

**TENTATIVE AGENDA & MEETING NOTICE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020
8:30 A.M.**

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

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AGENDA ITEM 2:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 21, 2020, Regular Meeting

January 21, 2020, Closed Session

DRAFT**MINUTES****WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020**

The Watauga County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting, as scheduled, on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at 5:30 P.M. in the Commissioners' Board Room of the Watauga County Administration Building, Boone, North Carolina.

PRESENT: 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

Chairman Welch called the meeting to order at 5:31 P.M.

Commissioner Wallin opened with a prayer and Commissioner Turnbow led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Welch called for additions and/or corrections to the December 17, 2020, regular meeting and closed session minutes.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Yates, moved to approve the December 17, 2020, regular meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5
 Nay-0

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Yates, moved to approve the December 17, 2020, closed session minutes as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5
 Nay-0

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Welch called for additions and/or corrections to the January 21, 2020, agenda.

County Manager Geouque requested to add Land Acquisition, per G. S. 143-318.11(a)(5)(i) to the scheduled closed session.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to approve the January 21, 2020, agenda as amended.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF LOTTERY APPLICATIONS

Ms. Ly Marze, Director of Finance for Watauga County Schools, presented a request for the release of funds from the State Education Lottery Fund. A total amount of \$300,000 is being requested to replace worn carpet (\$30,000), replace cafeteria equipment (\$55,000), resurface tennis courts (\$60,000), replace phone and bell systems (\$65,000), replace gym floor at Mabel and/or Blowing Rock School/s (\$75,000), and replace doors (\$15,000).

Commissioner Yates, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to approve the release of \$300,000 in funds from the State Education Lottery Fund as requested by Ms. Marze.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

Mr. Ron Henries, School Board Chairman, thanked the Board for supporting the schools and gave an update on the school year and commended Dr. Elliott and Ms. Marze for their work while waiting on the State to adopt a budget for the current fiscal year. Mr. Henries stated that enrollment was stable and growing. Mr. Henries also thanked Mr. Will Holt, Watauga County Emergency Management Services Director, for his help with repeater placement and for working toward an Emergency fuel Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Mr. Henries stated that positive progress was being made with the proposed property for the new Valle Crucis School as a septic permit was underway and due diligence was expected to be completed by March 2020.

PROPOSED APPALCART RURAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ROAP) GRANT APPLICATION

Mr. Craig Hughes, AppalCART Director, presented the proposed North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) grant application for fiscal year 2020. Watauga County was awarded \$184,459 which is down slightly from last year's funding. The grant does not require a County local match.

Mr. Hughes stated that the funds were proposed to be allocated as follows: \$71,416 for Elderly and Disabled, \$15,562 for Employment Transportation, and \$97,481 for Rural General Populations.

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Vice-Chairman Kennedy, moved to approve the North Carolina Department of Transportation Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) grant application for FY 2020 as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

COMMUNITY RECREATION MATTERS

A. Update and Change Order # 6

Mr. Chad Roberson, of Clark Nexsen, presented an update on the Community Recreation Center. The weather has impacted construction forty-one (41) days as of four hundred and sixty-nine (469) days into the project. Mr. Roberson stated that the current completion date is May 1, 2020. The key accomplishments thus far include exterior concrete work, interior painting at the gym and pool, drywall in the admin area and gym, installation of locker room tile, exterior stone work, the curtain wall, the selection of furniture and fixtures, and the signage is expected to be finalized at this meeting. Upcoming activities are as follows: pool deck concrete, radiant flooring, pool equipment installation, interior finishes, gym railings, gym flooring, pool finishes, ordering equipment and furniture. County Manager Geouque clarified that the facility would not be occupied on the date of completion as there would be employee training required prior to the facility being operational.

Mr. Roberson also presented Change Order #6 in the amount of \$127,252.30. The Change Order reconciles modifications required due to additional work scope. To date the budget summary indicates no increase in the total project cost. The owner contingency balance is \$297,165.51 and the contractor contingency is over \$600,000 and allowances of \$100,000. Mr. Roberson stated that the overall budget has not increased.

County Manager Geouque presented an additional work scope for testing and inspections with Wood Environmental & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$33,000. The original contract was for \$199,700 for testing and inspections. The additional \$33,000 is due to the extra testing and inspections required because of unsuitable soils and to allow the project to continue through the winter months.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to approve Change Order #6 in the amount of \$127,252.30 and to approve the additional work scope testing and inspections with Wood Environmental & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc., in the amount of \$33,000 as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

County Manager Geouque also informed the Board that funds had been reallocated from the Equipment line to the Information Technologies line as the IT equipment came in at a higher cost than expected for Wi-Fi and security.

B. Proposed Membership and Fee Schedule

Mr. Stephen Poulos, Parks and Recreation Director, presented a proposed membership and rental fee schedule for the new Community Recreation Center. Mr. Poulos thanked his staff for their work in preparing the schedules.

After discussion, the Board agreed, by consensus, to table consideration to allow for further discussion at the Annual Pre-Budget Retreat.

C. Approval of Fitness Equipment Purchase

Mr. Poulos presented two bids for award of fitness equipment for the new Community Recreation Center. The first bid is to Gym Source in the amount of \$101,144.56 for treadmills, bikes, and elliptical machines. The second bid is to Wellness Solutions in the amount of \$192,306.41 for the remaining fitness equipment. Mr. Poulos stated that adequate funds were available in the Community Recreation Center project budget to cover this expense.

Commissioner Yates, seconded by Vice-Chairman Kennedy, moved to award the bid to Gym Source, in the amount of \$101,144.56, for treadmills, bikes, and elliptical machines, and to award the bid to Wellness Solutions, in the amount of \$192,306.41, for the remaining fitness equipment; for a total bid award in the amount of \$293,450.97.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

D. Approval of Signage

County Manager Geouque presented a bid for the contract of interior signs for the Community Recreation Center to APCO Carolinas in the amount of \$24,618.06. The County Manager stated that adequate funds are available in the Community Recreation Center project budget to cover this expense.

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to award the bid for the contract of interior signs for the Community Recreation Center to APCO Carolinas in the amount of \$24,618.06 as presented by the County Manager.

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 December 2019. 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 December 2019 for Board approval:

TO BE TYPED IN MINUTE BOOK

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Yates, moved to approve the Refunds and Releases Report for December 2019 as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

FINANCE MATTERS

A. Budget Amendments

Ms. Misty Watson, Finance Director, reviewed the following budget amendments:

Account #	Description	Debit	Credit
104199-470000	Payment to Refunded Escrow Agent	\$19,055,720	
104199-469199	Bond Issuance Costs	\$184,280	
103910-331000	Refunding Bonds Issued		\$19,240,000
309100-471002	Interest – High School		\$515,405
309100-472002	Principal – High School	\$465,000	
303980-398100	Transfer from General Fund	\$50,405	

The amendment recognized the refunding of the 2012 high school debt and the updated interest expense payments.

103300-345000	ROAP Grant		\$184,459
104500-469845	Elderly and Disabled	\$71,416	
104500-469844	Employment Transportation	\$15,562	
104500-469843	Rural General Populations	\$97,481	

The amendment recognized the acceptance of the acceptance of the North Carolina Department of Transportation Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) funds. No County dollars were required as match.

103300-333000	JCPC Grant		\$17,500
105890-463151	Mountain Alliance – JCPC	\$3,500	
105890-463146	Blue Ridge Mediation – JCPC	\$12,000	
105890-463142	Project Challenge – JCPC	\$2,000	

The amendment recognized the acceptance of additional funds for the Juvenile Crime Prevention grant. No County dollars were required as a match.

Commissioner Yates, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to approve the budget amendments as presented by Ms. Watson.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

B. Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Lot 2, Phase 1, Twin Rivers Development

Ms. Misty Watson, Finance Director, requested the Board surplus a 1.60 acre lot located in the Twin Rivers Development in Foscoe (Parcel ID 1889-70-2213-000 in the Watauga County tax maps) and adopt a proposed resolution authorizing the sale of the property to start the sale process through GovDeals. The minimum bid will be set at \$5,000 to cover taxes, attorney fees, and administrative fees.

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Commissioner Yates, moved to declare the 1.60 acre lot located in the Twin Rivers Development as surplus and adopt the resolution authorizing the sale of the property and to authorize staff to list the property for sale with GovDeals at a minimum bid of \$5,000.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

C. Proposed Reallocation of Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) Funds

Ms. Misty Watson, Finance Director, stated that \$2,500 has been reallocated as recommended by the Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) Committee. Funds were shifted from the Watauga County DSS Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program to AppalCART to cover the cost of in-town complimentary paratransit services.

Commissioner Wallin, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to approve the reallocation of Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) funds as presented by Ms. Watson.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. Proposed Resolution Supporting the More Powerful NC Campaign

County Manager Geouque presented, per commissioner direction and as recommended by Ms. Holly Jones with the NC Department of Justice who presented the Opioid presentation at the December 17 meeting, a proposed resolution supporting the More Powerful NC Campaign to combat the opioid epidemic.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to adopt the resolution supporting the More Powerful NC Campaign as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

B. Request for Additional School Resource Officer

County Manager Geouque stated that the Watauga County School system received an additional School Resource Officer (SRO) grant in the amount of \$33,000. The grant requires for each \$2 provided the County match with \$1. Five months of the SRO salary is \$24,711 with the State paying \$16,474 and the County \$8,237. The County would need to fund an additional \$44,434 in initial start-up costs for a vehicle and equipment. The subsequent budget year the SRO's salary would be \$59,308, which includes benefits, with the state paying \$33,000 and the County paying \$26,308. If the Board approved this request action would be required to accept the SRO grant through the school system in the amount of \$33,000 and direct staff to requisition \$52,671 to cover the five months of salary at \$8,237 and \$44,434 for a vehicle and equipment.

By consensus, the Board tabled this matter to allow for further discussion.

C. Proposed Dates for Annual Pre-Budget Retreat

County Manager Geouque announced that the proposed dates for the Annual Pre-Budget Retreat were Thursday, February 13, from 12 noon until approximately 7:00 P.M., and Friday, February 14, from 9:00 A.M. until approximately 1:00 P.M. The County Manager announced that two days were required for the Retreat and asked for direction in regards to the dates proposed.

By consensus, the Board agreed to hold the Annual Pre-Budget Retreat on Thursday, February 13, from 12 noon until approximately 7:00 P.M., and Friday, February 14, from 9:00 A.M. until approximately 1:00 P.M.

D. Upcoming Meeting Schedule

County Manager Geouque presented the below chart showing the dates of Board of Commissioners meetings and highlighting the meeting dates of which the Board of Elections requires the use of the Commissioners Board room:

January	7	Cancel Due to Holiday Schedules	July	7	
	21			21	
February	4		August	4	
	18	One-Stop Voting: Feb. 12-29		18	
March	3	Primary Election Day	September	1	
	17			15	
April	7	Possible Primary Runoff One-Stop (April 2-18)	October	6	
	21	Possible Primary Runoff Election Day		20	One-Stop Voting: October 14-31
May	5	Possible Primary Runoff One-Stop (April 23 – May 9) (Election - May 12)	November	3	Election Day
	19			17	
June	2		December	1	
	16			15	

Staff recommends either canceling or moving the location of the February 18 meeting to Courtroom # 1 and either canceling or rescheduling the March 3 meeting to Wednesday, March 4.

By consensus, the Board agreed to hold the February 18, 2020, Board of Commissioners meeting at 5:30 P.M. and to change the location of the meeting to Courtroom # 1 in the Watauga County Courthouse.

The Board also agreed, by consensus, to table consideration of canceling the March 3 meeting until closer to that date to see if the meeting will be needed.

E. Boards and Commissions***Economic Development Commission (EDC)***

EDC member Ms. Savannah Garland has had to resign due to accepting a new job in Kingsport, Tennessee. Her three year term expires in June, 2022. The Commissioners could replace her now or wait until June, 2020, when four other terms expire. One of those members will not be eligible for reappointment per the EDC rules; the other three will be eligible for reappointment, provided they are interested in continuing to serve.

By consensus, the Board requested the County advertise for volunteers.

F. Announcements

County Manager Geouque announced the following:

- The Annual Pre-Budget Retreat will be held on Thursday, February 13, from 12 noon until approximately 7:00 P.M., and Friday, February 14, from 9:00 A.M. until approximately 1:00 P.M.
- The Boone Town Council has expressed interest in a joint open public meeting to discuss the future of the County-owned Turner House and parking issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:53 P.M., Commissioner Yates, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to enter Closed Session to discuss Attorney/Client Matters, per G. S. 143-318.11(a)(3) and Land Acquisition, per G. S. 143-318.11(a)(5)(i).

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Yates, moved to resume the open meeting at 7:38 P.M.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

ADJOURN

Commissioner Wallin, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 P.M.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

John Welch, Chairman

ATTEST: Anita J. Fogle, Clerk to the Board

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AGENDA ITEM 3:

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2020, AGENDA

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AGENDA ITEM 4:

PROPOSED PROCLAMATION SUPPORTING THE WATAUGA HIGH SCHOOL PIONEER PLAYMAKERS REPRESENTING NORTH CAROLINA AT THE SOUTHEASTERN THEATRE CONFERENCE

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Chairman Welch will present a proclamation honoring the Watauga High School Pioneer Playmakers representing North Carolina at the Southeastern Theatre Conference.

Board action is required to adopt the proclamation as presented.

RESOLUTION OF THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE OCCASION OF THE WATAUGA HIGH SCHOOL PIONEER PLAYMAKERS REPRESENTING NORTH CAROLINA AT THE SOUTHEASTERN THEATRE CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, the Watauga High School Pioneer Playmakers were created in 1988 and since then have made 18 trips to the North Carolina High School State Play Festival; and

WHEREAS, the Pioneer Playmakers have won the State High School Play Festival twice before with “Dearly Departed” in 1989 directed by Trimella Chaney, and the production of “John Lennon and Me” in 2007 directed by Sarah Miller; and

WHEREAS, the 23-member Pioneer Playmaker Ensemble has worked tirelessly since August 2019 to create their own unique interpretation of Oliver Lansley’s “Ernest and the Pale Moon,” showcasing their artistry, craftsmanship and creativity; and

WHEREAS, the Pioneer Playmakers Ensemble swept all four major award categories for the first time in history at the State High School Play Festival sponsored by the North Carolina Theatre Conference, including receipt of the following accolades:

The Audience Choice Award for Distinguished Play; The Prestigious John W. Parker Award for Excellence in Directing to Zach Walker, Director and Theatre Faculty at Watauga High School; Outstanding Achievement in Acting to Elise Bednar and Zeb Scott for their portrayals in the roles of Gwendoline and Ernest; and

WHEREAS, we desire to express our gratitude to the Pioneer Playmakers for bringing these prestigious honors to our community, while celebrating the talents of the students, and recognizing the tremendous leadership of their faculty; and

WHEREAS, the Pioneer Playmakers will represent the State of North Carolina next week at the Southeastern Theatre Conference in Louisville, Kentucky and perform on the stage of The Kentucky Center’s Bomhard Theatre.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS recognizes the Pioneer Playmakers Ensemble as a superior example of artistic excellence, and herein declare the week of February 23 through 29 as “Pioneer Playmakers Week” throughout Boone and Watauga County.

ADOPTED this 4th day of February, 2020.



John Welch, Chairman
Watauga County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Anita J. Fogle, Clerk to the Board

AGENDA ITEM 5:

2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2019 STATE OF THE COMMUNITY'S HEALTH

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Ms. Jennifer Greene, Appalachian District Health Director, will present the health department's annual report for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

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

2018-19 Annual Report

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Public health, healthcare, and AppHealthCare

A message from the Health Director & CEO

This year, we have experienced continued growth and opportunity to better serve our communities. Our tagline is *Caring for Our Community* because that's what our team does every day, for everyone. As we continue to work with other local partners to achieve our vision of *Health for All*, we continue working to improve health for everyone through partnerships, meeting immediate needs for care and response, and working together to measure and address key health challenges facing us.

AppHealthCare is one of only three dual-entity public health department-federally qualified health centers in North Carolina. This dual status offers our communities even greater opportunities and allows us to further stretch our reach to build on prior successes. In this report, you will see many updates on how we care for individuals, and I hope you will be sure to focus on that as well as the areas that provide public health infrastructure support like finance and technology as well as our community health initiatives.

Here are a few highlights as we look back on the success of 2018-19 and look forward to continued impacts next year:

Public health 3.0 and the opportunity to be more visible, memorable, and impactful

In September, 2017, a journal article entitled, [Public Health 3.0: A Call to Action for Public Health to Meet the Challenges of the 21st Century was published in Preventing Chronic Disease](#) (DeSalvo, Wang, Harris, Auerbach, & O'Carroll). As our healthcare system continues to move toward a value-based system, this article also challenges us to move along the continuum of public health interventions that include providing innovative clinical prevention outside the clinical setting and implementing interventions that reach whole populations through community-wide prevention. However, one of the key challenges in optimizing our public health improvements by implementing more public health 3.0 inspired interventions is core public health staff infrastructure.

Fees, grants, and mostly federal funding supports core staff positions. Simply put, there needs to be a greater investment in public health funding from state and local sources.

Triple Aim Healthcare

[The Institute for Healthcare Improvement launched the Triple Aim](#) initiative years ago with a goal of improving 3 key areas of healthcare: population health, experience of care, and per capita cost. This past year, AppHealthCare maintained its recognition by the National Council on Quality Assurance as a Patient Centered Medical Home and received recognition from HRSA for high value care with lower cost and higher quality in comparison to peer health centers. The move toward value-focused care is one we embrace, and continue to see challenges ahead to better serve patients in connecting with community resources that support key social drivers of health like transportation, housing, environments free of interpersonal violence, and food security.

One element of reaching this goal, I believe, is helping ensure all people have access to a primary medical home. To date, NC has remained one of the few states that have opted not to expand Medicaid coverage. Controlling cost of healthcare will be impossible without controlling access to preventive care for everyone. We know the delay of primary care, lack of key preventive care for mental health, substance abuse, oral health, and chronic disease often result in a more expensive patchwork version of care. At AppHealthCare alone, we know that 1 in 4 of our patients would likely qualify for Medicaid if it were expanded. When we care for the whole person: their primary care, oral healthcare, behavioral health, substance abuse risk or needs, and better manage chronic diseases like diabetes, high blood pressure, and obesity, we then have an opportunity to control costs and have healthier people.

Staying prepared and emerging threats

This past year has brought forward old public health challenges that have continued to grow like communicable disease. This year, we have increased concern about ensuring we have broad immunity from vaccine preventable diseases like mumps, pertussis, and measles, and remain focused on others that affect so many like influenza. Sexually transmitted infections continue to rise across our area and our nation, and we have an increasing trend of Lyme's disease as well. Nearby, we have seen others facing crises with environmental contaminants, extreme weather patterns, and other emergencies. These, along with foodborne illness outbreaks, lead investigations, and emerging trends like the rise of electronic nicotine devices like e-cigarettes or other vape devices bring forward the importance of solid staffing levels in public health to be able to prevent, plan, and respond to these ongoing and emerging threats.

Addressing root causes, social determinants, and all populations

Local actions to address the opioid epidemic

We are proud to be a partner with others in our community to address the opioid epidemic –which is only part of the substance abuse picture in our area. This year, we launched an initiative focused on reaching justice-involved persons at the Watauga County Detention Center thanks to the leadership and support of the Watauga County Sheriff's office. Additionally, we launched peer support services across all three counties to have local individuals who have firsthand experience and expertise to help link people to treatment and reduce harm. Looking ahead, we aim to continue building our peer support work and boost harm reduction activities as outlined in [NC's Opioid Action Plan 2.0](#). Learn more about statewide, regional, and local data about the Opioid Epidemic on the [NC DHHS Opioid Action Plan Data Dashboard](#).

Regardless of what you know now about the opioid epidemic, I hope you will be open to learning more about our [Save a Life NC Campaign](#). See our own Medical Director, Dr. Jessica Ange, High Country Healthcare Hero, Ashley Wurth, and retired Appalachian State football coach hero, Jerry Moore, talk more at this web link about what you can do to support saving lives here in the high country.

Partnerships to address social determinants of health are more important than ever

We often think about healthcare when we think of health, but we know that our health is defined more by our environments and behaviors than our access to healthcare. Every year, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Wisconsin Population Health institute release [County Health Rankings](#). While not complete without our local community health needs assessment report, this data offers us insight to consider how we must look beyond clinical care to impact public health. *Lack of safe, affordable housing, transportation, interpersonal violence, and food insecurity all underpin greater risks for poorer health outcomes.*

We must focus upstream. The ACE study focused on adverse childhood experiences outlines a clear call-to-action

[Adverse Childhood Experiences](#), or ACEs, are potentially traumatic events that occur in childhood from 0-17 years like experiencing violence, abuse, or neglect; witnessing violence in the home; and having a family member attempt or die by suicide. Also included are aspects of the child's environment that can undermine their sense of safety, stability, and bonding such as growing up in a household with substance misuse, mental health problems, or instability due to parental separation or incarceration of a parent, sibling, or other member of the household.

ACEs have been linked to:

- Risky health behaviors
- Chronic health conditions
- Low life potential
- Early death

And, the good news? The presence of ACEs does not mean that a child will experience poor outcomes. Building community awareness, resiliency, and other strategies such as [CDC's Essentials for Childhood](#) offer ways to prevent ACEs and assure safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments for all children. Our work to promote Triple P Positive Parenting Program and partnerships to address these key issues will be critical to support as we move forward. Local groups are taking action, convening conversations, and talking more about building resilient people through more supportive, resilient environments.

Connecting is key

In the age where news and information moves at the speed of light and many of us find ourselves with information fatigue, our public health work is even more important. Routinely, our team focuses on informing the public about health education, emerging issues, outbreaks, and key action steps. I hope you will pause and connect with us on Facebook and Twitter so you can stay engaged with us on this journey.

Regardless of where you see yourself in the year ahead, thank you for taking time to learn more about AppHealthCare and invite you to join us as we work together to improve public health for all.



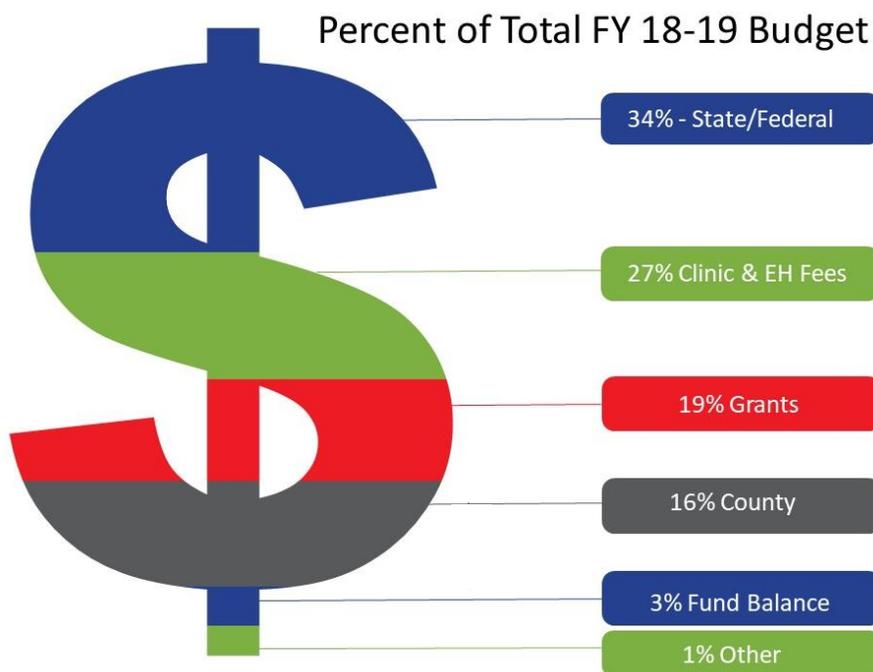
Jennifer Greene, MPH
Health Director/CEO

Finance

AppHealthCare staff continually seek grant opportunities to bring additional funds and resources to our communities. In addition to grants, we have received financial awards recognizing our continued growth, high quality care and commitment to the health of our communities.

Competitive grant and financial awards were 19% of our revenues in Fiscal Year 2018-19. This totaled **\$1,615,172** from the following sources:

- NC Office of Rural Health Grant: \$272,872
- Opioid Action Plan Implementation: \$78,176
- HRSA Federally Qualified Health Center
 - Substance Use Disorder & Mental Health: \$41,549
 - Medical and Dental: \$1,203,304
 - Quality Award: \$103,101
- Miscellaneous grants less than \$5,000 each: \$2,000



The FQHC grants are paid through reimbursement requests and carried forward into future fiscal years if unexpended. There is over \$300,000 of carry forward funds from FY 2018-19 to be added to the grant funds for FY 2019-20. These grant funds continue to help sustain AppHealthCare and lower the costs for Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga county governments to provide public health services throughout our district as required by NC General Statute 130-A.

AppHealthCare offers a great value for our local governments by being a regional North Carolina public authority and a Federally Qualified Health Center. The costs of providing services are much lower at AppHealthCare for the county governments. However, over the past 15 years, the steady decline of public health funding at all government levels has caused AppHealthCare to use more and more of our fund balance. Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga County governments are working with AppHealthCare to remedy this by appropriating additional funds for a three year period. **Fiscal year 2018-19 was year one of this funding cycle and increased the county funds by 10% over their prior year's appropriations. These increased investments are critical to the longevity and success of AppHealthCare.**

Key areas to watch in finance include:

Medicaid Transformation

AppHealthCare staff have been actively preparing for Medicaid transformation which will launch managed care for the NC Medicaid system in NC. This change will involve credentialing and billing five (5) Medicaid insurance providers rather plus NC Medicaid Direct (the traditional one governmental system) Division of Health Benefits. While all data available indicate providers should be held harmless, we know there are risks in maintaining current fees collected. In addition to adapting to this change, there is additional risk in managing cost control and cost settlement payments that will now require new processes to receive critical wraparound funding.

Public Health Infrastructure Funding

The NC Association of Local Health Directors and members, including AppHealthCare, have advocated for key policy decisions that would help offset the burden to safety net organizations in caring for many people who fall in the NC Medicaid Coverage Gap. In addition, much advocacy has been conducted to encourage more state funding for communicable disease control and response. We are hopeful that the NC General Assembly will take action to help meet these increasing concerns. State action, paired with local funding increases are vital to our future in protecting public health.

Information Technology



This past year, we conducted a **HIPAA security and privacy risk assessment with Carolinas IT**. They worked closely with our staff to identify areas of strength and areas for improvement. This security penetration test was thorough and assisted us in tightening up areas of concern. Since the visit, we have worked diligently to improve in key areas highlighted. In 2020, we will be inviting CarolinasIT to return and conduct a reassessment so that we remain on track.

Also, the IT team has led **continued and regular updates** to our network so the staff can work efficiently. Since effective, efficient tools are critical to our success, our IT team have replaced computers for medical providers as part of an effort to streamline technology for behavioral health and substance abuse screening, thanks to two grant opportunities awarded.

One area that continues to be a priority is **Disaster Recovery**. There are so many vulnerabilities with different software packages and devices that one of the most important areas to maintain vigilance is our ability to recover from an incident. Our efforts continue to improve the ability and speed to recover in the event of an attack. The preventive measures we have in place serve as the first layer of defense. Utilizing multiple locations for redundant physical backups and also cloud based solutions allows us to **protect our data and manage our valuable time for employees and our customers**.

Looking ahead, our information technology needs remain top priority for our leadership team and include:

- Expanding our capacity in primary care, integrated behavioral health and substance abuse services by launching a new electronic medical record practice management system.
- Exploring opportunities for better quality improvement through practice metrics and linking to advanced medical home resources through partner networks like NC Community Health Center Association
- Launching data-sharing to NC Health Connex, the NC Health Information Exchange. Read more about [NC Health Connex](#) and [state law NCGS 90-414.7 requirements](#).
- Expanding our capacity in dental care, including our work in our dental clinic itself as well as our portable clinic that must have technology to chart, take x-rays, and protect data as we travel to offsite locations.
- Preparing to help support community-wide preparation and launch of [NCCARE360](#) in our area in 2020. NCCARE360 is the first statewide coordinated care network to better connect individuals to local services and resources. This platform is innovative and builds on the prior work of United Way's 211 system and other state and national partners including the Foundation for Health Leadership & Innovation, Unite Us, and Expound. There is no wrong door and this system offers web-based, self-referral or agency/provider-driven referrals that is localized for our community.



Dental

The dental program has seen tremendous growth, with **over 150% increase in visits in the past year.**



Portable dental services continue to serve Allegheny and Ashe School systems and provide preventive and restorative care to students. In FY 18-19, 54 students were seen in Allegheny, 145 students were seen in Ashe and 167 students were seen in Watauga. Portable services were expanded to include Watauga County Schools in fall, 2018.

Calendar Year	Unduplicated Patients
2017	1,024
2018	1,239



With Dr. Stroud's leadership, the dental program now has a panoramic x-ray machine (pictured above) to take high resolution images. *This \$20,000 machine was donated to the dental program by Dr. Duc Tang from Charlotte, NC.*

Nutrition



This year the WIC & Nutrition team received the gold level for the **2019 Loving Support Award of Excellence** that recognizes local WIC agencies that have exemplary breastfeeding promotion and support activities. The team has also hosted numerous interns from ASU & UNC dietetic programs.



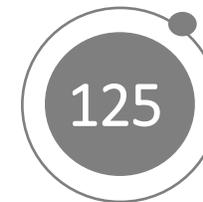
Diabetes Today classes provide health cooking and nutrition education to the community. This past year, 12 classes were conducted.



WIC has maintained 97% of their caseload which has secured stable funding for another year.



Participants in the Women, Infant & Children's (WIC) Program from Allegheny, Ashe and Watauga



Clients seen by Registered Dietitian for diabetes management, nutrition education and more.



WIC Dollars Spent in Local Grocery Stores*	
Allegheny	\$151,859.05
Ashe	\$338,125.37
Watauga	\$401,327.30

*October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019



Community Health



Current Public Health Priorities:

- ✓ Mental and Behavioral Health
- ✓ Substance Use & Misuse Prevention
- ✓ Physical Activity & Nutrition
- ✓ Health Equity for a Vibrant Community (Allegheny)

Opioid Response

- ✓ Board of Health resolution to support comprehensive strategies to address the opioid epidemic
- ✓ NC Peer Support Specialists (PSS) have served approximately **170 individuals** across Allegheny, Ashe, and Watauga Counties.
 - **66 of those are justice-involved persons** (16 of whom were contacted for follow-up post release)
- ✓ NC Peer Support Specialists have been in contact with all of these individuals **500 times over** the course of the last six months.
- ✓ Of those 170 individuals, **38 have been referred** to some type of evidence-based treatment.
- ✓ **39 individuals** are now registered Syringe Exchange Program participants.
 - Of those, **23 received additional services** and 100% were given information regarding treatment and resources.
- ✓ PSS have trained over **150 community members** in the use/administration of naloxone.
- ✓ 19 justice involved individuals and/or their family members in Allegheny county were trained; 137 persons in group trainings in Watauga



Tobacco Prevention and Cessation

- ✓ Board of Health resolution to support tobacco free environments
- ✓ In partnership with Avery County Health Department and Wilkes County Health Department, ICO4MCH coordinated the implementation of the CATCH My Breath e-cigarette prevention program in each of the **five school systems**.
- ✓ A marketing campaign was launched to educate both adults and youth on the dangers of e-cigarette use in adolescence. The campaign reached over **48,811 individuals** in Watauga, Ashe, and Allegheny counties.

Families and Children

- ✓ Positive parenting practitioners have reached over **4,080 families** and more than **7,396 children**.
- ✓ This past year Innovative Approaches across North Carolina impacted **11,913 stakeholders** via **59 projects in 15 counties**.
- ✓ Over **600 men and women** of reproductive age were educated on the topic of reproductive life planning. In addition, **80 providers and staff** were trained in Long Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) insertion and tiered counseling methods for reproductive health.

What Makes Us Healthy



Public health preparedness & response

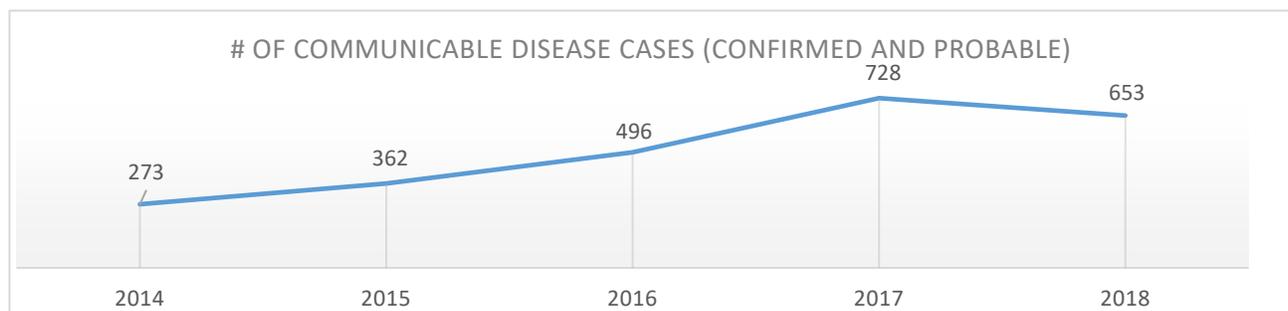
AppHealthCare is on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to protect our communities from all types of public health emergencies.

What Trends Do We See?

- ✓ Hepatitis C-Chronic cases are almost **4 times higher** in 2018 vs 2016
- ✓ Vector borne diseases continue to be of significance, specifically Lyme Disease
- ✓ Sexually Transmitted Diseases/Infections continue to be significantly on the rise.

What Are We Doing?

- ✓ Provided additional training to Epi-team members who respond during emergencies
- ✓ Meningococemia response to students attending Appalachian State and those living in the Watauga County area
- ✓ Hepatitis A outbreak response, public information, and vaccine clinics
- ✓ Boil Water Notices public messaging and guidance
- ✓ Flu outbreak response, coordinating, vaccination, and messaging
- ✓ Rabies: Across all three counties, hundreds of rabies cases are investigated
- ✓ Lead investigations conducted at homes for children whose blood lead levels indicate exposure
- ✓ Purchased prescription medication for students in need of head lice treatment through mini-grants for school districts
- ✓ 21-day assessment and symptom monitoring for area healthcare workers returning from service in Ebola Treatment Center in Democratic Republic of the Congo
- ✓ Provided healthcare shelter staffing in Watauga and Ashe County (by request) in response to Hurricane Florence
- ✓ Conducted planning activities to prepare for vaccine preventable outbreaks with Appalachian State University partners
- ✓ Continued ongoing monitoring of public health threats through our triage line and on-call staff 365 days a year



Clinical Services



In November 2018, we welcomed three auditors from Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for a **comprehensive review of clinical services and site visit** of our Alleghany and Ashe locations. It was a successful review with only minor findings which were promptly corrected for full compliance.

Received HRSA quality award of \$103,101 for providing high quality care.

Began distributing Naloxone, life saving medication for an opioid overdose, and expanded 340B discount medications.

Selected a new Electronic Health Record with AthenaHealth for conversion in October 2019.

Staff huddle twice daily to discuss plan of care for scheduled patients with diabetes and purchased glucometers for patient home use for better glycemic control.

As **NC Medicaid transforms into a managed care model**, we are preparing in various ways. We have attested as a Tier III Advanced Medical Home, reviewed Prepaid Health Plan contracts and provider manuals for service expectations, prepared in-reach materials to educate patients, partnered with Emtiro Health for readiness assessment of care management services, identified internal candidate to serve as Licensed Clinical Social Worker Associate/Care & Support Manager, and identified internal candidate to serve as Panel Manager.

Behavioral Health Expansion

This past year we hired a second full time behavioral health consultant so we are now able to provide services in both Alleghany and Ashe Counties 5 days a week. We began implementing a questionnaire to address Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment for substance use of alcohol and other drugs. Two medical providers received the Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 waiver to prescribe Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid-Use Disorder.

We have also engaged in a partnership with our local domestic violence prevention agency to train staff and enhance collaboration in intimate partner violence.



We served as a pilot site for NC DHHS to test a Social Determinants of Health screening tool to assess patients' unmet health-related resource needs, and are working to integrate this screening for all patients.

Location	Unduplicated Patient Count	Nurse Visits	Provider Visits	% Uninsured
Ashe	2205	990	4943	40%
Alleghany	1706	757	3914	36%
School Based Health Center	347	130	1155	9%
Watauga	1881	1546	1262	35%

Environmental Health



Our staff responded to **249 complaint investigations** (19 in Alleghany, 64 in Ashe and 166 in Watauga).

These complaints included septic system failures, lack of water in a facility, food contamination, facility concerns and follow-ups for other health concerns like mold in a facility.

AppHealthCare issued **2,400 permits** in fiscal year 2018-2019 for on-site water protection purposes, like septic systems and wells. Alleghany: 441, Ashe: 955, Watauga: 1004

Staff conducted **5 lead investigations**. These are services provided at no charge for children or areas where children reside or frequent such as childcare facilities or schools. No state funding is provided for this service.

Food & lodging inspectors performed **1,481 inspections** of restaurants, food service facilities, daycares, hospitals, pools, etc. The Food, Lodging and Institutions Branch continues to make great strides in improving the inspection percentages for food service facilities. Risk category 4 establishments require quarterly inspections (4 per year) due to a higher risk for spreading foodborne disease due to their food operations (heating, cooling and reheating) and/or because they serve susceptible populations such as daycares, residential care facilities and hospitals.

Inspections have **increased from 64% in 2017-18 to 89%**

in 2018-19. Our ongoing goal is to reach 100%, however, we value quality over quantity. Lean staffing and complaint investigation response challenge our ability to reach this and remain committed to quality inspections or re-inspections to our establishments.



Completion of Risk Category 4 Inspections					
County or District	1st Quarter FY 2018-19	2nd Quarter FY 2018-19	3rd Quarter FY 2018-19	4th Quarter FY 2018-19	Overall County or District FY 2018-19
Alleghany	96%	86%	100%	70%	88%
Ashe	94%	89%	85%	74%	86%
Watauga	98%	92%	93%	88%	93%
District	96%	89%	93%	77%	89%

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626 Ashe Central School Rd, Jefferson NC 28640

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Top Dog Clinic, School Based Health Center, Ashe Middle School

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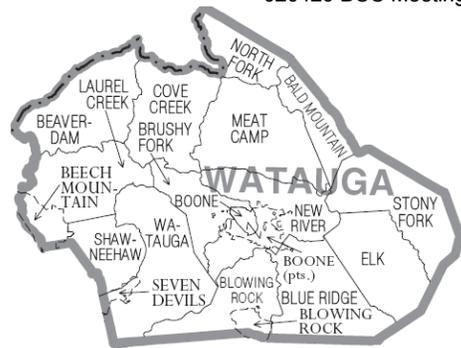
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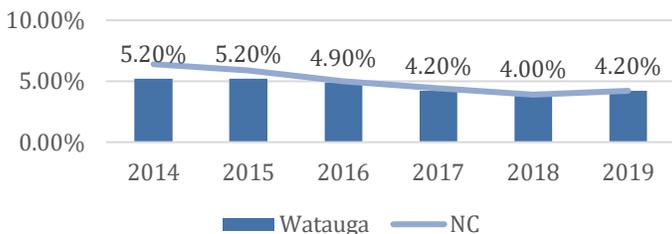
Overview and Demographics

In North Carolina, each local health department conducts a **Community Health Assessment (CHA)** every four years. AppHealthCare recently published the CHA in March 2018. During the years between community health assessments, health departments submit a **State of the County's Health (SOTCH) report**. In Watauga County, this report includes a summary of demographics, health indicators, and main causes of death. This report also contains updates on the community's top three health priorities, action plan projects, local initiatives and emerging trends.

