September 7, 2021

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 6:00 PM by using ZOOM—virtual meeting software (due to the COVID-19 pandemic) for Facebook Live Streaming in the Commissioners' Room, 116 Adams Street, Plymouth, NC. Commissioners Tracey Johnson, Ann Keyes, Carol Phelps and Julius Walker, Jr. were present. Also present were County Manager/County Attorney Curtis Potter, Clerk to the Board Julie J. Bennett and Finance Officer Missy Dixon. Commissioner Sexton was unable to attend.

Vice-Chair Johnson called the meeting to order. Commissioner Keyes gave the invocation; County Manager/Attorney Potter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

<u>ADDITIONS/DELETIONS</u>: Ms. Bennett, Clerk to the Board, asked to delete Item 4: Employee of the Quarter. There were no nominations. Mr. Potter, County Manager/County Attorney asked to remove NCGS §143-318.11(a)(6) (personnel) from Closed Session Item 12.

<u>CONSENT AGENDA</u>: <u>Commissioner Keyes made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the above noted change:</u>

Items listed under Consent are generally of a routine nature. The Board may take action to approve/disapprove all items in a single vote. Any item may be withheld from a general action, to be discussed and voted upon separately at the discretion of the Board.

- a) Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for August 2, 2021
- b) Approval of Closed Session Meeting Minutes for: August 6, 2020, September 8, 2020, October 5, 2020, November 2, 2020, December 7, 2020, February 1, 2021, March 1, 2021, April 5, 2021, May 17, 2021, May 24, 2021, June 7, 2021, June 14, 2021 and July 6, 2021
- c) Tax Refunds & Releases & Insolvent Accounts
- d) Fee Schedule: EMS
- e) Post-Employment Retirement Policy—Sections 1-10 of Article V
- f) VUR Grant Resolution
- g) Resolution 2021-005 Authorizing Sale of Real Property, 111 East Main Street, Plymouth, by Electronic Public Auction Pursuant to GS 160-A-270
- h) Ratification of Resolution 2021-013 Opposing Reduction in the Number of Judges in the Second Judicial District
- i) SAA Delegates for October Meeting
- j) Resolution: Remembering 9/11
- k) Surplus Property Disposition to Roanoke Development Center (RDC)
- 1) Amendment to Plymouth's CFR Funds
- m) "Application for Property Tax Relief" 2021 Late Application

<u>Commissioner Phelps seconded. Vice-Chair Johnson proceeded with the roll call:</u>
<u>Commissioner Walker, yea; Commissioner Phelps, yea; Commissioner Keyes, yea;</u>
Commissioner Johnson, yea. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED FY2023 COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (CTP) APPLICATION: Commissioner Keyes made a motion to open the public hearing on the Proposed FY2023 Community Transportation Program (CTP) Application. Commissioner Walker seconded. Vice-Chair Johnson proceeded with the roll call: Commissioner Walker, yea; Commissioner Phelps, yea; Commissioner Keyes, yea; Commissioner Johnson, yea. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Lynn Swett spoke about the documents in the Commissioners' agenda package (and shown below).

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Section 5311 (ADTAP), 5310, 5339, 5307 and applicable State funding, or combination thereof.

This is to inform the public that a public hearing will be held on the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Community Transportation Program Application to be submitted to the North Carolina Department of Transportation no later than October 8, 2021. The public hearing will be held on September 7, 2021 at 6:00 PM before the Washington County Board of Commissioners at Board of Commissioners at Board of Commissioners Room, 116Adams Street, Plymouth NC 27962.

Those interested in attending the public hearing and needing either auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or a language translator should contact <u>Clifton Hardison</u> on or before <u>September 6</u>, 2021, at telephone number 252-793-4041x205 or via email at cliftonh@wcchs.org..

The Community Transportation Program provides assistance to coordinate existing transportation programs operating in <u>Washington County</u> as well as provides transportation options and services for the communities within this service area. These services are currently provided using a mini van or Light Transit Vehicles. Services are rendered by Washington County dba Riverlight Transit.

The total estimated amount requested for the period <u>July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.</u>

NOTE: Local share amount is subject to State funding availability.

Project	Total Amount	Local Share
Administrative	\$ 95,935	\$ 14,390 (15%)
Operating (5311)	\$	\$ (50%)
Capital (Vehicles & Other)	\$ 6171	\$ 617 ^(10%)
5310 Operating		
	\$	\$ (50%)
Other	\$	\$ (%)
TOTAL PROJECT	\$ 102,106	\$15,007

Total Funding Request

This application may be inspected at Washington County Department of Social Services from 8:30 am to 5:00pm.

Written comments should be directed to Clifton Hardison or Lynn Swett before September 7, 2021.

End of Notice

Total Local Share

 Note: AN ORIGINAL COPY of the published Public Hearing Notice must be attached to a signed Affidavit of Publication. Both the Public Hearing Notice and the Affidavit of Publication must be submitted with the grant application.

Commissioner Walker made a motion to close the public hearing on the Proposed FY2023 Community Transportation Program (CTP) Application. Commissioner Phelps seconded. Vice-Chair Johnson proceeded with the roll call: Commissioner Walker, yea;

<u>Commissioner Phelps, yea; Commissioner Keyes, yea; Commissioner Johnson, yea.</u> Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Keyes made a motion to approve the submission of the Proposed FY2023 Community Transportation Program (CTP) Application. Commissioner Phelps seconded. Vice-Chair Johnson proceeded with the roll call: Commissioner Walker, yea; Commissioner Phelps, yea; Commissioner Keyes, yea; Commissioner Johnson, yea. Motion carried unanimously.

