Burke County Council on Aging
October 1, 2025 10:00 AM
Public Hearing
Morganton AARP Meeting

Members Present: Jerry Propst, Paige Pitts, Heather Ward, Susan Janney, Mary Wright, Kathy Duncan, Richard Moore, Joset Taylor, Linda Shamblin, Hollie Phillips
Providers Present: Kaylen Kelley,
Others Present: Sarah Evitt

The 2025 Public Hearing was held in conjunction with the Morganton AARP meeting. Sara Evitt gave an overview of the Area Agency on Aging and the Home and Community Care Block Grant. Providers were given the opportunity to speak on services provided by the HCCBG grant.

Call to Order: Jerry Propst called the meeting to order following the AARP meeting. Newly appointed Council Members, Heather Ward and Hollie Phillips were welcomed to the Council.

Approval of Minutes: Paige Pitts made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 23, 2025 meeting. Joset Taylor seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Home and Community Care Block Grant: Sara Evitt reported the state has not approved the budget, therefore the final allocations for HCCBG are not known. Providers should plan on the amounts designated in the current contracts. A special meeting will be called if there are changes to the planned allocations. Burke County has openings on the Regional Aging Advisory Council and Senior Tar Heel Legislator.

Old Business
The Nominating Committee submitted the slate of officers for 2026. Nomination of officers was Chairman Joset Taylor, Vice Chairman Hollie Phillips, Secretary Mary Wright. Motion to approve slate of officers by Heather Ward. Paige Pitts seconded the motion. The slate of officers was approved by a unanimous vote. The newly elected officer terms begin January 2026.

New Business:
Projects for the Council: Several ideas were discussed as projects for the Council. These projects are geared toward informing the community about the Council on Aging. Suggestions included building a ramp with Foothills Service Project, developing small neighborhood senior groups, and assuring disaster relief information is dispersed to senior citizens. This will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

A suggestion was made to do a special presentation to Jerry Propst at the next meeting as an expression of appreciation for his 12 years of service to the Council.

With no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: January 28, 2026 2:00 pm Morganton Senior Center

Minutes provided by Mary Wright