

Macon County



**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 13, 2023 REGULAR MEETING
6 P.M.
AGENDA**

1. Call to order and welcome by Chairman Higdon
 2. Announcements
 - (A) Recognition of outstanding public safety employees
 3. Moment of Silence
 4. Pledge of Allegiance
 5. Public Hearing(s) – **6 p.m.**
 - (A) To consider amendment of Chapter 157 of the Macon County Code of Ordinances to include cryptocurrency mining facilities and/or similar server based facilities – Planning Director Joe Allen
 - (B) To consider modification of Chapter 28 of the Macon County Code of Ordinances to prohibit camping along the Little Tennessee River Greenway – Sheriff Brent Holbrooks
 - (C) Recommended Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget
- NOTE: The board may take action on any or all of these items immediately following the close of the respective public hearing.
6. Public Comment Period
 7. Additions to agenda
 8. Adjustments to and approval of the agenda
 9. Reports/Presentations
 10. Old Business
 - (A) Discussion regarding scope of work for Macon Middle School track improvements – Chairman Higdon

- (B) Discussion regarding Memorandum of Understanding between Macon County and the Macon County Board of Education – Commissioner Young
- (C) Interlocal agreement concerning the “Higdon property” -- Commissioner Young

11. New Business

- (A) Community Funding Pool recommendations – Patrick Betancourt and Diane Cotton

12. Consent Agenda – Attachment #12

All items below are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion will be held except on request of a member of the Board of Commissioners.

- (A) Minutes of the May 9, 2023 regular meeting, the May 23, 2023 continued session and the May 30, 2023 special meeting
- (B) Budget Amendments #323-331
- (C) Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget
- (D) Grant Project Ordinance Amendment Housing Administration
- (E) Grant Project Ordinance Amendment Duke Energy Weatherization Direct Reimbursement
- (F) Grant Project Ordinance Amendment Duke Energy 2017 HHF
- (G) Grant Project Ordinance Amendment 2021 Urgent Repair URP21
- (H) Grant Project Ordinance Macon’s Healthy Homes II
- (I) Grant Project Ordinance Dogwood Health Grant #2089
- (J) Grant Project Ordinance Dogwood Health Grant #2571
- (K) Grant Project Ordinance 2023 Urgent Repair URP23
- (L) Grant Project Ordinance WAP FY 2024
- (M) Capital Project Ordinance Amendment Nantahala Library-Community Building
- (N) Capital Project Ordinance Amendment Franklin High School Project
- (O) Capital Project Ordinance Highlands Middle School Renovations
- (P) Capital Project Ordinance Highlands School Project
- (Q) Resolution Materiality Threshold GASB 96 SBITA
- (R) Approval of destruction of records for the Board of Elections
- (S) Tax releases for the month of May in the amount of \$1,563.99
- (T) Monthly ad valorem tax collection report – no action necessary

13. Appointments

- (A) Macon County Library Board of Trustees (3 seats)

14. Closed session as allowed under NCGS (if needed)

15. Adjourn/Recess

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

CATEGORY – PUBLIC HEARING

MEETING DATE: June 13, 2023

We have three public hearings on the agenda.

The first involves amendments to the county's ordinance regulating high-impact land uses that would add cryptocurrency mining facilities and/or similar server based facilities to the list of regulated uses. A "red-line" version of the amended ordinance showing the changes is included in the agenda packet.

A copy of the public notice is also included in the agenda packet, and this notice appeared one time in *The Franklin Press* on May 31, 2023.

Planning Director Joe Allen will be at the meeting and can answer questions or provide additional details as needed.

Following the close of the public hearing, the board can take action on the proposed amendments.

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Up next will be a public hearing concerning a proposed modification of the ordinance regulating the use of the Little Tennessee River Greenway to prohibit camping along the greenway.

The county attorney has prepared an amendment to the ordinance, a copy of which will be enclosed in the packet, along with a copy of the public notice for this hearing, which also appeared in the May 31 edition of *The Franklin Press*.

Sheriff Brent Holbrooks has requested this change and will be at the meeting to answer questions or provide additional details.

Again, following the close of the public hearing, the board can take action on the proposed amendment.

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The third public hearing is to allow comment on the recommended Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget. A copy of the notice of public hearing will be included in the packet and this notice also appeared in the May 31 edition of *The Franklin Press*. The proposed budget and the county manager's budget message were made available for public inspection and review shortly after his presentation of the same on May 23rd. At any point following the close of the public hearing, the county's legal obligations have been met, and the board can adopt the budget.

**CHAPTER 157:
AMENDED AND RESTATED ORDINANCE REGULATING HIGH-IMPACT LAND
USES IN MACON COUNTY**

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

§157.01 TITLE

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the Amended and Restated *Ordinance Regulating High-Impact Land Uses in Macon County*,

§157.02 AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION

(A) Authority. This ordinance is established by the Macon County Board of Commissioners pursuant to the authority conferred in G.S. §153A-121 (general ordinance-making power), 153A-122 (territorial jurisdiction), 153A-123 (enforcement), 153A-128 (regulation of explosive, corrosive, inflammable, or radioactive substances), 153A-133 (noise regulation), 153A-134 (regulation of businesses), 153A-136 (regulation of solid wastes); and Article 6 of Chapter 160D of the North Carolina General Statutes.

(B) Jurisdiction. The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to all unincorporated areas of Macon County lying outside of the corporate limits and the extraterritorial jurisdiction of any municipality.

§157.03 PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of Macon County by diminishing the impacts of certain land uses which, by their nature, produce noise, odors, vibrations, fumes, light, smoke, dust and other impacts which interfere with the quiet enjoyment of adjacent lands and disturb the peace and dignity of the County.

§157.04 APPLICABILITY

(A) The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to the following high-impact uses of any land as further defined in §157.05(B) of this ordinance:

- (1) Airfield/Airstrips
- (2) Asphalt plants
- (3) Bulk Inflammables, Chemicals and Explosives Manufacturers or Storage Facilities
- (4) Chip Mills (Wood Grinding Operations)
- (5) Commercial Incinerators
- ~~(6)~~ Concrete Suppliers
- ~~(6)~~~~(7)~~ Cryptocurrency Mining Facilities (and/or similar server based facilities)
- ~~(7)~~~~(8)~~ Helicopter Sightseeing Operations
- ~~(8)~~~~(9)~~ Mining and Extraction Operations and Quarries
- ~~(9)~~~~(10)~~ Motor Sports Activities
- ~~(10)~~~~(11)~~ Sawmills
- ~~(11)~~~~(12)~~ Slaughtering and Processing Plants
- ~~(12)~~~~(13)~~ Solid Waste Management Facilities

(B) The effect of this ordinance, as more specifically set forth herein, is:

- (1) To prohibit the high-impact uses of land, as defined herein, except in conformance with the provisions of this; and

(2) To provide for the enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance.

(C) The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to any use of land arising out of or incident to *bona fide* agricultural or forestry operations as defined in G.S. §106-701.

§157.05 INTERPRETATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

(A) For the purposes of this ordinance, certain words shall be interpreted as follows:

- (1) The word "County" shall mean Macon County, North Carolina
- (2) The words "County Commissioners" shall mean the Board of Commissioners of Macon County, North Carolina.
- (3) The words "Planning Board" shall mean the body composed of those members appointed by the Board of Commissioners, created under the authority of Article 3 of Chapter 160D of the North Carolina General Statutes. .
- (4) The word "ordinance" shall mean the Ordinance Regulating High Impact Land Uses in Macon County, North Carolina.
- (5) Words importing the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter.
- (6) Words used in the singular in this Ordinance include the plural and words used in the plural include the singular.
- (7) Words used in the present tense include future tense.
- (8) The word "person" includes a firm, association, organization, corporation, company, trust, and partnership as well as individual.
- (9) The words "may" and "should" are permissive.
- (10) The words "shall" and "will" are always mandatory and not merely directive.
- (11) The words "used" or "occupied" shall mean "intended, designed, and arranged to be used or occupied".
- (12) The word "lot" shall include the words "plot", "parcel", "site", "acreage" and "premises".
- (13) The word "structure" shall include the word "building".

(14) The word “includes” shall not limit the term to specified examples but is intended to extend its meaning to all other instances or circumstances of like kind or character.

(B) The following words shall be specifically defined as follows:

Airfield/Airstrip- Any runway, land area, or other facility designed or used either publicly or privately by any person for landing and take off of aircraft, including all necessary taxiways. “Airfield/Airstrip” is further defined as aircraft storage and tie-down areas, hangars, and other necessary buildings appurtenant to a public airport. Aircraft storage and tie-down areas, hangars and other necessary buildings or uses appurtenant to a private airport are deemed accessory buildings or uses.

Asphalt Plant- The equipment necessary to produce petroleum bitumen, which when mixed with proper amounts of sand or gravel (or both) results in or may be used in producing material suitable for paving and/or roofing.

Buffer- A continuous strip of land, measured from the property lines or from any street bordering or traversing the property (whichever is closer to the principal use or building) in which no development or principal use may occur, but which may contain screening, fencing, interior service roads not intended for patron use, principal use signs, business signs, and gate or security houses. Access road corridors may cross the buffer at entrance and exit points.

Chip Mill- Any non-portable wood-chipping facility that stands alone and apart from a sawmill or a pulp mill, and whose purpose is to provide wood chips to an off-site fabricating facility including but not limited to a paper mill or oriented strand board mill.

Commercial Incinerators- Any enclosed device that burns more than 250 pounds of any material per hour other than the classical boiler fossil fuels, such as natural gas, propane, coal or fuel oil, which is a principal use on any lot or parcel.

Concrete Supplier- An establishment primarily engaged in manufacturing hydraulic cement, including Portland, natural, and masonry cements delivered to a purchaser in a plastic and unhardened state. This industry includes production and sale of central-mixed concrete, shrink mixed concrete, and truck mixed concrete. Also included are the manufacture of concrete products from a combination of cement and aggregate.

Cryptocurrency Mining Facilities (and/or similar server based facilities) - The operation of specialized computer equipment for the primary purpose of mining one or more blockchain based cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin. This activity typically involves the solving of algorithms as part of the development and maintenance of a blockchain which is a type of distributed ledger maintained on a peer-to-peer network. Typical physical characteristics of cryptocurrency mining include specialized computer hardware for mining operations as

well as equipment to cool the hardware and operating space. For the purpose of the associated regulations does not include the exchange of cryptocurrency or any other type of virtual currency nor does it encompass the use, creation, or maintenance of all types of peer-to-peer distributed ledger.

Helicopter Sightseeing Operation- Any individual, corporation or commercial enterprise that carries passengers by helicopter for compensation for the purpose of aerial observation of landmarks and other manmade or natural sites, touring, pleasure flying or amusement or for the purpose of transporting passengers for tourist related activities.

High-Impact Use- Any and each of the uses of land to which the provisions of this ordinance are applied and as are specifically defined in this section.

Hours of Operation- The times of day during which an establishment may conduct its principal operations.

Light Mitigation- A good faith effort to reduce the emission of light or diminish the effects that emitted light has on adjacent parcels or the neighborhood.

Manufacturer and/or Storage Facility of Bulk Inflammables (*Fuel Oil, Propane, Gasoline*), Chemicals or Explosives- A facility whose primary purpose is one of the following:

- (1) Manufacturing and/or storage of a chemical compound, mixture or device, the primary or common purpose of which is to function by explosion. This term includes but is not limited to dynamite, black powder, pellet powder, initiating explosives, detonators, safety fuses, squibs, detonating cord, igniting cord, igniters, and display fireworks, but does not include hand-loaded small arms ammunition.
- (2) The production, synthesis, formation, processing, refining, manufacturing, distribution, and/or storage of chemical products in bulk.
- (3) The storage, distribution, mixing or transfer of flammable or combustible liquids or gases received by or transferred by tank vessel, pipelines, tank car, piping, or portable tank or container except such storage, distribution, mixing or transfer of flammable or combustible liquids or gasses shall not include filling stations or convenience centers used solely for retail distribution to individual customers.

Mining & Extraction Operation- Any establishment or business primarily engaged in dressing and beneficiating of ores; the breaking, washing and grading of coal; the crushing and breaking of stone; and the crushing, grinding, or otherwise preparing of sand, gravel, and nonmetallic chemical and fertilizer minerals. This definition specifically excludes gem mines and other recreational mining operations.

Motor Sport Activities- The use of any parcel by an establishment or business for the operation, for more than two hours during any eight (8) hour time period, of more than three (3) motor propelled conveyances powered by internal combustion engines including, but not limited to automobiles, motorcycles, and all terrain vehicles.

Noise Mitigation- A good faith effort to reduce the emission of noise or diminish the effects that emitted noise has on adjacent parcels or the neighborhood.

Ordinance Administrator- The Macon County employee holding the position of employment that is designated by the Board of Commissioners as the county official with responsibility for administration and enforcement of this Ordinance.

Perennial Stream- A natural or man-made basin, including lakes, ponds, and reservoirs, that stores surface water permanently at depths sufficient to preclude the growth of rooted plants. The water body must be part of a natural drainage way (e.g. connected by surface flow to stream).

Primary Public Airport- An airport operated by a municipal government, county government, or public airport authority and regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Principal Use- A primary purpose for which land, buildings or other improvements is arranged, designed, intended or used, including the storage or use of supplies, inventory, materials, equipment, or products associated therewith.

Sawmill- Any commercial operation established for a period of six months or more where timber is customarily processed into raw lumber, finished wood products, or other wood products, regardless of whether the products are sold on premises or transferred to another facility for storage and sales. This definition includes the reprocessing of lumber and wood planing operations.

Screening- The use of any device or natural growth including but not limited to fencing, walls, berms, vegetation, or any combination thereof that serves as a barrier of vision between adjoining properties. Screening may be partial or full as may be required by the Ordinance Administrator.

Separation- Where separation restrictions are required, no portion of the property on which the regulated use is located shall be situated within the stated distance from the protected use(s) whether such protected use(s) are located within or outside Macon County.

Setback- A continuous strip of land, measured from the property lines or from any street boarding or traversing the property (whichever is closer to the principal use or building) in which no principal use is permitted. Limited development, including buffers

and related development, parking lots and accessory structures and buildings, access road corridors, and interior service roads, may occur within the setback.

Slaughtering and Processing Plant- An establishment primarily engaged in slaughtering, dressing, packing, freezing, canning, cooking and/or curing animals or poultry or their by-products or processing or manufacturing products from such animals or poultry or their by-products; and establishments primarily engaged in the collection and/or processing of the inedible portion(s) of animals or poultry or their carcasses. This definition specifically excludes: slaughtering and processing activities performed for personal use only and those slaughtering and processing plants processing less than 100 animals per month for other than personal use.

Solid Waste Management Facility- Land and equipment, other than incinerators, used in the management of solid waste, including transfer stations, landfills, and recycling facilities which are not owned or operated by a unit of local government.

§157.05-§157.09 RESERVED

REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO USES FOR AVIATION ACTIVITIES

§157.10 MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF AIRPORTS/AIRSTRIPS

No airport/airstrip shall be permitted, constructed, maintained or operated except in accordance with all Federal Aviation Administration regulations.

§157.11 HELICOPTER SIGHTSEEING BUSINESSES

Helicopter sightseeing businesses shall not be permitted to operate except in accordance with the following:

- (A) Helicopter sightseeing business shall only be operated out of primary public airport with written consent or by contract with the appropriate owner or lessee of the airport.
- (B) Helicopter sightseeing operation hours of operation shall be limited to daylight hours.
- (C) This Ordinance shall not apply to helicopter sightseeing operations conducted as special non-profit or fundraising events operated no more than two consecutive days in any given six-month period.

§157.12-§157.19 RESERVED

REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO OTHER HIGH-IMPACT USES

§157.20 **LOCATIONAL, SCREENING AND MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS**

No high-impact use of a parcel or parcels of land shall be permitted, constructed, operated or maintained except in accordance with the following standards:

- (A) Separation. The location of the closest point of a building, structure or outdoor storage of a high-impact use shall be the minimum distance specified in §157.21 of this ordinance from the nearest property line for the following protected uses: existing school, child care home, child care institution, day care center, hospital, nursing care home, or nursing care institution, or residential use. In order to establish permitted locations, measurement shall be made in a straight line from the closest or nearest portion of the building, structure, or outdoor storage of the high-impact use to the nearest property line of the premises of the above listed protected facilities. Presence of a city, county or other political subdivision boundary shall be irrelevant for purposes of calculating and applying the spacing requirements of this Section.
- (B) Dust Mitigation. Permanent roads used continuously (for vehicular traffic once per any 72 hour period of time excluding Saturdays and Sundays, or holidays) in excess of six (6) months within the property site shall be surfaced with a dust-free material (i.e. soil cement, Portland cement, bituminous concrete).
- (C) Vegetative Buffer. A continuous vegetative buffer shall be maintained along any property line of a high-impact use which is adjacent to a public right of way or adjacent to property on which is located any of the following protected uses: a commercial use, school, child care home, child care institution, day care center, church, hospital, nursing care home, nursing care institution, or residential use. The vegetative buffer strip shall not be less than fifteen (15) feet in width at maturity and shall be composed of evergreen trees or shrubs of a type which at planting shall be a minimum of five (5) feet in height and which at maturity shall not be less than ten feet in height. The buffer strip should consist of three rows of evergreen trees or shrubs planted in a staggered pattern. In each row the trees or shrubs should be spaced no more than ten (10) feet apart (from the base of tree to base of tree) and the rows should be no more than five (5) feet apart. Alternative spacing of trees or shrubs is acceptable to improve the growth of vegetation so long as the buffer strip is a minimum of fifteen (15) feet in width and the density of the buffer is sufficient to provide adequate screening. Plans for buffering shall be provided with the permit application. Plants required in the buffer shall be carefully planted and shall be maintained in good condition. Failure to maintain the buffer in good condition shall constitute a violation of this ordinance. This planting requirement may be modified by the ordinance administrator where adequate buffering exists in the form of natural vegetation or terrain.