<u>DEPARTMENT INFORMATION UPDATE: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</u>: Mr. Lance Swindell, Emergency Management Coordinator gave the following presentation.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

LANCE SWINDELL
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Duties of Emergency Management Coordinator

Serves as a member of the Washington County Control Group

Develop and maintain standard operating procedures for emergency management operations

Perform assigned duties according to State and local ordinances

Develop and maintain a list of key individuals or departments to be notified in the event of an emergency/disaster

Assist emergency responders/departments in obtaining appropriate training

Maintain a list of available resources

Request additional resources from the state

Alert and activate as necessary, the county emergency management organization when informed of an emergency within the county

Duties of Emergency Management Coordinator

Submit necessary emergency information and reports to the proper agencies during emergency and disaster events

Maintain contact with the Eastern Branch Office of Emergency Management during emergency situations

Serves as the principal liaison and advisor for emergency operations during emergency/disaster

Maintain operational readiness of the County's Emergency Operations Center and serve as the EOC Manager during periods of activation

Apply for and coordinate any grants deemed necessary for the betterment of emergency management

Other duties including, responding to accidents for hazardous material reporting and containment needs, fire scenes to provide emergency sheltering needs for local families, ICS establishment for many things including search and rescue and or recovery operations.

Provide assistance for fire departments regarding grant preparation when needed

Exercise design and training for all emergency responders

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

Is required by NC General Statues 186A-2 the responsibility of county government to organize and plan for the protection of life from the effects of an emergency/disaster.

Incident Command System – all multi-agency responses by emergency service providers (Lawenforcement, Fire, EMS/Rescue) will follow ICS as agreed by Washington County Fire Commission.

Concept of Operations, cont...

Washington County utilizes four phases of Comprehensive Emergency Management

 Mitigation – planning/building inspection programs to prevent substandard building construction.

Fire inspections and fire codes enforced

Identify flood prone areas and minimize property loss to flood.

Local ordinances enacted and enforced

- Preparedness disaster planning and recognition of hazards likely to affect the area.
- Response when disaster occurs, respond as direct assistance or support agency to first responders
- Recovery After the immediate short term emergency needs of an area are controlled, the recovery process that may take several days to many months or years will begin.

Pre-Season Planning

Hurricane Season Briefing

- All municipalities and partner agencies
- Critique of prior season
- Predictions for current seasons
- Evacuation routes
- Bridge closures

Challenges

\$\$\$\$ FUNDING

EOC separate from office, future office location

2025 Deadline to upgrade most of our County Emergency Response Radios(800 MHz/Viper)

Size of county

Need for law enforcement support

Large number of mobile homes

Sheltering - change in location

Flood Zones Mobile Homes

Loss of Infrastructure

Challenges, cont..

Evacuation of people from the county - Know Your Zone

COVID-19 Considerations

Debris removal Contract

Exhaustion of local resources

Timeframes for funding on some State and Federal grants. Some have been ongoing for years and project still does not have a green light to start work.

DATA plan and Internet in underserved areas

Planning Factors

Hazard/Risk/Capability of Washington County & Neighbors

Schools

Roadways (prior history of flooding)

Special needs/medical needs population

Hospitals

Nursing Home - Group Homes

Assisted Living Facility

Dialysis Center

Elderly Housing Project

Mobile Homes

Decision Tools

National Weather Service

Hurrevac

Web EOC

Historical Data

Conference Calls

- State
- Local
- Meteorologists
- Federal Partners

Communications

Local Media

- · Roanoke Beacon
- · Radio Stations

EAS

County Website

PA Announcements

Cable TV

Hyper Reach

911 to responders - radio and repeater systems

Examples of Training and Response



Response



Training



Response



ICS Setup



CERT - Community Emergency Response Team



Training Exercise



Flooding



Hazmat incident



QUESTIONS

Mr. Swindell said the County needs to take time to thank the County's fire departments. They are wonderful folks. They are all volunteers. They are getting weary because we have had so many fires in the last 2 months. They need new volunteers. As a volunteer, you wouldn't necessarily have to run into a fire, you could be a scribe or some other administrative function. They have to have 36 hours of certification/re-certification each year.

Commissioner Walker said Mr. Swindell answered all the questions he had during his presentation, mainly about working with surrounding counties.

Commissioner Keyes thanked Mr. Swindell for the job he is doing. She always has been and still is an advocate of the volunteer firefighters and the CERT team. They do a wonderful job and they don't get paid for it.

<u>TOBACCO/VAPING PRESENTATION:</u> Ms. Miranda Keel, Tobacco Health Educator, MTW Health Department gave the following presentation.



Local Government Tobacco-Free Policies: From Challenge to Success

September 7, 2021

What we will cover

- 1. Why tobacco-free policies are important
- 2. Local tobacco-free policy progress
- 3. Success Stories
- 4. Call to action

Why Tobacco-Free Policies Are Important

- · Social Injustice and Disparities
- · Cancer and Disease
- · Secondhand Smoke Exposure
- Smoking damages nearly every part of the body
- Who is left using tobacco products
- E-cigarette aerosol is not harmless

Tobacco Use is a Social Injustice Issue



Tobacco Related Disparity

North Carolina collects data on people who are uninsured or receive Medicaid who utilize more intensive mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services.

