

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

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020  
5:30 P.M.**

**WATAUGA COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
COURTROOM # 1**

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**AGENDA ITEM 2:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

February 4, 2020, Regular Meeting

February 4, 2020, Closed Session

**DRAFT****MINUTES****WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020**

The Watauga County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting, as scheduled, on Tuesday, February 4, 2020, at 8:30 A.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  
 Andrea Capua, County Attorney  
 Deron Geouque, County Manager  
 Anita J. Fogle, Clerk to the Board

Chairman Welch called the meeting to order at 8:33 A.M.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Welch called for additions and/or corrections to the January 21, 2020, regular meeting and closed session minutes.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to approve the January 21, 2020, regular meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5  
 Nay-0

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to approve the January 21, 2020, closed session minutes as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5  
 Nay-0

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Welch called for additions and/or corrections to the February 4, 2020, agenda.

Commissioner Yates, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to approve the February 4, 2020, agenda as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5  
 Nay-0

Chairman Welch announced that he had to leave the meeting at approximately 9:20 A.M. to attend another meeting and would return as soon as possible.

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

Chairman Welch presented a proposed proclamation honoring the Watauga High School (WHS) Pioneer Playmakers who will be representing North Carolina at the Southeastern Theatre Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. The WHS Pioneer Playmakers will also be hosting a fundraiser as they present "Ernest and the Pale Moon" on Friday, February 21, 2020, at 7:30 P.M. and 9:30 P.M. at Appalachian Theatre. Funds raised will be used to cover the costs associated with the competition.

Commissioner Yates, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to approve the February 4, 2020, agenda as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

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

Ms. Jennifer Greene, Appalachian District Health Director, presented the 2019 State of the Community's Health report and the Health Department's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. The reports were given for information only and, therefore, no action was required.

**WATAUGA FOOD COUNCIL REPORT**

Ms. Brooke Kornegay, Watauga Food Council Coordinator, presented an update on the Council's activities. The Food Council supports the local Food Hub, Farmer's Markets, the Cooperative Extension, and the Visit NC Farms App. The Food Council also works with local businesses to bring good food to citizens. Ms. Kornegay stated that they are currently working on achievable balances and need to increase coordination effort.

Ms. Elena Dalton, with F.A.R.M. Café, updated the Board on the Food Council's coordination, increased efficiency, policies researched, and the increased demand at local food outlets.

The Food Council is currently planning to hire a Coordinator position that will work with producers and outlets. The Food Council requested funding in the amount of \$2,500 to \$5,000 to help fund the position. The Food Council is also requesting the Town of Boone help with the funding needed. With anticipated growth, the Food Council believes hiring the Coordinator position would be beneficial.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy stated that the Board would revisit the request during the budget planning process and Chairman Welch advised Ms. Kornegay and Ms. Dalton to stay in touch with the County Manager.

### **WATAUGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT**

Ms. Monica Caruso, County Librarian, presented the Watauga County Public Library Annual Report. Ms. Caruso reported on youth and adult services, activities at the Western Watauga Branch, volunteer activities and gave an overview of revenues and expenses, statistics, and grants received. The report was for information only and, therefore, no action was required.

At 9:16 A.M., Chairman Welch left the meeting to attend a meeting that was a prior commitment. Vice-Chairman Kennedy led the meeting while Mr. Welch was absent.

### **WATAUGA ARTS COUNCIL UPDATE AND REQUEST FOR LEASE RENEWAL**

Ms. Cherry Johnson, Watauga County Arts Council, thanked the Board and County staff for the support shown over the years. Ms. Johnson stated that the facility they have leased from the County since 2013, located at 377 Shadowline Drive, is wonderful and needed. The lease automatically renews for ninety (90) day periods after April 15. Ms. Johnson requested the Board renew the lease, which is set to expire April 15, 2020, for an additional five years.

Ms. Ginger Bryant, President of the Watauga Arts Council Board of Directors, also thanked the Board for the building and support over the years. Ms. Bryant reviewed the history of the Arts Council which began as a grassroots program as well as the current programs offered. Ms. Bryant encouraged the Board to extend the lease for an additional five years.

The Arts Council pays one dollar (\$1) per year to lease the building. Any subleases must be approved by the Board of Commissioners. A proposed resolution was presented which would need to be approved and advertised for ten days prior to authorization for the execution of the lease with final adoption at the next regular Board meeting after the ten day public notice.

After lengthy discussion, Commissioner Turnbow moved to renew the lease for a three year period. Commissioner Turnbow's motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Yates, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to adopt the resolution stating the Board's intent to lease the property to the Arts Council for one dollar (\$1) per year for a term of four (4) years.