- (D) Stream Setback. The closest point of building, structure or outdoor storage of a high-impact use shall be set back from all perennial waters the minimum distance specified in §157.21 of this ordinance..
- (E) Principal Use Setback. All buildings, structures, or other improvements constituting the principal use for any high-impact use shall be set back from the property lines of the high-impact use the minimum distances specified in §157.21 of this ordinance.
- (F) Buffer or Buffer Yard. All high-impact uses shall maintain a screening buffer or buffer yard along all adjoining property lines of the minimum width specified in §157.21 of this ordinance.
- (G) Screening. All high-impact uses other than aviation activities shall be screened. The screening may be located within any required buffer or buffer yard or setback. The screening may consist of the required continuous vegetative buffer described in subsection (C) of this section, or, upon approval of the Ordinance Administrator, a combination of the vegetative buffer and opaque wooden fences, masonry walls, or landscaped earthen berms.
- (H) Noise Mitigation. No high-impact use shall commence operations prior to submitting a Noise Mitigation Plan which demonstrates that the methods for reducing or containing noise generated by the use meet commonly recognized industry standards for that particular use.
- (I) Light Mitigation. No high-impact use shall commence operations prior to submitting a Light Mitigation Plan which demonstrates that the methods for reducing or containing light generated by the use meet commonly recognized industry standards for that particular use.
- (J) Hours of Operation. High-impact uses shall conduct operations only between the hours of six o'clock a.m. and ten o'clock p.m.
- (K) High-Impact Use Clusters. To encourage the clustering of high-impact uses, no minimum building setbacks, buffer yards or vegetative buffers shall apply to the common property lines shared by different high-impact uses.
- (L) Setback Uses. Any commercial uses may be located within the building setbacks of any high-impact use located on the same parcel of land.
- (M) Safety Fencing. Safety fencing shall be installed around the principal use or building containing the principal use of all high-impact uses. The safety fencing shall be chain link or equivalent, at least six (6) feet in height and gated in order that it can be secured at all times the high-impact use is not conducting operations.

(N) A sign, that is easy to see and locate, must be placed at the entrance to the property and that clearly states the name of the operator and a local phone number for the operator in case of emergency.

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(O) The use of cargo containers, railroad cars, semi-truck trailers, and other similar storage containers for any component of the operation within a Cryptocurrency Mining Facility (and/or similar server based facilities) is prohibited.

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§157.21 SPECIFICATIONS FOR SEPARATIONS, SETBACK AND BUFFERS

Specifications for the separation distances prescribed in §157.20(A), the stream setbacks prescribed in §157.20(D), the principal use setbacks prescribed in §157.20(E), and the buffer widths prescribed in §157.20(F) for each high-impact use are set forth in the following table:

HIGH-IMPACT USE	Separation Distance	Stream Setback	Principal Use Setback	Buffer Width
Asphalt Plants	1000 ft	150 ft	250 ft	100 ft
Bulk Inflammables, Chemicals, and Explosive Manufacturers or Storage Facilities	1500 ft	75 ft	500 ft	75 ft
Chipmills (Wood Grinding Operations)	1500 ft	75 ft	750 ft	100 ft
Commercial Incinerators	1500 ft	150 ft	500 ft	100 ft
Concrete Suppliers	1000 ft	100 ft	250 ft	100 ft
<u>Cryptocurrency Mining Facilities (and/or similar server based facilities)</u>	<u>1500 ft</u>	<u>150 ft</u>	<u>750 ft</u>	<u>100 ft</u>
Mining and Extraction Operations and Quarries	1500 ft	150 ft	500 ft	100 ft
Motor Sports Activities	1500 ft	100 ft	750 ft	100 ft
Sawmills	1000 ft	100 ft	250 ft	75 ft
Slaughtering & Processing Plants	1000 ft	75 ft	250 ft	75 ft
Solid Waste Management Facilities	1000 ft	150 ft	750 ft	100 ft

§157.22-§157.29 RESERVED

EXISTING NONCONFORMING HIGH-IMPACT USES

§157.30 APPLICATION TO EXISTING NONCONFORMING HIGH-IMPACT USES.

- (A) Any high-impact use legally in existence on the effective date of this ordinance (i.e. September 12, 2005), which does not conform to the requirements of this ordinance, is declared non-conforming.
- (B) Any nonconforming high-impact use as described above may continue so long as the use is not discontinued for more than six (6) months. In cases where repair or renovation is necessary to re-occupy a vacant building that is part of a high-impact use facility, such construction must commence within six (6) months of last occupancy and proceed continuously to completion.
- (C) Expansion of nonconforming high-impact uses shall only be allowed to the extent that the degree of nonconformity is not increased. In addition, the expansion shall comply with the standards set forth in this ordinance, and the nonconforming high-impact use shall comply with the standards of this ordinance to the extent physically practicable as determined by the Ordinance Administrator.
- (D) In cases of damage to nonconforming buildings to the extent of seventy-five percent (75%) or less of the replacement value, repairs may be made, provided the original foundation footprint is maintained. If such damage exceeds seventy five percent (75%) of the replacement value, repairs may be made only if the original foundation footprint is maintained and the standards of this ordinance are met to the extent physically practicable as determined by the Ordinance Administrator. Compliance with a requirement of this ordinance is not physically practicable if compliance cannot be achieved without adding additional land to the lot where the nonconforming high-impact use is maintained or requires the movement of a substantial structure that is on a permanent foundation. Mere financial hardship caused by the cost of meeting requirements does not constitute grounds for finding that compliance is not physically practicable.

§157.31-§157.39 RESERVED

ADMINISTRATION AND PERMITTING

§157.40 ENFORCEMENT; PERMITTING

- (A) After the effective date of this ordinance (i.e. September 12, 2005), all new high-impact uses as well as any nonconforming high-impact uses which are moved, altered or enlarged shall conform to the provisions contained in this ordinance except as set forth in the provisions of §157.30.

- (B) The provisions of this ordinance shall be administered and enforced by the Ordinance Administrator. The Ordinance Administrator shall have full authority to enter any building or structure or premises in accordance with G.S. 160D-403(e), to perform any duty imposed on him or her by this ordinance, and to use all procedures established in this ordinance for the enforcement of its provisions.
- (C) No building or other structure subject to this ordinance shall be erected, moved, added to, or structurally altered without a Development Permit having been issued by the Ordinance Administrator. No building permit shall be issued except in conformity with the provisions of this ordinance.
- (D) Applications for Development Permits shall be accompanied by plans in duplicate, drawn to scale, showing the actual dimensions and shape of the lot to be built upon; the exact sizes and locations on the lot of any buildings already existing; the location and dimensions of the proposed building or alteration; and compliance with the standards established in this ordinance. The application shall include such other information as may reasonably be required by the Ordinance Administrator, including a description of all existing or proposed buildings or alterations; existing and proposed uses of the buildings and land; conditions existing on the land or parcel; and such other matters as may be necessary to determine conformance with, and provide for the enforcement of this ordinance. One copy of the plans shall be returned to the applicant by the Ordinance Administrator, marked either as approved or disapproved and attested to by his signature on such copy and in accordance with G.S. 160D-403. The second copy of the plans, also so marked, shall be retained by the Ordinance Administrator.
- (E) The Ordinance Administrator shall maintain a record of all Development Permits and copies shall be furnished upon request to any interested person.
- (F) Any order, requirement, decision or determination of the Ordinance Administrator adverse to the interest of an applicant for a Development Permit shall be provided to the applicant in writing and in accordance with G.S. 160D-403.
- (G) The failure to obtain any required Development Permit shall be a violation of this ordinance. Further, Development Permits shall issue on the basis of applications approved by the Ordinance Administrator and shall authorize only the use, arrangement and construction applied for and approved. Any use, arrangement or construction not in compliance with that authorized shall be a violation of this ordinance.
- (H) Upon a request made in writing by any high-impact user which has been granted a Development Permit, the Ordinance Administrator may consider granting a temporary waiver of the requirements of §157.20(H), §157.20(I), or §157.20(J) for a period of time not to exceed six (6) consecutive months. In order to grant such temporary waiver, the

Ordinance Administrator must find that the request for the temporary waiver demonstrates at least one of the following circumstances:

- (1) The necessity for the temporary waiver is occasioned by the efforts of the high-impact user making the request to alter, repair, or improve any portion of the facility in compliance with this ordinance.
- (2) The necessity for the temporary waiver is occasioned by a casualty, disaster, or economic condition that is detrimental to the high-impact user making the request.

§157.41-§157.49 RESERVED

VARIANCES, APPEALS AND PENALTIES

§157.50 APPEAL FROM A DECISION OF THE ORDINANCE ADMINISTRATOR

- (A) Any order, requirement, decision or determination made by the Ordinance Administrator adverse to the interest of an applicant for a Development Permit may be appealed to and decided by the Macon County Planning Board.
- (B) Notice of an appeal to the Planning Board shall be in writing, shall state the grounds for the appeal with specificity, and shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Planning Board within thirty (30) calendar days from the receipt of the written decision by the Ordinance Administrator. Notice given pursuant to G.S. 160D-403(b) by first class mail is deemed received on the third business day following deposit of the notice for mailing with the United State Postal Service.
- (C) The Chairman of the Planning Board shall fix a reasonable time for hearing the appeal, give notice thereof to the parties, and shall hear and decide the matter within a reasonable time. At the hearing, any party may appear in person, by agent or by attorney. Hearings shall be held in accordance with G.S. 160D-406. The Planning Board shall give written notice of its decision in accordance with G.S. 160D-406(j).

§157.51 REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE

- (A) A request for a variance must be submitted to the Clerk of the Planning Board, within thirty calendar days from the receipt of a written decision by the Ordinance Administrator denying an application for a Development Permit. Notice given pursuant to G.S. 160D-403(b) by first class mail is deemed received on the third business day following deposit of the notice for mailing with the United State Postal Service. The request for a variance must be in writing and shall state the reason for the request with specificity.

(B) The Chairman of the Planning Board shall fix a reasonable time for hearing the request for a variance, give notice thereof to the parties, and shall hear and decide the matter within a reasonable time. At the hearing, any party may appear in person, by agent or by attorney. The Planning Board shall give written notice of its decision in accordance with G.S. 160D-406(j).

(C) In accordance with G.S. 160D-705(d), when unnecessary hardships would result from carrying out the strict letter of the ordinance, the Planning Board shall vary any of the provisions of this ordinance upon a showing of all of the following:

(1) Unnecessary hardship would result from the strict application of the ordinance. It is not necessary to demonstrate that, in the absence of the variance, no reasonable use can be made of the property.

(2) The hardship results from conditions that are peculiar to the property, such as location, size or topography. Hardships resulting from personal circumstances, as well as hardships resulting from conditions that are common to the neighborhood or the general public, may not be the basis for granting a variance. A variance may be granted when necessary and appropriate to make a reasonable accommodation under the Federal Fair Housing Act for a person with a disability.

(3) The hardship did not result from actions taken by the applicant or the property owner. The act of purchasing property with knowledge that circumstances exist that may justify the granting of a variance is not a self-created hardship.

(4) The requested variance is consistent with the spirit, purpose and intent of the ordinance, such that public safety is secured and substantial justice is achieved.

(D) The Planning Board may impose appropriate conditions on any variance, provided that the conditions are reasonably related to the variance. No change in permitted uses may be authorized by variance.

§157.52 PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLANNING BOARD

All proceedings of the Planning Board shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of G.S. §§160D-406.

§157.53 APPEAL FROM THE PLANNING BOARD

Appeals from the Planning Board must be filed with the Superior Court of Macon County in accordance with G.S. 160D-406(k) and subject to review by the Superior Court by proceedings in the nature of certiorari pursuant to G.S. 160D-1402. Appeals shall be filed within the times specified in G.S. 160D-1405(d).

§157.54 PENALTIES, REMEDIES AND ENFORCEMENT

(A) A violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be a misdemeanor subject to the penalties and enforcement provisions of G.S. §153A-123 and G.S. 14-4.

(B) Each day's continuing violation of any of the provisions in this ordinance shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

(C) The provisions of this ordinance may be enforced by any one or more of the remedies authorized by G.S. §153A-123 and G.S. 14-4.

§156.55 SEVERABILITY

Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the declaration shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part thereof that is not specifically declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.

Effective upon adoption this 14th day of December 2021.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO CONSIDER AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 157 OF THE MACON COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCLUDE CRYPTOCURRENCY MINING FACILITIES AND/OR SIMILAR SERVER BASED FACILITIES.

Please take notice that the Macon County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Boardroom located on the third floor of the Macon County Courthouse, 5 West Main Street, Franklin, NC 28734, concerning a proposed amendment to Chapter 157 of the Macon County Code of Ordinances, High-Impact Land Uses, to include Cryptocurrency Mining Facilities (and/or similar server-based facilities) as a use regulated by the High Impact Land Use Ordinance. Public comment upon the same shall be received at this public hearing. The public is invited to attend.

Cryptocurrency Mining is a use not currently regulated in the Macon County Code of Ordinances.

A complete copy of the Macon County High Impact Land Use Ordinance together with the proposed revisions can be viewed on the County website, maconnc.org, under "Public Announcements," and a hard copy may be obtained in the lobby at the County Annex Building, 5 West Main Street, Franklin, North Carolina.

Approved for Public Hearing at the May 9, 2023 meeting of the Macon County Board of Commissioners.

Derek Roland
Ex Officio Clerk to the Macon County Board of Commissioners

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO CONSIDER MODIFICATION OF CHAPTER 28 OF THE MACON COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROHIBIT CAMPING ALONG THE LITTLE TENNESSEE RIVER GREENWAY.

Please take notice that the Macon County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Boardroom located on the third floor of the Macon County Courthouse, 5 West Main Street, Franklin, NC 28734, concerning a proposed modification of the Macon County Code of Ordinances to prohibit camping along the Little Tennessee River Greenway. Public comment upon the same shall be received at this public hearing. The public is invited to attend.

Chapter 28 of the Macon County Code of Ordinances, an Ordinance Regulating the Use of the Little Tennessee River Greenway, does not currently prohibit camping.

A complete copy of the Macon County Greenway Ordinance and the proposed revisions to prohibit camping along the Greenway can be viewed on the County website, maconnc.org, under "Public Announcements," and a hard copy may be obtained in the lobby at the County Annex Building, 5 West Main Street, Franklin, North Carolina.

Approved for Public Hearing at the May 9, 2023 meeting of the Macon County Board of Commissioners.

Derek Roland
Ex Officio Clerk to the Macon County Board of Commissioners

**AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 28 of the MACON COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES
AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF
THE LITTLE TENNESSEE RIVER GREENWAY**

THAT WHEREAS, the Macon County Board of Commissioners adopted An Ordinance Regulating the use of the Little Tennessee River Greenway on September 9, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wishes to make amendment the Ordinance by replacing Section 28.306 to prohibit camping along the Greenway and re-numbering the Penalty provisions for violation of the Ordinance as Section 28.307; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners finds the same to be in the public interest and to promote the public health, safety and welfare pursuant to authority vested in it by N.C. Gen. Stat. §153A-121; and

WHEREAS, the amendments set forth hereinafter are authorized by the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§160D-201(b) and (c) (*? and §160D-202(f) and (i)??*)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Macon County Board of Commissioners that:

Section 28.306 of the Ordinance Regulating the Use of The Little Tennessee River Greenway is replaced with the following:

Section 28.306. Camping Prohibited

A. Definitions.

Camp or camping. The use of public owned property for living accommodation purposes such as sleeping, making preparations to sleep, storing personal belongings, or placing any tent or a temporary shelter on the property for living accommodation purposes. The creation of a campfire or bonfire is also included as part of this definition, unless there is a designated location or permit policy.

Public property. Property owned or controlled by a federal, state, or local governmental entity.

Temporary shelter. Any tent, tarp, structure, or cover that provides shelter from the elements.

B. Jurisdiction.

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §160D-201(b), this section shall apply to all publicly owned property that borders the Little Tennessee River within Macon County that does not lie within a North Carolina Municipality.

C. Camping prohibited.

Camping on public property is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. It shall be unlawful for any person to sleep, camp, or otherwise engaging in any activity prohibited by this section on any publicly owned property that borders the Little Tennessee River within Macon County that does not lie within a North Carolina Municipality. The County may remove any temporary shelter, bedding, or personal belongings that are stored on the property.

The Penalty provisions for violation of the Ordinance is re-numbered as Section 28.307.

Section 28.307. Penalties.

Violation of this Ordinance or any of its provisions shall be a misdemeanor punishable on conviction by a fine not exceeding \$50.00 or by imprisonment not exceeding 30 days.

Upon Motion by Commissioner _____, and seconded by Commissioner _____, the foregoing Amendment to said Ordinance was approved at the June 13, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Macon County Board of Commissioners by vote of _____ and is therefore enacted.

Adopted at the June 13, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Macon County Board of Commissioners.

Paul Higdon, Chairman, Macon County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Derek Roland, Macon County Manager
and Clerk to the Board

PUBLIC NOTICE

The recommended Macon County budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 was submitted to the Macon County Board of Commissioners on May 23, 2023, and a copy is now available for public inspection at the receptionist desk at the Macon County Courthouse Annex Building in Franklin, N.C. The recommended budget, along with the county manager's budget message, can be accessed on the County's web site at www.maconnc.org.

The Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the recommended budget on June 13, 2023, at 6 p.m. in the Commission Boardroom on the third floor of the Macon County Courthouse, 5 West Main Street, Franklin, NC.

Derek C. Roland, County Manager
Ex Officio Clerk to the Board

Franklin Press – Run one time – May 31, 2023
Send affidavit of publication

Post Courthouse Bulletin Board
Post County Website
Media/Sunshine List

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

CATEGORY – OLD BUSINESS

MEETING DATE: June 13, 2023

10(A). At the board's May 9 regular meeting, Chairman Higdon had specifically recommended that discussion regarding an evaluation of the scope of work for the improvements to the Macon Middle School track be added to the June regular meeting agenda.

10(B). Commissioner Young is seeking to have discussion with regard to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the county and the Macon County Board of Education related to the Franklin High School project. A copy of that MOU, executed by the chairman of the school board on May 22, 2023, will be included in the agenda packet.

10(C). Commissioner Young will also address a proposed Interlocal Agreement between the county and the board of education concerning the school system's use of the so-called "Higdon property." A copy of that agreement is also included in the packet.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

COUNTY OF MACON

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, (the "MOU") is made and entered as of this 22 day of May, 2023, by and between the County of Macon, North Carolina, a body politic and corporate of the State of North Carolina (the "County") and the Macon County Board of Education a body corporate and the legal entity for the Macon County Schools, (the "Board", and collectively the "Parties").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Parties have cooperated over a period of years to examine the capital and building needs of the Parties' public schools;

WHEREAS, this cooperation has included, among other things, the Board's May 2021 resolution requesting that the County engage an architectural firm to examine the feasibility of constructing of a new Franklin High School building (the "Project") upon the existing FHS property, and the County's subsequent selection of architecture firm LS3P as the Parties' architect of record for such purposes;

WHEREAS, the Parties recognize the need for the Project to, among other things, provide a safer replacement for the current aging, multi-building FHS campus;

WHEREAS, the Parties have cooperated and engaged with LS3P to study the Project, through the production and preliminary approval of Schematic Design documents produced by LS3P;

WHEREAS, the Parties have invested local funds and resources heavily into the Project's design, including committing over \$1 million dollars to LS3P's services through the Schematic Design (\$476,161) and Design Development (\$714,242) phases of designing the Project;

WHEREAS, the Board has previously offered conveyance of the FHS property to the County for purposes of financing and constructing the Project;

WHEREAS, the Parties anticipate that the Project will cost well in excess of grant funds available, having obtained estimates of more than \$100 million; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have jointly applied to the North Carolina General Assembly for funding through the General Assembly, which proposes to include in the upcoming biennial budget as much as \$60 million in grant funding for construction of a high school through the Education Lottery Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MACON

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, is made and entered this 3 day of May, 2023, by and between the County of Macon, North Carolina, a body politic and corporate of the State of North Carolina (the "County") and the Macon County Board of Education (the "Board"), a body corporate and the legal entity for the Macon County Schools, (collectively, the "Parties").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the County has placed an offer on a property, commonly known as the "Higdon Property," being that property described in those deeds recorded in the Macon County Registry in Deed Book O-32 at Page 677, consisting of 8.43 acres more or less, and in Deed Book F-36 at Page 876, consisting of 2.54 acres more or less;

WHEREAS, the County's offer for the Higdon Property has been accepted and the County is currently within the due diligence period for the sale of the same;

WHEREAS, the Higdon Property is located directly across Wayah Street from Franklin High School;

WHEREAS, the County has offered the Higdon Property to the Board for appropriate school uses; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to acquire the Higdon Property for appropriate school and educational purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual terms and promises contained hereinbelow, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged by all parties hereto, the parties agree as follows:

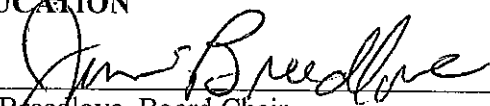
1. WHEREAS CLAUSES. The Whereas clauses above are incorporated herein and made an integral part of this Agreement.
2. LEASE AGREEMENT. The parties agree to the following terms and conditions:
 - a. Simultaneously with the closing of the County's purchase of the Higdon Property, the parties will enter into a lease agreement (the "Lease") by which the County will permit the Board to use the entire property, the buildings and grounds and associated improvements, for educational purposes. The form of the Lease shall be substantially the same as the leases typically used between the parties for other educational property.

- b. After commencement of the Lease, the parties agree to work together in good faith and with the consultation of LS3P, the parties' architect for the Franklin High School project, to determine the school programming to be provided on the Higdon Property.
 - c. The Board shall be entirely responsible for all maintenance and upkeep of the Higdon Property from and after the date of the Lease. The maintenance requirement shall survive closing on the conveyance of the Higdon Property.
3. EXITING ENCUMBRANCES. The Lease shall be subject to all existing easements, restrictions, and other encumbrances of record, except as otherwise required by the terms of this Agreement.
4. AS-IS PROPERTY. The County and Board agreed that the Higdon Property is being conveyed AS-IS, with no warranties as to the condition of the Higdon Property, nor as to their fitness for any particular purpose or use. Nothing in this paragraph shall be interpreted so as to remove or lessen the obligations of the Parties under this Agreement.
5. ASSIGNMENT. Neither party shall be authorized to assign this Agreement without the consent of the other party.
6. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Agreement represents the entire agreement between the parties, and all prior agreements are deemed to be superseded hereby.
7. AMENDMENT. This Agreement may be amended only by a written amendment, signed by both parties hereto.
8. BINDING OBLIGATION. This Agreement shall not be binding on the parties hereto until it has been duly authorized by the County Commissioners and the Board of Education at a properly called public meeting, and the Agreement has been signed by both parties and pre-audited in that manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the day and year first written above.

[Signatures appear on the following page.]

**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

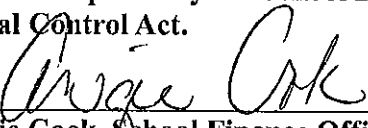


Jim Breedlove, Board Chair

Date: 5-4-23

Preaudit Statement:

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



Angie Cook, School Finance Officer

**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS**

Paul Higdon, Board Chair

Date: _____

Preaudit Statement:

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

Lori Hall, County Finance Officer

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

CATEGORY – NEW BUSINESS

MEETING DATE: June 13, 2023

11(A). Department of Social Services (DSS) Director Patrick Betancourt, along with Diane Cotton, will be at the meeting to present the recommendations for the \$75,000 in funding available from the Community Funding Pool. The list of organizations and the amounts recommended for each will be available at the meeting on Tuesday.

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

CATEGORY – CONSENT AGENDA

MEETING DATE: June 13, 2023

Item 13A. Draft minutes from the May 9, 2023 regular meeting, the May 23, 2023 continued session and the May 30, 2023 special meeting are attached for the board's review and approval. (Mike Decker/Tammy Keezer)

Item 13B. Budget Amendments #323-331 are attached for your review and approval. (Lori Carpenter)

*Year-end items from Finance Director Lori Carpenter:

Item 13C. Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget

Item 13D. Grant Project Ordinance Amendment Housing Administration

Item 13E. Grant Project Ordinance Amendment Duke Energy
Weatherization Direct Reimbursement

Item 13F. Grant Project Ordinance Amendment Duke Energy 2017 HHF

Item 13G. Grant Project Ordinance Amendment 2021 Urgent Repair URP21

Item 13H. Grant Project Ordinance Macon's Healthy Homes II

Item 13I. Grant Project Ordinance Dogwood Health Grant #2089

Item 13J. Grant Project Ordinance Dogwood Health Grant #2571

Item 13K. Grant Project Ordinance 2023 Urgent Repair URP23

Item 13L. Grant Project Ordinance WAP FY 2024

Item 13M. Capital Project Ordinance Amendment Nantahala Library-
Community Building

Item 13N. Capital Project Ordinance Amendment Franklin High School
Project

Item 13O. Capital Project Ordinance Highlands Middle School Renovations

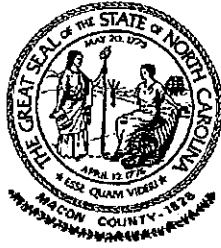
Item 13P. Capital Project Ordinance Highlands School Project

Item 13Q. Resolution Materiality Threshold GASB 96 SBITA

Item 13R. A copy of the Destruction Log from the Macon County Board of Elections regarding some 120 boxes of records that were destroyed after having met the records retention schedule recently approved by the board.

Item 13S. Tax releases for the month of May 2023 in the amount of \$1,563.99, per the attached memorandum from Tax Collections Supervisor Delena Raby.

Item 13T. A copy of the ad valorem tax collection report as of March 31, 2023, which shows a collection rate of 98.27 percent. Report only. No action is necessary. (Delena Raby)



MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MAY 9, 2023
MINUTES

Chairman Higdon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. All Board Members, County Manager Derek Roland, Deputy Clerk Mike Decker, Finance Director Lori Carpenter and County Attorney Eric Ridenour were present, as were a number of county employees, media and citizens.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Chairman Higdon requested all in attendance rise and a moment of silence was observed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Shields, the pledge to the flag was recited.

PUBLIC HEARING(S): None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: **Hazel Norris** mentioned a recent Facebook post by Bob Scott and asked board members to start responding to such posts and comments due to the negative impact of these posts on the community. **Jennifer Love** thanked the board for renewing the lease for space for the STEM program and said the program is seeking grant funds to sustain teachers and the program. She invited board members to visit the program and see what they are doing. **John Muier** introduced himself as a member of the Highlands – Cashiers Board of Realtors and expressed their support for the Highlands School project and requested the board reinstate the LS3P contract to at least Phase 3. **Chris Browning** spoke about the 2nd Amendment Resolution that was considered and failed two years ago. He reviewed the points of the resolution and said he would be bringing the resolution back for consideration at a future meeting. **Matt Jackson** inquired about the contract and plan for the Higdon property as it has been on the market for 11 years. **Freda Bennett** expressed her support for the Highlands School project and requested board members consider more meetings in Highlands. **Gracie Parker** spoke about youth mental health and thanked the board members that came and spoke at the recent event. She handed out a

resolution for board members to consider. **Lake Silver** introduced himself as the field representative for Congressman Edwards' office and explained his role as well as informed the board of the committees that Congressman Edwards is serving on. **Betsy Baste** spoke about camping on the greenway. **Rebecca Tipton** expressed her support for revisions of library policies on the selection of books and placement of books in the library. **Howard Carlie** shared newspaper articles and other written works as a reflection of what he believes is the truth about what makes a good American.

ADDITIONS, ADJUSTMENTS TO AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Upon a motion from Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Shields, the board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended as follows:

- To add Item 11H under New Business, Placement of an HVAC Unit at the Public Safety Training Center, per Mr. Roland.
- To add Item 11I under New Business, Update Regarding Premium Pay, per Mr. Roland.
- To remove Item 10B under Old Business, Follow Up Discussion and Request for Letter Opposing Statewide Child and Family Services Plan, per Mr. Roland.
- To add Item 11J under New Business, Consideration of Fireworks Permit for Rockwood Lodge, per Mr. Decker.

Recognition of the Franklin High School Cheerleading Team – Coach Lynn Baker informed the board of the recent accomplishments, recognitions and awards that have been received by the Franklin High School Cheerleading team, including national and state titles. She said that in 2023, the team was one of 1,200 teams to reach the semi-finals and finished in the Top 15 in their division. Coach Baker shared that the cheerleading program at Franklin High School has a positive reputation in the community and is known for their sportsmanship. She said they regularly have athletes who receive leadership awards at camp, and the team has received the championship award at camp for the past three years. Coach Baker introduced the 2023 team members and several members shared how being a part of this team has taught them responsibility, increased their self-esteem, enhanced their overall academic success, etc. Coach Baker said they have just completed tryouts for the 2023-24 team and will have 15 athletes. Coach Bonnie Peggs expressed her appreciation to the board for allowing them to publically recognize the athletes and shared how the coaches work hard to make the program be more than about athletics and competition as they strive to work with each cheerleader to reach their full potential as an individual as well as an athlete. She shared her thoughts about some of the challenges that the team faces in regard to practice space. Coach Baker talked about some of the flexibility that the team has to have due to the lack of practice space, scheduling, length of season compared to other sports, cost of participating as an athlete, cost of travel to and from games, events and competitions, etc. Chairman Higdon requested that Coach Baker submit those challenges to Commissioner Shields and Commissioner Young, who serve as the liaisons to the school system.

Franklin High School Career and Technical Education (CTE) Update - CTE Coordinator Colleen Strickland and Josh Brooks spoke about how they have worked for the past two years to expand the program with the motto of Reopen, Recover, Revitalize and Evaluate. Ms. Strickland stated they will be increasing the number of “pathways” from eight to 20 next school year. Mr. Brooks said that since 2021 they have increased from 137 to 878 certificates or credentials that students can earn including welding, carpentry and automotive. He said some of the programs are considered dual enrollment in which the student obtains college and high school credit at the same time. Mr. Brooks said Franklin High School is the second school in the state to have an aviation program. Ms. Strickland shared about the Early Childhood Pre-Apprenticeship pilot project and said the Higdon property would be an excellent location for their culinary program, a land lab for agriculture and provide opportunities for disabled students. She said that she and other members of Franklin High School actually toured the facility last July or August before discussions began on the county purchasing the property, and began planning how Franklin High School could utilize the property should it ever be an option.

Follow up Discussion on Notice of Sale and Upset Bid Period for the Sale of Property at 388 Bethel Church Road in Franklin – Mr. Ridenour stated the upset bid period had been posted on the Macon County website on April 17, 2023, in The Franklin Press on April 26, 2023, and closed on May 8, 2023 with no upset bids. Commissioner Young made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Antoine, to accept the final offer of \$55,350. The vote was unanimous.

Follow up Discussion and Request for Letter Opposing Statewide Child and Family Services Plan – removed.

Discussion Regarding Macon Middle School (MMS) Track Improvements – Chairman Higdon led the discussion regarding groundbreaking on the locker room after delays as well as proposals and funding for the track. He recommended that a discussion regarding the evaluation of the scope of work be added to the June regular meeting agenda.

Proposed Update to the High Impact Ordinance as it Relates to Crypto Mining Facilities – Planning Board Chair Glenn Hedden shared the recommended changes with the commission and requested a public hearing be set for the June meeting. The board members agreed by consensus to schedule the hearing for the June 13 regular meeting.

Consideration of Renewal of Lease for NCWorks – Mr. Roland reviewed the terms of the lease to be \$1.00 per year, retroactive to April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2025. Chairman Higdon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shearl, to renew the lease as requested. The vote was unanimous. [Attachment 1]

Consideration of Modification of the Greenway Ordinance to Forbid Camping Along the Greenway and to Schedule a Public Hearing for June 13, 2023 – Sheriff Brent Holbrooks informed the board of concerns expressed by citizens about camping and the safety of others utilizing the greenway. He requested the board consider modifying the current ordinance. Commissioner Shields requested Sheriff Holbrooks attend the upcoming FROGS meeting and discuss his proposal. Commissioner Shearl shared his concerns about a \$50 fine and then criminalizing someone. After brief discussion, Commissioner Young made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shields to schedule the public hearing as requested. The vote was unanimous.

Discussion and Consideration of Acceptance of a Grant from the North Carolina 911 Board to Macon County Emergency Management in the Amount of \$333,067.40 for an Upgrade to the VIPER Radio Console – 911 Communications Supervisor Todd Seagle explained the grant terms and indicated the agreement had been approved by Mr. Ridenour. Commissioner Shields made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shearl, to approve acceptance of the grant. The vote was unanimous.

Consideration and approval of Fireworks Permit for JECO Pyrotechnics Inc. for an Event at Skyline Lodge in Highlands on June 9, 2023 – Mr. Decker said the permit request was for a wedding reception and that the application had been reviewed by the Fire Inspector and the Fire Marshal and he recommended approval. Chairman Higdon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shearl, to approve the permit as requested. The vote was unanimous.

Consideration and Approval of Fireworks Permit for Deep South Fireworks, LLC for the July 4th Celebration Hosted by the Town of Franklin - Mr. Decker said that the application had been reviewed by the Fire Inspector and the Fire Marshal and he recommended approval. Chairman Higdon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shearl, to approve the permit as requested. The vote was unanimous.

Consideration and Approval of Fireworks Permit for Pyrostar Entertainment for an event at Rockwood Lodge in Highlands on June 2, 2023 - Mr. Decker said that the application had been reviewed by the Fire Inspector and the Fire Marshal and he recommended approval. Chairman Higdon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shearl, to approve the permit as requested. The vote was unanimous.

Consideration of Proclamation for North Carolina Clerks to the Boards of County Commissioners Week – Mr. Roland read the proclamation into the record [Attachment 2] recognizing Clerks to the Board and the vital role they play in county government. Commissioner Young and Chairman Higdon expressed their appreciation to Mr. Decker and thanked him for his service. Commissioner Young made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Antoine, to approve the proclamation as requested. The vote was unanimous.

Placement of HVAC Unit at Public Safety Training Center – Mr. Roland said the county is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the Public Safety Training Center, which is operated by Southwestern Community College (SCC). He stated the bids for replacing the HVAC system had ranged from \$8,000 to \$14,000 and recommended funds be transferred from contingency not to exceed \$15,000. Mr. Roland said award of the bid will be determined on the best product by Macon County Maintenance staff. Commissioner Shields made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Higdon, to use contingency funds to cover the cost of replacing the HVAC unit at the Public Safety Training Center not to exceed \$15,000. The vote was unanimous.

Premium Pay – Mr. Roland reviewed the policy that was implemented in October 2021 and said the previous board had approved that the entire \$6.94 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding be designated to premium pay. He said that the policy allowed for \$2.00 per hour to be paid for essential work performed during the pandemic from April 26, 2021 through October 20, 2024 for the purpose of recruiting and retaining quality employees. Mr. Roland stated that on April 17, 2023, counties were informed that as of April 10, 2023 they could no longer use the funds for premium pay due to the end of the public health emergency. He said the University of North Carolina School of Government is willing to work with us and other counties on solutions for utilizing the funding for the intended purpose and he will provide updates in the future.

CONSENT AGENDA: Upon a motion from Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Antoine, the board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented which includes: (A) Minutes of the April 11, 2023 regular meeting, (B) Budget Amendments #264-266; (C) Resolution Exempting Engineering Services for Macon Middle School (MMS) Athletic Building; (D) Approval of Proposal from Bunnell Lammons Engineering for construction materials testing and special inspection services at MMS Athletic Building; (E) approval of Application for the Public School Building Capital Fund North Carolina Education Lottery; (F) Approval of updated Records Retention and Disposition Schedule for Macon County Tax Records; and (G) Tax releases for the month of April in the amount of \$1,924.72.

APPOINTMENTS:

- (A) **Fire Commission Liaison** – Chairman Higdon said he had spoken with Emergency Management Director Warren Cabe and was appointing Commissioner Shearl as the liaison.
- (B) **Southwestern Community College Board of Trustees** - Commissioner Shields made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Young, to appoint Brett Rogers as requested. The vote was unanimous.

CLOSED SESSION: – At 8:47 p.m. Commissioner Shields made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Young, to go in to closed session per NCGS 143-

318.11 (a) (4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses; (a) (5) (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; and (a) (5) (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract. The vote was unanimous. At 10:12 p.m., upon a motion by Commissioner Shearl, seconded by Commissioner Young, the board voted unanimously to return to open session.

BUDGET AMENDMENT: Following an explanation by Mr. Roland, and upon a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Shields, the board voted unanimously to approve a budget amendment that transfers \$5,000 from the Economic Development Reserve Fund to the General Fund to cover the cost of an appraisal.

APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: Upon a motion by Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Young, the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of closed sessions held on January 10, February 19 and March 14, 2023 – with redactions to the February and March minutes as recommended by Mr. Ridenour.

RECESS: At 10:15 p.m., with no other business, Commissioner Young made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shields, to recess the meeting until Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 6 p.m. in the commission boardroom on the third floor of the Macon County Courthouse, 5 West Main Street, Franklin, NC. The vote was unanimous.

Derek Roland
Ex Officio Clerk to the Board

Paul Higdon
Board Chair



**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MAY 23, 2023
CONTINUED SESSION
MINUTES**

Chairman Higdon reconvened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. as recessed from the May 9, 2023 regular meeting and welcomed all in attendance. All Board Members, County Manager Derek Roland, Deputy Clerk Mike Decker, Finance Director Lori Carpenter and County Attorney Eric Ridenour were present, as were a number of county employees, media, and citizens.

ADDITIONS, ADJUSTMENTS TO AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Upon a motion from Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Young, the board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended as follows:

- To remove Item 5 "Library board appointment(s)" as requested by Mr. Ridenour and add the item to the June 2023 regular meeting agenda.

PRESENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 BUDGET

– Mr. Roland began his presentation by thanking the employees who helped put the recommended budget together. He reviewed the accomplishments of fiscal year 2023 to include advancements in broadband service for Macon County citizens, receipt of Wave 2 Opioid Settlement funding; approval of the skate park, progress made on a new Franklin High School, Macon Middle School locker room, Nantahala Community Center and Library, awning for Macon County Transit, Macon County Senior Services receipt of an award for the drive-through meal service providing during COVID-19 and the greenway expansion in partnership with the Town of Franklin. Mr. Roland said his recommended fiscal year 2024 budget represents a nine percent increase over the fiscal year 2023 budget at \$64,788,976 and is a reflection of local growth in sales tax which came in at 15.3 percent above what was budgeted. He explained that the recommended budget maintains a solid financial position, insulates the county from economic uncertainty and maintains high quality service delivery. Mr. Roland explained that the fiscal year 2024 budget immediately follows the revaluation which shows a growth factor of 1.62 percent and a revenue neutral tax rate of \$0.27 cents per \$100 valuation and would be the lowest tax rate in North Carolina. He shared that 2,141 appeals were received with \$300 million in value overturned during the revaluation process. Mr. Roland emphasized that our conservative budgeting has proven to continue to put us in an excellent

financial position. Commissioner Young shared his appreciation to Mr. Roland and thanked the employees that provided support in the preparation of the recommended budget. A copy of Mr. Roland's PowerPoint presentation is available in the office of the Clerk to the Board.

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 BUDGET FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023 AT 6 P.M. – Upon a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Shields, the board voted unanimously to schedule the public hearing as recommended.

DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION REGARDING SCHEDULING OF BUDGET WORK SESSIONS – After considerable discussion regarding the need and topics for work sessions, Commissioner Shearl made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Antoine, to schedule a work session on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 3 p.m. to hear presentations from Macon County Schools and Public Safety departments, including Emergency Management and the Sheriff's Department. The vote was unanimous.

LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT(S) – moved to the June 13, 2023 regular meeting agenda.

CONSIDERATION OF FIREWORKS PERMIT APPLICATION FROM NANTAHALA VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE – Mr. Decker stated the application had been reviewed and approved by the Fire Inspector and everything was in order. Commissioner Shields made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Young, to approve the permit as requested. The vote was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS – Commissioner Shearl expressed concern about the condition and maintenance of several county-owned properties. Mr. Roland stated that a thorough review of all county facilities had been conducted as part of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and agreed to provide Commissioner Shearl with that report.

CLOSED SESSION PER NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) – At 7:53 p.m., Commissioner Shearl made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Antoine, to go in to closed session for the purpose of preserving the attorney-client privilege in order to consult with the county attorney. At 8:42 p.m., upon a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Shields, the board voted to come out of closed session and return to open session.

ADJOURN: Having already agreed to hold a special meeting on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 3 p.m. in the commission boardroom, upon a motion by Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Shields, the board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Derek Roland
Ex Officio Clerk to the Board

Paul Higdon
Board Chair



MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MAY 30, 2023
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES

Chairman Higdon called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. All Board Members, County Manager Derek Roland, Tammy Keezer sitting in for Deputy Clerk Mike Decker, Finance Director Lori Carpenter and County Attorney Eric Ridenour were present, as were a number of county employees, media, and citizens.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Commissioner Shields requested modifying the agenda to add a public comment session. Chairman Higdon stated the purpose of the meeting was announced and that no changes could be added. Mr. Ridenour also stated the purpose of the meeting was announced as a special meeting as a work session for the board and that no changes could be made.

WORK SESSION REGARDING THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 BUDGET:

Macon County Schools - Paul Boney with LS3P delivered updated drawings of the proposed Franklin High School (FHS) project and left them for review by board members. He said LS3P is currently working to complete the construction documents of Phase I of the proposed project as well as completing design development for the remainder of the proposed FHS project. Mr. Boney said LS3P will be conducting several meetings with FHS staff, the athletic department and the liaison committee the first week of June and indicated that a cost estimate will be brought back to the board in mid-July. He shared that the current cost estimate is \$100,239,509 which is changing frequently as the designs, cost of materials and specifics are finalized. Emily Kite with LS3P shared two possible schedules: 1) Construction of the stadium starting in November 2023 following completion of the football season and construction of FHS beginning in the spring of 2024. Approvals for grading and final drawings still have to be procured, but this option allows the use of one contractor and proposes one project instead of two separate projects. LS3P would need authorization by mid-July to keep moving concurrently. If authorization is received later than mid-July, then there is a possibility that LS3P will not be able to coordinate with the school calendars to open the new school in the fall of 2026 when school

would officially start. Ms. Kite reminded board members that the stadium has already been funded through the bidding phase, but FHS has not and this option would require funding the contract for the proposed FHS project to catch up so the projects can be done jointly. 2) Two projects working separately with some overlap in separate contracts. In this option, the stadium will move somewhat ahead of the FHS project. Mr. Boney recommended the board authorize the FHS project for the construction documents and bidding phases and approve option 1. Mitch Bugillio with Davenport and Associates provided a handout to board members as a guide for his review of the county credit rating, debt ratios, general fund performance, tax supported debt, debt to assessed value, debt service vs. expenditures, and debt affordability. Mr. Bugillio also reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) summary focusing on fiscal year 2024 through fiscal year 2028 including the FHS project and provided case summaries regarding funding options for the project. Macon County Schools Superintendent Dr. Chris Baldwin shared a PowerPoint presentation on how funding resources are received and budgeted by the school board as well as identifying the current needs for the school system. He indicated that their total current budget is \$48,929,569.81 with \$38 million coming from the state and \$10 million coming from the county. He said the state estimated that 4,471 students were to be served this current school year at a rate of \$11,000 being spent per child per year for 180 school days, which equates to \$60 per child per day (\$12 per day comes from county). Dr. Baldwin walked board members through how students are served in a typical school day. He provided board members with a handout regarding the Department of Public Safety which indicates that \$130 per day per inmate is being spent by the state on those who are incarcerated in state facilities. Dr. Baldwin said the Macon County Detention Center estimates their cost at \$70 per day per inmate. He shared how the state allotment of funds is calculated for Macon County to determine the student-to-teacher ratios. Macon County Schools Finance Officer Angie Cook reviewed projections for next year and how employees are paid. She explained that they pay as many employees as possible out of state funding, then federal funding and then county funding. Ms. Cook said every employee paid from local funds is either because the school system does not have enough in other funding sources to pay them, or there is not another state or federal fund to pay them from. She said the fiscal year 2024 local budget has increased 4.5 percent based on a proposed salary increase which will increase the cost of benefits as well. Dr. Baldwin shared that the ESSER COVID relief funding for 18 positions will end in 2024 with several of those being mental health positions. Assistant Superintendent Josh Lynch provided a handout and spoke about budget needs including overtime pay for custodians and teacher assistants in order for them to drive buses due to the shortage in drivers. He also said that in order to maintain the current level of services the school system will need \$1.5 million which includes additional personnel including a first grade teacher, teacher assistant, two teacher assistant II's (29 ½ hours per week),

and extra-curricular coaching supplements. Mr. Lynch said these needs will utilize the majority of their fund balance and that loss cannot be maintained ongoing without additional funding from either state, federal or county resources. Chairman Higdon asked for an update on some of the currently identified needs including the Nantahala sewer, Macon Middle School vent pipes, and the Iotla School geothermal well issue, sewer line at East Franklin School, and any anticipated emergency funding costs. An update on each item was provided by Dr. Baldwin including indication of no known emergency funding requests at present. Chairman Higdon inquired about the cost of sending a child to the pre-K program based on citizenship and whether birth certificates, shot records, etc., were required and if all students are held to the same standard. Mr. Lynch said everyone is held to the same standard unless they are considered homeless and that currently there are no students who are considered homeless in the pre-K program. Commissioner Young asked if it would be an option for Highlands to operate as 100 percent private pay, with no cost to the taxpayer. Mr. Lynch said the school system would probably have to increase the tuition to \$696 per month to make that doable. Commissioner Shearl asked if the Board of Education had put \$160,000 for LS3P in their budget for next year for the pre-K project and if they were going to fund the project. Dr. Baldwin said if the county gives them the money then the school system will fund the project. Commissioner Young asked about the Macon Middle School track project. Dr. Baldwin said the total cost was \$550,000 and the school system has released Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for two options – resurfacing and poly-urethane for a six-lane track – with the deadline for proposals expiring in mid-June. Commissioner Young asked about the requested increase in Career Technology Education (CTE) funding and Mr. Lynch explained the funding would provide coverage for planning periods so completers in the public safety (911 Dispatcher) and the core construction certification could be added. Commissioner Shearl asked about the Highlands School expansion. He referenced an article in the May 10, 2023 edition of *The Franklin Press* about pausing the East Franklin School expansion which stated ESSER funds had been allocated for that project. Dr. Baldwin explained that ESSER funding has to be tied to issues related to the pandemic and the challenge in using ESSER funding for Highlands is that Highlands was able to maintain the six-foot distance requirement and not have issues. Additionally, Dr. Baldwin reminded board members that the ESSER funds have to be encumbered by September 2024 and spent by December 2024. Commissioner Shearl asked about the Highlands soccer field and said if the field is used for soccer only, he recommends natural turf due to an increase in injuries on artificial turf for soccer. Commissioner Young provided board members with a handout of a Memorandum of Agreement published in Franklin Press recently and read the last paragraph. He requested board members review the document and consider approval of the agreement at a later meeting. [Attachment 1]

Consideration of Change Order for Macon Middle School – Jack Morgan reviewed plans for the new locker room indicating that a sewer line is in the area and has stopped construction until the board makes a decision on how to proceed. He said either the sewer line or the building needs to be relocated and provided cost estimates for both options. Mr. Morgan said he recommended moving the building. Commissioner Shields made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Young, to approve the change order in the amount of \$5,250.25 as requested. The vote was unanimous. [Attachment 2]

Sheriff's Department – Sheriff Brent Holbrooks provided a handout of his proposed organizational chart which will allow him to better monitor his budget expenditures in the upcoming fiscal year. Captain Jonathan Phillips said the proposed budget is three-percent higher than the revised fiscal year 2023 budget. Mr. Roland stated the entire amount of the increase is the proposed cost of living adjustment (COLA) and the Step increase. Sheriff Holbrooks shared that two positions had been added without raising the overall budget and estimated that by early Fall 2023 they will be fully staffed. He said that by adding these two positions the overtime will decrease and they will have six officers per shift. Sheriff Holbrooks indicated they had a \$34,000 department-wide reduction in overtime from the previous fiscal year. Commissioner Shearl inquired about the recent implementation of the scanning machines in the courthouse and said he thought we could build a nice metal building cheaper than we are paying for courthouse security to house court. Commissioner Shearl asked about camping on the greenway and said placing people in jail is not the answer. Commissioner Shearl asked about an X-ray machine for the jail. Sheriff Holbrooks said there had been five recent overdoses in the jail and with a full- body scan machine they could see anything in their body and may have caught the substances before they reached the general population. He said the estimated cost of a full-body scanner is \$100,000.

Fire – Town of Franklin Manager Aimee Owens said she was here at the recommendation of the Franklin Town Council to request reconsideration of the proposed fire tax rate for Franklin Fire and Rescue and put it back at the seven-percent they requested last year. She said she understood the goal was to be revenue neutral, but that Franklin Fire and Rescue is in need of two fire apparatus due to outdated equipment (27 and 31 years old, respectively), and the increase would allow them to have enough debt service money to purchase new units. Franklin Fire Chief Ben Ormond spoke about the need for this increase due to the age of their fire trucks and the need to replace them.

Emergency Management – Emergency Services Director Warren Cabe utilized a PowerPoint presentation to provide an overview of the structure, infrastructure expenditures for the current fiscal year, call comparison for

fiscal year 2022 and fiscal year 2023, billing – majority of patients are Medicare -- notable expenses for fiscal year 2024, projected revenue for fiscal year 2024, rates, etc. Mr. Cabe talked about service fees for fire districts and options for change. He said the contract prevents us from withholding funds, but changes in the new contract allow for withholding funds for group purchasing.

ADJOURN: After some discussion regarding public comment and whether to have public comment at another work session, plus agenda items for the next work session, and maintenance and building upkeep, Commissioner Shearl requested a work session on June 8, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss solid waste, health, DSS, and parks and recreation. Chairman Higdon stated a Special Meeting will be held to discuss these items and the Memorandum of Agreement discussed earlier will be added to the June 13 agenda. At 8:30 p.m., upon a motion from Commissioner Shields, seconded by Commissioner Young, the board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Derek Roland
Ex Officio Clerk to the Board

Paul Higdon
Board Chair

MACON COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT
 AMENDMENT # 326

DEPARTMENT: HEALTH

EXPLANATION: Agreement Addendum for FY24 includes monies that are budgeted to pay for June 2023 expenses. The budget for FY23 needs to be increased by \$6433 in order to cover the June 2023 expenses. Increase revenue and expenditures by \$6433.

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
115125-555106	Contracted Services	5,983	
115125-558901	Travel	450	
113511-426001	Tobacco Grant	6,433	

PREPARED BY: Judy Bell

REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT HEAD Kathleen Hester

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE OFFICER Adam O'Connell

APPROVED BY COUNTY MANAGER _____

ACTION BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 6/13/2023

APPROVED AND ENTERED ON MINUTES DATED _____

CLERK _____

MACON COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT
 AMENDMENT # 330

DEPARTMENT: HEALTH

EXPLANATION: Agreement Addendum for FY24 includes monies that are budgeted to pay for June 2023 expenses. The budget for FY23 needs to be increased by \$5625 in order to cover the June 2023 expenses. Increase revenue and expenditures by \$5625

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
115153-565031	Minority Diabetes Prevention Grant	5,625	
113511-426007	Minority Diabetes Prevention Grant	5,625	

PREPARED BY Judy Bell

REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT HEAD Keith M. Staro

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE OFFICER Debra

APPROVED BY COUNTY MANAGER _____

ACTION BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 6/13/2023

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CLERK _____

MACON COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT #

331

DEPARTMENT

American Rescue Plan Fund, General Fund, Housing Fund, Solid Waste Fund

EXPLANATION

Transfer ARP funds to the General Fund, Housing Fund, and Solid Waste Fund for premium pay and fringes and revenue replacement grant matching funds.

