

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

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2019  
5:30 P.M.**

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

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**AGENDA ITEM 2:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

November 6, 2019, Regular Meeting

November 6, 2019, Closed Session

**DRAFT****MINUTES****WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2019**

The Watauga County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting, as scheduled, on Wednesday, November 6, 2019, 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  
 Anthony di Santi, County Attorney  
 Deron Geouque, County Manager  
 Anita J. Fogle, Clerk to the Board

Chairman Welch called the meeting to order at 8:32 A.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 October 15, 2019, regular meeting and closed session minutes.

Commissioner Yates, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to approve the October 15, 2019, regular meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5  
 Nay-0

Commissioner Yates, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to approve the October 15, 2019, closed session minutes as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5  
 Nay-0

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Welch called for additions and/or corrections to the November 6, 2019, agenda.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy requested to add consideration of adding representation from the Hospitality House to the Child Protective Services Committee. Chairman Welch suggested adding it to Boards and Commissions under Miscellaneous Administrative Matters.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to approve the November 6, 2019, agenda as amended.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

### **APPALACHIAN REGIONAL LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT**

Ms. Jane Blackburn, Appalachian Regional Library Director, presented the Annual Report. The report was given for information only and, therefore, no action was required.

### **UPDATE ON THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC AND THE RECEIPT OF A US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANT FOR THE APPHEALTH AND MEDIATION AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CENTER**

Ms. Jennifer Greene, AppHealthCare CEO, stated that a grant was received from the U.S. Department of Justice for comprehensive opioid abuse site-based program in the amount of \$551,257. Ms. Greene shared that the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-based Program (COAP) was developed as part of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) legislation and is administered through the US Department of Justice as part of a locally driven response to the Opioid Epidemic.

Dr. Marisa Cornell stated that the Watauga County LEAD Program is designed reduce criminal behavior, improve public safety, and save taxpayers costs associated with incarceration.

Ms. Mollie Mellishrencken shared data collected through the Recovery on the Inside Program. Standardized overdose screening is performed when offenders enter jail. Ms. Mellishrencken stated that, since August 2018, services have been offered to more than three hundred inmates, sixty high-risk inmates were provided case management services, and 23 individuals were secured placement in intensive treatment programs. Ms. Mellishrencken estimated that approximately \$42,600 in savings would be recognized if just thirty days of incarceration were avoided over a one year period per the twenty-three individuals placed in intensive treatment. The report was given for information only and, therefore, no action was required.

### **SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT – DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES STREAM RESTORATION GRANTS**

Mr. Denny Norris, Watauga Soil and Water Board member, introduced Mr. Graham Fox who is the County's new Soil and Water Technician. Mr. Norris shared that the Soil and Water Conservation Board has entered into a partnership with Resource Institute, Blue Ridge Environmental Consulting, and Blue Ridge RC&D. Previously, these grants were run through a governmental entity (Watauga County) and the governmental entity would reimburse the above organizations. New legislation was recently passed still requiring a governmental entity sponsorship but now the organizations performing the services may request direct reimbursement.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to approve the change in the grant reimbursement procedure for grants ran through Watauga County and the Soil and Water Conservation Board.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

### **BLUE RIDGE WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE PROPOSED LEASE AMENDMENTS**

Mr. David Walker, Blue Ridge Women in Agriculture (BRWIA), stated that the Food Hub has recently expanded their operations into the area formerly occupied by the County's Maintenance Department. Mr. Walker requested that the current lease be modified to reflect the additional space the Board allotted to BRWIA for the Food Hub. County Manager Geouque stated that the additional area became available recently when the Board of Elections moved the equipment they had been storing in that area. Vice-Chairman Kennedy requested the lease include that BRWIA also sells product in the facility.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to approve the amended lease with Blue Ridge Women in Agriculture with the adjustment to include sales as part of the facility's uses and contingent upon the County Attorney preparing the lease as proposed.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

### **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE VALLE CRUCIS HISTORIC DISTRICT ORDINANCE**

Mr. Joe Furman, Planning and Inspections Department Director, stated that a public hearing had been held to allow public comment on proposed amendments to the Valle Crucis Historic District Ordinance. Mr. Furman also stated that the Board had been provided the Planning Board's support of the proposed amendments and the Valle Crucis Historic District Committee's opposition to the proposed amendments.

Mr. Furman stated that the following options were available for consideration:

- Adopt the Statement of Consistency text amendment as presented
- Adopt the Statement of Consistency text amendment with modifications
- Deny the proposed amendments
- Take no action at this time

Chairman Welch tabled discussion until the next meeting on November 19, 2019.

### **PHONE SYSTEM REPLACEMENT REQUEST**

Mr. Drew Eggers, IT Director, presented a bid from AT&T in the amount of \$43,178.54 for a new phone system for the Courthouse, Administration Building, Planning and Inspections,

Veteran's Service, Maintenance, Parks and Recreation, License Plate Agency, and the Cooperative Extension office. The current phone system is nine (9) years old and has reached its end of life service. Adequate funds have been budgeted to cover the expense.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to award the bid to AT&T in the amount of \$43,178.54 for a new phone system for county facilities.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

## **SANITATION MATTERS**

### ***A. 2020 Community Pride Events***

Mr. Rex Buck, Operations Service Director, requested authorization for weekly community pride events beginning January 1, 2020. Community pride events will be every Saturday versus the past schedule of twice a year. Watauga County residents will be able to continue to utilize their 2,000 pound residential tipping fee waiver on Saturdays during the community pride events. In the event residents are unable to dispose of their acceptable materials on the Saturdays the facility is open, they would be permitted to dispose of these materials Monday through Friday but a tipping fee would apply.

After discussion, Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Commissioner Yates, moved to approve the resolution and the postcard to be sent to residents notifying them of the increase in community pride opportunities.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

### ***B. Solid Waste Collection and Delivery Fee Schedule***

Mr. Rex Buck stated that due to recent changes in the solid waste fee schedule, staff is requesting the Board formally adopt the new rates for solid waste collection and delivery services. Currently the County is providing services in the Boone service zone as a pilot program to determine cost and feasibility.

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Vice-Chairman Kennedy, moved to adopt the fee service schedule as presented by Mr. Buck.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

## **FINANCE MATTERS**

### ***A. Budget Amendments***

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

Account #	Description	Debit	Credit
104283-457003	Guy Ford Road Grant	\$75,000	
103300-343319	Tourism Development Authority – Guy Ford Grant		\$75,000

The amendment recognized acceptance of a grant from the Watauga County District U Tourism Development Authority for Guy Ford Road river access.

