MINUTES
BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

The Burke County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on Monday, August 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Burke County Services Building, 110 N. Green Street, Entrance E, in Morganton, North Carolina. The meeting was streamed live on the County's YouTube channel, BurkeCountyNC, and it was broadcast on the local cable systems. The agenda, in its entirety, was posted to the County's website, www.burkenc.org, several days prior to the meeting. Pursuant to Resolution No. 2024-17, adopted and effective on August 20, 2024, the Burke County Board of Commissioners conferred upon itself all the power, duties, and responsibilities of the Board of Health and the Social Services Board. Those present were:

COMMISSIONERS:	Phil Smith, Vice Chairman Brian Barrier Randy Burns Mike Stroud
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:	Jeffrey C. Brittain, Chairman (Business.)
STAFF:	Brian Epley, County Manager Margaret Pierce, Finance Director/Deputy County Manager Destin Hall, Wilson, Lackey, Rohr & Hall P.C. (Late – arrived at 6:02 p.m.) Kay Honeycutt Draughn, Clerk to the Board

CALL TO ORDER
Vice Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION
Keith Barnett, Pastor, Bridge Worship Center International, delivered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Destin Hall, Wilson, Lackey, Rohr & Hall, P.C. led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion: To approve the agenda as presented.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Brian Barrier, Commissioner
AYES:	Phil Smith, Brian Barrier, Randy Burns, and Mike Stroud
ABSENT:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
Motion: To approve the April 10, 2025 (special), April 21, 2025 (regular), and May 5, 2025 (pre-agenda) meeting minutes as written.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Mike Stroud, Commissioner
AYES:	Phil Smith, Brian Barrier, Randy Burns, and Mike Stroud
ABSENT:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

PRESENTATIONS

PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH (SEPTEMBER 2025)
Jennifer Gantt, DFC Project Coordinator, Burke Recovery, read directly from draft Proclamation No. 2025-12 declaring September as National Recovery Month in Burke County. The proclamation urged all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to join together in fostering understanding, compassion, and hope for those affected by substance use disorders.

Vice Chairman Smith called for a motion.

Motion: To approve Proclamation No. 2025-12.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Randy Burns, Commissioner
AYES:	Phil Smith, Brian Barrier, Randy Burns, and Mike Stroud
ABSENT:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

Proc. No. 2025-12 reads as follows:

BURKE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2025
AS NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH IN BURKE COUNTY

WHEREAS, behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness, and

WHEREAS, according to recent survey results, the average age of first use in Burke County is 11.5 – therefore, prevention of mental health issues and/or substance use disorder, as well as treatment, is necessary and effective, people do recover in our area and around the nation, and

WHEREAS, overdose rates in Burke County have substantially increased, overdose fatalities appear to be decreasing, and we are still seeing no increase in treatment rates or treatment facilities, and

WHEREAS, preventing and overcoming substance use disorder is essential to achieving healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally, and

WHEREAS, we must educate relatives and friends of people with substance use disorders so they will be able to implement preventative measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services, and

WHEREAS, substance use disorder is a major public health problem that impacts society on multiple levels, and

WHEREAS, the use of Fentanyl and other dangerous opioids (as well as substances being laced with potent sedatives) is rising in the community, leading to overdose and death, and

WHEREAS, also, underage drinking and a failure to properly store alcohol in the home continues to lead to youth having a low perception of risk, and

WHEREAS, to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, Burke Wellness Initiative and Burke Substance Abuse Network invites Burke County residents to participate in activities held to recognize National Recovery Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Burke County Board of Commissioners proudly proclaims SEPTEMBER 2025 as NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH in Burke County, North Carolina, and urges all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to join together in fostering understanding, compassion, and hope for those affected by substance use disorders. We call upon our community to promote awareness, expand access to treatment and recovery resources, and stand in solidarity with individuals and families as they work to overcome challenges, embrace wellness, and build brighter futures.

Approved this 18th day of August 2025.

/s/: Phil Smith
Phil Smith, Vice Chairman
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners

EMS - RECOGNITION OF LIFE SAVERS

James Robinson, EMS Director, requested recognition for several Emergency Services staff members for their exemplary lifesaving actions during recent emergency incidents. These dedicated individuals responded swiftly and skillfully to critical situations, providing essential medical care that resulted in positive outcomes for patients in urgent need. Mr. Robinson presented some key departmental metrics in addition to the stories of the heroic actions taken by first responders. The highlights of which were as follows:



EMS Leadership Team

BURKECOUNTY
ALL ABOUT ADVANCING

BC EMS operates on 4 shifts

Each shift works a 24/72 schedule and is lead by:


Shift Captain


Shift Lieutenant


Training Sergeant



- 3-4 Field Training Officers (FTO's) on each shift help work with new employees and students

Saving Lives: Impact of Early CPR

https://www.sca-aware.org/about-sudden-cardiac-arrest/latest-statistics

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Key Facts:

- **1,000** people suffer **sudden cardiac arrest** every day—across all ages.
- **10%** survive to hospital discharge after EMS treatment.
- Only **7%** have a **good functional recovery** post-event.
- Most cardiac arrests happen **outside the hospital (OHCA).**

What Makes a Difference?

- Early **911 activation**
- **Bystander CPR & First Responder CPR** = Higher Survival Rates



North Carolina Leads the Way!

- **42.9% Bystander CPR Rate** – Among the highest in the U.S.!

Every second counts—learning CPR saves lives!

CPR & ROSC

3 CPR Successes through partnership!!

BURKECOUNTY
ALL ABOUT ADVANCING

3/04/2025- 72 year old male found pulseless and breathless under the carport. 62First Responders initiated CPR. Patient administered medications, and defibrillated twice. CPR maintained by the Zoll AutoPulse. Patient was able to be discharged to home. Responders on scene included Oak Hill Fire Rescue, William Walker, Abigail Hendricks, Jerry Baker, Seth Farris, and Talma Parker

3/11/2025 57 Y/O male was identified to be having a STEMI (ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction or heart attack). He was being transported to Frye for further cardiac care. Patient went into sudden cardiac arrest upon arrival at the CATH Lab. The crew with Frye staff were able to successfully defibrillate the patient, obtain ROSC, and patient was later discharged to home. EMS Team was Mark Cooper and Debbie Taylor

06/26/2025- 48 Y/O Male in cardiac arrest upon the arrival of first responders, law enforcement, and EMS. Patient transported emergency traffic to Frye where he received further cardiac care and was discharged home. Responding agencies BCSO, Drowning Creek, Icard, Rhodhiss Fire, Jason Townsend and Robert Ledbetter

Above and Beyond

Quick Thinking

04/21/2025 Logan Fry entered the woods for a patient that had gone down trail to the water falls and was struggling with metal health issues. Logan's quick thinking and response allowed him to talk to the patient and get them away from the ledge before a life ending act was completed. Logan further assisted with the persuasive gentle walk back to the parking lot reassuring the patient things would be ok. There is no doubt that had Logan been 5 minutes later the outcome would have been different.



Good Samaritan

Kenny Williams

August 5, 2025, Kenny William's was working for the Town of Glen Alpine. He was hauling debris to the landfill. While waiting in a line he noticed something unusual going on at ahead of him at the scale house. He immediately jumped from his vehicle ran to the scale house and seen the attendant was on the floor and was not responding. He climbed over the guardrail, pried the window open to unlock the door and assist the attendant by getting her on her side and protecting her while she had a seizure. 911 was initiated. Crew 9 with Sherry Mayfield and Kimoni Money responded along with Fire Marshal Robert Bishop and Deputy Fire Marshal Matt Chapman.



Partnerships For Our Community

Organ Donation Saves Lives

On June 6th the Burke County Sheriffs Office, Icard Fire Rescue, Burke County EMS, Burke County Fire Marshal all responded for a report of a 13-year-old possible drowning in a pool. The child was pulled from the water by Icard EMR Zach Wade who then immediately handed the child off to other responders who began CPR. Through teamwork and high-quality care ROSC was obtained. The patient was transported to Catawba Valley Medical Center for stabilization then to Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center.



Mark Delehant, General Services Director, also expressed appreciation to Mr. Williams and EMS personnel. Vice Chairman Smith expressed gratitude on behalf of the Board to the first responders.



Depicted from left to right: Commissioner Stroud, Jason Townsend, Logan Fry, Robert Bishop, Curtis Walker, Andrew Sollars, Debbie Taylor, Anna Bradshaw, Victoria Triplett, Commissioner Burns, Kenny Williams, Vice Chairman Smith, Commissioner Barrier, and James Robinson.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN.

CM / FINANCE - UPDATE ON GRANT FUNDING

Lindsay Stockman, Grant Program Manager, presented an update on the County's grant program.



Current Grants

- 45 Active Grants
- ~ $9,000,000
- 13% or 6 of our grants are Federal
- 62% or 28 of our grants are State

Burke County has only provided $280,547 in match!

Focus Area 1: Community Advancement

To invest in cultural capital and advancement strategies that promote participative governance that elevates a community to live, work, and play, while also positioning Burke County as a community of choice.

6 of our current grants focus on Community Advancement

Focus Area 2: Economic Growth & Sustainment

To promote Burke County as a business and economic center in the region through recruitment of new industries and creating a healthy business climate for existing businesses.

11 of our grants focus on Economic Growth & Sustainment

Focus Area 3: Public Safety & Wellbeing

To ensure the safety of our residents through efficient and effective public safety agencies.

25 of our grants focus on Public Safety & Wellbeing

Focus Area 4: Fiscal Stewardship

To pursue a high-performing organization model that ensures high quality, transparency, and efficient use of public resources.

3 of our grants focus on Fiscal Stewardship

Recent Grant Activity

- Applied for 16 new grants since April 28th
- Total of ~$1,200,000
- 3 extensions have been submitted and approved by the state
- 3 Letters of Intent have been submitted to the state with 2 being approved to the next step
- Evaluated and reviewed grants with multiple individuals and departments
- Created an internal process for applying for grants

Some of the grants we are waiting to hear about:

Sheriff's Office

- COPS Grant for Violence Prevention
- In partnership with the public school system
- Would help with lighting Reep Field and enhanced safety features for schools.

Sheriff's Office

- COPS Hiring Grant
- In partnership with the school system
- Would allow for hiring of 3 new SROs

Senior Services

- Dogwood Health Trusts
- 2 years for a total of $150,000
- Funding proposed to move seniors off the wait list for in home and congregate meals



For questions:

Lindsay Stockman
Lindsay.stockman@burkenc.org
828-764-9059

Vice Chairman Smith opened the floor for questions or comments. Commissioners Burns and Vice Chairman Smith both praised Ms. Stockman for her hard work. There being no further discussion, Vice Chairman Smith called for a motion.

Motion: To accept the report as presented.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Brian Barrier, Commissioner
AYES:	Phil Smith, Brian Barrier, Randy Burns, and Mike Stroud
ABSENT:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

BOC - PROCLAMATION FOR NCDOT LITTER SWEEP WEEK

Vice Chairman Smith requested approval of a proclamation to encourage residents, businesses, civic organizations, and government agencies to participate in roadside litter cleanup efforts.

Motion: To approve Proclamation No. 2025-13.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Randy Burns, Commissioner
AYES:	Phil Smith, Brian Barrier, Randy Burns, and Mike Stroud
ABSENT:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

Proc. No. 2025-13 reads as follows:

BURKE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

LITTER SWEEP PARTICIPATION MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2025

WHEREAS, the natural beauty and high quality of life in Burke County are treasured assets that must be preserved through proactive environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, litter along Burke County's roadsides poses a significant environmental concern, harming wildlife, polluting waterways, and diminishing the scenic appeal of our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Lake James Environmental Association hosts an annual litter cleanup event for Lake James, which took place on March 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Burke County Chamber of Commerce organizes an annual Litter Sweep—a countywide initiative where residents work together to remove roadside litter and beautify our community, which took place April 2-9, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) conducts a biannual Litter Sweep, a statewide initiative that encourages residents, businesses, civic groups, and government agencies to join in the effort to clean up roadside litter, which will be held from April 12 to April 26, with a Fall Litter Sweep scheduled for September 13-27, 2025; and

WHEREAS, volunteers participating in these efforts will be provided with cleanup supplies, including gloves, safety vests, and trash bags, to support their work in removing litter from public roadways and shared community spaces; and

WHEREAS, participation in litter sweep events helps preserve Burke County's natural beauty for future generations and ensures that "Nature's Playground" remains clean, welcoming, and enjoyable for all; and

WHEREAS, Burke County's Community Beautification Initiative reflects the county's dedication to maintaining clean and welcoming public spaces, strengthening community pride, and supporting economic growth; and

WHEREAS, residents can help keep Burke County clean by reporting areas of concern through the "Community Beautification" icon on the County's homepage, burkenc.org; and

WHEREAS, the Burke County Board of Commissioners encourages all citizens to participate in keeping the community clean by reporting areas of concern, taking proactive measures to prevent litter, volunteering in the many litter cleanup events organized by various organizations throughout the year, and supporting ongoing efforts that promote a cleaner and more vibrant community;

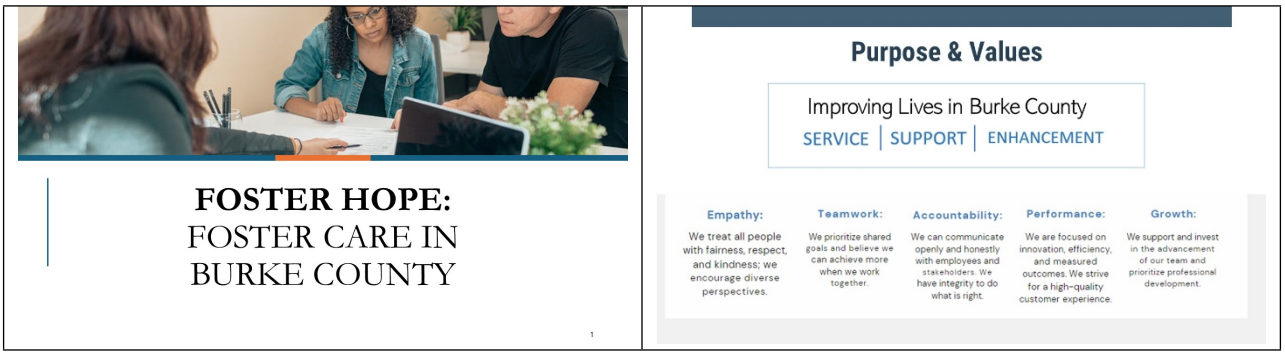
NOW, THEREFORE, the Burke County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of September 2025 as LITTER SWEEP PARTICIPATION MONTH in Burke County and urges all residents, businesses, and community organizations to join in this important initiative to help maintain the cleanliness, beauty, and livability of our roadsides and neighborhoods.

Approved this 18th day of August 2025.

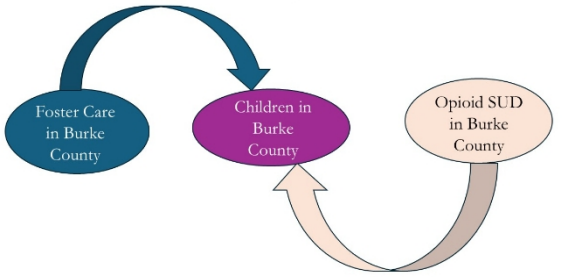
/s/: Phil Smith
Phil Smith, Vice Chairman
Burke County Board of Commissioners

CM - FOSTER CARE PRESENTATION

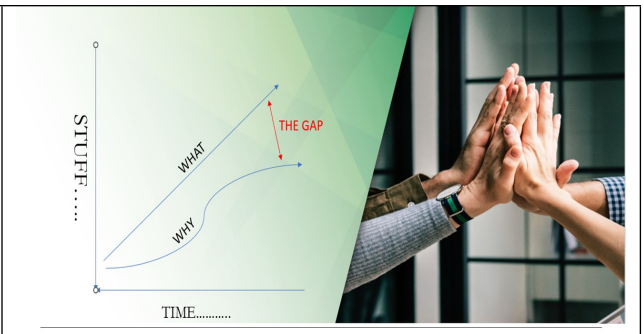
Brian Epley, County Manager, gave a presentation on efforts to strengthen Foster Care outcomes, the highlights of which were as follows:



Foster Care & Opioid Abatement



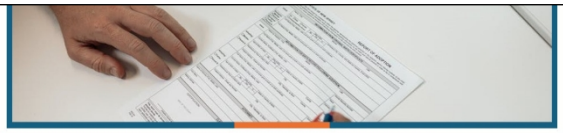
Economic Development Policy – Job Creations & Upward Economic Mobility



Agenda

- Awareness
- Advocacy
- Action

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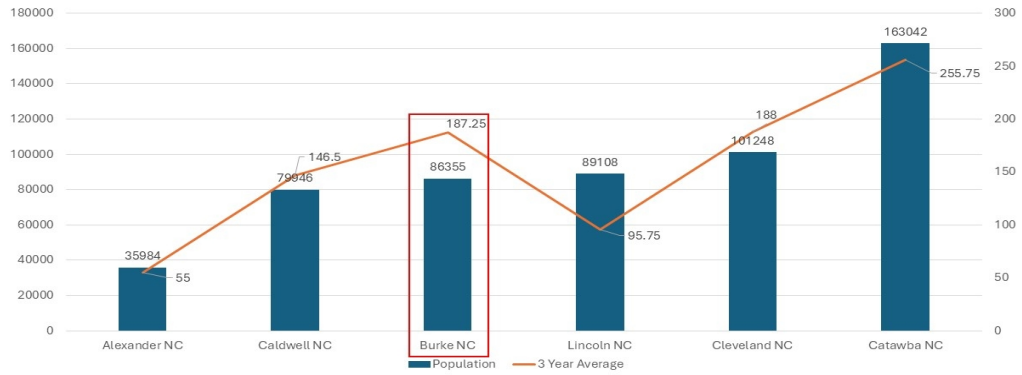
Awareness…….

FOSTER CARE OVERVIEW

In Burke County, there is a pressing issue regarding foster care. The current number of children in need of foster homes greatly surpasses the available licensed homes. This imbalance highlights the urgent need for more foster parents to step in and provide stable environments for these vulnerable children, ensuring they receive the care and support necessary for their development.