ACCOUNT		DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
279000	981011	TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	1,717,501	
279000	980051	TRANSFER TO HOUSING FUND	24,847	
279000	981160	TRANSFER TO SOLID WASTE FUND	158,338	
279400	550001	SALARY		1,526,744
279400	550201	MEDICARE/FICA		116,908
279400	550207	RETIREMENT-GENERAL		139,731
279400	550701	COUNTY 401K		22,982
279400	550702	LAW 401K		11,038
279400	550703	RETIREMENT-LEO		28,786
279400	550002	PART TIME SALARY		4,497
279400	699000	GRANT MATCH		50,000
113981	981027	TRANSFER FROM ARPA FUND	1,717,501	
114120	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	8,365	
114130	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	25,047	
114140	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	29,207	
114141	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	13,083	
114142	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	24,510	
114160	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	15,205	
114170	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	17,453	
114180	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	12,661	
114210	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	28,135	
114250	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	21,158	
114260	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	94,361	
114310	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	260,217	
114313	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	46,337	
114321	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	88,151	
114350	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	31,435	
114370	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	229,344	
114373	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	8,086	
114375	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	81,171	
114377	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	17,495	
114380	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	23,741	
114930	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	8,839	
114935	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	61,590	
114940	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	10,307	
115110	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	24,870	
115111	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	23,426	
115120	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	8,097	
115129	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	1,114	
115144	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	4,891	
115145	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	12,182	
115146	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	6,064	
115147	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	4,113	
115148	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	8,218	
115150	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	4,303	
115152	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	4,196	
115153	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	4,093	
115157	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	20,063	

Amendment # 331 Continued

Increase

Decrease

			Increase	Decrease
115159	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	2,522	
115167	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	4,179	
115182	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	21,031	
115183	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	8,897	
115184	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	9,887	
115300	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	22,161	
115340	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	4,101	
115345	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	97,823	
115350	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	3,707	
115360	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	68,321	
115365	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	16,085	
115820	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	8,493	
115831	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	29,640	
115834	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	9,544	
115836	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	4,400	
115837	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	8,134	
116120	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	67,048	
114925	550310	ECONOMIC DEVELOP INCENTIVES	50,000	
513981	981027	TRANSFER FROM ARPA FUND	24,847	
514009	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	24,847	
603983	981027	TRANSFER FROM ARPA FUND	158,338	
604712	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	15,715	
604715	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	68,161	
604720	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	24,502	
604724	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	13,710	
604725	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	23,090	
604726	550007	PREMIUM PAY & FRINGES	13,160	

REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT HEAD

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE OFFICER

Adrian Capella

APPROVED BY COUNTY MANAGER

ACTION BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

6/13/2023

APPROVED & ENTERED ON MINUTES DATED

CLERK

**MACON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
ORDINANCE AMENDING
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Macon County, North Carolina:

SECTION 1. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund for the operation of the county government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this county:

Governing Board	\$ 508,971
Administration	597,421
Finance	729,607
Tax Supervision	840,009
Mapping	212,287
Tax Assessment	641,650
Legal	130,000
Human Resources	409,416
Board of Elections	555,456
Register of Deeds	382,405
Information Technology	4,072,108
Garage	476,378
Buildings & Grounds	2,703,231
Sheriff	6,275,409
Courthouse Security	887,547
NC Forest Service Contract	102,626
CARES Act CRF	-
Jail/Law Enforcement Center	3,396,508
Permitting, Planning, and Development	839,492
Emergency Medical Service	5,336,134
Emergency Management Services/Fire Task Force	2,193,488
E911 Addressing	172,356
Animal Control	456,644
Airport	33,650
Economic Development	150,036
Cowee School	70,800
Transit Services	3,261,034
Soil Conservation	590,848
Cooperative Extension	298,998
Health Department	7,426,354
Social Services	6,375,940
Mental Health/Handicapped	168,993
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council	146,382
Veterans Services	159,556
Senior Services	1,151,014
Library Services	1,101,860
Recreation	2,133,897
Education	11,824,908
Transfers to other funds	3,043,948
Special Appropriations	266,576
Non-Departmental	<u>2,913,152</u>
Total Appropriations	\$ 73,037,089

SECTION 2. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

Tax Collections	\$	34,343,295
Gross Receipts Tax		38,000
Local Option Sales Tax		14,133,988
Payments in Lieu of Taxes		390,000
Service Fees		4,317,799
Health Programs		3,734,276
JCPC Grants		113,126
Social Services Revenues		4,153,822
Transit Services Grants & Fees		2,372,729
Veterans Affairs		2,200
Senior Services Revenues & Fees		560,800
Recreation Fees		45,500
Interest Earnings		2,310,000
Rentals		63,000
ABC Funds		15,000
Miscellaneous Income		302,194
Fund Balance Appropriated		2,500
Grants		676,359
Transfers from other funds		2,012,501
Other Financing Sources-Leases		750,000
Other Financing Sources-SBITAs		<u>2,700,000</u>
Total Estimated Revenues	\$	73,037,089

SECTION 3. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Debt Service Fund for the payment of principal and interest on the outstanding and anticipated debt of the county and the fees relating thereto for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

Principal payments	\$	3,524,562
Interest payments		885,385
Issuance costs		-
Payment to refunding escrow agent		-
Lease payments		-
Debt service reserve		<u>1,464,346</u>
Total Appropriations	\$	5,874,293

SECTION 4. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Debt Service Fund for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

Transfer from General Fund	\$	1,266,351
Transfer from Schools Capital Reserve Fund		3,650,260
Subsidy Refunds		205,022
Town of Franklin		36,597
Lottery		300,000
Interest		416,063
Premium on bonds		<u>-</u>
Total Estimated Revenues	\$	5,874,293

SECTION 5. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Schools Capital Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

Transfer to Debt Service Fund	\$	<u>3,650,260</u>
Total Appropriations	\$	3,650,260

SECTION 6. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Schools Capital Reserve Fund for the year beginning July 1 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

Local Option Sales Tax/Interest Earnings	\$	<u>3,650,260</u>
Total Estimated Revenues	\$	3,650,260

SECTION 7. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Fire District Tax Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

Franklin	\$	1,203,198
Clarks Chapel		366,314
Otto		526,116
Cullasaja		351,758
West Macon		337,497
Scaly Mountain		160,938
Burningtown/lotla		274,553
Cowee		348,916
Nantahala		247,500
Highlands		1,107,704
Mountain Valley		145,648
Total Appropriations	\$	5,070,142

SECTION 8. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Fire District Tax Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023. The following tax rates, based upon the various estimated collections rates, are hereby levied for the Fire Tax Districts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023. Rates are per \$100 of assessed valuation of taxable property.

<u>Fire District</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Levy</u>	<u>Estimated Collection Rate</u>
Franklin	0.0700	\$ 1,161,198	98.19%
Clarks Chapel	0.0802	349,314	98.06%
Otto	0.1000	504,116	98.03%
Cullasaja	0.0720	339,758	98.25%
West Macon	0.0724	324,497	98.71%
Scaly Mountain	0.0586	155,938	99.46%
Burningtown/lotla	0.1156	262,053	98.03%
Cowee	0.1142	331,916	98.17%
Nantahala	0.0706	234,500	97.85%
Highlands	0.0300	1,096,704	99.15%
Mountain Valley	0.1261	138,148	98.53%
Prior Year Taxes	-	172,000	
Total Estimated Revenues		\$ 5,070,142	

SECTION 9. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Emergency 911 Surcharge Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

911 Program	\$	284,663
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SECTION 10. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Emergency 911 Surcharge Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

911 Revenues	\$	173,930
Fund Balance Appropriated		110,733
Total Estimated Revenues	\$	284,663

SECTION 11. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Solid Waste Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

Solid Waste Operations	\$	6,341,888
Transfers to Closure/Post closure Reserve		471,659
Total Appropriations	\$	6,813,547

SECTION 12. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Solid Waste Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

Landfill Fees	\$	3,000,000
Tipping Fees		1,900,000
Recycling Sales		450,000
State Reimbursements		99,000
Other Revenues		415,591
Fund balance appropriated		790,618
Transfer from American Rescue Plan Fund		158,338
Total Estimated Revenues	\$	6,813,547

SECTION 13. The following amount is appropriated in the Old Sites Closure/Post-Closure Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

Post-Closure Expenditures	\$ 90,559
Total Appropriations	<u>\$ 90,559</u>

SECTION 14. It is estimated that the following revenue will be available in the Old Sites Closure/Post-Closure Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

Transfer from Solid Waste Fund	\$ 90,559
Total Estimated Revenues	<u>\$ 90,559</u>

SECTION 15. The following amounts are appropriated in the Cell I Closure/Post-Closure Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

Closure Reserve/Closure Costs	\$ 1,267,627
Post-Closure Reserve	2,500
Remediation Reserve	<u>65,100</u>
Total Appropriations	<u>\$ 1,335,227</u>

SECTION 16. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Cell I Closure/Post-Closure Reserve Fund for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

Transfer from Solid Waste Fund/Fund Balance Appropriated	<u>\$ 1,335,227</u>
Total Estimated Revenues	<u>\$ 1,335,227</u>

SECTION 17. The following amount is appropriated in the Self-Insured Health Insurance Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

Insurance Claims/Premium/Administration	<u>\$ 5,151,780</u>
Total Appropriations	<u>\$ 5,151,780</u>

SECTION 18. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Self-Insured Health Insurance Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

Contributions from Other Funds	\$ 4,989,834
Cobra/Retirees Contributions	32,190
Interest Earnings	18,000
Transfer from general fund	61,756
Fund balance appropriated	<u>50,000</u>
Total Estimated Revenues	<u>\$ 5,151,780</u>

SECTION 19. The following amounts are appropriated in the Federal/State Forfeiture Fund (fund 22) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

Federal Forfeiture Expenditures	\$ -
State Forfeiture Expenditures	<u>16,958</u>
Total Appropriations	<u>\$ 16,958</u>

SECTION 20. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Federal/State Forfeiture Fund (fund 22) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

Federal Forfeiture Revenues/Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ -
State Forfeiture Revenues/Fund Balance Appropriated	<u>16,958</u>
Total Estimated Revenues	<u>\$ 16,958</u>

SECTION 21. The following amount is appropriated in the Economic Dev. Reserve Fund (fund 20) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

Capital Reserve/Transfer to general fund	\$	295,000
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SECTION 22. It is estimated that the following revenue will be available in the Economic Dev. Reserve Fund (fund 20) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

Fund balance appropriated/transfer from general fund	\$	295,000
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SECTION 23. The following amount is appropriated in the Occupancy Tax Fund (fund 28) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

Occupancy Tax	\$	2,432,423
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SECTION 24. It is estimated that the following revenue will be available in the Occupancy Tax Fund (fund 28) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

Occupancy Tax Collections	\$	2,432,423
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SECTION 25. The following amount is appropriated in the Representative Payee Funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

Representative Payee Funds Expenditures	\$	282,000
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SECTION 26. It is estimated that the following revenue will be available in the Representative Payee Funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

Representative Payee Funds Revenues	\$	282,000
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SECTION 27. The following amount is appropriated in the Fines and Forfeitures Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

Fines and Forfeitures Expenditures	\$	220,000
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SECTION 28. It is estimated that the following revenue will be available in the Fines and Forfeitures Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

Fines and Forfeitures Revenues	\$	220,000
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SECTION 29. The following amount is appropriated in the Deed of Trust Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

Deed of Trust Expenditures	\$	70,000
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SECTION 30. It is estimated that the following revenue will be available in the Deed of Trust Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

Deed of Trust Revenues	\$	70,000
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SECTION 31. The following amount is appropriated in the Relief Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

Relief Fund Expenditures	\$	2,704
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SECTION 32. It is estimated that the following revenue will be available in the Relief Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

Relief Fund Revenues	\$	2,704
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SECTION 33. The following amount is appropriated in the American Rescue Plan Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

Expenditures/Transfers to other funds	\$	6,964,996
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SECTION 34. It is estimated that the following revenue will be available in the American Rescue Plan Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

American Rescue Plan Revenues	\$	6,964,996
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SECTION 35. The Board of County Commissioners hereby levies a tax at the rate of 40.00 cents per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of property listed as of January 1, 2022, for the purpose of raising revenue included in "Tax Collections" in the General Fund in Section 2 of this ordinance.

This rate of tax is based upon an estimated total valuation of property for the purpose of taxation of \$8,301,369,900 and an estimated collection rate of 98.57% for real/personal and 100% for motor vehicles.

SECTION 36. The Board of County Commissioners hereby levies a per unit assessment fee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023, on solid waste disposal based upon the following schedule:

Residential Household/Mobile Home	\$	108.00
Commercial Buildings	\$	108.00

The Board of Commissioners authorizes the assessment amount to be printed on the Macon County Property Tax statement. The assessment is authorized to be collected in the same manner as property tax.

SECTION 37. The Board of Commissioners hereby levies a charge of \$66.00 per ton for non-residential tipping fees for demolition and commercial waste. A charge of \$10.00 per ton is levied for Materials Useful and a charge of \$30.00 per ton is levied for brush and stumps. A charge of \$8.75 per ton is levied for Highlands transfer fee to Macon County Landfill.

SECTION 38. The County Manager and/or Finance Director are hereby authorized to transfer appropriations within a fund as contained herein under the following conditions:

- a) The Finance Director may transfer amounts between objects of expenditure within a department or between revenue line items.
- b) The County Manager may transfer amounts between departments.
- c) The funding for approved reclassifications may be transferred from the budgeted reserve with the approval of the County Manager.
- d) No revenues may be increased, no funds may be transferred from the Contingency account in the General Fund, and no transfers may be made between funds unless formal action is taken by the Board of Commissioners.

SECTION 39. The County Manager is hereby authorized to accept grant funding which has been previously approved for application by the Board of Commissioners, including any local match involved. The County Manager is authorized to execute any resulting grant documents. Also, the County Manager is authorized to enter into contracts for purchases of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment as described in G.S. 143-129(a) up to the limits stated therein for informal bidding which are within budgeted appropriations. The County Manager is authorized to enter into routine service contracts in the normal course of county operation within budgeted appropriations. Change Orders for capital project contracts previously approved by the Board of Commissioners may be approved by the County Manager up to the informal bidding limits referred to above, provided that sufficient funding is available. All contracts authorized by this ordinance are approved for signature by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, the County Manager, and/or the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners as appropriate.

SECTION 40. Copies of this Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and to the Budget Officer and Finance Director to be kept on file by them for their direction in the disbursement of funds.

Adopted this 13th day of June 2023.

Paul Higdon
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Derek Roland
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

**MACON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE
AMENDMENT
HOUSING ADMINISTRATION**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Macon County Board of Commissioners, Macon County, North Carolina, that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following grant project ordinance is hereby amended:

SECTION 1. The project authorized is Housing Administration and premium pay funded by miscellaneous revenues and transfers from the general fund and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) fund.

SECTION 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the grant project within the requirements of G.S. 159-26 and the budget contained herein.

SECTION 3. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

Housing Administration	\$1,578,463
Premium Pay	<u>48,056</u>
Total	\$1,626,519

SECTION 4. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete the project:

Transfers from general fund & misc. revenues	\$1,578,463
Transfers from ARPA fund	<u>48,056</u>
Total	\$1,626,519

SECTION 5. The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the grant project fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of G.S. 159-26.

SECTION 6. Copies of this grant project ordinance shall be furnished to the County Manager and the Finance Director for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED this 13th day of June 2023.

Paul Higdon, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

**MACON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**DUKE ENERGY INCOME QUALIFIED WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM
DIRECT REIMBURSEMENT**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Macon County Board of Commissioners, Macon County, North Carolina, that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following grant project ordinance is hereby amended:

SECTION 1. The project authorized is the Duke Energy Income Qualified Weatherization Program - Direct Reimbursement administered through the NC Community Action Association.

SECTION 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the grant project within the requirements of G.S. 159-26 and the budget contained herein.

SECTION 3. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

Weatherization Projects	<u>\$189,058</u>
Total	<u>\$189,058</u>

SECTION 4. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete the project:

DEC WX Funds	<u>\$189,058</u>
Total	<u>\$189,058</u>

SECTION 5. The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the grant project fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of G.S. 159-26.

SECTION 6. Copies of this grant project ordinance shall be furnished to the County Manager and the Finance Director for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED this 13th day of June 2023.

Paul Higdon, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

**MACON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**DUKE ENERGY'S 2017 HELPING HOME FUND
MOU #2017-2200**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Macon County Board of Commissioners, Macon County, North Carolina, that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following grant project ordinance is hereby amended:

SECTION 1. The project authorized is the Duke Energy's 2017 Helping Home Fund administered through the NC Community Action Association.

SECTION 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the grant project within the requirements of G.S. 159-26 and the budget contained herein.

SECTION 3. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

Health & Safety, Appliance Replacement, & HVAC Repair	<u>\$186,603</u>
Total	\$186,603

SECTION 4. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete the project:

Duke Energy 2017 HHF Funds	<u>\$186,603</u>
Total	\$186,603

SECTION 5. The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the grant project fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of G.S. 159-26.

SECTION 6. Copies of this grant project ordinance shall be furnished to the County Manager and the Finance Director for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED this 13th day of June 2023.

Paul Higdon, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

**MACON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
2021 URGENT REPAIR PROGRAM**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Macon County Board of Commissioners, Macon County, North Carolina, that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following grant project ordinance is hereby amended:

SECTION 1. The project authorized is the 2021 Urgent Repair Program (URP21) administered through the NC Housing Finance Agency.

SECTION 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the grant project within the requirements of G.S. 159-26 and the budget contained herein.