103300-332006	SHIIP Grant		\$4,722
105550-449901	SHIIP Grant Expenses	\$4,722	

The amendment recognized the acceptance of the State Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) grant funds. No local match is required.

103300-332004	Senior Center Grant		\$14,098
105550-449900	Senior Center Grant Expenses	\$14,098	

The amendment recognized the acceptance of the Senior Center grant funds. County dollars required as match funds are present in the Project on Aging budget.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Yates, moved to approve the budget amendments as presented by Ms. Watson.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

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

Ms. Watson requested approval of the following Carry Forward Purchase Orders for Fiscal Year 2019:

Account	Description	Purpose	Amount	PO#
104160-449900	Carry forward future renovations	Jury renovations	638.89	2019168
104199-469199	Body Storage	3 person body storage	41,486.64	2019167
104210-439500	Rec Trac	Training for software for CRC	15,190.00	2019148
104210-439501	Employee training	cash management module	1,400.00	2019139
104210-442201	Rec Trac	Software for community recreation center	17,260.00	2019148
104210-442201	IT - Exchange server license	Exchange server license	15,000.00	2019159
104210-444000	Rec Trac	Maintenance for software for CRC	3,366.00	2019148
104210-452000	Telephone system and cabling	To upgrade telephone system	25,000.00	2018171
104210-452000	3 Tablets for P&I	Tablets for planning and inspections for on-site	4,000.00	2018167
104210-452000	911 switches	911	13,200.00	2018168
104210-452000	TV	TV for commissioners conference room to replace projector	3,500.00	2019152
104210-452000	IT - Switches core 10gb and replacements	Switches core 10gb and replacements	15,000.00	2019160

104210-452000	IT - large format printer	Printer	1,200.00	2019161
104261-435100	Courtroom #2 renovations	Courtroom #2 renovations	49,244.77	2018012
104261-435200	Courthouse phone system	Update phone system	40,000.00	2019162
104268-458000	Winkler's Creek bookcases and storage cabinet	Bookcases and storage	6,950.00	2018139
104272-458000	Western Watauga Community Center HVAC update	Renovations for grant received	11,007.00	2019157
104272-458000	Western Watauga Community Center remaining renovations	Grant carry forward for renovations	11,856.61	2019171
104284-435101	Old Cove Creek Gym floor	Screen and coat floor	1,125.00	2019164
104283-457001	Greenway Trail Park	Carry forward NCDENR grant	200,000.00	2019173
104283-457003	Loven Concrete Guy Ford Road	Block for Guy Ford River Road access	26,825.00	2019120
104283-457003	Guy Ford Carry Forward Grant	Guy Ford	7,821.10	2019170
104283-457006	Middlefork Greenway Sect 4 carry forward	Middlefork Greenway Sect 4	49,414.89	2019172
104286-435101	AnneMarie field gravel	AnneMarie field gravel	5,345.02	2018171
104286-435101	Infield mix for Anne Marie Park	Infield mix	7,980.00	2019154
104289-458003	Timmons Group Design Services for Watauga County	Engineering and design of the outdoor facilities at the new Community Recreation Center	31,900.00	2019149
104310-421200	Vortex Bullet Proof Vests	Vortex Bullet Proof Vests	4,398.95	2019137
104310-449903	Swat Vests	Swat Vests	2,201.89	2019138
104920-463000	High Country Local	Operating funds for co working space	7,500.00	2019133
104920-463000	High Country Local	FF&E Technology for co working space	33,463.00	2019133
104960-429002	No Till Drill	Carry forward per Grant	3,829.76	2016238
104960-449902	Bill Edmisten Memorial donations	Memorial donations	481.61	2010369
105550-449901	POA carry forward funds	Carry forward SHIIP grant funds	1,780.90	2019165
105550-449902	POA carry forward funds	Carry forward Exxon grant funds	3,897.96	2019165
105911-470045	Carpet and Tile Watauga Schools	Lottery funds carry forward	30,000.00	2019174
106120-449900	Carry forward senior games	Senior games	5,134.66	2016237
145310-449902	Foster Care Discretionary Funds	Carry forward foster care funds	2,244.50	2019166
145310-449903	Adult Protective Services	Carry forward adult protective service funds	2,827.36	2019166
145310-449904	CPS Discretionary Funds	Carry forward CPS funds	1,881.23	2019166
145310-451000	Computer for new position DSS	new computer	955.01	2019163



145410-440006	Adoption Promotions Grant	Carry forward adoption promotion funds	20,654.46	2019166
667420-429000	8 dumpsters	8 dumpsters	10,656.00	2019125
667420-435101	Install pipe at Landfill pond	Pipe landfill pond	14,500.00	2018068
667420-469567	Mulch grinding	Mulch grinding	39,900.00	2019136
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$792,018.21</b>	

Commissioner Yates, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to approve the carry forward purchase orders as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

### ***C. Proposed Inmate Catastrophic Insurance Contract***

Ms. Misty Watson, Finance Director, presented the proposed contract renewal with Insurance Management Consultants for catastrophic insurance for inmates. The insurance shields the County from large medical claims that occur while inmates are being housed in the Watauga County Jail. Ms. Watson stated that adequate funds were available to cover the contracted cost.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to renew the contract with Insurance Management Consultants, Inc. for catastrophic insurance coverage in the amount of \$42,390 with a \$10,000 deductible.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

## **MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

### ***A. Agricultural Center Culvert Replacement Project Change Orders #'s 1, 2, & 3***

County Manager Geouque stated that the Board awarded a contract to J.W. Hampton in the amount of \$254,293.50 which was less than the project budget for the replacement of the culvert at the West Annex.

Due to time constraints, three change orders were required to be approved prior to the Board meeting. Change Order One included installation of two (2) water lines and one sewer line in the amount of \$9,650.50. Change Order Two in the amount of \$2,988.75 was to raise the parking level at the loading dock to assist the Food Hub deliveries. Change Order Three replaced the concrete ramp for \$3,000. The total project cost is \$269,932.75 including the \$15,639.25 in change orders. The total project cost is below the budgeted amount of \$300,000.