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County Population vs 3 Year Average Foster Clients



Annual Rate of Investigations/ Assessments for Child Welfare (per 1,000 children)

Higher than state and federal rates (2025 Reaching for Excellence and Accountability in Practice (REAP) Q2 results)

NC	Burke
43.6	67.39
The federal rate was 41.7 in 2023	

Claims

Annual Rate of Child Victimization (per 1,000 children)

Higher than state and federal rates (2025 REAP Q2 results)

NC	Burke
10.7	17.38
The federal rate was 7.4 in 2023	

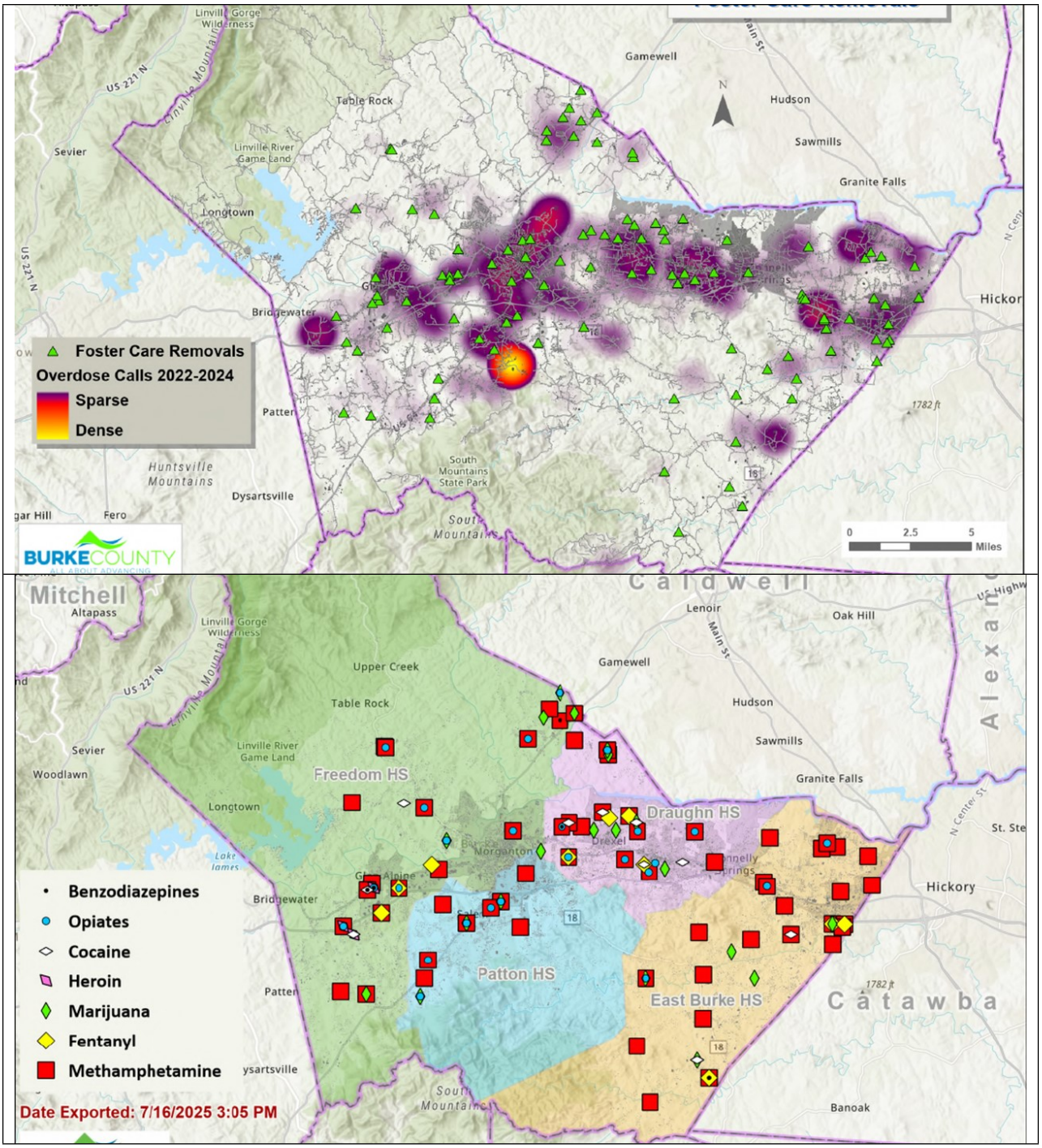
Claims Substantiated

Annual Rate of Children in Foster Care

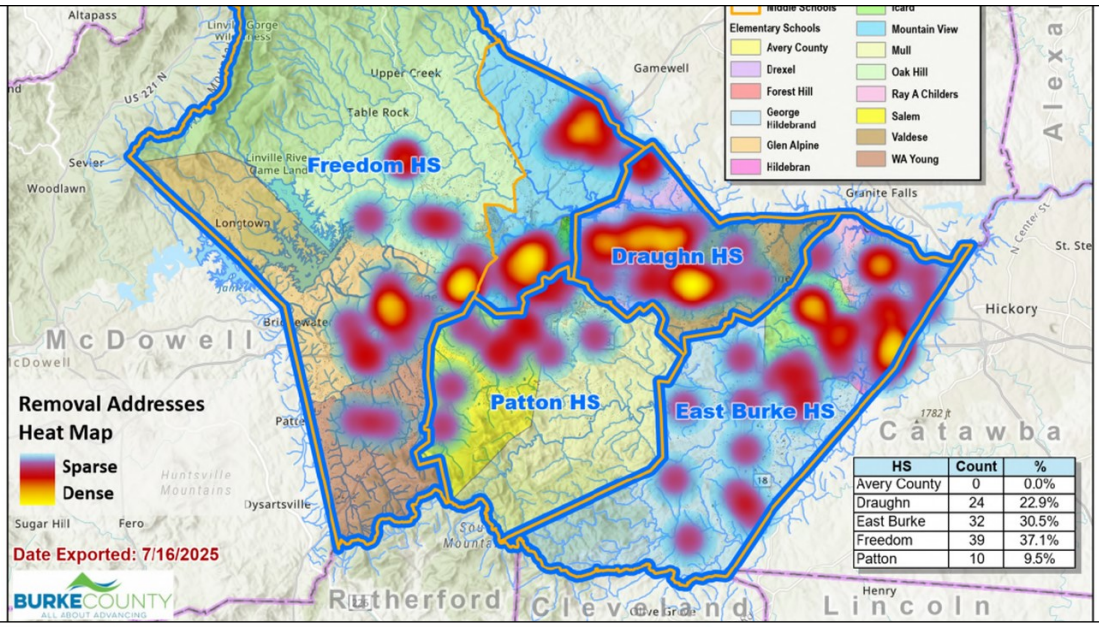
Higher than State, Region, and Similar-Sized Counties (Calendar Year 2024)

Burke	State	Medium Counties	Judicial Region
13.5%	6%	7.2%	9.8%

Children Taken Into Care



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Treatment In Care

Maltreatment While in Foster Care

Better than National Standard, State, and Similar-Sized Counties (2024 Calendar Year)

National	Burke	State	Medium Counties	Judicial Region
8.5%	2.96%	3.07%	3.7%	1%

Days In Care

Total Length of Time in Custody

Longer than National Standard, State, and Similar-Sized Counties (FY23–24)

% of youth in care after # of days	Burke %	State %	Medium Counties	Judicial Region
90	97.3 %	90%	89%	98.3%
180	91.9 %	83%	82%	94.9%
360	86.5 %	69%	65%	88.7%
450	68.6 %	59%	54%	78.7%
540	68.6 %	52%	47%	69.4%

Delays in court proceedings, lack of available placements, and turnover can negatively impact these outcomes.

Timeline to Permanency

Percent of Permanency within 12, 23, and 24+ Months of Children Entering Foster Care

Lower than National Standard, State, Region, and Similar-Sized Counties (FY23–24)

# of months	National	Burke	State	Medium Counties	Judicial Region
Within 12	40.5%	13.89%	27.18%	29.5%	13%
12-23	43.6%	34.62%	38.73%	43.1%	42.9%
24+	30.3%	28.3%	35.37%	34.8%	32.5%

Delays in court proceedings, limited placement availability, and high turnover can negatively impact these outcomes.

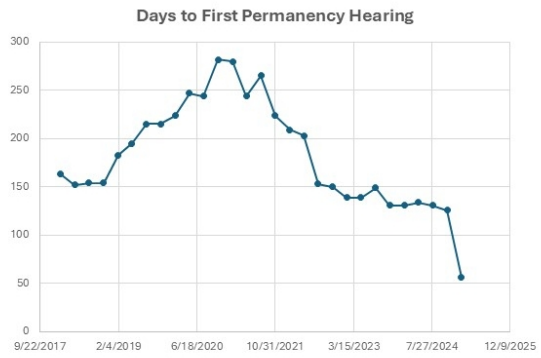
Child Welfare Data Snapshot

BURKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
FOSTER CARE ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Total Children in Care: 184

	Number of Children	% of Placement Type	Average Number of Days in Placement	Average Age of Child	% IV-E Eligible
Therapeutic Foster Home	25	14%	1,187	10	44%
Unlicensed Kinship Placement	50	27%	456	6	84%
Level III Group Home	5	3%	2,151	14	0%
Unleveled Group Home	12	7%	1,187	13	0%
IAFT	5	3%	1,616	12	20%
Total in PRTF	6	3%	2,093	12	0%
Licensed Family Foster	60	33%	975	6	75%
DSS Displaced	1	1%	909	14	0%
Other	20	11%	1,108	12	40%
Total	184		1,298	$ 11	29%

Child Welfare Data Snapshot







Advocacy….

Community Leadership

Churches

Engaging local churches can provide vital sponsorships and resources to support events that celebrate and assist foster families.

Commissioner Meetings

Point of emphasis at monthly commissioner meetings. Inviting partners and bringing awareness.

Schools

Partnering with schools helps raise awareness among families about fostering opportunities, making it easier to connect with potential foster parents.

Non-Profits

Collaborating with organizations ensures foster families receive essential resources that support their mission.

ACTION…

SPARC Services & Programs

FAMILY CENTERED TREATMENT®

Family Centered Treatment® (FCT)

A Caring Alternative

HIGH COUNTRY community health

NC Guardian ad Litem - Burke

Pastor Leadership Group

ONE MORE ONE LESS PROJECT

Meg's Place

LIVE LIKE MEGAN

Vice Chairman Smith called for questions of comments. Commissioner Stroud commended the collaborative efforts taking place across the community, noting how encouraging it is to see various groups—including churches and local partners—working together to support children in need. He expressed confidence that through these combined efforts, the county will ensure that no child is left without a home. Vice Chairman Smith echoed this sentiment, extending appreciation on behalf of the entire board to the Department of Social Services and all those who work daily to help and protect children. There being no further discussion, he moved to the next item of business.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

INFORMAL PUBLIC COMMENTS
Vice Chairman Smith called for informal public comments and asked speakers to limit their comments to three (3) minutes.

Cristy Gupton, Public Health Advisory Board member, commended the July 14th presentation on Burke County's community needs assessment, which again identified key challenges such as mental health and substance use. She felt it would be valuable to keep focusing on substance use, which continues to remain a prominent problem in the community. Ms. Gupton also shared a story about a community-led effort to build an outdoor learning space at Mull Elementary School—conceived by school leaders and completed as her son Kenton Gupton's Eagle Scout project. The project, supported by local volunteers and businesses, was completed without taxpayer funding and has provided students with a natural space for learning and wellness. Ms. Gupton thanked the many contributors and noted that the project was recognized as the top Eagle Scout project in the region.

There was no one else to address the Board; therefore, Vice Chairman Smith closed this portion of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA – NONE

ITEMS FOR DECISION

CLERK - APPOINTMENT TO COUNCIL ON AGING
Kay Draughn reported that Seat No. 10 on the Council on Aging is vacant. The Senior Services Director and the Council on Aging request the appointment of Hollie Phillips to fill this vacancy. The unexpired term ends November 30, 2026.

Vice Chairman Smith called for a motion.

Motion: To appoint Hollie Phillips to the Council on Aging, Seat No. 10 to complete the remainder of a term ending November 30, 2026.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Brian Barrier, Commissioner
AYES:	Phil Smith, Brian Barrier, Randy Burns, and Mike Stroud
ABSENT:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

CLERK - REMOVAL FROM THE AMERICA 250 NC COMMITTEE

Kay Draughn, Clerk to the Board, explained that Mr. Kevin Hancock, who was appointed to the America 250 NC Committee, Seat No. 10, Sons of the American Revolution, has resigned. Removal from the official roster was requested in accordance with his wishes.

Vice Chairman Smith called for a motion.

Motion: To remove Kevin Hancock's name from the official roster for the America 250th Planning Committee and thank him for his service.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Randy Burns, Commissioner
AYES:	Phil Smith, Brian Barrier, Randy Burns, and Mike Stroud
ABSENT:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

CLERK - RESOLUTION APPOINTING & REMOVING PLAT REVIEW OFFICERS

Kay Draughn, Clerk to the Board, noted that Pete Minter has retired from Burke County and is no longer able to serve as a Plat Review Officer. As such, his removal from this role was requested. Additionally, staff recommends the appointment of Linwood "Patrick" Dickinson to serve as a Plat Review Officer for Burke County. Mr. Dickinson will attend the plat review officer training scheduled for September 30th.

Vice Chairman Smith called for a motion.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2025-26.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Mike Stroud, Commissioner
AYES:	Phil Smith, Brian Barrier, Randy Burns, and Mike Stroud
ABSENT:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

Res. No. 2025-26 reads as follows:

BURKE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

RESOLUTION APPOINTING & REMOVING
NEW REVIEW OFFICERS

WHEREAS, Section 47-30.2 of the North Carolina General Statutes requires that the Board of Commissioners of each county designate one or more persons experienced in mapping or in land records management, as Review Officers, to review each map and plat required to be submitted for review before the map or plat is presented to the Register of Deeds for recording; and

WHEREAS, Pete Minter has retired from Burke County and is no longer able to serve in the capacity of Plat Review Officer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dickinson will complete the required plat review officer training on September 30, 2025, as set forth in Resolution No. 2024-11 adopted by the Burke County Board of Commissioners on June 18, 2024; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the continued performance of these statutory duties, Burke County staff recommends the appointment of Linwood "Patrick" Dickinson as a Plat Review Officer for Burke County;

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

1. Pete Minter is hereby removed as a designated Plat Review Officer for Burke County due to his retirement.

2. Linwood "Patrick" Dickinson is hereby appointed as a Plat Review Officer for Burke County pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 47-30.2 and is granted the authority to perform all duties and responsibilities as required by law.

3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be recorded in the Burke County Register of Deeds Office and indexed in the name of the Review Officers.

Adopted this 18th day of August 2025.

/s/: Phil Smith
Phil Smith, Vice Chairman
Burke County Board of Commissioners

Attest:
/s/: Kay Honeycutt Draughn
Kay Honeycutt Draughn, CMC, NCMCC
Clerk to the Board

CLERK - APPOINTMENT TO THE ANIMAL ADVISORY BOARD

Kay Draughn, Clerk to the Board, highlighted that Seat No. 8 on the Animal Advisory Board, large animal owner, was vacant, and the 2-year term ends July 31, 2027. An application was received from Morgan Bollinger, who owns several horses and a goat.

Vice Chairman Smith called for a motion.

Motion: To appoint Morgan Bollinger to the Animal Advisory Board, Seat No. 8, large animal owner, for the remainder of a term ending July 31, 2027.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Brian Barrier, Commissioner
AYES:	Phil Smith, Brian Barrier, Randy Burns, and Mike Stroud
ABSENT:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

CLERK - APPOINTMENT TO THE GLEN ALPINE PLANNING BOARD / BOA - ETJ SEAT
Kay Draughn, Clerk to the Board, reported that Burke County appoints one (1) member to the Glen Alpine PB/BOA as the ETJ representative. The term is for three (3) years. An application from Tamara Woods Poplin was received, and her appointment was requested.

Vice Chairman Smith called for a motion.

Motion: To appoint Tamara Poplin to the Glen Alpine Planning Board / Board of Adjustment as the ETJ representative for a 3-year term ending August 31, 2028.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Randy Burns, Commissioner
AYES:	Phil Smith, Brian Barrier, Randy Burns, and Mike Stroud
ABSENT:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

CLERK - APPOINTMENTS TO THE RECREATION COMMISSION
Kay Draughn, Clerk to the Board, stated that Seat No. 11, Salem school district, on the Recreation Commission was occupied by Cody Clarke until his recent resignation. The appointment of Sarah Ellis to complete the remainder of a term ending March 31, 2026, was requested by the Athletic Director.

11	Salem	Cody Clarke	A-UT	5/16/2023
			TE	3/31/2026

Vice Chairman Smith called for a motion.

Motion: To remove the name and Cody Clarke from the roster for the Parks & Recreation Commission and thank him for his service.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Mike Stroud, Commissioner
AYES:	Phil Smith, Brian Barrier, Randy Burns, and Mike Stroud
ABSENT:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

Motion: To appoint Sarah Ellis to the Parks & Recreation Commission, Seat No. 11, Salem, to complete the remainder of a term ending March 31, 2026.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Brian Barrier, Commissioner
AYES:	Phil Smith, Brian Barrier, Randy Burns, and Mike Stroud
ABSENT:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

CLERK - REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURE BOARD
Kay Draughn, Clerk to the Board, reported that the Voluntary Agriculture Board is a 7-member board with 4-year terms. Five (5) seats represent the farming community, one (1) seat is the Soil & Water Conservation District nominee, and the remaining seat is an at-large seat. Seats No. 1 & 2 (farming) have expired terms. Both Robert Lowman and Jason Carswell are willing to serve another term and would need a waiver from Article IV, Board, Commissions and Committees, Section 2-88 (membership requirements), (d) "Applications for membership to all boards and commissions shall be filed with the clerk to the board of commissioners prior to

appointment." Additionally, an application was received from Joseph Winkler, who is a farmer.

Vice Chairman Smith called for a motion for Seat No. 1.

Motion: To reappoint Jason Carswell to Seat No. 1 - Farming to complete the remainder of a term ending August 31, 2028. Further, grant an exception to Section 2-88(d) of the Burke County Code.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Mike Stroud, Commissioner
AYES:	Phil Smith, Brian Barrier, Randy Burns, and Mike Stroud
ABSENT:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

Vice Chairman Smith called for a motion for Seat No. 2.

To reappoint Robert Lowman to Seat No. 2 - Farming to complete the remainder of a term ending August 31, 2028. Further, grant an exception to Section 2-88(d) of the Burke County Code.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Brian Barrier, Commissioner
AYES:	Phil Smith, Brian Barrier, Randy Burns, and Mike Stroud
ABSENT:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

CM - RESOLUTION APPROVING COUNTY LEAD STRATEGIES SUPPORTING INITIATIVES ALIGNED WITH LOCAL PRIORITIES - OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

Dr. Katie Samuels, Opioid Settlement Coordinator, explained that this resolution proposes establishing a PORT team composed of four (4) community paramedics and four (4) peer support specialists to provide 24/7 overdose response and prevention services. It also includes funding for a peer community navigator to coordinate with agencies such as DSS, schools, and hospitals, along with continued community-wide naloxone distribution to sustain the decline in overdose fatalities. Brian Epley, County Manager, noted that these strategies were reviewed and unanimously endorsed by the Opioid Settlement Advisory Board in July.

Additional information from the agenda packet:

> Burke County, NC, will receive funding from national Opioid Settlements for a period of 18 years. Funding may be expended on items listed in Options A or B of the NC Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the use of Opioid Settlement funding. This resolution allocates Opioid Settlement funding to three (3) county-led interventions that fall under Option A of the NC MOA:
>
> 1. Post-Overdose Response Team (PORT) - $732,760
> 2. Peer Community Navigator - $114,218
> 3. Naloxone Distribution - $39,506

Budgetary Effect: Opioid settlement funds in the amount of $886,484 will be utilized for Opioid abatement interventions under Option A of the NC MOA for the Use of Opioid Settlement funding.

