MINUTES
BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING

The Burke County Board of Commissioners held a special meeting on Monday, April 6, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Burke County Services Building, 110 N. Green Street, Entrance E, in Morganton, North Carolina. The purpose of the special meeting is to hold a closed session to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential, to discuss threatened or pending litigation, to preserve the attorney-client privilege, to discuss economic development matters, to discuss contractual matters and to discuss personnel matters as authorized by N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (1), (3), (4), (5) and (6). Chairman Brittain executed the public notice, which was published on April 1, 2026. 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. Those present were:

COMMISSIONERS:	Jeffrey C. Brittain, Chairman Phil Smith, Vice Chairman Brian Barrier Randy Burns Mike Stroud
STAFF:	Brian Epley, County Manager Mark Miller, Human Resources Director Katherine "Kat" Wright, Interim Clerk to the Board
STAFF ABSENT:	Destin Hall, County Attorney (Excused.)

CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Brittain called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

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

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

CLOSED SESSION
Chairman Brittain announced the need for a closed session and then called for a motion.

Motion: To go into closed session to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential, 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) (1), (3), (4), (5) and (6). Further, to invite the Human Resources Director into the closed session.

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

Motion: To come out of closed session.

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

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Upon a motion by Commissioner Burns, the Board returned to open session.

ADJOURN

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

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

Approved this 20th day of July 2026.

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Randy Burns, Acting Chair
Burke County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Morgan Buchanan
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners