Caldwell County
North Carolina
Board of Commissioners Meeting

March 23, 2026, at 6:00 PM
City-County Chambers
905 West Avenue NW, Lenoir

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MINUTES

Attendance

Randy T. Church, Chairman
Jeff Branch, Commissioner
Donnie Potter, Commissioner
Patrick Starnes, Commissioner
Shane Fox, County Manager
Dylan Laws, County Attorney
Tasha Brown, Clerk to the Board

Call to Order Chairman Randy T. Church

Chairman Church called the March 23, 2026, Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 6:00 PM. He noted that Commissioner Starnes would be attending and was running a few minutes late. He also stated that Vice Chairman LaBrose would be absent due to the birth of a new grandchild.

Public Comment Period

Michael Sparks was the first to come to the podium. Mr. Sparks stated that since the prior Primary Election he had spoken with several County employees, including the Sheriff, CFO, Accounts Payable, Register of Deeds, Tax Administrator, and the County Manager. He indicated that he always participates and votes and felt the tax mistake was a big deal. He then stated that he would like for the Board to consider lowering the tax rate at budget time. His time to speak expired however, Chairman Church allowed him to finish. He then went on to request more information on what was happening in the County, Kincaid Building, Projects, etc.

Commissioner Starnes arrived at the meeting at 6:09 PM.

Larry Clark was next to the podium. Mr. Clark noted that he wanted to speak about Caldwell County and its future. Regarding the Hwy 321 six lane project, Mr. Clark spoke against this, stating he believes that as a native of Whitnel it will be detrimental to the Towns of Whitnel, Sawmills, Hudson, and Granite Falls.

Gretchen Griffin and Cynthia Hicks were next to the podium. Speaking on behalf of Gamewell Ruritan Club concerning trash along roads in Gamewell. Ms. Griffin stated that they had gathered a petition that was presented to the Board signed by concerned citizens regarding the trash along the roadside. She then stated that they were very concerned about citizens and visitors coming through the community. Ms. Griffin noted she has witnessed trucks without bed covering on roadways. She then asked the Board to do everything in their power to reconcile this issue. She noted that their group has a clean up day in the community three times a year and encouraged the County to do the same. Cynthia Hicks then added for the County to be more proactive.

Commissioner Potter noted that the County has a program, Clean Caldwell, that operates 2 weeks annually. He then suggested they reach out to Jessica Wilson with Soil and Water Conservation for more information.

Invocation

Pastor Eric A. Thomas from Meadowbrook Baptist Church led the invocation for those in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Branch led the Pledge of Allegiance for those in attendance.

Agenda Amendments from the Board, Manager & Public

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Commissioner Potter made a motion to accept the agenda as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

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Agenda Items

1. **Line Worker Appreciation Day**

Chairman Church stated the first item on the agenda was a Proclamation for Line Worker Appreciation Day. He introduced Robin Smith with Duke Energy who came to the podium as well as Jason Lingle from Blue Ridge Energy. Ms. Smith thanked the Board for recognizing the Linemen and the work they do.

Commissioner Potter stated it is the least we can do.

Chairman Church then read the Proclamation 1-2026, proclaiming April 18, 2026, as Line Worker Appreciation Day.

Chairman Church stated that on April 18th, he urged the public or anyone who sees a line worker out to tell them thank you for what they do.

Commissioner Branch made a motion to adopt the Proclamation.
The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Smith then stated that in mentioning line workers she wanted to also recognize the fine job that Caldwell Community College does in this community with their line worker program. She went on to thank the Board for their support of the College and this program.

Commissioner Branch asked that at one time didn't everyone that came through that program have a job? Ms. Smith replied yes, the only time they haven't is when it has been by choice.

Commissioner Starnes then recognized the gentlemen from Blue Ridge Electric and thanked them for their service.

