



Rockingham County
Board of Commissioners
Agenda
Amended
Regular Meeting 1/6/2025

Governmental Center, Commissioners Chambers, Wentworth, NC 27375

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Berger
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Recognition
 - A. Lance Metzler, County Manager
Recognition of the Budget Department for obtaining the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. Its attainment represents a significant achievement by Rockingham County. In addition to receiving this award, special recognition was also given in Performance Measures and Budget Process. Special recognition is given when all three reviewers give the highest possible score in particular categories.
 - [Attachment 1 6 2025 Lance Metzler \(1\) Recognition](#)
 - B. Lance Metzler, County Manager
Consider approval of Recognition honoring employees that went above and beyond their call of duty during Rockingham County's Disaster Relief efforts for those in Western North Carolina.

Engineering & Public Works: Jafarrell Chandler-Long, Mike Bowlin, Matt Lemons, Jason Hylton, Jeff Nealy, Josh Carter, Brandon Hutchens, Eric Thompson, Robert Dillon and Billy Booker.

Department of Social Services: Heather Priddy, Jessica Saunders, Alyssa Edwards and Lisa Chaney.

Fire Marshal's office: Deputy Fire Marshal Jeremy Shelton
 - [Attachment 1 6 2025 Lance Metzler \(2\) Recognition](#)
 - C. Lance Metzler, County Manager
Consider approval of a Resolution honoring the McMichael High School Phoenix Girls Volleyball Team for their 2024 2A State Championship.
 - [Attachment 1 6 2025 Lance Metzler \(3\) Recognition](#)
5. Approval of the January 6, 2025 Agenda.

6. Consent Agenda

Consent items as follows will be adopted with a single motion, second and vote, unless a request for removal from the Consent Agenda is heard from a Commissioner

A. Lance Metzler, County Manager

1. Consider approval of the policy for Rockingham County Courtroom Portrait Policy Guidelines.
2. Consider approval for the Resolution supporting for Williams Cos. Proposed Initiative to Construct the Transco Southeast Supply Enhancement Project ("SSE Project").
3. Consider approval for appointment of Don Powell to the Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Advisory Board. Term will begin January 6, 2025 and terminate January 5, 2027.
4. Consideration of appointment of Carye Dickerson and Cecil Cottrell to the Eastern Piedmont NC Home Consortium with the term beginning 1/6/2025 and ending 1/5/2028.

- [Attachment 1 6 2025 Lance Metzler \(1\)](#)
- [Attachment 1 6 2025 Lance Metzler \(2\)](#)
- [Attachment 1 6 2025 Lance Metzler \(3\)](#)
- [Attachment 1 6 2025 Lance Metzler \(4\)](#)

B. Jan Bellard, Rockingham County Community Advisory Committee

Consideration of reappointment of Jan Bellard and Kristin Daniels to the Rockingham County Community Advisory Committee with the term beginning 1/6/2025 and ending 1/5/2028.

- [Attachment 1 6 2025 Jan Bellard \(1\)](#)

C. Ronald Tate, Director of Engineering and Public Utilities

1. Consider approval of a Right of Way, requested by the Department of Transportation, which will be located at the end of Roberts Farm Road, requiring use of a small portion of the landfill property, that will not have a future use, for the landfill. This will be used for a turnaround for school buses. With approval of the Commissioners, it is requested that the Chairman sign the NC DOT Abandonment Petition to abandon 0.15 miles of SR 2362 - Roberts Farm Road, which is a partial abandonment that is beyond the gate of the landfill.
2. Consider approval for \$47,702.00 for repair of one elevator at the Courthouse. Elevator dual pistons are damaged from wear and tear, no longer functioning correctly and leaking hydraulic fluid. Funding from County Fund Balance.

- [Attachment 1 6 2025 Ronald Tate \(1\)](#)
- [Attachment 1 6 2025 Ronald Tate \(2\)](#)

D. Lindsay Pegg, Rockingham County TDA

Request consideration of adoption of the Creating Outdoor Recreation Economies (CORE) Strategic Plan. Through CORE, Western Rockingham County collaborated with NC Department of Commerce, Rural Economic Development Division, staff members and local stakeholders in a strategic planning process to identify and develop outdoor recreation assets that present economic growth opportunities. The Western Rockingham County CORE Plan proposes strategies, goals, objectives, and actions that Rockingham County and both municipal and community partners can take to increase economic vitality by leveraging outdoor recreation. Adoption of this plan signifies the importance of the County's tourism efforts and development of our outdoor recreation assets to drive visitor

spending. By working with economic partners such as NC Department of Commerce, the Piedmont Triad Regional Council and other regional partners, Western Rockingham County's CORE Plan can leverage resources and capacity.