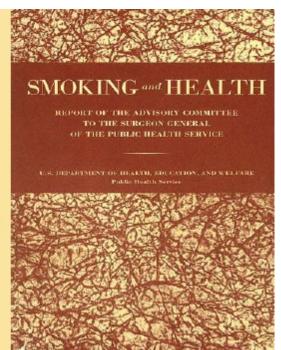
- 68% of people using SUD services used tobacco
- 56% of people using mental health services used tobacco

Source: NC DHHS TOPPS Data, 2017

Smoking Related Disparity

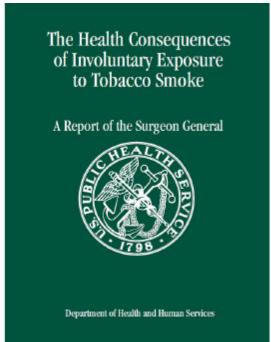






There is No Safe Level of Secondhand Smoke Exposure

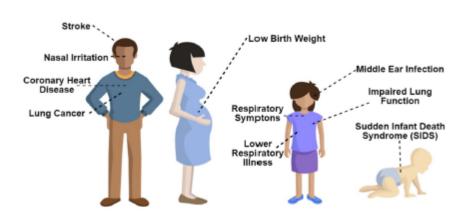




There is no safe level of secondhand smoke

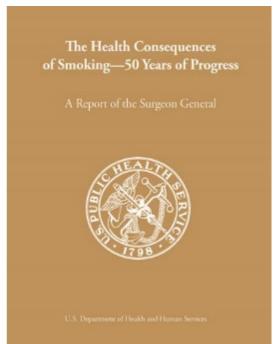


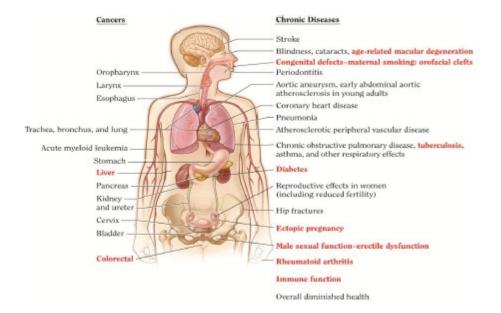
Secondhand Smoke Impacts Everyone



Smoking Damages Nearly Every Part of the Body







Who Is Still Left Using Tobacco Products?





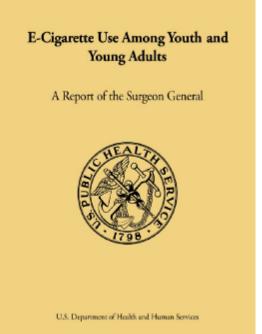
90% of tobacco users start before the age of 18.

https://www.hhs.gov/surgeongeneral/reports-and-publications/tobacco/consequences-amoking-factsheatfindex.html

Major Findings:

- E-cig aerosol is not harmless
- Most E-cigs contain nicotine
- · Can harm brain development
- Can impact learning, memory and attention
- Can increase risk for future addiction to other drugs

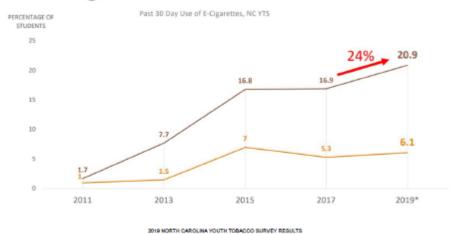




E-cigarettes #1 product used by youth since 2015

2019 NORTH CAROLINA YOUTH TOBACCO SURVEY RESULTS

E-Cigarette Use Continues to Increase

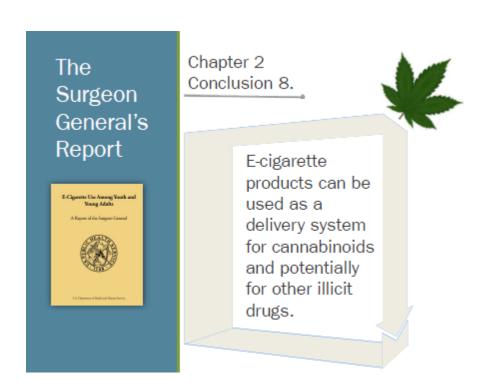


Although overall tobacco use has decreased from 38.3% of high school students in 1999 to 27.3% in 2019, e-cigarette use increased 24% since

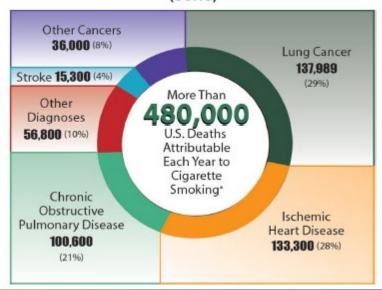
What's in the water vapor aerosol?

2017.





Tobacco Use Is the Leading Preventable Cause of Death in NC (SCHS)



Tobacco Use Costs Everyone



The Burden of Tobacco Use in North Carolina





Barriers Exist to Reducing Tobacco Use

-Tobacco is easily accessible -Smoking in public is legal

-Unfettered advertising -Poor access to cessation help





The Community Preventive Services Task Force Recommends Smoke-Free Policies to:

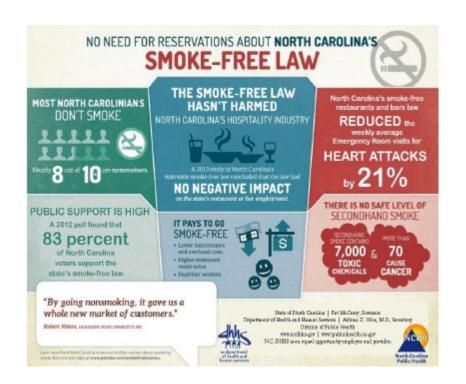
- Reduce exposure to secondhand smoke;
- · Reduce the prevalence of tobacco use;
- Increase the number of tobacco users who guit;
- Reduce the initiation of tobacco use among young people;
- Reduce tobacco-related morbidity and mortality, including acute cardiovascular events; and

THE

COMMUNITY GUIDE.org

What Works to Promote Health

Reduce healthcare costs substantially.



