

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

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021  
5:30 P.M.**

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

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**AGENDA ITEM 2:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

November 16, 2021, Regular Meeting – Correction

December 7, 2021, Regular Meeting

December 7, 2021, Closed Session

**Proposed Amendments to the November 16, 2021, minutes:**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ~~WATAUGA MEDICAL CENTER~~  
APPALACHIAN REGIONAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM (ARHS) BYLAWS**

Mr. Jim Deal, Vice-Chairman of the ~~Watauga Medical Center~~ **Appalachian Regional Healthcare System (ARHS)** Board of Trustees, requested approval of an amendment to Article II of ~~their~~ **the ARHS Bylaws** that would allow more flexibility in the At-Large selection process and updates the term limit provisions applicable to the current board members.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to approve the amendment to Article II regarding the At-Large selection process and term limit provisions along with the slate of candidates as presented by Mr. Deal.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

**DRAFT****MINUTES****WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021**

The Watauga County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting, as scheduled, on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, at 5:30 P.M. in the Commissioners' Board Room located in the Watauga County Administration Building, Boone, North Carolina.

Chairman Welch called the meeting to order at 5:33 P.M. The following were present:

**PRESENT:** John Welch, Chairman  
 Billy Kennedy, Vice-Chairman  
 Carrington Peralion, Commissioner  
 Larry Turnbow, Commissioner  
 Charlie Wallin, Commissioner  
 Andrea Capua, County Attorney  
 Deron Geouque, County Manager  
 Anita J. Fogle, Clerk to the Board

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Welch called for additions and/or corrections to the November 16, 2021, regular meeting and closed session minutes.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to approve the November 16, 2021, regular meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5  
 Nay-0

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to approve the November 16, 2021, closed session minutes as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5  
 Nay-0

**BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

County Manager Geouque called for the election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Watauga County Board of Commissioners.

***A. Election of Officers***

County Manager Geouque called for nominations for Chairman of the Watauga County Board of Commissioners.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to nominate Commissioner Welch for Chairman.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Commissioner Pertalion, moved to nominate Commissioner Kennedy for Vice-Chairman.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

The meeting was then turned over to Chairman Welch.

***B. Staff Appointments***

Commissioner Pertalion, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to reappoint Deron Geouque as the County Manager.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

Commissioner Pertalion, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to reappoint Anita Fogle as Clerk to the Board.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

Commissioner Pertalion, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to reappoint both Monica Harrison and Macy Hafner as Substitute Clerks to the Board.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

Commissioner Pertalion, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to reappoint di Santi, Watson, Capua, Wilson, & Garrett as the Law Firm representing Watauga County as legal counsel including the Watauga County Department of Social Services and the Child Support Enforcement Offices with rates to remain as current and to authorize di Santi Watson, Capua, Wilson, & Garrett, Social Services Attorney, to hire outside council when they have a conflict.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

*[Clerk's Note: The current rate for legal services by the County Attorney is \$125.00 per hour.]*

***C. Fidelity Bonds***

The following individual fidelity bonds were presented for approval:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Bond Amount</u>	<u>Statutory Requirement</u>
Finance Director	\$50,000	No less than \$50,000, per NCGS 159-29
Deputy Finance Director (County Manager)	\$50,000	
Tax Collector	\$50,000	Amount considered reasonable by BCC, NCGS 105-349-c
Register of Deeds	\$50,000	At least \$10,000 but no more than \$50,000, NCGS 161-4
Sheriff	\$25,000	Amount considered reasonable by BCC, but no more than \$25,000 max, NCGS 162-8

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to approve the individual fidelity bonds as presented and to approve the Finance Director, County Manager, and Chairman of the Board of Commissioners as the authorized signers for disbursements on all County accounts and to approve additional signers and Deputy Finance Officers, on the Inmate Commissary account only, as Randy Greene, James Sharpe, Barry Trivette, and Michael Brown and to approve the official depositories of the County as First National Bank and BB&T.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

***D. Commissioner Appointments to Boards & Commissions***

Chairman Welch presented the attached list of current Commissioner Board appointments including the recent correction to the Vaya Board name:

<b>Board/Commission</b>	<b>Member</b>
Appalachian District Health Department	Pertalion
Appalachian Theatre Board of Trustees Ex-Officio Member	Wallin or Welch
AppalCART Authority	Wallin
Blue Ridge Resource Conservation & Development Area	Turnbow
Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute – Watauga Advisory Board	Welch
Children’s Council	Pertalion