- [Attachment 1 6 2025 Lindsay Pegg \(1\)](#)

E. Clyde Albright, County Attorney

Consider approval of the Resolution for a request for Abandonment of (Approximately 0.2 miles) of SR 2339, Friddle Road, New Bethel Township.

- [Attachment 1 6 2025 Clyde Albright \(1\) Consent](#)

F. Mandy McGhee, Finance Director

1. Appropriate \$1,511 Additional state funds for implementation of the National Fatality Review Case Reporting System (NCR-CRS). These funds were appropriated by the North Carolina General Assembly to support implementation of the changes authorized in NCSL 2023-134 in order to restructure child death reviews by Local Teams and to offset the cost associated with Local Teams participation in NCF-CRS.
2. Appropriate \$1,810 in Sheriff Department's Federal Forfeiture Funds for the purchase of (2) handguns and accessories for the Special Response Team (SRT).
3. Appropriate \$6,361 dollars in State Fiscal Recovery Funds awarded to the Rockingham County Library from the State Budget Act of 2021 (SL 2021-180).
4. Request to appropriate \$1,031 in contractor sales tax to cover the overage in the debt funded project (Project ID RS2436 - Dillard Academy HVAC). In December 2024, RCS submitted a request for reimbursement for invoices related to RS2315 Holmes Vestibule. This project was marked complete and closed in August with \$32,640 unexpended. Request approval to reallocate \$7,478 to the Project ID RS2315 and process reimburse RCS for the project.

- [Attachment 1 6 2025 Mandy McGhee \(1\)](#)
- [Attachment 1 6 2025 Mandy McGhee \(2\)](#)
- [Attachment 1 6 2025 Mandy McGhee \(3\)](#)
- [Attachment 1 6 2025 Mandy McGhee \(4\)](#)

G. Justin Thacker, Deputy Finance Director

1. Approve the Amended Sub-recipient agreement with Draper Volunteer Fire Department that are required for grants awarded to the fire departments through the NC Current Operations Appropriations Act, Session Law 2023-134. The County is the recipient of the grants and must pass the grants along to the departments with the requirements addressed in these agreements. Draper is requesting to change the scope of services from expanding on their existing fire station to the creation of a new sub-station within the district. Also, authorize the County Manager to sign this amended agreement.
2. Amend the RCC Workforce Development Center project ordinance and budget to appropriate interest earnings \$454 and sales tax reimbursement of \$171,187 that is available for eligible project costs.
3. Consider approval to close the South Rockingham Industrial Park Capital Project and the related budget amendment. The South Rockingham Corporate Park Water & Wastewater Project Fund was amended and closed in May 2024. However, the capital project fund was reopened at the August 19, 2024 meeting when the County received additional CDBG grant funds during the final close out of the project in July 2024.

- [Attachment 1 6 2025 Justin Thacker \(1\)](#)
- [Attachment 1 6 2025 Justin Thacker \(2\)](#)
- [Attachment 1 6 2025 Justin THacker \(3\)](#)

H. Derek Southern, Asst. County Manager

Request to close finished CIP projects and reallocate remaining funds to Eden and Reidsville EMS Base Update project. Eden EMS Base (\$223,575) - Asphalt removal and new concrete work, flooring, foundation sealing, door installation, painting, sidewalk repair and catch basin/piping repair. Reidsville EMS Base (\$39,525) - Gutter repair, flooring, cabinet/counter tops repair, door repair, and HVAC work. Funds to be utilized from closed out projects in the CIP plan that have been completed. Both project bids went through RFP process. Both projects were in CIP for future years, but after detailed review of the buildings it was concluded the projects needed to be moved forward to address building needs.