Vice Chairman Smith called for questions or comments; there being none, he called for a

motion.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2025-25 as presented.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Randy Burns, Commissioner
AYES:	Phil Smith, Brian Barrier, Randy Burns, and Mike Stroud
ABSENT:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

Res. No. 2025-25 reads as follows:

BURKE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF BURKE
TO DIRECT THE EXPENDITURE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

WHEREAS Burke County has joined national settlement agreements with companies engaged in the manufacturing, distribution, and dispensing of opioids, including settlements with drug distributors Cardinal, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen, and the drug maker Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals;

WHEREAS the allocation, use, and reporting of funds stemming from these national settlement agreements and certain bankruptcy resolutions ("Opioid Settlement Funds") are governed by the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation ("MOA"); and the Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds from Additional Settlements of Opioid Litigation ("SAAF");

WHEREAS Burke County has received Opioid Settlement Funds pursuant to these national settlement agreements and deposited the Opioid Settlement Funds in a separate special revenue fund as required by section D of the MOA;

WHEREAS section E.6 of the MOA states:

E.6. Process for drawing from special revenue funds.

a. Budget item or resolution required. Opioid Settlement Funds can be used for a purpose when the Governing Body includes in its budget or passes a separate budget resolution authorizing the expenditure of a stated amount of Opioid Settlement Funds for that purpose or those purposes during a specified period of time.

b. Budget item or resolution details. The budget or resolution should (i) indicate that it is an authorization for expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds; (ii) state the specific strategy or strategies the county or municipality intends to fund pursuant to Option A or Option B, using the item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to identify each funded strategy, and (iii) state the amount dedicated to each strategy for a stated period of time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in alignment with the NC MOA and SAAF, Burke County authorizes the expenditure of opioid settlement funds as follows:

1. Strategy authorized
    a. Name of strategy: Naloxone distribution
    b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
    c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: 7
    d. Amount authorized for this strategy: $39,505
    e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
    Start date of August 19, 2025, through End date of August 31, 2026
    f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Purchase and distribute naloxone kits throughout the community, including through public safety, EMS, and justice system partners. Funding will support the purchase of naloxone and supplies for naloxone kits.
    g. Provider: Burke County

2. Strategy authorized
    a. Name of strategy: Post-Overdose Response Team (PORT)
    b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
    c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: 8
    d. Amount authorized for this strategy: $732,760
    e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
    Start date of August 19, 2025, through End date of August 31, 2026
    f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Fund a 24/7 post-overdose response team to provide rapid post-overdose outreach and linkage to care. Funding will support salaries, supplies, equipment, travel, training, and vehicle expenses.
    g. Provider: Burke County

3. Strategy authorized
    a. Name of strategy: Community Navigator
    b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
    c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: 3
    d. Amount authorized for this strategy: $114,219
    e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
    Start date of August 19, 2025, through End date of August 31, 2026
    f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Support a field-based Peer Navigator role to provide support and connection to treatment, resources, and recovery housing. Funding will support wages/salary, supplies, equipment, travel, training, and vehicle expenses.
    g. Provider: Burke County

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above-named and authorized strategies is $886,484.

Adopted this 18th day of August 2025.

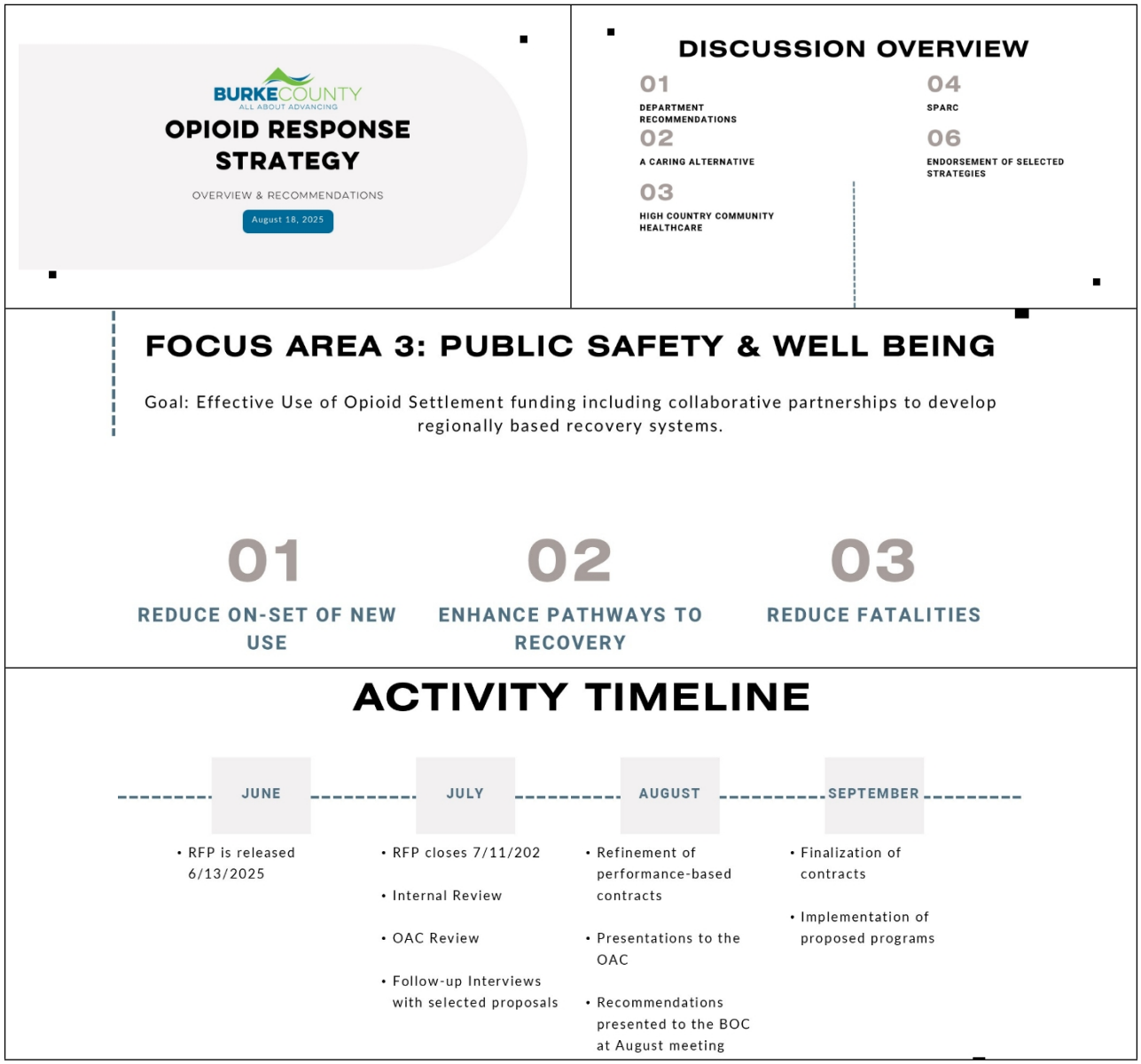
/s/: Phil Smith

Phil Smith, Vice Chairman
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners

Attest:
/s/: Kay Honeycutt Draughn
Kay Honeycutt Draughn, CMC, NCMCC
Clerk to the Board

CM - RESOLUTION APPROVING PROVIDER-LED STRATEGIES SUPPORTING INITIATIVES ALIGNED WITH LOCAL PRIORITIES- OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

Dr. Katie Samuels, Opioid Settlement Coordinator, provided a brief overview of the process used to select the vendor-led strategies and requested approval of a resolution authorizing contracts with the recommended vendors. The key points of her presentation were as follows:



OVERVIEW OF SUBMITTED PROPOSALS

Total Proposals Received: 11

- **Proposals Progressing to Next Step: 3**
  - These proposals have been recommended for funding consideration and will move forward to presentation and contract development.
- **Proposals Not Proceeding at This Time: 5**
  - These proposals are not advancing due to one or more of the following:
    - Duplication of existing services
    - Proposal did not represent a strategy from NC MOA Exhibit A
    - Misalignment with identified funding priorities
    - Did not serve a majority population impacted by opioid use disorder and/or polysubstance use, as outlined in the MOA
- **Proposals Revisiting Application: 3**
  - These applicants are refining their proposals based on feedback, with potential for future submission or consideration.

RECOMMENDED TO PROCEED

OVERVIEW

- High Impact/High Need Strategies
- Evidence-Based
- Performance-based Measures
- Fee for Service Models

PROGRAMS

A CARING ALTERNATIVE
Substance Abuse Comprehensive Outpatient Treatment/Intensive Outpatient (SACOT/SAIOP)

HIGH COUNTRY COMMUNITY HEALTH
Low-Barrier Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)

SPARC
Family Centered Treatment-Recovery (FCT-R)

A CARING ALTERNATIVE

REQUESTED AMOUNT:
$300,000

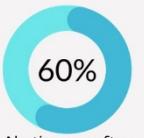
SACOT/SAIOP
Substance Abuse Comprehensive Outpatient Treatment (SACOT) and Substance Abuse Intensive Outpatient Program (SAIOP) are structured, evidence-based treatment programs for individuals with substance use disorders.

SACOT: 5 days/week, 4.5 hours/day
SAIOP: 3 days/week, 3 hours per day

IMPLEMENTATION MILESTONES

Milestone	Deadline	Performance Metric
Client intake and referral network established	By Month 3	5+ referral partnerships active
Secure licensure & facility readiness	End of Month 3	DHSR license secured; Facility meets NC standards
Morning & evening groups operational	By Month 4	1 SAIOP/1 SACOT Group established
Staff hiring (7 of 12 staff)	End of Month 6	60% of staff hired and onboarded
2 Groups	End of Month 9	1 additional of each group
Full operational staff (11 of 12 staff)	End of Month 12	95% staffing target met

A CARING ALTERNATIVE



Abstinence after completion of SACOT -*Coastal Horizons*



50-70% abstinence at follow-up from SAIOP -*National Library of Medicine*

OUTCOME METRICS

Metric	Target	Notes
Number of unduplicated participants enrolled	50 in Year 1	Includes MAT, SAIOP, and SACOT
Completion rate of SAIOP programs	≥ 50%	Based on treatment plan discharge
Completion rate of SACOT programs	≥ 35%	Based on treatment plan discharge
Decrease in positive drug screens at 90 days	≥ 30%	Based on initial vs. follow-up toxicology
Engagement in recovery supports post-discharge	≥ 50%	Verified by peer support or community linkage
Client satisfaction score	≥ 85%	Patient survey

HIGH COUNTRY COMMUNITY HEALTH

REQUESTED AMOUNT:

$267,305

LOW BARRIER MAT

Low-barrier medication-assisted treatment (MAT) provides same-day or next-day access to medications like buprenorphine with minimal entry requirements. It removes common obstacles to care, offering flexible, patient-centered services to engage people who might otherwise avoid or delay treatment.

IMPLEMENTATION MILESTONES

Milestone	Timeline	Performance Metric
Staff hiring and workflow finalization	Months 1-2	At least 80% of positions filled; workflows documented
Program launch and outreach deployment	Months 3-6	Mobile team operating weekly; EMS handoffs active
Service stabilization and monitoring	Months 6-12	Ongoing outreach, participant growth, partnership utilization
Evaluation & reporting	Month 12	Final outcome report completed and shared

HIGH COUNTRY COMMUNITY HEALTH



Treatment Retention Rates in low-threshold programs - *Bridge to Treatment*



Opioid Use dropped from 90% to 41% -*SAMHSA*

OUTCOME METRICS

Metric	Target	Notes
Number of individuals served via outreach	50 in Year 1	EHR, PSS logs
MOUD initiations	≥ 50%	Clinical records, EMS data
Warm handoffs to higher care (detox, SAIOP/SACOT)	≥ 35%	Referral logs
Repeat EMS calls for enrolled participants	≥ 30%	EMS reports
Client-reported improvements (stability/well-being)	≥ 50%	SDOH screens, BH reports

SPARC

REQUESTED AMOUNT:
$390,000

FAMILY CENTERED TREATMENT-RECOVERY (FCT-R)

FCT-R is an intensive in-home program that blends substance use recovery support with family therapy to address risks of removal or instability. Providing at least four hours of services weekly, it focuses on preserving or reunifying families, supporting sustained recovery, and improving safety and well-being.

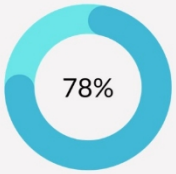
IMPLEMENTATION MILESTONES

Milestone	Deadline	Performance Metric
Program Staff Identified and Allocated	By Month 2	Hire and onboard 2 FCT-R Practitioners and 1 CPSS; complete Expansion Readiness Assessment
Secure licensure & facility readiness	End of Month 2	Completion of FCT-R online certification training (FCT Foundation requirements)
Initial Clients Identified	By Month 3	4 Clients
Secure licensure & facility readiness	End of Month 9	Completion of FCT-R field-based certification training (FCT Foundation requirements)
Program completion	End of Month 9	1 client graduates

SPARC

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Removals from June 2024-July 2025



Substance Use Part of Removal Circumstance

OUTCOME METRICS

Metric	Target	Notes
Number of Families enrolled	20 in Year 1	
Reunification or Stabilization Rate	≥ 80%	Based on Social Services Data
Decrease in positive drug screens at 90 days	≥ 30%	Based on initial vs. follow-up toxicology
Client satisfaction score	≥ 85%	Survey at discharge



ADVISORY COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT

Recommended Programs for Funding
The Opioid Advisory Committee unanimously endorsed all three proposals:

- A Caring Alternative
- High Country Community Health
- SPARC

Next Step: BOC Approval of Resolutions 2025-24 and 2025-25

THANK YOU

Additional information from the agenda packet:

Burke County, NC will receive funding from national Opioid Settlements for a period of 18 years. Funding may be expended on items listed in Options A or B of the NC Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the use of Opioid Settlement funding. This resolution allocates Opioid Settlement funding to

three (3) provider-led interventions that fall under Option A of the NC MOA:

1. A Caring Alternative - $300,000
2. High Country Community Health- $267,305
3. SPARC- $390,000

Budgetary Effect: Opioid settlement funds in the amount of $957,305 will be utilized for Opioid Abatement interventions under Option A of the NC MOA for the Use of Opioid Settlement funding.

Vice Chairman Smith called for questions or comments. Commissioner Barrier asked whether the selected organizations would report their results directly to the Board or through staff. Dr. Samuels explained that the vendors were required to report to the Opioid Advisory Committee (OAC). County Manager Epley added that staff could facilitate presentations to the Board if desired. Vice Chairman Smith thanked all those involved in the effort, recognizing the significant contributions of former Commissioner Carswell and others dedicated to combating substance abuse in the county. Commissioner Burns expressed deep appreciation for the Opioid Advisory Committee's thoughtful and humble work, calling this a major step forward. Commissioner Barrier added that this initiative is among the most important efforts undertaken by the Board to make a lasting, positive impact on the community, and noted that the OAC meetings are livestreamed and available for public viewing. There being no further discussion, Vice Chairman Smith called for a motion.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2025-24 as presented; approve contracts in the amounts of $300,000 with A Caring Alternative, $267,305 with High Country Community Health, and $390,000 with SPARC; and authorize the County Manager to execute all associated documents, subject to review and/or revision by the County Attorney.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Randy Burns, Commissioner
AYES:	Phil Smith, Brian Barrier, Randy Burns, and Mike Stroud
ABSENT:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

Res. No. 2025-24 reads as follows:

BURKE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF BURKE
TO DIRECT THE EXPENDITURE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

WHEREAS Burke County has joined national settlement agreements with companies engaged in the manufacturing, distribution, and dispensing of opioids, including settlements with drug distributors Cardinal, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen, and the drug maker Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals;

WHEREAS the allocation, use, and reporting of funds stemming from these national settlement agreements and certain bankruptcy resolutions ("Opioid Settlement Funds") are governed by

the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation ("MOA"); and the Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds from Additional Settlements of Opioid Litigation ("SAAF");

WHEREAS Burke County has received Opioid Settlement Funds pursuant to these national settlement agreements and deposited the Opioid Settlement Funds in a separate special revenue fund as required by section D of the MOA;

WHEREAS section E.6 of the MOA states:

E.6. Process for drawing from special revenue funds.

a. Budget item or resolution required. Opioid Settlement Funds can be used for a purpose when the Governing Body includes in its budget or passes a separate budget resolution authorizing the expenditure of a stated amount of Opioid Settlement Funds for that purpose or those purposes during a specified period of time.

b. Budget item or resolution details. The budget or resolution should (i) indicate that it is an authorization for expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds; (ii) state the specific strategy or strategies the county or municipality intends to fund pursuant to Option A or Option B, using the item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to identify each funded strategy, and (iii) state the amount dedicated to each strategy for a stated period of time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in alignment with the NC MOA and SAAF, Burke County authorizes the expenditure of opioid settlement funds as follows:

1. Strategy authorized
    a. Name of strategy: Recovery Support Services
    b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
    c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: 3
    d. Amount authorized for this strategy: $300,000
    e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
    Start date of August 19, 2025, through End date of August 31, 2026
    f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Implement and operate Substance Abuse Comprehensive Outpatient Treatment (SACOT) and Substance Abuse Intensive Outpatient Program (SAIOP) groups that integrate a Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) component. Funding will support program staffing, curriculum delivery, MAT coordination, and related resources to provide structured, evidence-based treatment services for individuals with opioid use disorder and co-occurring substance use needs.
    g. Provider: A Caring Alternative

2. Strategy authorized
    a. Name of strategy: Recovery Support Services
    b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
    c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: 3
    d. Amount authorized for this strategy: $390,000

e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date of August 19, 2025, through End date of August 31, 2026
f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Implement Family Centered Treatment – Recovery (FCT-R), an evidence-based, intensive in-home treatment model adapted for families impacted by substance use disorder. The program provides structured family therapy, relapse prevention strategies, and recovery support services, with a focus on improving family functioning, increasing treatment engagement, and reducing the risk of out-of-home placement. Funding will support program staffing, training, service delivery, and recovery-focused resources to address the needs of both the individual and their family system.
g. Provider: SPARC

3. Strategy authorized
   a. Name of strategy: Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment
   b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
   c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: 2
   d. Amount authorized for this strategy: $267,305
   e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
   Start date of August 19, 2025, through End date of August 31, 2026
   f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Implement and expand a low-barrier Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) program to increase access to evidence-based treatment for individuals with opioid use disorder. The program will reduce common entry barriers such as transportation challenges, appointment delays, and stringent program requirements, allowing same-day or rapid initiation of MAT when clinically appropriate. Funding will support program staffing, medication costs, care coordination, and wraparound recovery supports to promote treatment engagement, retention, and sustained recovery.
   g. Provider: High Country Community Health

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above-named and authorized strategies is $957,305.

Adopted this 18th day of August 2025.

/s/: Phil Smith
Phil Smith, Vice Chairman
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners

Attest:
/s/: Kay Honeycutt Draughn
Kay Honeycutt Draughn, CMC, NCMCC
Clerk to the Board

CM - COUNTY SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY UPDATE

Brian Epley, County Manager, requested that the Board repeal the "Policy for the Sale of Surplus Real Property" adopted in 2010, which was an overly cumbersome process. The procedures for disposing of surplus real property are adequately governed by the North Carolina

General Statutes, rendering the 2010 policy unnecessary.