Child Protection Team	Kennedy
Cooperative Extension Advisory Leadership Board	Pertalion
Economic Development Commission (EDC)	Turnbow
Educational Planning Committee (2 appointees)	Wallin & Welch
EMS Advisory Committee	Pertalion
High Country Council of Governments (including the Executive Board, Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC), and Rural Planning Organization (RPO)))	Turnbow
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC)	Welch
Humane Society	Turnbow
Library Board	Kennedy
Motor Vehicle Valuation Review Committee	BCC
New River Service Authority Board	Wallin
Northwest Regional Housing Authority (5-year term expires Dec. 12, 2024)	Pat Vines
POA Advisory Committee (Home & Community Care Block Grant)	Pertalion
Sheriff's Office Liaison	Kennedy & Turnbow
Vaya Regional Board (Region 3)	Kennedy & Wallin
Social Services Advisory Board	Wallin
Watauga County Arts Council (added February 2020)	Pertalion
Watauga County Fire Commission	Welch
Watauga County Personnel Advisory Committee	Chair/Vice-Chair
Watauga County Recreation Commission	Welch
Watauga Medical Center Board of Trustees	Kennedy
W.A.M.Y. Community Action	Wallin
Watauga Opportunities	Turnbow
Workforce Development Board (WDB)	Chairman

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to accept the appointments as currently seated.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

### ***E. Regular Meeting Schedule***

Chairman Welch stated that the Board of Commissioners' regular meetings were currently scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month and the third Tuesday of each month with both beginning at 5:30 P.M.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to retain the regular meeting schedule for the Watauga County Board of Commissioners as follows: the first and third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 P.M.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Welch called for additions and/or corrections to the December 7, 2021, agenda.

Commissioner Wallin, seconded by Commissioner Pertalion, moved to approve the December 7, 2021, agenda as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

### **PRESENTATION OF NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION COUNTY PARTNERSHIP AWARD**

Ms. Kelley Heimstra, West District Director for Cooperative Extension, presented a 2021 NC Cooperative Extension County Partnership Award to the Board of Commissioners. One award was given in each of the five districts throughout the state. Ms. Heimstra stated that Mr. Jim Hamilton, Watauga County Extension Director, had written the nomination and it reflected the outstanding team comprised of the Extension and County.

Mr. Hamilton shared that the Extension had recently learned of additional grant funds that would be received for the proposed Kill/Chill facility from the Appalachian Regional Commission and the Tobacco Trust Fund. An application would also be submitted to the North Carolina Agriculture Development Trust Fund.

### **PRESENTATION OF FY 2021 AUDIT**

Ms. Cindy Randolph with C. Randolph, CPA, PLLC presented the Fiscal Year 2021 County Audit. Ms. Randolph stated that the County was in excellent financial state. This was due to the direction provided by the Commissioners and through execution of that direction by County staff. Financial highlights are listed below:

- The total assets of the County exceeded its liabilities at the close of the fiscal year by \$190,957,610.



- The County's unassigned fund balance for the general fund was \$34,873,904 at the end of the year, representing 61.7% of total General Fund expenditures. This is an increase of \$9,647,783 in the unassigned fund balance from the previous year.
- The current year collection rate for property taxes was 98.88% which was an increase from last year's 98.59%. The County is still well above the statewide average of 98.11% for entities of similar populations in fiscal year 2019-20.
- Outstanding debt principal decreased by \$4,980,000. Total outstanding debt principal at June 30, 2021 is \$41,210,000. Watauga County's legal debt limit is \$720,972,511 so the County continues to be well below the state limits.
- S&P updated their review of the County's financials and reaffirmed the County's stable outlook and credit rating at AA.

The audit was presented for information only; and therefore, no action was required.

County Manager Geouque stated that, due to another successful year and an increase in the unassigned fund balance, staff recommended appropriating \$4,200,000 to restore the long-term capital for the Watauga County School System for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2021, and to transfer to the Capital Projects Fund \$5,400,000 for a future parking deck and \$47,783 for future facilities maintenance.

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to authorize the transfer of the \$9,647,783 increase from unassigned balance as presented by the County Manager.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

### **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) COMMUNITY UPDATE**

Ms. Jennifer Greene, AppHealthCare Director, was not available to provide an update on the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

### **SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION FUNDING ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENT**

Mr. Graham Fox with Watauga Soil and Water Conservation District presented the 2021-2023 technical assistance grant which funds a portion of the Soil and Water Conservation Tech position. The grant was in the amount of \$31,311 and was budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Pertalion, moved to accept the grant as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

## **MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

### ***A. Potential Opioid Settlement***

County Manager Geouque stated that the Board may wish to consult with the County Attorney prior to any decision on the opioid settlement.