Commissioner Turnbow also encouraged Ms. Johnson and Ms. Bryant to start looking for permanent space to house the Arts Council. Commissioner Turnbow also suggested the Board of Commissioners appoint a liaison to the Arts Council Board as a non-voting member. Ms. Johnson welcomed the idea.

VOTE: Aye-4(Kennedy, Turnbow, Wallin, Yates)  
Nay-0  
Absent-1(Welch)

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES MATTERS**

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

Mr. Will Holt, Emergency Services Director, presented a proposed Emergency Fuel Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Watauga County School System. The purpose of the agreement is to secure fuel during state-of-emergency situations in the County.

Commissioner Yates, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as presented by Mr. Holt.

VOTE: Aye-4(Kennedy, Turnbow, Wallin, Yates)  
Nay-0  
Absent-1(Welch)

### ***B. 911 Phone Maintenance Contract***

Mr. Holt requested approval to renew the contract with Mobile Communications America in the amount of \$60,746.28. The contract was for the County's 911 phone system maintenance. Mr. Holt stated that funds were provided from the 911 surcharge.

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Commissioner Yates, moved to renew the 911 phone system maintenance contract with Mobile Communications America in the amount of \$60,746.28 as presented by Mr. Holt.

VOTE: Aye-4(Kennedy, Turnbow, Wallin, Yates)  
Nay-0  
Absent-1(Welch)

## **BID AWARD REQUEST FOR AERIAL PLATFORM**

Mr. Robert Marsh, Maintenance Director, stated that bids were received 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. Mr. Steven Moody, Maintenance Mechanic Crew Chief, was present and stated that Maintenance staff has rented and operated the exact brand of aerial lift.

County Manager Geouque clarified that funds for the equipment would be allocated from the Community Recreation Center budget as it would be used for that facility.

Commissioner Yates, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to award the bid to Aerial Titans in the amount of \$39,610 for an aerial lift as presented by Mr. Marsh.

VOTE: Aye-4(Kennedy, Turnbow, Wallin, Yates)  
Nay-0  
Absent-1(Welch)

## **PROJECT ON AGING MATTERS**

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

Ms. Angie Boitnotte, Project on Aging Director, presented recommendations for an appointment to the North Carolina Senior Tar Heel Legislature (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 STHL member for Watauga County.

Commissioner Yates, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to waive a second reading and appoint Ms. Mary Moretz to serve as the Watauga County Alternate to the North Carolina Senior Tar Heel Legislature.

VOTE: Aye-4(Kennedy, Turnbow, Wallin, Yates)  
Nay-0  
Absent-1(Welch)

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

Ms. Angie Boitnotte stated that 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. H&CCBG funds were established by the Older American's Act and administered by the North Carolina Division of Aging.

The following were recommended for appointment to the committee: Commissioner Yates, Nicole Hiegl, Linda Bretz, Vanessa Brumfield, Jennifer Greene, Murray Hawkinson, Tom Hughes, Pat Coley, Kat Danner, Linda Marcoux, Mary Moretz, Bob Parker, Carolyn Owens, and Dr. Ed Rosenberg. Commissioner Yates was appointed to this Committee at the December 3, 2019, Board of Commissioners meeting.

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to waive the second reading and appoint Nicole Hiegl, Linda Bretz, Vanessa Brumfield, Jennifer Greene, Murray Hawkinson, Tom Hughes, Pat Coley, Kat Danner, Linda Marcoux, Mary Moretz, Bob Parker, Carolyn Owens, and Dr. Ed Rosenberg to the Home and Community Care Block Grant Advisory Committee.

VOTE: Aye-4(Kennedy, Turnbow, Wallin, Yates)  
Nay-0  
Absent-1(Welch)

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to appoint the Watauga County Project on Aging as the Lead Agency for Home and Community Care Block Grant funds.

VOTE: Aye-4(Kennedy, Turnbow, Wallin, Yates)  
Nay-0  
Absent-1(Welch)

## **FINANCE MATTERS**

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

Ms. Misty Watson, Finance Director, presented an updated resolution authorizing the sale of a 1.60 acre lot located in the Twin Rivers Development in Foscoe. The property was declared surplus at a previous meeting. The updated resolution would need to be adopted to start the sale process. 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 adopt the revised resolution to authorize the listing, sale and advertisement of the property on GovDeals with a minimum bid of \$5,000 as presented by Ms. Watson.

VOTE: Aye-4(Kennedy, Turnbow, Wallin, Yates)  
Nay-0  
Absent-1(Welch)

### ***B. FY 2019 Carry Forward Purchase Order***

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

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

Commissioner Yates, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to approve the carry forward purchase order as presented by Ms. Watson.