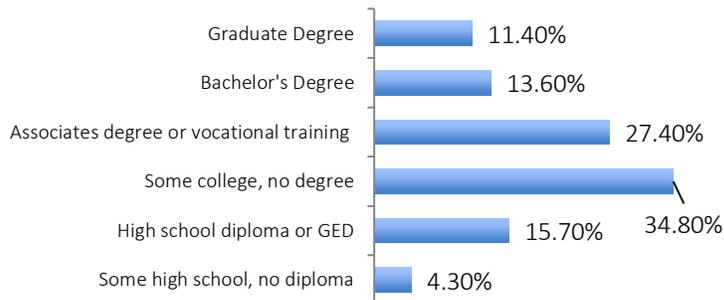


Watauga County Demographics Snap Shot Total Population 55,945 (US Census, 2018)

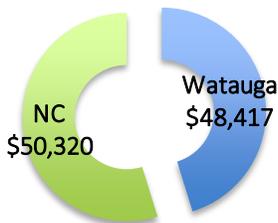
Unemployment (N.C. Department of Commerce, 2014-2019)



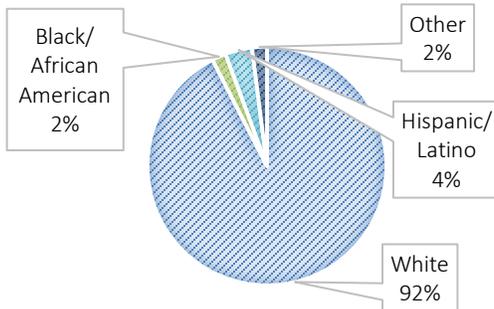
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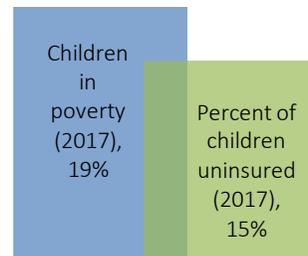
Median Household Income (US Census, 2018)



Race Distribution (US Census, 2018)



Poverty & the Uninsured (SAHIE, County Health Rankings, 2017)



Leading Causes of Death

(North Carolina County Health Data Book, 2017)

1. Cancer
2. Diseases of the Heart
3. Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases
4. Alzheimer's Disease

Leading Risk Factors

- Tobacco Use
- Lack of Physical Activity
- Poor Nutrition

Sharing the State of the Community's Health

Copies of this report may be found at www.apphealthcare.com. The report will be presented to community leaders and groups during different events. To learn more, follow us on Facebook at [AppHealthCare](https://www.facebook.com/AppHealthCare), log on to our website, and check your local radio and newspapers. To request more information or to schedule a presentation of this information for your group, call our Watauga County Health Center at 828.264.4995 or email info@apphealth.com.

About Public Health: Reaching for Health Equity and Resilience

AppHealthCare is committed to making sure that all people have full and equal access to opportunities that enable them to lead healthy lives.¹ In order to reach this vision of health equity, Watauga County is working to eliminate health disparities—differences in health outcomes among groups of people—that are created by social, economic, and environmental conditions. These conditions lead to behaviors such as smoking, poor nutrition, and lack of exercise, which affect our health.

Watauga County Partners are making changes to service delivery and expanding critical services to encourage behaviors that make us healthy. This year, AppHealthCare served more patients than ever before².

Reaching for health equity is also a priority for school-aged children in Watauga County. The Watauga Compassionate Communities Initiative and the Children’s Council Elevate Watauga Initiative are working to develop evidence based interventions to better support children and their families in a variety of ways, including integration of trauma informed work to support Adverse Childhood Experience interventions and improving access to quality child care, increased sustainable funding, and launching a free home health program called Family Connects, which serves families with newborns. Additionally schools, health agencies, parents, and communities are working toward a common goal of supporting the health and learning of students.³ “By working together, we can ensure that every young person in every school in our community is healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged.”⁴ Specifically, Watauga County Schools are working on integration of the Compassionate Schools curriculum county wide. And the Western Youth Network has a full time position that is housed in the Watauga County High School that works as a success/career coach to support students and improve high school graduation rates.

What Makes Us Healthy



Family Based Intervention: Positive Parenting Program

Working closely with community partners, Watauga County continues to carry out positive parenting strategies in hopes of reducing serious negative childhood outcomes. Healthy children equal healthy adults later in life.

How do we know that the Positive Parenting Program is working locally? In Watauga County since 2013, practitioners have reached over 2,509 families, which means the Positive Parenting

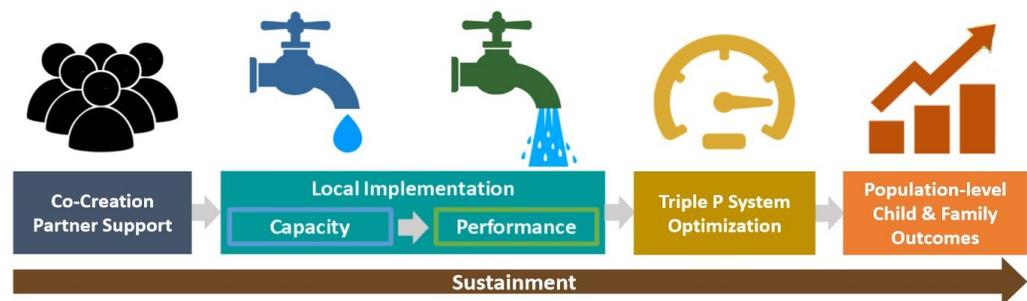


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¹ <https://healthequity.sfsu.edu/>

² Patagonia electronic health record report: all services offered, 2018

³ http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/wsc/pdf/wsc_fact_sheet_508c.pdf

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Program has reached more than 4,310 children. From January to September 2019, 537 families and 785 children were reached. It is clear that effective parenting services are happening because the program is showing high approval scores from families. Improved child behavior and decreased parent stress is being reported based on Client Satisfaction Questionnaires received. Community based prevention allows us to tackle the root causes of health disparities and find solutions that will promote health throughout a person's entire life.

Supporting Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs

A local photovoice project highlighting the importance of inclusion, specifically employing individuals in the community with diverse abilities, was featured throughout the community. High Country Capable is the theme of the photovoice project, and tells a photographic story of an individual's abilities, skill sets, dreams and capabilities from around our local community. The project hopes to show employers the value of a diverse workforce. "High Country Capable" is the final project of AppHealthCare Innovative Approaches subcommittee, in which individuals in our

community with diverse abilities were able to tell their stories regarding employment in the High Country and showcase their equally diverse capabilities. The project consists of 9

participants who had their portraits taken in a way that captures their hopes and dreams. Photovoice is a self-advocacy tool. Photovoice blends a grassroots approach to photography and social action. It

is a process by which people can represent, identify, or enhance their community through the art of photography. This allows people to tell their own stories and enables them to act as potential catalysts for social change. The goal of this Photovoice project is to highlight the capabilities of youth with special health care needs to employees in our community. A local photographer Dawn O'Neal-Shumate has donated her time to be able to take professional photos around the passions of the youth that want to be involved in this project. This project was supported by the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. Contact Dawn O'Neal-Shumate to see where you can find the photovoice project after this display has ended by emailing lightbydawnstudios@gmail.com.



Public Health Priorities

The Watauga Compassionate Community Initiative collaborative, which focuses on promoting health and resiliency in our community and to effectively prevent, recognize, and treat trauma by creating safe, stable, nurturing environments and relationships, selected the public health priorities from October 2017 to January of 2018. These priorities were chosen based on the 2017 Watauga County Community Health Assessment. The public health priorities identified for Watauga County include mental and behavioral health, substance use and misuse prevention, physical activity and nutrition. This section provides an update to these priorities.

Program Goal: Increase the use of evidence-based screening tools for depression and referrals to treatment among AppHealthCare service providers

Update to Local Community Objectives

Mental Health Screenings

AppHealthCare has integrated standardized screening tools for depression into multiple clinical and non-clinical areas to increase the percentage of eligible individuals (over age 12) to 70% who are screened routinely for depressive symptoms. Those who screen positively will receive brief intervention services or who are referred to treatment.



Local healthcare in Watauga County, including the Appalachian Regional Healthcare System, High Country Community Health, and Appalachian State University’s Interprofessional Clinic, in addition to AppHealthCare are continuing to focus on screening more individuals through the use of the Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT), a depression, alcohol, and substance use screening tool. SBIRT is an evidence-based practice used to identify, reduce, and prevent problematic use, abuse, and dependence on alcohol and illicit drugs.

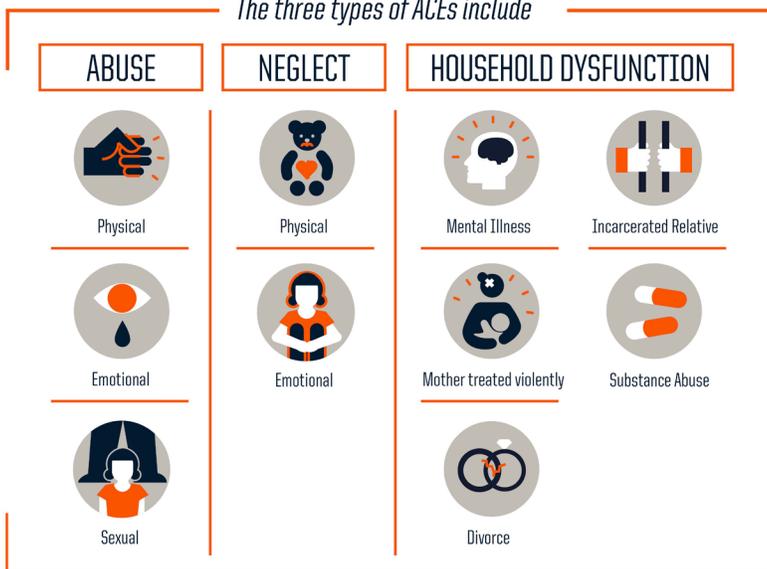
Behavioral Health Interventions

Behavioral health describes the connection between behaviors and the wellbeing of the body, mind, and spirit. Behavioral health includes not only our mental health, but how our behaviors—such as eating habits or use of alcohol—impact our wellbeing. The number of adults with a serious mental illness has increased from 3.5

percent from 2011-2012 to 4.9 percent from 2013-2014. With the increase in mental illness, Watauga County continues to improve access to counseling, referral services, case management, and crisis management. Daymark Recovery Services offers Mobile Crisis Management services that provide a comprehensive crisis intervention in the least restrictive environment with a team perspective to meet any individual’s needs. The service operates year-round, seven days per week, twenty-four hours per day.

Seeking primary healthcare is often the first step to accessing behavior healthcare. Primary care providers are now moving toward a system of integrated care where both general and behavioral healthcare are provided. Integrating mental health,

The three types of ACEs include



WHAT IMPACT DO ACEs HAVE?

substance misuse, and primary care services produces have been shown to produce the best outcomes for people with multiple healthcare needs. People with mental health and substance misuse disorders may die decades earlier than those without mental health or substance use disorders. This is mostly due to untreated and preventable chronic illnesses like hypertension, diabetes, obesity, and cardiovascular disease. Poor health habits such as lack of physical activity, poor nutrition, smoking, and substance misuse can worsen these chronic diseases. Trauma can also increase the risk of developing substance misuse, and substance misuse increases the likelihood that individuals will experience trauma. Building resilience in a community is a key strategy for addressing trauma and substance use. The Assessment, Support, & Counseling (ASC) Center is a valuable program that supports Watauga County School students in mental and behavioral health. As the school mental health program, the ASC Center works closely with schools and local partners to prevent suicide. According to the 2017 North Carolina Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 29.4% of students reported that they felt sad or hopeless for two weeks or more in a row during the past 12 months, 16.2% of students considered attempting suicide, 13.8% of students made a suicide plan, and 8.2% of students attempted suicide. The table below outlines this data locally in Watauga County. More information through the NC Institute of Medicine about Youth Suicide & Suicide Attempts Rising in U.S. and N.C. can be found [here](#).

Where	During the past 12 months, did you ever seriously consider attempting suicide?	During the past 12 months, did you make a plan about how you would attempt suicide?	During the past 12 months, how many times did you actually attempt suicide? (one or more times)
Watauga County High School 2018 YRBS (n= 870 survey respondents out of 1348 students enrolled)	15.4%	9.8%	6.1%
Watauga County High School 2016 YRBS (n= 909 survey respondents out of 1289 students enrolled)	15.5%	11.9%	5.8%
NC State Comparison (2017)	16.2%	13.8%	8.2%
National Comparison (2017)	17.2%	13.6%	7.4%

Where	Seriously thought about killing yourself, EVER	Have you EVER made a plan to kill yourself	Have you EVER tried to kill yourself
Watauga County Middle School 2018 YRBS (n= 872 survey respondents out of 1056 students enrolled)	17.2%	12.3%	6.1%
NC State Comparison 2017	21.4%	13.7%	10.0%

Program Goal: Increase the number of individuals trained in evidence-based interventions for mental health.

Update to Local Community Objectives

Maternal and Child Health

Perinatal mood and anxiety disorders (PMADs) affects up to 1 in 5 women during pregnancy or the first year after the baby arrives and are some of the most common complications of pregnancy and childbirth. Perinatal Mental Health workshops offered by AppHealthCare to both community members and providers increases the awareness of PMADs by giving providers education around how to identify and properly treat PMADs. Community

members also learn how to recognize signs & symptoms in themselves or others, as well as how to take the correct steps to prevent or treat PMADs with resources available locally. Another resource offered to Watauga County residents in partnership with Wilkes County Health Department is a Doula Pilot Program which works to improve the mental health outcomes of women and families across the district by offering free doula services to pregnant women, including prenatal counseling, labor support, and postpartum care. These doula services have been proven through research to reduce the instances of mental health issues experienced by postpartum mothers. In 2019, the Improving Community Outcomes for Maternal and Child Health (ICO4MCH) initiative provided training to 49 providers in the district on how to recognize and treat post-partum depression. ICO4MCH supported the local [Postpartum Support International](#) High Country chapter who organized the event “Climb Out of the Darkness”, to provide a space for families to acknowledge the impact of postpartum mental health disorders as well as share resources locally and nationally.

With greater access to health insurance also comes better mental health outcomes, which is why High Country Community Health and Appalachian Regional Healthcare System have Certified Application Counselors to assist and enroll consumers in healthcare coverage through the Marketplace. Specifically, they help individuals navigate the marketplace exchange by computer or over the phone and provide technical assistance with the process.

Community Trainings

Watauga County has increased the number of individuals trained in Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR), Mental Health First Aid, Counseling on Access to Lethal Means (CALM) and other evidence-based training programs to address mental and behavioral health issues specifically in Watauga County Schools. Suicide Prevention Workshop, QPR teaches participants how to Question, Persuade and Refer someone who may be suicidal, how to get help for yourself or learn more about preventing suicide, the common causes of suicidal behavior, the warning signs of suicide, and how to get help for someone in crisis. Appalachian State University’s Psychology Department along with AppHealthCare have been working on providing Counseling on Access to Lethal Means (CALM) which is also available through Suicide Prevention Resource Center Online.

National Alliance on Mental Illness

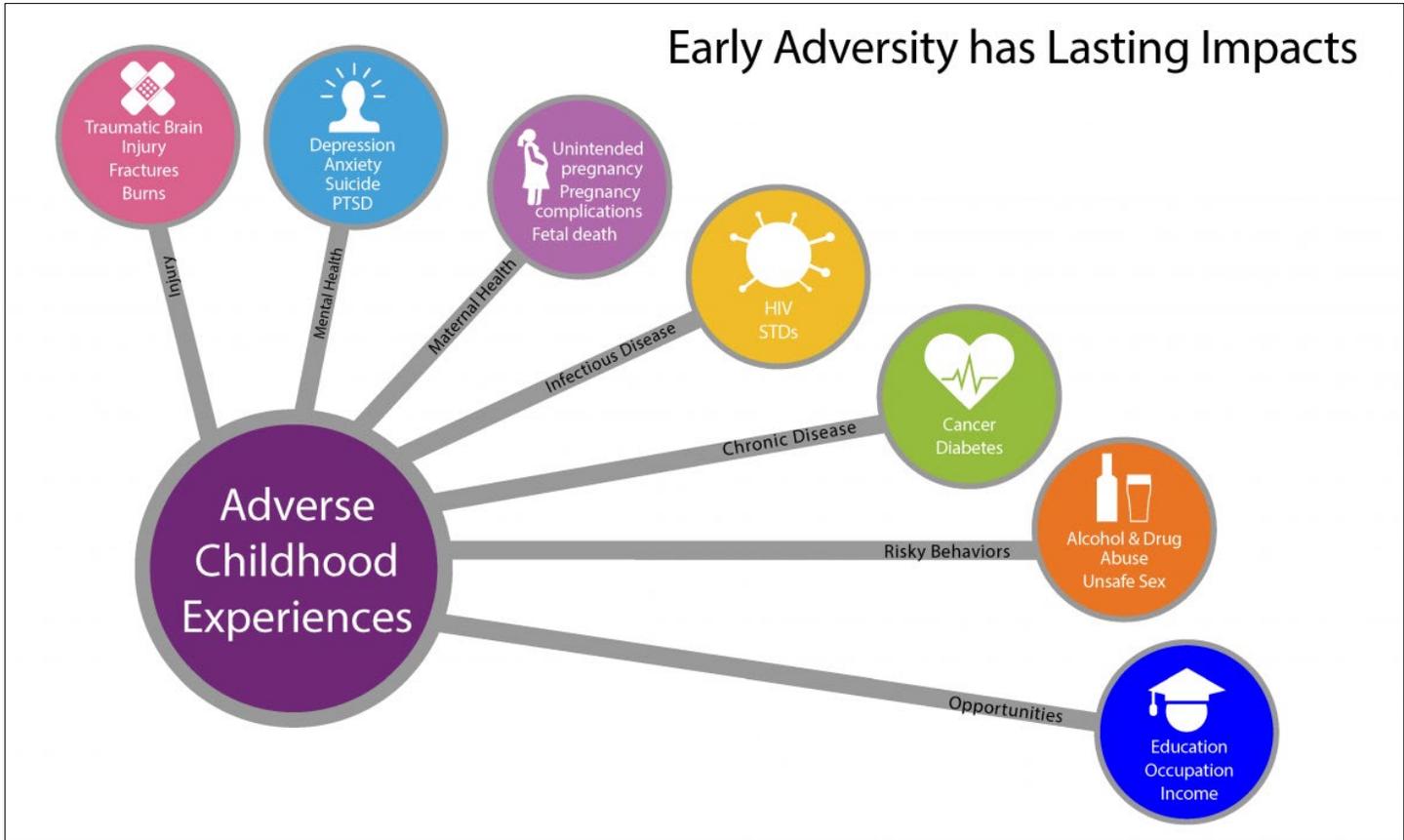
The [National Alliance on Mental Illness \(NAMI\)](#) is the nation’s largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI High Country, which includes Watauga County representation, wants to make the High Country a safer space for those experiencing mental illness by ending the stigma associated with it. NAMI High Country wants to ensure that those who need help have access to affordable care and support. NAMI High Country is here to facilitate recovery and resiliency for families and individuals and ultimately empower those who join us to be able to serve their community. NAMI High Country has also allotted for 20 scholarships for this training for community members who are unable to attend due to the associated costs. NAMI High Country, VayaHealth and Appalachian Regional Healthcare System also hosted a Mental Health First Aid training at the Watauga Medical Center where more than 40 community members were trained. The NAMI, “Ending the Silence” campaign, is aimed at teaching adolescents about the warning signs of mental health conditions and reducing the stigma around them. AppHealthCare is working with NAMI and Watauga High School to implement this program and begin training.

Adverse Childhood Experiences

Many health disparities begin early in life with [Adverse Childhood Experiences \(ACEs\)](#). ACEs are potentially traumatic events that can have negative, lasting effects on health and well-being. These experiences range from physical, emotional, or sexual abuse to parental divorce or the imprisonment of a parent. ACEs are also

associated with chronic, long-term health issues such as chronic stress and diabetes. Initiatives such as the Positive Parenting Program, home visiting programs, and the Watauga Compassionate Communities Initiative are successful at addressing these challenges because they address the whole person in the context of our relationships and local environment.

In addition to this program, Parent advocates and Innovative Approaches crafted an individualized education program handout for children and youth to help better understand the needs of the students allowing educators to be better informed and students to feel more empowered in the individualized education program process. Innovative Approaches also hosted a screening of the film “Resilience” to educate the general population as well as professionals about the topic of ACEs and the power of resilience as a protective factor against trauma.



Health Priority: Substance Use and Misuse Prevention

AppHealthCare utilizes the [Strategic Prevention Framework](#) to guide our work in addressing substance use and misuse, specifically with opioids. AppHealthCare works with coalitions in Alleghany, Ashe, and Watauga Counties to reduce overdoses and mortality rates related to prescription drugs.

Tobacco, Drugs & Alcohol in Watauga



Tobacco, Drugs & Alcohol Use & Abuse

are the **Leading Causes** of **Preventable Death & Disability**¹

Of those who died from unintentional **poisoning** in Watauga County **89%** were from **narcotics**² (includes prescription medications)

¹Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2013 ²NC SCHS, 2009-2013 ³Project Lazarus ⁴RWJF

AppHealthCare continues to collaborate with community partners to distribute lock boxes, publicize drop box locations, educate community members about the dangers of misuse of prescription drugs, and promote proper disposal of unused or expired prescriptions in each district county. AppHealthCare is one of 22 health departments in the state receiving grant money from the Department of Health and Human Services’ N.C. Division of Public Health to combat opioid and substance use. This money was set aside to implement high-impact, community-level strategies to address the opioid crisis based on the N.C. Opioid Action Plan. The action plan was launched in June 2017 and identifies key strategies to reduce the opioid epidemic. These strategies include reducing the overprescribing of opioids, decreasing the flow of illicit drugs and diversion, increasing community awareness and prevention, expanding access to naloxone and growing treatment options and recovery-oriented systems of care. Recently around 40 individuals gathered at the Watauga County Health Department for the meeting to discuss the topic of a post overdose response team in efforts to create smoother communications between agencies and to talk about the increasing opioid epidemic. These strategies include reducing the overprescribing of opioids, decreasing the flow of illicit drugs and diversion, increasing community awareness and prevention, expanding access to naloxone and growing treatment options and recovery-oriented systems of care.

Program Goal: Implement one local tobacco-free policy; increase the number of individuals who are trained to provide evidence-based tobacco/e-cigarette cessation education; increase merchant/retailer education and compliance checks.

Update to Local Community Objectives

E-Cigarette Awareness in Schools

AppHealthCare is partnering with Watauga High School to support their first e-cigarette awareness week in November 2019. The “We Won’t Be Fooled By Juul” Campaign will highlight specific e-cigarette information using daily themes that include: nicotine dependence, marketing and media, myths versus facts, health effects, and prevention. The week kicks off with guest speaker Luka Kinard, a North Carolina



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teen who stopped using e-cigarettes only after 39 days of rehabilitation therapy to treat his addiction to nicotine.

Tobacco Policy

Our local stakeholders at Appalachian State University are finalizing a smoke-free bus stop project that is intended to inform countywide policy change around tobacco. The project has multiple components including the collection of cigarette butts at bus stops, quantitative surveys, and a photovoice project to further solidify the need for improved smoke-free policies. As a result of a photovoice exhibit of the project, the town of Boone is considering a tobacco-free policy, including e-cigarettes in all public places within city limits.

Western Youth Network is working to hire 2-3 Youth Prevention Advocates which will be high school students at Watauga High School. Western Youth Network is hopeful that they will form a foundation for a youth prevention team while also being able to participate in tobacco/e-cig retailer, merchant education site visits. AppHealthCare has partnered with school administration in all three counties to ensure full implementation of the evidence-based e-cigarette prevention program, CATCH My Breath. This curriculum serves as an avenue to recruit youth to participate in advocacy work focused on tobacco use.

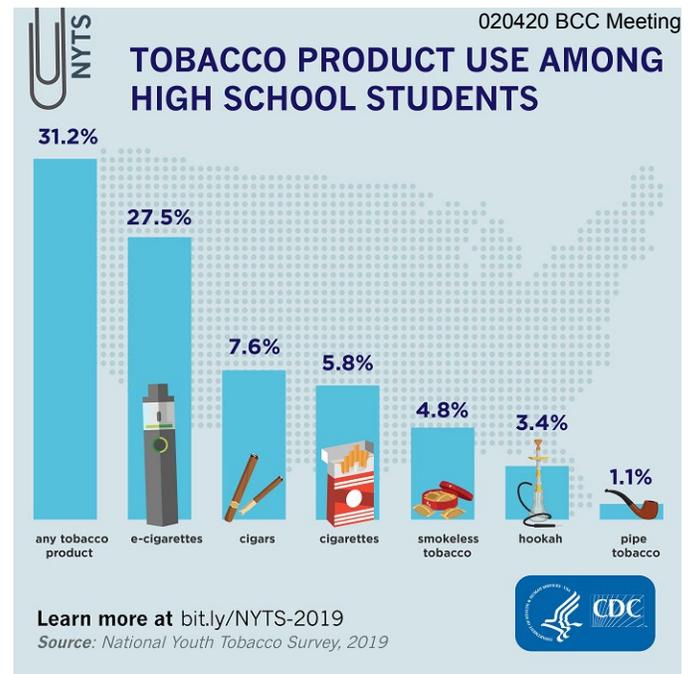
A total of 15 clinicians have been trained to provide evidence-based tobacco/e-cigarette cessation education in Watauga County. These clinicians provide services through various organizations, including AppHealthCare, Appalachian Regional Healthcare System, Appalachian State University, Blue Mountain Center for Integrative Health, and Caldwell Community College.

Opioid Epidemic Response

The opioid epidemic has become a major concern in many rural communities. In collaboration with Watauga County Partners, AppHealthCare is working on a strategy to help empower communities against this growing epidemic. With the NC Opioid Action Grant, HRSA Substance Use Disorder-Mental Health Grant and the HRSA AIMS Grant, AppHealthCare can help support treatment, prevention, and recovery. Community collaboration is a key component of this strategy and having resources like the Post Overdose Response Team in Watauga is crucial for recovery. In partnership with many community partners, Watauga County is addressing the opioid crisis by increasing training on motivational interviewing, tobacco cessation, and gaining technical assistance from experts at the state and locally. Watauga County is also focused on harm reduction and has met with many agencies to discuss the distribution of naloxone throughout the community and increasing access to care.

Peer Support Specialist

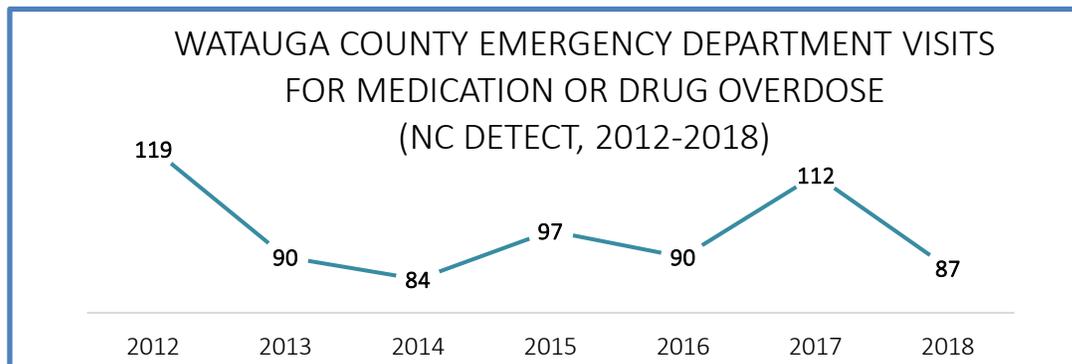
AppHealthCare, Daymark Recovery Services, and High Country Community Health staffed peer support specialists for Watauga County in order to provide the community with better access to resources regarding substance use and misuse. Peer support specialists work as advocates for those struggling with substance use or misuse by relating on a personal level to promote trust among the people they serve. Working on preventive



measures is also an important step in stopping the crisis, with increased work with early childhood education, social and emotional curriculum integration and Hepatitis clinics. Watauga County is using this strategy and these resources to address the crisis our community is facing.

Program Goal: Develop new community-based harm reduction resources to address substance misuse: Implement and/or expand upon a social marketing, communication and education campaign to complement the new resources, increase community awareness and understanding, decrease stigma and increase referrals to treatment for substance use.

This chart shows the number of medication or drug overdoses seen in emergency departments in Watauga County from 2012 to 2018. Medication and drug overdoses seen in the Emergency Department increased from 2016 and 2017.



Update to Local Community Objectives

AppHealthCare has committed to the incorporation of the North Carolina Opioid Action Plan, evidence-based opioid and substance use prevention strategies, harm reduction tactics and methods, including safer syringe and naloxone distribution programs. These efforts are directly aligned with our mission and values to ensure the continuation of support for the identified Health Priority of Substance Use and Misuse Prevention determined through the Community Health Assessment and reviewed by coalitions within Watauga County. The NC Opioid Action Plan Objectives align with Watauga County's approach. These include the following:

Prevention

- Cutting supply of inappropriate prescriptions and illicit opioids
- Supporting youth through targeted programs to reduce youth misuse of the drugs
- Improving maternal and prenatal care for women battling substance abuse

Reducing Harm

- Training systems and pharmacists to connect people to harm reduction services
- Making the naloxone kits more widely available to the most burdened communities

Connecting to Care

- Expanding access to treatment and recovery support
- Addressing the needs of justice-involved populations

A [data dashboard](#) developed by the NC Department of Health and Human Services helps to track and monitor the metrics in the Opioid Action Plan.

Peer Support Specialists

A peer support specialist has been hired by AppHealthCare to work in Watauga County on substance use and misuse issues. These specialists are important in building trust with community members, which in turn fosters an environment that supports treatment, harm reduction, and honest discussions regarding substance use and

misuse. AppHealthCare's peer support specialist for Watauga has led the effort in distributing naloxone in the community. A syringe exchange program within Watauga County is also being planned by AppHealthCare in order to promote harm reduction and stop the spread of bloodborne disease such as Hepatitis.

The current initiatives are being captured and evaluated using a combination of pre- and post-test comparisons and follow up with program participants and agencies. These objectives are listed along with how AppHealthCare will monitor the project and capture the required metrics for each of the supported strategies included. The following are measures that have already been put in place and have been tracked since February 2019 (when the NC CPSS program started) by the current two NC CPSSs.

- ✓ Board of Health resolution to support comprehensive strategies to address the opioid epidemic
- ✓ NC Peer Support Specialists (PSS) have served approximately 170 individuals across Alleghany, Ashe, and Watauga Counties.
 - 66 of those are justice-involved persons (16 of which were contacted for follow-up post release)
- ✓ PSS have been in contact with all of these individuals 500 times over the course of the last six months.
- ✓ Of those 170 individuals, 38 have been referred to some type of evidence-based treatment.
- ✓ 39 individuals are now registered Syringe Exchange Program participants.
 - Of those, 23 received additional services and 100% were given information regarding treatment and resources.
- ✓ PSS have trained over 150 community members in the use/administration of naloxone.

Watauga Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

Watauga Substance Abuse Prevention (WSAP) is a community group made up of different sectors led by Western Youth Network that works to reduce substance use and abuse within Watauga County. The group works to prevent and reduce the misuse of alcohol, marijuana, and prescription drugs by youth through awareness, advocacy, and action. Two Youth Prevention Advocates have been hired in Watauga County and are working on projects such as sticker shocks, youth town councils, and supporting the current North Carolina alcohol control system. WSAP is a data-driven, evidence-based, multi-sector coalition with the goal to reduce youth substance use and abuse in Watauga County. A current recipient of Drug Free Communities funding, the coalition has served as a sounding board for the strategies outlined in this proposal.

Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-based Program

AppHealthCare and the Mediation and Restorative Justice Center received a three-year federal allocation through the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-based Program (COAP), which is under the Bureau of Justice Assistance of the U.S. Department of Justice. This three-year, site-based project will encompass the Watauga County Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Program and the Recovery on the Inside Program within the Watauga County Detention Center. The LEAD program is a pre-booking diversion pilot program to address low-level drug and prostitution crimes. The program is designed to allow law enforcement officers to redirect low-level offenders engaged in drug or prostitution activity to local resources instead of arresting and incarcerating them. The idea is to have a LEAD case manager who would be able to help link people to resources, such as substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, housing, clothing, and job searching.

Watauga recently held a training of The Sequential Intercept Model (SIM). The SIM is an applied strategic planning tool to improve cross-system collaborations to reduce involvement in the justice system by people with mental and SUDs. The SIM can help to determine how people with mental and SUDs flow from the community into the criminal justice system and eventually return to the community. During the mapping process, the community stakeholders are introduced to evidence-based practices and emerging best practices. The culmination of the

mapping process is the creation of a local strategic plan based on the gaps, resources, and priorities identified by community stakeholders.

In Watauga County, AppHealthCare and the Watauga Sheriff’s Office are actively involved in the coalitions listed and their work. One strategy that has been used to address this issue is proving prescription drug drop boxes where individuals can dispose of unwanted prescription drugs. Drop boxes are available at six locations in Watauga County, including three police departments, the Watauga County Sheriff’s Office, and two pharmacies.

Western Youth Network and Alcohol Prevention

Alcohol purchase surveys have been completed for 31 out of 32 Watauga off-premise outlets. (97%) successfully checked IDs and refused sale to those without them. AppHealthCare is also partnering with Western Youth Network and Appalachian State University’s Community Psychology course to conduct tobacco purchase surveys over the next couple of months for the first time.

Health Priority: Physical Activity and Nutrition

The rate of diabetes mortality has increased both for Watauga residents and North Carolinians overall. Because of this growing concern AppHealthCare has put a focus on Diabetes Self-Management Education, specifically through the “What Can I Eat” program. The purpose of “What Can I Eat” curriculum is to prepare those affected by diabetes to: help make informed decisions, cope with the demands of daily living with a complex chronic disease, make changes in their behavior that support their self-management efforts and improve outcomes. Diabetes self-management education and support has been shown to be cost-effective by reducing hospital admissions and readmissions, as well as estimated lifetime health care costs related to a lower risk for complications. The International Diabetes Federation has issued the following statement, “Diabetes self-management education is a critically important, fundamental and integral component of diabetes prevention and care and should be available and accessible to everyone.”

Physical Activity & Nutrition in Watauga

2 out of 3 adults are overweight or obese¹



1 out of 3 children are overweight or obese¹



9,730 people living in Watauga County, or 19%, have limited or uncertain access to enough food. 1 out of 5 of these people are children²

¹National Institutes of Health, WIN, 2012 ²ACS, 2009-2013, Map the Meal Gap Study, Feeding America ³RWJF

Program Goal: Implement or expand an evidence-based strategy around nutrition, diabetes, and pre-diabetes risk management strategies, such as *What Can I Eat?*

Update to Local Community Objective

Women, Infant, and Children’s Program (WIC)

In Watauga County, Oct 1st, 2018 through September 30th, 2019, over \$400k Women, Infant, and Children dollars were spent in Local Grocery Stores. The WIC program provides basic nutritious foods to eligible pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, as well as infants and children. These foods are rich in

protein, iron, calcium, fiber and vitamins. Research has shown that with nutrition education and supplemental foods, the diets of WIC participants and families have improved. This has led to decreased infant mortality, morbidity, and low birth weight and a decrease in the prevalence of anemia (low iron). For more information on how WIC works, please click [here](#).

Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT)

Health professionals agree that nutrition services are one of the first treatments that individuals should receive to improve conditions such as diabetes, heart disease and hypertension. AppHealthCare is dedicated to the treatment and prevention of disease for the counties served. AppHealthCare Nutrition services is pleased to provide medical nutrition therapy. Our Registered Dietician (RD) acts as part of a medical team. Referrals are accepted for all patients in Ashe, Alleghany, and Watauga County's regardless of where the patient receives their medical care. Together with a registered dietitian, you will set nutrition goals to improve your health. Medical nutrition therapy provided by an RD includes:

- Review of what you eat and your eating habits.
- Thorough review of your nutritional health.
- Personalized nutrition treatment plan.

Program Goal: Implement at least one worksite wellness or community-based policy or environmental change encouraging physical activity, nutrition or whole wellness across the district.

Update to Local Community Objective

Active Routes to School was a NC Safe Routes to School Project that ended May of 2019 after nearly working in our community for 6 years. The program was supported by a partnership between the NC Department of Transportation and the NC Division of Public Health. Through this project there were ten Active Routes to School project coordinators working across North Carolina to make it easier for elementary and middle school students to safely walk and bike to or at school. The Region 3 Active Routes to School Coordinator was based out of AppHealthCare and worked with partners within 10 Counties (Alleghany, Ashe, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Stokes, Surry, Yadkin, Wilkes, and Watauga). Over 40 schools within Region 3 participated in International Walk to School Day, held in October each year, by way of a walk to school or walk at school event. That is more than 17,000 students reached! Locally Hardin Park and Blowing Rock Schools had a walk to school event in October and a bike to school event in May, over 100 kids and families participated in each event. Active Routes supported county-wide events such as Safety Day which took place in June. In efforts to continue such events and gather interests, the Boone walkability audit in October 2019 provided data to support crafting future plans for built environment. Partners include members of the Transportation Committee, Town of Boone, Public Works, Harmony Lanes and various other agencies.



Local Food Systems Update:

Adequate access and availability to fresh food plays an important role in promoting vibrant local economies and healthy communities.

Residents living in an area where fresh produce is affordable and available tend to have lower risk for developing diet-related chronic diseases, such as diabetes and hypertension. In a recent collaboration with AppHealthCare, the Watauga Food Council was able to receive funding that supported many local organizations such as: Blue Ridge Women in Agriculture, F.A.R.M. Cafe, Hospitality House of Boone, Hunger & Health Coalition, Watauga County Farmers' Market, Watauga County Cooperative Extension, and local food pantries. In 2016, the Watauga Food Council assisted Blue Ridge Women in Agriculture by securing support for the operation of the High-Country Food Hub in Boone. By strategically planting a food hub in the heart of the high country, the Food Council and BRWIA hope to promote better nutrition education, improve the local economy, and close the gap in health disparities for residents of rural Appalachia. Watauga's Women, Infant, and Children team at AppHealthCare are working with the food council as well as Blue Ridge Women in Agriculture to promote Double Up Food Bucks, which provides local fresh foods for individuals who receive SNAP/EBT or WIC.

Recent Data on Physical Activity and Nutrition	Our District	Western NC	North Carolina
Adults with a BMI greater than 25, overweight or obese <i>(Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2016)</i>	51%	66%	67%
Adults that reported no physical activity within the last month other than their regular job <i>(Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2016)</i>	30%	26%	23%
Children ages 2-4 who are obese <i>(NC-NPASS, 2015)</i>	16%	16%	14%

Emerging Issues and New Initiatives

Community Walkability Audit

Incorporating active transportation (e.g sidewalks, paths, bicycle routes, public transit) goals that connect everyday destinations (e.g homes, schools, worksites or parks) into jurisdiction-wide plans without such goals and/or support the implementation of active transportation goals in existing plans, is a long term goal through the Healthy Communities funding. In the fall of 2019, a walk audit was conducted within the Town of Boone for the first time since 2007. This walk audit will provide local data that shows successes and areas for improvement within Boone. This is one of the first steps in moving towards the larger picture of active transportation.



Family Connects

Through partnerships with Watauga Children's Council, Blue Ridge Pediatrics, Appalachian Regional Healthcare System, and AppHealthCare Watauga [Family Connects](#) will launch an evidence-based universal home visiting program for new mothers and babies. Early childhood is a big part of Secretary Cohen's initiatives and this is a way for to leverage donations provided to the Children's Council as well as grant funding from the Family Connects program to offer this great service to Watauga families.

Harmony Lanes

A group of local alternative transportation advocates formed [Harmony Lanes](#), their mission is to create safe, inclusive, multi-modal transportation opportunities. Harmony Lanes is advocating for local policy and project development, as well as convening youth and their families to bike to school weekly to improve walkability and bikability to and at school. Harmony Lanes members are a group of parents, caregivers, advocates, educators, researchers, laborers, and more who want to see safe routes to school, work, and play.



