 Charlie Wallin, Commissioner
 Perry Yates, Commissioner
 Anthony di Santi, County Attorney
 Deron Geouque, County Manager
 Anita J. Fogle, Clerk to the Board

Commissioner Yates opened with a prayer and Vice-Chairman Kennedy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Welch called for additions and/or corrections to the May 5, 2020, regular meeting and closed session minutes.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Yates, moved to approve the May 5, 2020, regular meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5
 Nay-0

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Yates, moved to approve the May 5, 2020, closed session minutes as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5
 Nay-0

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Welch called for additions and/or corrections to the May 19, 2020, agenda.

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to approve the May 19, 2020, agenda as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

PUBLIC HEARING TO ALLOW CITIZEN COMMENT ON THE FY 2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

Chairman Welch stated that a public hearing was scheduled to allow citizen comment on the Manager's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2021.

Commissioner Yates, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to call the public hearing to order at 5:39 P.M.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

The following shared comments:

Ms. Sara Crouch representing OASIS

Ms. Catherine King representing Community Care Clinic

Mr. Nathan Miller

Ms. Lory Whitehead with Hospitality House/WeCAN (written comment read by Chairman Welch)

Vice-Chairman Kennedy stated that Mr. Billy Ralph Winkler with Southern Appalachian Historical Association had called him to say thank you for the continued funding.

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Vice-Chairman Kennedy, moved to close the public hearing at 5:49 P.M.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

Chairman Welch stated that the Board would consider action on adopting the budget at the next regular meeting which was scheduled on Tuesday, June 2, 2020, at 8:30 A.M.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) COMMUNITY UPDATE

Ms. Jennifer Greene, AppHealthCare Director, provided an update on the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The report was for information only and, therefore, no action was required.

DISCUSSION REGARDING CURRENT COUNTY COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

County Manager Geouque stated that on May 5, 2020, the Board adopted the following option regarding the County's current restrictions:

1. After two (2) weeks from the implementation of the Governor's Phase II and key metrics continuing to be met:
 - Partially lift County short-term rental restriction to allow a fifty percent (50%) reduction in the listed maximum occupancy capacity as rated and published. Family members residing in the same residence are exempt from the fifty percent (50%) reduction in maximum capacity limit.
 - Lift County fourteen day self-quarantine in conjunction with the partial lifting of short-term rental restriction.
 - Campground openings and restrictions can be consistent with those published by the National Park Services. Otherwise, campgrounds shall be subject to the same openings and restrictions as short-term rentals during the applicable period.
2. Upon implementation of the Governor's Phase III and key metrics continuing to be met:
 - Lift remaining County short term-rental restriction from a fifty percent (50%) reduction in listed maximum occupancy capacity as rated and published to 100% occupancy.

After the Board adopted the above option, the Governor modified the recommendations of his Phase I. At that time, several of the surrounding counties removed or partially lifted their local restrictions. Mr. Geouque stated that Watauga County had received many comments regarding the fourteen day self-quarantine and the issues related with its continued enforcement. With this information and the update from Ms. Jennifer Greene, AppHealthCare Director, the County Manager asked for direction from the Board.

After discussion, Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to revise the County's plans as follows:

Upon implementation of the Governor's Phase II, the County will lift the fourteen day self-quarantine and will partially lift the County's short-term rental restriction to allow a fifty percent (50%) reduction in the listed maximum occupancy capacity as rated and published with the exemption of family members residing in the same residence.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

RATIFICATION OF A PROPOSED APPROPRIATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES PURSUANT TO NC G. S. 158-7.1

Mr. Joe Furman, Planning and Inspections/Economic Development Director, stated that a public hearing was conducted to seek public comment regarding the proposed economic development appropriation of \$100,000 to provide partial funding for an emergency small business loan program at the May 5, 2020, Board meeting. Due to new regulations for electronic meetings and public hearings that the County was made aware of on May 6, an item could not be voted until more than twenty-four hours after the public hearing was held. With that in mind, Mr. Furman asked the Board to vote on the proposed Reenergize Watauga Fund program, the \$100,000 in funds proposed to be designated from the Economic Development Reserve Account and the

contract with Mountain Biz Works, again. No public comments were received before, during, or after the public hearing.

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Vice-Chairman Kennedy, moved to establish the Reenergize Watauga Fund and authorize to allocate \$100,000 from the Economic Development Capital Reserve Fund to the Reenergize Watauga Fund and approve the contract with Mountain Biz Works to administer the program.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

TAX MATTERS

A. Monthly Collections Report

Tax Administrator, Mr. Larry Warren, presented the Tax Collections Report for the month of April 2020. The report was presented for information only and, therefore, no action was required.

B. Refunds and Releases

Mr. Warren presented the Refunds and Releases Report for April 2020 for Board approval:

TO BE TYPED IN MINUTE BOOK

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to approve the Refunds and Releases Report for April 2020 as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

BID AWARD REQUEST FOR COURTHOUSE EXTERIOR WATERPROOFING PROJECT

Mr. Robert Marsh, Maintenance Director, stated that the Courthouse building had received several inches of wind-driven rain in April that infiltrated the exterior precast concrete panels on the front facade. Inspection of the wall panel and window joints revealed areas where the caulk had failed. The County's insurance carrier would reimburse for the interior damage but not the exterior.

Request for Proposals (RFPs) were solicited from four commercial caulking companies with the following two responding:

Bidder	Option/s	Amount
Strickland Waterproofing Charlotte, NC	Option 3	\$40,000
Stone Restoration Charlotte, NC	Option 1 and 3	\$54,350

Mr. Marsh recommended awarding the bid to Strickland Waterproofing in the amount of \$40,000. Mr. Marsh stated that the County had not worked directly with Strickland Waterproofing in the past; however, the company had been a subcontractor on some of the County's projects.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to award the bid to Strickland Waterproofing in the amount of \$40,000 with funds to be allocated from the administrative contingency budget line.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

PARKS AND RECREATION DISCUSSIONS ON SUMMER CAMPS AND YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS

Mr. Stephen Poulos, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that, after reviewing the pros and cons related to offering summer camps and youth sports programs in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and in consideration that W.A.M.Y. Community Action and Blowing Rock Parks and Recreation have cancelled their summer camps, he recommended the County cancel the Parks and Recreation run summer camps and the youth baseball and softball leagues. Mr. Poulos stated that clinics might be held over the summer.

Chairman Welch stated that this was in line with Appalachian State University and nearby YMCAs which canceled their summer camps as well.

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Vice-Chairman Kennedy, moved to support the decision by Watauga County Parks and Recreation to cancel their summer camps as well as the youth baseball and softball leagues.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

FINANCE MATTERS

A. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) Expansion of Funds for 2019-2020

Ms. Misty Watson, Finance Director, presented expansion of funds for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC). Ms. Watson stated that Mountain Alliance, Juvenile Mediation, and Western Youth Network received additional funds in the current Fiscal Year totaling \$9,963 with no County match required.

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Vice-Chairman Kennedy, moved to approve the additional funding, in the amount of \$9,963 for Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) to be allocated to Mountain Alliance, Juvenile Mediation, and Western Youth Network.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

B. Proposed Audit Contract for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020

Ms. Watson stated that four firms were solicited for the bids for the County's audit services. The following two proposals were received:

Fiscal Year for Services	Gould Killiam CPA Group, PA	C. Randolph CPA, PLLC
FY 2020	\$47,500 *	\$46,500
FY 2021	\$50,000 *	\$47,895
FY 2022	\$52,500 *	\$49,332
* Fee for Gould Killiam CPA Group, PA covers testing of 2 major programs, additional testing is \$2,950 per major program.		