Commissioner Yates, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to approve the following change orders for the Agricultural Center culvert replacement project: Change Order # 1 in the amount of \$9,650.50; Change Order # 2 in the amount of \$2,988.75; and Change Order #3 in the amount of \$3,000.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

***B. Sheriff's Office Assignment and Assumption Agreement***

County Manager Geouque stated that the Sheriff's Office had requested the reassignment of the Jail contract for medical services from JLW Enterprises, Inc. to Competent Correctional Care, Inc. Mr. Geouque stated that the County Attorney had reviewed the assignment agreement.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to approve the assignment from JLW Enterprises, Inc. to Competent Correctional Care, Inc.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

***C. Proposed Forest Service Lease***

County Manager Geouque stated that the Forest Service lease is set to expire November 30, 2019. The Forest Service is requesting another three (3) year term from December 1, 2019, to November 30, 2022. Property owned by the County may be leased or rented for such terms and upon such conditions as the Board may determine, for up to ten (10) years. Property may be rented or leased only pursuant to a resolution of the Board authorizing the execution of the lease or rental agreement adopted at a regular Board meeting upon 10 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 Board's intent to authorize the lease or rental at its next regular meeting. The County Manager presented a proposed resolution for advertisement should the Board wish to proceed with granting the lease.

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Commissioner Yates, moved to adopt the resolution as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

***D. Boards and Commissions***

County Manager Geouque presented the below for consideration:

***Board of Adjustment***

The terms of David Hill, current Chairman, and Chuck Phillips, current Vice-Chairman, are set to expire in November. Both are willing to continue to serve for an additional three (3) year term. Both are at-large appointees. The Board is in the process of scheduling a meeting for the first or second week in December. In the event appointments have not been made by that time, Mr. Hill and Mr. Phillips would continue to serve until re-appointed or replaced.

Volunteer applications have been received from Mr. Hill and Mr. Phillips as well as Mr. Lee Stroupe and Ms. Edith Tugman, who were also interested in serving.

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Vice-Chairman Kennedy, moved to appoint Ms. Edith Tugman to a three year term on the Watauga County Board of Adjustment.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to appoint Mr. Lee Stroupe to a three year term on the Watauga County Board of Adjustment.

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

Watauga County Planning Board

The four (4) year At-large Planning Board term of Mr. Jamie Hodges will expire in December. Mr. Hodges does not wish to be reappointed. No applications have been received at this time.

Child Protective Services

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to add a representative from the Hospitality House to the Child Protective Services Board contingent upon the appointment meeting the Bylaws requirements.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

***E. Announcements***

County Manager Geouque announced the following:

- The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) will hold their Annual Veteran's Day Ceremony at Boone Mall on Monday, November 11, 2019. The Watauga Community Band will begin playing at 10:30 A.M. and the program will begin at 11:00 A.M. The Colors will be posted by the Watauga High School Marine Corps JROTC.
- The Annual Employee Christmas Lunch will be held at Dan'l Boone Inn on Tuesday, December 10, 2019, from 11:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. The first lunch group will begin at 11:30 A.M. and the second lunch group will begin at 1:00 P.M.

Chairman Welch announced the following:

- The Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute Board of Trustees will hold a Dedication of the Student Services Center at the Watauga Campus on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 4:00 P.M. A Reception and Business After Hours Event will immediately follow the ceremony.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following spoke during public comment to share comments on the new Valle Crucis School: Bill Pressley, Allen Culley, J.D. Dooley, Larry Ingle, Henri Deschamps, and Lyle Schoenfeldt.

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 9:58 A.M., Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to enter Closed Session to discuss Attorney/Client Matters, per G. S. 143-318.11(a)(3), Land Acquisition, per G. S. 143-318.11(a)(5)(i), and Personnel Matters, per G. S. 143-318.11(a)(6).

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

Commissioner Wallin, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to resume the open meeting at 10:56 A.M.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

**ACTION AFTER CLOSED SESSION**

There was no action after closed session.

**ADJOURN**

Commissioner Wallin, seconded by Vice-Chairman Kennedy, moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 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 NOVEMBER 19, 2019, AGENDA**

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**AGENDA ITEM 4:**

**NORTH CAROLINA RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION (NCRPA) MATTERS**

***A. Presentation of the NCRPA Healthy Plan and Recreation Initiative Grant***

**MANAGER'S COMMENTS:**

Ms. Michelle Wells, Executive Director of the NC Recreation and Parks Association, will present the county with the NCRPA Healthy Plan and Recreation Initiative Grant for new playground equipment. The \$70,000 grant has a fifty percent (50%) match that will be provided by the Watauga County TDA. County staff has already removed the old playground.

Board approval is required to accept the grant from the North Carolina Recreation and Parks Association in the amount of \$70,000 and authorize staff to purchase the new equipment.






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To: Deron Geouque  
From: Stephen J. Poulos, Director   
Date: 11/14/2019  
Re: GameTime/NCRPA Statewide Program matching funds

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Mr. Geouque,

Watauga County Parks and Recreation and the Watauga County Tourism Development Authority were awarded the GameTime/NCRPA Training and Funding Initiative to replace the Playground at Rocky Knob Park. We were one of twelve communities to receive this grant across North Carolina. Watauga County's playground was awarded a 50% matching grant, the value of the new playground is \$70,000. The Watauga County TDA will pay \$40,089.99 (\$5,000 for installation) for this playground that will be delivered the Spring of 2020.

As part of this grant process, I attended a NCRPA Play and Recreation Funding Initiative training session in Winston-Salem NC and the playground will be involved in studies to show the benefits playgrounds provide communities.

Once the installation dates are provided, we will provide that information.



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## FUNDING AWARD CERTIFICATE

This certificate entitles

Watauga County Parks & Recreation

to GameTime/NCRPA Statewide Program matching funds.

Funds are awarded based on need and according to the terms outlined in the NCRPA Statewide Funding Initiative application. Final funding amount will be determined once the playground designs are completed, and funds will be applied to the purchase of a qualifying play system. Other terms and conditions may apply. Contact GameTime at 800-235-2440 for complete details about the matching funds awarded to your NCRPA Statewide Funding Initiative playground and recreation project.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert V. Barron". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Robert V. Barron  
Senior Vice President



# Watauga County Parks & Recreation Rocky Knob Park

Design • Build



**AGENDA ITEM 4:**

**NORTH CAROLINA RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION (NCRPA) MATTERS**

*B. Presentation of the NCRPA Fellow Award to Mr. Stephen Poulos*

**MANAGER'S COMMENTS:**

Ms. Michelle Wells will present Mr. Stephen Poulos with the North Carolina Recreation and Parks Association Fellow Award. Congratulations to Mr. Poulos.



