# MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JULY 14, 2020 AGENDA

- 1. Call to order and welcome by Vice-Chairman Beale
- 2. Announcements
- 3. Moment of Silence
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance
- 5. Public Hearing(s) **None**
- 6. Public Comment Period (via telephone)
- 7. Additions to agenda
- 8. Adjustments to and approval of the agenda
- 9. Reports/Presentations
  - (A) Presentation by Richard Sneed, Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, followed by consideration of a resolution opposing Catawba Indian Nation Casino in North Carolina
  - (B) Introduction of and comments from Troy Waskey, the new District Ranger for the Nantahala National Forest (Tentative)
  - (C) Update on county's response to COVID-19
    - (1) Kathy McGaha Public Health
    - (2) Warren Cabe Emergency Management
    - (3) Sheriff Robert Holland Law Enforcement
    - (4) Derek Roland -- Administration

#### 10.Old Business

#### 11.New Business

- (A) Consideration of resolution to abandon a portion of SR 1140 (McConnell Road) Andy Russell, District Engineer, NCDOT
- (B) Approval of new fees for Macon County Public Health Kathy McGaha, Director

- (C) Presentation of the Macon County Community Needs Assessment Report – Justin Setser, Chair, Macon County Planning Board
- (D) Consideration of contract for "No Wrong Door" for Fiscal Year 2020-21 Chester Jones, County Attorney, and Lori Carpenter, Finance Director
- (E) Designation of voting delegate and alternate voting delegate to NCACC Annual Conference
- (F) Discussion regarding underground storage tank replacement at Macon County School Bus Garage Derek Roland, County Manager

#### 12.Consent Agenda – Attachment #12

All items below are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion will be held except on request of a member of the Board of Commissioners.

- (A) Minutes of the May 12, 2020 regular meeting
- (B) Budget Amendments #9-23
- (C) Tax Releases for June in the amount of \$513.36
- (D) Refund stemming from Property Tax Commission appeal in the amount of \$415.28
- (E) Ratification of email poll of the board regarding approval of the Town of Franklin's July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks display
- (F) Monthly ad valorem tax collection report no action necessary

#### 13. Appointments

- (A) Highlands Tourism Development Commission one seat
- 14.Closed session as allowed under NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) for attorney/client privilege and NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) regarding real property
- 15. Adjourn/Recess

#### MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

#### **AGENDA ITEM**

#### CATEGORY - REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

**MEETING DATE: JULY 14, 2020** 

- 9A. Richard Sneed, the Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, will make a presentation to the board, after which the members can consider a "Resolution of the Macon County Board of Commissioners Opposing a Catawba Indian Nation Casino in North Carolina." A copy of the resolution is included in this packet.
- 9B. Troy Waskey, the new District Ranger for the Nantahala National Forest, has requested the opportunity to introduce himself to the board and to be available for questions regarding the national forests, including the ongoing forest plan revision.
- 9C. The board will receive its monthly update on the county's COVID-19 response/status from the following individuals:
  - Kathy McGaha regarding Public Health
  - Warren Cabe regarding Emergency Management
  - Sheriff Robert Holland regarding law enforcement issues
  - Derek Roland regarding overall county administration

### RESOLUTION OF THE MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OPPOSING A CATAWBA INDIAN NATION CASINO IN NORTH CAROLINA

THAT WHEREAS, Macon County is a county located in Western North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, counties in Western North Carolina have historically fallen well below national and state averages for wages, unemployment, education and other socio-economic metrics; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians owns and operates Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort in Cherokee, North Carolina, and Harrah's Cherokee Valley River in Murphy, North Carolina (collectively referred to as "Cherokee casino resorts"), which are located in Jackson and Cherokee Counties in Western North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Cherokee casino resorts had an estimated economic impact of \$750 million in North Carolina in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Cherokee casino resorts have an impact on the economy of Western North Carolina in the form of employee compensation, local supplier purchases, cash distributions to fund Tribal operations, as well as distributions to individual Tribal members, each of which generates additional demands for goods and services provided by small business owners in Western North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Cherokee casino resorts have enabled the Tribe to make investments in Western North Carolina, including an additional \$330 million in financed capital investments by the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Cherokee casino resorts are directly responsible for five percent (5%) of the employment, approximately 3,069 employees, in the far six Western Counties of North Carolina, and nearly ten percent (10%) of employment for Jackson, Swain and Cherokee Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cherokee casino resorts are indirectly responsible for an additional 5,411 jobs; and

WHEREAS, directly and indirectly, the Cherokee casino resorts have reduced the historically high unemployment rate in Jackson and Swain Counties, which was 1.87 times the state average through 1997; and

WHEREAS, prior to the establishment of the Cherokee casino resorts, seasonal fluctuations