2. **National Social Work Month**

Chairman Church introduced Crystal Henderson, Child Welfare Staff Development Supervisor and Brittani Coffey, Adult Protective Services Social Worker, who then came to the podium for their presentation. Ms. Henderson stated they were going to talk about what they do and that often you don't hear about what social workers do unless there is

a crisis or tragedy. We often are seen as the people who come in and take children not the people who step in and hope they are making the best decisions for families. The community doesn't always see the hard things they do, and they try hard to keep families together. Often, we are not wanted, we see a lot of angry parents, we go into homes where people are actively using substances, have weapons and work with people with significant mental illnesses. Ms. Coffey then spoke, stating that social workers are often called many things such as advocates, counselors, problem solvers, but the one thing that captures social workers is a hero. Ms. Coffey stated they are unseen heroes. Ms. Henderson added that Caldwell County Social Workers drove 301,481 miles in 2025 for home visits to keep children and families safe. We take individuals to their first therapy appointment, we sit with kids who don't have anyone to sit with at the hospital, we help teens and young adults complete job applications and apply for college. She added social workers must recognize the decisions they make may impact these children and families for the rest of their lives. Ms. Coffey then spoke on the life-changing decisions they are making to assist the most vulnerable adults in the County, such as life-ending decisions, to remove intubation, do not resuscitate orders, or to begin hospice care. Ms. Coffey said that you can often find social workers making breakfast and washing dishes for the older adults, social workers become a handyman, take trash for those physically not capable. They then stated they do this job not for praise but for the lives they impact every day.

Commissioner Potter then commented there was a time when he didn't understand or appreciate what Social Workers do. He stated over the last few years he has learned and appreciates what they do. He then urged the commissioners to understand what they do. Commissioner Potter then asked how many adults we have in our guardianship today.

Ms. Henderson and Ms. Coffey replied, fifty-five adults. Commissioner Potter then said that when they come into our custody, DSS has sole guardianship. He stated the social worker team must make tough decisions. He then thanked them for what they do.

3. Second Reading- Ambulance Franchise with SURGE Non-Emergency Medical Transport.

Chairman Church then recognized Emergency Services Director, Trevor Key who came to the podium to present the second reading of the ambulance franchise with SURGE for Non-Emergency Medical Transport. Mr. Key stated for a recap from last month. Caldwell County is seeking an Ambulance Franchise with SURGE Non-Emergency Medical Transport for non-emergency transport to doctors' offices, discharges, to help give a little ease on our 911 system. Mr. Key then asked the board if they had any questions from the last meeting. He

also stated that SURGE has met all the requirements for the ordinance.

Chairman Church then asked if there needed to be a Public Hearing. He then stated that we are just doing the second reading and the public hearing took place at the February Board of Commissioners meeting.

Commissioner Potter asked a question on behalf of Commissioner LaBrose because he had asked this question at the previous reading regarding the insurance policy and if they had gotten what was needed for the requirement.

Mr. Key confirmed that the current policy had been provided and was in the packet.

Chairman Church thanked Surge for coming and stated he is sure that this will help our EMS department.

Commissioner Starnes made a motion to adopt the agreement as written.
The motion carried unanimously.

Consent

Chairman Church turned the meeting to County Manager Shane Fox to present the Consent Agenda.

4. **Budget Revision Health Department**

   This budget revision is an agreement addendum in the amount of $548. This revision allows more state funds to flow through the budget at the Health Department for Child Fatality.

5. **Budget Revision - Health Food and Lodging**

   This budget revision is an agreement addendum in the amount of $6,962. This revision includes additional funds received for regulation of food and lodging at the Health Department.

6. **Budget Revision Maternal and Child Health Block Grant**

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This budget revision is for the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant in the amount of $1,614. This revision is for the Health Department to implement maternal health services. This is 100% State funds; no local match is required.

7. **Budget Revision Maternal and Child Health Block Grant**

This budget revision is for the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant in the amount of $2,967. This revision is for the Health Department to implement family planning services.

8. **Budget Revision Airport Utility Study Grant extra $10,000**

This budget revision is an Airport Utility Study Grant in the amount of $10,000. This revision will allow these funds to be added to the original grant of $50,000 and allow them to be used for the airport utility study. This is fully grant funded no local match is required.

9. **Local Spending Authorization Amendment- Opioid Fund**

This resolution, 5-2026, has been requested by Emergency Services. This resolution is to align with the MOA on use of Opioid Settlement Funds and amend the funding for the 2025 – 2026 Opioid Settlement Expenditures as approved on July 14, 2025.

10. **Audit Contract for FY 25/26**

Approval of the annual financial audit contract with Martin, Starnes and Associates is requested.