*[Clerk's Note: Action was taken after closed session.]*

### ***B. Proposed Updates to Local Government Agencies Records Retention and Disposition Schedules***

- 1. General Records Schedule***
- 2. Program Records Schedule***

County Manager Geouque stated that the 2021 Program Records Schedule for Local Government Agencies was a new retention schedule created from the former County Management (last updated in 2013) and Municipal (last updated in 2012) retention schedules. The schedule contained specific functions of government at the county and municipal level. If the Board chose to not adopt the new retention schedule the County would be required to create their own schedule. The "Agency Policy: Destroy in office after \_\_\_\_" sections had been filled in with "one day" in prior schedules.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Pertalion, moved to adopt the General Records Retention and Disposition Schedule for Local Government Agencies as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

### ***C. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)***

- 1. Resolution for Accepting ARPA Funds***
- 2. Grant Project Ordinance Establishment & Maintenance of the American Rescue Plan***

County Manager Geouque stated that the Board previously accepted the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Mr. Geouque presented a proposed resolution which would formalize acceptance of the funds.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Pertalion, moved to adopt the resolution as presented by the County Manager.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

County Manager Geouque stated that the Watauga County Grant Project Ordinance Establishment and Maintenance of the American Rescue Plan that was previously adopted did not contain the word grant which was required.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Peralion, moved to adopt the Watauga County Grant Project Ordinance Establishment and Maintenance of the American Rescue Plan as presented by the County Manager.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

#### ***D. Boards and Commissions***

County Manager Geouque presented the following for consideration:

##### *Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee*

Ms. Wanda Branch has resigned from the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee. This position requires Board approval to officially remove Ms. Branch from the Committee. A replacement has not been recommended at this time.

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Vice-Chairman Kennedy, moved to officially remove Ms. Wanda Branch from the Watauga County Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

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

County Manager Geouque stated that, due to the ongoing COVID pandemic, the Annual County Christmas Luncheon was cancelled this year.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 6:23 P.M., Commissioner Wallin, seconded by Commissioner Peralion, moved to enter Closed Session to discuss Attorney/Client Matters, per G. S. 143-318.11(a)(3).

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

Commissioner Peralion, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to resume the open meeting at 7:32 P.M.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

**POSSIBLE ACTION AFTER CLOSED SESSION**

County Attorney Capua stated that the Board planned to opt-in to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) opioid lawsuit. Ms. Capua recommended the Board also authorize the County Manager, County Attorney di Santi, and County Attorney Capua to sign any documents necessary for the County to opt-in to the NCACC's opioid lawsuit.

Ms. Capua stated that North Carolina was participating in a global opioid settlement which offered the County the opportunity to received benefits of the settlement.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Peralion, moved to opt-in to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) opioid settlement to receive global settlement proceeds.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

Commissioner Wallin, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to authorize County Manager Geouque, County Attorney di Santi, and County Attorney Capua to sign any necessary documents in Chairman Welch's absence for the County to opt-in to the NCACC's opioid lawsuit settlement.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

**ADJOURN**

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 P.M.

VOTE: Aye-5  
Nay-0

John Welch, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:  
Anita J. Fogle, Clerk to the Board

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**AGENDA ITEM 3:**

**APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 21, 2021, AGENDA**

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**AGENDA ITEM 4:**

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REQUEST FOR THE HIGH COUNTRY SERVICE AREA**

**MANAGER'S COMMENTS:**

Anne-Marie Yates, Capital Campaign Co-Chair, will inform the Board of a capital campaign for a hospice and palliative care facility for the High Country Service Area. Based on the information provided, staff is unclear as to the location of the facility and the requested amount of contribution from the County.