- in unemployment in Western North Carolina sometimes peaked at seventeen percent (17%) or more, but since the casino resorts' establishment, fluctuations currently range from two percent (2%) to four percent (4%); and
- WHEREAS, the average salary for direct employees of the Cherokee casino resorts is seventy-two percent (72%) greater than the average salary in the far six Western Counties of North Carolina; and
- WHEREAS, approximately \$129 million in direct wage and salary income to Cherokee casino resorts' employees and an estimated \$276 million in indirect wage and salary income generated by the casino resorts entered into the local economy; and
- WHEREAS, Cherokee casino resorts-funded Tribal operations generated close to \$90 million in local spending and created more than 2,600 jobs in the region; and
- WHEREAS, the Cherokee Preservation Foundation, using resources stemming directly from the Cherokee casino resorts, has awarded more than \$93 million to further strengthen and diversify the regional economy; and
- WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina receives a revenue share from the Cherokee casino resorts in the amount of almost \$11 million annually; and
- WHEREAS, other state and local taxes and benefits approach \$80-90 million, including income tax, sales tax, decline of unemployment benefits, occupancy taxes, etc.; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Cherokee casino resorts are responsible for bringing in approximately 5.2 million visitors to Western North Carolina each year; and
- **WHEREAS**, almost three-quarters of the gaming revenues generated by the Cherokee casino resorts are from out-of-state visitors; and
- **WHEREAS**, in 2018 the employees of the Cherokee casino resorts donated approximately 123,000 hours to various non-profit organizations for value added near \$3 million; and
- WHEREAS, S. 790, a bill to authorize the Catawba Indian Nation from South Carolina to build a casino in North Carolina, was introduced in the United States Senate on March 19, 2019; and
- WHEREAS, S. 790 was introduced by South Carolina Senator Lindsay Graham, and co-sponsored by North Carolina Senators Richard Burr and Thom Tillis; and
- WHEREAS, S. 790 would permit the Catawba Indian Nation to operate an off-reservation casino with electronic games without entering into revenue sharing agreements with the State of North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, revenues from a Catawba Indian Nation casino in North Carolina would be felt in South Carolina where the Catawba Indian Nation is located; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Catawba Indian Nation casino in North Carolina under S. 790 would result in fewer jobs offered by the Cherokee casino resorts and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal operations, thereby affecting the unemployment rate in Western North Carolina, and the salaries, wages, and other investments recycled back into the local and regional economy; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Catawba Indian Nation casino in North Carolina under S. 790 would result in lost investments and revenue in Western North Carolina and most of the Catawba casino revenues going to South Carolina casino developers and a South Carolina Indian tribe.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Macon County opposes S. 790, a bill that would permit the Catawba Indian Nation in South Carolina to open a gaming facility in North Carolina, and threaten the well-being of citizens and small business owners in Western North Carolina; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Macon County shall make its opposition known to North Carolina Senators Richard Burr and Thom Tillis and members of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, and requests the North Carolina Senators to withdraw their support of S. 790.

#### CERTIFICATION

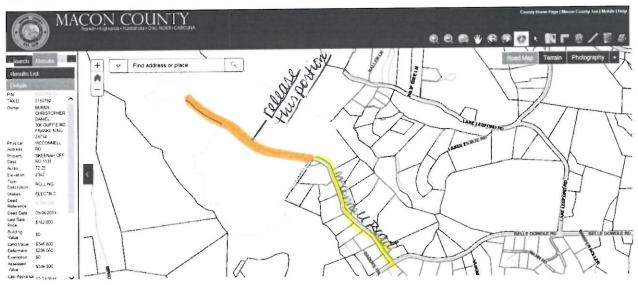
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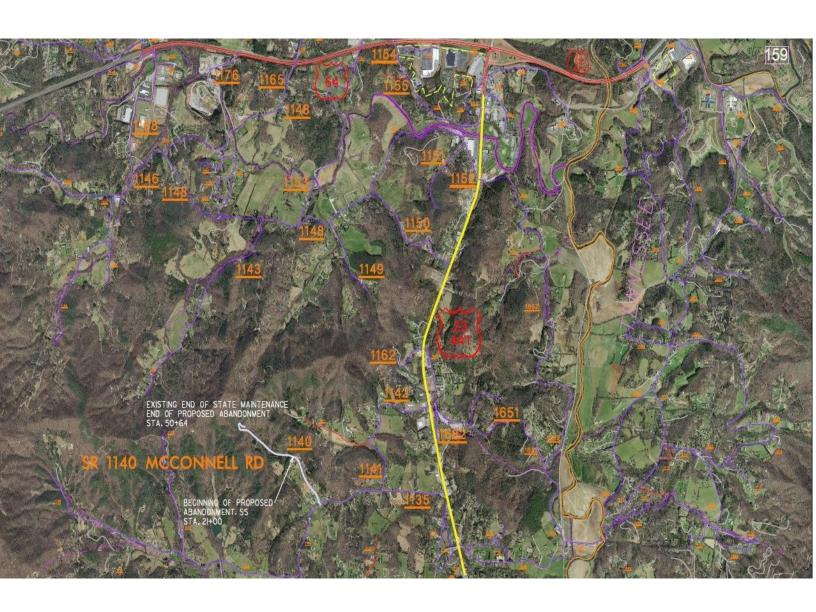
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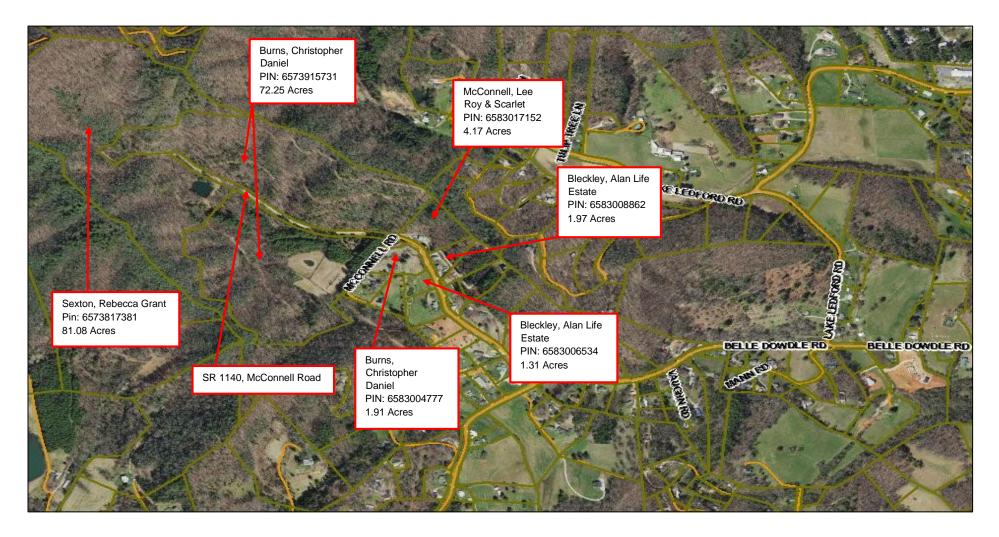
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#### MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

#### **AGENDA ITEM**

#### **CATEGORY - NEW BUSINESS**

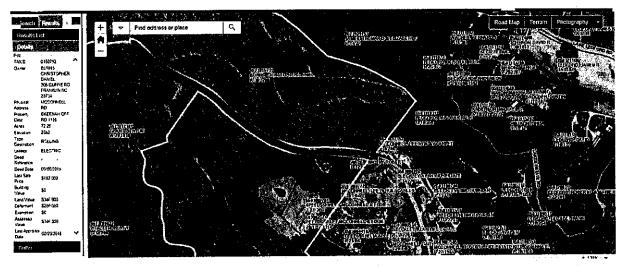
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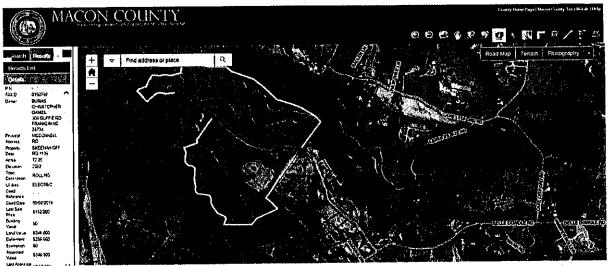
- Andy Russell, the District Engineer with the Andrews District Office of NCDOT, has forwarded a petition for secondary road abandonment and other supporting documentation requesting that the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) abandon the final unpaved portion of State Route (SR) 1140, McConnell Road, in Macon County. Per Mr. Russell, the petitioning property owners, Burns and Sexton, are the exclusive property owners having legal means of ingress and egress along this segment of the road. A copy of the abandonment petition is included in this packet. Mr. Russell also says that NCDOT will retain the initial 2,072 feet of McConnell Road as a State Maintained Secondary Paved Road, while the proposed length of the portion to be abandoned is 2,680 feet. A copy of Mr. Russell's letter requesting the board to adopt a resolution to this effect is also However, a proposed resolution was not included in the information Mr. Russell provided, and perhaps Mr. Jones can address this matter. Also, color maps of the vicinity and site will be attached to the packet.
- 11B. Macon County Public Health Director Kathy McGaha will present a list of new fees for the board's consideration, and a copy of those fees is included in the packet. The Macon County Board of Health voted to approve the new fees at its meeting on June 23, 2020.
- 11C. Justin Setser, the chair of the Macon County Planning Board, will present the "Macon County Community Needs Assessment Report" for 2019-2020, a copy of which is included in the packet. The report notes that Commissioner Gillespie, the commission's liaison to the planning board, charged the group in February of last year with going throughout the county and assessing the needs of the individual communities, and Mr. Setser will present their findings.

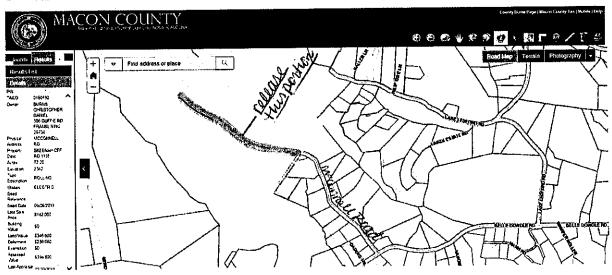
- 11D. Mr. Jones is working to prepare a new contract in connection with the "No Wrong Door" program, and will update the board at Tuesday's meeting.
- 11E. The board will need to designate a voting delegate for the annual conference of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC), primarily for the "virtual" annual business session to be held on August 6, 2020, with voting to take place via an electronic platform. This year, the board is also asked to designate an alternate voting delegate. For your information, a copy of the form is included in the packet.
- 11F. Mr. Roland will update the board on the situation regarding the replacement of the underground storage tanks at the Macon County School Bus Garage.