Ms. Watson stated that after careful review and consideration staff recommended C. Randolph CPA, PLLC firm in the amount of \$46,500 (a savings of \$16,850 for the current year) for a three-year period with the increases each year not to exceed three percent (3%). The \$46,500 was for the first year with increases for the following two years. The overall proposal was for a three-year period; however, the contract must also be approved by the Board each year.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to approve the letter of engagement for Fiscal Years 2020, 2021, and 2022 and the audit contract with C. Randolph CPA, PLLC for Fiscal Year 2020.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. CARES Act Relief Funds Plan

County Manager Geouque stated that the North Carolina General Assembly authorized coronavirus relief funds in Session Law 2020-4. The legislation allocated \$150 million in funding to the 97 counties that did not receive direct federal funding from the CARES Act. In addition, it holds in reserve \$150 million subject to action by the federal government. Key provisions of the Local Government Coronavirus Relief Reserve include:

- Funding was distributed on a per capita basis, with a guaranteed minimum distribution of \$250,000 per county.
- Counties were authorized but not required to allocate a portion of their allotment to municipalities within the county, provided the transfer meets the requirements of the CARES Act and corresponding U.S. Treasury guidance.
- Quarterly reporting to the OSBM on the use of funds was required, beginning Oct. 1, 2020. Unspent and misspent funds were subject to federal recoupment. Counties and municipalities were subject to clawback or other state measures for misuse.

- An additional \$150 million in a Reserve Fund to be appropriated to local governments **IF** local governments experienced a revenue shortfall from COVID-19 **AND** the federal government amended the CARES Act to allow CRF money to be spent on revenue replacement.
- Established a Pandemic Recovery Office to oversee and coordinate reporting and accounting of CRF funding.
- Unspent or misspent funds were subject to federal recoupment after December 30, 2020.
- All funding was required to be expended according to the requirements of the CARES Act and corresponding U.S. Treasury guidance.

The County Manager stated that Watauga County received \$1,164,018 in relief funds. Staff had developed a plan for the expenditure of the relief funds and recommended funds be distributed as follows:

- 1) Essential Local Government Response
 - a. Watauga County - \$100,000
 - b. Town of Beech Mountain – \$20,290
 - c. Town of Blowing Rock - \$21,153
 - d. Town of Boone - \$38,382
 - e. Town of Seven Devils - \$20,175
- 2) Healthcare Services - Appalachian Regional Healthcare System - \$200,000
- 3) Educational Support Services – Watauga County School System - \$125,000
- 4) Public Health Services – AppHealthCare - \$639,018

The plan was required to be submitted by June 1, 2020. Funds would be distributed on a reimbursement basis. Each entity would be required to submit a County reimbursement form along with all necessary information and expend all funds by October 1, 2020. Any unspent funds would be reallocated to the other entities included in the plan.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to adopt the plan as presented and to submit it to the North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

B. Boards and Commissions

County Manager Geouque presented the following for consideration:

AppalCART Board

Appalachian State University had requested that, Mr. John Eckman, Associate Vice-Chancellor for Campus Services, be appointed to replace Mr. Paul Forte, Vice-Chancellor for Business Affairs, on the AppalCART Board. This was a first reading.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Yates, moved to waive the second reading and appoint Mr. John Eckman, Associate Vice-Chancellor for Campus Services, to serve on the AppalCART Board as a representative of Appalachian State University.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

Economic Development Commission

The terms of the following four (4) members of the Economic Development Commission were to expire in June: Mr. Walter Kaudelka, Mr. James Bance, Mr. Wallace Greer, and Mr. Erik Lanier. Terms were three years with a limit of two consecutive terms. Mr. Kaudelka had served two full terms and, therefore, was ineligible for reappointment. Mr. Bance, Mr. Greer, and Mr. Lanier were all eligible to be reappointed and were all willing to continue serving. This was a first reading.

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Commissioner Yates, moved to waive the second reading and reappoint Mr. James Bance, Mr. Wallace Greer, and Mr. Erik Lanier to the Economic Development Commission for three-year terms.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

C. Announcements

County Manager Geouque announced the following:

- Ms. Alice Cohen, Collaboration Specialist with the Forest Service National Forests in North Carolina, announced that the public comment period for the proposed Nantahala and Pisgah National Forests plan revision (as included) had been extended to June 29, 2020, which was an additional 45 days beyond the original 90-days. This provided more time for the public to offer input, given the transition to work and family during the coronavirus pandemic.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy encouraged the public to look at the plan and provide input.

- Chairman Welch stated that National EMS Week was May 17 through May 23 and thanked all EMS workers for their service.
- Chairman Welch encouraged the public to fill out the 2020 Census and stated that, thus far, 55.7% of North Carolinians had participated with only 38.6% of Watauga County residents having had participated.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Welch read comments from the following: Tim Gupton, Russ Curtis, Ann Lovern, Debbie Miller, Richard Miller, Kimberly Mikesell, Kari McMichael, and David Harwood. Sharon DiSandro, Robert Heavner, Debbie Warren, Annie Woodford, Mary O'Brien, Chris

Perry, Lynda Stiles, Frankie Gioscio, Urs R. Gsteiger, Brett Sorge, Bill Maloney, Liz Turner, Pam Williamson, Chip Monroe, MD, Donna Conley, Paul Davis, Ben Miles, Nathan Miller, Brenda Schramm, Donna Lisenby, Katy Peterson, Jim and Deborah McDowell, Kent and Greg Tarbutton, Kim Bracket, Cobb and Cindy Milner, Sharon Crisman, Jim Pitts, Kenneth and Jess Wehrmann, Zak Ammar, P. J. Wirchansky, Ronnie Mark, Carol Dickerson, and Hiren Viroja.

The above written comments were also made available through the County Manager's Office and on the County's website.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:17 P.M., Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Vice-Chairman Kennedy, 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

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Yates, moved to resume the open meeting at 9:30 P.M.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

ADJOURN

Commissioner Wallin, seconded by Commissioner Yates, moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 P.M.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

John Welch, Chairman

ATTEST:

Anita J. Fogle, Clerk to the Board

AGENDA ITEM 3:

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 2, 2020, AGENDA

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AGENDA ITEM 4:

**PRESENTATION OF WATAUGA COUNTY COMMUNITY CHILD PROTECTIONS TEAM'S
(CCPT) ANNUAL REPORT AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS FOR 2020**

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Ms. Selena Moretz will present the annual report for the Watauga County Community Child Protection Team. In addition, Ms. Moretz will provide a list of the Team members. The Child Protection Team is tasked with reducing the acts of abuse and violence against children in the County.

Board action is required to approve the annual report along with the member list.

Watauga County Community Child Protection Team

Watauga County Human Service Building
132 Popular Grove Conn
Boone, NC 28607

Mailing Address:
8076 Hwy 105 S.
Boone, NC 28607

To: Watauga County Board of Commissioners
John Welch, chair
Billy Kennedy, vice chair
Charlie Wallin, Larry Turnbow and Perry Yates

From: Watauga County Community Child Protection Team and Watauga County Child Fatality Prevention Team

Re: 2019 Annual report for Watauga County Community Child Protection Team and Child Fatality Team

Date: 5-26-20

Dear Commissioners:

Please accept this report from the Watauga County Child Protection Team and the Watauga County Child Fatality Prevention Team which includes:

Child Fatality Prevention Team 2019 annual statistics reported to the State (included within)
List of current CCPT members that will require approval from the Board of County Commissioners
Highlights of the Annual CPT report to the State

The Community Child Protection Team (CCPT) is one of 100 teams mandated by G.S. 7B 1406. CCPT is a body of dedicated and concerned citizens representing agencies, organizations and the community-at-large that as a group functions independently to address child protection and reduction of abuse and violence in the county.