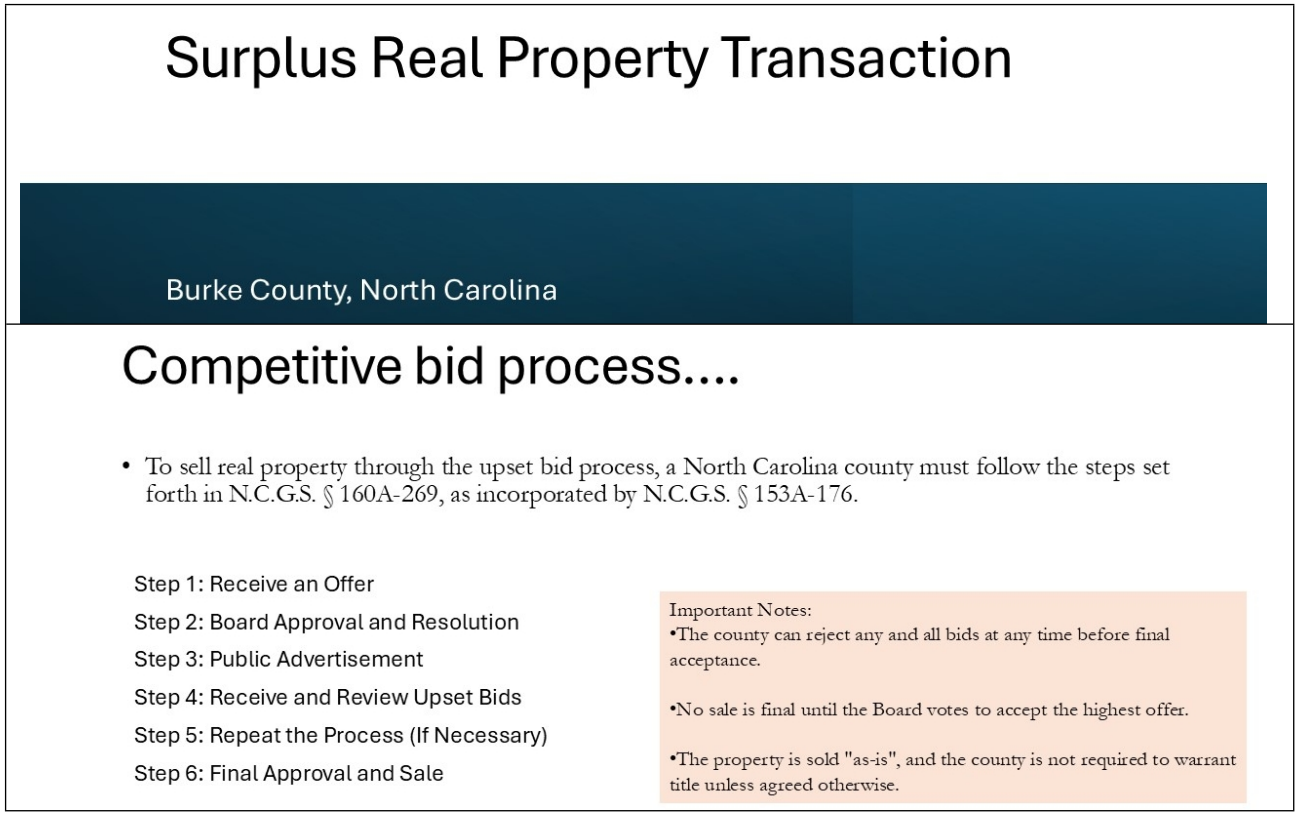
Vice Chairman Smith called for questions or comments; there being none, he called for a motion.

Motion: To repeal the "Policy for the Sale of Surplus Real Property" adopted in 2010.

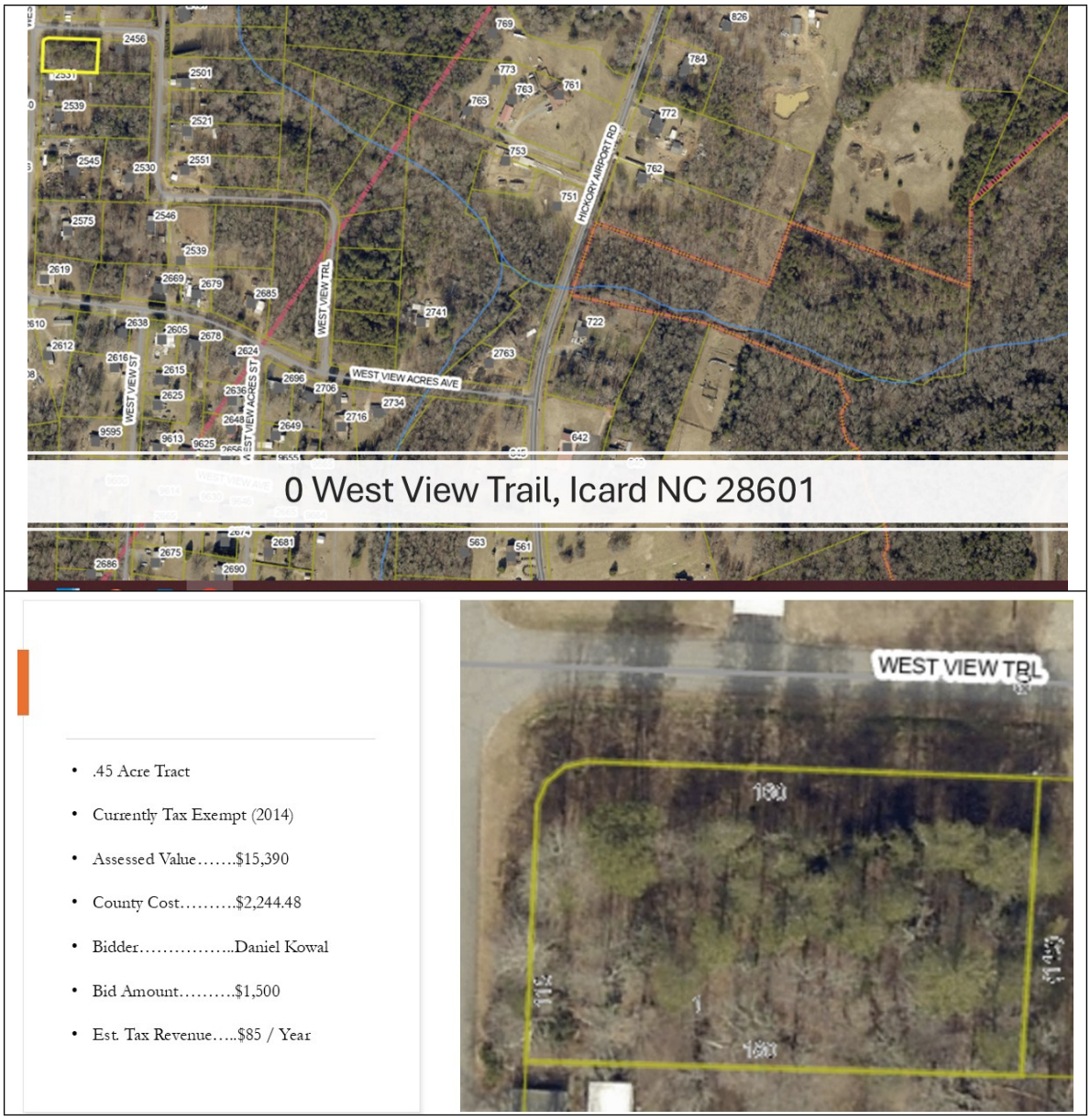
RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Mike Stroud, Commissioner
AYES:	Phil Smith, Brian Barrier, Randy Burns, and Mike Stroud
ABSENT:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

CM - CONSIDERATION OF OFFER TO PURCHASE COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY - KOWAL

Brian Epley, County Manager, provided a brief demonstration on how people are able to find and submit a bid on surplus property from the County's website. Afterwards, he presented an overview of Mr. Daniel Kowal's bid, the highlights of which were as follows:



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Additional information from the agenda packet:

On November 16, 2010, the Burke County Board of Commissioners adopted a policy regarding the sale of surplus real property, which was updated on September 15, 2020. The current version of the policy is included in the agenda packet for reference.

The County owns approximately 0.45 acres located at 0 West View Trail, Icard, NC (Parcel ID# 37261), acquired through tax foreclosure (File No. 13-CVD-1335) in March 2014 for $2,244.48.

At its July 21, 2025, meeting, the Board unanimously rejected an initial offer of $1,500 submitted by Mr. Daniel Kowal, citing that the offer did not meet or exceed the County's investment in the property and did not reflect the

parcel's fair market value. During the discussion, Commissioners noted:

- The parcel is in a residential area near the Hickory Regional Airport
- It has water/sewer access and is suitable for building
- The tax-assessed value is $15,390
- Acceptance of the $1,500 offer would leave the County with a net loss after 11 years of holding the property
- Expressed a preference for recovering at least the County's original investment in the property

Following that action, Mr. Kowal has submitted a new offer in the amount of $3,250 to purchase the property.

Pursuant to Section IV (Bid Exception) of the County's surplus real property policy, the Tax Assessor and County Attorney may recommend acceptance of a lower-than-minimum offer if it is deemed in the County's best interest. However, the Board retains full discretion to accept or reject any and all offers at any stage of the process.

Mr. Epley stated the property is worth more than $3,250. Vice Chairman Smith called for questions or comments; there being none, he called for a motion.

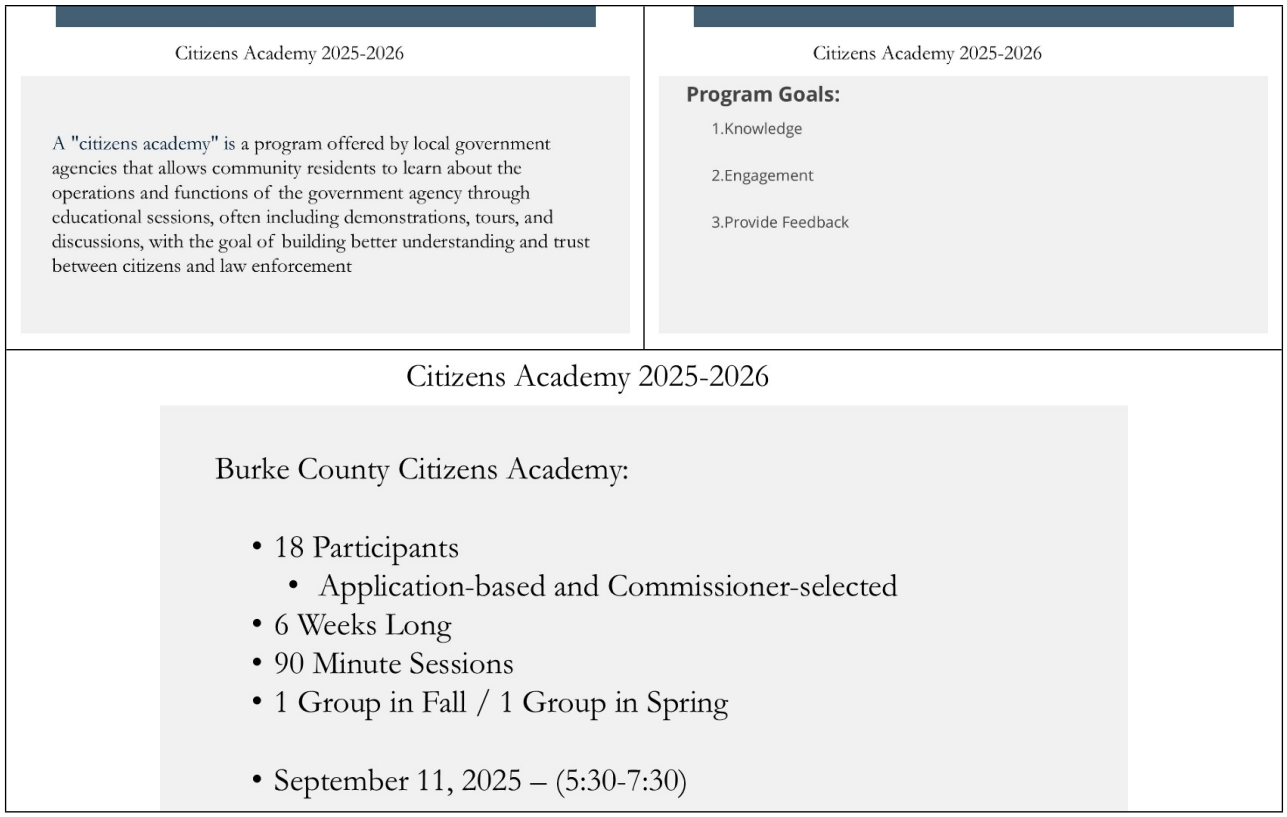
Motions: To <u>reject</u> the offer to purchase real property, REID No. 37261, 0 West View Trail, in the amount of $3,250.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Mike Stroud, Commissioner
AYES:	Phil Smith, Brian Barrier, Randy Burns, and Mike Stroud
ABSENT:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

CLERK - SELECTION OF INAUGURAL CLASS FOR BURKE COUNTY CITIZENS ACADEMY

Brian Epley, County Manager, presented a brief overview of the inaugural Burke County Citizens Academy as follows:





Vice Chairman Smith called for questions or comments. Mr. Epley received comments of praise from Vice Chairman Smith and comments of excitement for the program launch from Commissioner Burns. There being no further discussion, Vice Chairman Smith called for a motion.

Motion: To approve the selection of the following 18 participants for the inaugural class of Burke County Citizens Academy: Dave Beachler, Kyle Burnette, Susan Butterworth, Stephen Collar, Kimberly Falsey, Jim Frady, Ed Hallyburton, Shana Harrison, Chad Hildebran, Tora Kincaid, Haley King, Regina Lafferty, James "Jay" Leach, Beverly Morton, Steve Parker, Kim Van Sickler, Karen Swaim, and Heather Ward.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Brian Barrier, Commissioner
AYES:	Phil Smith, Brian Barrier, Randy Burns, and Mike Stroud
ABSENT:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

CM - ADOPTION OF PROJECT ORDINANCE FOR THE HRC RENOVATION PROJECT

Brian Epley, County Manager, provided an update on the planned renovation of the Human Resources Center (HRC), which houses the Public Health and Social Services departments. He explained that when he joined Burke County in February 2023, the County had just completed a comprehensive facilities master plan with Mosley Architects that assessed all County-owned buildings based on structural and mechanical conditions. Of the top five (5) priority projects identified, four (4) have already been addressed, with the HRC next on the list. Following the Budget Retreat held in March, the Board prioritized this project, which will be completed

through a phased adaptive reuse model—renovating the existing 62,000-square-foot facility. About 14,000 square feet currently used by the school system will become available when they vacate in the summer of 2026. The County has engaged Holland & Hamrick for design and engineering work, which is expected to continue through June, aligning with the school's departure. Construction is targeted for substantial completion by December 31, 2027. Mr. Epley noted that this will likely be the only major project in recent years requiring installment financing, though the County is also pursuing a federal grant to reduce borrowing needs. Until financing is finalized, the County will fund design and development costs, and Epley requested approval to establish a project ordinance with an initial $1 million appropriation from the capital fund as a temporary loan, to be repaid once financing is secured.

Budgetary Effect: N.A.

Vice Chairman Smith called for questions or comments; there being none, he called for a motion.

Motion: To adopt Capital Project Ordinance No. 2025-10 as presented.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Randy Burns, Commissioner
AYES:	Phil Smith, Brian Barrier, Randy Burns, and Mike Stroud
ABSENT:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

Ord. No. 2025-10 reads as follows:

BURKE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

HUMAN RESOURCE CENTER RENOVATION
CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Burke County, 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 the renovation of the Human Resource Center at 700 Parker Road, with initial costs to be advanced by a transfer from the Capital Projects Fund. Permanent funding will be determined at a later date.

Section 2. The officers of the County are hereby directed to proceed with the capital project within the budget contained herein.

Section 3. The following revenues are available to complete this project:

Capital Projects Fund - Transfer	$ 1,000,000
Total	$ 1,000,000

Section 4. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

Design and engineering	$ 1,000,000

Total	$ 1,000,000

Section 5. The Finance Director is hereby directed to maintain within the Capital Project fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records. Any funds remaining at the end of this project will revert to the County's Capital Projects Reserve Fund. Reimbursement for the funds advanced from the Capital Project Fund will occur once the permanent funding source is in place.

Section 6. Copies of this capital project budget ordinance shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Board for direction in carrying out this project.

Adopted this 18th day of August 2025.

/s/: Phil Smith
Phil Smith, Vice Chairman
Burke County Board of Commissioners

Attest:
/s/: Kay Honeycutt Draughn
Kay Honeycutt Draughn, CMC, NCMCC
Clerk to the Board

CM - RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENTION TO REIMBURSE THE COUNTY FROM THE PROCEEDS OF ONE OR MORE TAX-EXEMPT FINANCINGS FOR CERTAIN CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Brian Epley, County Manager, requested that the Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution declaring its intent to reimburse the County from the proceeds of one or more tax-exempt financings for capital expenditures related to the Human Resource Center renovation and expansion project at 700 Parker Road, Morganton.

This declaration of intent is required under federal tax regulations to preserve the County's ability to reimburse itself from future tax-exempt financing proceeds for eligible expenditures incurred prior to the issuance of such financings. Adoption of this resolution does not obligate the County to proceed with the financing or the project, but allows the County to recover project costs already paid with County funds, provided the reimbursement is made within the allowable timeframe.

The anticipated maximum principal amount of tax-exempt financings for the project is $10,000,000. Expenditures eligible for reimbursement will be those properly chargeable to a capital account under federal income tax principles, costs of issuance, nonrecurring items, or certain qualified grants.

Budgetary Effect: No immediate budgetary impact. The resolution preserves the County's ability to reimburse itself from future tax-exempt financing proceeds for eligible project expenditures.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2025-28.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Brian Barrier, Commissioner
AYES:	Phil Smith, Brian Barrier, Randy Burns, and Mike Stroud
ABSENT:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

Res. No. 2025-28 reads as follows:

BURKE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

RESOLUTION OF THE BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO REIMBURSE THE COUNTY FROM THE PROCEEDS OF ONE OR MORE TAX-EXEMPT FINANCINGS FOR CERTAIN CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

WHEREAS, the County of Burke, North Carolina, (the "County"), is a political subdivision organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the County (the "Board") has determined there is a potential to finance a portion of the cost of expanding, renovating, constructing, equipping, and improving the Human Resource Center located at 700 Parker Rd., Morganton, North Carolina 28655 (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that certain moneys advanced and to be advanced by the County to pay such expenditures (the "Expenditures") are available only for a temporary period and it is and will be necessary to reimburse the County for the Expenditures from the proceeds of one or more tax-exempt financings of the County that are expected to be authorized by the Board (collectively, the "Tax-exempt Financings").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board as follows:

Section 1. The Board hereby declares the County's intent to reimburse the County with the proceeds of the Tax-exempt Financings for the Expenditures. The County reasonably expects on the date hereof that it will reimburse the Expenditures with the proceeds of the Tax-exempt Financings.

Section 2. Each Expenditure was or will be (a) of a type properly chargeable to a capital account under general federal income tax principles (determined in each case as of the date of the Expenditure), (b) a cost of issuance with respect to the Tax-exempt Financings, (c) a nonrecurring item that is not customarily payable from current revenues or (d) a grant to a patty that is not related to or an agent of the County so long as such grant does not impose any obligation or condition (directly or indirectly) to repay any amount to or for the benefit of the County.

Section 3. The maximum principal amount of the Tax-exempt Financings expected to be entered into with respect to the Project is $10,000,000.