Local Governments Have Authority to Regulate Smoking in

Local Government Buildings



"A building owned, leased or occupied by a local government" G.S. §130A-492(8):

Health Department Buildings;

Courthouses:

Police Departments;

County Libraries; and

Other government facilities.

Local Governments Have Authority to Regulate Smoking in Local Vehicles

"A passenger-carrying vehicle owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by local government" G.S. §130A-492(9)



County and Municipal Vehicles and Buses

Local Governments Have Authority to Regulate Smoking on

Local Government Grounds

https://www.nccourts.gov/locations/ martin-county/martin-county-govern mental-center



"An unenclosed area owned, leased or occupied by local government" G.S. § 130A-492(6)

Grounds next to city or county government buildings;

Parking lots;

Parks

Sidewalks maintained/controlled by the city or county;

Bus stops; and

Other outdoor facilities.

Local Governments Have Authority to Regulate Smoking in

Public Places



"An enclosed area to which the public is invited or in which the public is permitted" G.S. §130A-492(14)

Grocery stores;

Shopping centers;

Banks:

Gaming facilities;

Bowling centers;

Movie theaters; and

Other places where

the public is permitted.







Local governments <u>may</u> adopt and enforce ordinances restricting or prohibiting smoking that are <u>more restrictive</u> than state law

Board of County Commissioners

- May adopt an ordinance that applies to unincorporated areas, and
- · If city agrees, ordinance may apply within incorporated areas.

Municipal Governing Board

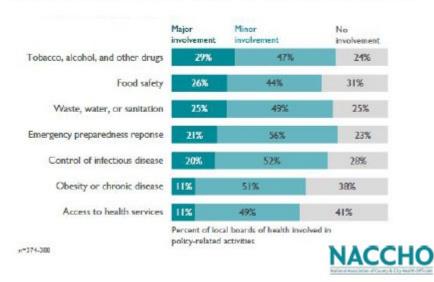
- · May adopt an ordinance that applies within the city limits, and
- May pass a resolution agreeing to have county ordinance apply within the city.

Local boards of health may adopt and enforce rules restricting or prohibiting smoking that are more restrictive than state law

Local Board of Health / District Board of Health

- Rules apply throughout the county or district.
- Rule must be approved by an ordinance adopted by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC).
- After BOCC approves the rule by ordinance, it applies throughout the county.
- No additional action or approval of city or town councils is required.

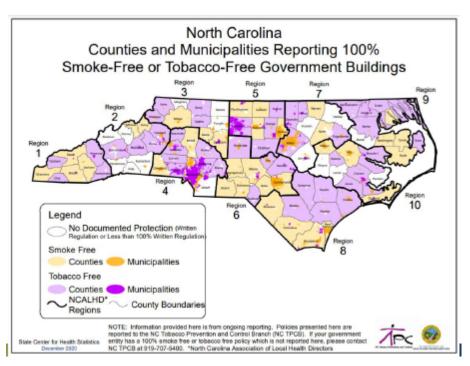
Local boards of health are most likely to be involved in policies related to tobacco, alcohol, or other drug use

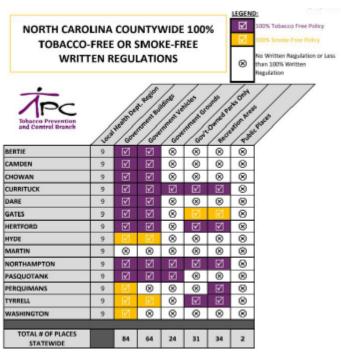


Local governments can prohibit the use of smokeless tobacco and e-cigarettes

- The legislature has never passed legislation pre-empting local governments from regulating the use of e-cigarettes (or smokeless forms of tobacco), which are not lighted.
- Therefore, local governments can pass such regulations under their basic authority to pass regulations to protect the health and welfare of the community.
 - Boards of Health are regulating smokeless tobacco and e-cigarettes under general authority given in NCGS § 130A-39.
- If a regulation for government buildings and/or grounds covers all "tobacco products", then our interpretation is that e-cigarettes are included within that definition.

Local Tobacco-Free Policy Progress







Durham County Smoke-Free Public Places Rule

Smoke-Free government buildings, vehicles and grounds

Smoke-Free public places

Now includes e-cigarettes





Orange County Smoke-Free Public Places Rule

Indoors

- Where the public is invited or allowed
- Regardless of public or private business ownership

Outside

- Municipal or County owned/controlled property
- Sidewalks
- Parks and Recreation facilities
- · Bus Stops





Enforcement is About Education



... "Support of the rule should be grassroots in nature, relying on peers and the community to educate smokers about compliance. By involving the community in educational efforts and encouraging them to engage in dialogue about healthy choices, there should be little or no need for actual enforcement."

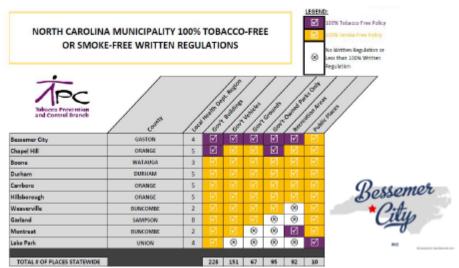


Partners! Partners! Partners!