The team is responsible for reviewing policies, procedures and practices of our local DSS in order to protect families, to assist the County Director in the protection of children living in the family that is being reviewed, and to evaluate the extent to which the agencies are effectively discharging their obligation to serve children responsibly.

Mr. Billy Kennedy serves as the appointed Commissioner from The CC Board as well as representing a member of the DSS Board. Mr. Kennedy is an active member of both the CCPT and the CFPT and serves as liaison between those teams and this Board.

The Watauga County CCPT reports to the Division of Human Services on findings and recommendations to enhance safety and improve opportunities for children in our community. The Watauga County CFT reports to the State Health Division.

Other missions for the CCPT include, but are not limited to:

1. Providing a community endorsed approach to child protection for all children in the community.
2. Meet federal and State law requiring case review by a citizen review panel for cases of child maltreatment fatalities. In North Carolina, CCPT is recognized as the citizen review panel (as required by the 1996 amendments to the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act [CAPTA]).
3. The CCPT is charged with making identification of gaps in services, need for additional services or resources needed in the community.
4. Improve collaboration between agencies that serve families and children.
5. Bring for review any case requested by a Team member. The purpose of the review is to identify whether gaps and deficiencies exist with the community child protection system which have impact on the incidence of abuse, neglect or dependency.

The following major contributory factors that led to the maltreatment *based on the cases that were reviewed* in Watauga County CCPT during 2019 were:

Substance abuse involved families, both caretaker and child and including opioid use, domestic violence, parent employment status (un- or under-employed), mental health disorders, lack of child development knowledge and financial problems.

It is worth noting that this data is taken strictly from the selected and small number of cases (9) reviewed by this team, (3 Neglect and 6 abuse) and not reflective of overall reporting of abuse/neglect. Please see Watauga County Department of Social Services CPS data for an overview of DSS involved cases.

We are, indeed, fortunate in Watauga County that providers (both non-profits, private partnerships and governmental), agencies, law enforcement, schools and health providers work cooperatively in identifying and attempting to find resources for our children and families. Our team is just one of several collaboratives that meet on a regular basis for the goal of providing support and treatment resources for our families and children. DSS and MH provide for Child Family Teams for individual families. This report also highly commends the agencies represented on CCPT and especially the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council and other community partners for their sponsorship of the annual Watauga County State of the Child Forum and the Back to School Festival. The continued support of this Board of Commissioners is greatly appreciated.

Include in this report to you a list of concerns about problems not specific to any one case reviewed by the team, but which affect all our families in need. The following list outlines important issues for our local DSS and/or our community helping agencies as they struggle to meet the basic needs of families in our community.

- 1) Substance abuse, including Opioid use, is a major problem, not only for Watauga County but all of North Carolina, as well as the nation. Watauga County has a very active SA Prevention Group in which all the community players work together to combat illegal use of substance.

- 2) There is an increase need for foster care (in Watauga as well as NC). A need for leveled placements, as more kids than ever need more therapeutic care once placed in foster care. This is further complicated by the Mental Health Funding reductions to care for this growing population and need of MH case management modals that are not so restrictive in qualifying for payment and that greatly aided DSS need for foster care in previous years.
- 3) The increase in domestic violence within the families that are served in the county. The need for a Batter's Treatment Program.
- 4) Due to the cut in mental health funding, services are not readily available to meet the needs that the community has.
- 5) Change Medicaid rules so parents don't lose treatment funds while attempting to be reunited with their children. This would open more treatment options for parents.
- 6) Creating and implementing an life skills class for adults who are involved with the system.

The Watauga Child Fatality Prevention Team meets once a quarter as part of the CCPT meeting schedule. There were 2 child deaths reviewed by the Team in 2019. Appalachian District Health Department Director, Ms. Jennifer Greene, regularly presents reports to the Commission concerning health issues for families and children in Watauga County. MS LeAnn Martin chairs the Watauga County CFT. The recommendations from the Watauga CFT that generated from the deaths reviewed include:

1. Increase education and awareness around prenatal care.

Watauga CCPT and CFT team respectfully requests your acceptance and approval of this report as well as approving the membership list.

Please contact me or any member of these teams if you have question or desire more information or questions.

Thank you for your attention and support.

Sincerely,

Selena Moretz, Chair

Composition of the CCPT and CCFT as detailed in NC G. S. 7B1407 2020-2021

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| 1. | County Director of DSS | Tom Hughes |
| 2. | Member of the DSS Director's staff | Chad Slagle |
| 3. | Local Law Enforcement Officer | Carolyn Johnson |
| 4. | Attorney from Office of the DA | Andrew Cochran |
| 5. | Community Action Agency Director | Robin Triplett (Children's Council) |
| 6. | Superintendent (designee) of school admin | Dr. Paul Holden |
| 7. | Mental Health (LME) | Greta Mikus |
| 8. | Member of Bd of DSS (Co. Commission) | Billy Kennedy |
| 9. | Guardian ad litem coordinator | McKenzie Kilpatrick |
| 10. | Local Health Care Provider | Dr. Robert Lonas |
| 11. | Director of Public Health (designee) | LeAnn Martin, Chair, Child Fatality Team |

Members at large

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| 1. | Children's Advocacy Center | Selena Moretz, Chair, Child Protection Team |
| 2. | OASIS community action agency | Michelle Grit |
| 3. | Appalachian HealthCare (AARHC) | Kim Greene |
| 4. | Mental Health Provider (Daymark) | Holli Robinson |
| 5. | Watauga County Schools | Megan Langdon |
| 6. | Hospitality House | Tina Krause |

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AGENDA ITEM 5:

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) COMMUNITY UPDATE

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Ms. Jennifer Greene, AppHealthCare Director, will provide an update on the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

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

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AGENDA ITEM 6:

PROPOSED PROCLAMATION FOR ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

MANAGER’S COMMENTS:

Ms. Betsy Richards, Ms. Stevie John and Ms. Angie Boitnotte will present a proclamation declaring June 15, 2020, as “World Elder Abuse Awareness Day” in North Carolina.

Board action is requested to adopt the proclamation as presented.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Deron Geouque, County Manager

FROM: Betsy Richards, Watauga DSS, Adult Services Supervisor

Stevie John, High Country Area Agency on Aging, Ombudsman

Angie Boitnotte, Watauga County Project on Aging, Director

DATE: May 26, 2020

SUBJECT: Request for Board of Commissioners' Recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Please see the attached proposed Watauga County proclamation for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15, 2020.

In state fiscal year 2018, there were 30,128 reports of abuse, neglect or exploitation of vulnerable and older adults made to North Carolina's 100 County Departments of Social Services. About half of these reports were evaluated by a social worker to see if conditions in the report merited further action. During the year, 3,682 reports were substantiated in North Carolina, not counting those resolved by other means after being evaluated.

Unfortunately, national and international research shows that abuse, neglect and exploitation of vulnerable and older adults are grossly under reported. Reports are made not only by doctors and other professionals, but by family members and concerned citizens in our communities. North Carolina's vulnerable and older

adults of all social, economic, racial and ethnic backgrounds may be targets of abuse, neglect or exploitation which can occur in families, long-term care facilities and communities. Protecting North Carolina's vulnerable and older adults is a community responsibility and all citizens are charged under state law to report suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation to their local County Department of Social Services.