#### North Carolina Department of Transportation Division of Highways Abandonment Petition

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### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

ROY COOPER GOVERNOR JAMES H. TROGDON, III SECRETARY

June 5, 2020

Macon County Commissioners James Tate, Chairman Courthouse Annex 5 West Main Street Franklin, NC 28734

Attention: Mr. James Tate

Re: McConnell Road, SR1140; Secondary Road Abandonment

Dear Mr. Tate:

The property owners along the final portion of McConnell have contacted our Andrews District Office and requested North Carolina Department of Transportation abandon the final 2,680 feet of SR1140, McConnell Road, from the State Maintained Road System in Macon County. All property owners having legal means of ingress and egress have been notified of our intentions and are in agreement with abandonment of this facility. North Carolina Department of Transportation will retain the initial 2,072 feet of SR1140, McConnell Road, and continue routine maintenance operations up to the point of proposed abandonment.

I am, therefore, requesting the Macon County Board of Commissioners consideration in adopting a resolution to abandon the portion of SR1140, beginning at survey station 20+72 and ending at survey station 47+52, from the State Maintained Road System in Macon County.

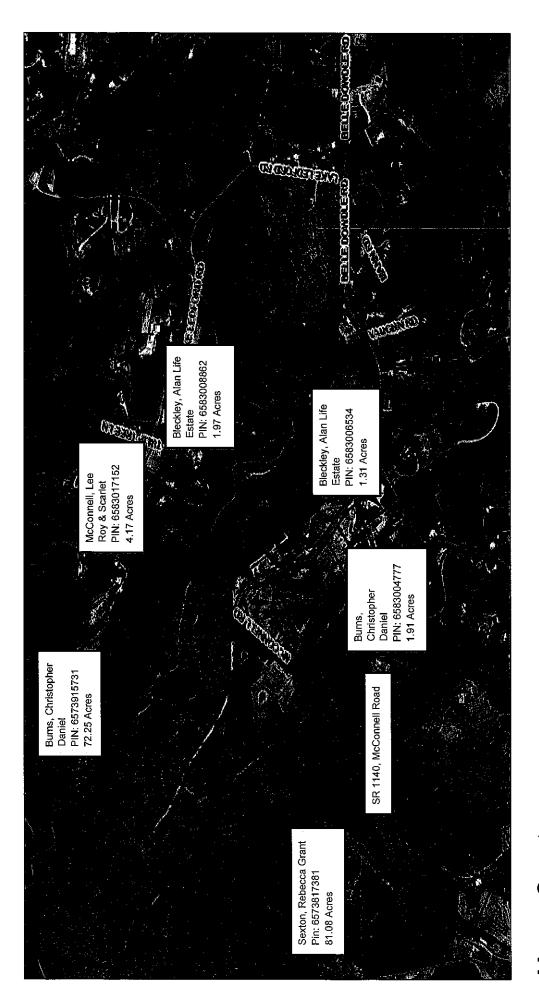
Please feel free to contact me at (828) 321-4105 should you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Andy Russell, P.E.

District Engineer

cc: Mr. Mark Hill, P.E., Macon County Maintenance Engineer



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#### New fees proposed by Finance Committee at 6/12/2020 meeting listed below.

CODE	DESCRIPTION	MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT RATE/OUR COST	OUR PROPOSED FEE TO PATIENTS
99441	TELEPHONE E/M SERVICE PROVIDED BY A PHYSICIAN TO AN ESTABLISHED PATIENT, NOT ORIGINATING FROM A RELATED E/M SERVICE PROVIDED WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 7 DAYS NOR LEADING TO AN E/M SERVICE OR PROCEDURE WITHIN THE NEXT 24 HOURS OR SOONEST AVAILABLE APPOINTMENT, 5-10 MINUTE MEDICAL DISCUSSION	\$59.78	\$72
99442	SAME AS 99441, BUT 11-20 MINUTES IN LENGTH	\$82.59	\$121
99443	SAME AS 99441, BUT 21-30 MINUTES IN LENGTH	\$119.13-\$128.24	\$209
87635	COVID-19 TESTING	MEDICAID = \$68.08 / LABCORP COST \$51.31	\$72

# 2019-2020



# MACON COUNTY COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT REPORT

#### Macon County Community Needs Assessment Report

At the February 21, 2019 meeting of The Macon County Planning Board, Commissioner Liaison Karl Gillespie charged The Planning Board with performing a community needs assessment. This charge was to consist of going throughout the county and assessing the needs of the individual communities.