VOTE: Aye-4(Kennedy, Turnbow, Wallin, Yates)  
Nay-0  
Absent-1(Welch)

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

Ms. Watson requested the acceptance of additional Raise the Age Expansion funding in the amount of \$17,500. No County match was required.

Commissioner Wallin, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to accept the additional Raise the Age Expansion funding in the amount of \$17,500 as presented by Ms. Watson.

VOTE: Aye-4(Kennedy, Turnbow, Wallin, Yates)  
Nay-0  
Absent-1(Welch)



## **MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

### ***A. Bleachers and Gym Padding for New Community Recreation Center***

County Manager Geouque requested 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. The County Manager stated that adequate funds were allocated in the new Community Recreation Center Fixtures, Furniture, and Equipment budget to cover the expense.

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Commissioner Yates, moved to award the bid for bleachers and padding for the new Community Recreation Center to Blankenship Associates in the amount of \$34,062.

VOTE: Aye-4(Kennedy, Turnbow, Wallin, Yates)  
Nay-0  
Absent-1(Welch)

### ***B. Furniture for the New Community Recreation Center***

County Manager Geouque requested 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.

Commissioner Yates, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to authorize the purchase of furniture from Young Office Supplies in the amount of \$161,991.04 for the new Community Recreation Center as presented by the County Manager.

VOTE: Aye-4(Kennedy, Turnbow, Wallin, Yates)  
Nay-0  
Absent-1(Welch)

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

County Manager Geouque requested approval 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. Adequate funds have been allocated in the new Community Recreation Center project budget under Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment (FF&E) to cover the expense.

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Commissioner Yates, moved to authorize 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 as presented by the County Manager.

VOTE: Aye-4(Kennedy, Turnbow, Wallin, Yates)  
Nay-0  
Absent-1(Welch)

***D. Request for Additional School Resource Officer (SRO)***

County Manager Geouque stated that the Watauga County School system received an additional SRO grant in the amount of \$33,000. The grant requires for each two dollars provided, the County will match with one dollar. 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 County Manager stated that the Board had tabled the decision regarding this matter at a previous meeting 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 \$44,434 in equipment costs. School Superintendent, Dr. Scott Elliott, agreed to cover the salary cost for the initial period.

County Manager Geouque stated that the additional position would allow more flexibility for the elementary schools as the new SRO would be stationed at Hardin Park Elementary but would also serve as a backup at the other schools, including Watauga High School, when other SROs were out for training or on leave. The new SRO would also perform DARE services.

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to accept the School Resource Officer (SRO) grant through the school system in the amount of \$33,000 and direct staff to requisition \$44,434, from the contingency fund, for a vehicle and equipment with the understanding that the school system would cover the County's five month portion of salary in the amount of \$8,237.

VOTE: Aye-4(Kennedy, Turnbow, Wallin, Yates)  
Nay-0  
Absent-1(Welch)

***E. Proposed Renewal of Red Cross Lease***

County Manager Geouque stated that the American Red Cross has requested a renewal of their lease for County-owned office space which is set to expire March 31, 2020. The proposed renewal is for an eight (8) year term with the rent remaining at one dollar (\$1) per year. A proposed resolution was presented which would need to be approved and advertised for ten days prior to authorization for the execution of the lease with final adoption at the next regular Board meeting after the ten day public notice. County Attorney Capua stated that the lease addressed space concerns and included a thirty-day termination clause.

Commissioner Yates, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to adopt the resolution stating the Board's intent to lease the property to the American Red Cross for one dollar (\$1) per year for a term of eight (8) years.

VOTE: Aye-4(Kennedy, Turnbow, Wallin, Yates)  
Nay-0  
Absent-1(Welch)

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

County Manager Geouque stated that the Town of Boone had confirmed that February 24, 2020, at 6:30 PM was a good time to hold a joint meeting to discuss the Turner building currently owned by the County. The County would host the meeting at the Agricultural Conference Center. Vice-Chairman Kennedy stated that he would not be able to attend that meeting due to a previous commitment at that time.

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Commissioner Yates, moved to schedule a special joint meeting with the Boone Town Council on Monday, February 24, 2020, at 6:30 P.M. to discuss the Turner building.

VOTE: Aye-4(Kennedy, Turnbow, Wallin, Yates)  
Nay-0  
Absent-1(Welch)

***G. Appalachian State Request to Build Structure on Leased Landfill Property***

County Manager Geouque stated that in August 2019, the Board approved a lease renewal with Appalachian State University for their greenhouse located at the Watauga County Landfill. At the December 17, 2019, Board meeting, the County Manager presented a request from the University for 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.

In December, the Board tabled consideration to allow time for the County Attorney to verify that Appalachian State has proper insurance coverage for the students using the outdoor classroom. Mr. Geouque stated that 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 its own sovereign immunity and insurance policies in case the County were ever sued. Appalachian State's response included . . . "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."

County Attorney Capua agreed that Appalachian State University was strapped by North Carolina law and the County would be protected by liability insurance and County immunity. Ms. Capua stated that the County would have to consider the risk assessment and what it is comfortable with. County Manager Geouque stated that Government immunity was being chipped away at; however, the County does have insurance. Ms. Capua stated that she did not believe it was an Appalachian State University policy but a statewide university policy.

After discussion, there was no action taken due to the lack of a motion.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy stated that the request could be revisited in the future and Commissioner Turnbow stated that he understood that it was a statewide policy, not Appalachian State University that would leave the County liable.

### ***H. Boards and Commissions***

County Manager Geouque shared the following proposed Boards and Commissions appointments for consideration:

#### *Economic Development Commission (EDC)*

EDC member Savannah Garland 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. Vice-Chairman Kennedy tabled consideration to allow for the submission of applications.

#### *Voluntary Farmland Preservation Program Advisory Board*

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

Vice-Chairman Kennedy tabled consideration to allow for a second reading.

At 10:31 A.M., Chairman Welch returned to and rejoined the meeting.

#### *AppalCART Board*

The AppalCART Board recommended 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.

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Commissioner Yates, moved to waive the second reading and appoint Mr. David Jackson as an At-Large representative on the AppalCART Board as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

#### *Recreation Commission*

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

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Vice-Chairman Kennedy, moved to waive the second reading and reappoint Mr. Sam Painter as the Valle Crucis School representative on the Recreation Commission as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

### ***I. Announcements***

County Manager Geouque announced the following:

- 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.

The County Manager stated that, in the future, he could ask Ms. Angie Boitnotte, Project on Aging Director, to direct staff to present a couple of dates for the Board to choose from before setting the date for this event.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Patrick Richardson thanked the Board for being fiscally responsible and for supporting the Arts Council. He also shared his support of the Council and how the arts positively affected his life.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 10:38 A.M., Commissioner Wallin, seconded by Vice-Chairman Kenney, moved to enter Closed Session to discuss Attorney/Client Matters, per G. S. 143-318.11(a)(3).

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

Commissioner Wallin, seconded by Vice-Chairman Kennedy, moved to resume the open meeting at 11:45 A.M.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

**ADJOURN**

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Vice-Chairman Kennedy, moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:46 A.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 18, 2020, AGENDA**



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**AGENDA ITEM 4:**

**TAX MATTERS**

***A. Monthly Collections Report***

**MANAGER'S COMMENTS:**

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

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

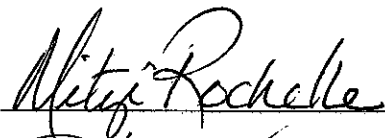
**Monthly Collections Report**

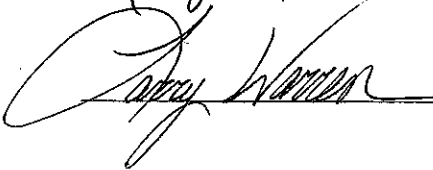
**Watauga County**

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

Monthly Report January 2020

	<u>Current Month</u> <u>Collections</u>	<u>Current Month</u> <u>Percentage</u>	<u>Current FY</u> <u>Collections</u>	<u>Current FY</u> <u>Percentage</u>	<u>Previous FY</u> <u>Percentage</u>
<b>General County</b>					
Taxes 2019	7,058,001.29	76.18%	33,491,440.29	93.83%	94.12%
Prior Year Taxes	14,754.46		191,930.37		
Solid Waste User Fees	443,119.67	68.72%	2,404,326.74	92.26%	92.57%
Green Box Fees	227.12	NA	936.96	NA	NA
<b>Total County Funds</b>	<b>\$7,516,102.54</b>		<b>\$36,088,634.36</b>		
<b>Fire Districts</b>					
Foscoe Fire	89,437.76	77.10%	439,295.94	94.28%	94.26%
Boone Fire	148,594.63	74.73%	836,645.42	94.34%	94.35%
Fall Creek Service Dist.	2,537.44	71.77%	8,648.96	89.60%	90.42%
Beaver Dam Fire	17,274.24	59.62%	90,315.52	88.44%	89.77%
Stewart Simmons Fire	76,268.85	78.04%	215,695.54	90.97%	91.23%
Zionville Fire	17,693.64	60.61%	101,630.08	89.98%	92.37%
Cove Creek Fire	39,414.63	68.62%	221,820.22	92.44%	91.53%
Shawneehaw Fire	19,433.27	70.82%	92,876.93	92.04%	93.23%
Meat Camp Fire	34,825.48	65.64%	188,124.38	91.08%	91.63%
Deep Gap Fire	32,284.62	69.96%	172,700.24	92.52%	92.74%
Todd Fire	12,228.89	75.75%	57,375.28	93.58%	93.33%
Blowing Rock Fire	98,633.88	75.91%	454,685.18	93.55%	94.81%
M.C. Creston Fire	841.74	46.32%	5,228.46	84.77%	86.44%
Foscoe Service District	12,285.21	72.70%	69,737.26	93.76%	95.61%
Beech Mtn. Service Dist.	657.65	64.51%	1,257.13	77.44%	82.49%
Cove Creek Service Dist.	225.15	100.00%	324.15	100.00%	100.00%
Shawneehaw Service Dist	592.08	43.12%	6,119.65	88.46%	84.90%
	<b>\$600,691.72</b>		<b>\$2,953,831.38</b>		
<b>Towns</b>					
Boone	1,155,067.09	82.96%	5,653,946.91	95.97%	96.10%
Municipal Services	24,321.27	70.44%	124,618.21	92.46%	95.89%
Boone MV Fee	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Blowing Rock	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Seven Devils	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Beech Mountain	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>Total Town Taxes</b>	<b>\$1,179,388.36</b>		<b>\$5,778,565.12</b>		
<b>Total Amount Collected</b>	<b>\$9,296,182.62</b>		<b>\$44,821,030.86</b>		