11. **Approval of Contract Extension with HDR Engineering for Collettsville Water Tank Project**

The approval of a contract extension with HDR Engineering for the Collettsville Water Tank Project is requested. This is to approve an extension through the end of the project for covered expenses.

12. **Amendment to The Caldwell Council on Aging By-Laws**

The Council on Aging is requesting to amend their By-Laws to strengthen requirements for membership and include a section for removal of a member. The terminology is also updated from Elderly to older Adults.

13. Appointment of Two Members to the Caldwell County Child Fatality Task Force

The Health Director is requesting the appointment of two members Tara Swanson (EMS) and Roger Crosby (Law Enforcement) to the Caldwell County Child Fatality Task Force.

14. Appointment of County Manager to Caldwell-Lenoir Rail Transload, LLC

The Economic Development Department requested that the County Manager be appointed to the Caldwell-Lenoir Rail Transload, LLC as the County's designated manager of the LLC.

15. Approval of Regular and Closed Session Minutes from February 23, 2026, Board of Commissioners Meeting

Approval of February 23, 2026, Board of Commissioners Regular and Closed Session Meeting Minutes was requested.

Commissioner Starnes made a motion to adopt the consent agenda as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

16. Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) and 143-318.11(a)(4)

Chairman Church made the motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) and NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4) for discussion with the County attorney for legal advice and Economic Development discussion of a potential project at 6:44 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Branch made a motion to exit closed session at 8:14 PM.

The motion carried unanimously

Adjourn

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Commissioner Potter made a motion to return to open session at 8:16 PM.
The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Church stated that coming out of closed session there were two resolutions to be read after consulting with the County attorney.

Chairman Church then read the first resolution (7-2026) authorizing the County Attorney to file and prosecute enforcement and collection case for Tony Edward Turnmire and Barbie Church Turnmire due to ongoing ordinance violations as defined in North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 19 for the property located at 2969 Collettsville Road Lenoir, NC 28645.

Commissioner Starnes made the motion to adopt the resolution as presented.
The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Church then read the second resolution (6-2026) authorizing the County Attorney to file and prosecute enforcement and collection case for David Brittain and Cierra Brittain due to ongoing ordinance violations as defined in North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 19 for the property located at 5119 Bloomfield Estate Granite Falls, NC 28630.

Commissioner Potter made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented.
The motion carried unanimously.

With there being no more business to attend to. Commissioner Branch made a motion to adjourn at 8:22 PM.
The motion carried unanimously.

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PROCLAMATION

01-2026

LINE WORKER APPRECIATION DAY

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2013, a resolution was passed in the United States Senate to recognize April 18 annually as National Lineman (Line Worker) Appreciation Day; and

WHEREAS, the profession of the electrical line worker is steeped in personal, family, and professional tradition; and

WHEREAS, line workers are often first responders during storms and other catastrophic events, working to make the scene safe for other public safety officials, and to expedite the return of vital electrical power to our communities; and

WHEREAS, these brave men and women work with thousands of volts of electricity high atop power lines 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, risking and sometimes losing their lives to keep electricity flowing; and

WHEREAS, line workers are often faced with dangerous conditions, far from their families, as they work to construct and maintain energy infrastructure throughout the State of North Carolina and the United States; and

WHEREAS, line workers must use their technical knowledge, physical strength and ingenuity to achieve success in challenges they face every day; and

WHEREAS, the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners thanks these skilled and heroic line workers who brave hurricanes, ice storms, snow storms, floods, and other natural disasters to maintain our community's energy grid.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 18, 2026 as "Line Worker Appreciation Day".

Adopted this 23rd day of March 2026.

Randy T. Church, Chairman of the Board
Caldwell County Board of Commissioners

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Attest: Tasha Brown

Tasha Brown
Caldwell County Clerk to the Board

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RESOLUTION

5-2026

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONVEYANCE OF A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF CALDWELL

TO DIRECT THE EXPENDITURE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

WHEREAS Caldwell County has joined national settlement agreements with companies engaged in the manufacturing, distribution, and dispensing of opioids.