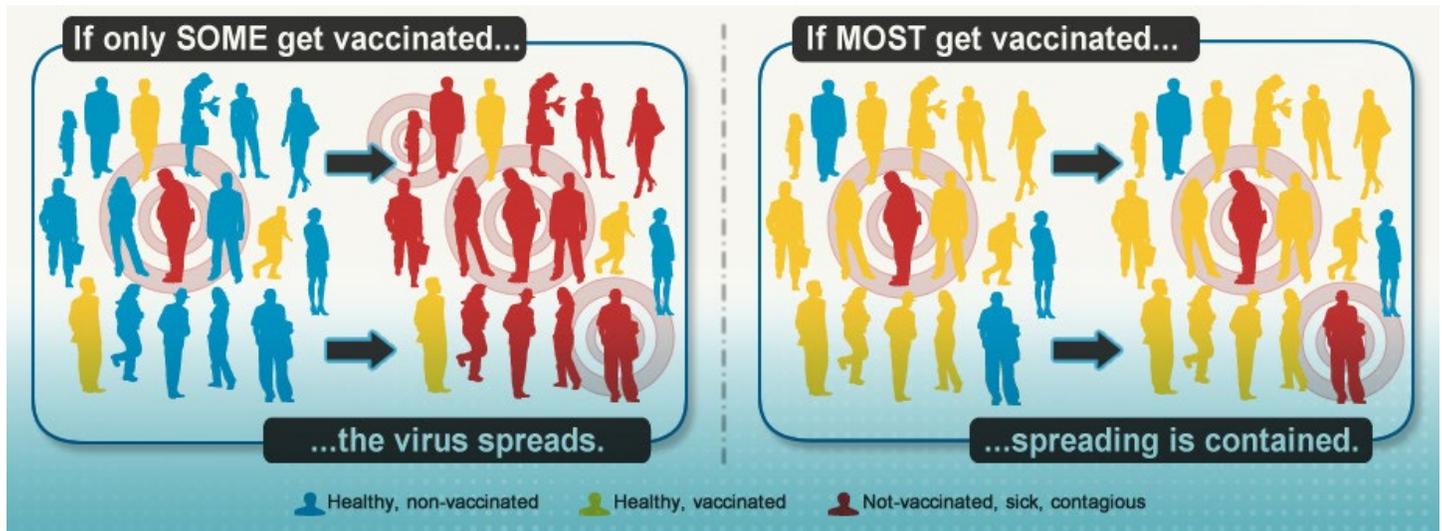
Vaping and Lung Injury

In 2019, federal, state and local agencies investigated lung injuries associated with e-cigarette, or vaping, products. Many people were sick, hospitalized or unfortunately died as a result of vaping use. There has been progress made toward identifying the substances of concern but many substances and product sources remain under investigation. Testing has suggested THC-containing vaping products and vitamin E acetate is associated with the lung injuries.

E-cigarette, or vaping, use remains a public health concern and according to the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 31.8% of Watauga High School students reported using an electronic vapor product on at least one day in the past 30 days compared to 13.2% nationally in 2017 and 22.1% in NC in 2017. Several local initiatives are working to prevent and control tobacco use. Resources:

- ✓ Learn About E-Cigarettes - bit.ly/2mhm6D5
- ✓ Centers for Disease Control & Prevention Website on Lung Disease & Vaping - bit.ly/2kJiDg4
- ✓ Food & Drug Administration Website on Lung Disease & Vaping - bit.ly/2lUsc4

Controlling vaccine-preventable diseases (VPDs) requires the consistent, concerted and coordinated efforts of public health agencies and healthcare providers to rapidly identify and report suspected cases, and swiftly implement control measures. Although many VPDs remain at or near record low levels, maintaining high immunization rates is still critical to prevent reemergence.



What are we seeing and responding to locally?

- ✓ Meningococemia response at the University and surrounding area
- ✓ Hepatitis A Outbreak response, public information, and vaccine clinics
- ✓ Flu outbreak response, coordinating, vaccination, and messaging
- ✓ Active investigation of suspect cases of vaccine preventable diseases, including:
 - Note: none of these are confirmed or probable cases that have led to an outbreak*
 - Pertussis
 - Mumps
 - Hepatitis A and B
 - Measles

Pertussis

Pertussis, a respiratory illness commonly known as whooping cough, is a very contagious disease caused by a type of bacteria called Bordetella pertussis. Pertussis spreads from person to person by coughing or sneezing or when spending a lot of time near one another where you share breathing

People of all ages need WHOOPING COUGH VACCINES

DTaP for young children	Tdap for preteens	Tdap for pregnant women	Tdap for adults
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 2, 4, and 6 months ✓ 15 through 18 months ✓ 4 through 6 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 11 through 12 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ During the 27-36th week of each pregnancy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Anytime for those who have never received it

www.cdc.gov/whoopingcough

MEASLES & RUBELLA MOVE FAST

Failure to vaccinate children against measles & rubella puts them at risk of severe health complications, such as



100,000 babies are born with CRS each year globally



A pregnant woman unvaccinated against rubella who is infected during her first trimester has up to a 90% chance of giving birth to a baby with congenital rubella syndrome (CRS) – that is if the baby survives.

Vaccination prevents mothers from giving birth to babies with CRS and prevents life-long disability.

In 2017, over **300** people died per day due to measles with **6.7 million** estimated cases globally.



Measles cases have increased significantly from 2017 to 2018 with outbreaks occurring in previously measles-free countries.



Measles is one of the **most contagious** diseases but it's entirely preventable with a vaccine

Countries with the highest number of measles cases

A family can lose a month's income caring for a child who is sick with measles.



Measles is one of the leading causes of death among children around the world.

More than 300 children die every day from measles



10 every hour

Even though a safe and effective vaccine has been available for over 50 years.

MEASLES AND RUBELLA MOVE FAST WE HAVE COMMITTED TO MOVE FASTER

Eliminating measles & rubella requires reaching every child to protect them against both diseases.



It costs less than **\$2.00** to vaccinate a child against both measles and rubella in low-income countries



More than **2.9 BILLION** vaccinated since 2001



Measles vaccination prevented **21.1+ MILLION** child deaths from 2000-2017

MEASLES & RUBELLA INITIATIVE: A global partnership to stop measles & rubella. Partners include World Health Organization, UNICEF, UNITED NATIONS FOUNDATION, CDC, and American Red Cross. Website: www.measlesrubellainitiative.org. Social media: @measlesrubella, @measlesandrubellainitiative. Date: April 2019 301715-AC-PO

space. Many babies who get pertussis are infected by older siblings, parents, or caregivers who might not be aware they have the disease. Infected people are most contagious up to about 2 weeks after the cough begins. Antibiotics may shorten the amount of time someone is contagious. While pertussis vaccines are the most effective tool to prevent this disease, no vaccine is 100% effective. When pertussis circulates in the community, there is a chance that a fully vaccinated person, of any age, can catch this disease. If you have gotten the pertussis vaccine but still get sick, the infection is usually not as bad. Following the introduction of pertussis vaccines in the 1940s when case counts frequently exceeded 100,000 cases per year, reports declined dramatically to fewer than 10,000 by 1965. During the 1980s pertussis reports began increasing gradually, and by 2017 more than 18,000 cases were reported nationwide. AppHealthCare has also seen an increase since 2016. In 2018 AppHealthCare treated 6 cases of pertussis, which is an increase of 2 from 2017. North Carolina reported 340 cases of pertussis in 2018. AppHealthCare saw numerous cases within Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga in elementary schools, daycares and childcare workers.

Measles

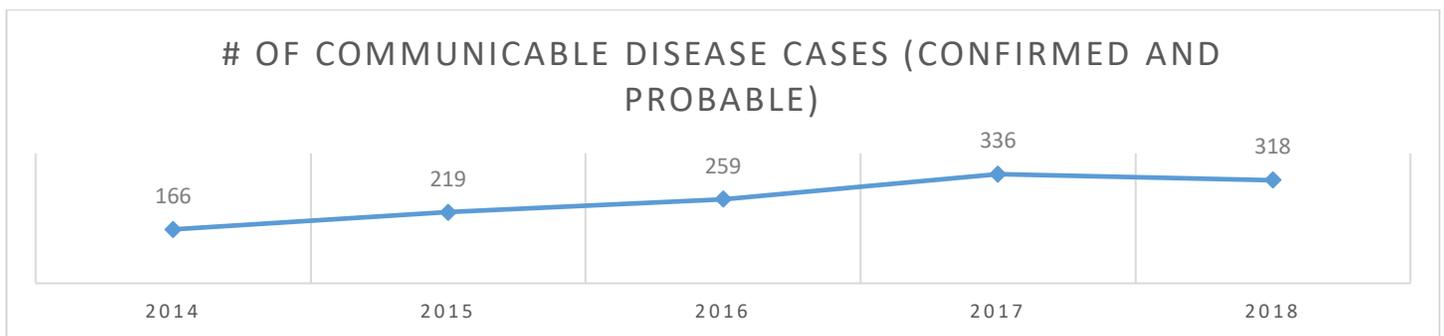
Measles virus causes symptoms that can include fever, cough, runny nose, and red, watery eyes, commonly followed by a rash that covers the whole body. Measles can lead to ear infections, diarrhea, and infection of the lungs. Rarely, measles can cause brain damage or death. Measles remains a leading cause of vaccine-preventable infant mortality. Measles cases in the U.S continued to climb in 2018 and there were 372 reported cases in the U.S in 2018 and 555 reported cases as of April 11, 2019. As of now, 2019 is on pace to be the worst year for measles in the United States since the disease was eradicated in 2000 by vaccinations. The CDC says the increased number of outbreaks is due to an increase in the number of travelers who get measles abroad and bring it into the U.S., and further spread of measles in U.S. communities with pockets of unvaccinated people. The U.S. experienced 17 outbreaks in 2018. Three outbreaks in New York State, New York City, and New Jersey, respectively, contributed to most of the cases. Cases in those states occurred primarily among unvaccinated people in Orthodox Jewish communities. These outbreaks were associated with travelers who brought measles back from Israel, where a large outbreak is occurring. Eighty-two people brought measles to the U.S. from other countries in 2018. This is the greatest number of imported cases since measles was eliminated from the U.S. in 2000. The North Carolina Immunization Branch, in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is working to lower these numbers by discussing the importance of being up to date on the MMR vaccine.

Mumps

Mumps virus causes fever, headache, muscle aches, tiredness, loss of appetite, and swollen and tender salivary glands under the ears on one or both sides. Mumps can lead to deafness, swelling of the brain and/or spinal cord covering, painful swelling of the testicles or ovaries, and, very rarely, death. A person with two doses of MMR vaccine has about an 88% reduction in risk for mumps; a person with one dose has a 78% reduction in risk for mumps. After the U.S. mumps vaccination program started in 1967, there has been a more than 99% decrease in mumps cases in the United States. However, mumps outbreaks still occur, particularly in settings where people have close, prolonged contact, such as universities and close-knit communities. Examples of this include people who are strongly connected by social, cultural, or family ties, participate in communal activities or share a common living space. Before the U.S. mumps vaccination program began in 1967, about 200,000 cases of mumps were reported each year. Since that time, there has been more than a 99% decrease in mumps cases in the United States. However, the number of reported cases of mumps has recently spiked, with an average of approximately 6,000 cases per year reported during 2016 and 2017. Adolescents and college-aged adults appear to be at increased risk for disease, likely due to close contact, congregate settings like schools and universities. In North Carolina, thirty-seven cases of mumps were reported in North Carolina during 2017. Most cases were outbreak-associated (see outbreak descriptions below). Two mumps outbreaks occurred in North Carolina during 2017. One outbreak occurred from April—June 2017 at Appalachian State University in Watauga County. Twelve cases were identified among university students. A second outbreak was linked to the Charlotte metropolitan area beginning in May 2017. Twelve cases were identified in total, with eight (67%) occurring in men who have sex with men (MSM).

What Disease Trends And Responses Do We See?

- Hepatitis C-Chronic cases are almost **4 times higher** in 2018 vs 2016
- Vector borne diseases continue to be of significance, specifically Lyme Disease.
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases/Infections continue to be significantly on the rise.
- We have seen an increase in potential Rabies cases in Watauga County and have taken multiple actionable steps to increase prevention. This includes management of bites/exposure reports, procedures for animals who tested positive for rabies and the support people who are recommended for Post Exposure Rabies Therapy.
- 21-day assessment and symptom monitoring for Samaritan's Purse workers returning from service in Ebola Treatment Center in Democratic Republic of the Congo (ongoing since January)



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Hepatitis A

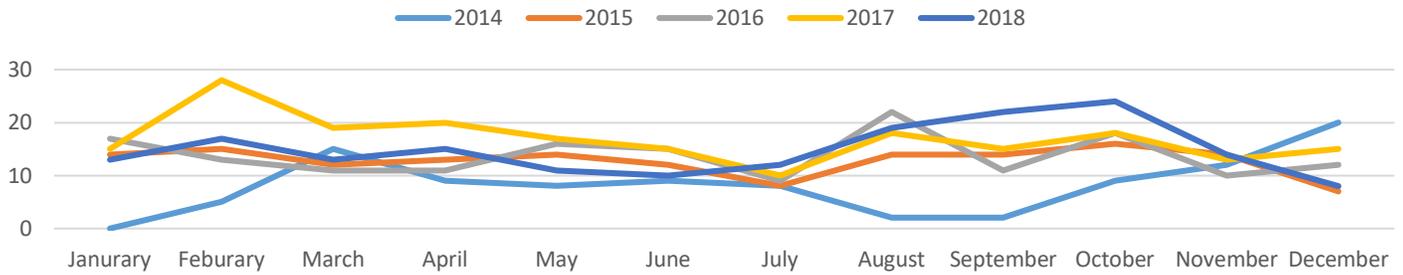
Hepatitis A is a vaccine-preventable, communicable disease of the liver caused by the Hepatitis A virus (HAV). It is usually transmitted person-to-person through the fecal-oral route or consumption of contaminated food or water. Hepatitis A is a self-limited disease that does not result in chronic infection. Most adults with hepatitis A have symptoms, including fatigue, low appetite, stomach pain, nausea, and jaundice, that usually resolve within 2 months of infection; most children less than 6 years of age do not have symptoms or have an unrecognized infection. Antibodies produced in response to hepatitis A infection last for life and protect against reinfection. The best way to prevent hepatitis A infection is to get vaccinated. Hepatitis A rates in the United States have declined by more than 95% since hepatitis A vaccine first became available in 1995. AppHealthCare confirmed 2 cases of hepatitis A in Watauga County in 2018 which was an increase of 2 from 2017. As of March 29, 2019, there have been 74 outbreak cases in North Carolina, 54 hospitalized, 1 death and 21 counties affected. Mecklenburg County reported 27 cases, Wake County reported 13 cases, Wayne County reported 6 cases, and Harnett County reported 4 cases of hepatitis A. The Department of Health and Human Services has recognized the hepatitis A outbreaks as a public health priority, increasing education and vaccinations of high-risk individuals is the suggested solution.

There has been a dramatic decrease in Hepatitis A infections since vaccines became available in the United States, especially among children. Since 2002, rates among children have declined and are now similar in all age groups. It is one of the most frequently reported diseases nationally, and has a major economic impact because of the cost required to identify contacts and provide PEP.

Sexually Transmitted Infections/Diseases

In Watauga County, Sexually Transmitted Infections/Diseases continue to be on the rise, specifically, Chlamydia. Chlamydia is a bacterial infection that can infect both men and women. It is one of the most common STDs and is spread through vaginal, anal, and oral sex. It can be easily cured with antibiotic medicine but if left untreated can lead to major health problems. It can cause difficulty in a women's reproductive system making it harder to become pregnant. There are no symptoms that come with having the disease, but one may notice abnormal discharge from the vagina or penis, a burning sensation when they urinate, and for men, pain or swelling of the testicles. While abstinence is the only completely effective prevention strategy, monogamy and condoms can reduce the transmission of the disease. Chlamydia is the most commonly reported STD in the United States with an estimated 3 million infections annually. From 1997 to 2017, the rate of reported chlamydial infections increased from 206 to 509 cases per 100,000 population. Rates of the disease have continued to increase over the last twenty years with higher rates among females due to recommendations of screening for ages 14-25 and no screening recommendation for men. In 2018, the average number of people reported in the U.S. with chlamydia was 657.3 females and 330.5 males per 100,000 population. North Carolina is ranked 45 of 50 states as the highest prevalence of chlamydia with 577.6 per 100,000 population.

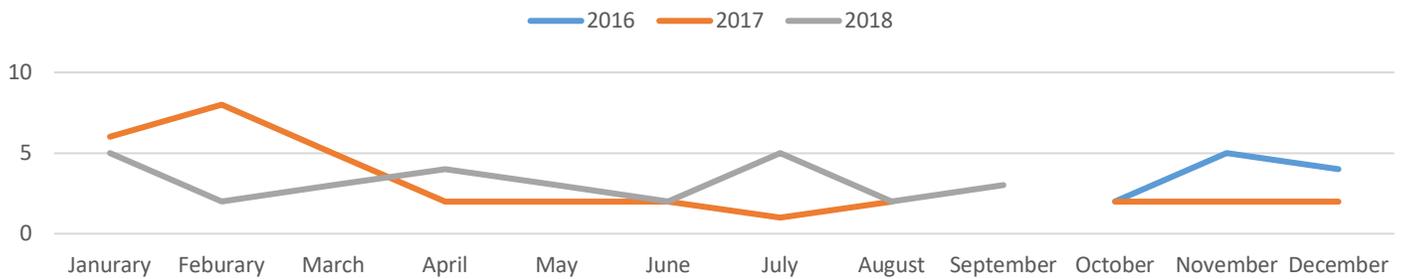
MONTHLY CASES OF CHLAMYDIA IN WATAUGA (2014-2018)



Hepatitis C

Hepatitis C (HCV) is a liver infection caused by the Hepatitis C virus. This is most commonly transmitted through injection drug use, birth, and receipt of blood. Most people with chronic Hepatitis C virus infection do not have any symptoms or have general, or common symptoms such as chronic fatigue and depression. Hepatitis C can range from a mild illness lasting a few weeks to a serious, lifelong illness. Hepatitis C is often described as “acute,” meaning a new infection or “chronic,” meaning lifelong infection. Acute hepatitis C occurs within the first 6 months after someone is exposed to the hepatitis C virus. Hepatitis C can be a short-term illness, but for most people, acute infection leads to chronic infection. Left untreated, chronic Hepatitis C can cause serious health problems, including liver damage, cirrhosis, liver cancer, and even death.

MONTHLY CASES OF HEPATITIS C-CHRONIC IN WATAUGA (2014-2018)



The CDC estimates that nearly 2.4 million Americans are living with Hepatitis C from 2013-2016. Approximately 75%–85% of people who become infected with hepatitis C virus will develop a chronic infection, 15%–25% of people who are infected with the hepatitis C virus clear it from their bodies without treatment and do not develop chronic infection.

Of every 100 people infected with Hepatitis C, **75-85 people will develop Chronic Hepatitis C**. If left untreated:

- 60-70 PEOPLE** will develop **CHRONIC LIVER DISEASE**
- 5-20 PEOPLE** will develop **CIRRHOSIS** over a period of 20-30 years
- 1-5 PEOPLE** will die from **CIRRHOSIS** or **LIVER CANCER**

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) is working on efforts towards increasing the number of people receiving tests for HCV to bring awareness of their status. They are also

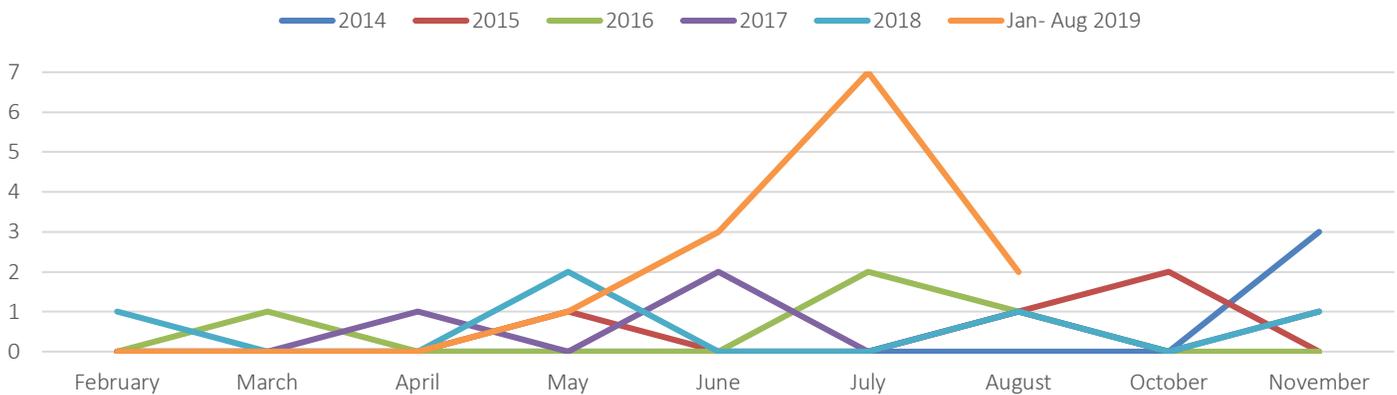
working to increase their target to hard to reach populations and recommending care facilities for those who test positive for the disease.

Syringe Exchange Programs can reduce the transmission of blood-borne pathogens, including HIV, hepatitis B virus (HBV), and hepatitis C virus (HCV). Injection drug use (IDU) is a risk factor for contracting blood-borne pathogens such as HIV and HCV, and sharing syringes provides a direct route of transmission for diseases. According to the CDC, people who inject drugs can substantially reduce their risk of acquiring and transmitting HIV, HBV, HCV, and other blood-borne infections by using a sterile needle or syringe for every injection. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, participants in syringe exchange programs are five times more likely to enter drug treatment programs. They’re 3.5 times more likely to stop injecting drugs.

Lyme Disease

Lyme disease is caused by the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi* and is transmitted to humans through the bite of infected blacklegged ticks (CDC, 2019). Typical symptoms include fever, headache, fatigue, and a characteristic skin rash. If left untreated, infection can spread to joints, the heart, and the nervous system.

LYME DISEASE TRENDS BY MONTH IN WATAUGA (2014-Sept 2019)



According to the data from NC Electronic Disease Surveillance System (NC EDSS), there has been an increase in human Lyme Disease cases over the past couple of years across Alleghany, Ashe, and Watauga Counties. In Watauga County in 2018, there were 5 cases and for January through August 2019, there have been 13 reported cases.

According to the CDC, the increase is due to tick migration, new species of ticks unique to the US, and increasing reporting in general. They don’t know why the ticks are migrating yet, but could be due to land use changes and climate shifts. here is the resource: <https://www.cdc.gov/media/dpk/diseases-and-conditions/lyme-disease/index.html>

“Prevention of tick bites by using insect repellent and eliminating places ticks live are important steps in preventing Lyme Disease and other tick-borne illnesses. If you notice a tick on yourself or your pet, remove it right away. If you have a fever or a rash after removing a tick, see your healthcare provider” stated Jennifer Greene, Health Director, AppHealthCare.

Here is what we can do:



Practice safe prescription medication use by taking correctly, storing securely, disposing properly, and never sharing.

Health begins where we live, learn, work and play. Take action in building our neighborhood to be safe and healthy.



Being healthy takes a community. Attend a Mental Health First Aid training and join local community groups that work to support mental health systems.

Your opportunity for health starts long before you need medical care. Sign up for your local Women, Infant & Children (WIC) program through your local health department.



The opportunity for health begins in our families, neighborhoods, schools and jobs. Participate in local bike and walk safety programs to and from school. Being healthy takes a community.

Your neighborhood or job should not be hazardous to your health. Support tobacco free living and ask for clean air policies.



Health starts—long before illness—in our homes, schools and jobs. Investing in our mothers and children is investing in our future.

Live active, eat local vegetables and fruits.



All citizens have the opportunity to make the choices that allow them to live a long, healthy life. Support local policies for sidewalks and bike lanes.



AGENDA ITEM 6:

WATAUGA FOOD COUNCIL REPORT

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Brooke Kornegay, Coordinator Watauga Food Council, will update the Board on the Council's activities. In addition, the Council will be requesting the Board to provide \$2,500 to \$5,000 to fund a food councilor position.

Should the Board wish to consider the request staff would recommend that this request be considered during the budget process. In addition, based on the information provided the Board may wish to request what support the Town of Boone is providing toward the request.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF WATAUGA

Resolution to Formally Recognize and Authorize the Establishment of the Watauga County Food Council

WHEREAS, the Watauga County Government has, throughout its history, made long standing commitments to agriculture including: support of the High Country Food Hub, funding and support of the Watauga County Cooperative Extension & Soil and Water Conservation Board, adoption of the Voluntary Farmland Preservation Ordinance, and Watauga Tourism Development Authority support of agritourism efforts in the county, among others, Watauga County should continue to work toward helping create access to affordable, nutritious, locally and sustainably grown food.

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Watauga County Food Council is to serve as an umbrella organization to coordinate and identify strategies that will improve Watauga County’s local food system. Representatives from local farms, the Watauga County Cooperative Extension, AppHealth Care, Appalachian State University, Blue Ridge Women in Agriculture and other local nonprofits have been working together as a task force to strengthen the local food system.

WHEREAS, The Watauga County Food Council needs in-kind support from Watauga County Government, including:

- Involvement of staff from key departments, with the required approval of department heads
- The use of county facilities for meeting space
- Referrals of volunteers to the working groups of the Watauga County Food Council by the Board of Commissioners to offer input and help guide its direction

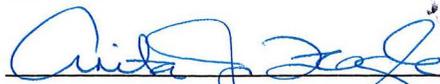
WHEREAS, The Watauga County Food Council will present an annual report to the Board of Commissioners that will include a status report on community food system issues and may also make periodic policy recommendations for consideration by the Board of Commissioners.

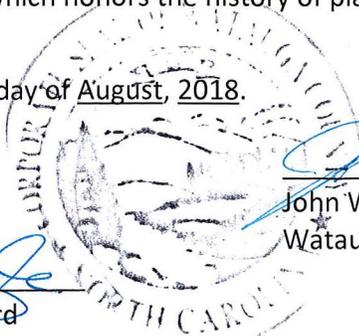
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Watauga County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the Watauga County Food Council for the following purposes:

- Share knowledge and resources related to the Watauga County food system.
- Recommend improvements to the local food system that improve community health and create a resilient food system with a focus on social, environmental and economic sustainability.
- Recommend policies that support equitable and long lasting sustainable practices.
- Facilitate and create partnerships that connect all parts of the local food system through community-led work, which honors the history of place, community voice and all perspectives.

ADOPTED this the 21st day of August, 2018.

ATTEST:


Anita J. Fogle, Clerk to the Board




John Welch, Chairman
Watauga County Board of Commissioners

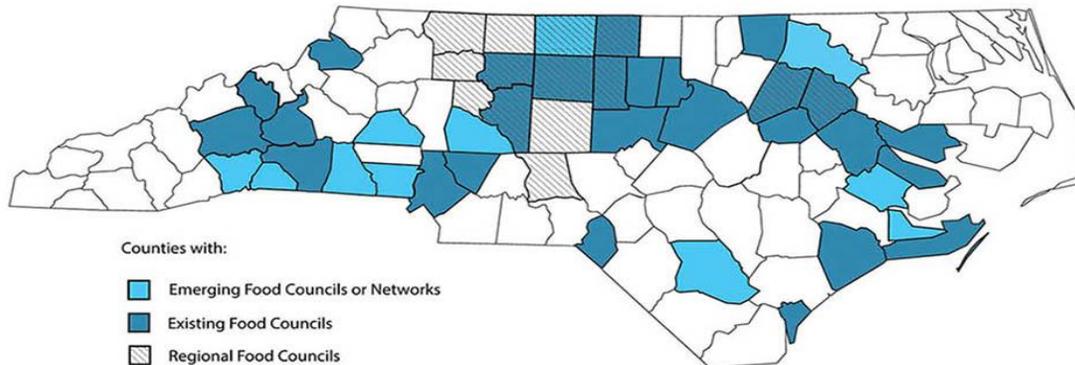
State of the Local Food System Report

Presented by the Watauga Food Council

About The Watauga Food Council

The purpose of the [Watauga Food Council](#) is to serve as an umbrella organization to coordinate and strengthen our local food system.

Community Food Strategies — North Carolina Food Councils (2019)



Food Councils are emerging across NC to build local capacity around increased food security and greater consumption of local food.

Our vision is a food system that is just and fair, builds a strong community, supports vibrant farms, nourishes healthy people, supports sustainable ecosystems, and builds a thriving local economy.

State of the Local Food System:

1. Watauga County Government provides support:

- Providing space for the weekday King St. Farmers' Market resulted in \$42,603.65 in sales for 2019. Many sales came from Double Up Food Bucks participants.
- Providing physical support/space for the High Country Food Hub resulted in \$205,938.80 in sales in 2019, nearly doubling 2018's sales.
- Watauga NC Cooperative Extension served 2,995 attendees for food production and nutrition education programs.
- The Watauga Tourism Development Association provided support to launch the Visit NC Farms app through a partnership with Watauga, Ashe, and Avery County Cooperative Extension and Blue Ridge Women in Agriculture.
- The Economic Development Commission provided support for the Watauga Food Council's High Country Grown program. 21 restaurants and businesses are now certified as sourcing a large part of their menu from local producers.
- The County provides support for Soil and Water Conservation office
- Advisory support for the Food Council

2. Food System recommendations made to the Town of Boone:

Over the last year and with the encouragement of the Town of Boone, the Watauga Food Council developed a process to identify achievable strategies for the Town to build a food system that is more just and fair. This occurred thanks to the financial support of the Town of Boone, to the many agencies and individuals that work in collaboration together, and to Community Food Strategies, which provided technical assistance.

The Watauga Food Council worked with Brooke Kornegay to Coordinate the Food Council's activities. Brooke is a long-time sustainable agriculture educator and former ASU Sustainable Development Teaching and Research Farm Manager. In addition to building the Food Council's capacity by coordinating regular activities, Brooke helped to develop a plan to provide recommendations for the Town of Boone.

This process included listening to stakeholders and providing a platform where the community's needs could be heard. Together, we built upon earlier assessments and our community's enthusiasm for developing a better food system. This work included monthly meetings for the Local Food Access group, Local and Healthy Food Promotion group, Policy group, and the Food Council Coordinating Circle, and included a focus group wherein 20 members of our community—policy makers, farmers, restaurant owners, health workers, and hunger relief workers— were asked for their input on these recommendations.

Local food policies that the Food Council presented to the Town of Boone on November 19, 2019:

- Town of Boone passes a resolution formally adopting the 10% Campaign.
- Town of Boone explores adopting policies supporting edible landscaping on public property.
- Town of Boone promotes local food outlets through signage and marketing.
- Town of Boone explores the development of a shared commercial kitchen.
- Town of Boone is open to supporting a staff position to coordinate local food initiatives, including emergency food, through the outside agency funding program.

3. The community supports nutrition education and access to healthy foods:

According to the Watauga County Community Health Report (2017) when respondents were asked, "If you could change one thing to improve the health of the community, what would it be?", the common write-in responses were related to nutrition education, access to quality food, and healthy eating choices in the community. The vast majority of Watauga County respondents stressed the importance of healthy eating habits through the survey. Many respondents suggested addressing this issue by reducing the number of fast food restaurants and by increasing nutrition education in schools.

4. Watauga County has a high rate of food insecurity:

- According to the Feeding America website, [Watauga County](#) has the highest food insecurity rate in Western North Carolina at 16.8%, with [one in five children experiencing food insecurity](#) and 70% of children enrolled in Watauga County Schools qualifying for free and reduced lunch.
- Several [entities](#) within Watauga County provide food pantries, kitchens, and programs to help meet this need for our region; however, with coordination among these organizations, we can increase the efficiency of their efforts.

In order to strengthen the local food system Watauga County needs the following:

- The Watauga Food Council needs to continue to work to coordinate the efforts of food access organizations and identify opportunities to increase efficiency and effectiveness.
- Research and suggest policy solutions that increase access and demand to local and healthy food.
- With our increasing supply of locally produced food, there is still a need to increase the demand, as only an estimated 3-5% of our community regularly buys local food.

The Watauga Food Council has two requests:

1. **The Watauga Food Council asks to be invited to make local food system policy recommendations to the Watauga County Board of Commissioners within the next year.**
2. **The Watauga Food Council asks the Board of Commissioners for support in helping to fund the Food Council Coordinator position.**

The coordination of the Watauga County Food Council is currently funded by the Town of Boone and Community Food Strategies (a state-wide organization supporting regional food councils) through April 2020. Food councils are popping up throughout NC, and they tend to be more successful when funded by their county. A Food Council Coordinator would be the glue providing continuity among the various hunger relief efforts across our county, increasing their efficiency and connecting people with goods and services. The soup kitchens and food pantries could benefit from increased networking opportunities and coordination of services and efforts. This could lead to decreased food waste and an increase in fresh food distribution among those organizations. A staff position could also coordinate among food producers, retail outlets, and consumers, as well as continue to be the spokesperson representing the community voice in food system matters, coordinating with various agencies to move local food initiatives forward. Our hope is to identify and connect with several matching funding sources to build up the success that we've seen over the last year with a paid, part-time coordinator.

What would be the logistics of such a position?

The Food Council could work with Watauga County to explore potential funding streams that could be combined with Town funding to support the development of this type of position. Ideally, funding for the position would be committed for at least 3 years. The Town and County could hire a shared staff position that supports the Food Council with the explicit goal of coordinating and developing local food system development goals. This position could be housed in either the Town or County government, such as NC Cooperative Extension or within Blue Ridge Women in Agriculture, the current fiscal agent of the Food Council. The Food Council's Coordinator could take on additional roles in the coordination of County-sponsored/run food system events and projects.

Example: Orange County, NC

Orange County and the Towns of Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough have jointly funded a Food Council Coordinator position that is housed in the County Manager's Office. This position supports the Food Council with administration and coordination, supports all county food-themed events and initiatives, and has outcomes set around policy plan development and network coordination.

Example: Durham, NC

The Durham Farm and Food Network (DFFN) approached the City and County of Durham (they have combined services) to fund an Emergency Food Coordinator position to serve as a

link between emergency food providers, the City and the County, and local producer donors. The City and the County wanted the position to be more of a whole-systems-based Food System Coordinator. DFFN held initial community input sessions to ask the community what they wanted out of this type of effort. The City and the County are now working with Duke World Food Policy Center and a group of community stakeholders on a process called “Decolonizing Durham’s Food System,” which will culminate in recommendations to the City and County around what would make that position the most useful and how it would be structured.

Example: Asheville, NC

The Asheville-Buncombe Food Policy Council is contracted by the City’s Sustainability Office to see forward community partnership development and local government policy implementation in accordance with the City’s 2017 Food Policy Action Plan (which the food council was contracted to do with significant community engagement). This funding pays for a part-time Coordinator position for the council, enabling them to provide low capacity administration and coordination support.

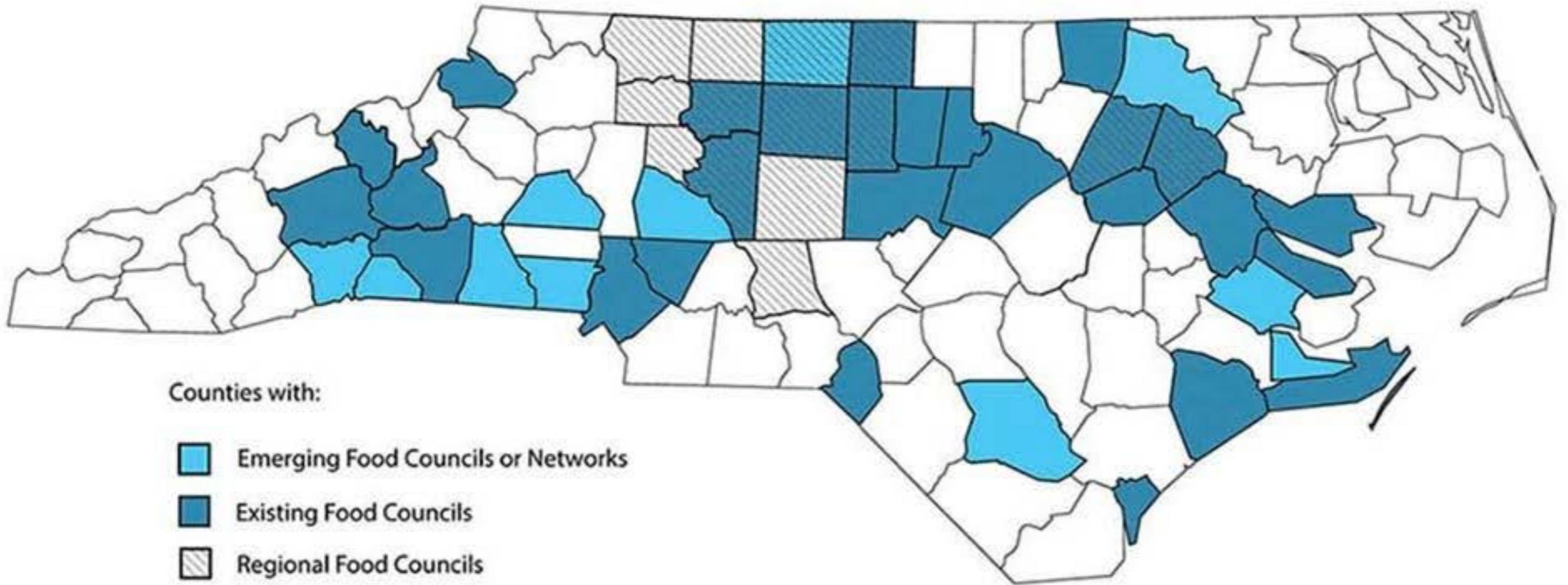
Food Council Forecast:

As the rate of food insecurity increases, there will be a growing need to coordinate the food access groups in our area. Based on the increased demand for local food, we anticipate growth in local food retail outlets that will translate to increased income for Watauga County farmers. We feel that through greater coordination, these efforts will increase in their efficiency and effectiveness.

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WATAUGA FOOD COUNCIL



NORTH CAROLINA FOOD COUNCILS



LOCAL FOOD ACCESS MEETING

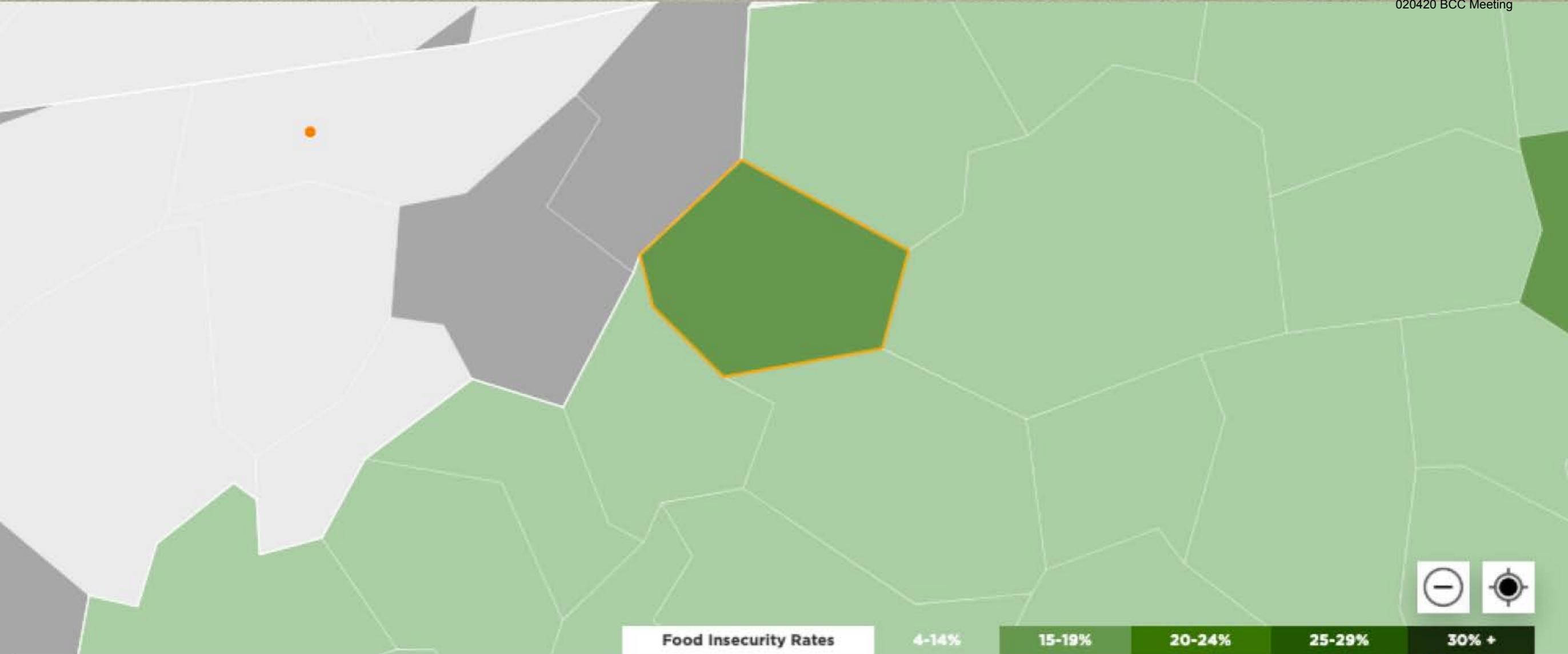


Focus Group Breakfast



TOWN OF BOONE LOCAL FOOD POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

- The Town of Boone passes a resolution formally adopting the 10% Campaign.
- The Town of Boone explores adopting policies supporting edible landscaping on public property.
- The Town of Boone promotes local food outlets.
- The Town of Boone explores the development of a shared commercial kitchen.
- Create, support, or expand a staff position to coordinate of local food initiatives, including emergency food.