Shift in cultural norms

Bessemer City Has the Strongest Local Tobacco-Free Ordinance in the State





Call to Action



- □ E-cigarettes
- ☐ Presentations for local boards of health
- ☐ Educate and inform decision-makers
- Challenge Award

Call to Action

"...accelerate policies and programs that can reduce e-cigarette use among young people."

"...implement proven strategies that will prevent potentially harmful effects of e-cigarette use among young people."



Stakeholders Who Can Take Action



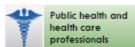
Individuals, parents, and families



Teachers, coaches, and other youth influences



Civic and community leaders







Federal government



State, local, tribal, and territorial governments



E-cigarette manufacturers, distributors, and retailers



Voluntary health agencies, non-governmental organizations, and other community and faith based organizations

Where do you still see smoking in your communities?







What is Left Unchecked in Martin County?



Tobacco-free government buildings, vehicles, and grounds, including parks



Smoke-free public places, including e-cigarettes and tobacco-free recreation areas

What is Left Unchecked in Tyrrell County?



Tobacco-free government buildings, vehicles, and grounds



Smoke-free public places, including e-cigarettes

What is Left Unchecked in Washington County?



Tobacco-free government buildings, vehicles, and grounds, including parks



Smoke-free public places, including e-cigarettes and tobacco-free recreation areas

Important Facts on Smoking and COVID-19

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Cigarette smoking increases your risk of severe illness from COVID-19.
- Cigarette smoking reduces lung immunity and cause underlying conditions that increase risk for severe illness from COVID, including heart and lung diseases and diabetes.
- A person who smokes may have a more severe case of COVID-19.
- For free help quitting tobacco use, or staying tobacco-free, call
 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) or visit <u>www.quitlinenc.com</u>.

What Will WE Do to Support YOU?

- We will write the policy
- Provide tobacco-free signage at no cost to you
- Provide Quitline posters and information to display
- Provide tobacco-free rugs at no cost to you
- Remove ashtrays
- Provide education on quitting tobacco





Contact the NC Tobacco Prevention and Control Branch

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Creating Healthy, Tobacco-Free Communities: Challenge Award from the NC Association of Local Health Directors

For a local county, town or city government that adopts regulation(s) including:

Tobacco-free government buildings, vehicles, and grounds and smoke-free public places, including electronic cigarettes, without exemptions

The Award will be rotated as adopted regulations become effective. Bessemer City, NC was the most recent awardee!



Resources

Local Government Smoke-Free Implementation Toolkit -

http://www.tobaccopreventionandcontrol.ncdhhs.gov/lgtoolkit/index.htm

Business Pulse - www.cdcfoundation.org/businesspulse

The Community Guide -

http://www.thecommunityquide.org/Tobacco/smokefreepolicies.html

UNC School of Government - http://canons.sog.unc.edu/?p=7788

U.S. Surgeon General's Report on E-Cigarettes -

https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/

TPCB Maps and Dashboards -

http://www.tobaccopreventionandcontrol.ncdhhs.gov/maps/maps.htm

Questions?

<u>NEW WASHINGTON COUNTY LOGO:</u> Mr. Tom Harrison, Travel & Tourism Director gave the following presentation.



Forsell Design is a full-service design company, founded in 2001, focusing primarily on Place Branding and Tourism Marketing.

Since specializing in Place Branding in 2009, Forsell Design has created over 75 brands for locations in the United States and Canada.

















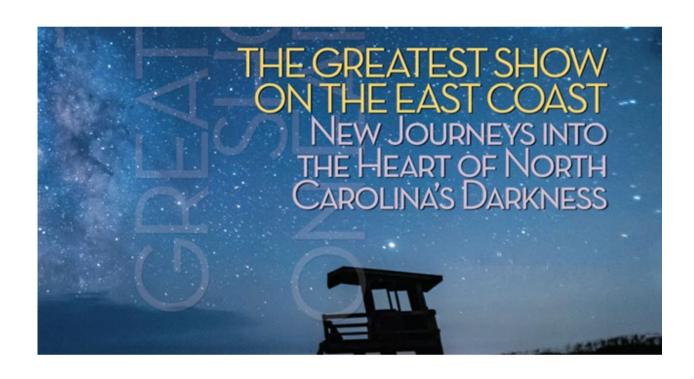












INTO THE DARK



Because of the OAP's immense tracts of protected and unpopulated terrain, these night skies are some of the darkest on the U.S. Atlantic Coast between Boston and Miami.

Riggs recalls when he previously could view the Milky Way from his own back doorstep, a level of visibility astronomers consider necessary both for optimal stargazing with the unaided eye and for exploring the farther reaches of space with binoculars and telescopes. Today, he says, due to light pollution from nearby residential developments, "I can't see either the Milky Way or the Little Dipper."

In large part, the conspicuous black sky over the OAP that appears on nighttime satellite maps of the Eastern Seaboard promoted Riggs to document this terrain. Naturalists and astronomers covet such conditions, which offer a paradise for both professional and amateur explorers alike — with significant implications for the future economic health of the whole region.

To partner with astronomy experts, his NC LOW joined forces to form the Night-Scape Resource Project with another nonprofit, Greenville's "A Time For Science," The project trained survey teams to journey across the peninsula to catalog night landscapes and soundscapes, as well as the viewscapes of those deep and spacious skies untouched by artificial light.