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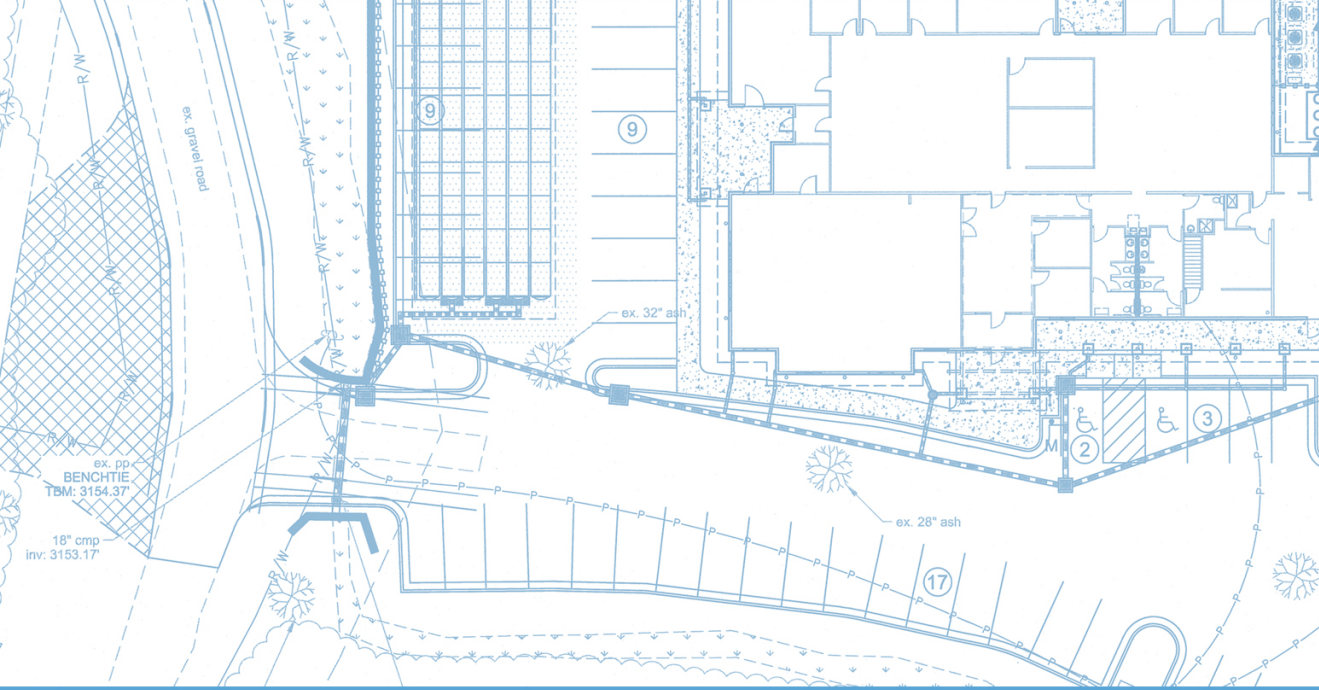
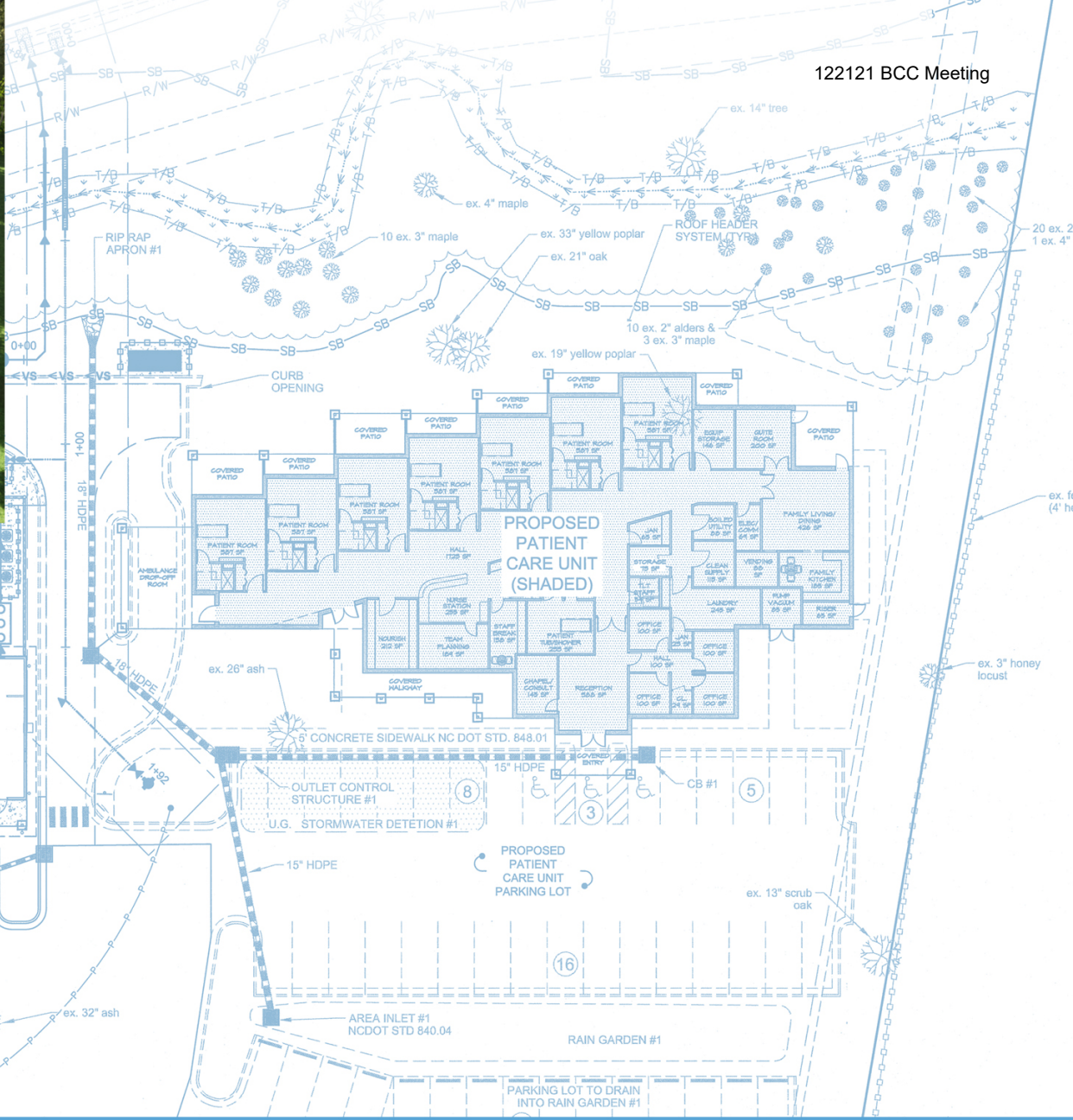