2017 Overall County Food Insecurity in North Carolina, Watauga County

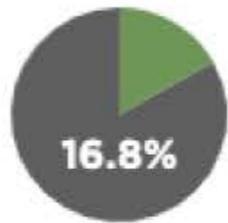
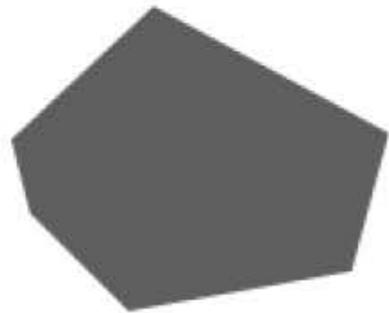


FOOD INSECURE PEOPLE IN WATAUGA COUNTY

FOOD INSECURITY RATE IN WATAUGA COUNTY

ESTIMATED PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY AMONG FOOD INSECURE PEOPLE IN WATAUGA COUNTY

8,980



37%	Above SNAP, Other Nutrition Programs threshold of 200% poverty
63%	Below SNAP, Other Nutrition Programs threshold 200% poverty

AVERAGE MEAL COST

\$3.64

ANNUAL FOOD BUDGET SHORTFALL

\$5,584,000



I CHOOSE...



**HIGH COUNTRY
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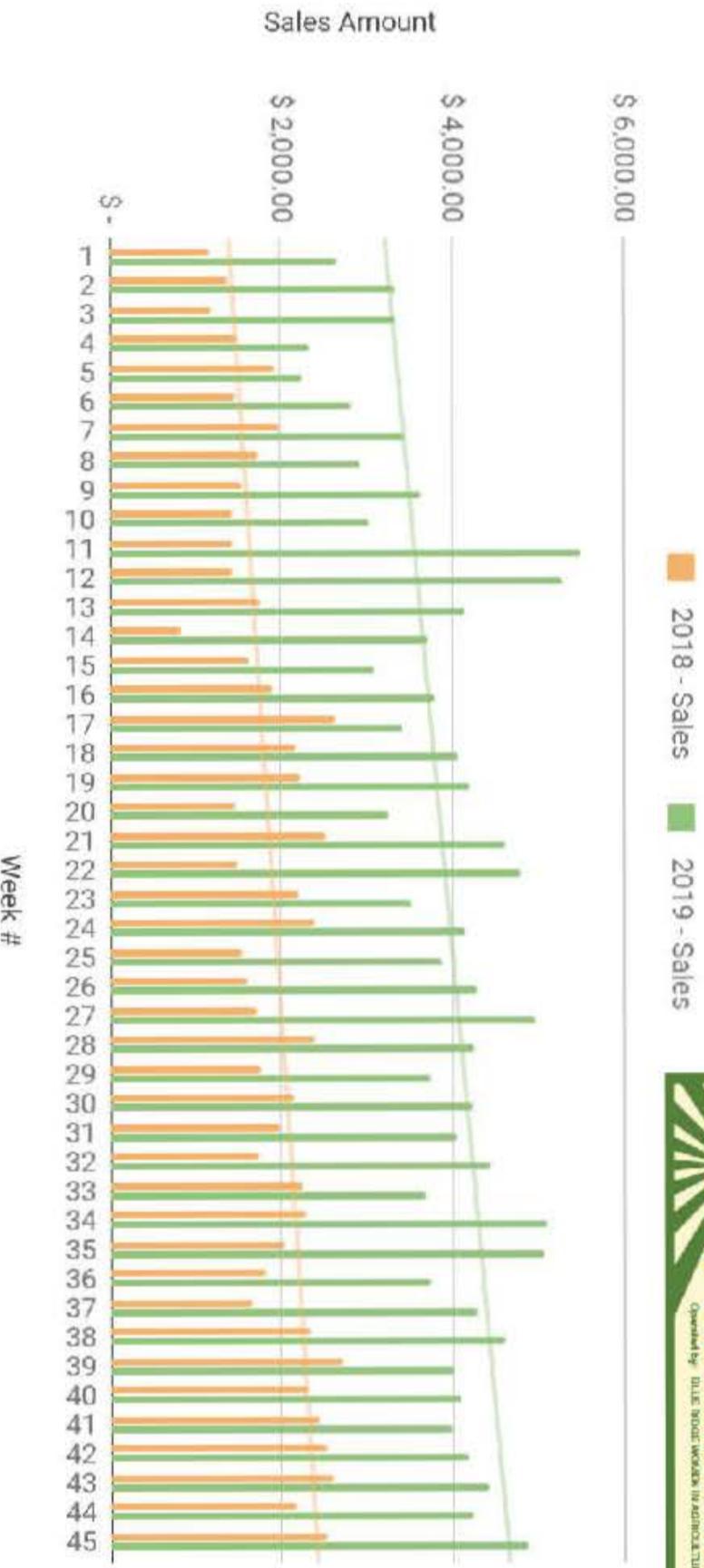
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highcountrygrown.org





Weekly Sales - 2018 & 2019 Comparison



WCFM Photo by Sarah Littauer

STAFF POSITION TO COORDINATE LOCAL FOOD INITIATIVES



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AGENDA ITEM 7:

WATAUGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

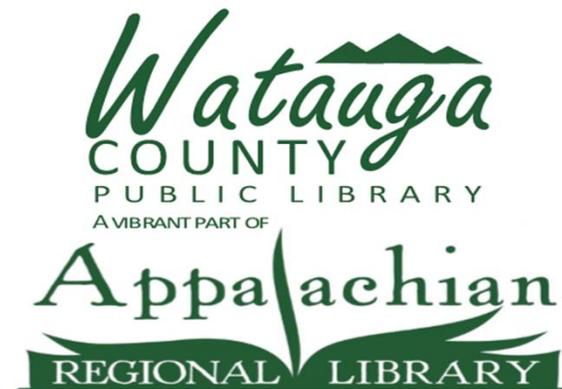
Ms. Monica Caruso, County Librarian, will present the Watauga County Public Library Annual Report.

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

WATAUGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

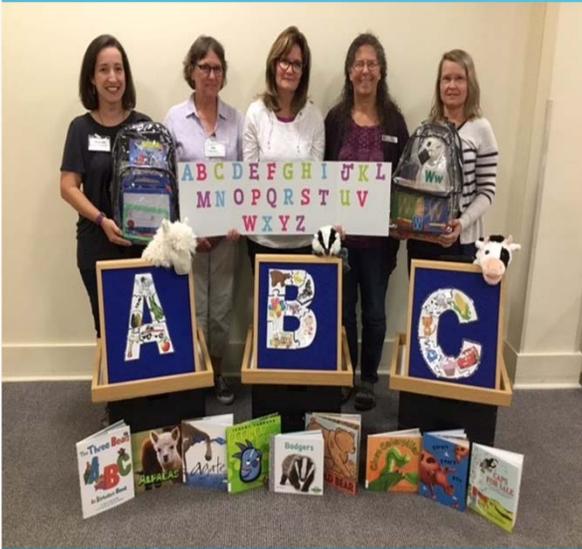
2019

Highlights





Alphabet Ready by 5, Year 3



ECRS grant



2,571 checkouts in December, 2019



Laura Donovan

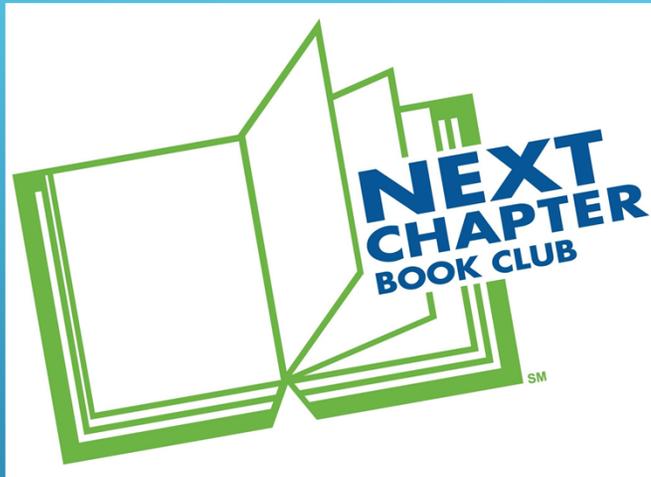


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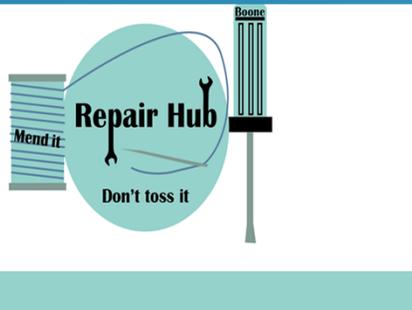


YOUTH SERVICES

Book Club for those with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities



Repair Hub



ADULT SERVICES

VITA ~ Volunteer for Income Tax Assistance Program



"Nazi POWs in the Tar Heel State, 1942 - 1946"



Gemstone Mining ~ Summer Reading



Afterschool visit to Mabel & Bethel Elementary ~ Science Experiment



Family Science Program with Susan Caton ~ Summer Reading



WESTERN WATAUGA
BRANCH



NEW
AT
WESTERN WATAUGA BRANCH
LIBRARY

Dementia Support Group

OPEN TO PEOPLE LIVING WITH
DEMENTIA, THEIR FAMILIES,
CAREGIVERS AND FRIENDS -
CONNECT WITH OTHERS GOING
THROUGH THE SAME EXPERIENCES

Last Thursday of each month beginning
January 25th @ 3:00pm

Facilitator- Sandra Basel

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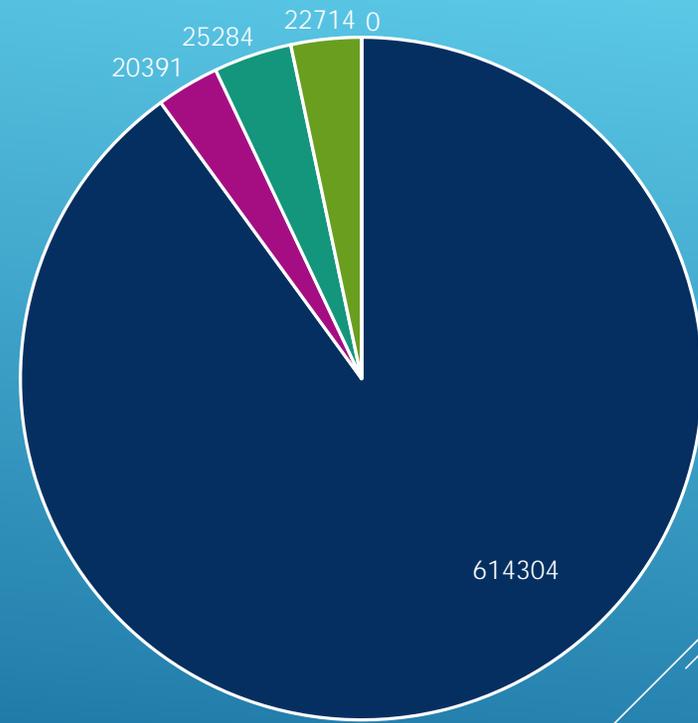
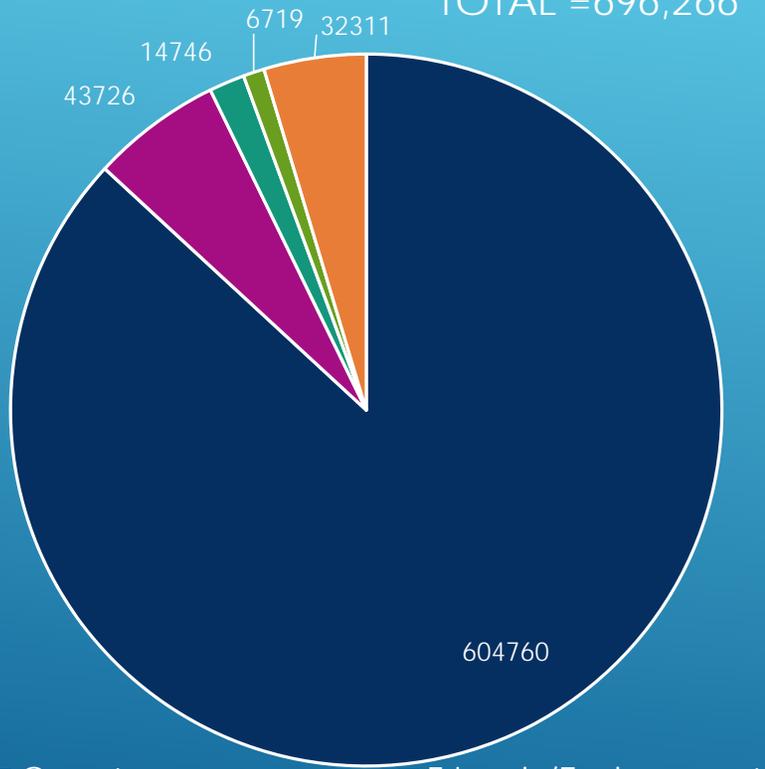
Revenue

FY 2019

Expenditures

TOTAL = 696,266

TOTAL = 682,693



- County
- Friends/Endowment
- Other Grants
- Donations
- Fines/Fees

- Personnel
- Operations
- Collections
- Programming

BY THE DOLLARS

	2018		2019	
	Main	Branch	Main	Branch
Library Cards:	25,161	1,300	27,502	1355
Circulation:	227,328	16,761	216,545	16,230
Door Count	142,661	8,194	141,719	8,363
Programs	826	111	847	74
Attendance	14,565	1,097	16,718	937

BY THE NUMBERS

Alphabet Ready , Year 3,



Dollar General



ALA Diverse Books



National Network of Libraries of Medicine



This book was purchased with Federal Funds from the Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, National Library of Medicine, under Grant Number UG4LM012340 with the University of Maryland, Baltimore.



GRANTS



4,310 hours ,
150 volunteers
Value equates to
\$109,603

VOLUNTEERS

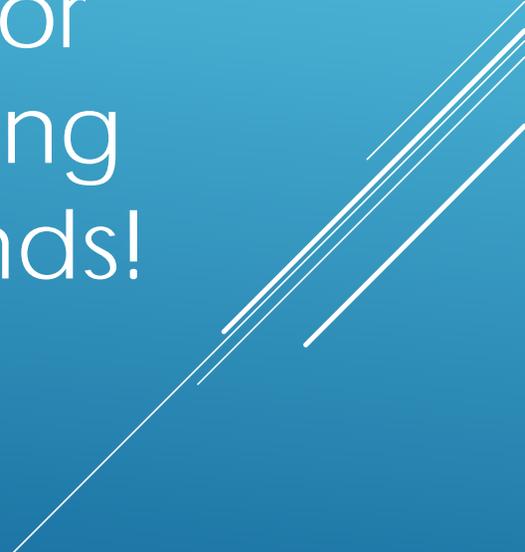


LSTA Grants in the process of being written for ARL:

- ▶ Strategic Planning grant for 2021 – 2025
- ▶ Adult Literacy (ARL CARES – Coordinating Adult Reading & Educational Services)

LOOKING AHEAD

Thank you to the county for
your continued support and
to county maintenance for
keeping the building running
and maintaining the grounds!

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AGENDA ITEM 8:

WATAUGA ARTS COUNCIL UPDATE AND REQUEST FOR LEASE RENEWAL

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Ms. Cherry Johnson, Watauga County Arts Council, will request the Board modified the current lease agreement for the facility located at 377 Shadowline Drive. The current lease is scheduled to expire April 15, 2020. Upon expiration, the lease automatically renews for ninety (90) day periods.

Ms. Johnson will request a two to three year term in lieu of the ninety (90) periods. Rent is one dollar (\$1) per year and any subleases must be approved by the Board of Commissioners. Should the Board wish to grant the request, the attached resolution would need to be approved and authorization given to execute the lease with final adoption at a regular Board meeting upon 10 days' public notice.

The Board may wish to consider the lease at their annual budget retreat as part of the discussions related to the county's CIP.

Staff seeks direction from the Board.



MEMORANDUM

To: Deron Geouque, Watauga County Manager

From: Watauga County Arts Council
 Cherry Johnson, Executive Director

Date: January 28, 2020

The Watauga County Arts Council would like to be included on the February 4, 2020 Meeting Agenda of the Watauga County Commissioners to make them aware that the lease between the Arts Council and the Watauga County Commissioners for the building located at 377 Shadowline Drive will be expiring effective April 15, 2020.

Our original lease took effect on April 16, 2013 and was set to expire on April 15, 2015. In late 2014 it was renewed for an additional five years. We will be asking that the Commissioners consider renewing our lease for another term of comparable length.

At the February meeting our newly elected President, Ginger Bryant, and I would like to very briefly share with them some of the many reasons why the Blue Ridge ArtSpace has become such a thriving Community Arts Center serving so many county residents and visitors.....and also some of our plans and visions for our next few years in this location.

We would also like to take advantage of this opportunity to publicly thank the Commissioners for their support of the Arts Council through the use of this building over the last few years and to personally invite you and them to attend a special upcoming event where you will be able to experience the Blue Ridge ArtSpace firsthand.

377 Shadowline Drive • Boone, NC 28607 • 828-264-1789 • www.watauga-arts.org

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

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COUNTY OF WATAUGA

Resolution of Watauga County Board of County Commissioners

Pursuant to NCGS 160A-272, notice is hereby given that at the regular commissioner meeting of the Watauga County Board of County Commissioners on February 4, 2020, the Watauga County Board of County Commissioners adopted a resolution which authorized Deron T. Geouque, County Manager, of Watauga County to lease to the Watauga County Arts Council that certain building known as the Old New River Building (the "Leased Premises") located at 377 Shadowline Drive, Boone, NC 28607 (the "Property") in Watauga County, North Carolina, and being approximately 0.537 acres of property, for a term of five (5) years, with automatic ninety (90) day renewals unless either Watauga County or the Watauga County Arts Council gives written notice no less than sixty (60) days that the other party intends not to renew the Lease Agreement. The rent to be paid by the Watauga County Arts Council to Watauga County during the term of the lease is One Dollar (\$1.00) per annum. The lease shall become effective ten (10) days after the publication of this notice and formal adoption of the lease by the Board of Commissioners.

ADOPTED this the 4th day of February, 2020.

John Welch, Chairman
Watauga County Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Anita Fogle, Clerk to the Board

§ 160A-272. Lease or rental of property.

(a) Any property owned by a city may be leased or rented for such terms and upon such conditions as the council may determine, but not for longer than 10 years (except as otherwise provided in subsection (b1) of this section) and only if the council determines that the property will not be needed by the city for the term of the lease. In determining the term of a proposed lease, periods that may be added to the original term by options to renew or extend shall be included.

(a1) Property may be rented or leased only pursuant to a resolution of the council authorizing the execution of the lease or rental agreement adopted at a regular council meeting upon 30 days' 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 council's intent to authorize the lease or rental at its next regular meeting.

(b) No public notice as required by subsection (a1) of this section need be given for resolutions authorizing leases or rentals for terms of one year or less, and the council may delegate to the city manager or some other city administrative officer authority to lease or rent city property for terms of one year or less.

(b1) Leases for terms of more than 10 years shall be treated as a sale of property and may be executed by following any of the procedures authorized for sale of real property.

(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.

(d) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, any lease by a city of any duration for components of a wired or wireless network shall be entered into on a competitively neutral and nondiscriminatory basis and made available to similarly situated providers on comparable terms and conditions and shall not be used to subsidize the provision of competitive service. (1971, c. 698, s. 1; 1979, 2nd Sess., c. 1247, s. 26; 2009-149, ss. 2, 3; 2010-57, s. 2; 2010-63, s. 2(b); 2011-150, s. 1; 2014-120, s. 34; 2015-246, s. 9; 2018-5, s. 37.1(c).)

This instrument drawn by: Eggers, Eggers, Eggers and Eggers, Attorneys at Law, Boone, N. C. 28607

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

LEASE AGREEMENT

COUNTY OF WATAUGA

THIS LEASE AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 19th day of August, 2014, by and between Watauga County, a body politic of the State of North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as Lessor; and the Watauga County Arts Council, Inc., a non-profit corporation duly formed and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as Lessee;

W I T N E S S E T H :

1. PREMISES: That for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, the Lessor does hereby demise and lease unto the Lessee and the Lessee does hereby lease from the Lessor the entire property located at 377 Shadowline Drive; Boone, NC 28607 including rights to the use of the parking lot located on the premises as set forth in the deed.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF PROPERTY: Neither the Lessor nor its agents have made any representations with respect to the building, the land upon which it is erected, or the leased property except as expressly set forth therein and no rights, easements, or licenses are acquired by the Lessee by implication or otherwise except as expressly set forth in the provisions of this Lease. The taking of possession of the leased property by the Lessee shall be conclusive evidence that the Lessee accepts the same "as is" with the exception of the

provision for improvements as set forth herein.

3. TERM: This lease shall be for a term of five (5) years, commencing on April 16, 2015, and ending on April 15, 2020, and shall automatically renew for successive ninety (90) day periods upon the termination of this term upon the same terms and conditions contained herein unless either party provides to the other not less than sixty (60) days notice that said party intends not to renew the Lease Agreement for any successive terms. However, Lessee shall have the right to terminate the Lease at any time by providing sixty (60) days written notice to Lessor.

4. RENT: The Lessee shall pay to the Lessor, rent for the premises in the amount of one dollar (\$1.00) per year for each of the years under the term of this agreement. For each renewal period following the initial term of this Lease, Lessee shall pay to Lessor rent in the amount of one dollar (\$1.00).

All such payments required under this lease shall be made to Watauga County, c/o Margaret Pierce, Finance Director, 814 West King Street, Suite 216, Boone, North Carolina, 28607, or to such other person or at such other place as Lessor may designate in writing.

5. USE OF THE PREMISES: Lessee represents and warrants that it is a North Carolina not-for-profit corporation and that its primary purpose is the promotion of art, music, and related educational activities within Watauga County. The Lessor finds that the development and promotion of art, music, and related educational activities is an appropriate community activity which it is authorized to support in accordance with North Carolina law. As such the

premises subject to this agreement shall only be used for activities which are part of the business operation of Lessee including, but not limited to visual art galleries, art and music classes, educational programs, craft enrichment, cultural enrichment programs, meetings, events, and similar activities.

6. INSURANCE: The Lessee shall obtain a public liability insurance policy for the minimum coverage of \$500,000 bodily injury and property damage liability (combined single limit), \$500,000 each occurrence and \$500,000 aggregate. Lessor shall be named as an additional insured on said policy and shall be furnished with a copy of same. Upon the Lessee's failure to obtain said public liability insurance policy, Lessor, may at its option, but is not required to do so, obtain such insurance and the costs thereof shall be paid as additional rent due and payable from Lessee on the next ensuing day that rent is due. Lessor shall not be liable to Lessee for any business interruption or any loss or damage to property or injury or death of persons occurring in or on the demised premises, or in any manner growing out of or connected with the Lessees' use and occupancy of the demised premises, or the condition thereof. This release shall also apply to the extent that such business interruption, loss or damage to property or injury to or death of persons is covered by insurance, regardless of whether such insurance is payable to or protects Lessor or Lessee, or both. Nothing herein shall be construed to impose any other or greater liability upon Lessor than what would have existed in the absence of this provision. Any insurance policies of the Lessee shall contain a clause to the effect that this release shall not affect the right of the

insured to recover under such policies. The release in favor of the Lessor contained herein is in addition to and not in substitution for or in diminution of, the hold harmless and indemnification provisions of this Lease Agreement.

7. REPAIRS: Except as otherwise provided herein, the Lessee shall, at the Lessee's own expense, make all necessary repairs and replacements to the interior and exterior of the demised premises. All repairs and replacements shall be in quality and class at least equal to the original work. Upon default of the Lessee in making such repairs or replacements, the Lessor, may, but shall not be required to, make such repairs or replacements for the Lessee's account and the expense thereof which shall constitute and be collectable as additional rent.

Lessee shall perform any and all necessary maintenance upon the property, including but not limited to maintaining the porch, walkways, parking lot, sideyards, and landscaping.

8. IMPROVEMENTS OF THE PROPERTY: Any alterations or improvements may only be made by the Lessee with the written consent of the Lessor, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. Any alteration, addition or improvement made by Lessee, shall at Lessor's option become the property of the Lessor, upon the expiration or other sooner termination of this lease; provided, however, that Lessor shall have the right to require the Lessee to remove any fixtures at the Lessee's cost upon such termination of this lease. Lessee may, prior to the expiration of the Lease, or any extension or renewal thereof, remove all fixtures and equipment which it has placed on the premises, provided

Lessee repairs all damage to the Premises caused by such removal.

With the written consent of the Lessor which shall not be unreasonably withheld, the Lessee shall have the right to construct, erect, place, paint, maintain and control of the demised premises, any sign or signs which may be necessary in the conduct of its business within the requirements of the Town of Boone Unified Development Ordinance, and it shall have the right to remove the sign or signs at the expiration or earlier termination of this lease, provided, that upon the removal of said sign or signs, the said building shall be put in the same condition it was in at the time of the placing or painting of said signs, as far as is reasonably possible.

9. SECURITY DEPOSIT: The Lessor shall not require Lessee to post a security deposit with Lessor during the term of this Lease Agreement.

10. UTILITIES: The Lessee shall pay all charges for gas, electricity, lights, heat, power and telephone or other communication service used, rendered or supplied upon or in connection with the demised premises and shall indemnify Lessor against any liability or damages on such account. Lessee shall pay all charges for water and sewer service used, rendered or supplied upon or in connection with the demised premises and shall indemnify Lessee against any liability or damage on such account. Utilities shall be transferred to the Lessee as soon as feasible upon the signing of this lease.

11. ASSIGNING AND SUBLETTING: The Lessee shall not assign this lease or sublet any part of the demised premises without the prior written consent of Lessor, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. Lessor

understands and agrees that Lessee will operate programs within the Leased Premises in conjunction with the Appalachian State University Hayes School of Music Community Music School and the Michael Patricelli Craft Enrichment Program, which are specifically approved by the Lessor to conduct programs and other functions as a licensee of the premises, so long as they comply with all terms and conditions of this Agreement.

12. SURRENDER OF THE DEMISED PREMISES: At the expiration of the initial lease term, the Lessee shall surrender the demised premises in as good a condition as they were in at the beginning of the term unless neither party has given notice of its intent not to renew the Lease pursuant to Paragraph (3) above. The parties agree and understand that the Lessor has currently determined that the Leased Premises are listed for sale by Lessor and Lessor enters into this Lease pursuant to a finding that it does not have a present need for this location pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §160A-272.

13. DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION BY FIRE: In the event that the demised premises shall be damaged or destroyed by fire, the elements or other casualty, during the continuance of this lease, to such extent that same cannot be restored to as good a condition as same were in prior to such damage within ninety (90) days thereafter, either the Lessor or Lessee shall have the right to cancel or terminate this lease with the rents to be adjusted as of the date of the damage or destruction. Lessee shall be responsible for all of its personal property on or about the demised premises and shall keep the same adequately insured against loss by fire or the elements.

14. CONDEMNATION: If the whole of the demised premises shall be condemned and taken by any governmental authority or other entity having a power of eminent domain, then this lease shall immediately terminate, and the Lessee shall have no interest in any damages and/or monies paid by virtue of such condemnation.

In the event of a partial appropriation or condemnation of the demised premises that does not materially affect the Lessee's use thereof, the Lessee shall continue in possession of the unappropriated part of the demised premises under the terms and conditions hereof, except that in such case if the Lessee actually loses the use of part of the demised premises, the Lessee shall be entitled to an equitable reduction in rent payable hereunder. In the event such partial appropriation or condemnation materially affects the Lessee's use of the demised premises, the Lessee may, at its option, terminate this lease and Lessor shall refund the Lessee any unearned rental existing at the time of said termination. However, the Lessee shall have no interest in any damages and/or monies paid by virtue of such condemnation.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Lessee shall be entitled to a separate award made to Lessee for loss of business, moving expense or the taking of Lessee's fixtures or equipment, if a separate award for such items is made.

15. INDEMNITY: Except where caused by the intentional act of the Lessor, or its agents, employees, licensees or assigns, the Lessee shall indemnify and save Lessor harmless from and against any and all claims, actions, damages, liability and expense in connection with loss of life, personal

injury and/or damage to property arising from or out of any occurrence in, upon or at the demised premises or any part thereof, or occasioned wholly or in part by any act or omission of the Lessee, its agents, employees or invitees. In case the Lessor (the Indemnified party) shall, without fault on its part, be made a party to any litigation instituted against the Lessee (the indemnifying party), then the indemnifying party shall protect and hold the indemnified party harmless and shall pay all costs, expenses and reasonable attorneys' fees that may be incurred or paid by the indemnified party in such litigation. In addition, Lessee shall pay all costs, expenses and reasonable attorneys' fees that may be incurred or paid by Lessor in enforcing the covenants and agreements of the Lessee contained in this lease.

16. DAMAGES: If the demised premises shall be deserted or vacated, or if proceedings are commenced against the Lessee in any court under a bankruptcy act or for the appointment of a trustee or receiver of the Lessees' property either before or after the commencement of the lease term, or if there shall be a default in the payment or rent or any part thereof for more than ten (10) days after written notice that rent is past due by Lessor to Lessee, or if there shall be a default in the performance of any other covenant, agreement, condition, rule or regulation herein contained, or hereafter established on the part of the Lessee for more than twenty (20) days after written notice of such default by Lessor, this lease (if Lessor so elects) shall thereupon become null and void, and the Lessor shall have the right to re-enter or repossess the demised premises, either by force, summary proceedings, surrender or

otherwise and dispossess and remove therefrom the Lessee, or other occupants thereof, and their effects, without being liable to any prosecution thereof. In such case, Lessor may, at its option, relet the demised premises or any part thereof, as the agent of the Lessee, and the Lessee shall pay Lessor the difference between the rent hereby reserved and agreed to be paid by the Lessor for the portion of the term remaining at the time of re-entry or repossession and the amount, if any, received or to be received under such reletting for such portion of the term.

17. QUIET ENJOYMENT: Lessor covenants that if and so long as Lessee pays the rent and performs all of the terms, covenants and conditions of this lease on Lessee's part to be performed, Lessee shall peaceably and quietly have, hold and enjoy the demised premises for the term of this lease, but always subject to the provisions of the lease.

18. NOTICE: All notices, consents, requests, instructions or other communications provided for herein, shall be deemed validly given, made and served if in writing and either delivered personally or sent by certified or registered mail, postage prepaid and, pending the designation of another address, addressed as follows:

IF TO LESSEE: Watauga County Arts Council, Inc.
 Attn: Cherry Johnson
 377 Shadowline Drive
 Boone, NC 28607

IF TO LESSOR: Watauga County
 c/o Deron Geouque, Watauga County Manager
 814 West King Street, Suite 205
 Boone, NC 28607

Any such notices, consents, requests, instructions or other communications sent by certified or registered mail shall for the purposes of this lease be considered received three (3) business days after it is deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid.

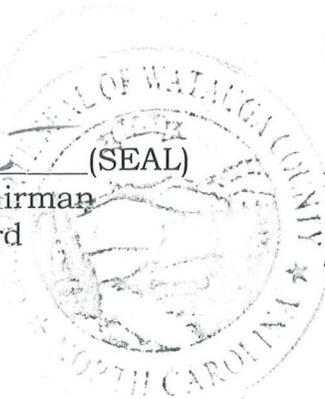
19. MISCELLANEOUS: All rights and liabilities herein given to or imposed upon either of the parties hereto, shall extend to the principals, assigns and, administrators of such parties. Unless the context expressly or impliedly requires or indicates a contrary meaning whenever used in this lease, a noun or pronoun in any gender shall include the remaining genders, the singular shall include the plural and the plural shall include the singular. The parties agree that each party has participated in the drafting and negotiation of this Lease Agreement and that the terms contained herein shall not be construed against either party. The laws of the State of North Carolina shall control this lease. This agreement comprises the entire understanding of the parties and may only be modified in writing, properly executed by the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Lessor and Lessee have caused this instrument to be duly executed and sealed, the day and year first above written.

LESSOR:

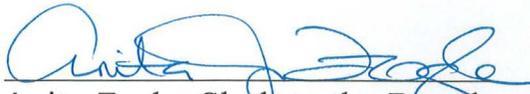
LESSEE:

David R. Blust
David Blust, Vice-Chairman
Watauga County Board
of Commissioners

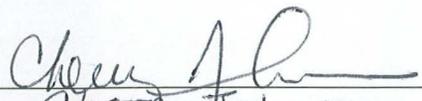


Patricia Lanno (SEAL)
Watauga County Arts, Council, Inc.
By: Patricia Lanno
Title: Board President

Attest:


Anita Fogle, Clerk to the Board

Attest:


By: Cherry Johnson
Title: Executive Director

This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.


Deron Geouque
Deputy Finance Director

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AGENDA ITEM 9:

EMERGENCY SERVICES MATTERS

A. Proposed Emergency Fuel Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Watauga County Schools

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Will Holt, Emergency Services Director, will request the Board approve the Emergency Fuel Memorandum with the Watauga County School System. The purpose of the agreement is to secure fuel during state-of-emergencies in the county.

Board approval is requested to adopt the Memorandum as presented.



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

January 21, 2020

To: Board of Commissioners

CC: Deron Geouque, County Manager
Anita Fogle, Clerk to the Board

Subject: Fuel MOU with Watauga County Schools

Commissioners,

The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) has been working for some time on a long term emergency fuel plan for Watauga County emergency services agencies. While this plan is still being reviewed, in the interim it was determined that a proper Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Watauga County Schools to use their existing infrastructure and fuel supply in times of emergency was warranted. The attached MOU is the result of the efforts between the County and the school system to put such an agreement in place. Dr. Elliott will present the MOU at the next Board of Education’s February meeting for their review as well.

Respectfully,

Will Holt
ES Director

Memorandum of Understanding for Providing Fuel During a Disaster
Between
Watauga County Emergency Services and Watauga County Schools



MEMORANDUM
OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR
PROVIDING FUEL
DURING A DISASTER

Between
Watauga County Emergency Services
And
Watauga County Schools

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to define the relationship between Watauga County Emergency Services and Watauga County Schools, in preparing for and responding to disaster relief situations. This MOU provides a framework for cooperation between the organizations in rendering fuel for fuel, as well as other services for which cooperation may be mutually beneficial. In this document, Watauga County Emergency Services includes, and represents all County Agencies, such as, but not limited to, the Health Department, Sheriff's Office, Department of Social Services, volunteer emergency agencies, and other governmental or contracted agencies as deemed necessary by the Emergency Services Director or his/her designee.

2. Concept of Operation

Each party to this MOU is a separate and independent organization. As such, each organization retains its own identity in providing services, and each organization is responsible for establishing its own policies and financing its own activities, except as herein provided.

3. Definition of Disaster

A disaster is an occurrence such as a hurricane, tornado, storm, flood, earthquake, fire, explosion, building collapse, fuel accident, nuclear incident, mass human disease or other situation that causes human suffering or creates human needs that the victims cannot alleviate without assistance.

4. Overview of Services and Cooperation

In the event of a disaster the Watauga County Office of Emergency Services is charged with response to and recovery from disasters. From time to time during response and recovery efforts emergency fuel is a necessity. In response to this need Watauga County Schools agrees to provide fuel as needed.

5. Management

- ⇒ Once the need for fuel resources is realized, Emergency Services will contact Watauga County Schools.
- ⇒ Overall coordination of fuel will be coordinated by a representative of Emergency Services.
- ⇒ Watauga County Schools will provide supervision for all its resources.

6. Resources

- ⇒ Watauga County Schools will, from its fleet of resources, provide a supply of fuel (road diesel and gasoline) of not less than 1500 gallons if such supply is available without ordering bulk replacement . All reasonable efforts will be made to maintain a quantity of fuel necessary for Watauga County Schools to be able to maintain normal operations.

7. Records

- ⇒ Watauga County Emergency Services shall maintain records of all fuel dispensed during the emergency.
- ⇒ Watauga County Schools shall maintain records of all fuel transported into Watauga County for emergency services.

8. Administration

- ⇒ Watauga County Schools will be reimbursed for all expenses incurred.
- ⇒ Reimbursement shall be provided for the replacement cost of the fuel either from Watauga County (or other users if not a County department) or North Carolina Emergency Management dependent on the event type.

10. Periodic Review

A representative of the Watauga County Schools and of Watauga County Emergency Services will on an annual basis, on or around the anniversary date of this agreement, jointly evaluate this MOU and revise and/or develop new plans, guidelines or goals as appropriate.

11. Quantity

At the time of this signing, it is understood by both parties that the quantity to be reserved will be a minimum of 1500 gallons of gasoline and 1500 gallons of road diesel.

12. Term of the Memorandum of Understanding

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, is made and entered into this ___ day of _____, 20___ and shall continue until it is terminated by any party.

It is understood that this MOU can be terminated by either party by giving 90 days written notice.

Memorandum of Understanding for Providing Fuel During a Disaster
Between
Watauga County Emergency Services and Watauga County Schools

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties with the approval of their respective governing entities, have caused this instrument to be executed by their duly authorized officers to be effective on the date and year first written above.

WATAUGA COUNTY SCHOOLS

By: _____

Date: _____

WATAUGA COUNTY EMERGENCY
SERVICES

By: _____

William A. Holt—Director

Date: _____

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AGENDA ITEM 9:

EMERGENCY SERVICES MATTERS

B. 911 Phone Maintenance Contract

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Holt will request the Board renew the contract with Mobile Communications America in the amount of \$60,746.28. The contract is for the county's 911 phone system maintenance. Funds are provided from the 911 surcharge.

Board approval is required to renew the 911 phone system maintenance contract with Mobile Communications America.



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

January 30, 2020

To: Board of Commissioners

CC: Deron Geouque, County Manager
Misty Watson, Finance Director
Anita Fogle, Clerk to the Board

Subject: 911 Phone Maintenance Contract

Board of Commissioners,

Please consider my request for \$60,746.28 for the renewal of our 911 Phone system maintenance contract with Mobile Communications America (MCA). This is a recurring contract and funded by the 911 Surcharge Fund for regular and emergency maintenance of our Vesta 911 Phone system.

Respectfully,

Will Holt
ES Director



1-800-346-5525

SERVICE AGREEMENT



Motorola Authorized Service Station

4800 Reagan Dr.
Charlotte, NC 28206

(PLEASE PRINT)

DATE: 27-Jan-20

CUSTOMER/AGREEMENT NUMBER

SERVICE LOCATION

CUSTOMER #:

CUSTOMER NAME: Watauga County

ATTN: Will Holt

BILLING ADDRESS: 184 Hodges Gap Rd.

CITY / STATE / ZIP: Boone NC 28607

CONTRACT START DATE: 3/7/2020
AUTOMATIC RENEWAL: YES NO
EXPIRATION DATE: 3/6/2021

CUSTOMER CONTACT: Will Holt
CUSTOMER PHONE #'s: 828 264-3761
Fax # - 828 265-7617

Dept.

OFFICE USE ONLY
SERVICE MGT APPROVAL
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WHEN THIS AGREEMENT IS ACCEPTED BY MOBILE COMM. THE EQUIPMENT ON THE CUSTOMER/AGREEMENT ORDER REFERENCED ABOVE WILL BE SERVICED BY MOBILE COMM. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS PRINTED ON THE REVERSE SIDE.

Table with columns: QTY, DESCRIPTION & SERIAL NUMBERS, TYPE OF SERVICE (CUSTOMER LOCATION, SERVICE CENTER, 24 Hour EMERG. *), MONTHLY SVC AMOUNT (PER UNIT, EXTENDED). Rows include Geo-Diverse Vesta 911 System, Call Taker Workstations, CommandPost Unit, Spare Parts, Spectracom Netclocks, Tripplite UPS, Airbus Software Support, and Airbus 24x7 Remote Monitoring.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
7x24 Emergency Callout service on fixed Equipment.
UPS coverage does not include replacement batteries.
For Service Call SERVICE CENTER:
Charlotte, NC
Mobile Communications
4800 Reagan Dr.
Charlotte, NC 28206
704 597 5220, Fax 597-5497
Toll Free 1-800-346-5525

NEW AGREEMENT SUPERSEDE AGREEMENT NUMBER(S): 1060

ADDITIONAL TERMS, DEFINITIONS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS SERVICE AGREEMENT ARE PRINTED ON THE REVERSE SIDE.