The Planning Board voted to use sections of the revised Comprehensive Plan for Macon County to initiate discussion for these meetings. Seven sections of the comprehensive plan were used; Public Service, Housing, Recreation, Education, Healthcare, Transportation and Economic Development. These seven topics along with a topic labeled Other were written on easel pads and placed on walls throughout the meeting room. Each member of the public in attendance were given three sticky notes and instructed to write one community need on each sticky note and place it under the topic it best fit. The sticky notes were colored for level of importance with red being the most important, yellow being the second most important and blue being the third most important.

In March of 2019 the Planning Board began this process with a meeting in the Nantahala Community. For the next year the Planning Board visited 12 communities throughout the county. The results of these meeting are listed below.

#### Nantahala (March 21, 2019)

#### **Approximate Community Attendance-21**

- 1. New Library/Community Center with Internet Access: Appeared on 20 sticky notes (9 Reds, 7 Yellows and 4 Blues).
- 2. Broadband Internet/Cell Phone Coverage: Appeared on 7 sticky notes (1 Red, 1 Yellow and 5 Blue).
- 3. Law Enforcement Presence Stationed Within Community: Appeared on 6 sticky notes (3 Red and 3 Blue).
- **4. Keep Nantahala Lake Level up Longer:** Appeared on 5 sticky notes (2 Red, 2 Yellow and 1 Blue).
- 5. Senior Center/Activities for Seniors Within the Community/ Outreach from Crawford Center: Appeared on 4 sticky notes (1 Red, 1 Yellow and 2 Blue).
- 6. Lakeside Swimming Area: Appeared on 4 sticky notes (1 Red, 1 Yellow and 2 Blue).
- 7. NCDOT Road Maintenance (Paving, Mowing and Trash)/Repave Wayah and Junaluska Roads: Appeared on 4 sticky notes (3 Yellow and 1 Blue).
- 8. Public Health Clinic Located Within Community: Appeared on 3 sticky notes (2 Yellow and 1 Blue).

- 9. Update Ambulance: Appeared on 2 sticky notes (2 Red).
- **10.** Improved Communication System for Fire Department: Appeared on 2 sticky notes (2 Red).
- **11. Resident of the Nantahala Community on the Planning Board:** Appeared on 1 sticky note (1 Yellow).
- 12. Promote Business and Job Growth: Appeared on 1 sticky note (1 Yellow).

#### Cartoogechaye (April 18, 2019)

#### **Approximate Community Attendance-5**

#### **Community Needs**

- 1. Affordable Housing Options: Appeared on 3 sticky notes (1 Red, 1 Yellow and 1 Blue).
- 2. Healthcare/More Doctors and Specialist/Hospital: Appeared on 2 sticky notes (1 Yellow and 1 Blue).
- 3. Broadband Internet/Cell Phone Coverage: Appeared on 1 sticky note (Blue).
- 4. Larger/Additional Recycling Centers: Appeared on 1 sticky note (Red).
- 5. Affordable Pre-K/Childcare: Appeared on 1 sticky note (Red).
- 6. New High School: Appeared on 1 sticky note (Red).
- 7. Steep Slope Development Regulations: Appeared on 1 sticky note (Red).
- 8. More Social Workers: Appeared on 1 sticky note (Yellow).

#### Cowee (May 16, 2019)

#### **Approximate Community Attendance-14**

- 1. Need Minimum Housing Standards/Garbage, Debris and Run-Down Houses: Appeared on 8 sticky notes (1 Red, 4 Yellow and 3 Blue).
- **2.** Healthcare/More Doctors and Specialist/Hospital: Appeared on 7 sticky notes (3 Red, 3 Yellow and 1 Blue).
- 3. NCDOT Road Maintenance (Paving, Mowing and Trash)/Improve Intersection of Cowee Creek Rd and Highway 28: Appeared on 6 sticky notes (4 Red, 1 Yellow and 1 Blue).
- **4. Broadband Internet/Ceil Phone Coverage:** Appeared on 5 sticky notes (2 Red, 2 Yellow and 1 Blue).
- 5. Promote Business and Job Growth: Appeared on 3 sticky notes (1 Red and 2 Blue).

- **6. Law Enforcement Presence Stationed Within Community:** Appeared on 2 sticky notes (1 Red and 1 Yellow).
- 7. After School Programs for Students: Appeared on 2 sticky notes (1 Red and 1 Blue).