Section 4. The County will make a reimbursement allocation, which is a written allocation by the County that evidences the County's use of proceeds of the Tax-exempt

Financings to reimburse an Expenditure, no later than 18 months after the later of the date on which the Expenditure is paid or the Project is placed in service or abandoned, but in no event more than three years after the date on which the Expenditure is paid. The County recognizes that exceptions are available for certain preliminary expenditures, costs of issuance, certain de minimis amounts, expenditures by small issuers (based on the year of issuance and not the year of expenditure), and expenditures for construction projects of at least five years.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

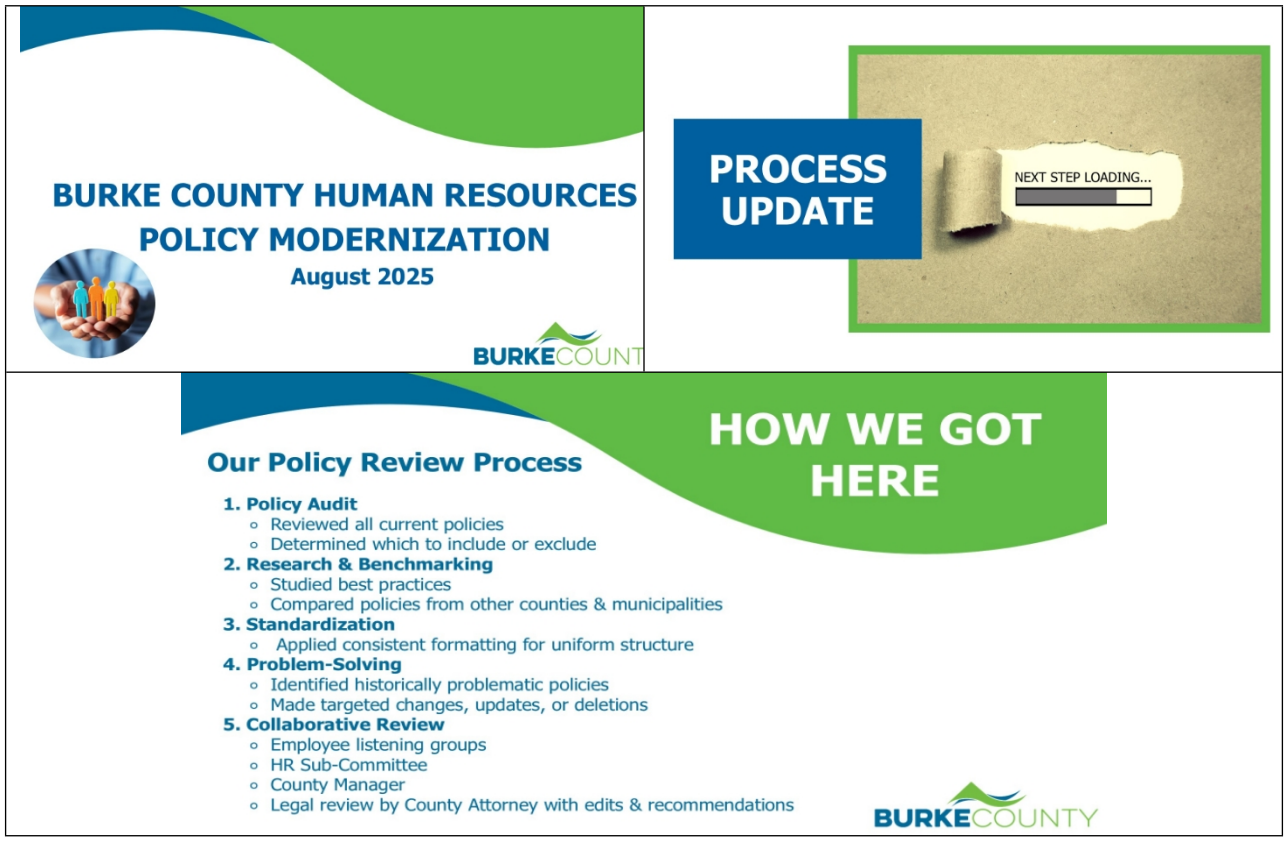
Adopted this 18th day of August 2025.

/s/: Phil Smith
Phil Smith, Vice Chairman
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners

Attest:
/s/: Kay Honeycutt Draughn
Kay Honeycutt Draughn, CMC, NCMCC
Clerk to the Board

HR - PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF UPDATED HR POLICIES

Mark Miller, Human Resources Director, presented changes to the Burke County Personnel Policies for the Board to consider as follows:



POLICY MODERNIZATION

Why the need to modernize?

1.Ensure Policies are up to date and relevant

- Last comprehensive review – **July 2009**
- Implementation of best practices
- More empowerment and culture-defining (less control-focused)
- Reduce risk – updated compliance with federal, state, and local employment laws
- Clarity – aligns with our purpose and values
- Aligns with the organization's focus on employer of choice initiatives

Focus Area 5: Employer of Choice

To promote a professional value-based employee centric workplace that promotes innovation, performance, integrity, and differentiation.

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POLICY MODERNIZATION

Why the need to modernize?

2. Pursue Substantial Equivalency

- Substantial equivalency reflects accordance with NC OSHR policies and positions us to receive substantial equivalency certification from NC OSHR
- Having Substantial equivalency allows us to internally:
  - Recruit and qualify candidates for DSS / Public Health roles
  - Determine compensation accordingly
  - Classify positions into appropriate job families
  - Ultimately, this allows us to work more **efficiently and effectively**



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POLICY MODERNIZATION

Why the need to modernize?

3. Compensation and Classification Improvements

- Completion of compensation study – completed in 2024
  - Resulted in an updated classification system and compensation (pay grade) system that mirrors OSHR and other counties
    - Professional-driven process by outside resource
    - Set job duties and pay
    - Reviewed and updated all job descriptions across the organization
    - Allows for easy comparisons for market research to other counties, as well as comparison with other DSS & Public Health positions across the state



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Vice Chairman Smith called for questions or comments; there being none, he called for a motion.

Motion: To approve the proposed changes to the Burke County Personnel Policies as presented, effective October 1, 2025.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Randy Burns, Commissioner
AYES:	Phil Smith, Brian Barrier, Randy Burns, and Mike Stroud
ABSENT:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

Note: the personnel policies set forth in the agenda packet are hereby incorporated into the meeting minutes by reference.

HR - RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENCY

Mark Miller, Human Resources Director, requested that the Board adopt a resolution pursuant

to the petition for substantial equivalency with the Office of State Human Resources (OSHR) regarding position classification and pay administration.

Vice Chairman Smith called for questions or comments; there being none, he called for a motion.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2025-20.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Mike Stroud, Commissioner
AYES:	Phil Smith, Brian Barrier, Randy Burns, and Mike Stroud
ABSENT:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

Res. No. 2025-20 reads as follows:

BURKE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

RESOLUTION DEALING WITH SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENCY

WHEREAS, the Burke County Board of Commissioners has identified making the County an "Employer of Choice" as a Strategic Priority; and

WHEREAS, the Burke County Board of Commissioners has identified pursuing "Substantial Equivalency" as an Operating Objective in support of the Strategic Priority of becoming an "Employer of Choice"; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute Section § 126-11 allows local personnel systems to be established for all employees of the county subject to its jurisdiction with prior approval by the State Human Resources Commission as substantially equivalent to the standards established; and

WHEREAS, the Burke County Board of Commissioners may petition the State Human Resources Commission requesting substantially equivalent status; and

WHEREAS, the State Human Resources Commission is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to implement the federal merit system standards, and these regulations, at a minimum, shall include: recruitment and selection of employees; position classification; pay administration; training; employee relations; equal employment opportunity; and records and reports; and

WHEREAS, the staff and resources are available to Burke County to maintain a substantially equivalent human resources system in the areas of position classification and pay administration; and

WHEREAS, Burke County seeks a determination of substantial equivalency in the areas of position classification and pay administration,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Burke County Board of Commissioners approves and supports this resolution to the North Carolina Human Resources Commission to determine if Burke County meets the requirements for substantial equivalency with the State Human Resources Act.

Adopted this 18th day of August 2025.

/s/: Phil Smith
Phil Smith, Vice Chairman
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners

Attest:
/s/: Kay Honeycutt Draughn
Kay Honeycutt Draughn, CMC, NCMCC
Clerk to the Board

RECESS OF THE MEETING
Vice Chairman Smith called for a brief recess of the meeting at 7:42 p.m., and the meeting resumed at 7:48 p.m.

TAX DEPT. - TAX COLLECTION REPORT - JULY 2025
John Bridgers, Tax Administrator, presented the Tax Collection Report for the period ending July 30, 2025, as follows:

Category	Amount Collected YTD	% Collected	Balance to Collect
Property Tax	$7,171,685.95	13.03%	$47,867,328.05
Motor Vehicle Tax	$534,303.58	9.79%	$4,922,553.42
Current Year Taxes	$7,705,989.53	12.74%	$52,789,881.47
Delinquent Taxes	$160,175.67	22.88%	$539,824.13
Penalty & Interest	$36,209.79	11.01%	$292,700.21

The Tax Levy is the total property tax value, not including motor vehicles, times the tax rate. This amount changes monthly with the addition of discoveries, other changes, or corrections, and when Public Utility Values are added, typically during September.

Category	Tax Levy	Amount Collected YTD	% Collected	Balance to Collect
Property Tax	$54,179,163.76	$7,171,685.95	13.24%	$47,007,477.81

Vice Chairman Smith called for questions or comments; there being none, he called for a motion.

Motion: To accept the Tax Collection Report for July 2025 as presented.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Brian Barrier, Commissioner
AYES:	Phil Smith, Brian Barrier, Randy Burns, and Mike Stroud
ABSENT:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

TAX DEPT. - RELEASE REFUND REPORT - JULY 2025

John Bridgers, Tax Administrator, presented the Tax Release and Refund Report for the period ending July 30, 2025, as follows:

VTS Refunds Over $100	
	Refund Amount
VTS Adjustments	$0.00

Tax System Refunds and Releases			
Report Amount	Rebilled Amount	Net Release	Refund Amount
$327,620.84	$265,438.55	$62,182.29	$0.00

*Note: The net release amount results from the reported amount minus the rebilled amount.

Bill #	Taxpayer Name	Bill Date	Operator ID (Name)	Release Date	Orig Bill Amount($)	Release Amount($)	Bill Amount after Release($)
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY	RELEASE REASON: Adjustment						
0000022104-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	KINCAID, BETTY	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/15/2025	742.21	742.21	0.00
0000039771-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	HART, GARRETT	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/10/2025	1,250.06	27.60	1,222.46
0000044945-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	FREEMAN, RACHEL	7/1/2022	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/15/2025	136.08	136.08	0.00
0000044945-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	FREEMAN, RACHEL	7/3/2023	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/15/2025	229.22	229.22	0.00
0000044945-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	FREEMAN, RACHEL	7/15/2024	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/15/2025	229.22	229.22	0.00
0000044945-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	FREEMAN, RACHEL	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/15/2025	108.36	108.36	0.00
0000049534-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	TAYLOR, GEORGE E	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/28/2025	73.12	44.00	29.12
0000049534-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	TAYLOR, GEORGE E	7/1/2025	LINDA WILBUR	7/28/2025	29.12	29.12	0.00
0000049814-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	CAMPBELL, EDWIN GENE	7/3/2023	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/17/2025	94.16	94.16	0.00
0000051043-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	NESBIT, ROBERT	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/10/2025	3,043.25	83.34	2,959.91
0000051043-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	NESBIT, ROBERT	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/10/2025	2,959.91	104.89	2,855.02
0000053340-2015-2015-0000-00-REG	BAIRD, JOYCE	7/1/2015	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/16/2025	98.56	98.56	0.00
0000053340-2016-2016-0000-00-REG	BAIRD, JOYCE	7/1/2016	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/16/2025	105.22	105.22	0.00
0000053340-2017-2017-0000-00-REG	BAIRD, JOYCE	7/1/2017	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/16/2025	111.11	111.11	0.00
0000053340-2018-2018-0000-00-REG	BAIRD, JOYCE	7/1/2018	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/16/2025	113.11	113.11	0.00
0000053340-2019-2019-0000-00-REG	BAIRD, JOYCE	7/1/2019	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/16/2025	119.84	119.84	0.00
0000053340-2020-2020-0000-00-REG	BAIRD, JOYCE	7/1/2020	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/16/2025	119.84	119.84	0.00
0000053340-2021-2021-0000-00-REG	BAIRD, JOYCE	7/1/2021	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/16/2025	123.84	123.84	0.00
0000053340-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	BAIRD, JOYCE	7/1/2022	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/16/2025	129.84	129.84	0.00
0000053340-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	BAIRD, JOYCE	7/3/2023	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/16/2025	104.63	104.63	0.00
0000057716-2025-2025-0000-01-REG	CORTEZ, CECILIA	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/10/2025	19.47	19.47	0.00
0000081485-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	DEAL, TERESA	7/3/2023	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/17/2025	6.16	6.16	0.00
0000081949-2025-2025-0000-01-REG	NGONDA MAYEBA	7/1/2025	LINDA WILBUR	7/16/2025	111.73	28.72	83.01
0000081949-2025-2025-0000-01-REG	NGONDA MAYEBA	7/1/2025	LINDA WILBUR	7/17/2025	83.01	8.85	74.16
0000081949-2025-2025-0000-01-REG	NGONDA MAYEBA	7/1/2025	LINDA WILBUR	7/17/2025	74.16	20.78	53.38
0000081949-2025-2025-0000-01-REG	NGONDA MAYEBA	7/1/2025	LINDA WILBUR	7/17/2025	53.38	36.21	17.17
0000081949-2025-2025-0000-01-REG	NGONDA MAYEBA	7/1/2025	LINDA WILBUR	7/17/2025	17.17	15.85	1.32
0000083531-2020-2020-0000-00-REG	WILKERSON, JOHN	7/1/2020	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/18/2025	94.47	94.47	0.00
0000083531-2021-2021-0000-00-REG	WILKERSON, JOHN	7/1/2021	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/18/2025	98.47	98.47	0.00
0000083531-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	WILKERSON, JOHN	7/1/2022	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/18/2025	104.47	104.47	0.00
0000083531-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	WILKERSON, JOHN	7/3/2023	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/18/2025	98.66	98.66	0.00
0000092566-2025-2023-0000-00-REG	BRANTLEY, BRAXTON BLAKE	7/18/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/18/2025	7.28	7.28	0.00
0024024652-2018-2018-0000-00-REG	CALL, BOYD DALE	7/1/2018	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/14/2025	14.33	14.33	0.00
0024024652-2019-2019-0000-00-REG	CALL, BOYD DALE	7/1/2019	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/14/2025	8.03	8.03	0.00
0024024652-2020-2020-0000-00-REG	CALL, BOYD DALE	7/1/2020	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/14/2025	8.34	8.34	0.00
0024024652-2021-2021-0000-00-REG	CALL, BOYD DALE	7/1/2021	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/14/2025	7.91	7.91	0.00
0024024652-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	CALL, BOYD DALE	7/1/2022	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/14/2025	7.91	7.91	0.00
0024024652-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	CALL, BOYD DALE	7/3/2023	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/14/2025	9.24	9.24	0.00
0024052137-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	HUDSON, VICTORIA W	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/14/2025	148.04	148.04	0.00
0024052349-2021-2021-0000-00-REG	KINLEY, KENNETH W	7/1/2021	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/18/2025	16.74	16.74	0.00
0024052349-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	KINLEY, KENNETH W	7/1/2022	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/18/2025	16.74	16.74	0.00
0024052349-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	KINLEY, KENNETH W	7/3/2023	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/18/2025	13.49	13.49	0.00
0024060215-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	WILLIAMS, NORMAN L	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/9/2025	53.95	53.95	0.00
0024070211-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	THE HUMAN BEAN	7/1/2025	LINDA WILBUR	7/21/2025	503.67	275.50	228.17
0024070651-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	WALKER, EARL T	7/3/2023	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/14/2025	27.72	27.72	0.00
0024070696-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	FOXX, BRENDA W	7/3/2023	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/14/2025	12.32	12.32	0.00
0024077104-2025-2024-0000-00-REG	RICHARDS, SHIRLEY B	7/23/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/23/2025	17.47	17.47	0.00
0024077447-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	SPENCER, ANDREW MICHAEL	7/1/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/10/2025	299.15	27.20	271.95
Subtotal					**11,854.18**	**4,058.51**	**7,795.67**

TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY	**RELEASE REASON: Amended Listing**						
0024047947-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	WELLS FARGO VENDOR FINANCIAL SERV LLC	7/1/2025	LINDA WILBUR	7/22/2025	35.21	1.47	33.74
0024076801-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	YOUNG, DENNY K	7/1/2025	LOUISE JOHNSON	7/24/2025	24.42	6.10	18.32
Subtotal					**59.63**	**7.57**	**52.06**
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY	**RELEASE REASON: Assessed In Error**						
0000082164-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	DE LAGE LANDEN FINANCIAL SERVICES INC	7/1/2025	LOUISE JOHNSON	7/18/2025	30.43	30.43	0.00
Subtotal					**30.43**	**30.43**	**0.00**
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY	**RELEASE REASON: Billing Correction**						
0000017305-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	HAWKINS, BRUCE ATWOOD SR	7/1/2025	AMANDA CONLEY	7/22/2025	19.54	19.54	0.00
Subtotal					**19.54**	**19.54**	**0.00**
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY	**RELEASE REASON: Business Closed**						
0024058950-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	MODERN MEDICAL AESTHETICS & WELLNESS	7/1/2025	LINDA WILBUR	7/11/2025	33.58	33.58	0.00
Subtotal					**33.58**	**33.58**	**0.00**

Bill #	Taxpayer Name	Bill Date	Operator ID (Name)	Release Date	Orig Bill Amount($)	Release Amount($)	Bill Amount after Release($)
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY	**RELEASE REASON: Deceased**						
0000007706-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	SHUFFLER, ANN R	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/30/2025	417.04	417.04	0.00
0000007706-2025-2025-0000-01-REG	SHUFFLER, ANN R	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/30/2025	790.09	790.09	0.00
0000018768-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	DALE, FRANCES M	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/29/2025	485.91	485.91	0.00
0000018768-2025-2025-0000-01-REG	DALE, FRANCES M	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/29/2025	890.45	890.45	0.00
0000047102-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	LAMBERT, BARBARA OLIVER	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/29/2025	44.00	44.00	0.00
0000047102-2025-2025-0000-01-REG	LAMBERT, BARBARA OLIVER	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/29/2025	104.50	104.50	0.00
0000052913-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	PETRY, MARION	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/29/2025	374.37	374.37	0.00
0000052913-2025-2025-0000-01-REG	PETRY, MARION	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/29/2025	422.37	422.37	0.00
0000053340-2025-2017-0000-00-REG	BAIRD, JOYCE	7/22/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/22/2025	37.37	19.02	18.35
0000076280-2021-2021-0000-00-REG	GREENE, KATHY PHILLIPS	7/1/2021	KAYLA BURGESS	7/18/225	76.00	76.00	0.00
0000076280-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	GREENE, KATHY PHILLIPS	7/1/2022	KAYLA BURGESS	7/18/225	82.00	82.00	0.00
0000076280-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	GREENE, KATHY PHILLIPS	7/3/2023	KAYLA BURGESS	7/18/2025	94.16	94.16	0.00
0000077717-2020-2020-0000-00-REG	GIBSON, STELLA W	7/1/2020	KAYLA BURGESS	7/16/2025	6.78	6.78	0.00
0000077717-2021-2021-0000-00-REG	GIBSON, STELLA W	7/1/2021	KAYLA BURGESS	7/16/2025	7.46	7.46	0.00
0000077717-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	GIBSON, STELLA W	7/1/2022	KAYLA BURGESS	7/16/2025	7.46	7.46	0.00
0000077717-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	GIBSON, STELLA W	7/3/2023	KAYLA BURGESS	7/16/2025	6.16	6.16	0.00
0000077717-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	GIBSON, STELLA W	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/16/2025	6.16	6.16	0.00
0000077717-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	GIBSON, STELLA W	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/16/2025	6.11	6.11	0.00
0000084254-2015-2015-0000-00-REG	JOHNSON, PRISCILLA A	7/1/2015	KAYLA BURGESS	7/10/2025	98.42	98.42	0.00
0000084254-2016-2016-0000-00-REG	JOHNSON, PRISCILLA A	7/1/2016	KAYLA BURGESS	7/10/2025	33.00	33.00	0.00
0000084254-2017-2017-0000-01-REG	JOHNSON, PRISCILLA A	7/1/2017	KAYLA BURGESS	7/10/2025	35.00	35.00	0.00
0000084254-2018-2018-0000-01-REG	JOHNSON, PRISCILLA A	7/1/2018	KAYLA BURGESS	7/10/2025	36.00	36.00	0.00
0000086926-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	TAYLOR, AMANDA JO	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/9/2025	5.80	5.80	0.00
0024077062-2025-2024-0000-00-REG	GROOMS, R DAVID	7/16/2025	LOUISE JOHNSON	7/25/2025	16.80	16.80	0.00
0024077062-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	GROOMS, R DAVID	7/16/2025	LOUISE JOHNSON	7/25/2025	15.27	15.27	0.00
0024084509-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	WHISENANT, CLAUDE L JR	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/17/2025	21.06	5.79	15.27
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TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY	**RELEASE REASON: Mapping Correction**						
0024083840-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	FULLWOOD, THOMAS CHRISTOPHER	7/1/2025	AMANDA CONLEY	7/14/2025	175.67	175.67	0.00
Subtotal					**175.67**	**175.67**	**0.00**