The teams would visit sites on national wildlife refuges (Alligator River, Pocosin Lakes, Mattamuskeet, and Swanquarter), state parks and reserves (Pettigrew, Somerset Place, and Buckridge), and vast parcels of public game lands (NCWildlife Resources Commission). But first, there was a caution for everyone who had volunteered for the assignment — scientists, educators, and students alike — about the remote ground they were about to cover.

"Most of this land is low; wet, and wild," reads the project's instructional guide. "Do not drive off any paved, graveled, or sand readway. YOUWILL GET STUCK."

To be sure, venturing off the beaten path on the OAP could lead you into territory Edgar Allen Poe could have borrowed for a literary milieu. Undaunted, though, three adventurous teams fanned out across Tyrrell, Washington, mainland Dare, and mainland Hyde counties to map and develop profiles of optimal sites to experience the hightscape.

Many flags contains starts and constellations.









"BEAR-OLINA"

Plymouth - Roper - Creswell



"Black Bear Capital of the World"



Plymouth - Roper - Creswell











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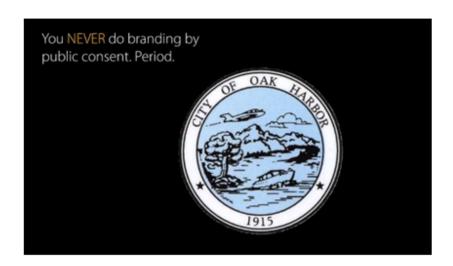
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Mr. Harrison said he held a Travel & Tourism Authority (TTA) meeting today. Mr. Harrison also passed out new brochures. He said he talked to some visitors coming from the Outer Banks who said the Comfort Inn is over \$400/night and the Sanderling in Duck is over \$1,000/night. Washington County's occupancy tax collections in July were doubled since folks are coming to stay in Plymouth.

Mr. Harrison said there is going to be a meeting at Riverview Café next Tuesday to discuss ideas for things to do in Plymouth

Mr. Harrison also mentioned that this year was the biggest crowd we ever had for the Rumble on the Roanoke in August. He may hold it in September next year.

Mr. Harrison said he is working on a Christmas laser light show to be shown at the Plymouth Airport on December 17, 18, & 19. He noted that the Town of Wilson did this last year and this year they have booked the group (who puts this on) for an entire week.

Mr. Harrison noted that he was directed by the Commissioners to meet with all three towns and he did and the meetings went well. The version that





It was discussed that the County can use different variations in publishing such as letterheads and business cards.

<u>Commissioner Phelps made a motion adopt the abovementioned logo as the new</u>
<u>Washington County Logo. Commissioner Keyes seconded. Vice-Chair Johnson proceeded</u>
<u>with the roll call: Commissioner Walker, yea; Commissioner Phelps, yea; Commissioner Keyes, yea; Commissioner Johnson, yea. Motion carried unanimously.</u>

Commissioner Keyes said they took that bear all the way to Wilmington to the NCACC Annual Conference.

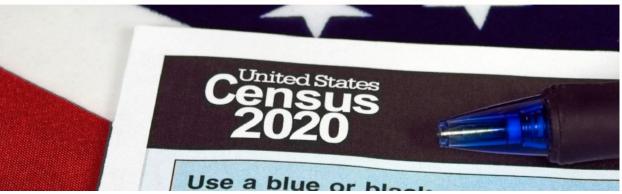
Ms. Bennett said she would see about getting t-shirts made for the Commissioners with the new logo on it.

<u>2020 CENSUS DATE & REDISTRICTING:</u> Mr. Harry White, GIS/Mapping Director and Mr. Richard Livingston, Lead for North Carolina Fellow (LFNC) gave the following presentation.



The 2020 Census

An Update for Washington County





Contents of the Report

01	Introduction	
02	Washington County Population	
03	Statutory Requirements	
04	Next Steps	
05	Examples	

Washington County | 2020 Census Report 02



Introduction



The census is conducted every 10 years to measure the population of the United States for the purposes of congressional reapportionment, funding determination, and general information collection.

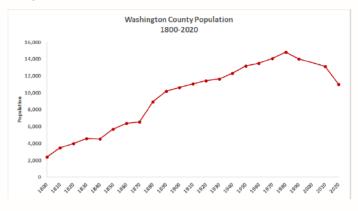
The decennial census is the largest mobilization and operation conducted in the United States.

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Population



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16.8% Decline

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A Note on Statute

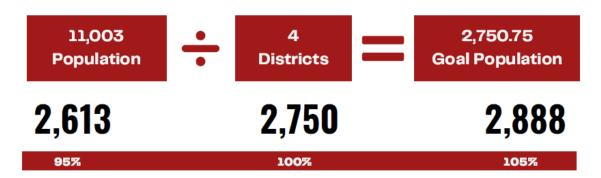
§ 153A-22. Redefining electoral district boundaries.

- (a) If a county is divided into electoral districts for the purpose of nominating or electing persons to the board of commissioners, the board of commissioners may find as a fact whether there is substantial inequality of population among the districts.
- (b) If the board finds that there is substantial inequality of population among the districts, it may by resolution redefine the electoral districts.
- (c) Redefined electoral districts shall be so drawn that the quotients obtained by dividing the population of each district by the number of commissioners apportioned to the district are as nearly equal as practicable, and each district shall be composed of territory within a continuous boundary.