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April 16, 2019

Stephen,

I wanted to personally congratulate you and your community on receiving a matching funds award from GameTime as part of the 2019 NCRPA Statewide Training and Funding Initiative. Your specific funding award will be determined once your playground design is completed.

I've included a copy of a funding award certificate, and some background information on the various National Demonstration Sites for which you may qualify once your project is complete. I thought you might find this information helpful in promoting through your local media. We will also be issuing a press release next week for you to share as well.

Again, congratulations on your upcoming project and thank you for all you do to enrich childhood and build communities through play.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert V. Barron".

Robert V. Barron

Senior Vice President, GameTime

**AGENDA ITEM 5:**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE VALLE CRUCIS HISTORIC DISTRICT ORDINANCE**

**MANAGER'S COMMENTS:**

A public hearing was conducted to allow public comment on the proposed amendments to the Valle Crucis Historic District Ordinance. Enclosed is information from the Planning Board and the Valle Crucis Historic District Committee.

The Board may adopt the text amendment along with the statement of consistency, approve the amendment and statement of consistency with changes, deny the request, or table the decision until a future meeting. The decision was tabled at the last Board meeting.

Staff seeks direction from the Board.



# WATAUGA COUNTY

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## APPLICATION FOR ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT

Application is hereby made to amend the following text:

Name of Ordinance: Valle Crucis Historic District Ordinance

Article: 2 Section: 2.3 Page: 4

Article: 2 Section: 2.4 Page: 4-5

Article: 2 Section: 2.5 Page: 5-8

Name of Applicant: Watauga County Board of Commissioners

Address: 814 West King Street, Suite 205

Boone, NC 28607

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

All applications for amendments shall contain at least the following:

- a) In case of alleged error: the alleged error in the ordinance which would be corrected by this proposed amendment along with detailed explanation.
- b) In case of changing conditions: the conditions which make the proposed amendment reasonably necessary.
- c) In all other circumstances: the factors and rationale offered in support of the proposed amendment.

Applicants shall note that the zoning ordinance and all amendments thereto are created for the purpose of establishing and maintaining sound, stable and desirable development. The ordinance shall only be amended as required for the promotion of public health, safety or general welfare.

Applicant Signature Dea George Date 9-3-2019

## Proposed Amendments

**2.3 Exemption of Bona Fide Farms and Public Schools.**

This ordinance shall not be applicable to bona fide farm, but any use of farm property for non-farm purposes is subject to the regulations. Bone Fide Farm purposes include production of crops, fruits, vegetables, ornamental and flowering plants, dairy, poultry and all other forms of agricultural products having a domestic or foreign market.

**Sections 2.4, 2.5 shall not be applicable to public schools**

## Proposed Statement to Attach to Amendment

**“In 1990, when the Valle Crucis Historic District Ordinance (the “Ordinance”) was enacted, the Valle Crucis School (the “School”) was the only public school located within the Historic District. The footprint of the School is considered a non conforming use under the Ordinance. However, because of its existence at the time the Ordinance was enacted, the nonconformity has been permitted.**

**The Watauga County School Board determined that a new school structure was necessary to replace the existing school structure. To that end, the County has been considering two options: (1) replace the old school with a new rebuilding on the current site, or (2) build a new School on a new site. Either option would result in a school structure within the Historic District and subject to the restrictions of the Ordinance.**

**The amendment is being proposed because, quite simply, the Ordinance does not address public schools. It has defined uses of Residential, Multi-Family, Single Family and Commercial, none of which includes public schools within its definition. Applying the restrictions of the Ordinance, as written, to the construction of a new school within the District, without creating standards unique to schools, will place undue hardship on the County. Indeed, the restrictions of the Ordinance create requirements and features that are not consistent with area, height, placement and performance standards for schools. For example, the building height restriction of 30 ft would prevent the school from having a suitable gymnasium (the standard gymnasium is 40 plus ft).**

**The proposed amendment is the most straightforward way to address what the County deems to have been an oversight (error) of having failed to address public schools within the ordinance, as well as a changed condition (the need to replace the existing school), both of which make the proposed amendment reasonably necessary. The proposed amendment is designed to avoid compromising the overall purpose of the Ordinance.**





## STAFF REPORT

### Valle Crucis Historic District Text Amendment

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**DATE:** September 9, 2019

**APPLICANT:** Watauga County Board of Commissioners

**STAFF CONTACT:** Joe Furman, Director

#### **REQUEST:**

The applicant has requested a text amendment to exempt schools from Sections 2.4 and 2.5 of the ordinance.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Valle Crucis Historic District Ordinance has been in effect since September, 1990. The VCHD Ordinance has only one use district, with all uses permitted, separated by buffering. The Watauga County Board of Commissioners and Board of Education have identified two (2) tracts of land upon which to build a new Valle Crucis School; both are located in the Historic District. The Ordinance does not directly mention schools. The proposed amendment attempts to clarify that schools are not affected by area, height, placement, and performance zoning standards. If adopted, the amended text would not exempt schools from the Certificate of Appropriateness requirements.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE:**

Prior to taking action on any proposed amendments, the Board of Commissioners must hold a duly advertised public hearing in accordance with NCGS §153A-323. Hearing notices will be published as required by statutes.

#### **PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION:**

The Planning Board will review and comment on whether the proposed amendment is consistent with the Citizens' Plan for Watauga via a written recommendation addressing plan consistency in accordance with NCGS §153A-344. The plan consistency statement will be provided to the Board of Commissioners prior to the Public Hearing.

#### **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ACTION:**

Prior to adopting or rejecting any proposed amendment, the Board of Commissioners shall adopt a statement of plan consistency and explain why the Board considers the action taken to be reasonable and in the public interest. The plan consistency statement is required by NCGS §153A-341. Commissioners may take one of the following actions:

- a. Approval of the application.
- b. Approval of a modified version of the application.
- c. Denial of the application.

**RELATION TO CITIZENS PLAN FOR WATAUGA:**

The Board of Commissioners shall consider the plan consistency statement, along with public comment and other relevant information, before making a final determination.