WHEREAS the allocation, use, and reporting of funds stemming from these national settlement agreements and 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"), the Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds from Additional Settlements of Opioid Litigation ("SAAF"), and SAAF-2;

WHEREAS Caldwell 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 that, before spending opioid settlement funds, the local government's governing body must adopt a resolution that:

(i) indicates that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; and,
(ii) states 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) states the amount dedicated to each strategy for a specific period of time.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in alignment with the NC MOA, SAAF, and SAAF-2, Caldwell County authorizes the expenditure of opioid settlement funds as follows:

1. First strategy authorized
    a. Name of strategy: Post-Overdose Response Team
    b. Strategy is included in Exhibit: A
    c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Exhibit A, Strategy 8
    d. Amount authorized for this strategy: $643,795.00
    e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:

Start date July 15, 2025, through End date June 30, 2026

f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Provide services as a PORT, outlined by the NCDHHS PORT Toolkit. The Caldwell County RESTART PORT will actively connect persons who have experienced non-fatal drug overdoses to addiction/mental health treatment, recovery support, harm reduction services, primary healthcare, and/or other services or supports needed to improve the overall health or well-being.
g. Provider: Caldwell County RESTART

2. Second 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 or Exhibit B to the MOA: Exhibit A, Strategy 2
   d. Amount authorized for this strategy: $5,000.00
   e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
      Start date July 15, 2025, through End date June 30, 2026
   f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Support evidence-based addiction treatment consistent with the American Society of Addiction Medicine's national practice guidelines for the treatment of opioid use disorder – specifically Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) with any medication approved for this purpose by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration – through Opioid Treatment Programs, qualified providers of Office-Based Opioid Treatment, Federally Qualified Health Centers, treatment offered in conjunction with justice system programs, or other community-based programs offering evidence based addiction treatment.
   g. Provider: Caldwell County RESTART.

3. Third authorized strategy
   a. Name of strategy: Naloxone Distribution
   b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
   c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Exhibit A, Strategy 7
   d. Amount authorized for this strategy: $ 20,000.00
   e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
      Start date July 15, 2025, through End date June 30, 2026
   f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Distribute naloxone to persons at risk of overdose or their social networks, through our post-overdose response team, program that provides naloxone to persons upon release from jail. Distribute naloxone to emergency medical service providers to provide naloxone to persons at risk of overdose, or other community-based organizations that provide services to people who use drugs.
   g. Provider: Caldwell County RESTART.

4. Fourth authorized strategy
   a. Name of strategy: Recovery Support Services
   b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A

c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Exhibit A, Strategy 3
d. Amount authorized for this strategy: $ 97,000.00
e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
   Start date July 15, 2025, through End date June 30, 2026
f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Fund a Recovery/Treatment Court Coordinator position, and to provide transportation for Recovery Participants. Position is responsible for overall administration of the Recovery/Treatment Court Program, including conducting screening/assessment of potential Program candidates and presenting cases for consideration at Team meetings. Reviewing with participants and potential participants the Participation Contract and the Participant Handbook, monitoring collection of Program evaluation information, progress reports as required by the Recovery/Treatment Court, coordination of Staffing Team meetings, sharing of information among and providing resources to Team members as needed.
g. Provider: Caldwell County RESTART.

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is $765,795.00.

Adopted this the 14th day of July 2025.

Revised and amended this the 23rd day of March 2026.

Randy Church, Chairman of the Board
Caldwell County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Tasha Brown, County Clerk

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AMENDMENT NO. 5
TO THE
AGREEMENT
DATED DECEMBER 7, 2016
between
CALDWELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
and
HDR ENGINEERING, INC. OF THE CAROLINAS
for
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

THIS AMENDMENT NO. 5, dated as of March 24, 2026, is hereby made to the AGREEMENT dated December 7, 2016, AMENDMENT NO. 1 dated March 25, 2019, AMENDMENT NO. 2 dated March 16, 2022, AMENDMENT NO. 3 dated September 11, 2023, and AMENDMENT NO. 4 dated June 9, 2025, between Caldwell County ("OWNER"), with principal offices at 905 West Ave NW, Lenoir, North Carolina 28645, and HDR Engineering, Inc. of the Carolinas ("ENGINEER"), with principal offices at 555 Fayetteville Street, Suite 900, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601, for services in connection with the project known as the Design and Construction of Western Water Storage Tank Project ("Project").