The Division of Aging and Adult Services partners with County Departments of Social Services and other agencies at the county and state level to offer statewide programs for adult protective services and to increase awareness about elder abuse and consumer fraud. Locally, Watauga County has an Elderly and Disabled Adult Abuse Prevention Team that meets monthly and is a voluntary collaboration of several community-based agencies and organizations whose primary goal is to protect and promote the health and welfare of elderly and disabled adults within Watauga County.

We all have the responsibility to support the safety, welfare, and dignity of North Carolina's vulnerable and older adults. We urge all citizens to work together to help protect adults from abuse, neglect, and exploitation. It is imperative that North Carolinians refuse to tolerate the indignity of Elder Abuse.

Thank you for your consideration.

Enclosures

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF WATAUGA

**WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY
JUNE 15, 2020
A PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, Watauga County’s seniors deserve to live safely with dignity, and as independently as possible, with the supports they need; and

WHEREAS, Elder abuse is most often defined as any act that harms a senior or jeopardizes his or her health or welfare. Victims of this crime come from all walks of life and does not discriminate among social, racial, ethnic, or religious backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Eliminating abuse to older persons is each community’s responsibility; the County of Watauga is concerned about the risk to our older residents who suffer from neglect or are victims of financial, emotional or physical abuse; and

WHEREAS, All of our residents should watch for signs of abuse such as physical trauma, withdrawal, depression, anxiety, fear of family members, friends or caregivers; and

WHEREAS, all citizens are required under state law to report suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation to their local County Department of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, Watauga County joins North Carolina, this nation, and the world in recognizing World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Watauga Board of Commissioners and the people of our great county, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2020 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day and encourage everyone to commit to build safer communities for our vulnerable adult and elderly residents.

ADOPTED this the 2nd day of June, 2020.



John Welch, Chairman
Watauga County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Anita J. Fogle, Clerk to the Board

AGENDA ITEM 7:

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD COVID-19 FUNDS FOR PROJECT ON AGING

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Ms. Angie Boitnotte, Project on Aging Director, will request Board authorization to accept \$5,000 from Blue Cross Blue Shield of NC for various items that increase and support meal delivery to seniors. The required submittal date was May 15, 2020; however staff was not notified until May 21, 2020. The County Manager authorized the submittal based on the Board being able to withdraw if they so choose.

Staff recommends acceptance of the funds. Board approval is requested.



Watauga County Project on Aging

132 Poplar Grove Connector, Suite A • Boone, North Carolina 28607

Website: www.wataugacounty.org/aging angie.boitnotte@watgov.org

Telephone 828-265-8090 Fax 828-264-2060 TTY 1-800-735-2962 Voice 1-800-735-8262 or 711

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deron Geouque, County Manager

FROM: Angie Boitnotte, Director

DATE: May 26, 2020

SUBJ: Request for Board of Commissioners' Consideration – Acceptance of the Meals on Wheels Association of NC Grant

Blue Cross Blue Shield NC awarded \$500,000 to the Meals on Wheels Association of NC, who will facilitate pass-thru funding of \$5,000 to each of the 100 Counties in North Carolina. The grant amount for Watauga County will be \$4,950, as the MOWNC will withhold \$50 in administrative costs for administering the grant.

The funds can be used on items that increase and support current capacity to provide senior meals in response to COVID-19. These items include refrigeration, freezer capability, packaging, delivery costs, temporary staffing support, groceries, shelf-stable meals, etc.

I recommend acceptance of these funds and will be present for questions or discussion.

BCBSNC/MOWNC Grant Program

Report COVID 19 Funds

Program Name: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Position: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

1. Amount received from the BSBSNC/MOWNC COVID 19 grant:
2. Amount spent to date:
3. What did your program use the funds for?
4. Please attach a spreadsheet outlining expenses.
5. What has the impact of the funds been to date (meals served, miles driven, routes opened, etc.)?
Feel free to use another page.
6. Other Comments

Contact:
Name: _____

Position: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____



Sponsorship Agreement between
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina and
Meals on Wheels Association of North Carolina

This Sponsorship Agreement (“Agreement”), is made the 22th day of April 2020 (the “Effective Date”) between Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina (“Blue Cross NC”), an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, having its principal place of business at 4613 University Drive, Durham, North Carolina, 27707, and Meals on Wheels Association of North Carolina (“Nonprofit Organization”), a North Carolina nonprofit organization having a place of business at PO Box 10341, Raleigh, NC 27605.

In consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree, for themselves, their successors and assigns as follows:

1. **Use of Name and Publicity:** Nonprofit Organization may not use Blue Cross NC’s name, trademarks, logos, physical likeness or other symbol, or it employees, for any marketing, advertising or public relations purposes without prior written consent. Nonprofit Organization shall not have the right to issue press releases or make public statements or announcements without Blue Cross NC’s prior written consent. In the case of Blue Cross NC, such consent may only be obtained from its Corporate Communications Department or Blue Cross NC’s Authorized Representative. Nonprofit Organization shall allow a minimum of four weeks for Blue Cross NC to review any printed material with the Blue Cross NC name and/or logo prior to publication. Blue Cross NC may prevent or delay the publication of any printed material, which references Blue Cross NC’s name, trademark, logo, physical likeness or other symbol if the material is unacceptable to Blue Cross NC. In the event that the Nonprofit Organization does not secure proper Blue Cross NC approvals of use of name and publicity as stated herein, the Nonprofit Organization shall be held responsible as applicable for the correction and re-development of any incorrect items at Nonprofit Organization’s sole expense.
2. **Requirements for Blue Cross NC Logo Usage:** Nonprofit Organization shall follow Blue Cross NC corporate policies and standards with respect to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Logo and Name usage. When spelling out our company name, Nonprofit Organization shall completely spell out all words in all written text as follows, “Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina.” In the event a second reference is made within the same document, any secondary or additional mention may be written as “Blue Cross NC”.

Blue Cross NC Representative will provide the appropriate logo. Nonprofit Organization shall not alter any elements within any Blue Cross NC logo (“Logo”). Blue Cross NC reserves the right to modify, edit or change these standards at its sole discretion at any time.



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3. **Disclaimer of Liability:** With respect to this Agreement, Blue Cross NC shall not be liable for any losses, negligence or willful misconduct of a party hereto. In no event will Blue Cross NC have any liability to the Nonprofit Organization for indirect, incidental, consequential, special, punitive or exemplary damages, costs, expenses or losses (including, without limitation, lost profits and opportunity costs). Nor shall Blue Cross NC be liable for any claim or demand against the nonprofit organization by any third party. THE LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION 3 WILL APPLY TO ALL CLAIMS, ACTIONS, DAMAGES, LIABILITIES, COSTS, EXPENSES OR LOSSES OF EVERY NATURE, KIND AND DESCRIPTION WHETHER ARISING FROM BREACH OF CONTRACT, NEGLIGENCE OR OTHER TORT, OR OTHERWISE AND REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT ANY PARTY HAD BEEN INFORMED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES.
4. **Indemnity:** Nonprofit Organization hereby indemnifies and holds Blue Cross NC harmless from any and all liability, losses, costs, claims, damages, settlements, judgments and awards, and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees), arising, or claimed to have arisen, wholly or in part from:
- a. acts or omissions of, or as a result of Project (as defined below) done or omitted from being done, or as a result of negligence by Nonprofit Organization, or its subcontractors, agents or assignees, which result in (i) injury to or death of any person, or (ii) damage or destruction of any property, real or personal; or
 - b. claims by third parties of any intellectual property infringement, or of a violation or an alleged violation by The nonprofit organization, or its subcontractors, agents or assignees of applicable federal, state and local laws or regulations, including, but not limited to, the provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), in the course of performing the Project.
5. **Compliance with Law:** Each party shall comply at all times with all laws and regulations applicable to such party's performance of its respective obligations and duties hereunder.
6. **Confidentiality; Use of Information:** The terms of this Agreement (including the Schedules and any Amendments hereto), all reports, correspondence, documents, data, and other information relating to the Project or Sponsorship are confidential ("Confidential Information") and shall not be provided in any form to any third party (including subcontractors, if any). Nonprofit Organization shall only use the Confidential Information in furtherance of the Project and Sponsorship pursuant to this Agreement. The disclosure of Confidential Information hereunder by Blue Cross NC shall not result in any grant of right or license to Nonprofit Organization under any patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret, or any other legal theory.
7. **Relationship:** Nonprofit Organization and Blue Cross NC are independent contractors and this Agreement does not and will not establish any relationship of partnership, joint venture, employment, franchise or agency between Nonprofit



Organization and Blue Cross NC.