**STAFF FINDINGS:**

Staff finds the following recommendations in the **Citizens' Plan for Watauga** to have a bearing on this request:

**Key Community Services (pg. 48)** *Construct a new four classroom building for Valle Crucis School and demolish the existing building prone to flooding.*

**Preservation of Community (pg. 56)** *Create a strategy for preservation of unique communities that identifies and promotes preservation of significant historic, scenic and cultural features. Encourage restoration and use of historic sites and community landmarks to foster community identity*

**PLANNING BOARD STATEMENT OF PLAN CONSISTENCY**

**VALLE CRUCIS HISTORIC DISTRICT ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT REGARDING SCHOOLS**

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In accordance with NCGS§153A-344, the Planning Board is required to advise and comment on whether a proposed ordinance amendment is consistent with the comprehensive plan and any other applicable long range county plans. The following statement was adopted by the Planning Board on September 16, 2019 and is hereby presented to the Board of Commissioners.

*The Planning Board finds the proposed zoning amendments to be consistent with the following findings and recommendations from the Citizen's Plan for Watauga:*

*Schools are Key Community Services; Valle Crucis School needs to be replaced*

*The Valle Crucis Historic District will be preserved by the ordinance requirement of Certificate of Appropriateness issuance prior to construction of a new school. Preservation of a community school serves to preserve the community.*

September 16, 2019  
Date

  
Richard E. Mattar, Chairman Planning Board

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS STATEMENT OF PLAN  
CONSISTENCY**  
VALLE CRUCIS HISTORIC DISTRICT ORDINANCE TEXT  
AMENDMENT REGARDING SCHOOLS

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*The Valle Crucis Historic District will be preserved by the ordinance requirement of Certificate of Appropriateness issuance prior to construction of a new school. Preservation of a community school serves to preserve the community.*

*Based upon the Statement of Plan Consistency, the Board's finds the following action to be reasonable and in the public interest:*

- Approval of the request*
- Approval of the request with the following condition(s):*

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- Denial of the request*

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Date

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John Welch, Chairman Board of County Commissioners

## Memorandum

Date: November 14, 2019

To: County Manager, Board of Commissioners

From: Joe Furman

RE: Valle Crucis Historic Preservation Commission Report

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Section 3.4 of the Valle Crucis Historic District Ordinance requires the Planning & Inspections Department to refer applications for ordinance amendments to the Planning Board and Valle Crucis Historic Preservation Commission for “study and report.” “The Board of Commissioners shall not enact the proposed amendment until 30 days after such referral or until the Planning Board and Commission makes its report, whichever comes first.” The Planning Board met on September 16, 2019; documentation of their report will be transmitted in a separate memo. The Historic Preservation Commission met October 1, 2019; the report from that meeting is transmitted herewith.

As part of the Commission’s discussion and study of the proposal the Commission chose to receive comments from community members in attendance. Twenty six (26) people attended the meeting; ten (10) spoke. All 10 spoke in opposition to the proposed amendment; it appeared that all in attendance were in opposition. Every effort was made to confine the comments and discussion to the proposed ordinance amendment alone, avoiding discussion of specific tracts of land being considered for the site of a new Valle Crucis School.

Ultimately, the Commission voted 5-0 to recommend that the proposed amendment not be adopted. Primary reasons for this action included: 1) that amending the ordinance to exempt public schools from the area, height, placement, and performance standards of the ordinance would set a precedent for future similar amendments for other uses; 2) that schools should be held to the same standards as other uses to which several of those in attendance, including some Commission members, had been held in the past; 3) that the ordinance to date has effectively preserved the Historic District as described in Section 1.1 (Purposes) of the ordinance, and that adoption of the proposed amendment would undermine those purposes to accommodate construction of a large, new, modern building within the District; and 4) since the local District is also a National Register of Historic Places District, the proposed amendment will not serve it well.

The Commission members recognize that the ordinance was adopted in 1990 as a result of years of hard work and compromise, and firmly believe it should not be weakened. However, they stated a willingness to study the ordinance to determine if any changes are warranted, and report their findings to the Board of Commissioners.

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**AGENDA ITEM 6:**

**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**

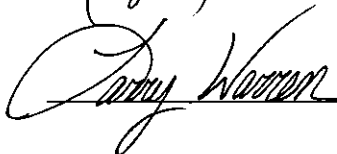
Bank deposits of the following amounts have been made and credited to the account of Watauga County. The reported totals do not include small shortages and overages reported to the Watauga County Finance Officer

Monthly Report October 2019

	<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	2,854,420.80	9.96%	9,919,590.11	27.78%	33.81%
Prior Year Taxes	23,096.88		150,317.24		
Solid Waste User Fees	197,227.20	9.08%	661,205.08	24.78%	30.21%
Green Box Fees	94.50	NA	2,752.51	NA	NA
<b>Total County Funds</b>	<b>\$3,074,839.38</b>		<b>\$10,733,864.94</b>		
<b>Fire Districts</b>					
Foscoe Fire	39,383.90	11.01%	150,268.83	31.84%	38.23%
Boone Fire	67,769.82	9.25%	229,976.01	25.74%	31.61%
Fall Creek Service Dist.	208.78	2.73%	2,122.32	22.18%	27.52%
Beaver Dam Fire	10,904.30	13.13%	30,800.47	29.64%	30.48%
Stewart Simmons Fire	14,677.62	7.71%	61,453.92	25.84%	31.23%
Zionville Fire	11,578.91	12.69%	32,861.85	29.00%	32.84%
Cove Creek Fire	21,607.75	11.16%	69,900.21	28.60%	34.31%
Shawneehaw Fire	13,453.80	16.44%	34,777.79	33.86%	36.57%
Meat Camp Fire	19,713.77	11.48%	56,859.80	26.77%	33.60%
Deep Gap Fire	14,282.77	9.34%	49,627.65	26.17%	29.68%
Todd Fire	6,281.82	12.91%	18,895.87	30.50%	33.12%
Blowing Rock Fire	40,334.59	11.02%	159,329.88	32.75%	40.84%
M.C. Creston Fire	519.86	9.85%	1,221.21	20.09%	29.03%
Foscoe Service District	4,872.18	8.07%	19,108.35	25.35%	31.61%
Beech Mtn. Service Dist.	97.48	7.66%	443.69	26.69%	7.85%
Cove Creek Service Dist.	0.00	0.00%	12.20	3.76%	3.76%
Shawneehaw Service Dist	860.14	15.21%	1,966.82	28.86%	34.17%
	<b>\$266,338.71</b>		<b>\$917,504.55</b>		
<b>Towns</b>					
Boone	313,721.21	6.28%	1,243,951.43	20.90%	25.03%
Municipal Services	8,884.29	7.62%	28,397.53	20.77%	30.34%
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>\$322,605.50</b>		<b>\$1,272,348.96</b>		
<b>Total Amount Collected</b>	<b>\$3,663,783.59</b>		<b>\$12,923,718.45</b>		