SECTION 3. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

Urgent Repair	\$100,121
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SECTION 4. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete the project:

NC Housing Finance Agency	\$100,000
Interest	<u>121</u>
Total	\$100,121

SECTION 5. The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the grant project fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of G.S. 159-26.

SECTION 6. Copies of this grant project ordinance shall be furnished to the County Manager and the Finance Director for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED this 13th day of June 2023.

Paul Higdon, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

**MACON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE
2022 HEALTHY HOMES INITIATIVE**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Macon County Board of Commissioners, Macon County, North Carolina, that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following grant project ordinance is hereby adopted:

SECTION 1. The project authorized is Macon's Healthy Homes II administered through the Highlands Cashiers Health Foundation and the Nantahala Health Foundation.

SECTION 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the grant project within the requirements of G.S. 159-26 and the budget contained herein.

SECTION 3. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

Macon's Healthy Homes II	<u>\$60,000</u>
Total	\$60,000

SECTION 4. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete the project:

Nantahala Health Foundation Grant	\$30,000
Highlands Cashiers Health Foundation Grant	<u>30,000</u>
Total	\$60,000

SECTION 5. The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the grant project fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of G.S. 159-26.

SECTION 6. Copies of this grant project ordinance shall be furnished to the County Manager and the Finance Director for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED this 13th day of June 2023.

Paul Higdon, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

**MACON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE
DOGWOOD HEALTH TRUST GRANT #2089**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Macon County Board of Commissioners, Macon County, North Carolina, that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following grant project ordinance is hereby adopted:

SECTION 1. The project authorized is Affordable Housing Planning administered through the Dogwood Health Trust.

SECTION 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the grant project within the requirements of G.S. 159-26 and the budget contained herein.

SECTION 3. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

Affordable Housing Planning	<u>\$110,000</u>
Total	\$110,000

SECTION 4. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete the project:

Dogwood Health Trust Grant	<u>\$110,000</u>
Total	\$110,000

SECTION 5. The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the grant project fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of G.S. 159-26.

SECTION 6. Copies of this grant project ordinance shall be furnished to the County Manager and the Finance Director for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED this 13th day of June 2023.

Paul Higdon, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

**MACON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE
DOGWOOD HEALTH TRUST GRANT #2571**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Macon County Board of Commissioners, Macon County, North Carolina, that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following grant project ordinance is hereby adopted:

SECTION 1. The project authorized is Essential Urgent Repair Support administered through the Dogwood Health Trust.

SECTION 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the grant project within the requirements of G.S. 159-26 and the budget contained herein.

SECTION 3. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

Essential Urgent Repair Support	<u>\$50,000</u>
Total	\$50,000

SECTION 4. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete the project:

Dogwood Health Trust Grant	<u>\$50,000</u>
Total	\$50,000

SECTION 5. The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the grant project fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of G.S. 159-26.

SECTION 6. Copies of this grant project ordinance shall be furnished to the County Manager and the Finance Director for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED this 13th day of June 2023.

Paul Higdon, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

**MACON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE
2023 URGENT REPAIR PROGRAM**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Macon County Board of Commissioners, Macon County, North Carolina, that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following grant project ordinance is hereby adopted:

SECTION 1. The project authorized is the 2023 Urgent Repair Program (URP23) administered through the NC Housing Finance Agency.

SECTION 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the grant project within the requirements of G.S. 159-26 and the budget contained herein.

SECTION 3. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

Urgent Repair	\$132,000
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SECTION 4. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete the project:

NC Housing Finance Agency	\$132,000
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SECTION 5. The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the grant project fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of G.S. 159-26.

SECTION 6. Copies of this grant project ordinance shall be furnished to the County Manager and the Finance Director for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED this 13th day of June 2023.

Paul Higdon, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

**MACON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE
WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FY 2024**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Macon County Board of Commissioners, Macon County, North Carolina, that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following grant project ordinance is hereby adopted:

SECTION 1. The project authorized is a Weatherization Assistance Program and a Heating and Air Repair and Replacement Program administered through the NC Department of Environmental Quality.

SECTION 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the grant project within the requirements of N.C.G.S. 159-26 and the budget contained herein.

SECTION 3. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

Weatherization Services DOE	\$172,947
Weatherization Services DHHS	429,707
HARRP Services DHHS	<u>241,608</u>
Total	\$844,262

SECTION 4. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete the project:

DOE WX Funds	\$172,947
DHHS LIHEAP WX Funds	429,707
DHHS HARRP Funds	<u>241,608</u>
Total	\$844,262

SECTION 5. The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the grant project fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of N.C.G.S. 159-26.

SECTION 6. Copies of this grant project ordinance shall be furnished to the County Manager and the Finance Director for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED this 13th day of June 2023.

Paul Higdon, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

**MACON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE
AMENDMENT
NANTAHALA LIBRARY/COMMUNITY BUILDING**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Macon County Board of Commissioners, Macon County, North Carolina, that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following capital project ordinance is hereby amended:

SECTION 1. The project authorized is Nantahala Library/Community Building.

SECTION 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the capital project within the terms of the budget contained herein.

SECTION 3. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

Construction/Renovation	<u>\$800,000</u>
Total	<u>\$800,000</u>

SECTION 4. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete the project:

Transfer from general fund	\$500,000
State Capital Infrastructure Grant	<u>300,000</u>
Total	<u>\$800,000</u>

SECTION 5. The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the Capital Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of the General Statutes of the North Carolina.

SECTION 6. The Finance Director is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations between line items within the capital projects fund.

SECTION 7. Copies of this capital project ordinance shall be furnished to the County Manager and the Finance Director for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED this 13th day of June 2023.

Paul Higdon, Chairman
Macon County Board of Commissioners

**MACON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE
AMENDMENT
FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Macon County Board of Commissioners, Macon County, North Carolina, that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following capital project ordinance is hereby amended:

SECTION 1. The project authorized is Franklin High School Project.

SECTION 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the capital project within the terms of the budget contained herein.

SECTION 3. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

Architect Fees	\$ 2,131,403
Professional Fees	<u>66,732</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,198,135</u>

SECTION 4. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete the project:

Transfer from general fund	\$ <u>2,198,135</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,198,135</u>

SECTION 5. The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the Capital Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina.

SECTION 6. The Finance Director is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations between line items within the capital projects fund.

SECTION 7. Copies of this capital project ordinance shall be furnished to the County Manager and the Finance Director for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED this 13th day of June 2023.

Paul Higdon, Chairman
Macon County Board of Commissioners

**MACON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE
HIGHLANDS MIDDLE SCHOOL RENOVATIONS**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Macon County Board of Commissioners, Macon County, North Carolina, that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following capital project ordinance is hereby adopted:

SECTION 1. The project authorized is Highlands Middle School Renovations.

SECTION 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the capital project within the terms of the budget contained herein.

SECTION 3. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

Architect Fees	<u>\$ 63,430</u>
Total	<u>\$ 63,430</u>

SECTION 4. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete the project:

Repair & Renovation Lottery Funds	<u>\$ 63,430</u>
Total	<u>\$ 63,430</u>

SECTION 5. The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the Capital Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina.

SECTION 6. The Finance Director is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations between line items within the capital projects fund.

SECTION 7. Copies of this capital project ordinance shall be furnished to the County Manager and the Finance Director for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED this 13th day of June 2023.

Paul Higdon, Chairman
Macon County Board of Commissioners

**MACON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE
HIGHLANDS SCHOOL PROJECT**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Macon County Board of Commissioners, Macon County, North Carolina, that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following capital project ordinance is hereby adopted:

SECTION 1. The project authorized is Highlands School Project.

SECTION 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the capital project within the terms of the budget contained herein.

SECTION 3. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

Architect Fees	\$ 35,263
Total	<u>\$ 35,263</u>

SECTION 4. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete the project:

Transfer from general fund	\$ 35,263
Total	<u>\$ 35,263</u>

SECTION 5. The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the Capital Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina.

SECTION 6. The Finance Director is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations between line items within the capital projects fund.

SECTION 7. Copies of this capital project ordinance shall be furnished to the County Manager and the Finance Director for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED this 13th day of June 2023.

Paul Higdon, Chairman
Macon County Board of Commissioners

Resolution To Establish Materiality Threshold for Recognition Of
Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (“SBITAs”)
Under GASB Statement No. 96

WHEREAS, General Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) Statement No. 96 provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (“SBITAs”); and

WHEREAS, a SBITA is defined as a contract that conveys control of the right to use another party’s information technology (IT) software, alone or in combination with a tangible capital asset, as specified in the contract for a defined period of time (a “subscription term”); and

WHEREAS, under GASB Statement No. 96, a government entity generally should recognize a right-to-use subscription *asset*, and a corresponding subscription *liability*; and

WHEREAS, for certain IT subscriptions, either the initial price or present value of future subscription payments will be immaterial to the total value of the County’s SBITA assets and liabilities; and

WHEREAS, after review of the IT subscription contracts currently in place, county staff believes that a materiality threshold of \$2,500.00 is reasonable with respect to compliance with GASB Statement No. 96, and therefore recommends that the Board of Commissioners adopt that materiality threshold for GASB Statement No. 96 accounting purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Macon County Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt \$2,500.00 as the materiality threshold for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) when determining whether to recognize such subscriptions as assets and the cost related to same as liabilities in compliance with GASB Statement No. 96. This resolution is retroactively effective to the implementation date of July 1, 2022. The Board reserves the right to adjust this materiality threshold from time to time as may be needed or recommended for audit purposes.

Adopted this 13th day of June 2023.

Paul Higdon, Chairman

Attest:

Mike Decker, Clerk to the Board

Destructions Log

County/Municipality	Division	Section	Branch				
	<i>Macon</i>						
Location(s) of Records	<i>Board of Elections Department</i>						
Records Series	Required Retention	Date Range	Volume (file drawers or MB)	Media (Paper Electronic)	Date of Destruction	Method of Destruction	Authorization for Destruction
<i>Unused unused ballots daily scanned batches registration forms</i>	<i>22 months</i>	<i>2007-2020</i>	<i>10 boxes</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>4/27/23</i>	<i>Shred</i>	<i>M.D. Hubault</i>
<i>AV items</i>	<i>2 months</i>		<i>10 boxes</i>	<i>P</i>			
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<i>Unused ballots</i>	<i>22 months</i>		<i>20 boxes</i>	<i>P</i>			
				<i>120 boxes total</i>			

Melanie D. Hubault

Macon County Tax Office
5 West Main Street
Franklin, NC 28734



Phone: (828) 349-2149
draby@maconnc.org

TO: MACON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FROM: Macon County Tax Collector's Office
Delena Raby, Tax Collections Supervisor

DATE: June 06, 2023

RE: Releases for May, 2023

Attached please find the report of property tax releases for real estate and personal property that require your approval in order to continue with the process of releasing these amounts from the tax accounts. Please feel free to contact me if you should have any questions. The report of releases in alphabetical order is attached.

AMOUNT OF RELEASES FOR MAY 2023: \$ 1,563.99

RELEASES REPORT
Macon County

NAME	BILL NUMBER	OPER	DATE/TIME	DISTRICT	VALUE	AMOUNT
18882 REECE, J D	2022-203826	LAS	12/31/9999 12:34:48 PM			
				F01 ADVLTAX	929.00	0.65
				G01 ADVLTAX	929.00	3.72
				L01 FFEFEE	929.00	108.00
				TOTAL RELEASES:		112.37
18882 REECE, J D	2016-203826	LAS	12/31/9999 12:44:56 PM			
				F01 ADVLTAX	1,142.00	0.51
				G01 ADVLTAX	1,142.00	3.99
				L01 FFEFEE	1,142.00	95.00
				TOTAL RELEASES:		99.50
18882 REECE, J D	2017-203826	LAS	12/31/9999 12:44:10 PM			
				F01 ADVLTAX	946.00	0.52
				G01 ADVLTAX	946.00	3.30
				L01 FFEFEE	946.00	95.00
				TOTAL RELEASES:		98.82
18882 REECE, J D	2018-203826	LAS	12/31/9999 12:40:19 PM			
				F01 ADVLTAX	1,029.00	0.56
				G01 ADVLTAX	1,029.00	3.59
				L01 FFEFEE	1,029.00	95.00
				TOTAL RELEASES:		99.15
18882 REECE, J D	2019-203826	LAS	12/31/9999 12:39:37 PM			
				F01 ADVLTAX	1,029.00	0.56
				G01 ADVLTAX	1,029.00	3.86
				L01 FFEFEE	1,029.00	95.00
				TOTAL RELEASES:		99.42
18882 REECE, J D	2020-203826	LAS	12/31/9999 12:39:03 PM			
				F01 ADVLTAX	1,029.00	0.56
				G01 ADVLTAX	1,029.00	3.86
				L01 FFEFEE	1,029.00	108.00
				TOTAL RELEASES:		112.42
18882 REECE, J D	2021-203826	LAS	12/31/9999 12:35:35 PM			
				F01 ADVLTAX	929.00	0.51
				G01 ADVLTAX	929.00	3.72
				L01 FFEFEE	929.00	108.00
				TOTAL RELEASES:		112.23

RELEASES REPORT
Macon County

NAME	BILL NUMBER	OPER	DATE/TIME	DISTRICT	VALUE	AMOUNT
93180 STANFIELD, JEFFERY JR	2022-65713 DY: RP:6572582392	DLR	12/31/9999 10:55:51 AM			
	CLERICAL ERROR			F02 ADVL TAX	1,800.00	1.44
	CLERICAL ERROR			G01 ADVL TAX	1,800.00	7.20
	CLERICAL ERROR			L01 FFEFEE	1,800.00	108.00
	NO MOBILE HOME ON PROPERTY			TOTAL RELEASES:		116.64
93180 STANFIELD, JEFFERY JR	2021-65713 DY: RP:6572582392	DLR	12/31/9999 10:57:39 AM			
	CLERICAL ERROR			F02 ADVL TAX	1,800.00	1.44
	CLERICAL ERROR			G01 ADVL TAX	1,800.00	7.20
	CLERICAL ERROR			L01 FFEFEE	1,800.00	108.00
	NO MOBILE HOME ON PROPERTY			TOTAL RELEASES:		116.64
93180 STANFIELD, JEFFERY JR	2020-65713 DY: RP:6572582392	DLR	12/31/9999 11:12:30 AM			
	CLERICAL ERROR			F02 ADVL TAX	1,800.00	1.44
	CLERICAL ERROR			G01 ADVL TAX	1,800.00	6.74
	CLERICAL ERROR			L01 FFEFEE	1,800.00	108.00
	NO MOBILE HOME ON PROPERTY			TOTAL RELEASES:		116.18
93180 STANFIELD, JEFFERY JR	2019-65713 DY: RP:6572582392	DLR	12/31/9999 11:15:42 AM			
	CLERICAL ERROR			F02 ADVL TAX	1,800.00	1.44
	CLERICAL ERROR			G01 ADVL TAX	1,800.00	6.74
	CLERICAL ERROR			L01 FFEFEE	1,800.00	95.00
	NO MOBILE HOME ON PROPERTY			TOTAL RELEASES:		103.18
93180 STANFIELD, JEFFERY JR	2018-65713 DY: RP:6572582392	DLR	12/31/9999 11:17:07 AM			
	CLERICAL ERROR			F02 ADVL TAX	1,200.00	0.92
	CLERICAL ERROR			G01 ADVL TAX	1,200.00	4.19
	CLERICAL ERROR			L01 FFEFEE	1,200.00	95.00
	NO MOBILE HOME ON PROPERTY			TOTAL RELEASES:		100.11
93180 STANFIELD, JEFFERY JR	2017-65713 DY: RP:6572582392	DLR	12/31/9999 11:18:18 AM			
	CLERICAL ERROR			F02 ADVL TAX	1,200.00	0.92
	CLERICAL ERROR			G01 ADVL TAX	1,200.00	4.19
	CLERICAL ERROR			L01 FFEFEE	1,200.00	95.00
	NO MOBILE HOME ON PROPERTY			TOTAL RELEASES:		100.11
93180 STANFIELD, JEFFERY JR	2015-65713 DY: RP:6572582392	DLR	12/31/9999 11:30:23 AM			
	CLERICAL ERROR			F02 ADVL TAX	1,200.00	0.92
	CLERICAL ERROR			G01 ADVL TAX	1,200.00	4.19
	CLERICAL ERROR			L01 FFEFEE	1,200.00	95.00
	NO MOBILE HOME ON PROPERTY			TOTAL RELEASES:		100.11
93180 STANFIELD, JEFFERY JR	2016-65713 DY: RP:6572582392	DLR	12/31/9999 11:29:37 AM			
	CLERICAL ERROR			F02 ADVL TAX	1,200.00	0.92
	CLERICAL ERROR			G01 ADVL TAX	1,200.00	4.19
	CLERICAL ERROR			L01 FFEFEE	1,200.00	72.00
	NO MOBILE HOME ON PROPERTY			TOTAL RELEASES:		77.11
93180 STANFIELD, JEFFERY JR						
	CLERICAL ERROR			F02 ADVL TAX	1,200.00	0.92
	CLERICAL ERROR			G01 ADVL TAX	1,200.00	4.19

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RELEASES REPORT
Macon County

NAME	BILL NUMBER	OPER	DATE/TIME	DISTRICT	VALUE	AMOUNT
				L01 FFEFEE	1,200.00	95.00
						100.11
NET RELEASES PRINTED:					TOTAL RELEASES:	
TOTAL TAXES RELEASED						1,563.99

Macon County

Advalorem Tax Collections Report
Year To Date May 2023 Tax Year 2022

TAX YEAR 2022 Month To Date May 2023 Tax Year 2022							
Month to Date	Beginning Balance	Levy Added	Less Releases	Less Administrative Refunds	Less Write Offs	Equals Adjusted Levy	Outstanding Balance
General Tax	560,831.25	9,849.38	-93.98	0.00	-5.12	570,581.53	504,994.89
Fire Districts	97,407.11	1,501.96	-15.20	0.00	-1.09	98,892.78	88,949.14
Landfill User Fee	103,569.37	0.00	-216.00	0.00	-1.95	103,351.42	96,074.35
TOTAL:	761,807.73	11,351.34	-325.18	0.00	-8.16	772,825.73	690,018.38

TAX YEAR 2022 Year To Date May 2023 Tax Year 2022							
Year to Date	Beginning Balance	Levy Added	Less Releases	Less Administrative Refunds	Less Write Offs	Equals Adjusted Levy	Outstanding Balance
General Tax	85.74	32,217,478.47	-30,850.79	0.00	-1264.66	32,185,448.76	504,994.89
Fire Districts	16.04	4,650,609.76	-4,461.61	0.00	-206.57	4,645,957.62	88,949.14
Landfill User Fee	216.00	2,953,584.00	-2,912.84	0.00	-22.44	2,950,864.72	96,074.35
TOTAL:	317.78	39,821,672.23	-38,225.24	0.00	-1493.67	39,782,271.10	690,018.38

This Year	Last Year
Collection Percentage Tax Year 2021 As of 5/31/2023	Collection Percentage Tax Year 2020 As of 5/31/2022
98.43%	98.73
98.09%	98.48
96.74%	97.09
98.27%	98.58

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

CATEGORY – APPOINTMENTS

MEETING DATE: June 13, 2023

14A. **Macon County Library Board of Trustees (up to 3 seats) –** There are 17 candidates for the three seats that are now or will soon be open on the library board. Margaret “Peggy” Salay has withdrawn her application, and one has recently been submitted by Jennifer Germain, a copy of which will be included in the packet. Per Mr. Ridenour, the process to be used to select the new members will be as follows: A ballot listing the 17 candidates is included in the packet for the commission’s review, and on Tuesday evening, each commissioner will be given a ballot and asked to mark their top three choices. Those votes will then be tallied, with the list to be narrowed to seven candidates. The commissioners will then vote again for their respective top three choices, and the ballots will again be counted. If there happens to be a tie on either ballot, Mr. Ridenour has a process in mind to resolve that issue. As a refresher, the applications and other documentation from those individuals who submitted their names for consideration have also been included in the packet. I am certain Mr. Ridenour can provide further direction or instructions when we reach this point in the agenda. The term of appointment is three years.