AUTHORIZED CUSTOMER SIGNATURE/P.O. # TITLE DATE
IS P.O. REQUIRED? YES ATTACHED P.O. #
Bruce Williams
336-324-3627
Fax 888-412-6139

MOBILE COMM. SALES/SERVICE REP (SIGNATURE) TELEPHONE #

PAYMENT CYCLE:

TAX EXEMPT:

- ANNUALLY
QUARTERLY
MONTHLY
OTHER (SPECIFY IN SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS)

- YES, ATTACH EXEMPT CERTIFICATE
NO

Summary table with rows: TOTAL PER MONTH (\$5,062.19), TAXES Term, TOTAL (\$60,746.28), and footer text: THE ABOVE SERVICE AMOUNT IS SUBJECT TO STATE AND LOCAL TAXING JURISDICTIONS, TO BE VERIFIED BY MOBILE COMM

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AGENDA ITEM 10:

BID AWARD REQUEST FOR AERIAL PLATFORM

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Marsh, Maintenance Director, will present bids for an aerial lift to service the new community recreation center and other county facilities, parking lots, and fields. Four (4) bids were received with Aerial Titans of Tucker, Georgia submitting the lowest responsive bid in the amount of \$39,610.

Board action is required to award the bid to Aerial Titans in the amount of \$39,610 for an aerial lift.



WATAUGA COUNTY MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

274 Winklers Creek Road, Suite B, Boone, NC 28607 - Phone (828) 264-1430

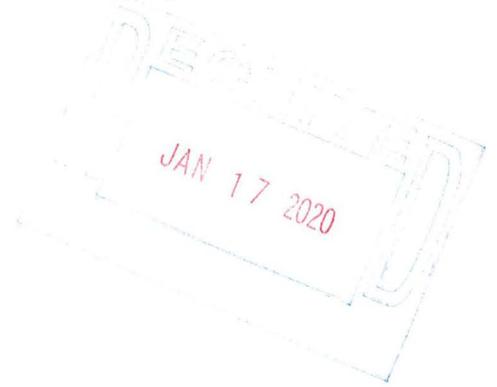
Fax (828) 264-1473

TO: Deron Geouque, County Manager

FROM: Robert Marsh, Maintenance Director *RM*

DATE: January 17, 2020

RE: Bid Award for Aerial Platform



BACKGROUND

Maintenance staff requested bids for an aerial lift with a working height of at least 50'. Specifications also included the unit to be supplied with a water connection at the platform and for the unit to be powered by gas or electric. Vendors were instructed to include delivery charges in their bids.

BID SUMMARY

Aerial Titans Tucker, GA	Niftylift TM50HGE	\$39,610
Niftylift Inc. Greer, SC	Niftylift TM50HGE	\$42,000
Sunbelt Rentals Hickory, NC	TZ50	\$43,357.53
Farmers Rentals Boone, NC	Haulotte/Biljax 5533 A (This unit has a greater working height.)	\$45,795

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the bid be awarded to the low bidder, Aerial Titans of Tucker, GA, for \$39,610.



3758 Lavista Rd, Suite 200, Tucker, GA 30084
 PH: 866-874-0584 | FAX: 800-431-5590

<input type="checkbox"/> Sales Quote (valid for 30 days) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Customer Order Thank you for your Business!	
DATE:	1/10/2020

Quote # **11020**

PO NUMBER:

BILL TO:

Company **Watauga County**
 Ordered By **Steven Moody**
 Address **814 W. King Street**

 City **Boone**
 State **NC** Zip **28607**

SHIP TO: (if different from bill to location)

Company **Same as Billing**
 Attn _____
 Address _____

 City _____
 State _____ Zip _____

Phone **(828) 264-1430**
 Fax _____

Salesman **Louis Nino**
 E-mail Address **lnino@aerialtitans.com**

Qty.	Description/Model Number	Price	Total Price (US dollars)
1	2020 Niftylift TM50HGE	\$37,800.00	\$37,800.00
	Bi-Energy (Honda Gas & DC Electric Motor)		
	1yr Factory Warranty (Parts & Labor)		
	5yr Structural Warranty		
1	Water to Platform	\$860.00	\$860.00
1	6.75% TAX (\$2,673.68)	\$2,673.68	\$2,673.68

Payment Terms (Pay-In-Full, unless otherwise stated)

- Financed (TFS Pre-Approval Required)
- Other _____

\$41,333.68 Sub-total
\$950.00 Estimated Freight Charges
\$42,283.68 Total

Requested Delivery Date (standard lead-time will apply)

(Contingent upon order today due to factory scheduling and equipment availability)

Freight Method (Prepay and Add unless stated otherwise)

- Third party * Will Call
- Collect Carrier Account # _____
- Other *indicate third party information in comment section below

Buyers signature (Sign and Print Name)

Comments _____

Thank you for your business!



www.niftylift.com

Tel: (864) 968 8881
 Fax: (864) 968 8836
 Email: niftyusa@niftylift.com

NIFTYLIFT INC
 1525 S. Buncombe Road
 Greer, SC 29651

QUOTE

Invoiced to:

Watauga Co. Maintenance
 274 Winklers Creek Rd.
 Boone, NC 28607
 Attn: Steve Moody

Ship To:

Watauga Co. Maintenance
 274 Winklers Creek Rd.
 Boone, NC 28607
 Attn: Steve Moody

Customer ID: QUOTE
Your Order No: QUOTE
Our Sales Contact: NIFTY
Rep Name: Brian Helms

Order date: 1/7/2020
Our ref: NS60071

QTY	PART No.	PARTS	NET PRICE	\$
1.00	BS1730	NIFTYLIFT TM50HGE	41,140.00	41,140.00
1.00		WATER HOSE-TM50	860.00	860.00
		Towable AWP with Hydraulic Outriggers Max Working Height = 56' Max Working Outreach = 28' 7" (Telescope Boom) Power = Honda 5.5HP Gas Engine + DC Motor Color = Green		
		SUB TOTAL		\$42,000.00
		TAXES		\$0.00
		FREIGHT		\$0.00
		TOTAL AMOUNT DUE		\$42,000.00

PAYMENT TERMS

Net 30 Days from invoice date.



PC#: 0088
 1800 CLEMENT BLVD NW
 HICKORY, NC 28601 3377
 828-327-4369

SUNBELT RENTALS, INC.
 PO BOX 409211

Job Site:
 WATAUGA COUNTY FINANCE OFFICE
 969 W. KING STREET
 BOONE, NC 28607

 C#: 828-265-8007 J#: 828-265-8007

EQUIPMENT SALE QUOTE



Invoice #... 97517588-0000
 System date. 1/08/20

 Invoice date 3/08/20 AM
 Job Loc..... 969 W. KING STREET, BOONE
 Job No..... 1 - WATAUGA COUNTY F
 P.O. #..... NR
 Ordered By.. MOODY, STEVEN
 NET DUE UPON RECEIPT

Customer: 50804
 WATAUGA COUNTY FINANCE OFFICE
 814 W KING ST.
 SUITE # 216
 BOONE, NC 28607

Qty	Item number	Unit	Price	Amount
1	HYBRID, 50' TOWABLE ART, HONDA, OUT EA TZ50 HYBRID-RETAIL ONLY		43232.530	43232.53
	DELIVERY CHARGE			125.00
	SHIP TO: WATAUGA COUNTY FINANCE OFFICE 969 W. KING STREET BOONE, NC 28607 If we deliver fee will be 125.00			
			Sub-total:	43357.53
			Tax:	2926.64
			Total:	46284.17

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IF THE EQUIPMENT DOES NOT WORK PROPERLY, NOTIFY THE OFFICE AT ONCE MULTIPLE SHIFTS OR OVERTIME RATES MAY APPLY CUSTOMER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REFUELING, DAMAGES AND REPAIRS

- The total charges are an estimate based on the estimated rental period and other information provided by Customer.
- Customer assumes all risks associated with the Equipment during the Rental Period, including injury and damage to persons, property and the Equipment.
- Customer is responsible for and shall only permit properly trained, Authorized Individuals to use the Equipment.
- If the Equipment does not operate properly, is not suitable for Customer's intended use, does not have operating and safety instructions or Customer has any questions regarding use of the Equipment, Customer shall not use the Equipment and shall contact Sunbelt immediately.
- Equipment misuse or using damaged or malfunctioning Equipment may result in serious bodily injury or death and Customer agrees that Customer (i) assumes all risk associated thereunder, and (ii) indemnifies Sunbelt Entities for all claims or damages as a result of misuse or use of damaged or malfunctioning Equipment.
- Customer has received, read, understands and agrees to the estimated charges and all the terms on this page, plus all sections on the reverse side of this Contract ("Sections"), including Release and Indemnification in Section 8 and Environmental Fee in Section 16, which can also be found at www.sunbeltrentals.com/rentalcontract. *Delivery/Pickup Surcharge fee explanation is available at www.sunbeltrentals.com/surcharge.
- Customer must contact Sunbelt to request pickup of Equipment, retain the Pick-Up Number given by Sunbelt and will be responsible for Equipment until actually retrieved by Sunbelt.
- Customer waives its right to a jury trial in any dispute as set forth in Section 19.
- At the election of Sunbelt or Customer, Customer agrees to submit every dispute to arbitration and waives any right to bring a class action as set forth in Section 20.

Customer is declining Rental Protection Plan (see reverse side for details) _____ (Customer Initials)
 MOODY, STEVEN

Customer Signature _____ Date _____ Name Printed _____ Delivered By _____ Date _____

SUNBELT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **DEFINITIONS.** "Authorized Individuals" are those individuals that Customer directly or indirectly allows to use the Equipment, who are properly trained to use the Equipment and are not under the influence of any drugs, alcohol, substances or otherwise impaired. "Customer" is identified earlier and includes any of its representatives, agents, officers, employees or anyone signing this Contract on its behalf. "Environmental Fee" is the charge described in Section 16. "Equipment" is the equipment and/or services identified earlier, together with all replacements, repairs, additions, attachments and accessories and all future Equipment rented. "Incident" is any fine, citation, theft, accident, casualty, loss, vandalism, injury, death or damage to person or property, claimed by any person or entity that appears to have occurred in connection with the Equipment. Equipment is considered "Lost" when it is either stolen, its location is unknown or Customer is unable to recover it for a period of 30 days. "MSLP" is the Equipment manufacturer's suggested list price on or about the date of the incident relating to the Equipment. "One Shift" means not more than 8 hours per day and 40 hours per week. "Ordinary Wear and Tear" means normal deterioration considered reasonable in the equipment rental industry for One Shift use. "Pick-Up Number" is the number Customer obtains from Sunbelt evidencing the Customer's call to pick up Equipment. "Rental Period" commences when the Equipment is delivered to Customer or the Site Address and continues until the Equipment is returned to the Store or picked up by Sunbelt during normal business hours, provided Customer has otherwise complied with this Contract. "RPP" is the rental protection plan described in Section 10. "Site Address" is the location that Customer represents the Equipment will be located during the Rental Period identified earlier. "Store" is the Sunbelt location identified earlier. "Sunbelt" is Sunbelt Rentals, Inc. "Sunbelt Entities" is Sunbelt and its affiliated companies, their respective officers, directors, employees and agents.
2. **TERMS.** Customer's execution of this Contract or taking possession of the Equipment shall be deemed acceptance of the terms herein. All of the terms herein are incorporated into this and all past and future contracts between Sunbelt and Customer upon Customer's receipt of Sunbelt's Equipment under those contracts. Any reference in Customer's purchase order or other Customer document to other terms that shall control this transaction shall be void. Customer rents the Equipment from Sunbelt pursuant to this Contract. This Contract is a true lease. The Equipment (a) is and shall remain the personal property of Sunbelt and (b) shall not be alienated to any other property.
3. **PERMITTED USE.** Customer agrees that Sunbelt has no control over the manner in which the Equipment is operated during the Rental Period by Customer or any third party that Customer implicitly or explicitly permits. Customer warrants that: (a) prior to each use, Customer shall inspect the Equipment to confirm that it is in good condition, without defects, includes readable decals and operating and safety equipment or instructions and is suitable for Customer's intended use; (b) any apparent agent at the Site Address is authorized to accept delivery of the Equipment and if Customer requests, Customer authorizes Sunbelt to leave the Equipment at the Site Address without requirement of written receipt; (c) Customer shall immediately notify Sunbelt if the Equipment is Lost, damaged, unsafe, disabled, malfunctioning, levied upon, threatened with seizure, or if any Incident occurs; (d) Customer has received from Sunbelt all information needed or requested regarding the operation of the Equipment; (e) Sunbelt is not responsible for providing operator or other training unless Customer specifically requests in writing and Sunbelt agrees to provide such training (Customer being responsible to obtain all training that Customer desires prior to the Equipment's use); (f) only Authorized Individuals shall use and operate the Equipment; (g) the Equipment's use shall be in a careful manner, in compliance with all operating and safety instructions provided on, or with the Equipment and all applicable federal, state and local laws, permits and licenses, including but not limited to, OSHA, as revised; and (h) the Equipment shall be kept in a secure location.
4. **PROHIBITED USE.** Customer shall not (a) alter or cover up any decals or insignia on the Equipment or remove any operating or safety equipment or instructions; (b) assign its rights under this Contract; (c) move the Equipment from the Site Address without Sunbelt's written consent; (d) use the Equipment in a negligent, illegal, unauthorized or abusive manner, or in any application (print, audiovisual or electronic); or (e) allow the use of the Equipment by any unauthorized individual (Customer acknowledging that the Equipment may be dangerous if used improperly or by untrained parties).
5. **MAINTENANCE.** Customer shall perform routine maintenance on the Equipment, including routine inspections and maintenance of fuel and oil levels, grease, cooling system, water, batteries, cutting edges, and cleaning in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications. All other maintenance or repairs may only be performed by Sunbelt or its agents, but Sunbelt has no responsibility during the Rental Period to inspect or perform any maintenance or repairs unless Customer requests a service call. If Sunbelt determines that repairs to the Equipment are necessary for Ordinary Wear and Tear, Customer shall pay the full repair charges and rental of the Equipment until the repairs are completed. Sunbelt has the right to inspect the Equipment wherever located. Customer has the authority to and hereby grants Sunbelt and its agents the right to enter the physical location of the Equipment for the purposes set forth herein. Sunbelt shall be responsible for repairs needed because of Ordinary Wear and Tear. Customer agrees that repair or replacement of the Equipment is Customer's exclusive remedy for Sunbelt's breach of this Section. Notwithstanding Sunbelt's service commitment, Sunbelt shall have no obligation if Customer breaches this Contract to stop the Rental Period, commence repairs or rent other equipment to Customer until Customer or its agent agrees to pay for such charges.
6. **CUSTOMER LIABILITY, DURING THE RENTAL PERIOD, CUSTOMER ASSUMES ALL RISK ASSOCIATED WITH THE POSSESSION, CONTROL, OR USE OF THE EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, RENTAL CHARGES, THEFT, LOSSES, DAMAGES AND DESTRUCTION, INCLUDING CUSTOMER TRANSPORTATION, LOADING AND UNLOADING, WHETHER OR NOT THE CUSTOMER IS AT FAULT.** After an Incident, Customer shall immediately notify Sunbelt, the police if necessary and Customer's insurance carrier; (b) secure and maintain the Equipment and the surrounding premises in the condition existing at the time of such Incident, until Sunbelt or its agents investigate; (c) immediately submit copies of all police or other third party reports to Sunbelt; and (d) as applicable, pay Sunbelt, in addition to other sums due herein, the rental rate for Equipment until the repairs are completed or Equipment replaced plus either (i) the MSLP or (ii) the full charges of repairs of damaged Equipment. Accrued rental charges shall not be applied against these amounts. Sunbelt shall have the immediate right, but not obligation, to reclaim any Equipment involved in any incident.
7. **NO WARRANTIES.** Sunbelt does not design or manufacture the Equipment and is not the agent of those that do. **SUNBELT DISCLAIMS ALL REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, WITH RESPECT TO THE EQUIPMENT, ITS DURABILITY, CONDITION, MERCHANTABILITY, OR FITNESS FOR ANY PARTICULAR PURPOSE, CUSTOMER ACKNOWLEDGES ACCEPTANCE OF THE EQUIPMENT ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, WITH "ALL FAULTS" AND WITHOUT ANY RECOURSE, WHATSOEVER, AGAINST SUNBELT ENTITIES. CUSTOMER ASSUMES ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EQUIPMENT AND RELEASES SUNBELT ENTITIES FROM ALL LIABILITIES AND DAMAGES (INCLUDING LOST PROFITS, PERSONAL INJURY, AND SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL AND CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES) IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THE EQUIPMENT, ITS OPERATION OR USE OR ANY DEFECT OR FAILURE THEREOF OR A BREACH OF SUNBELT'S OBLIGATIONS HEREIN.**
8. **RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION.** TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, CUSTOMER INDEMNIFIES, RELEASES, HOLDS SUNBELT ENTITIES HARMLESS AND AT SUNBELT'S REQUEST, DEFENDS SUNBELT ENTITIES (WITH COUNSEL APPROVED BY SUNBELT), FROM AND AGAINST ALL LIABILITIES, CLAIMS, LOSSES, DAMAGES AND EXPENSES (INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S AND COURT LEGAL FEES AND EXPENSES) HOWEVER ARISING OR INCURRED, RELATED TO ANY INCIDENT, DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, INJURY OR DEATH OF ANY PERSON, CONTAMINATION OR ALLEGED CONTAMINATION, OR VIOLATION OF LAW OR REGULATION CAUSED BY OR CONNECTED WITH THE (a) USE, POSSESSION OR CONTROL OF THE EQUIPMENT DURING THE RENTAL PERIOD OR (b) BREACH OF THIS CONTRACT, WHETHER OR NOT CAUSED IN PART BY THE ACTIVE OR PASSIVE NEGLIGENCE OR OTHER FAULT OF ANY PARTY INDEMNIFIED HEREIN AND ANY OF THE FOREGOING ARISING OR IMPOSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINE OF STRICT OR ABSOLUTE LIABILITY. CUSTOMER ALSO AGREES TO WAIVE ITS WORKERS' COMPENSATION IMMUNITY, TO THE EXTENT APPLICABLE. CUSTOMER'S INDEMNITY OBLIGATIONS SHALL SURVIVE THE EXPIRATION OR TERMINATION OF THIS CONTRACT. All of Customer's indemnification obligations under this paragraph shall be joint and several.
9. **INSURANCE.** During the Rental Period, Customer shall maintain, at its own expense, the following minimum insurance coverage: (a) general liability insurance of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, including coverage for Customer's contractual liabilities herein such as the release and indemnification clause contained in Section 8; (b) property insurance against loss with all risks to the Equipment, in an amount at least equal to the MSLP thereof, unless RPP is elected and paid for at the time of rental; (c) worker's compensation insurance as required by law; and (d) automobile liability insurance (including comprehensive and collision coverage, and uninsured/underinsured motorist coverage), in the same amounts set forth in subsections (a) and (b), if the Equipment is to be used on any roadway. Such policies shall be primary, non-contributory, on an occurrence basis, contain a waiver of subrogation, name Sunbelt and its agents as an additional insured (including an additional insured endorsement) and loss payee, and provide for Sunbelt to receive at least 30 days prior written notice of any cancellation or material change. Any insurance that excludes boom damage or overturns is a breach. Customer shall provide Sunbelt with certificates of insurance evidencing the coverages required above prior to any rental and any time upon Sunbelt's request. To the extent Sunbelt Entities carry any insurance, Sunbelt Entities' insurance will be considered excess insurance. The insurance required herein does not relieve Customer of its responsibilities, indemnification, or other obligations provided herein, or for which Customer may be liable by law or otherwise.
10. **RENTAL PROTECTION PLAN.** Customer's repair or replacement responsibility in Sections 5 and 6 is modified by the RPP and Sunbelt shall limit the amount Sunbelt collects from Customer for the Equipment loss, damage or destruction to the following amounts for each piece of Equipment: (a) 10% of the MSLP for Lost Equipment, up to a maximum of \$500 per piece of Equipment; (b) 10% of the repair charges for incidental or accidental damage to Equipment, up to a maximum of \$500 per piece of Equipment; (c) charges in excess of \$50 per tire for tire repairs; and (d) nothing for the rental charges which would otherwise accrue during the period when damaged or destroyed Equipment is being repaired or replaced by Sunbelt or Lost Equipment is being replaced; provided however, the foregoing RPP liability reduction only applies if the Conditions are satisfied and an Exclusion does not apply. The RPP is NOT INSURANCE and does NOT protect Customer from liability to Sunbelt or others arising out of possession, control or use of the Equipment, including injury or damage to person or property. **THE RPP IS A CONTRACTUAL MODIFICATION OF CUSTOMER'S LIABILITY.** All of the following "Conditions" must be satisfied for the RPP and the corresponding liability reduction to apply: (i) Customer accepts the RPP in advance of the rental; (ii) Customer pays 15% of the gross rental charges as the fee for the RPP (plus applicable taxes); (iii) Customer fully complies with the terms of this Contract; (iv) Customer's account is current at the time of the loss, theft, damage or destruction of the Equipment; and (v) none of the Exclusions apply. Customer assumes the Exclusion risks, meaning that if any Exclusion occurs, the RPP does NOT reduce the liability of Customer to Sunbelt for the loss, theft, damage or destruction resulting from such Exclusion. "Exclusions" shall mean loss, theft, damage or destruction of the Equipment: (A) due to intentional misuse; (B) caused by Lost Equipment not reported by Customer to the police within 48 hours of discovery, and substantiated by a written police report (promptly delivered to Sunbelt); (C) due to flood, wind, storms, earthquakes or other Acts of God; and (D) accessories or Equipment for which Customer is not charged the RPP fee. **THE EXCLUSIONS RELATE TO THE LIABILITY OF CUSTOMER AND ARE NOT A WAIVER OF THE RPP. THE RPP IS ELECTED ON THE CONTRACT AS PART OF CUSTOMER'S ESTIMATED CHARGES UNLESS CUSTOMER HAS ELECTED TO DECLINE RPP IN WRITING OR MADE OTHER CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Contract, if Lost Equipment is later recovered, Sunbelt retains ownership of the Equipment regardless of any payments made by Customer or Customer's insurance company with respect to such Equipment, all of which payments are non-refundable. Customer agrees to promptly return any Equipment that is recovered. Sunbelt shall be subrogated to Customer's rights to recover against any person or

entity resulting from any loss, theft, damage or destruction to the Equipment. Customer shall cooperate with, assign Sunbelt all claims and proceeds arising from such loss, theft, damage or destruction, execute and deliver to Sunbelt whatever documents are required and take all other necessary steps to secure in Sunbelt such rights, at Customer's expense.

11. **RENTAL RATES.** The total charges specified in this Contract are: (a) estimated based upon Customer's representation of the estimated Rental Period identified herein (rental rates beyond the estimated Rental Period may change) and other information conveyed by Customer to Sunbelt; and (b) for the Equipment's use for One Shift, unless otherwise noted. Weekly and 4 week rental rates shall not be prorated. Rental charges accrue during Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. The rental rates do not include and Customer is responsible for: (i) all consumables, fees, licenses, present and future taxes and any other governmental charges based on Customer's possession and/or use of the Equipment, including additional fees for more than One Shift use; (ii) delivery and pickup charges to and from the Store, including but not limited to any freight, transportation, delivery, pickup and surcharge fees listed in this Contract; (iii) maintenance, repairs and replacements to the Equipment as provided herein; (iv) a cleaning fee if required; (v) miscellaneous charges, such as fees for lost keys and RPP; (vi) fuel used during the Rental Period and for refueling Equipment as described below; (vii) fines for use of dyed diesel fuel in on-road Equipment; and (viii) a Environmental Fee (see www.sunbeltrentals.com/environmentalfee/) and (ix) Transportation Surcharge (see www.sunbeltrentals.com/surcharge/). The convenience charge for off road diesel fuel does not include governmental motor fuel taxes or charges. Sunbelt collects these fees as revenue and uses them at its discretion.

12. **PAYMENT.** Customer shall pay amounts due, without any offsets, in full at the time of rental, unless Sunbelt approves Customer's executed credit application (credit customers must pay upon receipt of Sunbelt's invoice). Customer must notify Sunbelt in writing of any disputed amounts, including credit card charges, within 15 days after the receipt of the invoice/contract or Customer shall be deemed to have irrevocably waived its right to dispute such amounts. At Sunbelt's discretion, any credit account with a delinquent balance may be placed on a cash basis, deposits may be required and the Equipment may be picked up without notice. Due to the difficulty in fixing actual damages caused by late payment, Customer agrees that a service charge equal to the lesser of 1.5% per month or the maximum rate permitted by law shall be assessed on all delinquent accounts, until paid in full. Customer shall pay a fee of \$75 for each check returned for lack of sufficient funds to compensate Sunbelt for its overhead for processing missed payment. Deposits will only be returned after all amounts are paid in full. Customer agrees that if a credit card is presented to pay for charges or to guarantee payment, Customer authorizes Sunbelt to charge the credit card all amounts shown on this Contract and charges subsequently incurred by Customer, including but not limited to, loss of or damage to the Equipment and extension of the Rental Period.

13. **RETURN OF EQUIPMENT.** Sunbelt may terminate this Contract at any time, for any reason. At the end of the Rental Period, the Equipment shall be returned to Sunbelt in the same condition it was received, less Ordinary Wear and Tear and free of any hazardous materials and contaminants. Customer will continue to be responsible for rental and other charges after the Rental Period if the Equipment is not returned in the condition required herein. If Sunbelt delivered the Equipment to Customer, Customer shall notify Sunbelt that the Equipment is ready to be picked up at the Site Address and obtain a Pick-Up Number, which Pick-Up Number Customer should keep as proof of the call; provided Customer remains liable for any loss, theft, damage to or destruction of the Equipment until Sunbelt confirms that the Equipment is returned in the condition required herein. Customer will not be charged the rental charges after the date the Pick-Up Number is given, provided Customer has otherwise complied with this Contract. No pickups occur on Sundays or statutory holidays and Saturday pickups are dependent on specific Store hours. If Customer picked up Equipment, Customer shall return Equipment to the same Store during that Store's normal business hours. If the Equipment is not returned by the estimated end of the Rental Period specified earlier, Customer agrees to pay the applicable rental rate for the Equipment until the end of the Rental Period.

14. **PURCHASES:** If this Contract identifies any Equipment, materials or other items that is to be purchased by Customer, Sunbelt sells and delivers such items to Customer on an "AS IS, WHERE IS" basis, with all faults and without any warranties (other than manufacturer warranties, if any) in consideration for Customer's payment to Sunbelt of the full purchase price of the item, Sunbelt retains title to the item until Customer has paid in full.

15. **DEFAULT.** Customer shall be in default if Sunbelt deems itself insecure or if Customer: (a) fails to pay sums when due; (b) breaches any Section of this Contract; (c) becomes a debtor in a bankruptcy proceeding, goes into receivership, seeks protection from its creditors under any insolvency legislation, ceases to carry on business, or has its assets seized by any creditor; (d) fails to insure the Equipment as required, or otherwise places the Equipment at risk; (e) fails to return Equipment immediately upon Sunbelt's demand; or (f) is in default under any other contract with Sunbelt. If a Customer default occurs, Sunbelt shall have, in addition to all rights and remedies at law or in equity, the right to repossess the Equipment without judicial process or prior notice. Customer shall pay all of Sunbelt's costs, including reasonable costs of collection, court costs, attorneys and legal fees, incurred in exercising any of its rights or remedies here. The use of false identification to obtain Equipment or the failure to return Equipment by the end of the Rental Period may be considered theft, subject to criminal prosecution and civil liability where permitted, pursuant to applicable laws. Sunbelt shall not be liable due to seizure of Equipment by order of governmental authority. **CUSTOMER WAIVES ANY RIGHT OF ACTION AGAINST SUNBELT ENTITIES FOR SUCH REPOSSESSION.**

16. **ENVIRONMENTAL FEE.** To promote a clean and sustainable environment, Sunbelt takes various measures to comply with applicable environmental regulations, as well as with Sunbelt's own policies. Sunbelt also incurs a wide range of environmental related expenses (both direct and indirect). These expenses may include services such as waste disposal, construction and maintenance of cleaning facilities, acquisition of more fuel efficient equipment, as well as labor costs, administration costs, etc. To help defray these and other costs, Sunbelt assesses an Environmental Fee, plus applicable taxes thereon in connection with certain rentals. The Environmental Fee is not a tax or governmentally mandated charge, and is not designated for any particular use or placed in an escrow account, but is a charge that Sunbelt collects as revenue and uses at its discretion.

17. **FUEL.** For Equipment that uses fuel, Customer has three options: (a) **Prepay Fuel Option** - Customer may purchase a full tank of fuel for the Equipment at the start of the rental, in which case a "convenience charge" will appear on this Contract (calculated by multiplying the estimated full capacity of Equipment by the Prepay per gallon rate). As an added benefit, Customer may return the Equipment full of fuel and the convenience charge will be refunded (however, if not returned full, Customer will not obtain any credit for fuel left in the Equipment upon return); (b) **Pay on Return Option** - if Customer returns Equipment with less fuel than when received, Customer shall pay a refueling charge (calculated by multiplying gallons required to refill tank with fuel to level when received by the Pay on Return per gallon rate); and (c) **Return Full Option** - if Customer returns the Equipment with at least as much fuel as when it was received (most Sunbelt Equipment comes with a full tank of fuel, but not all), no fuel charge will be assessed. The cost of Customer refueling Equipment itself will generally be lower than the Prepay Fuel Option or the Pay on Return Option; however these options each allow for the convenience of not refueling.

18. **LIMITATION OF SUNBELT'S LIABILITY. IN CONSIDERATION OF THE RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT, CUSTOMER AGREES THAT SUNBELT'S LIABILITY UNDER THIS CONTRACT, INCLUDING ANY LIABILITY ARISING FROM SUNBELT'S, SUNBELT ENTITIES, OR ANY THIRD PARTY'S COMPARATIVE, CONCURRENT, CONTRIBUTORY, PASSIVE OR ACTIVE NEGLIGENCE OR THAT ARISES AS A RESULT OF ANY STRICT OR ABSOLUTE LIABILITY, SHALL NOT EXCEED THE TOTAL RENTAL CHARGES PAID BY CUSTOMER UNDER THIS CONTRACT.**

19. **JURY TRIAL WAIVER. IN ANY DISPUTE ARISING OUT OF, IN CONNECTION WITH, OR IN ANY WAY PERTAINING TO THIS CONTRACT, CUSTOMER AND SUNBELT HEREBY KNOWINGLY, VOLUNTARILY AND INTENTIONALLY WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO A TRIAL BY JURY, THIS WAIVER BEING A MATERIAL INDUCEMENT TO ENTERING INTO THIS CONTRACT.**

20. **ARBITRATION AGREEMENT & CLASS ACTION WAIVER. AT THE ELECTION OF CUSTOMER OR SUNBELT, ANY DISPUTE ARISING OUT OF, IN CONNECTION WITH OR IN ANY WAY PERTAINING TO THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION BROUGHT IN THE PARTY'S INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY AND NOT AS A PLAINTIFF IN A PURPORTED CLASS OR REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY, ADMINISTERED BY THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION UNDER ITS COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION RULES OR BY JAMS PURSUANT TO ITS STREAMLINED ARBITRATION RULES AND PROCEDURES AND JUDGEMENT ON THE AWARD RENDERED BY THE ARBITRATOR(S) MAY BE ENTERED IN ANY COURT HAVING JURISDICTION THEREOF. THERE SHALL BE NO RIGHT OR AUTHORITY FOR ANY CLAIMS TO BE ARBITRATED OR TRIED ON A CLASS ACTION BASIS.**

21. **COMPLIANCE WITH EXPORT AND IMPORT LAWS.** Removal of the Equipment from the United States ("U.S.") is prohibited under this Contract. If Customer desires or causes the transport and/or operation of the Equipment outside of the U.S., Customer must (a) obtain Sunbelt's consent prior to taking such action, and (b) execute an amendment to this Contract, which amendment is incorporated herein. If Customer exports or re-exports without complying with the above sentence, Customer agrees that (i) the Equipment is subject to and must comply with all applicable export laws, including but not limited to the Export Administration Regulations, and (ii) Customer is responsible for: (A) determining whether and obtaining if necessary, export or re-export licenses or other authorizations as required prior to exporting or re-exporting the Equipment; (B) obtaining any required documentation necessary for return of the Equipment, and (C) ensuring no unauthorized transfers or diversions of the Equipment occur. Refer to www.bis.doc.gov for information.

22. **GOVERNING LAW.** The parties expressly and irrevocably agree: (a) this Contract, including any related tort claims, shall be governed by the laws of South Carolina, without regard to any conflicts of law principles and (b) if any Section of this Contract is prohibited by any law, such Section shall be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition without invalidating the remaining Sections.

23. **MISCELLANEOUS.** This Contract, together with any Customer executed credit application, constitutes the entire agreement of the parties regarding the Equipment and may not be modified except by written amendment signed by the parties. Customer's obligations hereunder shall survive the termination of this Contract. This Contract and all of Customer's rights in and to the Equipment are subordinate to all rights, title and interest of all persons (including Sunbelt's lenders) who have rights in the Equipment. Headings are for convenience only. To the extent that any terms in this Contract conflict, the parties agree that the more specific terms control. A copy of this Contract shall be valid as the original. Any failure by Sunbelt to sign and return a strict performance of any Section of this Contract shall not be construed as a waiver of the right to demand strict performance in the future. Customer and the person signing this Contract represent that: (a) they both have full authority to execute, deliver and perform this Contract and (b) this Contract constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of Customer, enforceable in accordance with its terms. When Customer is a buyer of Equipment, they are hereby notified that Sunbelt has assigned its rights (but not its obligations) in the agreement to sell the asset(s) described herein to Sunbelt Rentals Exchange, Inc., a qualified intermediary, as part of Section 1031 exchange, and Customer shall make the payee "Sunbelt Rentals Exchange, Inc."

Additional terms and conditions for E&S Control, Shoring and Bridging can be found at <https://www.sunbeltrentals.com/about/shoring-bridging-additional-terms-and-conditions/>

Steven.Moody

From: STEVE GREENE [steve@farmersrentals.com]
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 3:04 PM
To: Steven.Moody
Subject: Quote Haulotte / Biljax 5533a lift

Steven,

It was nice talking to you today. As I mentioned earlier, there is a savings of \$1000.00 if purchased before 02-29-20. The price in this email reflects that discount and includes freight but not tax. The generator option can be started and stopped from the basket.

Haulotte / Biljax 5533 A \$43500.00
Generator option \$2295.00

\$45,795

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Steve Greene

Farmers Rentals and Power Equipment
678 Highway 105 Extension
Boone, NC 28607
Phone 828-264-6044
Fax 828-264-6219



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AGENDA ITEM 11:

PROJECT ON AGING MATTERS

A. Proposed Appointment of North Carolina Senior Tar Heel Legislature (STHL) Alternate Member

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Ms. Boitnotte will present recommendations for appointments to the NC STHL. Each County in the State has a delegate and an alternate. Ms. Mary Moretz's name has been provided to serve as the alternate member. In that this is the first reading, you may delay action or waive your policy and make the appointment as presented.

Direction from the Board is requested.



Watauga County Project on Aging

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Deron Geouque, County Manager

FROM: Angie Boitnotte, Director

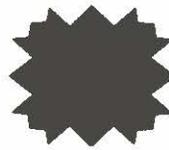
DATE: January 28, 2020

SUBJ: Request for Board of Commissioners' Consideration: NC Senior Tar Heel Legislature Alternate Appointment

The Senior Tar Heel Legislature (STHL) was created by an act passed by the NC General Assembly in 1993. The NC STHL serves as a representative body of citizens who voice the needs of older adults to the General Assembly. Each county has a delegate and an alternate who represent the older adults in their home county. The STHL also serves as the Advisory Committee on Aging for the High Country Council of Governments.

I have included information submitted by the Area Agency on Aging for the new Alternate, Mary Moretz, for your information.

I plan to be present for discussion or questions.



Application Form

North Carolina Senior Tar Heel Legislature - Region D

I wish to be considered for: () Delegate or (x) Alternate

Name of Applicant: Mary Etta Moretz

Mailing Address: 1419 Deerfield Road, Boone, NC 28607

County of Residence: Watauga

Phone Number: 828-264-2281 (Cell) 828-773-2401

E-mail Address: memoretz@charter.net

Date of Birth: August 27, 1942

Employment Status -working (full or P/T) or retired, and field of current or former employment:
Retired educator. I taught at Watauga High School for 37 years in English and Social Studies;
I was the Director of Extended Day; I was the founder and Director of Pioneer Academy, a
program for at-risk youth. I served as a site coordinator for Upward Bound and taught a few
classes for ASU and CCC.

I am an owner and manager of Moretz IV, LLC, a family owned business.

Describe your experience and knowledge relative to issues affecting older adults:

I was the major care-giver for both of my parents, and my mother lived with me and my two
sons for most of the 13 years following my father's death until her own. I have also been the
guardian and care-giver for an uncle and for a close family friend. I had to advocate for them
with their medical providers, nursing homes and with their in-home help.

I served on the Project on Aging Board or Advisory Committee when I was County
Commissioner.

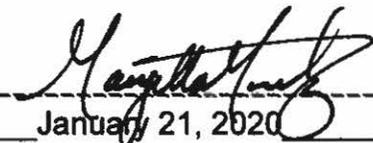
Describe any participation in groups or organizations for older adults and in councils or committees which advise or oversee programs which have an impact on older persons:

As referenced above, I was on an Advisory Board for the Project on Aging when I served on the County Commission. I was also the County Commission's liaison for the Sheriff's Department, and issues arose concerning the elderly at that time. A member of the Social Services Board, I represented the County Commission and was later appointed as a citizen and served as the Board Chair. One of my greatest privileges was to be one of the founders and the Board Chair of the Community Care Clinic. I served as a member of the WAMY Board for several years and we helped citizens, primarily older ones, install heating and insulation for their homes, and one of my favorite programs, was the Garden Program in which WAMY provided seed and fertilizer vouchers for elderly gardeners. I belong to several groups composed of Senior Citizens and interact with them on a frequent basis.

In the space below, describe any special skills or attributes which would enhance your effectiveness as a delegate or alternate to the North Carolina Senior Tar Heel Legislature:

I am well-known in Watauga County. I respect all of its people and am able to communicate with people from all socio-economic backgrounds, races, religions and ethnicities. I enjoy challenges and the opportunity to learn.

By signing below, you commit to participating fully in STHL orientation and training, STHL meetings and other activities of the Senior Tar Heel Legislature.

SIGNATURE  _____
Date January 21, 2020

Return Form to: Diane Tilson
High Country AAA
468 New Market Blvd, Boone, 28607
Email: dtilson@hccog.org
828-265-5434 x 141

AGENDA ITEM 11:

PROJECT ON AGING MATTERS

B. Proposed Appointment of Home and Community Care Block Grant (H&CCBG) Advisory Committee and Lead Agency

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Each year the Board is required to appoint a lead agency and advisory committee to make recommendations on how to best expend the County's allocation from the Home and Community Care Block Grant (H&CCBG) funds. These funds were previously established by the Older American's Act and are administered by the North Carolina Division of Aging.

Board action is requested to approve the Watauga County Project on Aging as the Lead Agency. In that this is the first reading, you may delay action or waive your policy and appoint the members to the Advisory Board as presented.

Direction from the Board is requested.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Deron Geouque, County Manager

FROM: Angie Boitnotte, Director

DATE: January 28, 2020

SUBJ: Request for Board of Commissioners' Consideration: Appointment of the Home and Community Care Block Grant Advisory Committee and Lead Agency

Please accept the attached list as nominations for the Home and Community Care Block Grant Advisory Committee for FY 2021. I also recommend that the Watauga County Project on Aging be appointed as the Lead Agency.

**HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE FY 2021**

LEAD AGENCY

Angie Boitnotte, Director
132 Poplar Grove Connector, Suite A
Boone, NC 28607

Watauga County Project on Aging
265-8090
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ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NAME

REPRESENTING

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High Country Council of Governments
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Linda Bretz, RN
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Boone, NC 28607

Gentiva Home Health
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Vanessa Brumfield, Consumer Relations Team Lead
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Boone, NC 28607

Vaya Health
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vanessa.brumfield@vayahealth.com

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Murray Hawkinson, Watauga Clinical Site Director
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Boone, NC 28607

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Tom Hughes, Director
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Boone, NC 28607

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Kat Danner
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Boone, NC 28607

Senior Citizen
264-7985 or 773-0682
dannerk@charter.net

Linda Marcoux
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Vilas, NC 28692

Senior Citizen
964-5489

Mary Moretz
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Senior Citizen (STHL Alternate)
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~~Senior Citizen
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Senior Citizen
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RosenbergE@appstate.edu

Updated: 01/28/20

AGENDA ITEM 12:

FINANCE MATTERS

A. Proposed Updated Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Lot 2, Phase 1, Twin Rivers Development

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Ms. Misty Watson, Finance Director, will provide an updated resolution authorizing the sale of a 1.60 acre lot located in the Twin Rivers Development in Foscoe. The Board has already declared the property surplus and will need to adopt the revised resolution to start the sale process. The minimum bid will be set at \$5,000 to cover taxes, attorney fees, and administrative fees.

Board action is required to approve the enclosed revised resolution to authorize the listing, sale and advertisement of the property on GovDeals with a minimum bid of \$5,000.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF WATAUGA

**RESOLUTION OF THE
WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 2, PHASE 1, TWIN RIVERS DEVELOPMENT, FOSCOE, NC**

WHEREAS, the County of Watauga owns a 1.60 acre lot located AT Twin Rivers Development, Hwy. 105 South, Boone, NC, Parcel ID 1889-70-2213-000 in the Watauga County tax maps; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 153A-176 permits a County to dispose of any real or personal property belonging to it according to the procedures prescribed in Chapter 160A, Article 12; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 153A-176 permits the County to sell real property by electronic advertisement and public auction; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 160A-270(c) provides that auctions of real property may be conducted electronically if the County authorizes the establishment of an electronic auction procedure or authorizes the use of existing private or public electronic auction services; and

WHEREAS, the County has passed a Resolution authorizing the establishment of an electronic auction procedure and the use of existing public and private electronic auction services; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 160A-270(c) provides that notice of all electronic sales may be published solely by electronic means if that exclusive method of publication is approved by the governing board of the political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners has adopted a Resolution for the exclusive method of publication being by electronic means.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Watauga County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. The Watauga County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the sale of the following described tract of land by existing private electronic auction services at www.govdeals.com:

Being all of Lot 2, Phase I, Twin Rivers Development as shown on plat recorded in Plat Book 14, Page 65, Watauga County Public Registry.

2. The County will accept bids for the property until Friday, March 25th, 2020.
3. The record of bids shall be reported to the Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting on Tuesday, April 7th, 2020.
4. The minimum opening bid for this property shall be \$5,000.
5. The Board of Commissioners will determine the highest responsible bidder for the property and has discretion to award the bid.
6. To be responsible, a bid deposit of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid must be paid within five business days after close of auction. The deposit of the bidder to whom the award is made will be held until the sale of the property is closed; if that bidder refuses at any time to close the sale, the deposit will be forfeited to the County. Final payment and close of sale must be accomplished within 60 days after close of auction. Bidder is responsible for a 7.5% sales commission payable to Watauga County, all property surveys, deed preparation, and attorney and recording costs associated with the deed transfer.
7. In addition, to be responsible, a bidder must be current on payment of all property taxes owed to the county.
8. The County reserves the right to withdraw the property from sale at any time and the right to reject all bids.
9. This Resolution is adopted pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes § 153A-176, 160A-266, and 160A-270.

ADOPTED this the 4th day of February, 2020.

John Welch, Chairman
Watauga County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Anita J. Fogle, Clerk to the Board

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AGENDA ITEM 12:**FINANCE MATTERS*****B. FY 2019 Carry Forward Purchase Order*****MANAGER'S COMMENTS:**

Ms. Watson will present the following additional carry forward purchase order for Fiscal Year 2019.

Account	Description	Purpose	Amount	PO#
105911-470047	Carry forward	School Phase I Design	313,192.60	2019175
		TOTAL:	313,192.60	

Board action is required to approve the carry forward purchase order as presented.

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AGENDA ITEM 12:

FINANCE MATTERS

C. Proposed Acceptance of Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) Raise the Age Expansion Funds

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Ms. Watson will request the Board accept additional Raise the Age Expansion funding in the amount of \$17,500. No county match is required.

Board action is required to accept the additional funding in the amount of \$17,500.



WATAUGA COUNTY FINANCE OFFICE

814 West King St., Room 216 - Boone, NC 28607 - Phone (828) 265-8007 Fax (828) 265-8006

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deron Geouque, County Manager
FROM: Misty Watson, Finance Director
SUBJECT: JCPC Expansion of Funds for 2019-20
DATE: January 28, 2020

Attached please find the Raise the Age Expansion Funds for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council. The County received an additional \$17,500 in funds for the current fiscal year, no match is required from the County for these additional funds. The document summarizes the work done for the current fiscal year and the plan for the expansion of funds.

Board approval is requested.

The Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) has studied the risk factors and needs of Juvenile Court involved youth in this county and hereby publishes a Request for Proposals. The JCPC anticipates funds from the NC Department of Public Safety, Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, Juvenile Community Programs section in the amount of \$139,176 to fund programs to serve delinquent and at-risk youth for the state **fiscal year 2020-2021** beginning on, or after, **July 1, 2020**. The use of these funds requires a local match of 30%. Please see the Watauga County website at www.wataugacounty.org for further details on the application process. Deadline for applications is March 6th, 2020 at 4:00 PM.

SUMMARY REPORT OF THE WATAUGA COUNTY RISK AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

- I. Risk Assessment Summary
- II. Needs Assessment Summary
- III. Resource Assessment Summary
- IV. Summary of Gaps and Barriers in the Continuum of Services
- V. Proposed Priority Services for Funding

Part I. Risk Assessment Summary

The Risk and Needs Assessment Committee reviewed data gleaned from the Juvenile Risk Assessment instrument administered by Juvenile Court Counselors after juveniles are referred with a complaint alleging that a delinquent act has occurred but prior to adjudication of the juvenile. The Juvenile Risk Assessment is an instrument used to predict the likelihood of the juvenile being involved in future delinquent behavior. For some youth, some of the individual item ratings may be heavily dependent upon information reported by the juvenile or the parent(s). For these items (*represented by percentages with a star next to them*), there is a likelihood of under-reporting the incidence of a particular behavior, and the actual incidence may be higher than suggested by these figures. In those cases, the figure should be interpreted as a measure of the minimum level of occurrence.

Overall Risk Observations

- Risk Level 3 for 2018-19 is elevated at 42%, higher than any other risk level and higher than the State at 35%. This figure is higher than for any of the previous 3 years. Additionally, 20% of the assessed youth have a risk level of 5 for future delinquent behavior. This is a mild increase from the previous year's rate and is higher than the state's rate of 14%. For Watauga youth assessed, 95% fall into Risk Levels 3, 4, or 5, versus 82% for the state overall. This higher level fluctuates mildly over time, but is a consistent finding over several years.

Watauga County Risk Factor Observations: FY 2018-2019

- R3 Most Serious Prior Adjudication – The four-year trend shows a steady increase for Watauga youth of Prior class 1-3 misdemeanors, from 12% to 19%, then 25%, and 29% last year. State levels have ranged from 13%-17% over the same period. More serious prior adjudications have been consistent with State figures, while the number of Watauga youth with no prior adjudications has fallen from 82% four years ago, down to 64% the last two years. This compares to the State figure of 73%.
- R6 Substance Use/Abuse – Substance use and/or abuse has remained above the State average over the last four years: 49%, 37%, 35% and 40%. State levels over the same period were between 30%-32%.
- R7 School Behavior Problems – Watauga remains high in the moderate to serious category of school behavior problems (largely reflecting suspensions & absences) with 84%, 77%, 81% and 77% over the 4-year period, while the State ranged from 74-77%.

- R8 Relationship with Peers – Youth who lack pro-social peers and sometimes associate with delinquent peers remained high over the four-year period: 51%, 59%, 65% and 58%, while the State ranged from 40%-42%.
- R9 Parental Supervision – The number of parents willing but unable to supervise is still significantly higher than the State figure of 14% in 2018-19. Percentages for Watauga were 51%, 48%, 39% and 42% respectively over the previous four years.

Part II. Needs Assessment Summary

The Risk and Needs Assessment Committee also reviewed data gleaned from the Juvenile Needs Assessment instrument administered by Juvenile Court Counselors prior to disposition in court. The Juvenile Needs Assessment is an instrument used to examine a youth's needs in the various domains of his life: The Individual Domain, The School Domain, The Peer Domain, and the Community Domain. This instrument was designed to detect service intervention needs as an aid in service planning. As with the Juvenile Risk Assessment, some of the individual item ratings may be heavily dependent on information reported by the juvenile or the parent(s). For these items (*represented by percentages with a star next to them*), there is a likelihood of under-reporting the incidence of a particular behavior, and the actual incidence may be higher than suggested by these figures. In those cases, the figure should be interpreted as a measure of the minimum level of occurrence.

Overall Needs Observations

- The percentage of youth with medium needs in Watauga is higher than for the State, and consistently has been higher. In 2018-19 Watauga's medium needs percentage was 53% versus the State's 33%. In the high needs category Watauga has decreased from 15% in 2016-17 to 7% in 2018-19, versus 4% for the State in 2018-19.

Watauga County Elevated Needs Observations: FY 2018-2019

- Y1 Peer Relationships – The percentage of youth showing some association with Delinquent Peers has risen sharply over the 4-year period (30%, 32%, 42%, and 40%), versus State figures ranging from 27-30%. Combining those with either Some or Regular association with Delinquent Peers, Watauga is consistently higher than the State, with 62% versus 40% last year. Youth rejected by Positive Peers also remained somewhat higher than for the State over a four-year period, ranging from 18%-23% versus a consistent 15% for the State. Association with Positive Peers has been substantially lower in Watauga than for the State overall the past 4 years, with Watauga ranging from 16%-25% versus 33%-39% for the State.
- Y2 School Behavior – Serious school behavior problems has risen from 46% in 2015-16 to 53% in 2018-19. This mirrors the State rise over the same period from 44% in 2015-16 to 51% in 2018-19.
- Y4 Substance Abuse – Youth needing substance abuse treatment has ranged from 22%-27% over the four-year period – showing an undesirable trend – compared to the State average of 12%-14%.

- Y6 Abuse/Neglect History – The percentage of youth with a history of abuse was consistently higher than the State. Watauga ranged from 38%-54% over the four-year period versus the consistent State figure of 23%. An encouraging finding was that the vast majority of those facing abuse had some support: in Watauga 36%-42% with support versus 2%-15% without.
- Y8 Mental Health Needs – Youth with unmet mental health problems has risen sharply in Watauga over the 4-year period (54%, 71%, 79%, and 71% consecutively) while the State figure last year was 34%, and consistent over time (ranging only from 34%-35%).
- F1 Conflict in the Home – The rate of youth experiencing conflict in the home has risen over the period and consistently has been higher than for the State over the last four years (28%, 37%, 40%, and 36%). The State showed 21%, 21%, 20%, and 19% over the same four-year period. Domestic Violence is low and consistent with the State: 4% vs. 5%.
- F2 Family Supervision Skills – The percentage of Watauga families with marginal supervision skills over the past four years was 69%, 63%, 69% and 67%, compared to the State at 48%-53% over the same period.
- F4 Family Substance Abuse – Family substance abuse over a four-year period in Watauga ranged from 25%-33%, compared to the State average of 12%.
- F5 Family Criminality – The percentage of families with a criminal history has been pretty steady over the four-year period (45%, 46%, 48% and 47%), and generally has outpaced the State. The State also remained consistent over this period (37%, 40%, 39% and 38%).

Part III. Resource Assessment Summary

See attached Continuum of Services.

Part IV. Summary of Gaps and Barriers in the Continuum of Services

Community Day Programming: An elementary day treatment program is available. Transportation in the County is still a need for accessing resources.

The County underutilizes mediation services.

Undocumented youth and families lack access to State-funded mental health or substance abuse treatment, and good alternatives are limited.

Enhanced mental health services are not available to youth who lack either Medicaid or Health Choice coverage, or are undocumented. VAYA does not fund either Day Treatment or Intensive In-Home in this situation. Adjudicated delinquent youth do have access to Functional Family Therapy (FFT) through AMI Kids.

A resource to help divorced or separated parents with co-parenting is a need. Improved access to in-home services may help.

Pro-social resources and afterschool activities are needed in the community. Transportation is also needed to access such resources. Watauga Community Recreation Center is being constructed and services are being planned. Anticipated time for opening is the spring of 2020.

Language is seen as a barrier to using resources. Additional Hispanic and language resources are needed, including support groups for Hispanic parents and children. There has been improvement in this area, but still a gap.

Enhanced education on the prevention of substance abuse is needed for the high school.

Vaping is prevalent at the high school and seen as a problem. No services currently exist to help counter this.

Generally, access to mental health services is available; however, getting youth/parents to come to the services is a problem. School-based therapy (SBT) through Daymark addresses this; however, there have been cutbacks in the available service due to financial constraints, making it less available and serving fewer children. The high school now has only very limited SBT services through Daymark, with only two group sessions per month. The high school continues to be served by the ASC Center, but this consists of clinicians in training rather than seasoned professionals.

Part V. Proposed Priority Services for Funding

The Committee compared the services needed to address the elevated Juvenile Risk Factors and Juvenile Needs with the services currently available in the community. Services which are currently available in the community and sufficiently meet the needs of court-involved youth (or those youth at risk for court involvement) are not considered a priority for JCPC funding.

The JCPC proposes that the following services be approved as funding priorities for FY 2020 – 2021 (in order of priority, starting with the highest):

- Parent Education & Skill Building
- Interpersonal Skill Building and an Interpersonal Skills program that specifically delivers Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT)
- Experiential Skills
- Mediation
- Community Service/Restitution
- Home-based Family Counseling specific to undocumented and “underinsured” youth
- Vocational Skills
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Temporary Shelter Care
- Teen Court/Restorative Justice
- Tutoring and Academic Enhancement

Watauga County NC DPS - Community Programs - County Funding Plan

Available JCPC Funds: \$ \$114,285
 Raise the Age Expansion Funds: \$ \$17,500

Local Match: \$ \$34,586 Rate: 30%

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

#	Program Provider	New 19-20 Total DPS Funds	Original 19-20 DPS Funds	DPS-RtA Expansion Funding	LOCAL FUNDING			OTHER	OTHER	Total
					County Cash Match	Other Local Cash Match	Local In-Kind	State/ Federal	Funds	
1	JCPC Administration	\$1,000	\$1,000							\$1,000
2	Crossnore School	\$8,827	\$8,827		\$2,648					\$11,475
3	Juvenile Mediation	\$9,833	\$9,833		\$2,950					\$12,783
4	Project Challenge	\$45,542	\$43,542	\$2,000	\$13,063	\$600				\$59,205
5	Teen Leadership Development	\$11,333	\$7,833	\$3,500	\$2,350					\$13,683
6	Youth Resource Center	\$43,250	\$43,250		\$12,975					\$56,225
7	Sentencing Circles	\$12,000		\$12,000						\$12,000
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TOTALS:		\$131,785	\$114,285	\$17,500	\$33,986	\$600				\$166,371

The above plan was derived through a planning process by the _____ Watauga County
 Juvenile Crime Prevention Council and represents the County's Plan for use of these funds in FY 19-20

Amount of Unallocated JCPC Funds _____

Amount of Unallocated RtA Expansion Funds _____

Amount of funds reverted back to DPS _____

Discretionary Funds added _____

Check type: Initial plan Update Final

 Chairperson, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (Date)

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

-----DPS Use Only-----	
Reviewed by _____ Area Consultant	_____ Date
Reviewed by _____ Program Assistant	_____ Date
Verified by _____ Designated State Office Staff	_____ Date

**Watauga County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
Request for Proposals**

\$139,176	30%	January 29, 2020
Anticipated County Allocation	Required Local Match Rate	Date Advertised

The Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) has studied the risk factors and needs of Juvenile Court involved youth in this county and hereby publishes this Request for Proposals. The JCPC anticipates funds from the NC Department of Public Safety, Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, Juvenile Community Programs section in the amount stated above to fund the program types specified below. Such programs will serve delinquent and at-risk youth for the state **fiscal year 2020 - 2021** beginning on, or after, **July 1, 2020**. The use of these funds in this county requires a local match in the amount specified above.

The JCPC will consider proposals for the following needed programs:

Parent Education & Skill Building	Community Service/Restitution	Temporary Shelter Care
Interpersonal Skill Building	Home-Based Family Counseling	Teen Court/Restorative Justice
Experiential Skills	Vocational Skills	Tutoring and Academic Enhancement
Mediation	Substance Abuse Treatment	

Proposed program services should target the following risk factors for delinquency or repeat delinquency:

Most Serious Prior Adjudications	Relationship with Peers
Substance Use/Abuse	Parental Supervision
School Behavior Problems	

Programs should address one or more of the following concerns as reported in the Needs Assessments for adjudicated youth:

Peer Domain:	Peer Relationships	
Individual Domain:	Substance Use	Abuse/Neglect History
Family Domain:	Mental Health Needs	Conflict in the home
	Family Supervision Skills	Family Criminality
School Domain:	Family Substance Abuse	
	School Behavior Problems	

Applicants are being sought that are able to address items below:

1. Program services compatible with research that are shown to be effective with juvenile offenders.
2. Program services are outcome-based.
3. The program has an evaluation component.
4. Program services detect gang participation and divert individuals, if applicable.

Local public agencies, 501(c)(3) non-profit corporations, and local housing authorities are invited to submit applications to provide services addressing the above elements.

Stephen Poulos	at	828-264-9511
JCPC Chairperson or Designee		Telephone #

In order to apply for FY 2020-2021 JCPC funding, you must complete and submit your application online by accessing NC ALLIES. Please read and follow all instructions at the following link:
<https://www.ncdps.gov/Juvenile-Justice/Community-Programs/Juvenile-Crime-Prevention-Councils/Program-Agreement-Information>
After submitting the application electronically, print and submit hard copies as indicated below. Private non-profits are also required to upload No Over Due Tax form, Agency's Conflict of Interest Policy, and DPS Conflict of Interest Statements, and upon request, proof of 501(c)(3) status.

NOTE: For further information, or technical assistance about applying for JCPC funds in this county, contact your Area Consultant, Megan Webster at 828-296-4744.

Deadline for Application is: Friday, March 6th by 4:00 P.M.

Mail or deliver applications to: Watauga County Finance Office
814 West King St, Suite 216
Boone, NC 28607 New applicants should contact Watauga County Finance Office.

Number of original copies to submit: 1 Telephone: 828-265-8007

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AGENDA ITEM 13:

MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. Bleachers and Gym Padding for New Community Recreation Center

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Stephen Poulos, Parks and Recreation Director, will request approval for the purchase of bleachers and padding for the new community recreation center. The lowest bid received was from Blankenship Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$34,062. Adequate funds have been allocated in the new community recreation center project budget to cover the expense.

Board approval is required to award the bid to Blankenship Associates in the amount of \$34,062 for bleachers and padding for the new community recreation center.



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To: Mr. Deron Geouque, *County Manager*
Watauga County Board of Commissioners

From: Stephen J. Poulos, *Director*

Subject: Purchase of Gym Padding and Bleachers

Date: Friday, January 28, 2020

Watauga County Parks and Recreation had to order padding and tip and roll bleachers for the Watauga Community Recreation Center. In order to meet the timeline provided by Harper General Contractors, the County Manager authorized the purchase of the equipment.



Blankenship Associates, Inc.

Proposal .03

To: Keron Poteat
Watauga County Parks & Recreation

Date: 11/6/2019
~~01-22-20 Revised~~ 01-23-20 Revised
Sales Rep: Traci Smith

Re: Watauga County Recreation Center

Contact Info: 919-787-1346

Hi Keron,

Thank you for reaching out to us for a proposal on this equipment for the new WCRC . I looked at the video of the design and it is going to be such a beautiful and functional space. I've included installation in these numbers but if you guys are tight and would like to install some or all of these yourself, i can omit the install. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Quantity	Description	List	Net	Subtotal
1	Qty of 6 ea. 21'L Low rise Dura-Lite Welded Tip and Roll bleachers, 6" Rise/24" Depth, 2x12 Anodized Aluminum Seats, Single 2x10 Mill Finish Footboards	\$ -	9,113.70	\$ 9,113.70
61	Flat Pad - 36 in x 72 in - 2.0 in Class A Foam - Standard OSB - Z-Clips Top & Bottom	\$ -	265.00	\$ 16,165.00
2	Flat Pad - 25 in x 72 in - 2.0 in Class A Foam - Standard OSB - Z-Clips Top & Bottom	\$ -	187.00	\$ 374.00
2	Flat Pad - 24 in x 72 in - 2.0 in Class A Foam - Standard OSB - Z-Clips Top & Bottom	\$ -	180.00	\$ 360.00
1	Flat Pad - 26 in x 72 in - 2.0 in Class A Foam - Standard OSB - Z-Clips Top & Bottom	\$ -	194.00	\$ 194.00
4	L - Pad - 18 in x 18 in x 72 in-2.0 in Class A Foam - Standard OSB - Z-Clips Top & Bottom	\$ -	279.00	\$ 1,116.00
16	L - Pad - 18 in x 9 in x 72 in-2.0 in Class A Foam - Standard OSB - Z-Clips Top & Bottom or Velcro - TBD at field check (to cover I-Beams)	\$ -	216.00	\$ 3,456.00
	Material			\$ 30,778.70
	Installation			\$ 1,130.00
	Subtotal			\$ 31,908.70
	Sales Tax			\$ 2,153.84
	Total			\$ 34,062.54

Thank you!

Approved: _____

Signature

Date

P.O. Box 30425 Raleigh, North Carolina 27622 919 787 1346 Fax 919 783 8874 blankenshipassociates.com
8925 Saint Croix Lane Charlotte, North Carolina 28277 Tel/Fax 704 321 1062

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AGENDA ITEM 13:

MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

B. Furniture for the New Community Recreation Center

MANAGER’S COMMENTS:

Staff will request Board authorization to purchase new furniture from Young Office Supplies in the amount of \$161,991.04. Young Office Supplies has worked with the architect to design and coordinate the furniture for the new community recreation center. Adequate funds have been allocated in the new community recreation center project budget to cover the expense.

Board authorization is required to approve the purchase of furniture from Young Office Supplies in the amount of \$161,991.04.

**WATAUGA COMMUNITY CENTER
FURNITURE BUDGET**

Dwg Code	Manufacturer	Description	QTY	List	Sell	Sell Ext.
Multi Purpose Rm	Hon	All plastic stack chair- 4 pack	25	\$805.00	\$322.00	\$8,050.00
Multi Purpose Rm	MITY LITE	Folding tables 30x72	27	\$0.00	\$260.00	\$7,020.00
Multi Purpose Rm	MITY LITE	Folding table carts	3	\$0.00	\$521.70	\$1,565.10
Multi Purpose Rm	Hon	stack carts for chairs	3	\$462.00	\$184.80	\$184.80
Multi Purpose Rm	Hon	Podium/Lectern	1	\$1,551.00	\$688.26	\$688.26
Child Care	Hon	Round Kid table	2	\$491.00	\$217.88	\$435.76
Child Care	Hon	Kid Size chairs 4 pk	2	\$513.00	\$227.64	\$455.29
Child Care		Play Rug	1	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Child Care	SC	Ottomans	4	\$344.00	\$189.20	\$756.80
Child Care	Hon	Adult Chairs (2 w/vending 4 pk)	2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child Care	Hon	24x60 Table	1	\$525.00	\$232.97	\$232.97
Child Care	Hon	Bookcases, metal 18D	3	\$1,201.00	\$495.41	\$1,486.24
Child Care	Magnuson	Wall mounted coat rack	1	\$280.00	\$175.00	\$175.00
Child Care	Hon	Storage Cabinet, metal	2	\$1,179.00	\$486.34	\$972.68
Lounge /Vending	HON	Lounge chairs	4	\$1,536.00	\$633.60	\$2,534.40
Lounge/Vending	HON	End tables, flock with power	2	\$928.00	\$411.80	\$823.60
Lounge/Vending	HON	48 x 36 bench tables, preside	4	\$1,100.00	\$488.13	\$1,952.50
Lounge/ Vending	HON	30 sq dining table, arrange	3	\$897.00	\$398.04	\$1,194.13
Lounge/ Vending	HON	Stool, motivate no cushion	6	\$392.00	\$156.80	\$940.80
Lounge/ Vending	HON	Chairs all plastic 4 pack	3	\$805.00	\$322.00	\$966.00
Lounge /Vending	HON	2seater+table+power, grade 7 dual	4	\$3,631.00	\$1,497.79	\$5,991.15
Reception	SOI	Desk Chair	3	\$753.00	\$376.50	\$1,129.50
Reception	HON	Desk chair matts	3	\$131.00	\$65.50	\$196.50
Reception	Hon	Sooth armless bench 3 seater	2	\$1,570.00	\$686.88	\$1,373.75
Reception waiting	HON	Lounge chairs	2	\$1,536.00	\$633.60	\$1,267.20
Reception waiting	HON	End table -Flock no power	1	\$709.00	\$314.62	\$314.62
Party Room	Hon	stack chair- 4 pack	14	\$805.00	\$322.00	\$4,508.00
Party Room	Hon	tables 24x72, nesting	8	\$1,029.00	\$456.62	\$3,652.95
Party Room	Hon	Chair cart	1	\$462.00	\$184.80	\$184.80
Aquatic Office	Hon	Height Adjustable Desk	1	\$1,600.00	\$710.00	\$710.00
Aquatic Office	Hon	Credenza	1	\$1,390.00	\$538.63	\$538.63
Aquatic Office/ LG Rm	Hon	Guest chair- from LG pack	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Aquatic Office	SOI	Desk Chair	1	\$753.00	\$376.50	\$376.50
Aquatic Office	Hon	Storage /Wardrobe cabinet	1	\$2,262.00	\$876.53	\$876.53
Aquatic Office	Hon	File Cabinet	1	\$2,105.00	\$868.31	\$868.31
Aquatic Office	Hon	72 Hutch/tackboard	1	\$1,870.00	\$724.63	\$724.63
Aquatic Office	HON	Tasklight	1	\$264.00	\$82.50	\$82.50
Aquatic Office	Steelcase	4X3 Markerboard	1	\$551.16	\$303.14	\$303.14
Aquatic Office	Steelcase	4x3 Tackboard	1	\$551.16	\$303.14	\$303.14
Aquatic Office	Hon	Chair mat	1	\$131.00	\$65.50	\$65.50
Aquatic Office	Hon	Monitor arm/ CPU holder	1	\$1,255.00	\$611.81	\$611.81
Aquatic Office	Hon	Mobile Pedestal	1	\$848.00	\$328.60	\$328.60
Chemical Storage	Sandusky	Wire Shelving 24x72x86	6	\$442.80	\$221.38	\$1,328.25
Life Guard Rm	Hon	48 dia Table	1	\$1,028.00	\$456.18	\$456.18
Life Guard Rm	Hon	All plastic stack chair- 4 pack	1	\$805.00	\$322.00	\$322.00
Life Guard Rm	Hon	Height Adjustable Desk 30x54	1	\$1,600.00	\$710.00	\$710.00
Life Guard Rm	Hon	Credenza	1	\$1,390.00	\$538.63	\$538.63
Life Guard Rm	Hon	Storage/ Wardrobe Cabinet	1	\$2,262.00	\$876.53	\$876.53
Life Guard Rm	Sandusky	72"W cabinet for tube/torso storage	1	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Life Guard Rm	SOI	Desk Chair	1	\$753.00	\$376.50	\$376.50
Life Guard Rm	Hon	72 Hutch/tackboard	1	\$1,870.00	\$724.63	\$724.63
Life Guard Rm	Hon	tasklight	1	\$264.00	\$82.50	\$82.50
Life Guard Rm	Steelcase	4X3 Markerboard	1	\$551.16	\$303.14	\$303.14

**WATAUGA COMMUNITY CENTER
FURNITURE BUDGET**

Dwg Code	Manufacturer	Description	QTY	List	Sell	Sell Ext.
Life Guard Rm	Steelcase	4x3 Tackboard	1	\$551.16	\$303.14	\$303.14
Life Guard Rm	Hon	Chair mat	1	\$131.00	\$63.86	\$63.86
Life Guard Rm	Hon	Monitor arm/ CPU holder	1	\$1,255.00	\$611.81	\$611.81
Life Guard Rm	Hon	Mobile Pedestal	1	\$848.00	\$328.60	\$328.60
Pool Lobby	landscape	Benches 6'x 24"	2	\$0.00	\$2,625.00	\$5,250.00
Pool Lobby	landscape	End Table	1	\$0.00	\$443.75	\$443.75
Storage 164	saeco	Wire Shelving 24x48	5	\$359.00	\$165.14	\$825.70
Storage 151	Sandusky	Wire Shelving 24x60	3	\$442.00	\$276.25	\$828.75
Storage 151	saeco	Wire Shelving 24x48	2	\$359.00	\$165.14	\$330.28
Storage CUSTODIAL124	saeco	Wire Shelving 24x36	1	\$342.00	\$157.32	\$157.32
Storage CUSTODIAL124	saeco	Wire shelving 24x48	2	\$359.00	\$165.14	\$330.28
Storage 132/133/135/136	saeco	Wire Shelving24x48	12	\$359.00	\$165.14	\$1,981.68
Storage 133	sandusky	Wire Shelving 24x72	2	\$0.00	\$221.38	\$442.75
Storage 138/139	saeco	Wire Shelving24x48	4	\$359.00	\$165.14	\$660.56
Storage 138/139/140/141/142	sandusky	Wire Shelving 24x60	12	\$442.00	\$276.25	\$3,315.00
Stg 144/146	saeco	Wire Shelving 24x48	4	\$359.00	\$165.14	\$660.56
Gym 143/ 131	Hon	24x72 table	4	\$1,029.00	\$508.07	\$2,032.28
Gym 143/ 131	Hon	Stack chairs 4 pk, plastic seat	2	\$805.00	\$322.00	\$644.00
Gym 143/ 131		Team Benches 21'L aluminum w/back	4	\$900.00	\$1,125.00	\$4,500.00
Office 122	SOI	Desk Chair	1	\$753.00	\$376.50	\$376.50
Office 122	Hon	Height Adjustable Desk	1	\$1,623.00	\$720.21	\$720.21
Office 122	Hon	Mobile Pedestal	1	\$848.00	\$328.60	\$328.60
Office 122	Hon	Storage /wardrobe Cabinet	1	\$2,262.00	\$876.53	\$876.53
Office 122	Hon	Combo lateral/stg	1	\$2,262.00	\$876.53	\$876.53
Office 122	Hon	Lam short stg cabinet	1	\$919.00	\$356.11	\$356.11
Office 122	Hon	short lateral file	1	\$965.00	\$373.94	\$373.94
Office 122	Hon	short bookcases, 60" voi	1	\$1,041.00	\$461.94	\$461.94
Office 122	Hon	Guest chair- Upholstered	1	\$822.00	\$349.35	\$349.35
Office 122	Hon	Monitor arm/ CPU holder	1	\$1,255.00	\$1,568.75	\$1,568.75
Office 122	SC	4X4 Markerboard	1	\$582.70	\$320.49	\$320.49
Office 122	SC	4X6 Tackboard	1	\$757.01	\$416.36	\$416.36
Office 122	Hon	Chair mat	1	\$131.00	\$63.86	\$63.86
Office 122	Hon	Shared laminate top 24x72	2	\$339.00	\$139.84	\$279.68
Office 121	Hon	Shared laminate tops- 24x72	2	\$339.00	\$139.84	\$279.68
Office 121	SC	4X4 Markerboard	1	\$582.70	\$320.49	\$320.49
Office 121	SC	4X6 Tackboard	1	\$757.01	\$416.36	\$416.36
Office 121	Hon	Chair mat	1	\$131.00	\$63.86	\$63.86
Office 121	Hon	Guest chair- Upholstered	1	\$822.00	\$349.35	\$349.35
Office 121	Hon	Monitor arm/ CPU holder	1	\$1,255.00	\$611.81	\$611.81
Office 121	SOI	Desk Chair	1	\$753.00	\$376.50	\$376.50
Office 121	Hon	Height Adjustable Desk	1	\$1,623.00	\$720.21	\$720.21
Office 121	Hon	Mobile Pedestal	1	\$848.00	\$328.60	\$328.60
Office 121	Hon	Storage /Wardrobe Cabinet	1	\$2,262.00	\$876.53	\$876.53
Office 121	Hon	Combo lateral/stg	1	\$2,262.00	\$876.53	\$876.53
Office 120	Hon	Lam short stg cabinet	1	\$919.00	\$356.11	\$356.11
Office 120	Hon	short lateral file	1	\$965.00	\$373.94	\$373.94
Office 120	Hon	short bookcases	1	\$471.00	\$182.51	\$182.51
Office 120	Hon	Shared laminate tops- 24x72	2	\$339.00	\$139.84	\$279.68
Office 120	Hon	Mobile Pedestal	1	\$848.00	\$328.60	\$328.60
Office 120	Hon	Guest chair- Upholstered	1	\$822.00	\$349.35	\$349.35
Office 120	Hon	Monitor arm/ CPU holder	1	\$1,255.00	\$611.81	\$611.81
Office 120	Hon	Height Adjustable Desk	1	\$1,589.00	\$705.12	\$705.12
Office 120	Hon	Storage / Wardrobe Cabinet	1	\$2,262.00	\$876.53	\$876.53
Office 120	SOI	Desk Chair	1	\$753.00	\$376.50	\$376.50

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Office 120	SC	4X4 Markerboard	1	\$582.70	\$320.49	\$320.49
Office 120	SC	4X6 Tackboard	1	\$757.01	\$416.36	\$416.36
Office 120	Hon	Chair mat	1	\$131.00	\$63.86	\$63.86
Office 119	Hon	Chair mat	1	\$131.00	\$63.86	\$63.86
Office 119	Hon	Monitor arm/ CPU holder	1	\$1,255.00	\$611.81	\$611.81
Office 119	Hon	Mobile Pedestal	1	\$848.00	\$328.60	\$328.60
Office 119	Hon	Height Adjustable Desk	1	\$1,589.00	\$705.12	\$705.12
Office 119	Hon	Lam short stg cabinet	1	\$919.00	\$356.11	\$356.11
Office 119	Hon	Guest chair- Upholstered	1	\$411.00	\$174.68	\$174.68
Office 119	Magnuson	Wall mounted coat rack	1	\$280.00	\$175.00	\$175.00
Office 119	Hon	short bookcases	1	\$471.00	\$182.51	\$182.51
Office 119	SOI	Desk Chair	1	\$753.00	\$376.50	\$376.50
Office 119	Hon	Shared laminate tops 24x72	2	\$339.00	\$139.84	\$279.68
Office 119	SC	4X4 Markerboard	1	\$582.70	\$320.49	\$320.49
Office 119	SC	4X6 Tackboard	1	\$757.01	\$416.36	\$416.36
Office 119	Hon	short lateral file	1	\$965.00	\$373.94	\$373.94
Office 119	Hon	tall lateral file, laminate	1	\$2,089.00	\$809.49	\$809.49
Office 118	Hon	Chair mat	1	\$131.00	\$63.86	\$63.86
Office 118	Hon	Monitor arm/ CPU holder	1	\$1,255.00	\$611.81	\$611.81
Office 118	Hon	Mobile Pedestal	1	\$848.00	\$328.60	\$328.60
Office 118	Hon	Height Adjustable Desks	1	\$1,589.00	\$705.12	\$705.12
Office 118	Hon	short bookcases- voi 30"/ 36"	2	\$887.00	\$393.61	\$787.21
Office 118	Hon	Guest chair- Upholstered	1	\$411.00	\$174.68	\$174.68
Office 118	Magnuson	wall mounted coat rack	1	\$280.00	\$175.00	\$175.00
Office 118	Hon	Lam short stg cabinet	1	\$919.00	\$356.11	\$356.11
Office 118	SOI	Desk Chair	1	\$753.00	\$376.50	\$376.50
Office 118	Hon	Shared laminate tops 24x72,24x66	1	\$668.00	\$275.55	\$275.55
Office 118	SC	4X4 Markerboard	1	\$582.70	\$320.49	\$320.49
Office 188	SC	4X6 Tackboard	1	\$757.01	\$416.36	\$416.36
Office 118	Hon	short lateral file	1	\$965.00	\$373.94	\$373.94
Office 118	Hon	tall lateral file	1	\$2,511.00	\$973.01	\$973.01
Director 116	Hon	Coat/stg cabinet	1	\$2,262.00	\$876.53	\$876.53
Director 116	Hon	Guest chair- Upholstered	1	\$822.00	\$349.35	\$349.35
Director 116	SOI	Desk Chair	1	\$753.00	\$376.50	\$376.50
Director 116	Hon	Chair mat	1	\$131.00	\$63.86	\$63.86
Director 116	Hon	Height Adjustable Desks	1	\$1,589.00	\$705.12	\$705.12
Director 116	Hon	48" return	1	\$520.00	\$201.50	\$201.50
Director 116	Hon	Credenza	1	\$1,390.00	\$538.63	\$538.63
Director 116	Hon	72 Hutch/tackboard	1	\$1,870.00	\$724.63	\$724.63
Director 116	Hon	Tasklight	1	\$264.00	\$82.50	\$82.50
Director 116	Hon	Shared laminate top 24x72	2	\$339.00	\$139.84	\$279.68
Director 116	Hon	Low Storage cabinet	4	\$919.00	\$356.11	\$1,424.45
Director 116	Hon	Low lateral file	1	\$965.00	\$373.94	\$373.94
Director 116	SC	4X3 Markerboard	1	\$551.16	\$303.14	\$303.14
Director 116	SC	4X3 Tackboard	1	\$551.16	\$303.14	\$303.14
Director 116	Hon	Monitor arm/ CPU holder	1	\$1,255.00	\$611.81	\$611.81
Group Office 117	SOI	Desk Chair	4	\$753.00	\$376.50	\$1,506.00
Group Office 117	Hon	Lateral File,laminate	1	\$2,089.00	\$809.49	\$809.49
Group Office 117	Hon	Powered Cluster of 4 6x8	1	\$17,393.00	\$5,435.31	\$5,435.31
Group Office 117	Hon	Chair mats	4	\$131.00	\$63.86	\$255.45
Group Office 117	Hon	Monitor arm/ CPU holder	4	\$1,255.00	\$611.81	\$2,447.25
Open Plan Storage	Hon	Storage Cabinet lam. tall	3	\$2,111.00	\$818.01	\$2,454.04
Open Plan Storage	Hon	Tall laterals or combo cabinets	4	\$2,262.00	\$876.53	\$3,506.10
By Meeting Area	Hon	39H Stg cabinets	2	\$1,033.00	\$426.11	\$852.23
Coffee 123	Hon	lateral file, metal 5hi	1	\$2,220.00	\$915.75	\$915.75
Coffee 123	Hon	30x72 tables	2	\$1,175.00	\$521.41	\$1,042.81
Coffee 123	Hon	power for table	2	\$806.00	\$357.66	\$715.33
Coffee 123	Hon	Break chairs 2 pk straight caster	6	\$694.00	\$277.60	\$1,665.60

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AGENDA ITEM 13:

MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

C. Outdoor and Indoor Signage for the New Community Recreation Center

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Staff will request the Board approve the purchase of three (3) exterior seals and lettering along with one (1) interior sign from AOA Signs in the amount of \$14,840.41. Adequate funds have been allocated in the new community recreation center project budget to cover the expense.

Board approval is required for the purchase of three (3) exterior seals and lettering along with one (1) interior sign from AOA signs in the amount of \$14,840.41 for the new community recreation center.