Tax Collections Director



Tax Administrator

**AGENDA ITEM 6:**

**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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OWNER NAME AND ADDRESS	CAT YEAR PROPERTY REASON	BILL	EFF DATE	JUR	REF NO	VALUE	CHARGE	AMOUNT
1764380 BOONE PAWN SHOP LLC PO BOX 2408  BOONE, NC 28607	PP 2019	866	10/31/2019			0	C02	1.07
	1979			C02			G01	1.05
	TAX RELEASES OUT OF BUSINESS				7064			2.12
1624357 CODEIT WEB DESIGN INC 201 COUNTRY CLUB LANE  BLOWING ROCK, NC 28605	PP 2019	3612	10/31/2019			0	G01	5.84
	624357999			C03			G01L	.58
	TAX RELEASES BUSINESS DISSOLVED				7074			6.42
1754410 EVERBANK COMMERCIAL FINANCE INC 630 N CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY STE A  PLANO, TX 75074	PP 2019	594	10/31/2019			0	G01	1.41
	1508			C02				
	TAX RELEASES				7073			
1617964 HERRMANN TECHNOLOGY TRUST HART, DAVID E 2305 BARTON CREEK BLVD UNIT 30  AUSTIN, TX 78735-1651	RE 2019	7699	10/31/2019			70,500	F12	35.25
	1899-84-8554-000			F12			G01	284.12
	TAX RELEASES ADJUSTED FOR SQUARE FOOTAGE				7065			319.37
1512584 HUTCHINS, WILLIAM LYTLE 1975 HOWARDS CREEK RD  BOONE, NC 28607-7520	RE 2019	37038	10/31/2019			0	F09	13.00
	2901-79-8825-000			F09			G01	104.78
	TAX RELEASES PARCEL SHOULD HAVE BEEN DEACTIVATED				7071			117.78
1794028 NATIONS, SYLVIA 164 SUMMER DRIVE  BOONE, NC 28607	PP 2019	1395	10/31/2019			0	C02	15.29
	2978			C02			G01	15.03
	TAX RELEASES SHE DOESNT OWN MOBILE HOME-RENTS FROM MIKE ESSICK				7072		SWF C02L G01L	80.00 1.53 1.50
								113.35
1620877 POWDER HORN MOUNTAIN PROPERTY OWNERS ASS 1568 POWDER HORN MTN RD  DEEP GAP, NC 28618	RE 2019	33724	10/31/2019			0	F05	17.00
	2859-40-0151-000			F05			G01	80.60
	TAX RELEASES RENUNCIATION DEED RECORDED RELEASED AND REBILLED TO LEGAL OWNER				7070			97.60
1525280 PRESNELL, JANET MARIE PRESNELL, RANDALL M PO BOX 393  VILAS, NC 28692-0393	RE 2019	14127	10/31/2019			0	F04	2.55
	1953-57-9780-000			F04			G01	20.55
	TAX RELEASES DISABILITY EXEMPTION				7056			23.10

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	1953-57-9780-000			F04			G01	-20.55
	TAX RELEASES				7058			
	DISABILITY EXEMPTION							-23.10
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	1953-57-9839-000			F04			G01	-12.09
	TAX RELEASES				7059			
	NO MOBILE HOME ON THIS PROPERTY							-13.59
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	1953-57-9839-000			F04			G01	95.91
	TAX RELEASES				7060			
	RECEIVES DISABILITY EXEMPTION							107.81
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	1953-57-9839-000			F04			G01	12.09
	TAX RELEASES				7057			
	NO MOBILE HOME ON THIS PROPERTY							13.59
1752353 RIGGSBEE, BETH HALLYBURTON MILLER, RALPH JR. AND JANNETTE LIFE ESTA 307 PINNACLE RIDGE RD  BEECH MOUNTAIN, NC 28604	RE 2019	8447	10/31/2019			126,650	G01	510.40
	1940-67-1250-000			C05				
	TAX RELEASES				7069			
	JANNETTE IRENE WALSER MILLER RETAINED A LIFE ESTATE AND ENTITLED TO SR EXEMPT							
1525937 ROOK, ANDREA ZIGLI 1346 ELLISON RUN  CHARLESTON, SC 29412	PP 2019	2660	10/31/2019			0	G01	1.65
	525937999			C02			C02	1.68
	TAX RELEASES				7066		G01L	.17
	NO LONGER OWNS BOAT						C02L	.17
								3.67
1767625 STEWART, WILLIAM 254 OAKWOOD RD  BLOWING ROCK, NC 28605	PP 2017	1000307	10/31/2019			0	F02	4.92
	2496			F02			G01	28.95
	TAX RELEASES				7061		F02L	.49
	BOAT WAS DESTROYED						G01L	2.90
								37.26

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1767625 STEWART, WILLIAM 254 OAKWOOD RD BLOWING ROCK, NC 28605	PP 2018	1108	10/31/2019			0 F02	4.43
	2496			F02		G01	26.05
	TAX RELEASES				7062	F02L	.44
	BOAT WAS DESTROYED					G01L	2.61
							33.53
1767625 STEWART, WILLIAM 254 OAKWOOD RD BLOWING ROCK, NC 28605	PP 2019	996	10/31/2019			0 F02	3.98
	2496			F02		G01	26.76
	TAX RELEASES				7063	F02L	.40
	BOAT WAS DESTROYED					G01L	2.68
							33.82
1615369 VASSOV, KRASSIMIR ATANASOVA, SYLVIA 1025 NW 6TH AVE BOCA RATON, FL 33432	PP 2019	198	10/31/2019			0 G01	7.90
	578			C05		G01L	.79
	TAX RELEASES				7067		
	SOLD PROPERTY						8.69
DETAIL SUMMARY		COUNT: 18		RELEASES - TOTAL		197,150	1,393.23