Application for Appointment to Macon County Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Committees

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Name of Authority, Board or Committee applying for: Fontana Regional Library Board

Name Jennifer K. Germain

Address 493 Onion Mountain Rd City Franklin NC Zip 28734

Telephone: Home 828-200-1681 Work 828-349-2084

Occupation Community Health Promotions Coordinator

Business Address 1830 Lakeside Drive, Franklin, NC 28734

Email Address jgermain@maconnc.org

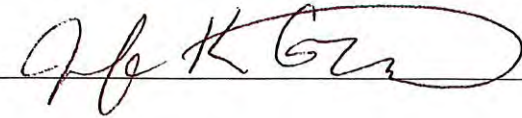
Briefly explain any anticipated conflict of interest you may have if appointed:
I am a county employee. I work at Macon County Public Health.

Educational Background
Master of Science in Educational Psychology, BA Psychology, BA Near Eastern Studies, AA Psychology, and AA Exercise Science, Health and PE.

Business and Civic Experiences/Skills:
I served in the US Army from 1993-2001. I volunteered for the Boy Scouts of America, have taught numerous psychology and yoga courses at the college level, and currently serve as the PIO for Macon County Public Health.

Areas of Expertise and Interest/Skills:
Psychology, yoga for mood management, and education. I enjoy teaching, exercise, and working with the public.

List any Authorities, Boards, Commissions or Committees presently serving on:
N/A

SIGNATURE: 

DATE: 7 June 2023

NAME OF COMMISSIONER: _____

June 13, 2023 Macon County Board of Commissioners meeting.

Appointment of 3 Members to the Macon Co. Library Board

There will be two votes. The first vote will be to narrow the field to 7 applicants with the most votes. The Board will then hold a second vote on the 7 applicants who advance from the first vote.

PLEASE VOTE FOR THREE (3):

1. Elizabeth Albers,
2. Bert "Dean" Bateman, Jr.,
3. Justin Bohner,
4. Diann Catlin,
5. Jim Gaston,
6. Leah Gaston,
7. Jennifer Germain
8. Janet Jacobs Green,
9. Linda Herman,
10. MaryAnn Ingram,
11. Tim McQuitty,
12. Tricia Genevieve Middleton,
13. Karen Patterson,
14. Brooke Reale,
15. Patricia Trick,
16. Michael Wray Vargas,
17. Lisa G. Welch

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Name of Authority, Board or Committee applying for:

Name

Address City NC Zip

Telephone: Home Work

Occupation

Business Address

Email Address

Briefly explain any anticipated conflict of interest you may have if appointed:

Educational Background

Business and Civic Experiences/Skills:

Areas of Expertise and Interest/Skills:

List any Authorities, Boards, Commissions or Committees presently serving on:

SIGNATURE: Elizabeth Albers

DATE:

I'm a homeschooling mother to seven children (ages 8-20). One is a homeschool graduate and about to graduate from WCU with her nursing degree. My second child will be graduating high school this year and is also headed to WCU to pursue a music education degree. For the last 20 years of my life, I've been dedicated to raising and educating my children and learning about all different modes of education. Four of my children have been adopted and three of them have special needs. I've needed to learn what works best for them and their different needs. From 2018-2022 I directed our local Classical Conversations Homeschool group, managing applications and finances, planning weekly meetings, organizing classes and tutors, etc. Currently I'm the Director of our Challenge A middle school class. I tutor and help a class of 12- and 13-year-old students with their lessons on a weekly basis. One of my passions is helping families learn how to homeschool and educate their children.

I'm heavily involved in our church. I teach children's classes and help with music.

I've also been self-employed for the last ten years and run a graphic design business from my home.

I've also been a Macon County Resident for the last 14 years. My children have grown up going to the Macon and Jackson libraries on a weekly basis. As a long time patron of the library, our family is well acquainted with the resources and services our library provides.

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Name of Authority, Board or Committee applying for:

FRL Board

Name

Bert Dean Bateman Jr

Address

1226 Long Branch Rd

City

Topton

NC Zip

28781

Telephone: Home

828-321-5853

Work

Occupation

Minister

Business Address

Email Address

Batemanbd@Frontier.com

Briefly explain any anticipated conflict of interest you may have if appointed:

Educational Background

AAS Computer Technology

Business and Civic Experiences/Skills:

Former Fire Chief Nantahala Fire Rescue
Pastor White Oak Flats Baptist Church

Areas of Expertise and Interest/Skills:

Computer Technology, Customer Service, Counselor

List any Authorities, Boards, Commissions or Committees presently serving on:

SIGNATURE:

Bert D Bateman Jr

DATE:

4-4-23

To whom it may concern,

My name is Bert Dean Bateman Jr. but most everyone calls me Dean in order to distinguish me from my father.

I reside at 1226 Long Branch Road Topton, NC 28781 with my wife of 42 years. Nantahala is and has been our home all our lives, this is where we both grew up, attended Nantahala School and the same church where I am now the pastor. We have been blessed with 2 children and seven grandchildren who all are faithful to church and the Lord's work.

Early in my adult life I had a great desire to help others and try to make a difference in their lives. I joined the Nantahala Rescue Squad and was a NCEMT for several years. Later, I became the Fire Chief and Nantahala Rescue and Wayah Rescue combined to form Nantahala Fire and Rescue during that time. Continuing that same desire, I entered the ministry in 1987 and have been pastoring for over 30 years now.

Concerning my work history, let me say that I have had many positions over the years from my own produce business at 16, to the most recent of remote computer technical support.

I was working as a warehouse manager for VF Jeanswear in Andrews where I was employed for over 16 years, when in 2002 they closed our facility and I went back to school and earned my AAS in both Computer Technology and Network and Administration at Tri County Community College. This was the start of a new career path which has enabled me to work remotely from home for the last 10 years for a company whose clients included Comcast, Cox, Target, and others.

I love the outdoors, hunting and fishing but also wood working, carpentry (which was useful since I built the house we have lived in for 39 years), college football (Roll Tide), and of course GO HEELS.

Feel free should you have any questions to contact me at batemanbd@frontier.com or call me at my residence 828-321-5853.

Thank you,

Dean Bateman

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Name of Authority, Board or Committee applying for: Macon County Library Board

Name Justin Bohner

Address 141 Lakeview Drive City Franklin NC Zip 28734

Telephone: Home 828-347-1974 Work 828-526-4153

Occupation Assistant Pastor

Business Address 220 Main Street, Highlands, NC, 28741

Email Address justinbo0477@gmail.com

Briefly explain any anticipated conflict of interest you may have if appointed:
NONE

Educational Background
Franklin High School - 2012
Presently in Seminary (Covenant Baptist Theological Seminary)

Business and Civic Experiences/Skills:
Business/Resin Contractors Landscaping - Laborer - July 2013 - May 2014, Lloyd Construction - apprentice carpenter - May 2014 - July 2015, Wood Construction - Lead Carpenter - August 2015 - August 2021, Highlands School - Carpentry teacher - August 2021 - June 2022, First Baptist Church Highlands - Assistant Pastor - May 2022 - Present

See attached

Areas of Expertise and Interest/Skills:
I love to read & study, particularly reading the works of the Puritans & other works concerning church history. I am pursuing my seminary degree, & teaching several classes per week. I love to teach, read, & think. I love working with students of all ages, especially high school ages & younger.

List any Authorities, Boards, Commissions or Committees presently serving on:
NONE

SIGNATURE: Justin Bohner

DATE: 4/10/23

Justin Bohner

Application for Macon County Library Board

Business and Civic Experiences/Skills:

Countrysides Rustic Landscaping---July 2013-May 2014 ---laborer
Lloyd Construction---May 2014-July 2015---apprentice carpenter
Viega Construction--- August 2015-August 2021---lead carpenter
Highlands School--- August 2021-June 2022---carpentry teacher
First Baptist Church Highlands---May 2022-present---Assistant Pastor

Areas of Expertise and Interests/Skills:

I love to read and study, particularly reading the works of the Puritans and other works concerning church history. I am pursuing my seminary degree and teaching several classes per week. I love to teach, read, and think. I love working with students of all ages, especially high school ages and younger.

Fax: TO: 828-349-2400

**County Managers Office Macon County,
NC**

**From: Candidate: diann catlin
(dscat@bellsouth.net)**

**Subject: Application for Macon County
Library Board Member 2023**

Pages including cover: 4

Date: April 10th 2023

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Name of Authority, Board or Committee applying for: Macon County Library Board

Name diann catlin

Address 18 Hickory Lane City Highlands NC Zip 28741

Telephone: Home 828-5265961 Work cell 904-5346115

Occupation Retired Etiquette Consultant / writer

Business Address

Email Address dscat@bellsouth.net

Briefly explain any anticipated conflict of interest you may have if appointed:
None

Educational Background
The Bartram School, high school Jacksonville, FL 1968, U of FL 2 years Journalism, FSU 2 years Dance Major. Married 1972.

Business and Civic Experiences/Skills:
Co owner Village Dance Center 20 years (taught Modern dance, Ballet, Jazz, Ballroom and Etiquette) sold business and building 1997. Started diann catlin Lessons in Etiquette 1997. Columnist and writer. Editor and principle writer of

Areas of Expertise and Interest/Skills:
I am a people person who finds the practice of civility and edification of others comes naturally. I have strong listening skills. I work hard at everything. I love to read and write. My high school English teacher, Miss Miller, famously said in her deep New England accent: "Diann, if you can write, you can think!" That made sense to me. You might also notice

List any Authorities, Boards, Commissions or Committees presently serving on:
None at this time. Irma made me wary (and weary) for awhile!

SIGNATURE: diann s. catlin DATE: Apr 7, 2023

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Library Board Application:

I AM UNABLE TO DOWNLOAD THE PROPER FORM, FILL IT OUT IN FULL, AND RETURN IT TO THE MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO RETURN IT IN THE SAME FORMAT. PLEASE ACCEPT THE BELOW WHICH INCLUDES ALL ANSWERS ASKED.

THANK YOU,

diann catlin

Candidate: diann catlin 18 Hickory Lane Highlands NC. 28741 828-5265961, cell iffy: 904-5346115

Email address dscat@bellsouth.net

Occupation: retired Etiquette Consultant, Writer

Extended answers:

Conflicts:

None

Educational Background:

HS graduation 1968 The Bartram School (a small girl's school in Jacksonville, FL) now part of the co-ed college prep: The Bolles School in Jacksonville.

University of Florida 2 years Journalism. FSU two years Dance Major.

American Dance Festival in New London, Connecticut. Yearly :one-week Summer study in New York with Alvin Ailey, Martha Graham and in Tallahassee with Twyla Tharp and Bella Lewitsky.

My Etiquette training came from one SERIOUS mother who read Amy Vanderbilt nightly as her bedside table book, and who thought I would benefit greatly from Ms. Vanderbilt's expertise. I also owned over 100 Etiquette books prior to retirement.

Business and Civic Experience/Skills:

DANCE TEACHER Co-owner Village Dance Center 20 years: taught children (we had 245 students when I sold in 1997). Taught Modern Dance, Ballet, Jazz, Ballroom and Etiquette.

ETIQUETTE CONSULTANT In 1997 started "*diann catlin Lessons in Etiquette*". Taught in grade and high schools, businesses, Law and Business schools, coached Athletes on Life-skills, professionals on Speaking and Presenting, trained politicians, Debutantes, and taught family Etiquette. Semi-retired 2016. Moved to NC full time in 2019 .

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WRITER and EDITOR: Columnist and writer 1997 +. (I have always loved writing since grade school). Editor and principle writer of 3 magazines: Jacksonville Lawyer Magazine (monthly), Jacksonville Home and Hospitality (bi monthly/ like a Southern Living of Jacksonville) , Orlando Lawyer Magazine bi-monthly. These magazines closed during the recession due to advertisers who could not continue to afford ads. I still edit.

Florida Times Union (Jacksonville FL. population 1 million +) Daily newspaper/ Citizens Editorial Board. Columnist and writer of op-eds for various publications. Some travel writing.

LEADERSHIP: HOA President of Pirates Bay Townhome Association during and after Hurricane Irma hit Jacksonville 2017. **KEY CHALLENGES:** Our Waterfront community flooded and suffered destructive wind damage. On the job training: Had to rebuild, replace ALL roofs, bulkheads, and sue one of two insurance companies. Managed reconstruction, roll-offs and some very testy neighbors. Taught me so much!

SOCIAL/ PRIVATE CLUB ASSIGNMENTS: On the Board of Glenville Lake Club NC at its inception and beyond. This waterfront property was established by 80 members of Wildcat Cliffs CC, Highlands. I did the design, hired and met with the architect and builder, furnished and decorated. This is a private 4 bedroom waterfront lodge, pavilion and boat club with 8 boat slips. I served for four years.

Trained waitstaffs in dining/serving Etiquette, including the Ponte Vedra Club, the Atlantic Beach Club, The Ponte Vedra Lodge and Club, The River Club , the Timuquana Country Club (all near Jacksonville), and Wildcat Cliffs Country Club, Highlands, NC.

PUBLICATIONS: The three magazines mentioned above, and I self-published "Whatever Happened to Nice" in 2010 to sell to my Etiquette clients. I sold roughly 300 copies and have only a few more. They were never at bookstores, and I knew all of my buyers.

Areas of Expertise and Interest/ Skills

WHO I AM: (see above Bs./ Civic) I am a people person who finds the practice of civility and edification natural and fun. I am a good listener, a "too hard worker" and I love to read, study, write, and entertain. I absolutely love this community in Highlands. I spell my name with lower case letters (not caps) as a constant reminder that others are more important, and worthy of caps. Most people think Etiquette is all about which spoon one uses. It DOES include that and many other rules. However, Etiquette is far more about others, and the respect we show them. In short, Etiquette is about how well you treat the waiter! I love practicing respect for others even those with whom I disagree.

Current Boards:

None. I became both wary and WEARY after Irma.