Bill #	Taxpayer Name	Bill Date	Operator ID (Name)	Release Date	Orig Bill Amount($)	Release Amount($)	Bill Amount after Release($)
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY	**RELEASE REASON: Duplicate Billing**						
0000003479-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	DAYE, JERRY D II	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/30/2025	1,093.11	6.10	1,087.01
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0000086164-2025-2025-0001-00-REG	GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICE	7/17/2025	LINDA WILBUR	7/17/2025	144.86	54.34	90.52
0024058964-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	COLLEY, LANDON TYLER	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/9/2025	106.05	106.05	0.00
0024068604-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	JERNIGAN, JANET ELIZABETH BOYD	7/1/2025	LOUISE JOHNSON	7/9/2025	37.35	37.35	0.00
0024077016-2025-2024-0000-00-REG	MCGEE, ELIZABETH SMALL	7/10/2025	LINDA WILBUR	7/14/2025	50.40	50.40	0.00
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0024083205-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	DELTA PRIME STAFFING LLC	7/1/2025	LINDA WILBUR	7/16/2025	3.06	3.06	0.00
0024084989-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	MULL, STEVEN R	7/1/2025	LOUISE JOHNSON	7/29/2025	22.53	8.49	14.04
0024085249-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	HENDERSON, BUTCH	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/10/2025	51.59	51.59	0.00
0024085277-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	DINGMAN, MICHAEL DAVID	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/21/2025	333.03	333.03	0.00
Subtotal					**4,529.94**	**1,797.09**	**2,732.85**
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY	**RELEASE REASON: Late Listing**						
0000070702-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	PROSPECT RIDGE AVIATION INC	7/1/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/11/2025	738.71	67.16	671.55
0000070799-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	RANMAC INC	7/1/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/11/2025	30.53	2.78	27.75
0000071721-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	MARINE INVESTMENTS	7/1/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/11/2025	1,272.90	115.72	1,157.18
0000081353-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	CASE FARMS LLC	7/1/2025	LINDA WILBUR	7/25/2025	18,498.94	1,681.72	16,817.22
0024034661-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	YONDERBYRD LLC	7/1/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/11/2025	13,588.00	1,235.27	12,352.73
0024047533-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	BIG LOTS STORES INC 55391	7/1/2025	LINDA WILBUR	7/30/2025	1,170.41	106.40	1,064.01
0024063085-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	XLS LEASING LLC	7/1/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/11/2025	33,577.50	3,052.50	30,525.00
0024063088-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	MCAIRE LLC	7/1/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/11/2025	26,556.75	2,414.25	24,142.50
0024063090-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	SANSTONE AVIATION LLC	7/1/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/11/2025	16,007.00	1,455.18	14,551.82
0024072628-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	C AVIATION LLC	7/1/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/11/2025	9,157.50	832.50	8,325.00
0024072660-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	REYNOLDS, C J	7/1/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/11/2025	358.67	32.61	326.06
0024077140-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	FECTEAU ROBERT	7/1/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/11/2025	3,418.80	310.80	3,108.00
0024077151-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	HAAS, JEFFREY BRIAN	7/1/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/11/2025	402.93	36.63	366.30
0024077155-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	BUTLER, JOHN MICHAEL	7/1/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/10/2025	6,715.50	610.50	6,105.00
0024077156-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	DOUGLAS, JOHN	7/1/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/10/2025	714.29	64.94	649.35
0024077194-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	FOSTER, RICK	7/1/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/10/2025	445.67	40.52	405.15
0024077205-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	ALTITUDE AVIATION LLC	7/1/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/11/2025	689.87	62.72	627.15
0024077219-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	KOCH, ERIC	7/1/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/11/2025	763.13	69.38	693.75
0024077228-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	STILLWELL, PLILLIP CLAYTON	7/1/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/11/2025	277.78	25.25	252.53
0024077291-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	FARRIS, STEPHEN	7/1/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/10/2025	1,648.35	149.85	1,498.50
0024077294-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	HEINL CHRISTOPHER	7/1/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/10/2025	738.71	67.16	671.55
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0024077314-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	YADKIN RIVER LLC	7/1/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/10/2025	11,599.50	1,054.50	10,545.00
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0024077329-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	STUTTS, KEITH GLENN	7/1/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/11/2025	1,037.85	94.35	943.50

0024077341-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	BARLOW, CHARLES E	7/1/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/11/2025	30.53	2.78	27.75
0024077350-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	PEARSON, JAMES CLYDE	7/1/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/10/2025	976.80	88.80	888.00
0024077360-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	STEVENS, JAMES A JR	7/1/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/11/2025	427.35	38.85	388.50
0024077361-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	SPOONER, JOHN	7/1/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/11/2025	125.16	11.38	113.78
0024077368-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	FLOCK GROUP INC	7/1/2025	LINDA WILBUR	7/8/2025	21.97	2.00	19.97
0024077369-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	FLOCK GROUP INC	7/1/2025	LINDA WILBUR	7/8/2025	68.86	6.26	62.60
0024077397-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	ST GERMAIN, MICHAEL RAY	7/1/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/11/2025	824.18	74.93	749.25
0024077458-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	CARSWELL, JOSEPH C	7/1/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/11/2025	45.79	4.16	41.63
0024077459-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	WHITE, GERALD D	7/1/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/10/2025	79.37	7.22	72.15
0024084405-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	FLOCK GROUP INC	7/1/2025	LINDA WILBUR	7/8/2025	25.05	2.28	22.77
0024084406-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	FLOCK GROUP INC	7/1/2025	LINDA WILBUR	7/8/2025	14.20	1.29	12.91
0024084542-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	FARM CREDIT LEASING SERVICES CORP	7/1/2025	LINDA WILBUR	7/18/2025	241.76	21.98	219.78
0024084723-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	ECR SOFTWARE CORPORATION	7/1/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/14/2025	20,757.00	1,887.00	18,870.00
0024084733-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	AGRI-LAND WEST, LLC	7/1/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/11/2025	634.92	57.72	577.20
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TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY	**RELEASE REASON: Listed In Error**						
0000015737-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	ORDERS, WANDA JAYNE	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/14/2025	313.21	8.32	304.89
0000022362-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	HELMS, TOMMY LEE	7/1/2025	LOUISE JOHNSON	7/24/2025	1,109.31	2.78	1,106.53
0000085333-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	DE FEET INTERNATIONAL INC	7/1/2025	LINDA WILBUR	7/30/2025	1,294.65	140.59	1,154.06
0024085244-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	VINES, MARK	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/11/2025	173.38	173.38	0.00
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TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY	**RELEASE REASON: Not in Burke County**						
0000058654-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	COTTY, NEIL A	7/1/2025	LINDA WILBUR	7/11/2025	8,914.21	56.14	8,858.07
0000078524-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	CARVER, BARRY RONNIE	7/1/2022	KAYLA BURGESS	7/10/2025	9.75	5.16	4.59
0000084254-2019-2019-0000-01-REG	JOHNSON, PRISCILLA A	7/1/2019	KAYLA BURGESS	7/10/2025	36.00	36.00	0.00
0024022709-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	XEROX CORPORATION	7/1/2025	LINDA WILBUR	7/21/2025	21.00	21.00	0.00
0024026049-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	HIGGINBOTHAM, DEBORAH JONES	7/1/2025	LOUISE JOHNSON	7/21/2025	212.30	95.12	117.18
0024026060-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	MUNIZ, EDWARD	7/1/2025	LINDA WILBUR	7/16/2025	162.52	42.28	120.24
0024026130-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	DUHAIME, BETH PENNOCK	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/24/2025	10.35	10.35	0.00
0024047934-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	SMITH, WESLEY J	7/1/2025	LINDA WILBUR	7/10/2025	10.50	10.50	0.00
0024052314-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	DYER, DAVID WILLIAM JOSEPH	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/9/2025	12.70	12.70	0.00
0024052855-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	SOUTHERN TAX SERVICES	7/15/2024	LINDA WILBUR	7/10/2025	10.16	10.16	0.00
0024052855-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	SOUTHERN TAX SERVICES	7/1/2025	LINDA WILBUR	7/10/2025	10.08	10.08	0.00
0024064804-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	CODY, MARK J	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/15/2025	34.25	34.25	0.00
0024073430-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	COFFEY, JOHNATHAN C	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/10/2025	6.11	6.11	0.00
0024076339-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	POLLARD, JOHN D	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/28/2025	30.22	30.22	0.00
0024077447-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	SPENCER, ANDREW MICHAEL	7/1/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/28/2025	271.95	271.95	0.00
0024077601-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	MONTOYA, SANTIAGO LOPEZ	7/1/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/16/2025	102.08	102.08	0.00
0024083091-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	SWEET LIFE TRUCKING INC	10/28/2024	LINDA WILBUR	7/10/2025	233.46	233.46	0.00
0024083091-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	SWEET LIFE TRUCKING INC	7/1/2025	LINDA WILBUR	7/10/2025	231.38	231.38	0.00
0024084017-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	MOSTILLER, JAMES C	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/8/2025	12.21	6.10	6.11
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0024084753-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	MT VIEW HOME & GARDEN CENTER INC	7/1/2025	LOUISE JOHNSON	7/8/2025	333.97	333.97	0.00
0024084930-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	POWELL, CHRISTOPHER EUGENE	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/9/2025	69.66	69.66	0.00
0024085276-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	GRIFFIN, DARREN WEST	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/14/2025	218.92	218.92	0.00
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TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY	**RELEASE REASON: Penalty Correction**						
0024063815-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	CUSTOMERS COMMERCIAL FINANCE LLC	7/1/2025	LOUISE JOHNSON	7/16/2025	50,162.02	4,560.18	45,601.84
0024077221-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	MARSHALL AIR SYSTEMS	7/1/2025	LOUISE JOHNSON	7/16/2025	13,125.75	1,193.25	11,932.50
Subtotal					**63,287.77**	**5,753.43**	**57,534.34**
TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY	**RELEASE REASON: Over Assessment**						
0000017540-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	KNOELKE, PEGGY L	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/28/2025	1,226.08	1.39	1,224.69
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0000035245-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	HUFFMAN, SUSAN P	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/28/2025	437.06	247.19	189.87
0000045509-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	BOLICK, KENNETH A	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/28/2025	281.40	170.66	110.74
0000046040-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	YANCEY, DENNIS L	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/28/2025	344.56	212.82	131.74
0000049534-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	TAYLOR, GEORGE E	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/28/2025	216.45	143.33	73.12
0000051100-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	GRAVES, LAWRENCE RANDOLPH	7/15/2024	LINDA WILBUR	7/25/2025	407.42	282.46	124.96
0000053002-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	CONLEY, BETTY	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/28/2025	347.87	217.35	130.52
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0000059205-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	CARAWAY, DOWD EVANS	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/28/2025	208.14	98.07	110.07
0000073278-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	LAIL, BARBARA FOX	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/17/2025	121.55	115.44	6.11
0000076283-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	COFFEY, NEIL	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/28/2025	174.42	45.91	128.51
0024024757-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	MARTINEZ, MELISA	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/28/2025	261.96	148.35	113.61
0024034113-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	DEAL, BARBARA STAMEY	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/28/2025	290.76	168.54	122.22
0024052105-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	DYER, DAVID	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/9/2025	66.92	28.76	38.16
0024052840-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	MARTINEZ ROMERO, DEYSI HAYDEE	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/28/2025	549.61	380.57	169.04
0024058965-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	PRITCHARD, CHRISTOPHER KEVIN	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/28/2025	364.90	226.93	137.97
0024059808-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	BALDRIDGE, ANGELA C	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/28/2025	373.74	238.58	135.16
0024071922-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	WILSON, MARY LOU	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/28/2025	251.28	141.70	109.58
0024084568-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING INC	7/1/2025	LOUISE JOHNSON	7/29/2025	258.57	43.78	214.79
0024085254-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	CORPENING, FLOYD H	7/1/2025	LOUISE JOHNSON	7/9/2025	101.55	96.00	5.55
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TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY	**RELEASE REASON: Process Correction**						
0000014345-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	SWAFFORD, FRANCES C	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/1/2025	678.32	678.32	0.00
0000018039-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	LETTERMAN, MELVA JEAN	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/1/2025	250.85	250.85	0.00
0000018799-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	BECK, ERNEST JERRY	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/18/2025	533.14	533.14	0.00
0000019527-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	ETHERIDGE, ELMER J	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/18/2025	128.22	128.22	0.00
0000020364-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	SMITH, EDWINA V	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/18/2025	473.12	473.12	0.00
0000020948-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	FREEMAN, JERRY STUART	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/18/2025	227.14	227.14	0.00
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0000021438-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	CLARK, MICHAEL A	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/18/2025	254.88	254.88	0.00
0000021814-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	JOHNSON, SHIRLEY M	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/18/2025	463.65	463.65	0.00
0000022060-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	BERRY, FRED JULIAN	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/18/2025	230.36	230.36	0.00
0000025097-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	PENNINGTON, PHYLLIS D	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/18/2025	319.23	319.23	0.00
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0000028517-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	ESPINO, FRANCISCO	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/18/2025	307.23	307.23	0.00
0000029540-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	SMITH, HARRY R	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/18/2025	357.11	357.11	0.00

0000029752-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	SMITH, BARBARA	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/18/2025	316.22	316.22	0.00
0000029830-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	REESE, WAYNE ALAN	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/18/2025	266.30	266.30	0.00
0000038922-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	WINEBARGER, RUBY J	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/18/2025	477.65	477.65	0.00
0000040062-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	BOYCE, DOLLIE MARIE	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/18/2025	72.82	72.82	0.00
0000045244-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	ROBINSON, JANICE	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/18/2025	143.49	143.49	0.00
0000052952-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	MAYFIELD, NED	7/1/2025	LINDA WILBUR	7/9/2025	44.00	44.00	0.00
0000056525-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	SMITH, PAUL NELSON	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/18/2025	496.50	496.50	0.00
0000058197-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	ANTHONY, LINDA SMITH	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/18/2025	663.48	663.48	0.00
0000076947-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	FOOD LION LLC 1534	7/1/2025	LINDA WILBUR	7/24/2025	2,910.71	174.75	2,735.96
0024022385-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	TOSHIBA AMERICA BUSI SOLUTIONS	7/1/2025	LOUISE JOHNSON	7/25/2025	626.62	30.46	596.16
0024063887-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	WELLS FARGO VENDOR FINANCIAL SERV LLC	7/1/2025	LINDA WILBUR	7/24/2025	309.84	17.99	291.85
0024083933-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	KING, RICHARD D	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/9/2025	855.42	855.42	0.00
Subtotal					**11,861.24**	**8,237.27**	**3,623.97**

TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY RELEASE REASON: Release LFUF

0000003844-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	AGUIRRE, ADRIAN	7/1/2025	AMANDA CONLEY	7/9/2025	218.58	148.77	69.81
0000005123-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	WAGER, JASON	7/1/2025	AMANDA CONLEY	7/11/2025	1,381.16	92.00	1,289.16
0000018701-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	PROPST, DELORES	7/9/2025	AMANDA CONLEY	7/9/2025	166.64	92.00	74.64
0000023110-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	FOX, WANDA	7/1/2025	AMANDA CONLEY	7/9/2025	321.10	92.00	229.10
0000028785-2025-2025-0000-01-REG	WOODIE, MARION	7/1/2025	LINDA WILBUR	7/23/2025	940.14	940.14	0.00
0000029474-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	GANTT, TERRY M	7/15/2024	AMANDA CONLEY	7/22/2025	251.81	88.00	163.81
0000029474-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	GANTT, TERRY M	7/1/2025	AMANDA CONLEY	7/22/2025	254.34	92.00	162.34
0000029657-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	BRUNS, CHARLES J	7/1/2025	AMANDA CONLEY	7/17/2025	1,483.14	276.00	1,207.14
0000037882-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	LEWIS, BILLY RAY	7/1/2025	AMANDA CONLEY	7/9/2025	2,026.71	92.00	1,934.71
0000041703-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	PARKER, KENNETH G	7/1/2025	AMANDA CONLEY	7/9/2025	183.26	105.12	78.14
0000048905-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	WRIGHT, KYLE SAMMY	7/1/2025	AMANDA CONLEY	7/9/2025	317.62	158.81	158.81
0000057598-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	SMITH, NOLA W	7/1/2025	AMANDA CONLEY	7/15/2025	360.03	92.00	268.03
0024069276-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	NUNEZ, ARLENE F	7/9/2025	AMANDA CONLEY	7/9/2025	211.30	92.00	119.30
Subtotal					**8,115.83**	**2,360.84**	**5,754.99**

TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY RELEASE REASON: Situs Correction

0024052184-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	MURRAY, PEYTON K	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/9/2025	12.07	12.07	0.00
0024085260-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	JNH PROPERTIES LLC	7/1/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/15/2025	7,020.75	7,020.75	0.00
Subtotal					**7,032.82**	**7,032.82**	**0.00**

TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY RELEASE REASON: Sold/Traded