8. **Termination:** Blue Cross NC may terminate this Agreement by giving three business days advance written notice to Nonprofit Organization. This will terminate the rights of Nonprofit Organization to claim sponsorship support but will not obligate any funding repayment.
 9. **Governing Law:** The execution, interpretation and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of North Carolina without regard to the North Carolina conflict of laws provisions, and the parties hereto each specifically consent to jurisdiction in the appropriate state and federal courts within the State of North Carolina.
 10. **Entire Agreement:** This Agreement, executed by the parties, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties, and supersedes all other prior or contemporaneous understandings, proposals, negotiations, agreements, commitments and representations (whether oral or written) between the parties. This Agreement may only be modified by an amendment executed by both parties in writing.
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Project Details (“Project”)

Nonprofit Organization: Meals on Wheels Association of North Carolina
 Project Name: COVID-19 Senior Meal Support
 Project Contact: Kimberly Strong
 Contact Phone: 704.787.6635
 Contact Email: kstrong@cabarrusmow.org
 Amount of Sponsorship: \$500,000

Blue Cross NC will recommend this gift via the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Community Impact Fund, under North Carolina Community Foundation (“NCCF”). The provision of funds is subject to approval by NCCF.

Blue Cross NC shall have no further liability or responsibility of any nature whatsoever with respect to additional funding, recommendations to the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Community Impact Fund, under Foundation for the Carolinas or support to Nonprofit Organization for this Project or any other Project unless otherwise mutually agreed by the parties in writing in an amendment to this Agreement.

Project Overview:

Meals on Wheels Association of North Carolina will facilitate pass-thru funding of \$5,000 to each of the 100 Counties in North Carolina.

Funds are designed to be flexible in order to maximize the restricted support dollars for food only. Funds can be used on items that increase and support current capacity to provide senior meals in response to COVID-19. These items include: refrigeration, freezer capability, packaging, delivery costs, temporary staffing support, etc.



Organizations receiving pass-thru funding need to provide a statement on how the funds were used, including the number of meals funding was able to support in providing.

Sponsorship Benefits

As a part of this Project, nonprofit will provide the following benefits to Blue Cross NC in accordance with the Agreement:

Signage: Blue Cross NC will be recognized at the appropriate level compared to other donors at the facility as appropriate.

Website: If nonprofit includes information about the initiative on their website, Blue Cross NC to receive appropriate recognition. Logo is preferred over name being spelled out.

Social Media: Nonprofit to work collaboratively with the Blue Cross NC social media team to develop a plan for social media activities, if advantageous. To include items like, but not limited to:

- Nonprofit to support development of a blog post, if deemed appropriate for the Blue Cross NC Blog. This could be in the form of an interview by Blue Cross NC (including photography) or development of a video.
- If the nonprofit has a blog, they may create a pointer post to help promote the content on the Blue Cross NC blog.
- Nonprofit will share predetermined Blue Cross NC posts on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Pinterest (all social channels in which nonprofit has a presence and there is content alignment) promoting the agreed upon content.

Payment

Nonprofit to initiate payment by providing the W9, the organization's most recent 990, listing of current Board of Directors and an invoice. Invoice to include:

- Organization Name
- Mailing Address to send payment
- Date of invoice
- Organization Contact to receive payment
- The word "Invoice"
- "Due Upon Receipt"
- Invoice No.
- Sponsorship Amount
- Sponsorship Description
- 501c3 No.

If for any reason the initiative is canceled allocation of unused payments will need to be discussed and agreed upon with Blue Cross NC.



Thank you for working with us to adhere to this Sponsorship Agreement. The partnership between the Blue Cross NC and Nonprofit Organization is important to us, as is the success of this initiative.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement by their duly authorized agents.

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF
NORTH CAROLINA

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Please print: _____

Please print: **Reagan Greene Pruitt**

Title: _____

Title: **Vice President, Marketing and Community
Engagement**

Date: _____

Date: _____

FEDERAL TAX ID NO: _____

AGENDA ITEM 8:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION APPROVING ZIONVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S FIVE AND SIX MILE INSURANCE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Zionville Fire Chief, Donald Miller, will present a proposed resolution and map which, if adopted, would approve the boundary lines of the Zionville Rural Fire Department Five and Six-Mile district coverage.

Board action is required to approve the resolution and the five and six-mile district coverage map as presented by Chief Miller.



Watauga County Emergency Services

184 Hodges Gap Rd, Suite D
Boone, NC 28607
Phone 828-264-4235
Fax 828-265-7617



Fire Marshal ♦ Emergency Management ♦ Communications

May 26, 2020

To: Board of Commissioners

CC: Deron Geouque, County Manager
Taylor Marsh, Fire Marshal
Anita Fogle, Clerk to the Board

Subject: Zionville Fire District

Board of Commissioners,

Zionville Fire Chief Donald Miller would like to present the new road maps for 5 and 6-mile district coverage with the opening of the second fire station. Please see the attached map which reflects the additional fire station along with new 5 and 6-mile road mile lines for each station. Chief Miller requests Board approval of the new 6-mile map and will be available to answer any questions.

Respectfully,

Will Holt
ES Director

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COUNTY OF WATAUGA

**RESOLUTION APPROVING
ZIONVILLE FIVE AND SIX-MILE INSURANCE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

WHEREAS, fire district boundaries for fire departments are established by Boards of County Commissioners pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-233; and

WHEREAS, fire districts are used for insurance grading purposes; and

WHEREAS, the fire district boundaries in the unincorporated portion of Watauga County need to be revised; and

WHEREAS, the Watauga County Fire Marshal, using the GIS system, has created a new five and six-mile fire insurance district map for the Zionville Fire District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Watauga County Board of Commissioners approves the boundary lines of Zionville Fire District, as represented in the GIS-produced map certified by the County Fire Marshal as referenced in Exhibit A and made a part hereof.

ADOPTED this the 2nd day of June, 2020.