The construction of the 200,000-gallon elevated storage tank at the site on Abington and Rocky Roads provided under the Agreement, Amendment No. 1, Amendment No. 2, Amendment No. 3 and Amendment No. 4 has resulted in a project of longer duration for construction than anticipated. Also, the direct costs of providing engineering services have increased since the 2025 amendment that addressed services related to the remaining level of effort to successfully complete this project.

In consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the parties hereby agree to amend the AGREEMENT by including the following provisions:

SECTION I SCOPE OF SERVICES

In accordance with Exhibit A associated with the AGREEMENT dated December 7, 2016, AMENDMENT NO. 1 dated March 25, 2019, AMENDMENT NO. 2 dated March 16, 2022, AMENDMENT NO. 3 dated September 11, 2023 and AMENDMENT NO. 4 dated June 9, 2025, the following tasks will be amended and are hereby incorporated into the AGREEMENT:

Task 500 – CONSTRUCTION ADMINSTRATION SERVICES

The task items remain unchanged; however, the Fee for this task is increased to provide construction administration services for an additional four (4) months, and to cover the direct cost of providing engineering services.

Task 600 – PROJECT CLOSEOUT SERVICES

The task items remain unchanged; however, the Fee for this task is increased to cover the direct cost of providing engineering services.

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SECTION IV. COMPENSATION

Compensation for ENGINEER's services under this Amendment shall be on the basis of lump sum in the amount of $22,100. This compensation represents the additional costs associated with the changes included in this amendment and are broken down by task as follows:

Task Number		Additional Fee
500	Construction Administration Services	$ 19,400
600	Project Closeout Services	$ 2,700
	Amendment No. 5 Total	$ 22,100

Lump Sum shall mean a fixed amount which shall be the total compensation agreed upon in advance for the Scope of Services.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Amendment as of the day and year first written above.

Caldwell County
"OWNER"

BY: _____

NAME: Shane Fox

TITLE: County Manager

ADDRESS: 905 West Ave NW
Lenoir, NC 28645

HDR Engineering, Inc. of the Carolinas
"ENGINEER"

BY: _____

NAME: Jonathan Henderson

TITLE: Senior Vice President

ADDRESS: 555 Fayetteville St., Suite 900
Raleigh, NC 27601

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RESOLUTION

6-2026

CALDWELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO FILE AND PROSECUTE ENFORCEMENT AND COLLECTION CASE

WHEREAS, Chapter 19 of the North Carolina General Statutes defines a public nuisance and gives local government the power to seek court action to abate or stop a nuisance; and

WHEREAS, possible remedies include forfeiture of property, court-ordered closure of property, permanent restrictions on the use of property, civil fines, mandatory accounting, imposition of liens, and invalidation of leases; and

WHEREAS, under N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 153A-11 and -12 the board of commissioners is vested with the power to file suit and contract on behalf of Caldwell County; and

WHEREAS, David Brittain and Cierra Brittain, own property within the County located at or about 5119 Bloomfield Estate, Granite Falls, North Carolina 28645.

WHEREAS, the property located at or about 5119 Bloomfield Estate, Granite Falls, North Carolina 28645 is in violation of one or more of the County's local ordinances.

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 153A-11 and -12, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 19-2.1, N.C. Gen. Stat. Chapter 19, and local ordinances, the County Attorney is authorized to initiate proceedings necessary to effectuate the enforcement of County ordinances as it relates to the ongoing violation on or about 5119 Bloomfield Estate, Granite Falls, North Carolina 28645.

BE IT RESOLVED by the governing board of Caldwell County, as follows:

1. **That the County Attorney, or outside counsel selected by the County Attorney, is authorized and directed to initiate proceedings necessary to effectuate the enforcement of County ordinances as it relates to the property located on or about 5119 Bloomfield Estate, Granite Falls, North Carolina 28645.**

2. **To settle the litigation, if warranted, on whatever terms the law firm sees fit.**

3. **To seek enforcement, if necessary, of any orders resulting from the litigation.**

Adopted this 23rd day of March, 2026.

Chair

3-23-26
Date

Sasha Brown
Attest: Clerk to the Board

3-23-26
Date

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RESOLUTION

7-2026

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Chair — **Date** 3-23-26

Attest: Clerk to the Board — **Date** 3-23-26

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