PROPOSAL 1081519NC (3.1)



AOA Signs, Inc.
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 YADKINVILLE, NC 27055
 (O) 336-679-3344



John Herring
 Estimator - Raleigh, NC
 (336) 679-3344 ext. 1016
 John@AOASigns.com

Date: 10/2/2019

WORK TO BE PERFORMED AT:

Watauga Community Recreation Center Boone, NC

Architect: Clark Nexsen

We hereby propose to furnish the materials and/or perform the labor necessary for the completion of
Job Description: EXTERIOR SIGNAGE

QUANTITY		UNIT COST	TOTAL
EXTERIOR SIGNAGE			
96	Standard Cast Aluminum Dimensional Letters	10" Letters	
	- Font: <i>Helvetica</i>	1" Return Depth	
	- Finish: Baked Enamel		
	- Mounting: 1/2" Projection Stud (Mounting Template Included)		
	- Copy: WATAUGA COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER (3 Sets)		
		Letter Material Total:	\$5,446.77
3	Cast Aluminum Dimensional Seal	36" Dia.	
		Plaque Material Total:	\$5,356.71
AOA Signs, Inc. is a State Certified WBE			
NOTES:			
- Standard 12" H Helvetica Letters Would Span Approx. 389" Wide w/ Standard Spacing			
- 10" H Letters Would Reduce This Overall Width To Approx. 324"			
		Material Total:	\$10,803.48

INSTALLATION (Optional)

			TOTAL
1	Installation	\$1,853.00	\$1,853.00
		Material Total	\$10,803.48
		Installation	\$1,853.00
		Watauga Co. Tax (6.75%)	\$729.23
		Total Estimate	\$13,385.71

Installation Includes One (1) Mobilization Unless Otherwise Stated In This Proposal

All material is guaranteed to be as specified, and the above work to be performed in accordance with the drawings and specifications submitted for above work and completed in a substantial workmanlike manner.

Note - This proposal may be withdrawn by us if not accepted within 60 days.

Respectfully submitted _____ John Herring _____

Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs will be executed only upon written order, and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate.

All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents, or delays beyond our control. The customer is responsible for all permits and stamped engineered drawings. All material is property of AOA Signs until full payment is rendered.



PROPOSAL 1081519NC (4)



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Date: 1/6/2020

WORK TO BE PERFORMED AT:

Watauga Community Recreation Center Boone, NC

Architect: Clark Nexsen

We hereby propose to furnish the materials and/or perform the labor necessary for the completion of
Job Description: INTERIOR SIGNAGE - SEAL

QUANTITY		UNIT COST	TOTAL
INTERIOR SIGNAGE - SEAL			
1	Routed HDU Seal 36" Dia.		
AOA Signs, Inc. is a State Certified WBE			
NOTES:			
- Installation Pricing ONLY Valid If Installed With Base Bid Signage Package			
Material Total:			\$1,222.20

INSTALLATION (Optional)

		TOTAL
1	Installation (Only Valid If Installed With Exterior Signage Package)	\$150.00
Material Total		\$1,222.20
Installation		\$150.00
Watauga Co. Tax (6.75%)		\$82.50
Total Estimate		\$1,454.70

All material is guaranteed to be as specified, and the above work to be performed in accordance with the drawings and specifications submitted for above work and completed in a substantial workmanlike manner.

Note - This proposal may be withdrawn by us if not accepted within 60 days.

Respectfully submitted John Herring

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 All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents, or delays beyond our control. The customer is responsible for all permits and stamped engineered drawings. All material is property of AOA Signs until full payment is rendered.*

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AGENDA ITEM 13:**MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS*****D. Request for Additional School Resource Officer (SRO)*****MANAGER'S COMMENTS:**

The Watauga County School system received an additional SRO grant in the amount of \$33,000. The grant requires for each \$2 provided the County match with \$1. Five months of the SRO salary is \$24,711 with the State paying \$16,474 and the County \$8,237. The County would need to fund an additional \$44,434 in initial start-up costs for a vehicle and equipment. In the subsequent budget year the SRO's salary would be \$59,308 with the state paying \$33,000 and the county \$26,308.

The Board tabled a decision regarding this matter until further information could be gathered from the School System. The County Manager contacted Dr. Elliott to discuss the school system covering the personnel costs for the initial period as the county would be covering the \$45,000 equipment costs. Dr. Elliott agreed to cover the salary cost for the initial period.

Board action is required to accept the SRO grant through the school system in the amount of \$33,000 and direct staff to requisition \$44,434 for a vehicle and equipment and the school system to cover the five months of salary at \$8,237.

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AGENDA ITEM 13:

MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

E. Proposed Renewal of Red Cross Lease

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

The American Red Cross is requesting renewal of the lease set to expire March 31, 2020. The new request is for an eight (8) year term. Rent is one dollar (\$1) per year. Should the Board wish to grant the request, the attached resolution would need to be approved and authorization given to execute the lease with final adoption at a regular Board meeting upon 10 days' public notice.

Board direction is required.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

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COUNTY OF WATAUGA

Resolution of Watauga County Board of County Commissioners

Pursuant to NCGS 160A-272, notice is hereby given that at the regular commissioner meeting of the Watauga County Board of County Commissioners on February 4, 2020, the Watauga County Board of County Commissioners adopted a resolution which authorized Deron T. Geouque, County Manager, of Watauga County to lease to the American National Red Cross that certain office space in the building known as the Health Department Building (the "Leased Premises") located at 126 Poplar Grove Ext., Suite 202, Boone, NC 28607 (the "Property") in Watauga County, North Carolina, and being approximately 90 square feet of office space, for a term of eight (8) years, unless either Watauga County or the American National Red Cross gives written notice no less than thirty (30) days that the other party intends to terminate the lease early. The rent to be paid by the American National Red Cross to Watauga County during the term of the lease is One Dollar (\$1.00) per annum. The lease shall become effective ten (10) days after the publication of this notice and formal adoption of the lease by the Board of Commissioners.

ADOPTED this the 4th day of February, 2020.

John Welch, Chairman
Watauga County Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Anita Fogle, Clerk to the Board

STANDARD FORM OF SPACE LICENSE AGREEMENT
FOR THE TEMPORARY USE OF
FACILITIES

(CUBICLE OR ROOM)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Effective Date: The date upon which this Agreement is effective, which will be the later of the dates of the signatures of Licensor and Licensee on this Form.

Owner of the Facility (the "Licensor"):

Watauga County

Legal Name of the User of the Room (the "Licensee"):

The American National Red Cross, a nonprofit corporation, a Federally chartered instrumentality of the United States, and a body corporate and politic under the laws of the United States (36 U.S.C. §§ 300101-300111 (1998)).

Date Upon which the Licensee May Begin to Use the Room (the "Start Date"):

4/1/2020

Date Upon Which the Licensee Must Vacate the Room (the "Expiration Date"):

3/31/2028

Building Owner and Licensor's Business Address:

Watauga County, 814 West King St, Boone, NC 28607

Room User and Licensee's Business Address:

9450 SW Gemini Dr., #75048, Beaverton, OR 97008-7105

Street Address of the Building Where the Room is Located:

126 Poplar Grove Ext, Suite 202, Boone, NC 28607

Permitted Use(s) of Licensed Room (check those applicable):

- General Office
 Training and/or Testing
 Storage

Description of Licensed Room:

90 SF; office space, storage

This Temporary Space License Agreement (the "Agreement") is dated and intended to be effective as of the Effective Date set forth above, and made by and between the Licensor and the Licensee named above. Under the Agreement, the Licensee is permitted to use and occupy, on a temporary basis, the space described above (the "Room") in the Building at the Location set forth above (the "Building").

1. **Grant of License.** Licensor grants Licensee the right to use the Room for the Permitted Use(s) described above. This license includes reasonable ingress and egress to and from the Room through the Building's common areas. Licensee shall not have the right to use any other space in the Building (such as library, conference rooms, break room, coffee room) or any equipment belonging to Licensor unless the Licensor gives written permission to do so. This Agreement is not a lease and Licensee is granted no leasehold interest in the Room.
2. **Term.** Licensee's right to use the Premises shall begin on the Start Date and shall end on the Expiration Date. On or before the Expiration Date, Licensee shall vacate the Room. Licensee shall repair all damage caused by Licensee's occupancy, at Licensee's sole cost and expense.
3. **Early Termination.** Either party may terminate this agreement for any reason upon thirty (30) days prior notice to the other party.
4. **License Fee.** Licensee shall pay, as a license fee, the amount of \$ 1.00 per year.

5. Licensee's Conduct. Licensee agrees to keep the Room in good condition and promptly repair all damage to the Premises or the Building caused by Licensee's negligence, and not to disrupt, adversely affect or interfere with other occupants of the Building.
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7. Indemnification. Licensee shall defend, hold harmless, and indemnify Licensor against any legal liability, including reasonable attorney fees, in respect to bodily injury, death, and property damage arising from the negligence of the said Licensee during its use of the Room.
8. Insurance. Licensee shall carry the following insurance coverage:
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 - C. Workers Compensation coverage with statutory limits for the jurisdiction in which the premises are located and Employers' Liability with limits of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per accident, one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) disease – each employee and one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) disease – policy limit.
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12. Notice. Notice shall be deemed to have been duly given three (3) business days after having been mailed by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to the party's address set forth at the beginning of the Agreement, or upon receipt if delivered by hand or recognized overnight delivery service. Either party may change its address for the purpose of notice hereunder by providing the other party with notice of the new address.
13. Governing Law and Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the state in which the Building is located. This Agreement shall be binding on the parties and their respective, successors, transferees and assigns.
14. Brokers/Consultants. Licensor and Licensee each represent to the other that there is no broker in this transaction. Each party shall indemnify the other against the claims of any broker.
15. Authority. Each party represents and warrants that it has the full power and authority to execute, deliver and perform under this Agreement.

Signatures are on the next page.

**AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS
AND "LICENSEE:"**

By: _____

(Signature)

Name: Phillip E. Olsberg

Title: Director, Real Estate Services

Date:

**BUILDING OWNER AND
"LICENSOR:"**

By: _____

(Signature)

Name:

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AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS
AND "LICENSEE:"

By: Phillip E. Olsberg
(Signature)

Name: Phillip E. Olsberg
Title: Director, Real Estate Services
Date: JUNE 18, 2018

BUILDING OWNER AND
"LICENSOR:"

By: J. Hahl
(Signature)

Name:
Title:
Date:

This instrument has been preaudited in the manner
required by the local Government Budget and Fiscal
Control Act.

6-5-18 Margaret Rice
Date Finance Director

AGENDA ITEM 13:

MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

F. Proposed Dates for Joint Meeting with the Town of Boone to Discuss the Turner House

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

The Town of Boone has confirmed February 24, 2020 at 6:30 PM in the Cooperative Extension meeting room. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Turner building currently owned by the County.

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AGENDA ITEM 13:**MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS*****G. Appalachian State Request to Build Structure on Leased Landfill Property*****MANAGER'S COMMENTS:**

In August, the Board approved a lease renewal with Appalachian State University for the greenhouse located at the Watauga County Landfill. The University is now requesting permission to create an outdoor classroom with the construction of a deck around the existing building. Per the lease, Board approval is required for the University to make alterations to the property.

The Board tabled action until the county attorney could receive clarification from the University regarding liability. The county attorney has reported back that the University's position is that they are not willing (or able) to make any changes to the clause regarding insurance and the county will have to rely on our own sovereign immunity and insurance policies in case the county were ever sued.

“The request to build does not change the county attorney's response as county's sovereign immunity cannot be waived under any circumstances. The county's self-insurance (NC Tort Claims Act and Defense of State Employees) would still apply to any non-employee hurt on the site due to a negligent act by a university employee and our employees are covered by workers compensation as required by NC law.”

The Board may approve the University's request to construct a deck or deny the request as to not increase the county's potential for liability.

Appalachian

STATE UNIVERSITY

Department of Sustainable Technology
and the Built Environment

Katherine Harper Hall
397 Rivers Street
ASU Box 3110
Boone, NC 28608
(828) 262-3110
Fax: (828) 265-8696
tec.appstate.edu

County Manager Geouque
814 West King St.
Suite 205
Boone, NC 28607

December 6, 2019

Dear Mr. Geouque,

My name is Jeremy Ferrell and I am one of the principal investigators with the Nexus project at Appalachian housed in the Department of Sustainable Technology and the Built Environment. We currently hold a 3 year lease on approximately 1 acre at the Watauga landfill as a site for sustainable energy research. The site has been a tremendous resource for our group and has brought prominence to our sustainability work at Appalachian bringing in over \$400k of external grant funding through 20 plus projects while training more than one hundred students.

We are interested in building an "outdoor classroom", a 12' x 24' wooden deck, to be located at the site adjacent to the greenhouse. This structure would provide a meeting space and work space for faculty and students that use the facility. Ioncon Engineering has designed the structure and has provided a stamped plan set. We have also identified a licensed contractor to apply for a building permit.

Per the lease, this construction project would constitute an "Alteration" and requires the County's prior written consent. To that end, I would like to ask that you review this request and consider its approval. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Attached documents include the following: 1) Current lease, 2) Stamped Engineering plan set, and 3) Building permit application.

Thank you for your consideration,



Jeremy C. Ferrell, Ph.D
Assistant Professor &
Program Director of Sustainable Technology
Dept. of Sustainable Technology & the Built Environment
Appalachian State University
Phone: 828-262-8818
Email: ferrelljc@appstate.edu

Tax Parcel No. 2920482713000

BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION

020420 BCC Meeting

Watauga County Planning & Inspections
126 Poplar Grove Connector Suite 201
Boone, NC 28607

Owner Appalachian State University (lessee)/Watauga County Date Nov/22/19
Mailing Address 591 Landfill Rd Boone NC 28607 Telephone _____
Job Site Directions 421 to landfill road near animal control

Subdivision Name _____ Lot# _____ Acreage _____ Zoning District _____
Is proposed structure near a river/stream? NO If yes, distance from _____ Name of river/stream? _____
Does driveway cross river/stream? No Proposed grading (area disturbed) 36ft² Length of Driveway _____
Is proposed structure located adjacent to the Blue Ridge Parkway or Park Service land? _____

General Contractor Landon Pennington License No. 81290 Telephone _____
Address 185 Eastbrook Dr Cell Phone (704)435-2222
Contact Person _____ Phone _____
Electrical Contractor _____
Plumbing Contractor _____
Heating & Air Contractor _____
Gas Contractor _____
Grading Contractor _____ Telephone _____

Power Company: Blue Ridge Electric New River Light & Power Mountain Electric

Sewer System: Septic Permit # _____ Community Public Existing (Setbacks Verified)

Water System: Private Well Permit # _____ Community Public Spring Existing (Setbacks Verified)

Permit Type: Single Family Duplex Townhouse Storage Garage Commercial Other _____

Type of Work: New Addition Remodel Repair Demolition Change of Use Other _____

Type of Construction: Frame Modular Log Timber Frame Other _____

Type of Foundation: concrete footing Type of Siding: NA Type of Heat: NA

No. of Stories: 1 Height of Proposed Structure From Top of Foundation: 16'

No. of Bedrooms: NA No. of Full Baths: NA No. of Half Baths: NA

	Heated Sq.Ft.	Unheated Sq.Ft.
3rd Floor	_____	_____
2nd Floor	_____	_____
1st Floor	_____	<u>288 ft²</u>
Bsmt.	_____	_____
Garage	_____	_____
Total	_____	_____

Sketch Structure and distances from common property lines. Property lines/corners must be clearly marked in field.

See engineering & plans attached

If Subdivision lot: I certify that all structures, measured from the eaves, comply with setback requirements found in Section 72.017 of the Ordinance to Govern Subdivisions & Multi-Unit Structures or other applicable ordinances.

Total Estimated Cost: \$ _____
 Mail Permit Pickup Permit

The undersigned agrees to conform to all applicable laws of the County of Watauga and the State of North Carolina; and further states all statements made hereon are true.

[Signature]
APPLICANT Owner Contractor

OFFICE USE ONLY		Signature
FEES:		TOTAL \$ _____
Heated _____	Recovery Fd _____	Date Paid _____
Unheated _____	Zoning/WS _____	
Postage _____	Floodplain _____	WS/Zoning Permit# _____

COMMERCIAL LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS LEASE, made this 1st day of May 2019, by and between Watauga County, a body politic of the State of North Carolina (hereinafter referred to as "Landlord" and/or "County") whose principle place of business is 814 West King Street, Suite 205, Boone, North Carolina 28607, and Appalachian State University, a constituent institution of The University of North Carolina (hereinafter referred to as "Tenant" and/or "Appalachian"), whose principle place of business is 438 Academy Street, Boone, North Carolina 28608.

WHEREAS, Appalachian desires to lease space adjacent to the County's Methane Flare Stations to establish a greenhouse and research facility for use by its faculty members and students for training, workshops, public tours, research and other educational activities; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to lease property to Appalachian for the above stated purpose, subject to the following terms and conditions.

WITNESSETH:

1. LEASED PREMISES

The County, for and in consideration of the rents, covenants, agreements, and stipulations hereinafter mentioned, provided for and covenanted to be paid, kept and performed by Appalachian, leases and rents unto Appalachian, and Appalachian hereby leases and takes upon the terms and conditions which hereinafter appear, the following described property (hereinafter called the "Premises") further described and depicted in the attached Exhibit A, to wit:

Beginning at a point 2 feet from Landfill Rd. directly south of the power pole providing service to the Watauga County Animal Control Office, proceeding east along Landfill Rd. for a total of 360 feet and heading due south from those two points to the Watauga County property line.

2. TERM.

Appalachian shall have and hold the Premises for a term of three (3) years beginning on the 1st day of May 2019, and ending on the 30th day of April 2022, at midnight, unless sooner terminated as hereinafter provided.

3. RENTAL

Appalachian agrees to pay the County, without deduction or set off, an annual rental of One Dollar (\$1.00) per year, payable on the date of this Lease and each annual anniversary of that date during the term hereof. Upon execution of this Lease, Appalachian shall pay to the County the first year's

rent due hereunder. Rental for any period during the term hereof which is less than one year shall be the pro-rated portion of the annual rental due.

4. UTILITIES

- (a) Appalachian shall pay the following utilities: Electric and any other utility associated with Appalachian's use of the property.
- (b) The County shall pay the following utilities: None

Responsibility to pay for a utility service shall include all metering, hook-up fees or other miscellaneous charges associated with the installation and maintenance of such utility in said party's name.

5. COMMON AREA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Appalachian shall be subject to Rules and Regulations for the common areas of the County property as may be made from time to time by the County.

6. USE OF PREMISES

The Premises shall be used to: operate a prototype greenhouse and to conduct research on biogas and biofuel production, solar electricity and solar hot water production, biochar production, greenhouse heating methods, aquaculture and associated technologies. The Premises shall not be used for any illegal purposes, nor in any manner to create any nuisance or trespass, nor in any manner to vitiate the insurance or increase the rate of insurance on the Premises. In the event Appalachian's use of the Premises results in an increase in the rate of insurance on the Premises, Appalachian shall pay to the County, upon demand and as additional rental, the amount of any such increase.

7. LIABILITY; INSURANCE

Appalachian will be responsible for the negligent conduct of its officers and employees arising out of the performance of this Agreement to the extent permitted by the laws of North Carolina, including the North Carolina Tort Claims Act, the Defense of State Employees Act, and the excess liability insurance policy administered through the North Carolina Department of Insurance, subject to the availability of appropriations and in proportion to and to the extent that such liability for damages is caused by or results from the acts of Appalachian or its employees. Appalachian shall, during the term of this Lease and any extension or renewal thereof, and at Appalachian's expense, maintain in full force and effect self-insurance with limits of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per person under the North Carolina Tort Claims Act (N.C.G.S. § 143-291 *et seq.*) and excess liability insurance for its employees.

8. REPAIRS BY THE COUNTY

The premises are being rented "as is" and the County shall have no obligation to repair any improvements thereon during the term of this lease.

9. REPAIRS BY APPALACHIAN

Appalachian accepts the Premises in their present condition and as suited for the uses intended by Appalachian. Appalachian shall, throughout the initial term of this Lease, and any extension or renewal thereof, at its expense, maintain in good order and repair the Premises.

10. ALTERATIONS

Appalachian shall not make any alterations, additions, or improvements to the Premises without the County's prior written consent. Appalachian shall promptly remove any alterations, additions, or improvements constructed in violation of this Paragraph upon the County's written request. All approved alterations, additions, and improvements will be accomplished in a good and workmanlike manner; in conformity with all applicable laws and regulations, free of any liens or encumbrances. The County may require Appalachian to remove any alterations, additions or improvements (whether or not made with the County's consent) at the termination of the Lease and to restore the Premises to its prior condition, all at Appalachian's expense. All alterations, additions and improvements which the County has not required Appalachian to remove shall become the County's property and shall be surrendered to the County upon the termination of this Lease, except that Appalachian may remove any of Appalachian's machinery, trade fixtures or equipment which can be removed without material damage to the Premises. Appalachian shall repair, at Appalachian's expense, any damage to the Premises caused by the removal of any such machinery, trade fixtures or equipment.

11. REMOVAL OF FIXTURES

Appalachian may (if not in default hereunder) prior to the expiration of this Lease, or any extension or renewal thereof, remove all fixtures and equipment which it has placed in the Premises, provided Appalachian repairs all damage to the Premises caused by such removal.

12. GOVERNMENTAL ORDERS

Appalachian agrees, at its own expense, to comply promptly with all requirements of any legally constituted public authority made necessary by reason of Appalachian's occupancy of the Premises. The County agrees to comply promptly with any such requirements if not made necessary by reason of Appalachian's occupancy. It is mutually agreed, however, between the County and Appalachian, that if in order to comply with such requirements, the cost to the County or Appalachian, as the case may be, shall exceed a sum which the respective party desires to pay, then the County or Appalachian, whichever is obligated to comply with such requirements, may terminate this Lease by giving written notice of termination to the other party by registered mail, which termination shall become effective ninety (90) days after receipt of such notice and which

notice shall eliminate the necessity of compliance with such requirements by giving such notice.

13. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBLETTING

Appalachian shall not, without the prior written consent of the County, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, assign this Lease or any interest hereunder, or sublet the Premises or any part thereof, or permit the use of the Premises by any party other than Appalachian. Consent to any assignment or sublease shall not impair this provision and all later assignments or subleases shall be made likewise only on the prior written consent of the County. The Assignee of Appalachian, at option of the County, shall become directly liable to the County for all obligations of Appalachian hereunder, but no sublease or assignment by Appalachian shall relieve Appalachian of any liability hereunder.

14. EVENTS OF DEFAULT

The happening of any one or more of the following events (hereinafter any one of which may be referred to as an "Event of Default") during the term of this Lease, or any renewal or extension thereof, shall constitute a breach of this Lease on the part of Appalachian: (a) Appalachian fails to pay the rental as provided for herein; (b) Appalachian abandons or vacates the Premises; and/or (c) Appalachian fails to comply with or abide by and perform any other obligation imposed upon Appalachian under this Lease.

15. REMEDIES UPON DEFAULT

Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, the County may pursue any one or more of the following remedies separately or concurrently, without prejudice to any other remedy herein provided or provided by law; (a) if the Event of Default involves nonpayment of rental and Appalachian fails to cure such default with five (5) days after receipt of written notice thereof from the County, or if the Event of Default involves a default in performing any of the terms or provisions of this Lease other than the payment of rental and Appalachian fails to cure such default within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice of default from the County, the County may terminate this Lease by giving written notice to Appalachian and upon such termination shall be entitled to recover from Appalachian damages as may be permitted under applicable law; or (b) if the Event of Default involves any matter other than those set forth in item (a) of this paragraph, the County may terminate this Lease by giving written notice to Appalachian.

16. EXTERIOR SIGNS

Appalachian shall place no signs on the Premises, except with the express written consent of the County. Any and all signs placed on the Premises by Appalachian shall be maintained in compliance with governmental rules and regulations governing such signs and Appalachian shall be responsible to the County for any damage caused by installation, use or maintenance of said signs, and all damage incident to removal thereof.

17. THE COUNTY'S ENTRY OF PREMISES

The County may enter the Premises for any reasonable and necessary purpose, provided it is during reasonable hours.

18. WAIVER OF RIGHTS

No failure of the County to exercise any power given the County hereunder or to insist upon strict compliance by Appalachian of its obligations hereunder and no custom or practice of the parties at variance with the terms hereof shall constitute a waiver of the County's right to demand exact compliance with the terms hereof.

19. ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS

(a) Appalachian shall not bring onto the Premises any Hazardous Materials (as defined below) without the prior written approval by the County. Any approval must be preceded by submission to the County of appropriate Material Safety Data Sheets (MSD Sheets). In the event of approval by the County, Appalachian covenants that it will (1) comply with all requirements of any constituted public authority and all federal, state, and local codes, statutes ordinances, rules and regulations, and laws, whether now in force or hereafter adopted, relating to Appalachian's use of the Premises, or relating to the storage, use, disposal, processing, distribution, shipping or sales of any hazardous, flammable, toxic, or dangerous materials, waste or substance, the presence of which is regulated by a federal, state, or local law, ruling, rule or regulation (hereafter collectively referred to as "Hazardous Materials"); (2) comply with any reasonable recommendations by the insurance carrier of either the County or Appalachian relating to the use by Appalachian on the Premises of such Hazardous Materials; (3) refrain from unlawfully disposing of or allowing the disposal of any Hazardous Materials upon, within, about or under the Premises; and (4) remove all Hazardous Materials from the Premises, either after their use by Appalachian or upon the expiration or earlier termination of this lease, in compliance with all applicable laws.

(b) Appalachian shall be responsible for obtaining all necessary permits in connection with its use, storage and disposal of Hazardous Materials, and shall develop and maintain, and where necessary file with the appropriate authorities, all reports, receipts, manifest, filings, lists and invoices covering those Hazardous Materials and Appalachian shall provide the County with copies of all such items upon request. Appalachian shall provide, within five (5) days after receipt thereof, copies of all notices, orders, claims or other correspondence from any federal, state or local government or agency alleging any violation of any environmental law or regulation by Appalachian, or related in any manner to Hazardous Materials. In addition, Appalachian shall provide the County with copies of all responses to such correspondence at the time of the response.

(c) If Appalachian fails to comply with the Covenants to be performed hereunder with respect to Hazardous materials, or if an environmental protection lien is filed against the premises as a result of the actions of Appalachian, its agents, employees or invitees, then the occurrence of any such events shall be considered a default hereunder.

(d) Appalachian will give the County prompt notice of any release of Hazardous Materials, reportable or non-reportable, to federal, state or local authorities, of any fire, or any damage occurring on or to the Premises.

(e) Appalachian will use and occupy the Premises and conduct its business in such a manner that the Premises are neat, clean and orderly at all times with all chemicals or Hazardous Materials marked for easy identification and stored according to all codes as outlined above.

(f) The warranties and indemnities contained in this Paragraph shall survive the termination of this Lease.

20. ABANDONMENT

Appalachian shall not abandon the Premises at any time during the Lease term. If Appalachian shall abandon the premises or be dispossessed by process of law, any Personal Property belonging to Appalachian and left on the Premises shall, at the option of the County, be deemed abandoned, and available to the County to use or sell to offset any rent due or any expenses incurred by removing same and restoring the Premises.

21. DEFINITIONS

The "County" as used in this Lease shall include the undersigned, its representatives, assigns and successors in title to the Premises. "Agent" as used in this Lease shall mean the party designated as same in Paragraph 22, its representatives, assigns and successors. "Appalachian" shall include the undersigned and its representatives, assigns and successors, and if this lease shall be validly assigned or sublet, shall include also Appalachian's assignees or sublessees as to the Premises covered by such assignment or sublease. The "County", "Appalachian", and "Agent" include male and female, singular and plural, corporation, partnership or individual, as may fit the particular parties.

22. NOTICES

All notices required or permitted under this Lease shall be in writing and shall be personally delivered or sent by U.S. certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid. Notices to Appalachian shall be delivered or sent to the address shown at the beginning of this Lease, with a copy to Office of General Counsel, Appalachian State University, ASU Box 32126, Boone, NC 28608. Notices to the County shall be delivered or sent to the address shown at the beginning of this Lease and notices to Agent, if any, shall be delivered or sent to the address set forth in Paragraph 3 hereof.

All notices shall be effective upon delivery. Any party may change its notice address upon written notice to the other parties, given as provided herein.

23. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Lease contains the entire agreement of the parties hereto, and no representations, inducements, promises or agreements, oral or otherwise, between the parties, not embodied herein shall be of any force or effect. This Lease may not be modified except by a writing signed by all the parties hereto.

24. AUTHORIZED LEASE EXECUTION

Each individual executing this Lease as director, officer or agent of a party hereto represents and warrants that he/she is duly authorized to execute and deliver this Lease on behalf of such party.

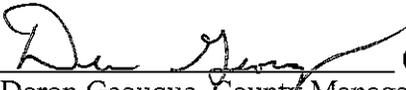
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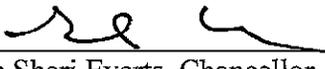
LANDLORD:

TENANT:

WATAUGA COUNTY:

APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY:

By:  (SEAL)
Title: Deron Geouque, County Manager

By:  (SEAL)
Title: Sheri Everts, Chancellor

Date: 8-22-2019

Date: 9.3.19

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Initials QA

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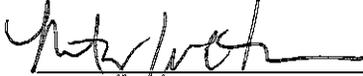

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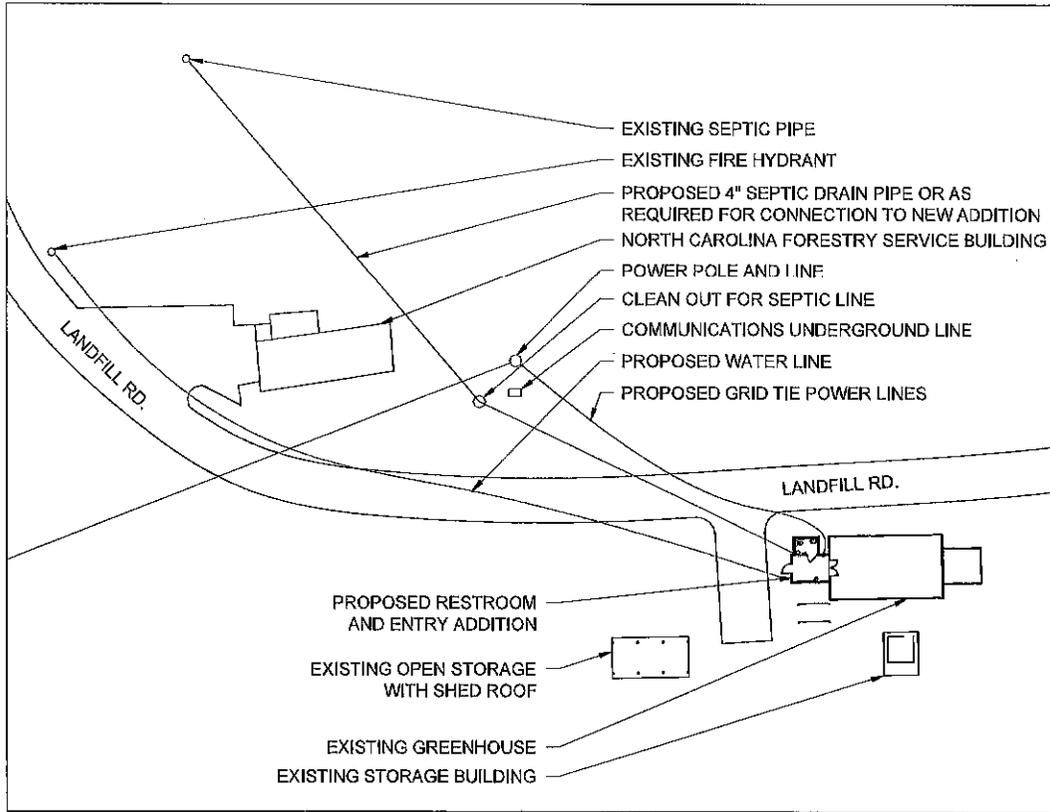
Exhibit A: Property Description/Diagram

Greenhouse/Bioshelter research site at Watauga County Landfill

Estimate of leased area : 50,000 ft²

June 3, 2016





1 SITE PLAN
SCALE: NTS

SCHEDULE OF VALUES

DESIGN LOADS

ELEVATION: 3346 AMSL
 WIND ZONE: 110 MPH
 SEISMIC DESIGN CATEGORY: C
 FLOOR LIVE LOAD: 40 PSF
 FLOOR DEAD LOAD: 75 PSF
 GROUND SNOW LOAD: 35 PSF
 ROOF DEAD LOAD INCLUDING SOLAR PANELS: 15 PSF
 DESIGN FROST DEPTH: 24 INCHES

MATERIALS

CONVENTIONAL LUMBER: SPF OR SYP, #2 OR BETTER
 BOLTS: ASTM A307 OR BETTER
 CONCRETE: 3000 PSI AT 28 DAYS
 REINFORCEMENT REBAR: 60KSI
 EPOXY: SIMPSON SET EPOXY OR EQUAL
 WELD ROD: E70XX
 PLATE STEEL: ASTM A36
 HARDWARE: SIMPSON STRONG-TIE OR EQUAL
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 MASONRY: 8x8x16 CMU BLOCK.

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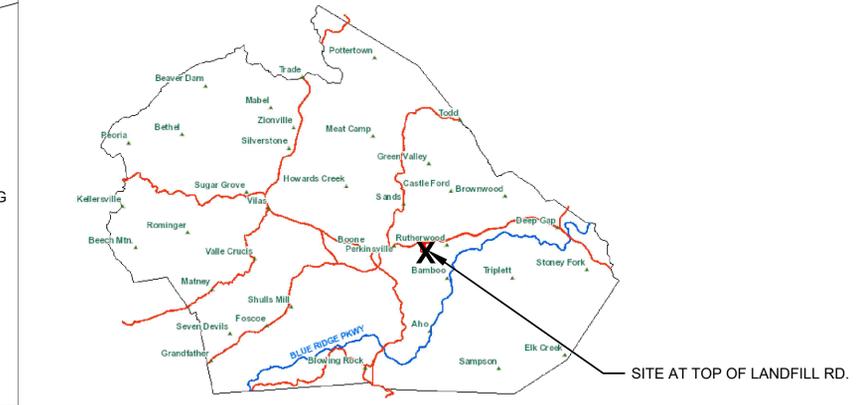
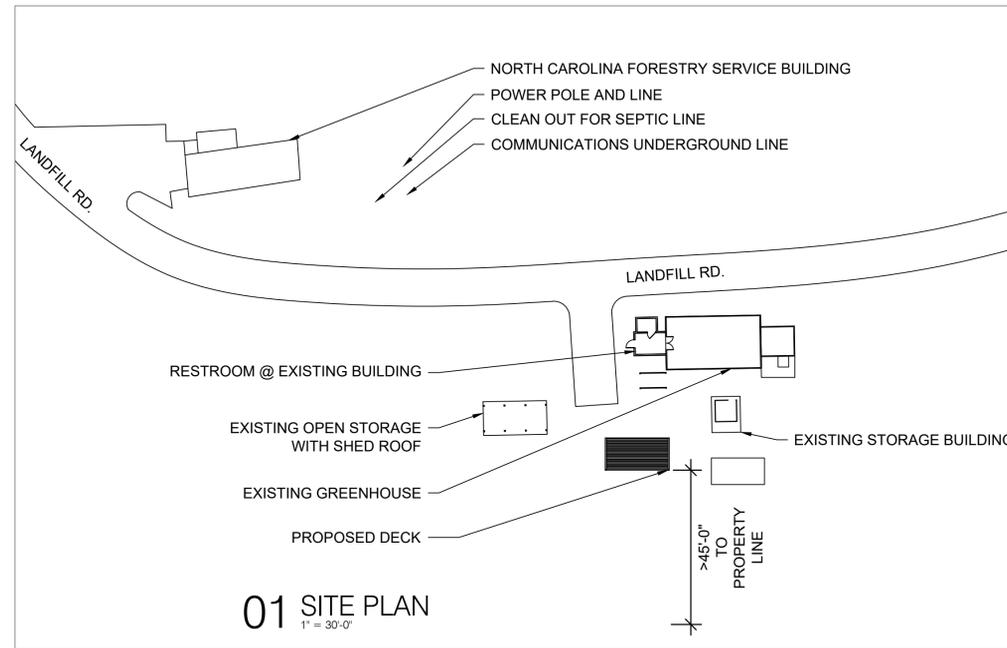
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APP STATE BIOSHELTER ADDITION
 649 LANDFILL ROAD
 BOONE, NC 28607

PROJECT NUMBER	167002
DATE	06-01-2016
SCALE	AS SHOWN
SHEET-G1	3 OF 3

NEXUS RESEARCH LAB

FREESTANDING DECK ADDITION
B/CLASSROOM>12TH GRADE OCCUPANCY
649 LANDFILL RD, BOONE NC 28607
PARCEL: 2920482773000



2018 APPENDIX "B"							
BUILDING CODE SUMMARY							
(EXCEPT 1 & 2-FAMILY DWELLINGS AND TOWNHOUSES)							
NAME OF PROJECT: NEXUS LAB COVERED DECK							
ADDRESS: 649 LANDFILL RD, BOONE NC 28607 PARCEL: 2920482773000							
PROPOSED USE: B BUSINESS (EDUCATIONAL FOR STUDENTS OVER 12TH GRADE)							
OWNER/AUTHORIZED AGENT: JEREMY FERRELL TELEPHONE: (828) 262-8818 EMAIL: FERRELLJC@APPSTATE.EDU							
OWNED BY: WATAUGA COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> CITY/COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE <input type="checkbox"/> STATE <input type="checkbox"/>							
CODE ENFORCEMENT JURISDICTION: <input type="checkbox"/> CITY: <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY: WATAUGA <input type="checkbox"/> STATE <input type="checkbox"/>							
LEAD DESIGN PROFESSIONAL: PATRICK A. BEVILLE PE LEED AP							
DESIGNER FIRM NAME LICENSE # TELEPHONE # EMAIL							
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CIVIL							
ELECTRICAL							
FIRE ALARM							
PLUMBING							
MECHANICAL							
SPRINKLER-STANDPIPE							
STRUCTURAL IONCON, PLLC PATRICK A. BEVILLE NC 023045 (828) 264-8500 PATRICK@GOIONCON.COM							
RETAINING WALLS >5' HIGH							
OTHER:							
2018 EDITION OF NC CODE FOR: <input type="checkbox"/> NEW CONSTRUCTION <input type="checkbox"/> ADDITION <input type="checkbox"/> UPFIT							
EXISTING: <input type="checkbox"/> RECONSTRUCTION <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERATION LVL: <input type="checkbox"/> REPAIR <input type="checkbox"/> RENOVATION							
CONSTRUCTED: ORIGINAL USE(S) (CH. 3):							
RENOVATED: CURRENT USE(S) (CH. 3): BUSINESS PROPOSED USE(S) (CH. 3): BUSINESS							
RISK CATEGORY (TABLE 1604.5): CURRENT: 2 PROPOSED: 2							
BASIC BUILDING DATA							
CONSTRUCTION TYPE: <input type="checkbox"/> I-A <input type="checkbox"/> II-A <input type="checkbox"/> III-A <input type="checkbox"/> IV <input type="checkbox"/> V-A							
(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY) <input type="checkbox"/> I-B <input type="checkbox"/> II-B <input type="checkbox"/> III-B <input type="checkbox"/> V-B							
SPRINKLERS: <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> PARTIAL <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NFPA 13 <input type="checkbox"/> NFPA 13R <input type="checkbox"/> NFPA 13D							
STANDPIPES: <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES CLASS <input type="checkbox"/> I <input type="checkbox"/> II <input type="checkbox"/> III <input type="checkbox"/> WET <input type="checkbox"/> DRY							
FIRE DISTRICT: <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES (PRIMARY) FLOOD HAZARD AREA: <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES							
BUILDING HEIGHT: 14'-10" TO ROOF PEAK							
GROSS BUILDING AREA							
FLOOR	EXISTING (SQ FT)	NEW (SQFT)	SUB-TOTAL				
6TH FLOOR							
5TH FLOOR							
4TH FLOOR							
ROOF DECK							
THIRD LEVEL							
SECOND LEVEL		ADD 288SQFT DECK					
MAIN LEVEL							
LOWER LEVEL							
TOTAL		288SQFT					
ALLOWABLE AREA							
OCCUPANCY: BUSINESS							
ACCESSORY OCCUPANCIES: NONE							
INCIDENTAL USES (TABLE 506.2.5): NONE							
SPECIAL USES: NONE							
SPECIAL PROVISIONS: NONE 509.2 509.3 509.4 509.5 509.6 509.7 509.8 509.9							
MIXED OCCUPANCY: <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES SEPARATION: NO EXCEPTION: N/A							
STORY NO.	DESCRIPTION AND USE	(A) BUILDING AREA PER STORY (ACTUAL)	(B) TABLE 503 ² AREA	(C) AREA FOR FRONTAGE INCREASE ¹	(D) AREA FOR SPRINKLER INCREASE ²	(E) ALLOWABLE AREA OR UNLIMITED ³	(F) MAXIMUM BUILDING AREA ⁴
LOWER LEVEL							15,750 FT ²
MAIN LEVEL	BUSINESS	288FT ²	9000 FT ²	75%=6,750	0 FT ²	15,750 FT ²	
SECOND LEVEL							
THIRD LEVEL							
ROOF DECK							
¹ FRONTAGE AREA INCREASES FROM SECTION 506.2 ARE COMPUTED THIS: A. PERIMETER WHICH FRONTS A PUBLIC WAY OR OPEN SPACE HAVING 20 FEET MINIMUM WIDTH = $\frac{1}{2} \times 72 \times (F)$ B. TOTAL BUILDING PERIMETER = $72 \times (P)$ C. RATIO (F/P) = $\frac{1}{2} \times (F/P)$ D. W = MINIMUM WIDTH OF PUBLIC WAY = 30 (W) E. PERCENT OF FRONTAGE INCREASE $I_f = 100 \left[\frac{F/P - 0.25}{W} \right] = 75 \times (\%)$ ² THE SPRINKLER INCREASE PER SECTION 506.3 IS AS FOLLOWS: A. MULTI-STORY BUILDINGS $I_s = 200$ PERCENT B. SINGLE-STORY BUILDING $I_s = 300$ PERCENT ³ UNLIMITED AREA APPLICABLE UNDER CONDITIONS OF SECTION 907. ⁴ MAXIMUM BUILDING AREA = TOTAL NUMBER OF STORIES IN THE BUILDING X E (506.4). ⁵ THE MAXIMUM AREA OF OPEN PARKING GARAGES MUST COMPLY WITH TABLE 406.3.5. THE MAXIMUM AREA OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWERS MUST COMPLY WITH TABLE 412.1.2.							
ALLOWABLE HEIGHT							
	ALLOWABLE (TABLE 503)	INCREASE FOR SPRINKLERS	SHOWN ON PLANS	CODE REFERENCE			
BUILDING HEIGHT IN FEET	40	N/A	14'-10"	SECTION 802.3			
BUILDING HEIGHT IN STORIES	1		1				