- [Attachment 1 6 2025 Derek Southern \(1\)](#)

I. Todd Hurst, Tax Administrator

1. Consider order directing the Tax Collector to advertise unpaid 2024-2025 property taxes as directed by NCGS 103-369.
2. Request the approval of Tax Collection and Reconciliation Reports for November including refunds for November 20, 2024 thru December 17, 2024.

- [Attachment 1 6 2025 Todd Hurst \(1\)](#)

J. Rodney Stewart, RCEMS Operations Supervisor

Consideration of approval for the financial statement of accounting reports of billing and collections activity for October & November 2024 and accounts uncollected that are to be written off. Lists of accounts are maintained and available for inspection in the EMS office.

- [Attachment 1 6 2025 Rodney Stewart \(1\)](#)

K. Melissa Joyce, Fire Marshal

Consideration of appointment of the Fire Department Fire Commissioners for the calendar year 2025.

- [Attachment 1 6 2025 Melissa Joyce \(1\)](#)

7. Public Comment

8. Presentation

A. Sheriff Sam Page

Presentation to request to move Federal Forfeiture Funds to pay for Sheriff Page to attend the National Sheriff's Association Winter Legislative Conference in Washington, DC February 1-5, 2025.

- [Attachment 1 6 2025 Sheriff Sam Page \(1\)](#)

B. Clyde Albright, County Attorney

Presentation to consider the bid on the real property located at 1101 NC Hwy 65, Wentworth, NC.

- [Attachment 1 6 2025 Clyde Albright \(1\)](#)

- C. Mandy McGhee, Finance Director and Alan Thompson of Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co. P.A.

Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 financial audit and the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR).

- [Attachment 1 6 2025 Mandy McGhee \(1\) Presentation](#)

- D. Erselle Young, RCS Assistant Superintendent

Request to move Reidsville High School Media Center Reno (Project RS2440 - in the amount of \$300,000) and McMichael High School Auditorium Renovations (RS2441 in the amount of \$350,000) from debt funded to pay go using school capital reserve funds.

Request approval to transfer \$90,000 in available funds from Project ID:: RS2419 - Reidsville High School Lighting Upgrades to a new project for Reidsville High School Baseball Field Safety Net Project (RS2502).

RCS requested to transfer available funds from RS2409 - Bethany Entry Vestibule (\$100,000), RS2410 - Monroeton Entry Vestibule (\$75,000), and RS2418 RCHS High School Lighting (\$200,000) to new Project ID: RS2503 for the Rockingham County High School Safety Vestibule for a total project budget of (\$375,000).

- [Attachment 1 6 2025 Erselle Young \(1\)](#)

- E. Ronnie Tate, Director of Engineering and Public Utilities and Bill Lester, LKC Engineering

1. Consider for approval a change in the contingency funding for US 220 Force Main Upgrade Project from 10% to 15% of the total project budget, for a total contingency amount of \$3,250,500.00, to cover the cost of additional change orders. The 10% contingency funding was approved by the Board of the 4-15-2024 Board meeting. Original contingency and project budget was approved at the 7-17-2023 Board meeting.

2. Consider approval for construction of a new lift station at Fishing Creek to move the old station from the flood plain. Funding is from DW1-VUR-ARP-0080 Funds. Approval of ELJ Inc. as the contractor for an amount of \$1,093,860,000 plus 10% contingency (\$109,386.00) for total amount of \$1,203,246.00. Approval for County Manager to approve change orders up to \$50,000.00 with out Board Approval. Approval of Board Resolution (supplied) approving project construction.

- [Attachment 1 6 2025 Ronnie Tate \(1\)](#)

- [Attachment 1 6 2025 Ronnie Tate \(2\)](#)

- F. Lance Metzler, County Manager

Consider approval of the implementation of the County's Market Study, retention adjustments and updated Salary Pay Plan. The market study was conducted by Piedmont Triad Regional Council and the retention adjustments were reviewed by internal staff. Also allow for the County Manager to have reasonable authority to adjust errors and make corrections at his discretion.

- [Attachment 1 6 2025 Lance Metzler \(1\) Presentation](#)

9. New Business

10. Commissioner Comments

11. Closed Session
Pursuant to: NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) Instruct Negotiating Agents
12. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING is January 21, 2025 at 6:30 pm at the Governmental Center,
Commissioners Chambers. Wentworth, NC 27375

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<http://www.rockinghamcountync.gov/MediaCenter>