#### Otto (June 20, 2019)

#### **Approximate Community Attendance-35**

- **1. Broadband Internet/Cell Phone Coverage:** Appeared on 34 sticky notes (18 Red, 9 Yellow and 5 Blue).
- 2. NCDOT Road Maintenance (Paving, Mowing and Trash)/ Right Turn Lane into Firehouse Road: Appeared on 12 sticky notes (5 Red, 1 Yellow and 6 Blue).
- 3. Little Tennessee River Access Point and Picnic Area on Riverside Road: Appeared on 10 sticky notes (5 Yellow and 5 Blue).
- **4. Promote Business and Job Growth:** Appeared on 6 sticky notes (2 Red, 1 Yellow and 3 Blue).
- **5. Increase Funding for Appalachian Animal Shelter:** Appeared on 5 sticky notes (3 Red, 1 Yellow and 1 Blue).
- **6. Services for the Homeless/Shelters/Food Banks:** Appeared on 5 sticky notes (1 Red, 2 Yellow and 2 Blue).
- 7. Increase Funding for Education/Teacher Pay/Supplies: Appeared on 4 sticky notes (1 Red, 2 Yellow and 1 Blue).
- **8.** After School Program for Students: Appeared on 4 sticky notes (1 Red, 1 Yellow and 2 Blue).
- Recreation Park within Community: Appeared on 3 sticky Notes (2 Yellow and 1 Blue).
- **10. Ambulance Stationed at Otto Fire Department:** Appeared on 3 sticky notes (2 Yellow and 1 Blue).
- 11. Crawford Center/Expand Services/New Building: Appeared on 2 sticky notes (1 Red and 1 Yellow).
- 12. Greenway Extension from Otto to Franklin: Appeared on 2 sticky notes (1Yellow and 1 Blue).
- 13. Protect Waterways: Appeared on 2 sticky notes (2 Yellow).
- 14. Affordable Housing Options: Appeared on 1 sticky note (1 Red).

#### Holly Springs (July 18, 2019)

#### **Approximate Community Attendance-16**

#### **Community Needs**

- 1. Broadband Internet/Cell Phone Coverage: Appeared on 13 sticky notes (9 Red, 3 Yellow and 1 Blue).
- 2. More Convenient Recycling Center/Keep a Recycling Center in Holly Springs: Appeared on 9 sticky notes (2 Red, 4 Yellow and 3 Blue).
- 3. NCDOT Road Maintenance (Paving, Mowing and Trash)/Improve Rabbit Creek Road from 441N to Corbin Road: Appeared on 8 sticky notes (2 Red, 2 Yellow and 4 Blue).
- **4.** Healthcare/More Doctors and Specialist/Hospital: Appeared on 3 sticky notes (1 Red, 1 Yellow and 1 Blue).
- 5. Increase Funding for Public Libraries: Appeared on 3 sticky notes (1 Red and 2 Yellow).
- **6.** Recreation Center with a Skate Park: Appeared on 3 sticky notes (1 Yellow and 2 Blue).
- 7. Support Arts Programs in Public Schools: Appeared on 2 sticky notes (1 Red and 1 Yellow).
- 8. More Walking, Hiking and Biking Trails: Appeared on 2 sticky notes (2 Blue).
- 9. Affordable Pre-K/Childcare: Appeared on 1 sticky note (Yellow).
- **10. New High School:** Appeared on 1 sticky note (Blue).

#### Clarks Chapel (August 15, 2019)

#### **Approximate Community Attendance-20**

- 1. NCDOT Road Maintenance (Paving, Mowing and Trash)/Guard Rails on Dowdle Mountain Road/Keep Traffic Signal at Intersection of 441 and Prentiss Bridge Road: Appeared on 14 sticky notes (5 Red, 5 Yellow and 4 Blue).
- 2. Need Minimum Housing Standards/Garbage, Debris and Run-Down Houses: Appeared on 12 sticky notes (9 Red, 1 Yellow and 2 Blue).
- **3.** Healthcare/More Doctors and Specialist/Hospital: Appeared 4 sticky notes (1 Red and 3 Yellow).
- **4. Broadband Internet/Cell Phone Coverage:** Appeared on 3 sticky notes (1 Red and 2 Blue).

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- 5. Recycling Center within Clarks Chapel Community: Appeared on 2 sticky notes (1 Red and 1 Yellow).
- 6. New High School: Appeared on 2 sticky notes (1 Yellow and 1 Blue).
- 7. Noise/Animal Control Ordinance (Barking Dogs): Appeared on 2 sticky notes (2 Yellow).
- 8. Promote Business and Job Growth: Appeared on 2 sticky notes (1 Red and 1 Blue).
- Increase Funding for Education/Teacher Pay/Supplies: Appeared on 1 sticky note (1 Red).
- 10. Affordable Housing Options: Appeared on 1 sticky note (1 Yellow).

#### Carson (September 19, 2019)

#### **Approximate Community Attendance-3**

#### **Community Needs**

- Healthcare/More Doctors and Specialist/Hospital: Appeared on 2 sticky notes (1 Red and 1 Yellow).
- 2. Bigger More Convenient Recycling Center: Appeared on 2 sticky notes (1 Yellow and 1 Blue).
- 3. Expand Macon Transit/Improve Scheduling: Appeared on 1 sticky note (1 Red).
- **4.** Trades Focused High School/Community College Option for Students: Appeared on 1 sticky note (1 Red).
- 5. Affordable Housing Options: Appeared on 1 sticky note (1 Yellow).
- 6. Broadband Internet/Cell Phone Coverage: Appeared on 1 sticky note (1 Blue).