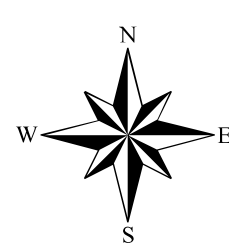
John Welch, Chairman
Watauga County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

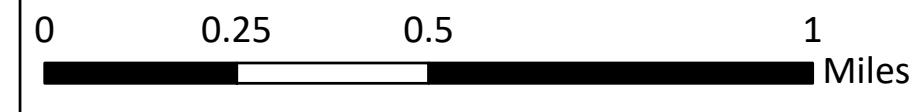
Anita J. Fogle, Clerk to the Board

Zionville VFD Fire District

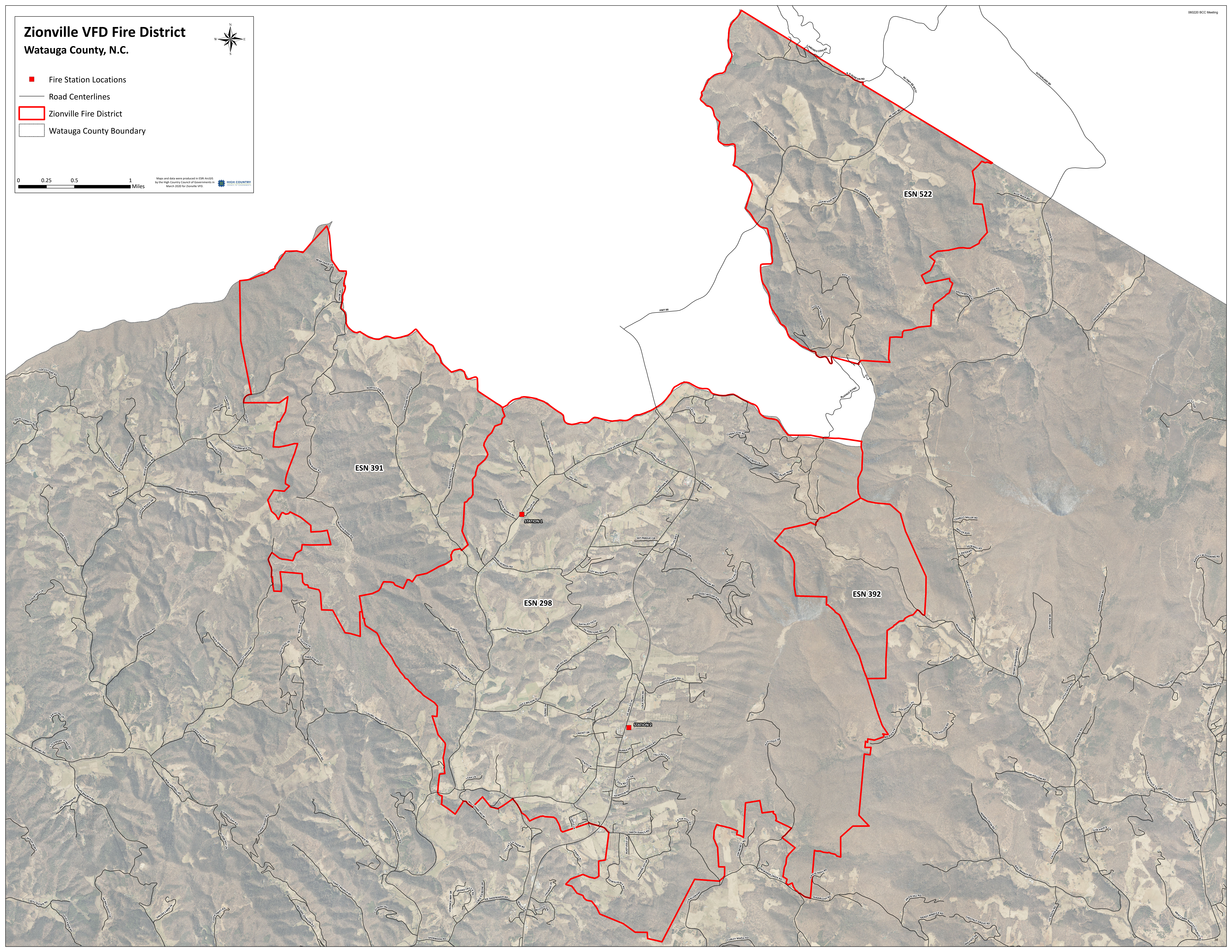
Watauga County, N.C.



- Fire Station Locations
- Road Centerlines
- ▭ Zionville Fire District
- ▭ Watauga County Boundary



Maps and data were produced in ESRI ArcGIS by the High Country Council of Governments in March 2020 for Zionville VFD.



AGENDA ITEM 9:**ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET ORDINANCE****MANAGER'S COMMENTS:**

The Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Ordinance is presented for adoption. Below are changes recommended to the County Fee Schedule.

Fee Schedule Change Summary							
Emergency Management/Fire Marshal							
Illegal Burning Fine (NEW)	One warning then fine of \$100						
Explosive materials/blasting permits increase	Increased to \$500/annually or \$100/48 hour permit						
Safety Violations Fine (NEW)	One warning then fine of \$200						
Planning and Inspections							
Remodel Permit	\$75 per trade						
Sanitation Solid Waste Fees							
Yard Waste, Animal Carcass, Electronic Waste, and Tire Trailer Rental	Remove Fee						
Mixed Recycling Ton (NEW)	\$59 per ton						
Collection and Delivery Fees (NEW)							
Boone – Per Lift (Zone – 607):	<table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Industrial</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$150.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commercial</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$34.65</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Recycling</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$34.65</td> </tr> </table>	Industrial	\$150.00	Commercial	\$34.65	Recycling	\$34.65
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Extended 607 – Per Lift (Zone – Linear Mile):	<table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Industrial</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$187.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commercial</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$43.95</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Recycling</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$43.95</td> </tr> </table>	Industrial	\$187.50	Commercial	\$43.95	Recycling	\$43.95
Industrial	\$187.50						
Commercial	\$43.95						
Recycling	\$43.95						

The Board may approve the proposed budget ordinance as presented, request changes, or schedule an additional work session. North Carolina General Statutes requires the budget be adopted by June 30th.

Board action is required.

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF WATAUGA
BUDGET ORDINANCE
FISCAL YEAR 2020/21**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Watauga County, North Carolina, meeting in regular session this 2nd day of June, 2020, that the following fund revenues and departmental expenditures, together with certain restrictions and authorizations, are adopted:

SECTION I**GENERAL FUND***A. Revenues Anticipated:*SOURCEAMOUNT

Ad Valorem Taxes	\$36,911,375
Local Option Sales Taxes	\$9,446,800
Other Taxes	\$798,000
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$3,901,155
Permits and Fees	\$699,700
Recreation Programs	\$830,908
Sales and Services	\$402,060
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$587,964
Transfer From Capital Reserve Fund	\$228,000

Total Revenues - General Fund \$53,805,962

B. Expenditures Authorized:

General Government

Governing Body	\$62,085
Administration	\$456,221
Finance	\$410,025
Tax Administration	\$1,173,609
Tax Revaluation	\$50,000
License Plate Agency	\$241,563
Legal Services	\$81,000
Court Facilities	\$2,000
Elections	\$421,743
Register of Deeds	\$566,132
General Administration	\$1,695,500
Information Technology	\$1,018,783
Maintenance	\$1,448,776
Public Buildings	\$1,242,847
Total	\$8,870,284

Public Safety

Sheriff	\$4,861,498
Detention Center	\$2,397,055
Emergency Services	\$1,221,147
Emergency Management	\$1,453,373
Planning and Inspections	\$674,117
Emergency Medical Services	\$1,835,728
Animal Care and Control	\$146,700
Total	\$12,589,618

Environmental Protection

Cooperative Extension Service	\$283,261
Soil and Water Conservation	\$132,593
Total	\$415,854

Transportation

Transportation	\$67,495
Total	\$67,495

Economic/Physical Development

Economic Development Commission	\$91,417
Special Appropriations	\$529,066
Total	\$620,483

Human Services

Public Health	\$813,129
Mental Health	\$171,194
Project on Aging	\$1,461,447
Veteran's Service	\$131,995
Total	\$2,577,765