 Tax Collections Director

 Tax Administrator

**AGENDA ITEM 4:**

**TAX MATTERS**

***B. Refunds and Releases***

**MANAGER'S COMMENTS:**

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

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1788950 309 FLANNERY FORK LLC 1919 BOONE TRAIL RD SANFORD, NC 27330	RE 2019	1000156	01/31/2020			0 F12	94.30
		2809-70-9110-000		F12		G01	760.06
	TAX RELEASES				7151		854.36
PROPERTY WAS ALREADY IN PRESENT USE JUST HAD A NAME CHANGE							
1788950 309 FLANNERY FORK LLC 1919 BOONE TRAIL RD SANFORD, NC 27330	RE 2019	1000157	01/31/2020			0 F12	94.30
		2809-70-9110-000		F12		G01	665.76
	TAX RELEASES				7152		760.06
PROPERTY WAS ALREADY IN PRESENT USE JUST HAD A NAME CHANGE							
1642472 AJCH LLC PO BOX 1988 BOONE, NC 28607	RE 2017	28053	01/31/2020			0 G01	427.84
		2819-74-3477-000		F02		F02	72.72
	REFUND RELEASE				7158		500.56
PARCEL SHOULD HAVE BEEN DEACTIVATED							
1642472 AJCH LLC PO BOX 1988 BOONE, NC 28607	RE 2018	28210	01/31/2020			0 G01	427.84
		2819-74-3477-000		F02		F02	72.72
	REFUND RELEASE				7159		500.56
PARCEL SHOULD HAVE BEEN DEACTIVATED							
1642472 AJCH LLC PO BOX 1988 BOONE, NC 28607	RE 2019	28544	01/31/2020			0 G01	488.44
		2819-74-3477-000		F02		F02	72.72
	TAX RELEASES				7160		561.16
PARCEL SHOULD HAVE BEE DEACTIVATED							
1793980 BFH LAND, LLC 311 FLANNERY FORK RD BLOWING ROCK, NC 28605	RE 2019	1000147	01/31/2020			0 F12	88.15
		2808-79-7427-000		F12		G01	710.49
	TAX RELEASES				7148		798.64
PROPERTY WAS ALREADY IN PRESENT USE JUST HAD A NAME CHANGE							
1701345 BRINKER, MARY P 1919 BOONE TRAIL RD SANFORD, NC 27330	RE 2019	1000158	01/31/2020			0 F12	94.30
		2809-70-9110-000		F12		G01	665.76
	TAX RELEASES				7149		760.06
PROPERTY WAS ALREADY IN PRESENT USE JUST HAD A NAME CHANGE							
1701345 BRINKER, MARY P 1919 BOONE TRAIL RD SANFORD, NC 27330	RE 2019	1000159	01/31/2020			0 F12	94.30
		2809-70-9110-000		F12		G01	590.32
	TAX RELEASES				7150		684.62
PROPERTY WAS ALREADY IN PRESENT USE JUST HAD A NAME CHANGE							