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YEAR	CAT	CHARGE	AMOUNT	
2017	PP	F02	BOONE FIRE PP	4.92
2017	PP	F02L	BOONE FIRE LATE LIST	.49
2017	PP	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	28.95
2017	PP	G01L	WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	2.90
			2017 TOTAL	37.26
2018	PP	F02	BOONE FIRE PP	4.43
2018	PP	F02L	BOONE FIRE LATE LIST	.44
2018	PP	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	26.05
2018	PP	G01L	WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	2.61
			2018 TOTAL	33.53
2019	RE	F04	BEAVER DAM FIRE RE	11.90
2019	RE	F05	STEWART SIMMONS FIRE RE	17.00
2019	RE	F09	MEAT CAMP FIRE RE	13.00
2019	RE	F12	BLOWING ROCK FIRE RE	35.25
2019	RE	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY RE	1,075.81
2019	PP	C02	BOONE PP	18.04
2019	PP	C02L	BOONE LATE LIST	1.70
2019	PP	F02	BOONE FIRE PP	3.98
2019	PP	F02L	BOONE FIRE LATE LIST	.40
2019	PP	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	59.64
2019	PP	G01L	WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	5.72
2019	PP	SWF	SANITATION USER FEE	80.00
			2019 TOTAL	1,322.44
			SUMMARY TOTAL	1,393.23

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RELEASES - JURISDICTION SUMMARY FOR ALL CLERKS

JUR	YEAR	CHARGE	AMOUNT	
C02	2019	C02	BOONE PP	18.04
C02	2019	C02L	BOONE LATE LIST	1.70
C02	2019	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	19.14
C02	2019	G01L	WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	1.67
C02	2019	SWF	SANITATION USER FEE	80.00
		C02 TOTAL		120.55
C03	2019	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	5.84
C03	2019	G01L	WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	.58
		C03 TOTAL		6.42
C05	2019	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	518.30
C05	2019	G01L	WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	.79
		C05 TOTAL		519.09
F02	2017	F02	BOONE FIRE PP	4.92
F02	2017	F02L	BOONE FIRE LATE LIST	.49
F02	2017	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	28.95
F02	2017	G01L	WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	2.90
F02	2018	F02	BOONE FIRE PP	4.43
F02	2018	F02L	BOONE FIRE LATE LIST	.44
F02	2018	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	26.05
F02	2018	G01L	WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	2.61
F02	2019	F02	BOONE FIRE PP	3.98
F02	2019	F02L	BOONE FIRE LATE LIST	.40
F02	2019	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	26.76
F02	2019	G01L	WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	2.68
		F02 TOTAL		104.61
F04	2019	F04	BEAVER DAM FIRE RE	11.90
F04	2019	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY RE	95.91
		F04 TOTAL		107.81
F05	2019	F05	STEWART SIMMONS FIRE RE	17.00
F05	2019	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY RE	80.60
		F05 TOTAL		97.60
F09	2019	F09	MEAT CAMP FIRE RE	13.00
F09	2019	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY RE	104.78
		F09 TOTAL		117.78
F12	2019	F12	BLOWING ROCK FIRE RE	35.25
F12	2019	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY RE	284.12
		F12 TOTAL		319.37
		SUMMARY TOTAL		1,393.23

**AGENDA ITEM 7:****MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS*****A. Humane Society Loan Refinance Request*****MANAGER'S COMMENTS:**

The Humane Society is requesting the Board to refinance the loan on their facility. Current principal balance on the loan is \$373,355.86. The loan has no prepayment penalty so if the Board decides to pay off the remaining balance the principal and any accrued interest since the last payment would be due. Should the Board wish to pay the remaining loan off and issue a new loan staff would recommend the interest rate to be set at 3% with a term of ten (10) years. This arrangement would allow the county to receive a slightly higher rate than what is currently being offered in the county's investment portfolio. In addition, staff would recommend that the payments be made monthly as currently is the practice and would assist in the Humane Society's cash flow.

Staff seeks direction from the Board.

**Watauga  
Humane  
Society**



**PO Box 1805  
Boone, NC 28607  
312 Paws Way  
Boone, NC 28607**

Dear Honorable Chairman Welch and Watauga County Board of Commissioners:

As President of the Watauga Humane Society Board of Directors, I am writing this letter to request that the Watauga County Board of Commissioners refinance our loan at their November 19, 2019, meeting. Refinancing the loan will enable us to better care for the over 2,000 animals that come into our shelter on an annual basis. Our present loan requires a \$7,500.00 monthly payment. We currently are in the position of withdrawing two months of funds from our operating budget reserve; which is otherwise in good condition to finish out the calendar year.

The modification we request would reduce the interest rate to 3% and spread the mortgage out over a ten-year period reducing our monthly mortgage in half and allowing the Humane Society to rebuild our operating budget reserve. The Humane Society is not requesting the county forgive the loan but rather provide an opportunity to reduce costs and allow us to develop a long term plan for the continued sustainability of our organization and the partnership with the county. Humane Society personnel have been diligently working with county staff to analyze revenues and expenditures to identify potential savings and cost cutting measures. The Humane Society is truly grateful for the mutually beneficial partnership with the County. The partnership has been successfully in place for over nine (9) years and has allowed the Humane Society to further its mission while freeing the County from the burden of shelter operations and adoptions.

The Humane Society looks forward to the partnership with the county in providing the best possible service at the least amount of cost. Our board, staff and many volunteers work tirelessly but we need your short-term help to provide a long-term gain for the county. Please consider granting our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alice R.", is written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Alice Guion Roess,  
WHS President

**AGENDA ITEM 7:**

**MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

***B. Boards and Commissions***

**MANAGER'S COMMENTS:**

**Watauga County Planning Board**

The four (4) year At-large Planning Board term of Mr. Jamie Hodges will expire in December. Mr. Hodges does not wish to be reappointed. Volunteer Applications from Mr. David Hill and Mr. Chuck Phillips are included for consideration as first readings.



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 click on Print Form. Please sign and mail or fax to:

Watauga County Commissioners' Office  
814 West King Street, Suite 205  
Boone, NC 28607  
Phone: (828) 265-8000  
Fax: (828) 264-3230

Name: DAVID A. HILL  
Home Address: 191 Hill Rd  
City: ZIONVILLE NC Zip: 28698  
Telephone: (H) 828 297 6267 (W) 265-7625 (Fax) 265-7617  
Email: dhill191@gmail.com  
Place of Employment: WATAUGA County COMMUNICATIONS  
Job Title: TELECOMMUNICATOR SUPERVISOR

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

- Bald Mountain
- New River
- Beaver Dam
- Blue Ridge
- Elk
- Stony Fork
- Brushy Fork
- Meat Camp
- Blowing Rock
- North Fork
- Watauga
- Cove Creek (I think)
- Shawneehaw
- Laurel Creek
- Boone

In addition, Please Indicate If You Live In One Of The Following Areas:

- Foscoe-Grandfather Community
- Howards Creek Watershed
- South Fork New River Watershed
- Valle Crucis Historic District
- 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
  - Native American
  - Hispanic
  - Other

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

1. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
3. FMS ADVISORY COUNCIL
4. RECREATION COMMITTEE
2. PLANNING BOARD
5. BOARD OF ELECTIONS
6. LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Volunteer Application  
Watauga County Boards And Commissions  
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Please list any work, volunteer, and/or other experience you would like to have considered in the review of your application.