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Education	Watauga County Board of Education Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute	\$14,614,674 \$1,000,279 Total <u><u>\$15,614,953</u></u>
Cultural and Recreational	Library Recreation	\$652,360 \$1,509,668 Total <u><u>\$2,162,028</u></u>
Transfers to Other Funds	Transfer to Public Assistance Fund Transfer to Capital Projects Fund Transfer to Debt Service Fund	\$2,110,851 \$2,100,000 \$6,676,631 Total <u><u>\$10,887,482</u></u>
Total Expenditures - General Fund		<u><u>\$53,805,962</u></u>

SECTION II**PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND***A. Revenues Anticipated:*

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Federal and State Allocations	\$3,464,797
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$19,431
Transfer from General Fund	\$2,110,851
Total Revenues - Public Assistance Fund	<u><u>\$5,595,079</u></u>

B. Expenditures Authorized:

Administration	\$3,459,536
Child Support Enforcement Programs	\$227,090 \$1,908,453
Total Expenditures - Public Assistance Fund	<u><u>\$5,595,079</u></u>

SECTION III**CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND***A. Revenues Anticipated:*

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Transfer from General Fund	\$2,100,000
Fund Balance Appropriation	\$228,000
Total Revenues - Capital Projects Fund	<u><u>\$2,328,000</u></u>

B. Expenditures Authorized:

Watauga County Schools CIPs	\$500,000
County CIP	\$1,600,000
Transfer to General Fund	\$228,000
Total Expenditures - Capital Projects Fund	<u><u>\$2,328,000</u></u>

SECTION IV**FEDERAL EQUITABLE SHARING FUND (SHERIFF'S OFFICE)***A. Revenues Anticipated:*

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Federal Equitable Sharing Funds	\$7,000
Total Revenues - Federal Equitable Sharing Fund	<u><u>\$7,000</u></u>

B. Expenditures Authorized:

Operations	\$7,000
Total Expenditures - Federal Equitable Sharing Fund	<u><u>\$7,000</u></u>

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SECTION V**STATE SUBSTANCE ABUSE TAX FUND (SHERIFF'S OFFICE)**

<i>A. Revenues Anticipated:</i>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
	Controlled Substance Tax	\$36,650
	Interest	\$100
	Total Revenues - State Substance Abuse Tax Fund	<u>\$36,750</u>
<i>B. Expenditures Authorized:</i>	Operations	\$36,750
	Total Expenditures - State Substance Abuse Tax Fund	<u>\$36,750</u>

SECTION VI**EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SURCHARGE FUND**

<i>A. Revenues Anticipated:</i>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
	Emergency Telephone Surcharge	\$343,577
	Total Revenues - Emergency Telephone Surcharge Fund	<u>\$343,577</u>
<i>B. Expenditures Authorized:</i>	Implemental Functions	\$48,718
	Software	\$82,407
	Employee Training	\$6,625
	Telephone	\$143,426
	Hardware	\$62,401
	Total Expenditures - Emergency Telephone Surcharge Fund	<u>\$343,577</u>

SECTION VII**RURAL FIRE SERVICE DISTRICT FUND**

<i>A. Revenues Anticipated:</i>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
	Beech Mtn. Rural Fire Service District	\$1,850
	Boone Rural Fire Service District	\$904,440
	Cove Creek Rural Fire Service District	\$300
	Foscoe Rural Fire Service District	\$73,900
	Shawneehaw Rural Fire Service District	\$6,175
	Total Revenues - Rural Fire Service Districts Fund	<u>\$986,665</u>
<i>B. Expenditures Authorized:</i>	Beech Mtn. Rural Fire Service District	\$1,850
	Boone Rural Fire Service District	\$904,440
	Cove Creek Rural Fire Service District	\$300
	Foscoe Rural Fire Service District	\$73,900
	Shawneehaw Rural Fire Service District	\$6,175
	Total Expenditures - Rural Fire Service Districts Fund	<u>\$986,665</u>

NOTE: In the event the actual proceeds from the fire tax exceed or fall short of the appropriated amounts, the actual proceeds from the tax shall constitute the appropriations from the tax levy and the Budget Officer is authorized to amend the budget upward to cover the actual revenues collected.

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SECTION VIII**FIRE TAX DISTRICTS FUND***A. Revenues Anticipated:*

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Beaver Dam Fire Department	\$111,700
Blowing Rock Fire District	\$502,700
Cove Creek Fire District	\$253,300
Creston Fire Department	\$6,050
Deep Gap Fire District	\$205,400
Fall Creek Fire Department	\$9,025
Foscoe Fire District	\$479,400
Meat Camp Fire Department	\$217,700
Shawneehaw Fire District	\$104,300
Stewart Simmons Fire District	\$244,700
Todd Fire District	\$65,400
Zionville Fire District	\$123,150
Total Revenues - Fire Districts Fund	<u>\$2,322,825</u>

B. Expenditures Authorized:

Beaver Dam Fire Department	\$111,700
Blowing Rock Fire District	\$502,700
Cove Creek Fire District	\$253,300
Creston Fire Department	\$6,050
Deep Gap Fire District	\$205,400
Fall Creek Fire Department	\$9,025
Foscoe Fire District	\$479,400
Meat Camp Fire Department	\$217,700
Shawneehaw Fire District	\$104,300
Stewart Simmons Fire District	\$244,700
Todd Fire District	\$65,400
Zionville Fire District	\$123,150
Total Expenditures - Fire Districts Fund	<u>\$2,322,825</u>

NOTE: In the event the actual proceeds from the fire tax exceed or fall short of the appropriated amounts, the actual proceeds from the tax shall constitute the appropriations from the tax levy and the Budget Officer is authorized to amend the budget upward to cover the actual revenues collected.

SECTION IX**OCCUPANCY TAX FUND***A. Revenues Anticipated:*

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Occupancy Tax	\$1,119,500
Total Revenues - Occupancy Tax Fund	<u>\$1,119,500</u>

B. Expenditures Authorized:

Tax Collection Fees	\$19,500
Watauga District U TDA	\$1,100,000
Total Expenditures - Occupancy Tax Fund	<u>\$1,119,500</u>

NOTE: In the event the actual proceeds from the occupancy tax exceed or fall short of the appropriated amounts, the actual proceeds from the tax shall constitute the appropriations from the tax levy and the Budget Officer is authorized to amend the budget upward to cover the actual revenues collected.

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SECTION X**DEBT SERVICE**

<i>A. Revenues Anticipated:</i>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
	Transfer from General Fund	\$6,676,631
	Total Revenues - Debt Service Fund	<u>\$6,676,631</u>
<i>B. Expenditures Authorized:</i>	Debt Service-Education	\$4,562,231
	Debt Service-Other	\$2,114,400
	Total Expenditures - Debt Service Fund	<u>\$6,676,631</u>

SECTION XI**SOLID WASTE ENTERPRISE FUND**

<i>A. Revenues Anticipated:</i>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
	Intergovernmental Revenues	\$129,330
	Charges for Services	\$5,224,025
	Miscellaneous Revenues	\$12,897
	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$1,157,449
	Total Revenues - Solid Waste Enterprise Fund	<u>\$6,523,700</u>
<i>B. Expenditures Authorized:</i>	Sanitation Department	\$6,431,049
	Recycling	\$92,651
	Total Expenditures - Solid Waste Enterprise Fund	<u>\$6,523,700</u>

SECTION XII**COUNTY TAX RATE ESTABLISHED**

An ad valorem tax rate of \$0.403 per \$100 at full valuation is hereby established as the official tax rate for Watauga County for the fiscal year 2020/21. This rate is based on a total base valuation of \$9,393,704,715.

SECTION XIII**COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT TAX RATES ESTABLISHED**

Ad valorem tax rates as listed below per \$100 at full valuation is hereby established as the official tax rates for Watauga County Fire Protection Districts for the fiscal year 2020/21. This rate is based on the estimated taxable property situated in each district.