FIRE PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS						
NOTE: TYPE 5B UNPROTECTED/NO-SPRINKLER						
BUILDING ELEMENT	FIRE SEPARATION DISTANCE (FEET)	REQD	RATING PROVIDED (W/ REDUCTION)	DETAIL # AND SHEET #	DESIGN # FOR RATED ASSEMBLY	DESIGN # FOR RATED PENETRATION
STRUCTURAL FRAME, INCLUDING COLUMNS, GIRDERS, TRUSSES	30+	0	0			
BEARING WALLS	30+					
EXTERIOR	30+					
NORTH	30+	0	0			
EAST	30+	0	0			
WEST	30+	0	0			
SOUTH	30+	0	0			
INTERIOR	30+	0	0			
NONBEARING WALLS AND PARTITIONS	30+					
EXTERIOR WALLS	30+					
NORTH	30+	0	0			
EAST	30+	0	0			
WEST	30+	0	0			
SOUTH	30+	0	0			
INTERIOR WALLS AND PARTITIONS	30+					
FLOOR CONSTRUCTION INCLUDING SUPPORTING BEAMS AND JOISTS	30+	0				
ROOF CONSTRUCTION INCLUDING SUPPORTING BEAMS AND JOISTS	30+	0				
SHAFT ENCLOSURES - EXIT	N/A	0				
SHAFT ENCLOSURES - OTHER		0				
CORRIDOR SEPARATION		0				
OCCUPANCY SEPARATION		0HR	0HR			
PARTY/FIRE WALL SEPARATION		0				
SMOKE BARRIER SEPARATION		0				
TENANT SEPARATION		0				
INCIDENTAL USE SEPARATION		0				
*INDICATE SECTION NUMBER PERMITTING REDUCTION						
PERCENTAGE OF WALL OPENINGS CALCULATIONS						
FIRE SEPARATION DISTANCE (FEET) FROM PROPERTY LINES	DEGREE OF OPENINGS PROTECTION (TABLE 705.8)	ALLOWABLE AREA (%)	ACTUAL SHOWN ON PLANS (%)			
30+FT	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT				
LIFE SAFETY SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS						
NOTE: REQ FOR AREAS WITH 2 EXITS OR >50 OCCUPANCY						
EMERGENCY LIGHTING 1006	<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES	288SQFT/20NET CLASSROOM = 15 OCCUPANTS				
EXIT SIGNS 1011	<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES					
FIRE ALARM 907	<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES					
SMOKE DETECT SYSTEMS 907	<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES					
PANIC HARDWARE 1008.1.10	<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> PARTIAL				
LIFE SAFETY PLAN REQUIREMENTS						
LIFE SAFETY PLAN SHEET: N/A						
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRE AND/OR SMOKE RATED WALL LOCATIONS (CHAPTER 7): N/A <input type="checkbox"/> ASSUMED AND REAL PROPERTY LINE LOCATIONS: YES, SEE THIS SHEET. <input type="checkbox"/> EXTERIOR WALL OPENING AREA WITH RESPECT TO DISTANCE TO ASSUMED PROPERTY LINES (705.8): N/A, NO WALLS. <input type="checkbox"/> EXISTING STRUCTURES WITHIN 30' OF THE PROPOSED BUILDING: 15' TO STORAGE SHED. <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPANCY TYPES FOR EACH AREA AS IT RELATES TO OCCUPANT LOAD CALCULATION (TABLE 1004.1.1): ALL CLASSROOM. <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPANT LOADS FOR EACH AREA: ALL CLASSROOM, 15 OCCUPANTS. <input type="checkbox"/> EXIT ACCESS TRAVEL DISTANCES (1016): <50' <input type="checkbox"/> COMMON PATH OF TRAVEL DISTANCES (1014.3 & 1028.8): N/A <input type="checkbox"/> DEAD END LENGTHS (1018.4): N/A <input type="checkbox"/> CLEAR EXIT WIDTHS FOR EACH EXIT DOOR: N/A, NO DOORS. <input type="checkbox"/> MAXIMUM CALCULATED OCCUPANT LOAD CAPACITY EACH EXIT DOOR CAN ACCOMMODATE BASED ON EGRESS WIDTH (1005.1): N/A <input type="checkbox"/> ACTUAL OCCUPANT LOAD FOR EACH EXIT DOOR: N/A, NO DOORS. <input type="checkbox"/> LOCATION OF DOORS WITH ELECTROMAGNETIC EGRESS LOCKS (1008.1.9.8): N/A, NO DOORS. <input type="checkbox"/> LOCATION OF DOORS EQUIPPED WITH HOLD-OPEN DEVICES: N/A, NO DOORS. <input type="checkbox"/> LOCATION OF EMERGENCY ESCAPE WINDOWS (1029): N/A, NO WINDOWS. <input type="checkbox"/> THE SQUARE FOOTAGE OF EACH FIRE AREA (902): 288 SQFT <input type="checkbox"/> THE SQUARE FOOTAGE OF EACH SMOKE COMPARTMENT (407.4): N/A <input type="checkbox"/> NOTE ANY CODE EXCEPTIONS OR TABLE NOTES THAT MAY HAVE BEEN UTILIZED REGARDING THE ITEMS ABOVE: N/A						

ACCESSIBLE DWELLING UNITS							
(SECTION 1107) N/A NO DWELLING UNITS							
TOTAL UNITS	ACCESSIBLE UNITS REQUIRED	ACCESSIBLE UNITS PROVIDED	TYPE A UNITS REQUIRED	TYPE A UNITS PROVIDED	TYPE B UNITS REQUIRED	TYPE B UNITS PROVIDED	TOTAL ACCESSIBLE UNITS PROVIDED
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ACCESSIBLE PARKING							
(SECTION 1106) N/A NO HEATED SPACE INCREASE, EXISTING SHOWN.							
LOT OR PARKING AREA	TOTAL # OF PARKING SPACES REQUIRED	PROVIDED	# OF ACCESSIBLE SPACES PROVIDED		TOTAL # ACCESSIBLE PROVIDED		
			REGULAR WITH 5' ACCESS AISLE	VAN SPACES WITH 132" ACCESS AISLE	8' ACCESS AISLE	1	
GRAVEL	0	5					1
PLUMBING FIXTURE REQUIREMENTS (TABLE 2902.1)							
N/A NO ATTACHED HEATED SPACE INCREASE, ADA BATHROOM LOCATED IN ADJACENT BUILDING.							
USE	WATER CLOSETS	URINALS	LABATORIES	SHOWERS/TUBS	DRINKING FOUNTAINS	ACCESSIBLE	
SPACE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	REGULAR		
EXISTING	1	0	1	0	0		
NEW	0	0	0	0	0		
REQUIRED	1	0	1	0	0		
SPECIAL APPROVALS: N/A							
SPECIAL APPROVAL: (LOCAL JURISDICTION, DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, OSC, DPI, DHHS, ICC, ETC., DESCRIBE BELOW							
ENERGY SUMMARY							
CLIMATE ZONE 5							
N/A NO HEATED SQUARE FOOTAGE ADDED							
STRUCTURAL DESIGN:							
LIVE LOADS:	IMPORTANCE FACTORS:			LATERAL DESIGN			
ROOF: 20 PSF	WIND: 1	SEISMIC: 1		CONTROL: WIND			
FLOOR: 100 PSF	SNOW: 1			WIND ZONE: 130 MPH			
GROUND SNOW LOAD: 30 PSF	SEISMIC: 1			EXPOSURE CATEGORY: C			
FROST DEPTH: 24"	SOIL BEARING CAPACITY: 2000 PSF (PRESCRIPTIVE)		SPECIAL INSPECTIONS		REQUIRED: NO		
MECHANICAL SUMMARY							
N/A NO HEATED SQUARE FOOTAGE ADDED							
ELECTRICAL SUMMARY							
N/A NO ELECTRICAL ADDED OR MODIFIED							
END OF APPENDIX B							

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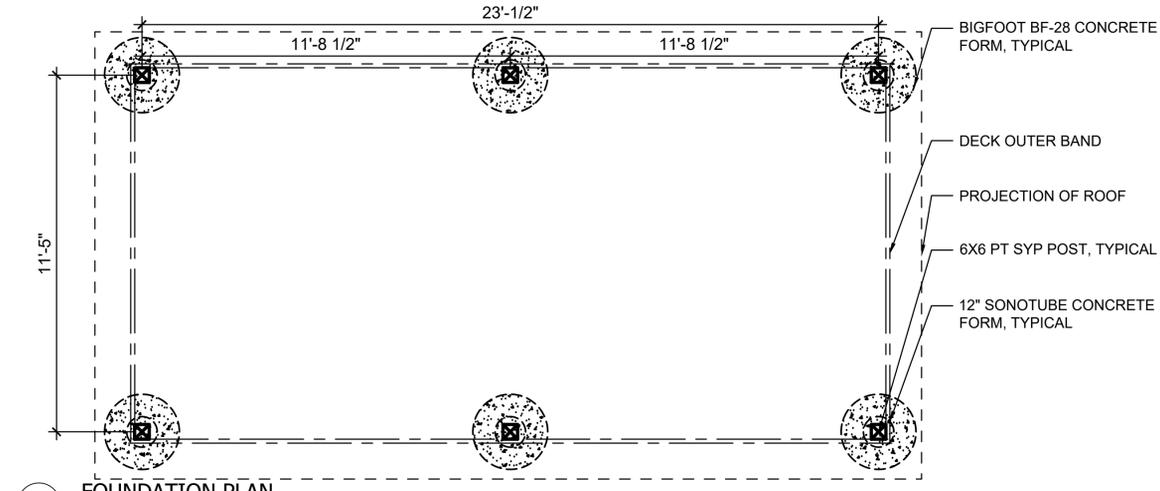




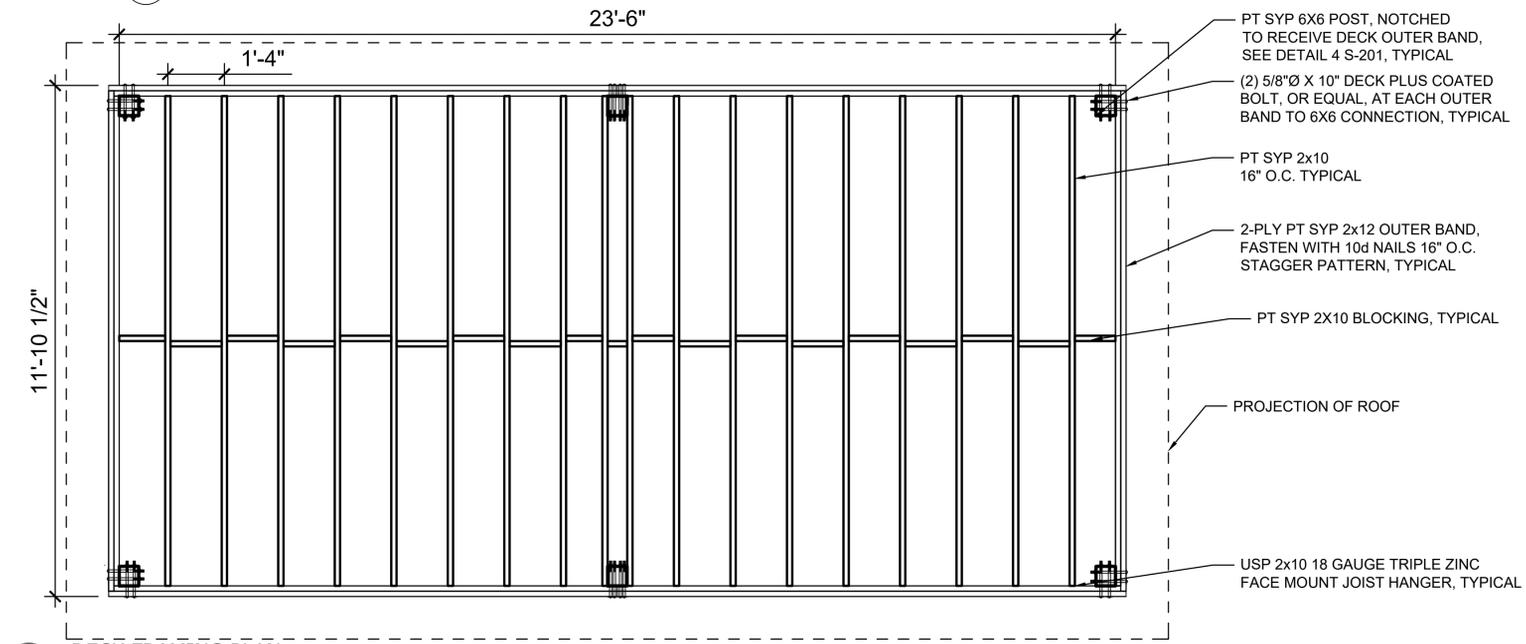
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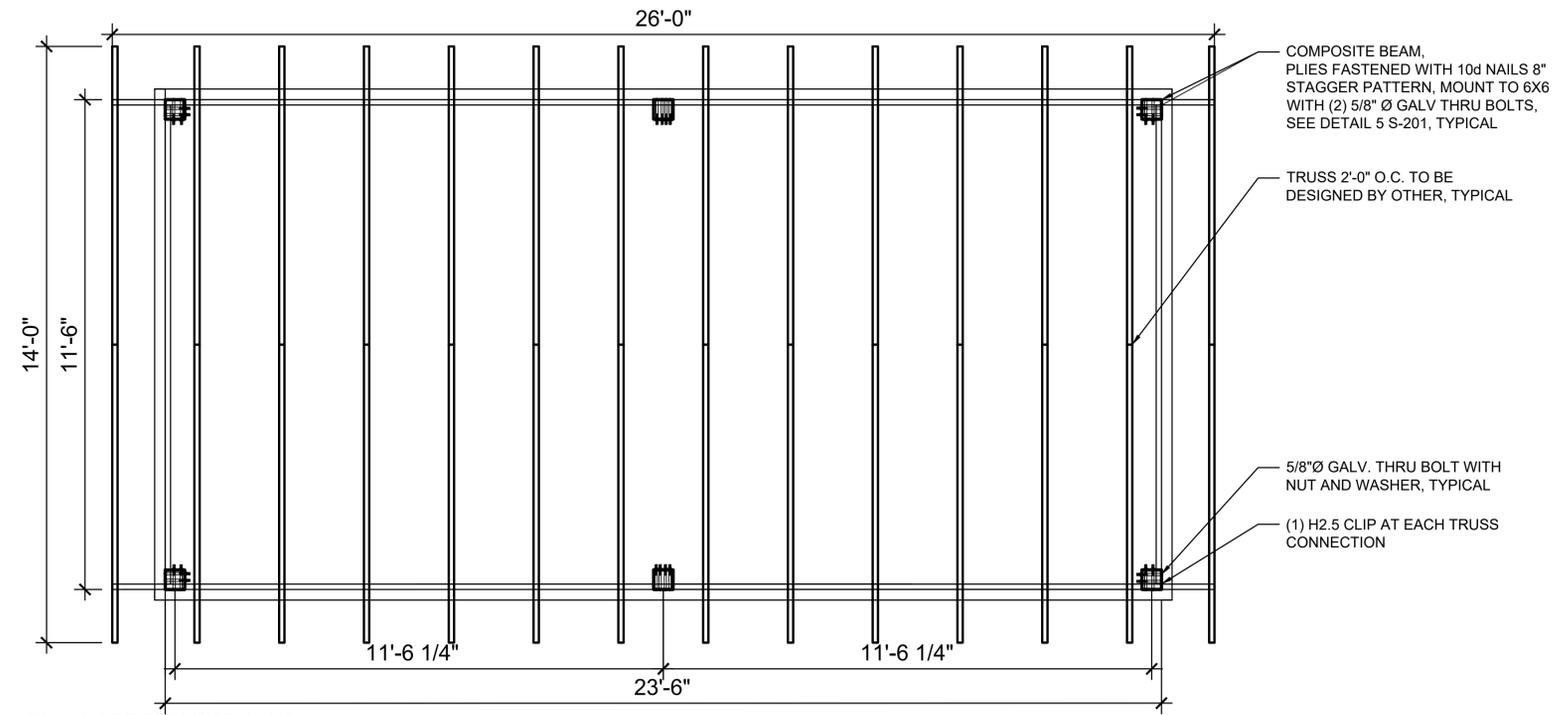
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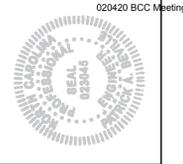


2 DECK FRAMING PLAN
Scale: 1/2":1'-0"



3 ROOF FRAMING PLAN
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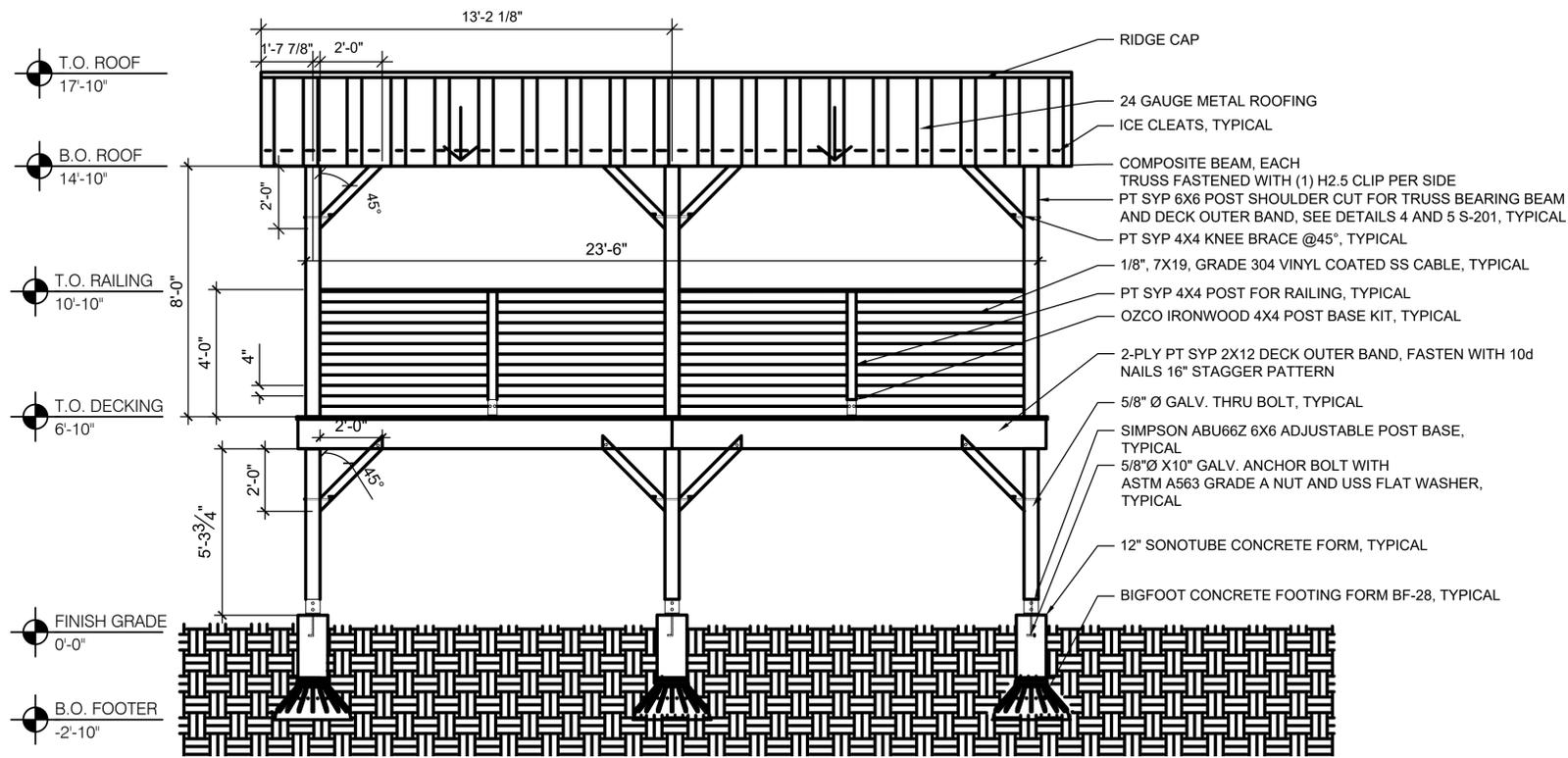
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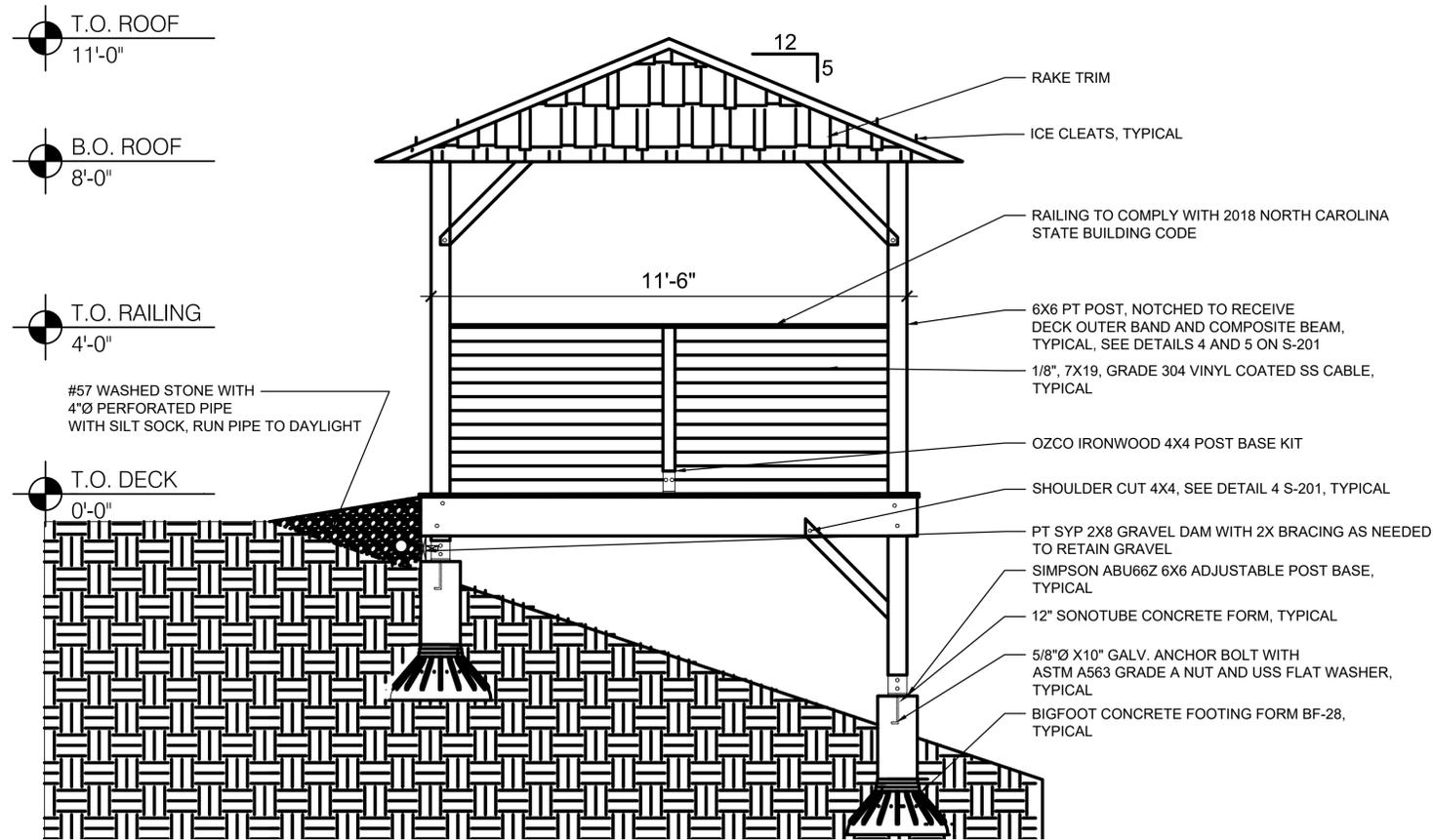
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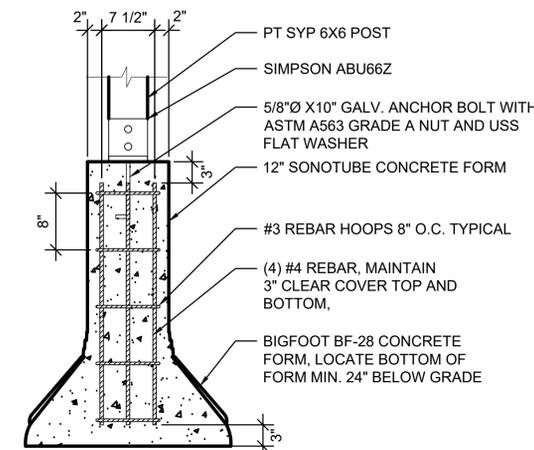
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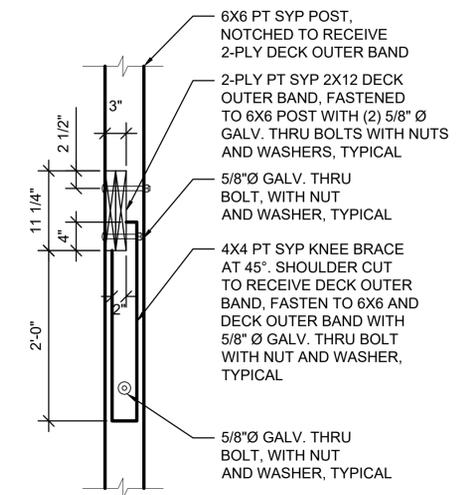
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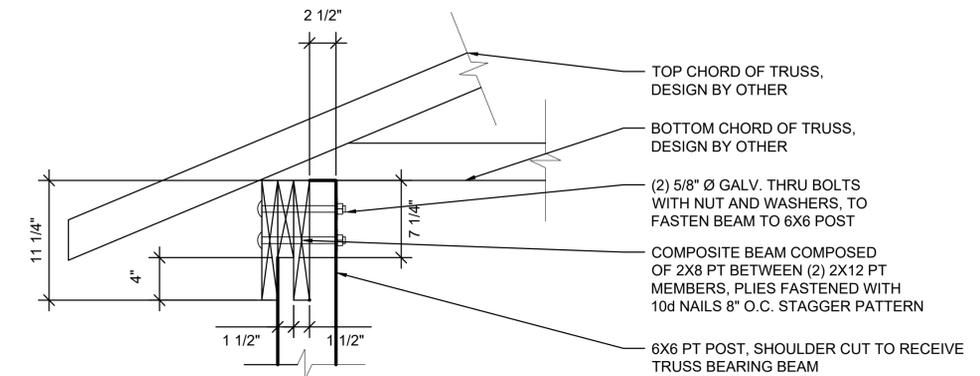
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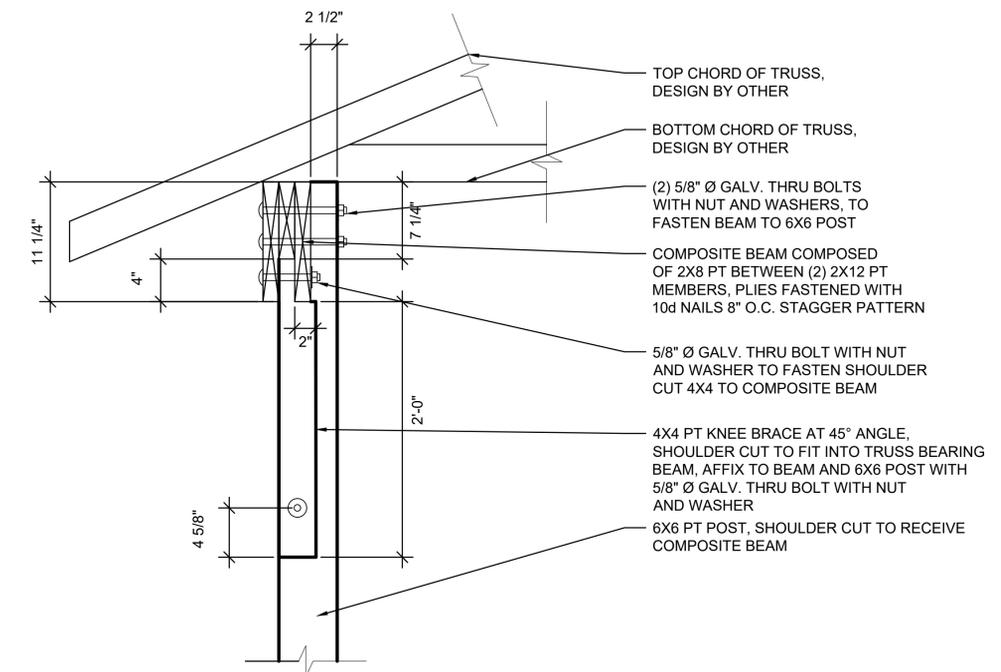
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AGENDA ITEM 13:**MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS*****H. Boards and Commissions*****MANAGER'S COMMENTS:*****Economic Development Commission (EDC)***

EDC member Savannah Garland has had to resign due to accepting a new job in Kingsport, Tennessee. Her three year term expires in June, 2022. The un-expired term could be filled now and would expire in June at which time the member could be appointed to serve their first full term. Another option would be to wait and replace the position at the beginning of the full term which would be in June. Four other terms also expire in June. One of those four members will not be eligible for reappointment per the EDC rules; the other three will be eligible for reappointment, provided they are interested in continuing to serve.

A request for volunteers has been advertised.

Voluntary Farmland Preservation Program Advisory Board

The Voluntary Farmland Preservation Program Advisory Board recommends the appointment of Ms. Kristy Hackler to fill the vacancy of Mr. Johnny Moretz who recently resigned due to health issues.

AppalCART Board

The AppalCART Board recommends the appointment of Mr. David Jackson as an At-Large representative to fill the vacancy of Ms. Kedith England who resigned in September 2019. Mr. Jackson is the CEO of the Boone Area Chamber of Commerce. He is the current Chair of the High Country RPO Rural Transportation Coordinating Committee, a member of the Children's Council Board, Boone Area Sports Commission, and Watauga Opportunities Board. Mr. Jackson uses AppalCART as a form of transportation to attend meetings around town.

Recreation Commission

Valle Crucis School Principal, Bonnie Smith, has recommended Mr. Sam Painter be reappointed as Valle Crucis' representative on the Recreation Commission.

The above are first readings.

WATAUGA COUNTY FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM
971 WEST KING STREET
BOONE NC 28607-3468



ADVISORY BOARD
KELLY COFFEY, CHAIR
JENNIFER MILLER
JOHNNY MORETZ
ANDREW ELLIS
JOE MCNEIL

January 14, 2020

Watauga County Board of Commissioners
Courthouse , Suite 1
842 West King Street
Boone, NC 28607

Dear Commissioners,

Johnny Moretz has decided to step down from his position on the Advisory Board due to health issues. The Board has been looking for someone to fill the seat. Jim Hamilton said he might now of someone who would be great, he would email her to see if she might be interested. We received an email from Kristy Hackler, who expressed interest in joining the Advisory Board. She grew up on a combined family farm in Stanley County NC and has a passion for it. Kristy taught at Mountain Pathways Montessori School for 15 years. Currently, she is a landscape designer and outreach coordinator.

January 13, 2020 the Advisory Board met and voted to recommend Ms. Kristy Hackler for appointment to fill the vacancy on the Voluntary Farmland Preservation Program Advisory Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Coffey".

Kelly Coffey
Chair, Watauga County Farmland Preservation

PHONE: 828-264-3850

FAX: 828-264-3067

Volunteer Application Watauga County Boards And Commissions

If you are a Watauga County resident, at least 18 years old, and willing to volunteer your time and expertise to your community, please complete the application below and tick on Print Form.

Please sign and mail or fax to:

Name: Kristy Hackler

Home Address: 828 Watauga River Road

City: Sugar Grove

Telephone: (H): 828-964-7747

Email: hacklerkristy@gmail.com

Place of Employment: Greenleaf Services, Inc.

Job Title: Landscape Designer

Watauga County Commissioners' Office 814 West King Street, Suite 205 Boone, NC 28607

Phone: (828) 265-8000 Fax: (828) 264-3230

Zip: 28679

(W) (Fax)

In Order To Assure County wide Representation Please Indicate Your Township Of Residence:

- Bald Mountain Stony Fork Watauga
- NewRiver Brushy Fork Cove Creek
- Beaver Dam Meat Camp Shawneehaw
- Blue Ridge Blowing Rock Laurel Creek
- Elk North Fork Boone

In addition, Please Indicate If You Live In One Of The Following Areas: Foscoe-Grandfather Community Valle Cruds Historic District

Howards Creek Watershed South Fork New River Watershed Winklers Creek Watershed
 Extraterritorial Area

We Ask Your Help In Assuring Diversity Of Membership By Age, Gender, And Race, By Answering The Following Questions

Gender Male

Female

Ethnic Background African American caucasian Hispanic Other

Native American

Please List (In Order Of Preference) The Boards/Commissions On Which You Would Be Willing To Serve.

The Farmland Preservation Advisory Board

Work Experience: Family farm business, landscape designer, Montessori teacher for 15 years-taught farming and gardening curriculum, and currently work for a design build landscaping company.

Volunteer Experience: F.A.R.M. Cafe, Horse Helpers, Health and Hunger Coalition, B.R.W.A., Blue Ridge Conservancy, and have taught classes for the cooperative extension

Other Experience: Extension Service internship for Master's degree, Paralegal certification, served on the Mountain Pathways Montessori board for over 10 years.

Other Comments:

Volunteer Application Watauga County Boards And Commissions (Continued)

Please list any work, volunteer, and/or other experience you would like to have considered in the review of your application.

Signature: KDHACKLER

Date: 1/16/2020

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Anita.Fogle

From: Craig Hughes <director@appalcart.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 8:48 AM
To: Deron.Geouque
Cc: Anita.Fogle; Charlie Wallin
Subject: AppalCART Board Member Request

Deron,

The AppalCART Board would like the Watauga County Commissioners to consider appointing Mr. David Jackson to the AppalCART Board to fill the currently vacant At-Large representative position. The Board voted 6-0 at their January 27th Board Meeting to recommend him. Commissioner Charlie Wallin was present at that meeting.

Mr. Jackson is the CEO of the Boone Area Chamber of Commerce. He is the current chair of the High Country RPO Rural Transportation Coordinating Committee, a member of the Children's Council Board, Boone Area Sports Commission, and Watauga Opportunities Board. Mr. Jackson is also a user of the AppalCART to attend meetings around town.

Please feel free to contact me if you need additional information.

Thank you for considering this request.

Craig Hughes
Director
AppalCART
828-297-1300 ext. 104
director@appalcart.com



From: Bonnie Smith <smithb@wataugaschools.org>
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2020 12:05 PM
To: Deron.Geouque; Anita.Fogle; Amy Parsons; Stephen Poulos
Subject: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board VC rep

Sam Painter has agreed to be the Valle Crucis Representative for Watauga County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

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Bonnie S. Smith, Ed.D.
Principal
Valle Crucis School
2998 Broadstone Road, Sugar Grove, NC 28679
828.963.4712



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AGENDA ITEM 13:**MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS*****I. Announcements*****MANAGER'S COMMENTS:**

The Annual Pre-Budget Retreat is scheduled for Thursday, February 13, beginning at 12:00 P.M. and Friday, February 14, 2020, at 9:00 A.M.

The High Country Council of Governments invites you to their Legislative Luncheon on February 27, 2020, from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. at Blue Ridge Energy's Community Room. Please let Anita know if you plan to attend and she will be glad to RSVP on your behalf.

Due to one-stop voting, the location of the February 18, 2020, regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be moved to Courtroom # 1 on the third floor of the Watauga County Courthouse, located at 842 West King Street. The meeting will begin at the regular time of 5:30 P.M.

The Senior Center will host an advocacy event from 10:00 – 11:00 A.M. on Monday, February 24, 2020, at the Lois E. Harrell Senior Center to allow seniors the opportunity to meet their elected officials and allow conversations to be held about issues that are concerning to seniors.

Anita.Fogle

From: Victoria Potter <vpotter@hccog.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2020 1:12 PM
To: Victoria Potter
Cc: Julie Wiggins
Subject: You're Invited to our 2020 Legislative Luncheon on February 27

Importance: High

Dear Local Elected Officials,

You are invited to attend a Legislative Luncheon hosted by the High Country Council of Governments! Lunch will be provided.

When: Thursday, **February 27, 2020**

Where: Blue Ridge Electric Community Room
2491US 421 S, Boone, NC

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm, with lunch immediately following

RSVP Deadline: February 20, 2020

RSVP ONLINE: [Click here to RSVP](#)

We are inviting all of our region's state elected officials to make remarks, discuss legislative priorities, and then have a healthy discussion on issues impacting the High Country's counties and municipalities.

Please let me know if you have any questions.
We hope to see you there!

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE



HIGH COUNTRY
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON

February 27, 2020 | 10am–12pm | BREMCO

**Join us for a legislative discussion
including the High Country region's
state elected officials.
Lunch to follow.**

**Please RSVP before February 20, 2020 by calling
828-265-5434 or emailing vpotter@hccog.org.**

BREMCO Community Room:
2491 US 421 S. Boone, NC 28607

Victoria Potter
*Communications &
Marketing Manager*
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Watauga County Project on Aging

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

Website: www.wataugacounty.org/aging

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

To Whom It May Concern,

The staff and senior participants at the Lois E. Harrill Senior Center greatly appreciate your support and advocacy efforts to create a safe and healthy community for the seniors in Watauga County. The work that you do in the community does not go unnoticed. We know that you understand how vulnerable the aging population is and how important it is for their voices to be heard. We kindly invite you to our advocacy event which will take place on February 24, 2020 at 10am at the Lois E. Harrill Senior Center. This one-hour event will provide seniors with the opportunity to meet their elected officials and allow conversations to be held about issues that are concerning to this population. We appreciate your time and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Billie Jo Lister

Director, Lois E. Harrill Senior Center

132 Poplar Grove Connector Suite A

Boone, NC 28607

828-265-8090

Billie.lister@watgov.org

AGENDA ITEM 14:

PUBLIC COMMENT

AGENDA ITEM 15:

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AGENDA ITEM 16:

CLOSED SESSION

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