With a projected 56% increase of NC adults over age 65 over the next two decades, the need for end-of-life care will increase as well.

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- Estimated cost of \$8 million



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<b>Campus</b> .....	<b>\$2,500,000</b>
<b>Patient care unit</b> .....	<b>\$1,500,000</b>
Covered entry .....	\$150,000
Chapel .....	\$300,000
Team center .....	\$250,000
Reception .....	\$100,000
Family living room .....	\$250,000
Patient/family kitchen .....	\$100,000
Covered patio .....	\$250,000
Quiet room .....	\$250,000
Team planning room .....	\$50,000
Patient room (7) .....	\$250,000
Office suite (4).....	\$50,000
Ambulance entrance .....	\$50,000
<b>Palliative/office building</b> .....	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
Meeting room.....	\$250,000
Covered entry .....	\$100,000
Reception/lobby .....	\$100,000
Commercial kitchen .....	\$100,000
Office (8) .....	\$25,000
Covered patio .....	\$100,000
Breakroom.....	\$50,000
Team room .....	\$50,000
Conference room .....	\$75,000
Covered walkway.....	\$75,000

Additional named gift opportunities from \$5,000 to \$25,000 are available.



CAMPAIGN GOAL  
\$8,000,000





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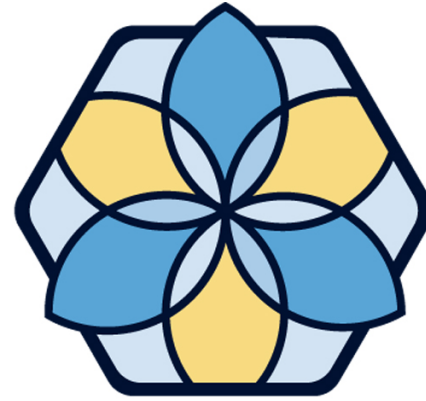
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**AGENDA ITEM 5:**

**CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) COMMUNITY UPDATE**

**MANAGER'S COMMENTS:**

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

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



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**AGENDA ITEM 6:****REQUEST FOR DECLARATION OF SURPLUS AND SALE – WCSO K-9****MANAGER’S COMMENTS:**

Major Redmon will request to declare “Elvis” a K-9 police dog as surplus and sale to its handler, Lt. Rick Ruppert. Major Redmon has indicated that due to Elvis’ age and hip issues, the K-9 must be retired for use by the Sheriff’s Office. General Statutes allow for the dog to be sold for a negotiated price by order of the Board of Commissioners. For staff to carry out the order, the Board must adopt a resolution and advertise the sale for ten (10) days prior to the sale. Major Redmon requests that the dog be declared surplus and sold for a fee of \$1.00 to its handler. Since the K-9 has been trained for duty, it would be best for an experienced handler to have ownership.

Board action is required to declare Elvis surplus and adopt the resolution, and advertise the sale for ten (10) days prior to the sale. Upon completion of the ten-day notice, Elvis will be presented to Lt. Ruppert who will bare all future expenses related to the medical, care and housing of Elvis.