Signature Date 4/7/2023



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or FAX to: 828-349-2400

Any Questions, please call the County Manager's Office at (828) 349-2025

Name of Authority, Board or Committee applying for: Macon Co. or FRL Library Board

Name Jim Gaston

Address 301 Matlock Creek Rd City Franklin NC Zip 28734

Telephone: Home 229.944.0296 Work Same

Occupation Self employed / property manager

Business Address Same

Email Address jimbobgaston@hotmail.com or leahgaston78@gmail.com

Briefly explain any anticipated conflict of interest you may have if appointed:

No conflict of interest

Educational Background

H.S. Honor graduate, BS in Business Communications

Business and Civic Experiences/Skills:

Small business owner + operator, foster parent, church member, national delegate to the 2012 Republican National Convention, former fire fighter (volunteer)


Areas of Expertise and Interest/Skills:

Accounting, farming, hospitality, travel, history

List any Authorities, Boards, Commissions or Committees presently serving on:

None

SIGNATURE:



DATE:

4/7/23

Jim Gaston

301 Matlock Creek Rd
Franklin, NC 28734
(229) 944.0296 cell
jimbobgaston@hotmail.com

Experience

Property Manager, Western North Carolina www.nikkifarms.com

2014-Present

- Perform hospitality duties for visitors as well as plan and execute day to day operations
- Oversee all employees/sub contractors, extensive facilities, livestock, farming, canning operations, landscaping, and special projects while implementing goals of the owners

Ranch Manager, Harteis Ranch, Weston, CO www.harteisranch.com

2010-2014

- Solely responsible for facilities upkeep, equipment maintenance, employee oversight, and ranching operations on a large property in Stonewall, CO
- Facilitated all hunting/guiding, hospitality, wildlife management, and conservation practices while enriching the experiences of the many guests

Owner and Operator, Gaston Construction, Greenville, SC

2001-2010

- Successfully grew contracting business through detailed customer service, quality building practices, and strong work ethic
- Wholly responsible for all marketing, scheduling, budgeting, and employee management

Estate Manager, Greenville, SC

2001-2010

- Administration of property and facilities as on-site caretaker for prominent family

Custom Harvesting, Davenport, NE

2000

- Harvest and transport of multiple crops in 7 western states for various farms
- Efficiently maintained a large fleet of combines, tractors, and trucks

Operations, Fair Oaks Plantation, Plains, GA (family farm since 1918)

Childhood-2000

- Assisted in all aspects of managing a diverse 1500 acre farming operation

Education

2000 B.S. in Business Communications from Bob Jones University in SC

1995 Honor graduate Southland Academy, Americus, GA

2010-2014 Certified Emergency Medical Responder and Chemical Applicator Certified.

2010-2014 Multiple wild land fire certifications as fire fighter with Stonewall Fire Protection District

Interests

- USDA Wildlife Services Volunteer
- International traveler and avid sportsman
- Active member in local church
- Knowledgeable participant in community and conservation affairs

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Name of Authority, Board or Committee applying for: Macon County Library Board

Name Leah Gaston

Address 301 Matlock Creek Road City Franklin NC Zip 28734

Telephone: Home 864.884.7401 Work 864.884.7401

Occupation homemaker; homeschool parent; property co-manager

Business Address N/A

Email Address leahgaston78@gmail.com

Briefly explain any anticipated conflict of interest you may have if appointed:

None

Educational Background

Class Salutatorian, East Side Christian School, Greenwood, South Carolina; B.S. English Education with Teaching English as a Second Language endorsement, cum laude, Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina

Business and Civic Experiences/Skills:

Active local church member with women's and children's ministries; English teacher in a SC public middle school for 10 years; Licensed Foster Parent in Macon County 2017-2018

Areas of Expertise and Interest/Skills:

Reading, teaching, hospitality, gardening, researching family genealogy

List any Authorities, Boards, Commissions or Committees presently serving on:

None

SIGNATURE:

Leah Gaston

DATE: April 10, 2023

Leah Simpson Gaston

301 Matlock Creek Road

Franklin, NC 28734

leahgaston78@gmail.com

Experience:

Property co-manager, 2014---present www.nikkifarms.com

Diverse responsibilities on private estate in Western North Carolina

Oversee hospitality, housekeeping and accommodations for owners and guests

Lodge Manager, 2010---2014

Harteis Ranch, Stonewall, Colorado, www.harteisranch.com

Responsible for all cleaning, menu planning, cooking, and hostessing for owners and guests

Substitute Teacher, 2011---2013

Primero School, Weston, Colorado

English Teacher, 2000---2010

Northwest Middle School, Travelers Rest, South Carolina

Chairman of English Department 2007---2010

Teacher of the Year 2006---2007

Annual School Progress Review Committee 2007---2010

Personal Tutor, 1999---2000

Greenville, South Carolina

Teacher of English as a Foreign Language (TEFL), 1998

International English School, Waegwan, South Korea

University Admissions Staff, 1997---1999

Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina

Horticultural Assistant/Office Staff, 1997---1999

The Mini-Rose Garden, Cross Hill, South Carolina

Farm Worker, Childhood---1996

Father's beef cattle farm, Cross Hill, South Carolina

Education:

B.S. English Education with TESL endorsement, cum laude, 2000

Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina---GPA 3.7

Class Salutatorian, 1996

East Side Christian School, Greenwood, South Carolina

Activities:

Church Secretary and Sunday School Teacher, 2013---2014

The Lord's Chapel, Weston, Colorado

Stonewall Fire Department Auxiliary Volunteer, 2011---2014

Stonewall, Colorado

Officer, Literary Society, 1998

Greenville, South Carolina

Interests:

Cooking, reading, gardening, hiking, healthy living, family genealogy

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Any Questions, please call the County Manager's Office at (828) 349-2025

Name of Authority, Board or Committee applying for: Macon County Library Board

Name Janet Jacobs Greene

Address 198 Dryman Rd. city Franklin NC Zip 28734

Telephone: Home 828-524-2798 Work 828-421-4571
Cell

Occupation minister

Business Address N/A

Email Address ja.jgreene@gmail.com

Briefly explain any anticipated conflict of interest you may have if appointed:

none

Educational Background

Franklin High School, BA from Furman University, further studies
Masters from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chandler
School of Theology

Business and Civic Experiences/Skills:

Former School Board member, County Commissioner, serve on Angel Medical
Bd. of Trustees, Past President of the Rotary Club of Franklin, Chairman of

Areas of Expertise and Interest/Skills: Town Planning Board

Native & long time resident of Macon County, own properties in
downtown Franklin, background in bookkeeping and business ownership.

List any Authorities, Boards, Commissions or Committees presently serving on:

appointed to Town Planning Board as a member of the ETJ.

SIGNATURE:

Janet J. Greene

DATE: 2/15/2023

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Name of Authority, Board or Committee applying for: Franklin Library Board

Name MaryAnn Ingram

Address 115 Autry Rd City Franklin NC Zip 28734

Telephone: Home 8285240936 Work 8285241100

Occupation NCLMBT #172 Massage Therapist

Business Address 245 Sloan Rd, Franklin NC 28734

Email Address icgodnu2@frontier.com

Briefly explain any anticipated conflict of interest you may have if appointed:
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Educational Background
M. Ed

Business and Civic Experiences/Skills:
Volunteer for teaching activities at Macon Sr. Games (2007-2019) Macon Sr. Center (2019 to present) and Franklin House (from it's opening to 2015)

Areas of Expertise and Interest/Skills:
Education, Recreation, Organizing

List any Authorities, Boards, Commissions or Committees presently serving on:

SIGNATURE: MaryAnn Ingram DATE: 20 Feb 2023

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Name of Authority, Board or Committee applying for: Macon County Library Board

Name Jim McQuitty

Address 60 Meadowbrook Lane

City Franklin

NC Zip 28734

Telephone: Home 828-371-3152

Work same

Occupation Minister

Business Address 233 Arrowwood Lane

Email Address mcquitty@aol.com

Briefly explain any anticipated conflict of interest you may have if appointed:

None that I can think of.

Educational Background

B.A. Biblical Studies, Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, GA, 1983

M.Div. Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, MS 1989

M.A. M.F.T. Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, MS 1990

Business and Civic Experiences/Skills:

Board, Hospice House of Franklin, 2012-2014

Advisory Board, Franklin Senior Center, 2010-2013

Areas of Expertise and Interest/Skills:

Speaking, people skills

List any Authorities, Boards, Commissions or Committees presently serving on:

not serving presently

pastoring Emmanuel Presbyterian Church (PCA)

SIGNATURE: Jim McQuitty

DATE: 4.11.2023

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Name of Authority, Board or Committee applying for: Fontana Regional Library - Franklin, NC

Name Tricia Genevieve Middleton

Address 452 Mica Circle City Franklin NC Zip 28734

Telephone: Home 828-342-4365 Work _____

Occupation Caregiver / Homeschooler

Business Address —

Email Address yozeets@gmail.com

Briefly explain any anticipated conflict of interest you may have if appointed:

Educational Background

Major - Clothing, Textiles, + Merchandising } * Unfinished Teaching Degree }
Minor - Child Development + Family Relations }

Business and Civic Experiences/Skills:

• I was a member of Zonta (2009-2013) - (I think those years are correct)
• I owned Genevieve's Gifts in town for 10 years. (2006-2016)

Areas of Expertise and Interest/Skills:

I have homeschooled ~~my~~ our youngest son for 3 years. We have lived in Macon Co for 20+ years. My 2 older children are in their early 30's and we have always enjoyed books and using the library for a variety of its uses through the years.

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I am presently ~~not~~ on any boards, but I do have some idea how they work, and how they are crucial in representing the whole of our people who live in the county.

SIGNATURE: Tricia S. Buckner

DATE: April 13, 2023

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Name of Authority, Board or Committee applying for: Library Board

Name Karin Patterson

Address PO Box 2921 City Highlands NC Zip 28741

Telephone: Home 828 526-1848 Work 803-270-0848

Occupation retired environmental science/regulatory consultant

Business Address

Email Address kcpatterson@bellsouth.net

Briefly explain any anticipated conflict of interest you may have if appointed:
None

Educational Background
MLIS (Masters in Library & Information Science)
MA - biology
BA - biology

Business and Civic Experiences/Skills:
federal/state advisory boards; community boards; educational + non-profit boards

Areas of Expertise and Interest/Skills:
Public participation, education

List any Authorities, Boards, Commissions or Committees presently serving on:
Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust

SIGNATURE: Karin K. Patterson

DATE: 4/12/23

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Name of Authority, Board or Committee applying for: Macon County Public Library Board

Name Brooke Reale

Address 110 Rainbow Woods Dr. City Franklin NC Zip NC 28734

Telephone: Home 813-300-2429 Work 828-524-2956

Occupation Sales/ Business Owner

Business Address 72 E. Main St.

Email Address kitchensinkinc.72@gmail.com

Briefly explain any anticipated conflict of interest you may have if appointed:

NA

Educational Background

High School Diploma, Medical Trade School

Business and Civic Experiences/Skills:

Current business owner in Macon Co. since 2018, I've worked together with numerous businesses, craft vendors, contractors etc. to pull together events downtown. I was recently voted on to the Chamber and am serving on a couple

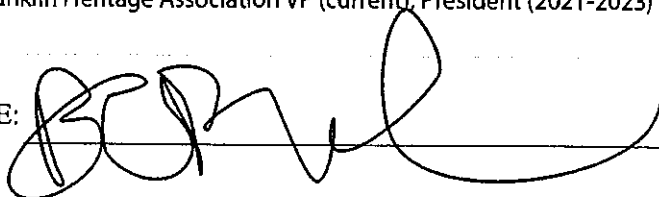
Areas of Expertise and Interest/Skills:

I am interested in working together to solve different problems our community faces. I have a vested interested in Franklin, NC/Macon County, our business sector and tourism industry. I have personally worked very hard to bring our region together, not just for increased revenue, but for a sense of community, and including as many opportunities

List any Authorities, Boards, Commissions or Committees presently serving on:

Franklin NC Chamber of Commerce Tourism and Events Board member (2023-2026)
Streets of Franklin Heritage Association VP (current), President (2021-2023)

SIGNATURE:



DATE: 04/10/2023

Brooke Reale
Macon County Library Board Application

Business and Civic Experiences/Skills:

Current business owner in Macon Co. since 2018, I've worked together with numerous businesses, craft vendors, contractors etc. to pull together events downtown. I was recently voted on to the Chamber and am serving on a couple of committees, I regularly work with the Town of Franklin on different events throughout the year and actively attend meetings. I've been a very active part of our community merchant organization for the last 5 years.

Areas of Expertise and Interest/Skills:

I am interested in working together to solve different problems our community faces. I have a vested interest in Franklin, NC/Macon County, our business sector and tourism industry. I have personally worked very hard to bring our region together, not just for increased revenue, but for a sense of community, and including as many opportunities and events for Macon County Students as possible. Last year, our merchant organization started an event called "Build a Scarecrow" downtown last September and worked with Macon Co.Schools and the Town of Franklin to invite the school aged kids to build a scarecrow and show it off downtown , decorating the light poles for the months of Sept-Nov. We are making this a yearly event. We also put a modern twist on Living Windows that was a Franklin tradition in the past during the 2 nights of Winter Wonderland and had 2 classes from South Macon and 1 from FHS participate. We hope to add more classes this year. I enjoy seeing a need and working to meet it.

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Name of Authority, Board or Committee applying for: Library Board

Name Patricia Trick

Address 45 Gray Cove Road City Franklin NC Zip 28734

Telephone: Home 828-369-8597 Work Cell- 954-931-7705

Occupation Retired Educator

Business Address _____

Email Address Patti.trick@icloud.com

Briefly explain any anticipated conflict of interest you may have if appointed:
No Conflict of Interest

Educational Background
Master's Degree- Education Leadership. Trained in English for Speakers of Other Languages, Special Needs, Gifted, Reading Certified.

Business and Civic Experiences/Skills:
Kids Voting Broward- Board Member; City of Coconut Creek- Educational Advisory Board; Broward Advisory Council- Chalperson;

Areas of Expertise and Interest/Skills:
Literacy for All; Summer Reading Programs for Children; ESOL Programs; Citizenship Programs; Tutoring for Students;

List any Authorities, Boards, Commissions or Committees presently serving on:
None

SIGNATURE: Patricia Trick DATE: April 6, 2023

April 6, 2023

Macon County Board of County Commissioners
County Manager's Office
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Franklin, NC. 28734

Re: Library Board Appointments

Dear Sir/Madam;

Attached please find my application for Appointment to the Library Board. As an elementary educator, I guess you could say that libraries and literacy have deep roots in my soul. Literacy is, in my opinion, the pathway to success for all citizens.

Since my arrival in Macon County in 2021, I have had the opportunity to tutor a non-native English speaking student. I have taken this youngster from a non-reader to a student reading on grade level. Additionally, during this time, his mother needed assistance to study for her Citizenship Examination. I am very happy to share that she passed her examination, and is now an American Citizen. Something she takes great pride in proclaiming. These types of opportunities and services are very much needed in our community, and could be brought under the library's umbrella, even on a limited basis.

In addition to being an educator, I have had various opportunities to become a partner in my community. Most recently, I served as an Educational Board Member for my prior hometown in the City of Coconut Creek. Our task was to take a large 200+ school educational system and create a small, hometown feel for the seven schools that served the students in our city. We honored student artwork by using their art to decorate the hallways of City Hall. Additionally, we recognized student academic achievement at City Council Meetings, recognized teachers for their undying support of students, and created a very successful program through the police department honoring students for "doing the right thing."

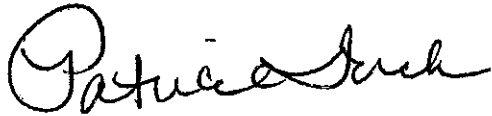
I have also been privileged with being the Chairperson of the North Area Advisory Council for Broward County Schools. My role as Chairperson was to create a pathway for parents to voice concerns that related to their children's education. We held programs to share information, teach and learn from our families and community members. Those ideas from the community were shared with School Board Members at their meetings, and we were able to effect many changes in policy and programs within the school system. Parent involvement in education increased as parents felt

validated and involved. Many controversial subjects were investigated, shared and discussed, and parents were key in the process. One major change we were able to affect was defeating the School Board's initiative to create year round schools.

Another role in which I have relatable experience was as a Board Member for Kids Voting Broward. Kids Voting is a nonpartisan educational program whose role is to provide civic education to students about voting and citizenship in general. As a board member, I was involved with fundraising, organizing educational programs and materials and getting ballots to polling places. Additionally, we held a light hearted debate where local candidates took questions directly from students. The culminating event provided voting opportunities for students to "vote" right alongside their parents on voting day.

I hope that you are able to see value in my experience, and I can utilize my talents and experience as a member of the Library Board. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patricia Arch". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

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Name of Authority, Board or Committee applying for: County Library Board

Name Michael Wray Vargas

Address 83 Deerfield Ridge City Franklin NC Zip 28734

Telephone: Home 828-349-3422 Work 828-421-8432

Occupation Automotive Body Repair Technician, D&L Body Shop

Business Address 121 Phillips St, Franklin, NC 28734

Email Address Mwrayvargas@gmail.com

Briefly explain any anticipated conflict of interest you may have if appointed:

None

Educational Background

Bachelors in Political Science, Bachelors in Philosophy and Religions, Western Carolina University

Business and Civic Experiences/Skills:

Experience in Local Government research, theory, and practice worldwide and local
Service experience through the Scouts BSA

Areas of Expertise and Interest/Skills:

Interest and Experience in Local Government, Public works and services, and policy-making
Interest in increased access to Education and resources in order to support and strengthen the community
Great communication skills and ability to compromise and work toward solutions

List any Authorities, Boards, Commissions or Committees presently serving on:

None

SIGNATURE: 

DATE: 3-2-2023

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Name of Authority, Board or Committee applying for: Library Board

Name Lisa G. Welch

Address 615 Edwards Road City Franklin NC Zip 28734

Telephone: Home 828-349-4656 Work 828-371-8525

Occupation FHS Teacher Macon County Schools

Business Address 100 Panther Drive

Email Address welch.lisag@gmail.com

Briefly explain any anticipated conflict of interest you may have if appointed:

None that I foresee.

Educational Background

K-12 in Education and a partial masters in Leadership

Business and Civic Experiences/Skills:

Business owner, local educator for 24 years. Department chairperson and curriculum coordinator for over 20 years. Published author and writer of children's materials and adult materials.

Areas of Expertise and Interest/Skills:

Reading Education, interactive curriculum creation, personalized learning styles, student interests. Organizational skills for large community events, and budgeting. Taught and tutored several struggling readers through DSS and Baptist Children's Homes. Creativity to encourage community involvement and program sustainment.

List any Authorities, Boards, Commissions or Committees presently serving on:

Franklin High Band Boosters President, expiring in April 2023

SIGNATURE:

Lisag Welch

DATE:

3/23/23