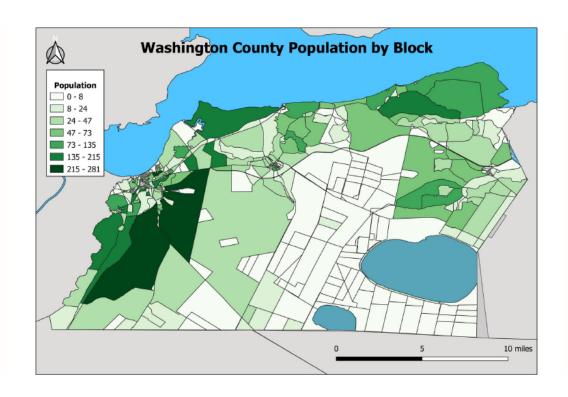
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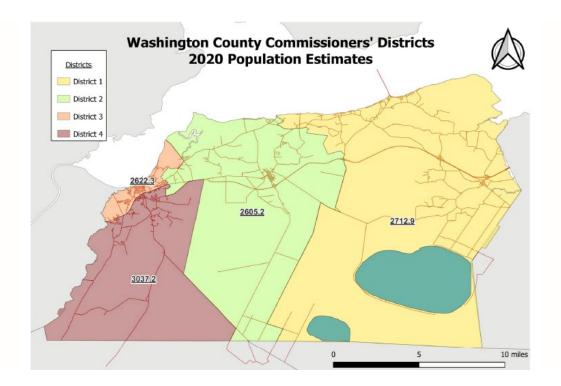


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Returning to Statute

§ 153A-22. Redefining electoral district boundaries

- (d) No change in the boundaries of an electoral district may affect the unexpired term of office of a commissioner residing in the district and serving on the board on the effective date of the resolution. If the terms of office of members of the board do not all expire at the same time, the resolution shall state which seats are to be filled at the initial election held under the resolution.
- (e) A resolution adopted pursuant to this section shall be the basis of electing persons to the board of commissioners at the first general election for members of the board of commissioners occurring after the resolution's effective date, and thereafter. A resolution becomes effective upon its adoption, unless it is adopted during the period beginning 150 days before the day of a primary and ending on the day of the next succeeding general election for membership on the board of commissioners, in which case it becomes effective on the first day after the end of the period.

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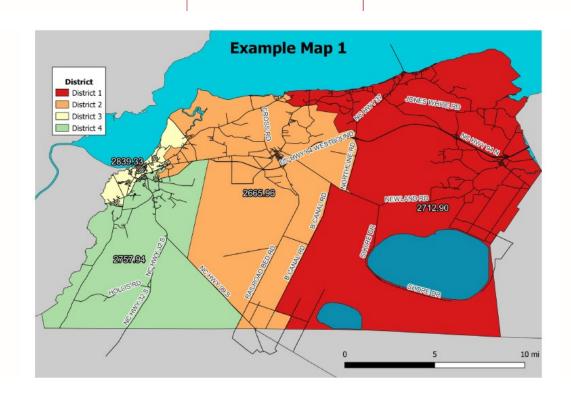
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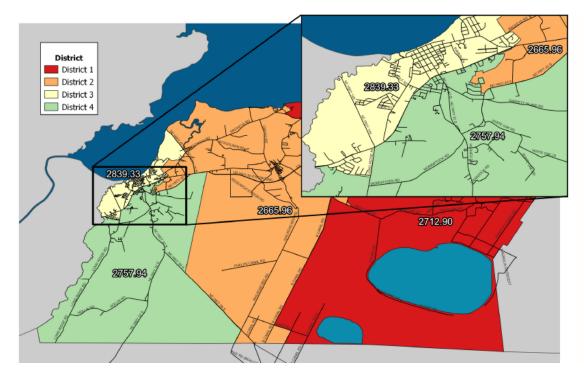


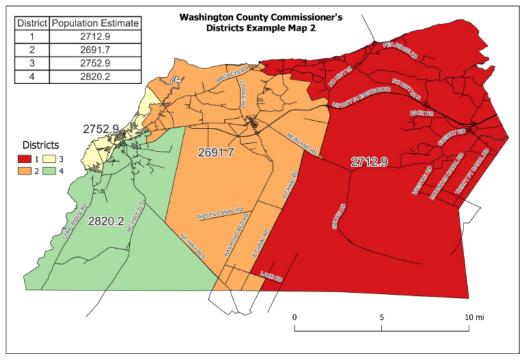
Make new maps

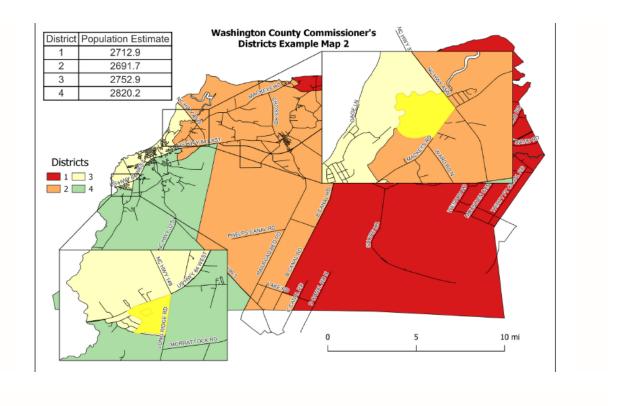
Gather public opinion

Adopt a redistricting resolution 10











Mr. Livingston said he wants to post maps on the County's Facebook page as a way to put them out to the public. He would like to present a resolution at the next Commissioners' meeting for approval on the redistricting to be able to have maps changed to meet the deadline (October 8) before the next Commissioners' elections.