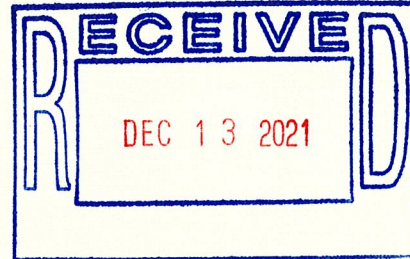


# WATAUGA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

184 HODGES GAP ROAD  
BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA 28607  
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LEN D. HAGAMAN, JR.  
SHERIFF

12/07/2021



To: Deron Geouque  
From: Major Kelly Redmon  
Ref: K-9 Elvis retirement

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The Watauga County Sheriff's office would like to officially retire Elvis the Law Enforcement K-9.

Elvis came to the Sheriff's Office in May of 2013 and has been on duty day and night with his handler, Lt. Rick Ruppert. They have been partners since Elvis "entered the building" and have been inseparable since that day. Elvis is a favorite at the elementary schools and I am told that each school has an unending supply of dog treats for him. Elvis has been experiencing hip problems which has slowed him down and limits his mobility on the job.

We request that the board declare Elvis as surplus and allow his partner Lt. Ruppert to purchase him and care for him during retirement. Elvis will surely be missed by all of the officers and community members.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF WATAUGA

**DRAFT**

**Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Personal Property  
Worth Less Than \$30,000 (G.S. 160A-266; 267)**

**WHEREAS**, Watauga County owns certain items of personal property that have become surplus for its current needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Watauga County Sheriff's Office has a K-9 named Elvis that has reached the age and work life for a law enforcement K-9; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina General Statute § 160A-266 permits the county to sell such property by private sale, upon authorization by the Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting and notice to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the Watauga County Board of Commissioners is convened in a regular meeting.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Watauga County Board of Commissioners that:

1. The Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager to sell by private sale this K-9 "Elvis" according to the North Carolina General Statute 160A-266, and make this K-9 available to Lieutenant Rick Ruppert, who will be responsible for all further medical and housing expenses once K-9 "Moses" is retired.
2. The Clerk to the Board of Commissioners shall publish a notice summarizing this resolution, and no sale may be executed pursuant to this resolution until at least 10 days after the day the notice is published.

**ADOPTED** this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2021.

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John Welch, Chairman  
Watauga County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Anita J. Fogle, Clerk to the Board

LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE

The Watauga County Board of Commissioners has surplused and authorized the sale of a K-9 Police Dog, due to its health issues, per G. S. 160A-266. This sale shall occur ten days after the publication date of this advertisement.

John Welch, Chairman  
Watauga County Board of Commissioner

**AGENDA ITEM 7:**

**TAX MATTERS**

*A. Monthly Collections Report*

**MANAGER'S COMMENTS:**

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

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

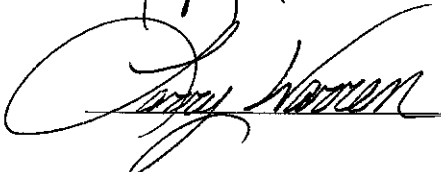
**Monthly Collections Report****Watauga County**

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

Monthly Report November 2021

	<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><u>General County</u></b>					
Taxes 2021	9,612,870.37		21,803,836.79	59.04%	55.09%
Prior Year Taxes	31,009.90		184,392.71		
Solid Waste User Fees	774,519.08		1,586,435.69	59.69%	54.29%
Green Box Fees	18.13		112.90	NA	NA
<b>Total County Funds</b>	<b>\$10,418,417.48</b>		<b>\$23,574,778.09</b>		
<b><u>Fire Districts</u></b>					
Foscoe Fire	122,759.22		299,671.29	63.09%	60.76%
Boone Fire	282,479.40		562,244.34	62.01%	56.79%
Fall Creek Service Dist.	2,365.74		5,727.38	59.93%	55.03%
Beaver Dam Fire	23,487.38		56,719.05	54.40%	53.70%
Stewart Simmons Fire	60,986.26		153,856.86	58.09%	50.91%
Zionville Fire	36,248.07		70,055.59	59.99%	57.01%
Cove Creek Fire	74,742.70		155,512.92	63.90%	59.10%
Shawneehaw Fire	25,979.46		67,849.77	63.51%	57.31%
Meat Camp Fire	65,974.50		128,924.05	60.54%	57.44%
Deep Gap Fire	53,987.95		112,914.32	59.09%	55.14%
Todd Fire	18,636.44		40,537.46	64.71%	65.70%
Blowing Rock Fire	121,546.45		312,740.14	62.09%	60.31%
M.C. Creston Fire	937.05		2,760.34	46.22%	53.45%
Foscoe Service District	24,536.72		50,763.48	67.42%	62.37%
Beech Mtn. Service Dist.	387.79		770.75	46.48%	31.81%
Cove Creek Service Dist.	79.00		91.20	28.14%	28.14%
Shawneehaw Service Dist	1,689.14		3,523.11	53.71%	54.97%
	<b>\$914,457.53</b>		<b>\$2,018,934.67</b>		
<b><u>Towns</u></b>					
Boone	1,432,960.35		3,325,568.01	49.36%	43.94%
Municipal Services	22,019.42		112,858.40	53.98%	35.52%
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>\$1,454,979.77</b>		<b>\$3,438,426.41</b>		
<b>Total Amount Collected</b>	<b>\$12,787,854.78</b>		<b>\$29,032,139.17</b>		