0000007724-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	STAMEY, JASON B	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/24/2025	1,355.47	13.38	1,342.09
0000018971-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	AUSTIN, ROGER DALE	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/10/2025	349.40	9.15	340.25
0000018971-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	AUSTIN, ROGER DALE	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/10/2025	340.25	6.11	334.14
0000018971-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	AUSTIN, ROGER DALE	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/10/2025	334.14	6.10	328.04
0000030168-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	MALONE, SHARON A	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/10/2025	90.57	15.32	75.25
0000035835-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	WARREN, DEVIN GREY	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/10/2025	2,317.98	9.16	2,308.82
0000045058-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	ELKINS, EARL FRANCIS	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/17/2025	1,541.28	8.32	1,532.96
0000078524-2018-2018-0000-00-REG	CARVER, BARRY RONNIE	7/1/2018	KAYLA BURGESS	7/10/2025	11.62	7.03	4.59
0000078524-2018-2018-0000-00-REG	CARVER, BARRY RONNIE	7/1/2018	KAYLA BURGESS	7/10/2025	4.59	4.59	0.00
0000078524-2020-2020-0000-00-REG	CARVER, BARRY RONNIE	7/1/2020	KAYLA BURGESS	7/10/2025	10.32	5.73	4.59
0000078524-2021-2021-0000-00-REG	CARVER, BARRY RONNIE	7/1/2021	KAYLA BURGESS	7/10/2025	9.75	5.16	4.59
0000078524-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	CARVER, BARRY RONNIE	7/3/2023	KAYLA BURGESS	7/10/2025	12.32	6.16	6.16
0000078524-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	CARVER, BARRY RONNIE	7/3/2023	KAYLA BURGESS	7/10/2025	6.16	6.16	0.00
0000078524-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	CARVER, BARRY RONNIE	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/10/2025	11.70	5.85	5.85
0000078524-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	CARVER, BARRY RONNIE	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/10/2025	5.85	5.85	0.00
0000078524-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	CARVER, BARRY RONNIE	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/10/2025	11.60	5.80	5.80
0000078524-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	CARVER, BARRY RONNIE	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/10/2025	5.80	5.80	0.00
0000084254-2017-2017-0000-00-REG	JOHNSON, PRISCILLA A	7/1/2017	KAYLA BURGESS	7/10/2025	47.72	47.72	0.00
0000084254-2018-2018-0000-00-REG	JOHNSON, PRISCILLA A	7/1/2018	KAYLA BURGESS	7/10/2025	52.00	52.00	0.00
0000084254-2019-2019-0000-00-REG	JOHNSON, PRISCILLA A	7/1/2019	KAYLA BURGESS	7/10/2025	50.44	50.44	0.00
0000084254-2020-2020-0000-00-REG	JOHNSON, PRISCILLA A	7/1/2020	KAYLA BURGESS	7/10/2025	82.24	82.24	0.00
0000084254-2021-2021-0000-00-REG	JOHNSON, PRISCILLA A	7/1/2021	KAYLA BURGESS	7/10/2025	85.25	85.25	0.00
0000084254-2022-2022-0000-00-REG	JOHNSON, PRISCILLA A	7/1/2022	KAYLA BURGESS	7/10/2025	91.25	91.25	0.00
0000084254-2023-2023-0000-00-REG	JOHNSON, PRISCILLA A	7/3/2023	KAYLA BURGESS	7/10/2025	6.71	6.71	0.00
0000084254-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	JOHNSON, PRISCILLA A	7/15/2024	KAYLA BURGESS	7/10/2025	6.71	6.71	0.00
0000084254-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	JOHNSON, PRISCILLA A	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/9/2025	6.65	6.65	0.00
0024009911-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	MOTTERN, PHYLLIS	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/9/2025	12.01	12.01	0.00
0024021650-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	GREENE, ROBERT C	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/24/2025	53.72	5.79	47.93
0024021650-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	GREENE, ROBERT C	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/24/2025	47.93	5.80	42.13
0024021650-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	GREENE, ROBERT C	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/24/2025	42.13	5.81	36.32
0024021650-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	GREENE, ROBERT C	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/24/2025	36.32	9.15	27.17
0024022605-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	SHUFORD, ALFRED B	7/1/2025	LOENDORF JOSEPH	7/31/2025	19.12	19.12	0.00
0024025042-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	HOPSON, DENISE SMITH	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/9/2025	36.10	25.75	10.35
0024044862-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	HOARE, HALEY MARIE	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/7/2025	8.06	8.06	0.00
0024052105-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	DYER, DAVID	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/9/2025	86.36	19.44	66.92
0024067401-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	C & V SMITH TRUCKING LLC	7/1/2025	LINDA WILBUR	7/9/2025	558.03	224.77	333.26
0024069734-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	STINES, BRENDA F	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/29/2025	13.12	13.12	0.00
0024075739-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	YOUNT, DOUGLAS ANDREW	7/1/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/8/2025	6.11	6.11	0.00
0024076634-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	SPAINHOUR, EUGENE S	7/1/2025	JOHN BRIDGERS	7/11/2025	140.42	140.42	0.00
0024076801-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	YOUNG, DENNY K	7/1/2025	LOUISE JOHNSON	7/24/2025	18.32	6.11	12.21
0024076801-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	YOUNG, DENNY K	7/1/2025	LOUISE JOHNSON	7/24/2025	12.21	6.10	6.11
0024076844-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	HALL, CLAYTON JUNIOR	7/10/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/21/2025	27.48	9.16	18.32
0024076844-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	HALL, CLAYTON JUNIOR	7/10/2025	KAYLA BURGESS	7/21/2025	18.32	6.11	12.21
Subtotal					**7,983.53**	**1,077.47**	**6,906.06**

TAX DISTRICT: BURKE COUNTY RELEASE REASON: Value Change

0000001797-2024-2024-0000-00-REG	ARNEY, MARY E	7/15/2024	AMANDA CONLEY	7/18/2025	598.88	414.85	184.03
0000002144-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	CAMPBELL, JOYCE B	7/1/2025	AMANDA CONLEY	7/28/2025	2,229.71	204.48	2,025.23
0000002392-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	KEDZIERSKI, KATE	7/1/2025	LOUISE JOHNSON	7/23/2025	308.41	2.77	305.64
0000005469-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	JOHNSON, HORACE A	7/1/2025	AMANDA CONLEY	7/18/2025	142.91	94.35	48.56
0000016062-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	INGRAM, LARRY	7/1/2025	AMANDA CONLEY	7/18/2025	922.74	182.96	739.78
0000016741-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	FENDER, D WAYNE	7/1/2025	AMANDA CONLEY	7/10/2025	2,110.54	2,110.54	0.00
0000020017-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	MORRILL, TERRANCE M	7/1/2025	AMANDA CONLEY	7/15/2025	510.18	349.04	161.14
0000022956-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	LOWMAN, REBECCA JANE	7/1/2025	AMANDA CONLEY	7/14/2025	182.77	138.43	44.34
0000029230-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	PINKERTON, HARRY	7/1/2025	AMANDA CONLEY	7/18/2025	285.92	190.18	95.74
0000054747-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	MARSTON, SIERRA BROOKE	7/1/2025	AMANDA CONLEY	7/14/2025	3,535.04	617.62	2,917.42
0000060462-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	LOFTIS, WILLIAM RANDOLPH III	7/1/2025	AMANDA CONLEY	7/29/2025	1,279.93	1,279.93	0.00

0024046996-2025-2025-0000-00-REG	DE LAGE LANDEN FINANCIAL SERVICES INC	7/1/2025	LOUISE JOHNSON	7/18/2025	5.34	5.34	0.00
Subtotal					**12,112.37**	**5,590.49**	**6,521.88**
Total					**$327,620.84**	**$62,182.29**	**$265,438.55**

Vice Chairman Smith called for questions or comments; there being none, he called for a motion.

Motion: To approve the Tax Releases and Refunds for July 2025 as presented.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Mike Stroud, Commissioner
AYES:	Phil Smith, Brian Barrier, Randy Burns, and Mike Stroud
ABSENT:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

TAX DEPT. - COLLECTION'S ANNUAL SETTLEMENT REPORT - 2024/2025

John Bridgers, Tax Administrator, presented highlights of the following annual tax settlement report:

In compliance with N.C.G.S. § 105-373(a)(1) & (3), included are the amounts collected using the Property Tax System (PTS) and the Vehicle Tax System (VTS) for the county and fire districts. These amounts include current taxes, delinquent taxes, current and delinquent tax-related charges, and vehicle taxes. Amounts collected for municipalities where the county tax collector also serves as the municipal tax collector:

- Connelly Springs
- Glen Alpine
- Hildebran
- Long View
- Rhodhiss
- Valdese

This settlement also includes the amounts charged back to the collector and the write-off of the 2014 taxes and charges. The chargeback allows the collector to use enforced collection remedies on taxes for the current and the prior 10 years. The write-off removes the collector's responsibility to collect taxes in 2014 and prior years, where the collector cannot use enforced collection remedies.

This settlement is arranged by the following sections:

- Section 1 - Taxes and charges collected for Burke County only.
- Section 2 - Vehicle Taxes collected for Burke County only.
- Section 3 - Property Taxes and charges collected for all other jurisdictions.
- Section 4 - Vehicle Taxes collected for all other jurisdictions.
- Section 5 - Delinquent taxes and related fees uncollected charged back.
- Section 6 - Amount not charged back.
- Section 7 - Additional Revenues Collected.
- Sections 8 through 11 - Delinquent Taxpayers List.
- Section 12 - Enforced Collection Activity.

The following represents a summary of the tax system reports:

SECTION 1 - Property Tax - Report
(From NCPTS Report TR-401E)
Total Tax Collections (County Only)
(July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)

· Tax – Current (2024)	$ 54,162,179.00
· Delinquent Taxes (2023 and prior)	$ 547,330.86
· Prepayments of 2025 taxes	$ 5,780.53
Total	$ 54,715,290.39

Total of Taxes and Tax-Related Collections (County Only)
(July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025) (All Years)

· Advertisement Fee	$ 17,181.45
· Garnishment	$ 48,799.42
· Interest	$ 203,609.98
· Interest (Municipal Solid Waste)	$ 89.08
· Landfill User Fee	$ 3,351,458.96
· Landfill User Fee Sr.	$ 80,678.12
· Late List Penalty	$ 109,734.30
· Migrated LFUF	$ 91.90
· Municipal Solid Waste ($5.00 fee)	$ 50,651.41
· NSF Penalty	$ 7,047.59
· Tax All Years (from above)	$ 54,715,290.39
Total	$ 58,584,632.60

SECTION 2 - Vehicle Tax Collected - County Only
(From NCVTS Net Distribution Report)

· VTS Tax	$ 5,976,418.01
· Other	$ 43,262.08
· VTS Interest	$ 34,220.34
Total	$ 6,053,900.43

SECTION 3 - Property Taxes and Charges Collected for all Other Jurisdictions
(From NCPTS Report TR-401E)
Total of Tax and Tax-Related Collections (all years, all other jurisdictions)
(July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)
County Fire Districts:

· Tax	$ 6,165,412.64
· Interest	$ 24,416.64
· Late List Penalty	$ 6,683.76
· Total Fire Dist. Tax Collections	$ 6,196,513.04

Municipalities:

· Interest	$ 9,673.89
· Late List Penalty	$ 3,407.18
· Tax	$ 3,588,900.67
· Total Municipal Tax Collections	$ 3,601,981.74

Combined Collections all other Jurisdictions

- Fire Districts $ 6,196,513.04
- Municipalities $ 3,601,981.74
  - Total Combined $ 9,798,494.78

SECTION 4 - Tag & Taxes and Charges Collected for all Other Jurisdictions (From NCVTS Distribution Report)

- VTS Tax $ 2,237,133.98
- VTS Interest $ 11,655.28
- Vehicle Fee ($5.00- Hickory) $ 775.00
- Vehicle Fee ($20.00 - Morganton) $ 298,900.00

Total $ 2,288,769.10

SECTION 5 - Property Tax Charge Back of Delinquent Taxes and Related Charges - Report Attached (From NCPTS Report TR-401E)

- County Only Taxes $ 1,520,685.30
- County Fees $ 339,005.90
- Other County Jurisdictions (Fire Dist.) $ 190,464.72
- Municipalities $ 36,361.66

Total $ 2,085,483.99

Charge Back - County Only										
Tax Year	Ad Fee	Garnishment Fee	LFUF	LFUF SR	Municipal Solid Waste Fee	Late List	NSF Penalty	Totals		Taxes
2024	$11,641.65	$7,058.84	$107,233.74	$2,816.00	$1,033.59	$4,416.58	$355.94	$134,556.34		$996,457.64
2023	$4,847.39	$1,285.92	$35,753.38	$709.35	$0.00	$3,745.06	$41.65	$46,382.75		$138,798.81
2022	$4,015.00	$4,080.00	$22,864.70	$410.00	$0.00	$2,591.09	$35.60	$33,996.39		$94,361.37
2021	$3,600.00	$664.07	$17,318.45	$266.00	$0.00	$1,453.72	$0.00	$23,302.24		$54,914.80
2020	$460.00	$420.00	$14,465.49	$144.00	$0.00	$1,239.32	$0.00	$16,728.81		$27,723.48
2019	$4,969.83	$300.00	$12,430.47	$144.00	$0.00	$1,866.66	$25.00	$19,735.96		$55,482.01
2018	$4,870.00	$455.35	$12,185.44	$108.00	$0.00	$1,935.91	$0.00	$19,554.70		$49,434.81
2017	$4,850.00	$0.00	$9,981.74	$70.00	$0.00	$1,426.46	$0.00	$16,328.20		$37,575.32
2016	$4,795.00	$120.00	$9,841.61	$132.00	$0.00	$1,583.93	$0.00	$16,472.54		$37,934.96
2015	$4,745.00	$90.00	$6,297.37	$62.00	$0.00	$753.60	$0.00	$11,947.97		$28,002.10
$ Charged Back	$48,793.87	$14,474.18	$248,372.39	$4,861.35	$1,033.59	$21,012.33	$458.19	$339,005.90		$1,520,685.30

Charge Back - All Other County Jurisdictions							
Tax Year	County Fire Taxes	Fire Districts Late List	Total		Municipal Taxes	Municipal Late List	Totals
2024	108,761.03	630.44	109,391.47		30,319.17	50.79	30,369.96
2023	19,503.57	423.36	19,926.93		6,842.04	30.80	6,872.84
2022	10,921.59	265.47	11,187.06		1,094.21	9.06	1,103.27
2021	7,806.89	180.47	7,987.36		748.20	24.67	772.87
2020	3,284.72	156.62	3,441.34		244.40	10.04	254.44
2019	7,296.53	165.31	7,461.84		467.17	8.74	475.91
2018	8,365.07	160.62	8,525.69		960.90	74.38	1,035.28

2017	5,557.91	143.55	5,701.46		191.57	11.79	203.36
2016	6,078.81	203.98	6,282.79		198.57	11.73	210.30
2015	4,759.48	88.78	4,848.26		157.25	8.01	165.26
$ Charged Back	182,335.60	2,418.60	184,754.20		41,223.48	240.01	41,463.49

SECTION 6 - Property Tax Amount Not Charged Back to Collector
(From NCPTS Report TR-401E)
By N.C.G.S. § 105-378, the tax office cannot use enforced collection methods on delinquent bills and charges over 10 years old unless the action was instituted prior. Therefore, the amount of uncollected taxes and other charges for 2014 that are not charged back to the Tax Collector for enforced collection is:

- County $ 23,086.55
- Other County Jurisdictions (Fire Dist.) $ 3,675.59

Total $ 26,762.14

2014 Write Off - County Only								
	Advertisement Fee	Garnishment Fee	Late List Penalty	Landfill User Fee	Senior Landfill User Fee	NSF Penalty	Taxes	Total
*2014	$4,695.00	$0.00	$0.00	$60.60	$0.00	$0.00	$18,330.95	$23,086.55
*Amounts not charged to the Collector.								

Write Off - Other County Jurisdictions						
	Fire District Late List	County Fire Taxes	Municipal Solid Waste	Municipal Late List	Municipal Taxes	Totals
*2014	$0.63	$3,576.04	$0.00	$0.00	$98.92	$3,576.67
***Amounts not charged to the Collector.**						

SECTION 7 - Additional Revenues Collected
(From NCPTS TR-426 & TR-430 Reports)

- Rental Vehicle (County) $ 62,921.69
- Rental Vehicle (Hickory) $ 13,037.70
- Occupancy Tax $ 1,303,427.84
- Occupancy Tax (Late Penalty) $ 2,185.16
- Occupancy Filing (Penalty) $ 1,466.30
- Beer (Off Premises) $ 465.00
- Beer On/Off Premises $ 1,525.00
- Wine (Off Premises) $ 1,725.00
- Wine (On Premises) $ 1,400.00

Total $ 1,388,153.69

SECTIONS 8 – 11: 2031 Delinquent Taxpayers
(From NCPTS Report TR-452)

In accordance with N.C.G.S. § 105-373 (a)(1), a list of all persons owning real and personal

property for 2024, whose taxes remain unpaid, as of July 1, 2025, is included in this report (see sections 8, 8G, 9G, 10 & 11). These lists are broken down by property types. The chart below locates, identifies, and totals these different property types. These totals include Taxes, Late List Penalties, Landfill User Fees, and GAP bills.

	Source Type	Property Type	# Bills	Totals
Section 8	BUS	Business Personal Property	149	$238,352.13
Section 8 G	BUS GAP	Business Per. Property GAP	24	$2,523.51
Section 9	IND	Personal Property	958	$66,554.64
Section 9 G	IND GAP	Individual GAP	1083	$30,253.14
Section 10	REI	Real Property	2,353	$626,400.91
Section 11	PUB	Public Utilities	0	$0.00
	Total		4,567	$964,084.33

All reports are unaudited and are compiled using the Burke County Tax System (NCPTS) & NCVTS.

SECTION 12 - Summary of Enforced Collection Activity
Enforced collections of delinquent tax bills can use several different remedies as allowed by N.C.G.S. § 105-367, 368, 374, and 375.

- Debt Setoff
- Bank Attachment/garnishment
- Wage Garnishment
- Foreclosure

I certify that the collections staff has diligently tried using the collection remedies available by statute (notices, second notices, wage garnishment, bank attachment, debt set-off, foreclosure, and delinquent collection service) to collect all delinquent debts. These delinquent debts are for tax years 2014 through 2023, including those 2024 taxes that became delinquent after January 5, 2025.

I respectfully request that the Burke County Board of Commissioners accept this report as the Annual Settlement for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025.

/s/: John B. Bridgers
John B. Bridgers
Burke County Tax Administrator

Vice Chairman Smith called for questions or comments. Commissioner Barrier and County Manager Epley had a brief discussion about the landfill user fee. There being no further discussion, Vice Chairman Smith called for a motion.

Motion: To accept the Tax Collection Settlement Report for 2024/2025 as presented.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Randy Burns, Commissioner

AYES:	Phil Smith, Brian Barrier, Randy Burns, and Mike Stroud
ABSENT:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

TAX DEPT. - ORDER TO COLLECT 2025 TAXES

General Statute § 105-321 requires the Governing Body to order the Tax Collector to collect the taxes charged in the tax records. This includes current taxes and any delinquent taxes and associated charges for the previous 10 years (2015 - 2024). The amounts charged back from prior years are:

County Taxes	$1,520,685.30
Other County Charges and Fees	$ 339,003.90
Fire District Taxes and Late List Penalties	$ 184,764.20
Municipal Taxes and Late List Penalties	$ 41,463.49
Total amount	$2,085,916.89

A breakdown of these amounts is contained in the 2024 / 2025 Tax Collectors Settlement. The Tax Administrator requests the Board to adopt this order for the current tax year ending June 30, 2026.

Vice Chairman Smith opened the floor for questions or comments; there being none, he called for a motion.

Motion: Order the Tax Administrator to collect the current and prior years' delinquent taxes on real and personal property. Further, authorize the Vice Chairman to execute the Order on behalf of the Board.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Brian Barrier, Commissioner
AYES:	Phil Smith, Brian Barrier, Randy Burns, and Mike Stroud
ABSENT:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

The Order to Collect reads as follows:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
BURKE COUNTY

ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.C.G.S. § 105-373, N.C.G.S. § 105-321 AND § 105-330.3

TO: TAX COLLECTOR OF BURKE COUNTY, TOWN OF CONNELLY SPRINGS, TOWN OF DREXEL, TOWN OF GLEN ALPINE, TOWN OF HILDEBRAN, TOWN OF LONG VIEW, TOWN OF RHODHISS, AND TOWN OF VALDESE

You are hereby authorized, empowered, and commanded to collect the taxes remaining unpaid as set forth in the 2015 through 2024 tax records filed in the office of the Tax Collector, and in the tax receipts herewith delivered to you in the amounts and from the taxpayers likewise therein set forth. You are further authorized, empowered, and commanded to collect the 2025 taxes charged and assessed as provided by law for adjustments, changes, and additions to the tax records and tax receipts delivered to you, which are made in accordance with law. Such taxes are hereby declared to

be a first lien on all real property of the respective taxpayers in Burke County, Town of Connelly Springs, Town of Drexel, Town of Glen Alpine, Town of Hildebran, Town of Long View, Town of Rhodhiss, Town of Valdese and fire districts of Brendletown, Carbon City, Chesterfield, Drowning Creek, Enola, George Hildebran, Glen Alpine, Icard, Jonas Ridge, Lake James, Longtown, Lovelady, Oak Hill, Salem, Smokey Creek, South Mountain, Triple Community, and West End. This order shall be a full and sufficient authority to direct, require, and enable you to levy on and sell any real or personal property, and attach wages and/or other funds, of such taxpayers, for and on account thereof, in accordance with law.

Within available funds in the budget ordinance and personnel positions established, the Tax Collector may appoint employees, and they have the authority to perform those functions authorized by the Machinery Act of Chapter 105 of the North Carolina General Statutes and other applicable laws for current and previous years' taxes. County personnel presently in the Tax Collector's office continue to serve in their respective positions.

Taxes on classified Motor Vehicles for 2016 and prior years are deemed uncollectible; therefore, the County Commissioner, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 105-373 (h) does hereby relieve the tax collector of the charge of collecting taxes on classified motor vehicles listed pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 105-330.3 (a) (1) for 2016 and prior years.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the 18th day of August 2025.