Work  
Experience:

NAVY VETERAN 1976-1998 Retired  
Retiring From County Service January 2020  
From 9-1-1 Center Service

Volunteer  
Experience:

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - Currently Serving  
AS CHAIR.

Other  
Experience:

BS PLANNING - Appalachian State Univ. 2005

Other  
Comments:

I ENJOY Very much The opportunity to serve  
ON THE BOA. We have handled some  
Very CRUCIAL MATTERS while I have been  
Serving. It is challenging but Rewarding.

Signature:



Date:

10-8-19

Print Form

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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 click on Print Form.  
Please sign and mail or fax to:

Watauga County Commissioners' Office  
814 West King Street, Suite 205  
Boone, NC 28607  
Phone: (828) 265-8000  
Fax: (828) 264-3230

Name: CHARLES C. PHILLIPS

Home Address: 530 LINVILLE CK. RD.

City: VILAS Zip: 28692

Telephone: (H) — (W) 828 719 0506 (Fax) —

Email: CPCNUCKCHARLES@EMAIL.COM <sup>(OR)</sup> HICKSOUTH BUILDERS INC  
@YAHOO.COM

Place of Employment: SELF

Job Title: OWNER

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

- |                                     |                                    |   |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Bald Mountain | <input type="radio"/> Stony Fork   | <input type="radio"/> Watauga               |
| <input type="radio"/> New River     | <input type="radio"/> Brushy Fork  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Cove Creek |
| <input type="radio"/> Beaver Dam    | <input type="radio"/> Meat Camp    | <input type="radio"/> Shawneehaw            |
| <input type="radio"/> Blue Ridge    | <input type="radio"/> Blowing Rock | <input type="radio"/> Laurel Creek          |
| <input type="radio"/> Elk           | <input type="radio"/> North Fork   | <input type="radio"/> Boone                 |

In addition, Please Indicate If You Live In One Of The Following Areas:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Foscoe-Grandfather Community   | <input type="radio"/> Valle Crucis Historic District |
| <input type="radio"/> Howards Creek Watershed        | <input type="radio"/> Winklers Creek Watershed       |
| <input type="radio"/> South Fork New River Watershed | <input type="radio"/> Extraterritorial Area          |

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

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|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Gender                                | Ethnic Background                          |                                |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Male | <input type="radio"/> African American     | <input type="radio"/> Hispanic |
| <input type="radio"/> Female          | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Caucasian | <input type="radio"/> Other    |
|                                       | <input type="radio"/> Native American      |                                |

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

1. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
2. POSSIBLY OTHER
- 3.

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.

Work  
Experience:

SELF EMPLOYED w/ HIGH SOUTH BUILDERS SINCE 1986

Volunteer  
Experience:

SERVED AS BOARD MEMBER/CHAIRMAN FOR BOONE CRISIS  
PREG. CENTER  
SERVED NUMEROUS POSITIONS IN LOCAL CHURCH AND  
ALSO STATE/FOREIGN MISSION AND VOLUNTEER  
CAPACITIES

Other  
Experience:

Other  
Comments:

IT HAS BEEN MY PLEASURE TO SERVE AND AS I TOLD  
JOE, IF ASKED, I'LL CONTINUE TO SERVE

Signature:



Date:

11/1/19

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## **AGENDA ITEM 7:**

### **MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

#### ***C. Announcements***

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

The Annual Employee Christmas Lunch will be held at Dan'l Boone Inn on Tuesday, December 10, 2019, from 11:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. The first lunch group will begin at 11:30 A.M. and the second lunch group will begin at 1:00 P.M.

The Register of Deeds, Clerk of Court, and Tax Office invites you to join them for holiday breakfast on Friday, December 13, 2019, from 8:30 to 10:00 A.M. in the hallway between the Clerk of Court and Register of Deeds offices.

The Watauga Compassionate Community Initiative 2020 Conference will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2020, at Watauga High School. The Opening Keynote Speaker will be Brandon Wrencher and the Keynote Speaker will be Allison Sampson-Jackson. Pre-Registration will begin on February 1, 2020.



Please join us for *Christmas Breakfast* on  
Friday, December 13th – 8:30am-10:00am  
located in the hallway between the  
Clerk of Court & Register of Deeds offices.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Thank you for your friendship and support!

Diane C. Deal, Clerk of Court

Amy J. Shook, Register of Deeds

Larry Warren, Tax Administrator

and staff



*Merry Christmas*

Save the date!



111919 BCC Meeting

# WCCI

WATAUGA COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE  
Preventing trauma. Building resiliency.

## 2020 CONFERENCE

# "Community is The Solution"

May 16, 2020  
WATAUGA HIGH SCHOOL  
BOONE NC

Pre-registration  
begins February 1

SESSIONS WILL  
BE OFFERED ON  
TRAUMA,  
RESILIENCE, &  
COMMUNITY  
SUPPORTS AND  
SOLUTIONS

\$25

*"This is not just for service professionals!  
Anyone who interacts with people needs  
to know this stuff!"*

*"The most powerful conference I have  
ever attended."*

*"The information I learned today is  
profound and life-changing. I wish I had  
known this years earlier."*

**Opening Keynote Speaker**

**Brandon Wrencher**

community activist, pastor & blogger on  
relationships, race, & communities

**Keynote Speaker**

**Allison Sampson-Jackson**

motivational speaker for trauma-informed care and  
treatment practices



**AGENDA ITEM 8:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**AGENDA ITEM 9:**

**BREAK**

**AGENDA ITEM 10:**

**CLOSED SESSION**

Attorney/Client Matters – G. S. 143-318.11(a)(3)  
Land Acquisition – G. S. 143-318.11(a)(5)(i)

**AGENDA ITEM 11:**

**POSSIBLE ACTION AFTER CLOSED SESSION**