 Tax Collections Director

 Tax Administrator

**AGENDA ITEM 7:**

**TAX MATTERS**

*B. Refunds and Releases*

**MANAGER'S COMMENTS:**

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



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OWNER NAME AND ADDRESS	CAT YEAR PROPERTY REASON	BILL	EFF DATE	JUR	REF NO	VALUE	CHARGE	AMOUNT
1817695 BENDER, KEITH WILLIAM 1878 AMELIA OAKS DR FERNANDINA BEACH, FL 32034	RE 2021 2819-88-0566-000 TAX RELEASES PROPERTY WAS MERGED INTO TRACT A	28524	11/30/2021	F02	7936	0	F02 G01	15.90 106.80 <hr/> 122.70
1540666 CAPE ANNE DESIGN LTD 411 WILL JOSE DRIVE LEXINGTON, NC 27795-0313	PP 2021 540666999 REFUND RELEASE BUSINESS MOVED OUT OF WATAUGA COUNTY	2631	11/30/2021	MS1	7935	0	C02 G01 MS1 C02L G01L MS1L	39.86 36.51 19.03 3.99 3.65 1.90 <hr/> 104.94
1616700 GREENE, BETTY N LIFE ESTATE BROWN, ANGELA T AL 4180 OLD US HWY 421 ZIONVILLE, NC 28698	RE 2020 1983-47-1545-000 TAX RELEASES MUNIS BILLED DEACTIVATED PARCEL	30742	11/23/2021	F06	7937	0	F06 G01 SWF	68.25 550.10 80.00 <hr/> 698.35
1794377 MILLER, EVA NELL 1375 LINVILLE CREEK RD VILAS, NC 28692-9195	RE 2021 1991-09-8621-000 TAX RELEASES From CAMA Integration Reversal of release	20972	11/30/2021	F07	7940	0	F07 G01	-50.95 -410.65 <hr/> -461.60
1794377 MILLER, EVA NELL 1375 LINVILLE CREEK RD VILAS, NC 28692-9195	RE 2021 1991-09-8621-000 TAX RELEASES From CAMA Integration Reversal of release	20972	11/30/2021	F07	7941	0	F07 G01	-50.95 -410.65 <hr/> -461.60
1794377 MILLER, EVA NELL 1375 LINVILLE CREEK RD VILAS, NC 28692-9195	RE 2021 1991-09-8621-000 ELDERLY OR DISABLED EXEMPTION RECEIVES SENIOR EXEMPTION	20972	11/30/2021	F07	7942	101,898	F07 G01	50.95 410.65 <hr/> 461.60
1519481 RHYNE, ROBIN RHODES 349 LEISURE LN BOONE, NC 28607	RE 2021 2809-46-7225-000 TAX RELEASES From CAMA Integration Reversal of release	24741	11/30/2021	F02	7938	0	F02 G01	-56.85 -381.84 <hr/> -438.69
1811147 VAN EVERY, ALANA ROBIN, LIFE ESTATE 102 MEADOW LARK WAY VILAS, NC 28692	RE 2021 1980-58-8119-000 TAX RELEASES From CAMA Integration Reversal of release	17891	11/30/2021	F07	7939	0	F07 G01	-146.70 -1,182.41 <hr/> -1,329.11
DETAIL SUMMARY	COUNT: 8	RELEASES - TOTAL				101,898		-1,303.41

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RELEASES - CHARGE SUMMARY FOR ALL CLERKS

YEAR	CAT	CHARGE	AMOUNT	
2020	RE	F06	ZIONVILLE FIRE RE	68.25
2020	RE	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY RE	550.10
2020	RE	SWF	SANITATION USER FEE	80.00
			2020 TOTAL	698.35
2021	RE	F02	BOONE FIRE RE	-40.95
2021	RE	F07	COVE CREEK FIRE RE	-197.65
2021	RE	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY RE	-1,868.10
2021	PP	C02	BOONE PP	39.86
2021	PP	C02L	BOONE LATE LIST	3.99
2021	PP	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	36.51
2021	PP	G01L	WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	3.65
2021	PP	MS1	BOONE MUNICIPAL SERV DIST PP	19.03
2021	PP	MS1L	BOONE MUNICIPAL SERV DIST LATE	1.90
			2021 TOTAL	-2,001.76
			SUMMARY TOTAL	-1,303.41