/s/: Phil Smith
Phil Smith, Vice Chairman
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners

Attest:
/s/: Kay Honeycutt Draughn
Kay Honeycutt Draughn, CMC, NCMCC
Clerk to the Board

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

DSS - MONTHLY OPERATIONAL REPORT
Korey Fisher-Wellman, DSS Director, presented the DSS monthly operation report as follows:



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HIRING AND SEPARATION REPORT JUNE 2025

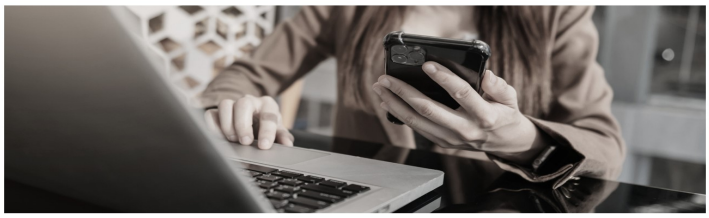
Current Openings:

Position Title	Position #:	Status
IMC III Leadworker	52045	
IMC III Leadworker	51901	
IMC III	52002	
IMC II	51895	
IMC II	51380	
IMC II	51652	
IMC I	51413	
SOCIAL WORKER IA&T	51906	Final Offer
SOCIAL WORKER IA&T	51866	Final Offer
SOCIAL WORKER IA&T	51775	Conditional Offer
SOCIAL WORKER IA&T	51434	
SOCIAL WORKER IA&T	51443	
SOCIAL WORKER IA&T	51442	
Social Work Supervisor III	51788	Final Offer
Training & QA Supervisor	52109	Final Offer
Social Work Supervisor III	51908	Conditional Offer

Separations:
Total = 2
Voluntary Resignation = 1
Number of Hirings:
Total = 4
Income Maintenance Caseworker II = 1
Social Worker IA&T= 3

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OPERATIONS



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Economic Services MOU Data

METRICS PER MOU						
	FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES					
		MOU MEASURE	95%	95%		
ACTIVE RECIPIENTS	ACTIVE CASES	APP TIMELINESS RATE- REGULAR	APP TIMELINESS RATE-EXPEDITE	RECERT TIMELINESS RATE		
10,804	5,597	Achieved	92.73	Acheived		
WORK FIRST FAMILY ASSISTANCE AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES						
ACTIVE RECIPIENTS	ACTIVE CASES	MOU MEASURE	95%	95%		
			APPLICATION TIMELINESS	RECERT TIMELINESS RATE		
88	59		Achieved	Achieved		
MEDICAID		MOU MEASURE	90	90	95	
TOTAL MEDICAID RECIPIENTS	ACTIVE CASES		REPORT CARD MAD	REPORT CARD OTHER	Straight Through Processing	
28,851	22,918		Achieved	Achieved	Achieved	
SPECIAL ASSISTANCE						
	MOU PERFORMANCE MEASURE			85%	85%	
SA ACTIVE CASES				SAA TIMELINESS APPLICATIONS	SAD TIMELINESS APPLICATIONS	
246				Acheived	Acheived	
ENERGY PROGRAMS						
	MOU PERFORMANCE MEASURE				95%	95%
	CIP APPLICATIONS PROCESSED	LIEAP APPLICATIONS PROCESSED			% PROCESSED TIMELY -NO SOURCE 1 DAY	% PROCESSED TIMELY -WITH SOURCE 2 DAYS
	89	0			Achieved	Achieved
CHILD CARE SUBSIDY						
		PERFORMANCE MEASURE		95%		
	ACTIVE CASES			APPLICATION TIMELINESS		
	429			Achieved		

Economic Services Update

MEDICAID

	AGED OR DISABLED ADULT ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS Does not include MXP or FP cases	ADULT ACTIVE CASES *Does not include MXP or FP cases	FAMILY AND CHILDREN ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS	FAMILY AND CHILDREN ACTIVE CASES	TOTAL MEDICAID APPLICATIONS TAKEN	TOTAL MEDICAID REVIEWS	TOTAL MEDICAID REVIEWS WITHOUT WAIVERS	CAP REFERRALS	LTC REFERRALS	TOTAL MEDICAID RECIPIENTS	TOTAL NEMT TRIPS	REPORT CARD MAD	REPORT CARD OTHER	RECERT COMPLETION TIMELINESS RATE	Straight Through Processing	Total
MOU MEASURE												90	90	95		
JUN	5452	7,483	21723	13,831	404	425	1855	3	9	27,175	816	98%	97%	[redacted]	100%	97%
JUL	5440	7466	21,831	13,849	425	439	1977	3	19	27,271	773	100%	98%		100%	98%
AUG	5403	7505	21885	13,942	415	489	1540	4	11	27,288	773	93%	94%		100%	94%
SEP	5384	7609	21,937	13958	382	412	1890	3	17	27,323	626	96%	92%		100%	93%
OCT	5387	7563	22,277	14091	446	90	1128	4	14	27,666	642	96%	92%		100%	93%
NOV	5405	7584	22,655	14304	688	363	1746	9	10	28,062	573	97%	97%		100%	97%
DEC	5415	7567	22936	14554	582	1485	2246	10	11	28,351	582	100%	97%		100%	96%
JAN	5412	7612	23126	14845	565	2090	2900	5	9	28,538	651	96%	96%		100%	96%
FEB	5391	7,608	23436	14,952	352	2223	2580	1	7	28,561	683	93%	95%		100%	95%
MAR	5356	7,618	23247	15,012	411	855	2969	11	13	28603	735	100%	95%		100%	95%
APR	5389	7,752	23481	15,037	380	1571	*	4	12	28,870	683	96%	95%		100%	95%
MAY	5351	7,658	23365	15,147	382	*	*	3	9	28,716	713	93%	97%		100%	97%
JUN	5338	7,683	23515	15,235	346	1540		0	17	28,851	698	96%	94%	[redacted]	100%	95%

Economic Services Update

FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES

	ACTIVE RECIPIENTS	ACTIVE CASES	APPLICATIONS TAKEN	APP TIMELINESS RATE-REGULAR	APP TIMELINESS RATE-EXPEDITE	RECERT TIMELINESS RATE	RECERTS COMPLETED	FNS EBT BENEFITS
MOU MEASURE				95%	95%	95%		
JUN	11,216	5,853	573	98.96%	95.00%	98.86%	525	1795500
JUL	11,138	5,799	556	96.38%	93.75%	98.73%	555	1772168
AUG	11,155	5792	579	99.53%	95.20%	99.26%	539	1791212
SEP	11,199	5814	525	99.51%	98.26%	98.28%	406	*
OCT	11,503	5975	731/6302	98.54%	94.23%	72.63%	285	3230130
NOV	11,981	6206	394	100.00%	97.81	67%	739	2962954
DEC	12,193	6312	346	97.62%	98.15%	100%	356	2016823
JAN	12,108	6275	585	99.31%	99.77%	100%	525	1,973,378
FEB	11,951	6236	449	97.18%	100%	98.75%	561	1,963,605
MAR	11,907	6183	499	97.21%	100%	98.48%	526	1,965,566
APR	11,396	5959	591	97.24%	100.00%	97.77%	720	1,871,687
MAY	11,002	5732	576	98.11%	99.15%	99.13%	692	1,808,941
JUN	10,804	5,597	598	97.69%	92.73%	98.19%	553	1783246

PREPARING FOR PATH NC ROLLOUT

What is Path NC?

- Statewide transformation of the child welfare system launching in Burke County on **August 11, 2025**
- Designed to improve safety, permanency, and well-being for children and families
- Introduces a standardized practice model, enhanced assessments, and new documentation tools
- Staff have attended mandatory state trainings and webinars

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FOSTER CARE UPDATE



Every child deserves a family

Foster Care Snapshot – Burke County

- Total children in foster care: 187
- New entries into care this period: 8
- Exits from care this period: 6

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ADULT SERVICES UPDATE



Guardianship
- Total Wards: 64
- Contracted Wards: 17

SAIH (Special Assistance In-Home)
- Active Cases: 53
- State Average Caseload: 25-30
- Only **ONE** SAIH Social Worker covers **ALL** cases

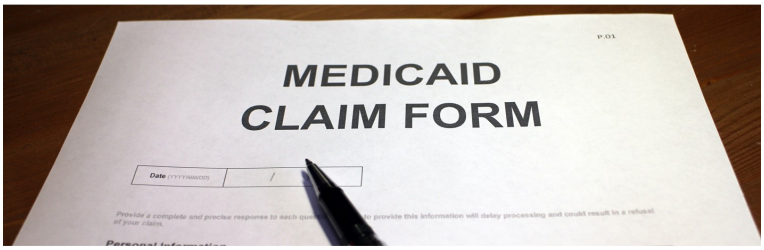
CAP (Community Alternatives Program)
- Current Enrollment: 140
- Capacity: 188+

June APS Data

Category	Number	Notes
Total APS Reports Received	37	
APS Reports Screened In	14	Reports meeting criteria for an investigation
Substantiated Cases	5	
Confirmed Cases	10	Includes substantiations and other confirmations
Cases Opened for Services	7	Ongoing support and case management
Outreach Cases Assigned	9	Proactive engagement with at-risk adults
Service Referrals	13	Referrals for supportive community services
Guardianship Referrals	3	Referrals for potential legal guardianship

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EMERGING ISSUES



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IMPACT OF FEDERAL MEDICAID CHANGES IN NORTH CAROLINA

THERE ARE FEDERAL CHANGES THAT BOTH ADD WORK REQUIREMENTS AND LIMIT PROVIDER TAXES THREATEN TO END MEDICAID EXPANSION, UNLESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACTS.

KEY ISSUES:
- Federal changes add work requirements and limit provider taxes, threatening Medicaid expansion in NC.
- New work requirements create additional administrative costs.
- Under current NC law, these costs are primarily funded through hospital provider taxes.
- However, provider taxes are now restricted and phased down, making the current funding method unsustainable without legislative changes.

TO PRESERVE MEDICAID EXPANSION, THE NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY MUST:
- Enact a technical correction to the hospital provider tax funding formula to cover the administrative costs needed for work requirements.
- Change the trigger law and appropriate state funds to support these administrative costs.
- Change the trigger law and authorize some other financing mechanism to support administrative costs for work requirements.

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PROPOSED CHANGES UNDER FEDERAL LEGISLATION

New Requirement:
- Adults aged 19–64 must complete at least 80 hours/month of:
  - Paid employment
  - Job training
  - Community service
  - Education

Exemptions:
  - Parents/guardians with children aged 14 or younger
  - Some exemptions may be self-attested, depending on state policy

Implementation Timeline:
  - Effective by December 31, 2026
  - States may request a delay of up to 2 years (until December 31, 2028) if demonstrating good faith efforts

Verification Requirements:
  - Proof of compliance within 1 month of enrollment
  - Ongoing verification at each renewal (currently required every 6 months)

IMPACT IN NORTH CAROLINA: AS MANY AS 255,000 NORTH CAROLINIANS COULD LOSE MEDICAID COVERAGE.

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FEDERAL CHANGES TO MEDICAID

Total Loss of Funding: **$49.9 Billion** Over 10 Years

Impact on Hospitals
- More than 70% of the Medicaid cuts will come from reductions to North Carolina's hospital expenditures.
- Rural hospitals in NC face a $3.7 billion Medicaid cut.
  - Up to half of this may be temporarily offset by the Rural Healthcare Provider Fund.

Impact on Health Coverage
- Hundreds of thousands of North Carolinians are expected to lose health coverage.

Trigger Law Risk
- Without a statutory change, the new administrative costs for work requirements will likely:
  - Trigger NC law that ends Medicaid expansion.
  - Result in coverage loss for 671,476 people.

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IMPACT OF FEDERAL SNAP CHANGES IN NORTH CAROLINA

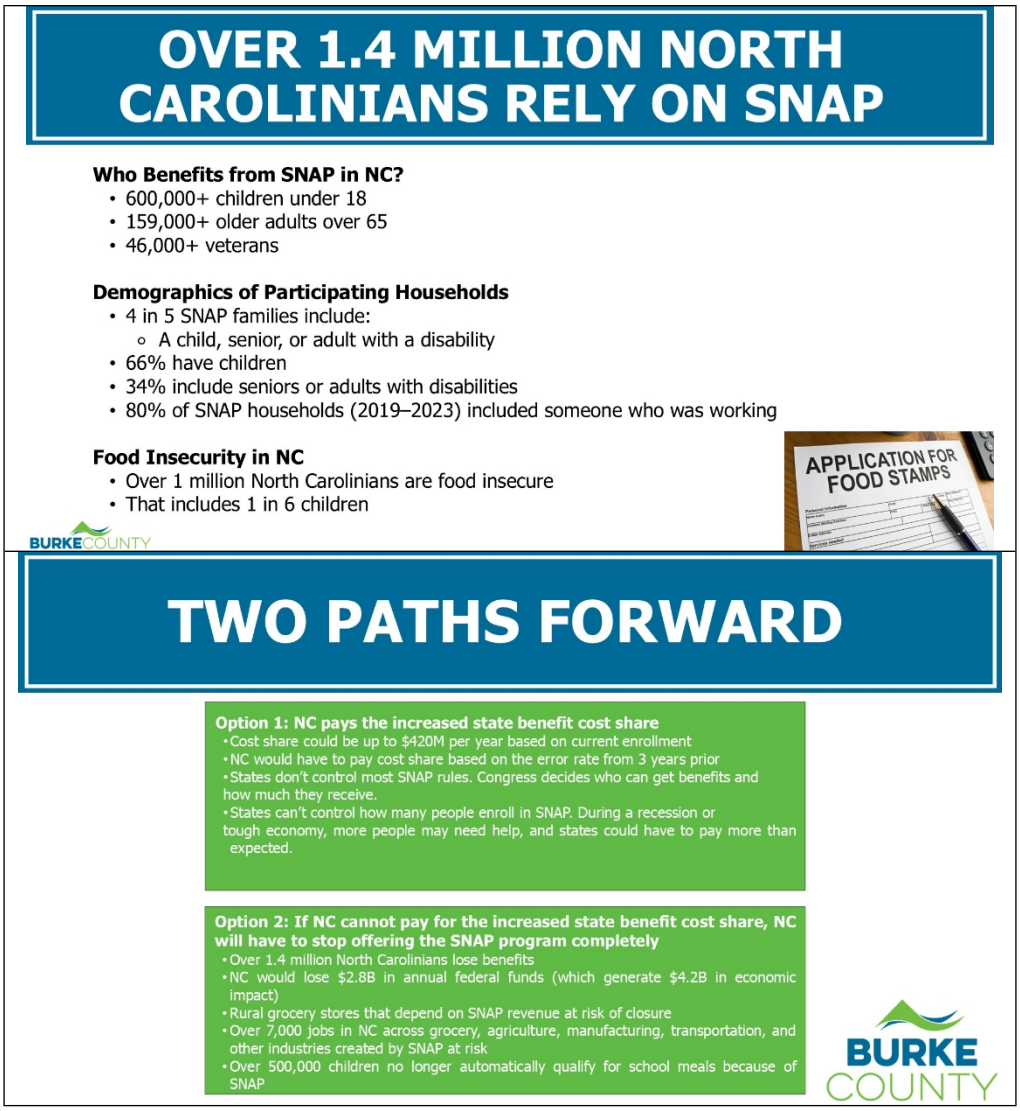
•**Federal changes shift benefit costs to the state for the SNAP program.** These shifts would make the state responsible for an extra $420 million (based on error rates) a year. If the state can not pay that, we will not meet federal rules and that could cause us to lose the entire SNAP program.

•**The NC General Assembly must take one of the following actions:**

Starting in 2027-28, appropriate up to $420 million in the state budget to fund the full benefit cost share.
- There are limited levers to reduce enrollment, which is the primary
- driver of the total program costs.
- NCDHHS will continue to work with county partners to drive down error rates, which determine the state cost share amount. However, there are significant barriers in a decentralized system, largely based on county workforce challenges.

In 2027 – 2028, withdraw from the SNAP program completely.

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Vice Chairman Smith called for questions or comments. Commissioner Stroud expressed appreciation for the work being done in foster care and adoption services, noting that many people want to help but are unsure how to get involved. He asked whether there are systems in place for citizens who wish to provide financial support, even in small amounts. Mr. Fisher-Wellman responded that organizations such as Meg's Place and Fostering Hope offer avenues for material and financial contributions to support foster parents. County Manager Epley added that while the County occasionally receives donated items like car seats, nonprofits are generally better equipped to handle monetary donations. Mr. Fisher-Wellman noted that the County no longer maintains a food pantry due to logistical challenges, but continues to store essential items such as car seats, pack and plays, and other supplies for foster families. He emphasized that even small donations—like toiletries, sheets, and other basic household items—can make a significant difference for families welcoming children into their homes on short notice.

There being no further discussion, Vice Chairman Smith called for a motion.

Motion: To accept the report as presented.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Randy Burns, Commissioner
AYES:	Phil Smith, Brian Barrier, Randy Burns, and Mike Stroud
ABSENT:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

BOC - REPORTS & COMMENTS

Vice Chairman Smith opened the floor for reports and comments from Board members and professional staff. Commissioner Stroud expressed that he is excited about the collaboration taking place. Commissioner Burns followed by mentioning the upcoming North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Conference (NCACC) in Pitt County, noting that he would attend an early board meeting. Vice Chairman Smith added lighthearted remarks about the start of the Citizens Academy, joking that participants should be ready with their school supplies and punctual attendance. He also shared the upcoming county offices closure, BOC meeting, and invited youth groups interested in leading the Pledge of Allegiance at Board meetings to sign up on the county website. Further, he encouraged citizens to spay or neuter pets, adopt or foster from Burke County Animal Services, secure their loads when visiting convenience centers or the landfill, avoid littering, and report littered areas through the Community Beautification tab on the county's website.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLERK - BOARDS AND COMMITTEES VACANCY REPORT

Kay Draughn, Clerk to the Board, announced the following vacancies on county boards or committees as follows:

- Adult Care & Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee
- Burke County Public Health Advisory Board
- Hickory Regional Planning Commission
- Drexel Planning Board - ETJ Alternate
- Burke County Planning Board
- Partners Health Management's Human Rights Committee
- Revaluation Task Force
- Morganton-Burke Senior Center Advisory Board
- America 250th Planning Committee

Vice Chairman Smith called for questions or comments and then encouraged citizens to participate and get involved.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN.

CLOSED SESSION

Vice Chairman announced a closed session is needed, and that no action is anticipated.

Motion: To go into closed session to discuss threatened or pending litigation, to

preserve the attorney-client privilege, to discuss economic development matters, to discuss contractual matters (land acquisition) and to discuss personnel matters as authorized by NCGS 143-318.11(a) (3), (4), (5) and (6).

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Mike Stroud, Commissioner
AYES:	Phil Smith, Brian Barrier, Randy Burns, and Mike Stroud
ABSENT:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

Motion: To come out of closed session

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Randy Burns, Commissioner
AYES:	Phil Smith, Brian Barrier, Randy Burns, and Mike Stroud
ABSENT:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Vice Chairman Smith announced that a proper motion was made to come out of closed session, and the County Manager was given direction on several items of discussion, but no action was taken.

RESULT:	**NO ACTION TAKEN.**

ADJOURN

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Randy Burns, Commissioner
AYES:	Phil Smith, Brian Barrier, Randy Burns, and Mike Stroud
ABSENT:	Jeffrey C. Brittain

Approved this 17th day of November 2025.

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Jeffrey C. Brittain, Chairman
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Kay Honeycutt Draughn, CMC, NCMCC
Clerk to the Board