#### Scaly Mountain (October 17, 2019)

#### **Approximate Community Attendance-3**

- 1. Broadband Internet/Cell Phone Coverage: Appeared on 2 sticky notes (1 Red and 1 Blue).
- 2. Community Park for Scaly Mt Area/Bathrooms/Tennis and Basketball Courts: Appeared on 2 sticky notes (1 Red and 1 Blue).
- 3. Promote Business and Job Growth: Appeared on 1 sticky note (1 Red).
- 4. Affordable Housing Options: Appeared on 1 sticky note (1 Yellow).
- 5. After School Program for Students: Appeared on 1 sticky note (1 Yellow).
- 6. Fund Scaly Mountain Community Center: Appeared on 1 sticky note (1 Yellow).

#### Highlands (November 21, 2019)

#### **Approximate Community Attendance-0**

#### **Community Needs**

After the Highlands meeting, the Planning Department received a letter from a resident of Highlands stating these community needs.

- 1. Affordable Housing Options
- 2. Healthcare/More Doctors and Specialist
- 3. EMS Base

#### Cullasaja (January 9, 2020)

#### **Approximate Community Attendance-11**

- Healthcare/More Doctors and Specialist/Hospital: Appeared on 9 sticky notes (4 Red, 4 Yellow and 1 Blue).
- 2. NCDOT Road Maintenance (Paving, Mowing and Trash)/Improve Buck Creek Road: Appeared on 8 sticky notes (2 Red, 5 Yellow and 1 Blue)
- **3.** Increased Community Involvement in Community Clubs: Appeared on 4 sticky notes (4 Blue).
- 4. Broadband Internet/Cell Phone Coverage: Appeared on 2 sticky notes (2 Red).
- 5. Increase Funding for Education: Appeared on 2 sticky notes (1 Red and 1 Yellow).
- 6. Affordable Housing Options: Appeared on 2 sticky notes (2 Blue).
- 7. Law Enforcement Presence Stationed within Community: Appeared on 1 sticky note (1 Red).
- 8. Public Access to Cullasaja River/Intersection of Nickajack and River Road: Appeared on 1 sticky note (1 Red).
- 9. Promote Business and Job Growth: Appeared on 1 sticky note (1 Blue).

#### Burningtown (February 13, 2020)

#### **Approximate Community Attendance-4**

#### **Community Needs**

- 1. Broadband Internet/Cell Phone Coverage: Appeared on 5 sticky notes (3 Red and 2 Blue).
- 2. Healthcare/More Doctors and Specialist/Hospital: Appeared on 4 sticky notes (1 Red, 1 Yellow and 2 Blue).
- 3. Recreation Center/Park in Burningtown Area: Appeared on 1 sticky note (1 Yellow).

#### Franklin (March 12, 2020)

#### Approximate Community Attedance-0

#### 10 MOST FREQUENTLY APEARRING COMMUNITY NEEDS

- 1. Broadband Internet/Cell Phone Coverage
- 2. NCDOT Road Maintenance (Paving, Mowing and Trash)/Road Improvements
- 3. Healthcare/More Doctors and Specialist/Hospital
- 4. New Library/Community Center In Nantahala
- 5. Need Minimum Housing Standards/Garbage, Debris and Run-Down Houses
- 6. Recycling Center Improvements
- 7. Affordable Housing Options
- 8. Little Tennessee River Access Point and Picnic Area on Riverside Road
- 9. Law Enforcement Presence Stationed within Communities
- 10. Promote Business and Job Growth

#### **Community Need Requests (343 Responses)**



- 21 %Broadband Internet/Cell Phone Coverage
- 15 % NCDOT

  Maintenance/Improvements
- 9 % Healtcare/Doctors/Hospital
- **■**6% Nantahala Library
- 6 % Minimum Housing
- 4% Recycling Centers Improvements
- 3% Affordable Housing
- 3% Law Enforcement Presence in Communities
- 3% Little Tennessee Access at Riverside
- 3% Promote Business and Job Growth
- 27% Other (Variety of Community Needs Receiving Only 1 or 2 Request)



#### **Designation of Voting Delegate** to NCACC Annual Conference

I,		, hereby certify that I am the duly designated	voting
	delegate for	County at the 113 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the	North
	Carolina Association of County Commissione	ers to be held during the virtual* Annual Business S	Session
	on August 6, 2020, at 11 a.m.		
	Voting Deleg	ate Name:	
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In	the event the designated voting delegate is unal	ole to attend,	has
	been selected as	_ County's alternate voting delegate.	
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#### Article VI, Section 2 of our Constitution provides:

"On all questions, including the election of officers, each county represented shall be entitled to one vote, which shall be the majority expression of the delegates of that county. The vote of any county in good standing may be cast by any one of its county commissioners who is present at the time the vote is taken; provided, if no commissioner be present, such vote may be cast by another county official, elected or appointed, who holds elective office or an appointed position in the county whose vote is being cast and who is formally designated by the board of county commissioners. These provisions shall likewise govern district meetings of the Association. A county in good standing is defined as one which has paid the current year's dues."

Please return this form to Alisa Cobb via email by Monday, August 3, 2020 close of business:

Email: alisa.cobb@ncacc.org

\*Please note – due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 113th NCACC Annual Conference will be held virtually with voting taking place via an electronic platform.

#### MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

#### **AGENDA ITEM**

#### CATEGORY - CONSENT AGENDA

**MEETING DATE: July 14, 2020** 

Item 12A. A draft copy of the minutes of the May 12, 2020 regular meeting will be provided to you via email prior to the meeting. (Mike Decker)

Item 12B. Budget Amendments #9-23 are attached for your review and approval. (Lori Carpenter)

Item 12C. A copy of tax releases in the amount of \$513.36 for the month of June is attached for your review and approval. (Teresa McDowell)

Item 12D. Tax Administrator Abby Braswell is requesting board approval to refund \$415.28 stemming from an appeal that has been settled with the Property Tax Commission, and a memorandum from her is included in the packet.

Item 12E. A copy of the ad valorem tax collections report for the month of June, which shows an overall 98.35 percent collection rate as of 06.30.20. No action is required on this item. (Teresa McDowell)

MACON COUNTY AMENDMENT #	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>AMENDMENT</b>
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DEPARTMENT: HEALTH

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113840-417900	Fund Balance Appropriated	29,244	
115128-555113	Community Foundation of WNC	29,244	
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DEPARTMENT: HEALTH

EXPLANATION: Carry forward unexpended grant money to current FY 21

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
113840-417900	Fund Balance Appropriated	1,571.00	
115128-555126	MountainWise Services	1,571.00	
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EXPLANA	TION	Carry forward funds for repair of town square clock. Vendor unable to p	erform work by 6/3	due to COV
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11-3839-485000	INSURANCE SETTLEMENT	\$ 14,245.00	DECKEASE		
11-4935-556503	VEHICLE REPAIR & MAINT	\$ 14,245.00			
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ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE			
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11-4935-569506	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$ 30,470.00				
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DEPARTMENT: HEALTH

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115112-558901	Travel	\$	3,000.00	
115112-559700	Non-Capital	\$	2,259.00	
115112-569502	Capital	\$	7,419.00	
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#### **MACON COUNTY TAX OFFICE 5 WEST MAIN STREET** FRANKLIN, NC 28734

#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Mike Decker

FROM:

Abby Braswell

cc:

Macon County Board of Commissioners

Date:

July 6, 2020

Re:

Refund By Property Tax Commission

The last appeal has been settled with the Property Tax Commission. Based on the new assessment from the Property Tax Commission a refund will need to be issued. The refund amount is listed below.

Chester Coles parcel 7551-63-3308: \$207.64

Chester Coles parcel 7551-63-2109

\$207.64

Total refund amount:

\$415.28

With the approval from the Board of Commissioners the last appeal will be settled and closed. Thank you for your consideration of this needed approval.

MACON COUNTY MONTHLY AD VALOREM TAX COLLECTIONS REPORT

Jun-20

		Collection Percentage	98.35 98.07	96.59 98.19
Outstanding Balance	479453.85 77103.79 87065.72	Sutstanding Co	479453.85 77103.79	87065.72 643623.36
( Net Payments	-91010.4 -12283.26 -9996.8	~	-28537974.38	-2465659 -34925043.22
Misc Dr/Cr N	152.36 46.44 32.62 231.42		33610.51 3872.13	2129.84 39612.48
Less Refunds	536.28 0 0		150268.36	0 150268.36
Gross Payments	-91699.04 -12329.7 -10029.42 -114058.16		-28721853.25 -3925281.97	-2467788.84 -35114924.06
Equals Adj Levy	570464.25 89387.05 97062.52 756913.82		29017428.23 3998513.63	2552724.72 35568666.58
Less Write-Offs	-1.47	Less Write-Offs	-1239.7 -186.56	-20.28 -1446.54
Less Releases	-31,06 -3.85 -95 -129,91	Less	-17074.37	-1805 -21565.18
Levy	6283.46 1215.89 0 7499.35		290	2554550 35590581,21
Beginning Le Balance Ad	564213.32 88175.24 97157.52 749546.08	Beginning Les Balance Ad	840.83	0 1097.09
Month to Date	General Tax Fire Districts Landfill User Fee Totals	Year to Date	General Tax Fire Districts	Landfill User Fee Totals

The Collection Rate is 98.35% collected on 2019 General Taxes, late listing penalties, discoveries and deferred taxes as of 6/30/2020 as compared to 98.3% on 2018 taxes as of 6/30/2019

# MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### **AGENDA ITEM**

## CATEGORY - APPOINTMENTS

**MEETING DATE: July 14, 2020** 

13(A). **Highlands Tourism Development Commission** — Per Chairman Tate, consideration of John Woods as a member of the Highlands Tourism Development Commission (TDC) representing the Highlands Chamber of Commerce. Term of office will be for three years, expiring July 14, 2023.

# MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM

# CATEGORY - CLOSED SESSION

**MEETING DATE: July 14, 2020** 

14. The need for a closed session is warranted under NCGS 143.318.11(a)(3) for attorney/client privilege and under 143-318.11(a)(5) regarding real property.