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RELEASES - JURISDICTION SUMMARY FOR ALL CLERKS

JUR	YEAR	CHARGE	AMOUNT	
F02	2021	F02	BOONE FIRE RE	-40.95
F02	2021	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY RE	-275.04
		F02	TOTAL	-315.99
F06	2020	F06	ZIONVILLE FIRE RE	68.25
F06	2020	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY RE	550.10
F06	2020	SWF	SANITATION USER FEE	80.00
		F06	TOTAL	698.35
F07	2021	F07	COVE CREEK FIRE RE	-197.65
F07	2021	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY RE	-1,593.06
		F07	TOTAL	-1,790.71
MS1	2021	C02	BOONE PP	39.86
MS1	2021	C02L	BOONE LATE LIST	3.99
MS1	2021	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	36.51
MS1	2021	G01L	WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	3.65
MS1	2021	MS1	BOONE MUNICIPAL SERV DIST PP	19.03
MS1	2021	MS1L	BOONE MUNICIPAL SERV DIST LATE	1.90
		MS1	TOTAL	104.94
		SUMMARY	TOTAL	-1,303.41

**AGENDA ITEM 8:**

**MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

*A. Animal Care and Control Vehicle Bid Award Request*

**MANAGER'S COMMENTS:**

Staff will request the Board authorize the purchase of one (1) new 4x4 F150 Pickup Truck in the amount of \$28,306.94 from Capital Ford, Inc. Funds are available in the current Animal Care and Control budget and administrative contingency to cover the expense.

Board action is required to authorize the purchase of one (1) new 4x4 F150 Pickup Truck in the amount of \$28,306.94 from Capital Ford, Inc.

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# Capital Ford, Inc.

## Government Sales Division

From Jennifer Romano Gov't Sales  
 Phone/Fax Office 919-790-4648 Fax 919-871-6917  
 E-Mail [jromano@capitalford.com](mailto:jromano@capitalford.com)

DATE December 1st 2021  
Watauga County

FINAL QUOTE NCSA 22-08-0913 Item #196

2022 F150 Super Cab 4x4 145" Wheelbase (X1E)	\$26,165.34
Painted White /Delivered	Included
85A Power Equipment Group	\$1,099.80
50S Cruise Control	\$211.50

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20-26 weeks order to delivery time

Total Per Unit \$27,476.64

Remit to  
[jromano@capitalford.com](mailto:jromano@capitalford.com)  
 Capital ford of Raleigh  
 4900 Capital Blvd  
 Raleigh NC 27616

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2805 Millbrook Road

1-800-849-3166



Raleigh  
 Fax: 919-871-6917

**AGENDA ITEM 8:**

**MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

*B. Announcements*

**MANAGER’S COMMENTS:**

The Watauga Compassionate Community Initiative has sent a “save the date” for their Annual Spring Conference which will be held on Friday, May 13, and Saturday, May 14, 2022.



# WCCCI

WATAUGA COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY INITIATIVE  
Preventing trauma. Building resiliency.

## Spring Conference Rooted in Resilience: Connection and Transformation

Featuring

**Helen Joy George**

Photographer, Empathizer  
Author, "Yellow Tulips: A Memoir"

*Save The Date*

**Friday, May 13, 2022**

1:00-3:45 PM | Online

**Saturday, May 14, 2022**

8:00 AM -1:00 PM | at Watauga High School  
Connection Breakfast and Live Speakers





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## Conferencia de la Primavera Enraizada en Resiliencia: Conexión y Transformación

Presentando a:

**Helen Joy George**

*Fotógrafa, Empatizadora*

*Autora de, "Yellow Tulips: A Memoir"*

### Reserve la Fecha

**Viernes, 13 de Mayo, 2022**

1:00-3:45 PM | En Línea

**Sábado, 14 de Mayo, 2022**

8:00 AM -1:00 PM | en la Escuela de Watauga High

**Desayuno de Conexión y Presentadores en Vivos**





**AGENDA ITEM 9:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**AGENDA ITEM 10:**

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**AGENDA ITEM 11:**

**CLOSED SESSION**

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**AGENDA ITEM 12:**

**POSSIBLE ACTION AFTER CLOSED SESSION**