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1546824 CHANGES SALON 1542 US HWY 421 S STE E BOONE, NC 28607	PP 2019	2862	01/31/2020			0	G01	171.60
	546824999			C02			C02	174.58
	TAX RELEASES				7156		G01L	17.16
	BUSINESS MERGED WITH SERENDIPITY						C02L	17.46
								380.80
1517755 CLAWSON, CECIL DOUGLAS 4944 NC HWY 194 N BOONE, NC 28607-7298	PP 2019	2555	01/31/2020			0	G01	29.78
	517755999			F09			F09	3.70
	TAX RELEASES				7168		G01L	2.98
	hasnt owned since 2018-Joey Clawson owns property						F09L	.37
								36.83
1505567 GENTRY, JACOB R JR PO BOX 3121 BOONE, NC 28607	PP 2019	1738	01/31/2020			0	SWF	80.00
	119580000			F10				
	TAX RELEASES				7142			
1777271 GREEN HOTEL BOONE INC 10415 CENTRUM PARKWAY PINEVILLE, NC 28134	PP 2019	1000006	01/31/2020			129,560	C02	531.20
	2905			C02			G01	522.13
	TAX RELEASES				7141			
								1,053.33
1066950 HAGAMAN, DAVID RAY 142 BLUEBERRY LANE VILAS, NC 28692-9553	RE 2019	16995	01/31/2020			17,300	F04	8.65
	1973-12-5398-000			F04			G01	69.72
	TAX RELEASES				7154			
	EXEMPTION REMOVED AND ADDED TO CORRECT PROPERTY							78.37
1066950 HAGAMAN, DAVID RAY 142 BLUEBERRY LANE VILAS, NC 28692-9553	PP 2019	2076	01/31/2020			1,000	G01	4.03
	312539800			F04			F04	.50
	TAX RELEASES				7155			
	EXEMPTION REMOVED FROM 2ND HOME - ADDED EXEMPTION TO CORRECT PROPERTY							4.53
1794127 LEWIS, RUSSELL 138 CLYDE LANE DEEP GAP, NC 28618	PP 2019	1418	01/31/2020			0	F10	5.86
	3001			F10			G01	47.19
	TAX RELEASES				7164		SWF	80.00
	MH IS LISTED UNDER A DIFFERENT NAME						F10L	.59
							G01L	4.72
								138.36

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1641831 LOPEZ, CHRISTINA 211 MONTEAGLE DRIVE BOONE, NC 28607	PP 2017	3766	01/31/2020			0 SWF	80.00
	641831999			F02		G01	16.56
	TAX RELEASES				7171	F02	2.81
	LISTED UNDER #1767491					G01L	1.66
	PREVIOUS OWNER DIDNT NOTIFY US OF SALE					F02L	.28
							101.31
1641831 LOPEZ, CHRISTINA 211 MONTEAGLE DRIVE BOONE, NC 28607	PP 2018	3612	01/31/2020			0 SWF	80.00
	641831999			F02		G01	16.06
	TAX RELEASES				7170	F02	2.73
	LISTED UNDER #1767491					G01L	1.61
	PREVIOUS OWNER DIDNT NOTIFY US OF SALE					F02L	.27
							100.67
1641831 LOPEZ, CHRISTINA 211 MONTEAGLE DRIVE BOONE, NC 28607	PP 2019	3783	01/31/2020			0 SWF	80.00
	641831999			F02		G01	17.77
	TAX RELEASES				7169	F02	2.65
	LISTED UNDER NEW OWNER#1767491					G01L	1.78
	PREVIOUS OWNER DIDNT NOTIFY US OF SALE					F02L	.27
							102.47
1614782 SMITH, HOLLY G SMITH, JOHN 138 CLYDE LANE DEEP GAP, NC 28618	PP 2019	1638	01/31/2020			0 F10	1.33
	50538300			F10		G01	10.68
	TAX RELEASES				7163	SWF	80.00
	LISTED ON #1791619-SON PURCHASED FROM						
	PARENTS-HE NOW PAYS THE BILL						92.01
1799533 SUNBELT FURNITURE EXPRESS 1301 COUNCIL WARD RD SUGAR GROVE, NC 28679	PP 2019	1527	01/31/2020			0 F04	15.80
	3121			F04		G01	127.35
	TAX RELEASES				7166	F04L	1.58
	LISTED UNDER 1352442					G01L	12.74
1534737 TRIVETTE, GRACE 130 TRIVETTES DR BOONE, NC 28607	PP 2019	2724	01/31/2020			0 SWF	80.00
	534737999			C02		G01	12.65
	TAX RELEASES				7165	C02	12.87
	MH IS NOW LISTED UNDER ACCT 1794368					G01L	1.27
						C02L	1.29
							108.08