<u>Fire District</u>	<u>Property Values</u>	<u>Tax Rate Per \$100 of Value</u>
Beech Mountain Rural	\$3,205,420	\$ 0.05
Blowing Rock Rural	\$1,009,652,639	\$ 0.05
Boone Rural	\$1,588,978,256	\$ 0.06
Cove Creek	\$515,078,014	\$ 0.05
Cove Creek Special	\$648,300	\$ 0.05
Deep Gap	\$407,105,096	\$ 0.05
Foscoe	\$968,247,831	\$ 0.05
Foscoe Special	\$151,701,708	\$ 0.05
Meat Camp	\$458,227,026	\$ 0.05
Northwest Watauga	\$237,201,244	\$ 0.05
Shawneehaw	\$210,201,988	\$ 0.05
Shawneehaw Special	\$13,653,763	\$ 0.05
Stewart Simmons	\$286,564,032	\$ 0.085
Todd	\$93,273,549	\$ 0.07
Zionville	\$248,148,470	\$ 0.05

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SECTION XIV**SOLID WASTE FEES ESTABLISHED**

Commercial Solid Waste	\$59.00 per ton
Construction and Demolition Waste	\$59.00 per ton
Land-Clearing Inert Debris	\$59.00 per ton
RO Cont. Disposal Fee	\$59.00 per ton
Mixed Recycling	\$59.00 per ton
Coarse-Ground Mulch	\$9.00 per ton
Passenger Vehicle Minimum	\$9
Solid Waste Fee (per residence County-wide)	\$80.00 per year

SECTION XV**SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DELIVERY FEES ESTABLISHED**

Boone - Per Lift (Zone - 607)	Industrial	\$	150.00
	Commercial	\$	34.65
	Recycling	\$	34.65
Extended 607 - Per Lift (Zone - Linear Mile)	Industrial	\$	187.50
	Commercial	\$	43.95
	Recycling	\$	43.95

SECTION XVI**PLANNING, INSPECTIONS FEES ESTABLISHED**

Building Permit	\$.30 per square foot heated space \$.15 per square foot unheated space
Modular Home	\$300.00 plus \$.15 per square foot for basement
Mobile Home	\$75.00 single wide / \$100 double wide
Penalty for building without permit	Double building permit fees. May be subject to additional trip fees as necessary
Alteration Permit	\$75.00
Sign Permit	\$50.00 on premise / \$100.00 for billboard
Trip Fee	\$75.00
Remodel Permit	\$75 per trade
Grading Permit	\$150.00 per acre or part thereof; Individual home site less than 1 acre exempt
Floodplain Development Permit	\$150.00
Compliance and Review <i>(For all ordinances not specifically named in fee schedule)</i>	\$40.00 per permit / \$100.00 per site plan \$300.00 appeals, conditional use permits, variances \$400.00 amendments
Subdivision Plat/Manufactured Home Park Fees	\$30.00 per lot or building as applicable
Wireless Communication Tower Site	\$750.00
Wireless Co-location Permit	\$150.00
Wind Energy Systems	\$150 small / \$750 large
Sexually Oriented Business Permit	\$1,000.00
Administrative Fees for Refunds	\$30.00 plus \$75.00 per inspection done

SECTION XVII**FIRE CODE FEES AND PENALTIES ESTABLISHED**

<u>Special User Permits for Specific Times:</u>	
Fireworks - Public Display	\$25.00
Tents and Air Structures (30 day maximum)	\$25.00
Temporary Kiosks or Merchandising Displays	\$25.00
Insecticide fogging or fumigation	\$25.00
<u>Explosive Materials/Blasting Permits:</u>	
Annually (1 Year)	\$500.00
48 Hours	\$100.00
<u>Special Assembly:</u>	
Gun show, craft show, etc	\$25.00
<u>Bowling Pin and Alley:</u>	
Resurfacing and Refinishing	\$25.00
<u>Any other Special Function Requiring Fire Prevention:</u>	
Bureau Inspection and Approval	\$25.00
Fire Report Copies	\$2.00
Annual Inspection Report	\$50.00
Inspection Report (non-annual)	\$50.00
Inspection Report (multi-tenant up to two buildings)	\$60.00
Inspection Report (multi-tenant three or more buildings)	\$70.00
Carbon Monoxide Inspections	\$50.00

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Existing Systems Tests:

Sprinkler Certification Test	\$25.00
Fire Alarm Testing	\$25.00
Standpipe Certification Test	\$25.00
Grease Removal Test	\$25.00
Fixed Fire Suppression Test	\$25.00
Day Care Inspection	\$25.00
Residential Custodial Care and Nursing Homes	\$25.00
Certification of Occupancy	\$25.00
Occupancy Permit Inspection (ABC)	\$30.00
Reinspection (per visit)	\$30.00

Underground Storage Tanks:

Removal (per tank)	\$30.00
New Installations (per tank)	\$50.00
Hydrant Installations - private contractors only	\$30.00
New Sprinkler Systems	\$0.05 per square foot
Sprinkler Renovations	\$50.00
Standpipes	\$30.00
New Alarm Systems	\$35.00
Alarm System Renovations	\$50.00
Fixed Fire Suppression Systems	\$35.00
Renovations to the Systems	\$25.00
Fire Marshall Fire Reports	\$5.00
Life Safety Violations (one warning)	\$200.00
Road Name Change	\$500.00
Illegal Burning (one warning)	\$100.00

SECTION XVIII

BUDGET OFFICER

The County Manager shall serve as Budget Officer and shall be authorized to reallocate departmental appropriations among the various objects of expenditure as necessary.

The County Manager shall be authorized to effect transfers between departments in the same fund, not to exceed 10% of the appropriated monies for the department whose allocation is reduced. Notation of all such transfers shall be made to the Board at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Interfund transfers established in the budget, may be accomplished without recourse to the Board. All other interfund transfers require approval of the Board of Commissioners.

Salary increases shall be granted in accordance with the official pay plan of Watauga County, duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners.

The County Manager shall be authorized to reallocate contingency funds. Such transfers shall be reported to the Board at its next regular meeting, and recorded in the minutes per NC General Statute 159-13(b)(3).

SECTION XVIII

UTILIZATION OF BUDGET AND BUDGET ORDINANCE

This Ordinance shall be the basis of the financial plan for the Watauga County Government during the 2020/21 fiscal year. The Budget Officer shall administer the budget and he shall insure that operating officials are provided guidance and sufficient details to implement their appropriate portion of the budget. The Finance Director shall establish and maintain records consistent with this ordinance and the appropriate statutes of the State of North Carolina.

A copy of this ordinance shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, the County Manager, and the Finance Director to be kept on file by them for direction in the disbursement of funds.

John Welch, Chairman

ATTEST:

Anita Fogle, Clerk to the Board

AGENDA ITEM 10:

MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. July Meeting Schedule

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Historically, only one meeting has been held in July due to all the work which has been done on the budget as well as the July 4th holiday. Also, historically, at the beginning of a new fiscal year there is limited business for the Board's consideration. The Manager recommends cancelling the first meeting in July and holding the second meeting as currently scheduled for the third Tuesday which is July 21.

Direction from the Board is requested.

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B. Announcements

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

AGENDA ITEM 11:

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AGENDA ITEM 12:

BREAK

AGENDA ITEM 13:

CLOSED SESSION

Attorney/Client Matters – G. S. 143-318.11(a)(3)

Land Acquisition – G. S. 143-318.11(a)(5)(i)

Personnel Matters – G. S. 143-318.11(a)(6)