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1601412 TWO FEATHERS CONSTRUCTION 124 HAWKS NEST DR BOONE, NC 28607	PP 2017	3291	01/31/2020			0	G01	22.73
	601412999			F02			F02	3.86
	TAX RELEASES				7144		G01L	2.27
	BUSINESS DISSOLVED						F02L	.39
								29.25
1601412 TWO FEATHERS CONSTRUCTION 124 HAWKS NEST DR BOONE, NC 28607	PP 2018	3163	01/31/2020			0	G01	20.12
	601412999			F02			F02	3.42
	TAX RELEASES				7145		G01L	2.01
	BUSINESS DISSOLVED						F02L	.34
								25.89
1601412 TWO FEATHERS CONSTRUCTION 124 HAWKS NEST DR BOONE, NC 28607	PP 2019	3362	01/31/2020			0	G01	20.35
	601412999			F02			F02	3.03
	TAX RELEASES				7146		G01L	2.04
	BUSINESS DISSOLVED						F02L	.30
								25.72
1587456 VALLE CRUCIS RUSTIC RENTALS 1109 NC HIGHWAY 194 S VILAS, NC 28692	PP 2013	3846	01/31/2020			0	G01	1.35
	587456999			F01			F01	.22
	TAX RELEASES				7157			
	PUT OF BUSINESS							1.57
1777274 WELCOME HOTEL BOONE INC 10415 CENTRUM PARKWAY PINEVILLE, NC 28134	PP 2019	1000005	01/31/2020			112,660	C02	461.91
	2903			C02			G01	454.02
	TAX RELEASES				7143			
	BILLED IN 2018, DISCOVERY PROCESSED AFT							915.93
1549936 WESTVIEW APARTMENTS C/O HAROLD COFFEY 206 PHEASANT WALK WAY VILAS, NC 28692	PP 2018	2676	01/31/2020			0	G01	.81
	549936999			F02			F02	.14
	TAX RELEASES				7162		G01L	.08
	OWNER PASSED AWAY						F02L	.01
								1.04
1549936 WESTVIEW APARTMENTS C/O HAROLD COFFEY 206 PHEASANT WALK WAY VILAS, NC 28692	PP 2019	2896	01/31/2020			0	G01	.93
	549936999			F02			F02	.14
	TAX RELEASES				7161		G01L	.09
	HAROLD PASSED AWAY						F02L	.01
								1.17



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1181502 WINKLER, DALE AND WANDA 220 CUB WARD RD VILAS, NC 28692	RE 2019	20489	01/31/2020			31,350	FS1	15.68
	1990-27-4500-000			FS1			G01	126.34
	TAX RELEASES				7140			
	EXEMPTION WAS LISTED ON 1701859-SHOULD H AVE BEEN LISTED ON 1181502							142.02
DETAIL SUMMARY	COUNT: 29	RELEASES - TOTAL				291,870		8,996.84

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RELEASES - CHARGE SUMMARY FOR ALL CLERKS

YEAR	CAT	CHARGE	AMOUNT	
2013	PP	F01	FOSCOE FIRE PP	.22
2013	PP	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	1.35
2013 TOTAL			1.57	
2017	RE	F02	BOONE FIRE RE	72.72
2017	RE	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY RE	427.84
2017	PP	F02	BOONE FIRE PP	6.67
2017	PP	F02L	BOONE FIRE LATE LIST	.67
2017	PP	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	39.29
2017	PP	G01L	WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	3.93
2017	PP	SWF	SANITATION USER FEE	80.00
2017 TOTAL			631.12	
2018	RE	F02	BOONE FIRE RE	72.72
2018	RE	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY RE	427.84
2018	PP	F02	BOONE FIRE PP	6.29
2018	PP	F02L	BOONE FIRE LATE LIST	.62
2018	PP	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	36.99
2018	PP	G01L	WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	3.70
2018	PP	SWF	SANITATION USER FEE	80.00
2018 TOTAL			628.16	
2019	RE	F02	BOONE FIRE RE	72.72
2019	RE	F04	BEAVER DAM FIRE RE	8.65
2019	RE	F12	BLOWING ROCK FIRE RE	465.35
2019	RE	FS1	FOSCOE SERV DIST RE	15.68
2019	RE	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY RE	4,076.89
2019	PP	C02	BOONE PP	1,180.56
2019	PP	C02L	BOONE LATE LIST	18.75
2019	PP	F02	BOONE FIRE PP	5.82
2019	PP	F02L	BOONE FIRE LATE LIST	.58
2019	PP	F04	BEAVER DAM FIRE PP	16.30
2019	PP	F04L	BEAVER DAM FIRE LATE LIST	1.58
2019	PP	F09	MEAT CAMP FIRE PP	3.70
2019	PP	F09L	MEAT CAMP FIRE LATE LIST	.37
2019	PP	F10	DEEP GAP FIRE PP	7.19
2019	PP	F10L	DEEP GAP FIRE LATE LIST	.59
2019	PP	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	1,418.48
2019	PP	G01L	WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	42.78
2019	PP	SWF	SANITATION USER FEE	400.00
2019 TOTAL			7,735.99	
SUMMARY TOTAL			8,996.84	

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RELEASES - JURISDICTION SUMMARY FOR ALL CLERKS

JUR	YEAR	CHARGE	AMOUNT	
C02	2019	C02	BOONE PP	1,180.56
C02	2019	C02L	BOONE LATE LIST	18.75
C02	2019	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	1,160.40
C02	2019	G01L	WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	18.43
C02	2019	SWF	SANITATION USER FEE	80.00
		C02 TOTAL		2,458.14
F01	2013	F01	FOSCOE FIRE PP	.22
F01	2013	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	1.35
		F01 TOTAL		1.57
F02	2017	F02	BOONE FIRE PP	79.39
F02	2017	F02L	BOONE FIRE LATE LIST	.67
F02	2017	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	467.13
F02	2017	G01L	WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	3.93
F02	2017	SWF	SANITATION USER FEE	80.00
F02	2018	F02	BOONE FIRE PP	79.01
F02	2018	F02L	BOONE FIRE LATE LIST	.62
F02	2018	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	464.83
F02	2018	G01L	WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	3.70
F02	2018	SWF	SANITATION USER FEE	80.00
F02	2019	F02	BOONE FIRE PP	78.54
F02	2019	F02L	BOONE FIRE LATE LIST	.58
F02	2019	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	527.49
F02	2019	G01L	WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	3.91
F02	2019	SWF	SANITATION USER FEE	80.00
		F02 TOTAL		1,949.80
F04	2019	F04	BEAVER DAM FIRE RE	24.95
F04	2019	F04L	BEAVER DAM FIRE LATE LIST	1.58
F04	2019	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY RE	201.10
F04	2019	G01L	WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	12.74
		F04 TOTAL		240.37
F09	2019	F09	MEAT CAMP FIRE PP	3.70
F09	2019	F09L	MEAT CAMP FIRE LATE LIST	.37
F09	2019	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	29.78
F09	2019	G01L	WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	2.98
		F09 TOTAL		36.83
F10	2019	F10	DEEP GAP FIRE PP	7.19
F10	2019	F10L	DEEP GAP FIRE LATE LIST	.59
F10	2019	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	57.87
F10	2019	G01L	WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	4.72
F10	2019	SWF	SANITATION USER FEE	240.00
		F10 TOTAL		310.37
F12	2019	F12	BLOWING ROCK FIRE RE	465.35
F12	2019	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY RE	3,392.39

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RELEASES - JURISDICTION SUMMARY FOR ALL CLERKS

JUR	YEAR	CHARGE	AMOUNT
		F12 TOTAL	3,857.74
FS1	2019	FS1 FOSCOE SERV DIST RE	15.68
FS1	2019	G01 WATAUGA COUNTY RE	126.34
		FS1 TOTAL	142.02
		SUMMARY TOTAL	8,996.84

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## **AGENDA ITEM 5:**

### **MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

#### ***A. Upcoming Meeting Schedule***

#### **MANAGER'S COMMENTS:**

The Board of Elections requires the use of the Commissioners' Board Room through March 4 due to the room being a one-stop voting place and an official Polling site for the Primary which is on March 3, 2020.

At the January 21 Board meeting, the Board moved the February 18 meeting location to Courtroom # 1 in the Courthouse and discussed cancelling the March 3 meeting.

Staff seeks direction to either cancel, change locations, or reschedule the March 3, 2020, meeting.

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**AGENDA ITEM 5:****MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS*****B. 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. This is a second reading



**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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## **AGENDA ITEM 5:**

### **MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

#### ***E. Announcements***

#### **MANAGER’S COMMENTS:**

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.

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.

The Board of Commissioners will hold a joint meeting with the Boone Town Council to discuss the County-owned Turner building located on Water Street.

**Anita.Fogle**

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**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](mailto:vpotter@hccog.org).**

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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

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**SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE**

THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE BOONE TOWN COUNCIL WILL HOLD A JOINT MEETING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020, AT 6:30 P.M. TO DISCUSS FUTURE PLANS FOR THE COUNTY-OWNED “TURNER” BUILDING AND PROPERTY. THE JOINT MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE WATAUGA COUNTY AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE CENTER LOCATED AT 252 POPLAR GROVE ROAD, BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA. PLEASE CALL THE COUNTY MANAGER’S OFFICE AT 828-265-8000 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

JOHN WELCH  
CHAIRMAN



**AGENDA ITEM 6:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**AGENDA ITEM 7:**

**BREAK**

**AGENDA ITEM 8:**

**CLOSED SESSION**

Attorney/Client Matters – G. S. 143-318.11(a)(3)  
Personnel Matters – G. S. 143-318.11(a)(6)