Vice-Chair Johnson said it looks like District 1 didn't change. Commissioner Keyes says it looks like District 4 is the largest district. Mr. Livingston said it is and it is way out of proportion. He and Mr. White tried to even it out. Mr. White asked if it made sense what they did. Commissioner Keyes said she needs time to look at it. Mr. Potter said there is a narrow

window for making these changes. He asked the Commissioners to please call or drop by to see Mr. White or Mr. Richardson with their questions and concerns as soon as they can.

Commissioner Phelps asked for the maps in color. Vice-Chair Johnson asked for the maps to have road names on them for the new districting.

Mr. White asked the Commissioners if they would all like their own district with the road names and they said yes.

Commissioner Phelps thanked them for doing a great job on this. Mr. White said he couldn't have done it without Mr. Livingston. Vice-Chair Johnson thanked them both.

BOARDS & COMMITTEES:

Northeastern Workforce Development Board (NWDB)

Commissioner Johnson asked the Commissioners and the Clerk for assistance in identifying a new appointee to replace Diane White (Business Representative—Washington County) who is resigning from the NWDB.

At the last Commissioners' meeting, Commissioner Johnson said since NWDB is looking for a business person but businesses are suffering and the owners can't take the time to fill this spot, that she was going to take this back to the NWDB and ask for more time to find someone rather than losing a spot.

Status is still the same on this.

Trillium Regional Advisory Board

Mr. Dave Peterson, Senior Regional Director for Trillium Health Services, contacted Commissioner Johnson to ask the Board to appoint Ms. Kirsten Smith (Health Ed Supervisor/Preparedness Coordinator at MTW District Health Department) to fill the slot for Washington County on the Trillium Regional Advisory Board left by Ms. Lee Ann Sorto of WRMC.

Commissioner Keyes made a motion to appoint Ms. Kirsten Smith, MTW Health Ed Supervisor/Preparedness Coordinator to fill the slot for Washington County on the Trillium Regional Advisory Board. Commissioner Phelps seconded. Vice-Chair Johnson proceeded with the roll call: Commissioner Walker, yea; Commissioner Phelps, yea; Commissioner Keyes, yea; Commissioner Johnson, yea. Motion carried unanimously.

<u>FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT:</u> Ms. Dixon went over the budget transfers and budget amendments that were in the Commissioners' package.

BUDGET TRANSFER

To: Board of Commissioners

BT #: 2021 - 154

From:

: Curtis Potter, County Manager

Missy Dixon, Finance Officer

Date: June 30, 2021

RE:

Governing Board/Board of Elections/IT/SS Admin/Landfill

Please authorize the finance officer to make the following budgetary adjustments:

Account Code	Description	Old	+ or (-)	New
10-4110-310	Governing Board - Travel	12,000.00	(63.00)	11,937.00
10-4110-030	Governing Board - Cellphone Stipend	1,500.00	63.00	1,563.00
Governning Board				
10-4170-011	Salaries & Wages - Board	6,330.00	(29.00)	6,301.00
10-4170-010	Salaries & Wages - Regular	42,162.00	29.00	42,191.00
Board of Elections		and Lawrence and the second		
10-4210-010	Info Tech - Salaries & Wages - Regular	52,313.00	(13.00)	52,300.00
10-4210-100	Info Tech - Retirement	9,074.00	13.00	9,087.00
IT				
10-5310-260	SS Admin - Departmental Supplies	56,000.00	(120.00)	55,880.00
10-5310-268	SS Admin - Food Stamps Direct Charge	4,000.00	120.00	4,120.00
SS Admin		in the second		
33-7400-040	Landfill - Professional Services	23,000.00	(11,118.00)	11,882.00
33-7400-200	Landfill - Supplies & Materials	6,980.00	(5,045.00)	1,935.00
33-7400-350	Landfill - Maintenance & Repair - Equipment	8,778.00	(1,117.00)	7,661.00
33-7400-600	Landfill - Contracted Services	20,475.00	(6,192.00)	14,283.00
33-7400-031	Landfill - Salaries & Wages - Part Time	8,500.00	19.00	8,519.00
33-7400-999	Landfill Postclosure Costs	-	23,453.00	23,453.00
Landfill				
		251,112.00		251,112.00

Justification:

To transfer monies within various Department Budgets to cover the costs associated with the year end closing entries for payroll and for the landfill postclosure costs.

Budget Officer's Initials _______

Approval Date:

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BUDGET TRANSFER

Board of Commissioners

BT #: 2021 - 155

From:

Curtis Potter, County Manager

Missy Dixon, Finance Officer

Date: June 30, 2021

RE: Landfill

Please authorize the finance officer to make the following budgetary adjustments:

Account Code	Description	Old	+ or (-)	New
33-7400-320	Landfill - Communications	1,500.00	(53.00)	1,447.00
33-7400-200	Landfill - Supplies & Materials	1,935.00	53.00	1,988.00
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		3,435.00		3,435.00

Justification:

To transfer monies within the Landfill budget to cover the sales tax adjustment for year end close out.

Washington County Manager's Office

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Approval Date:

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BUDGET TRANSFER

To: Board of Commissioners

BT #: 2022 - 010

Curtis Potter, County Manager Missy Dixon, Finance Officer

Date: August 2, 2021

RE: SS Admin

From:

Please authorize the finance officer to make the following budgetary adjustments:

Account Code	Description	Old	+ or (-)	New
10-5310-260	SS Admin - Departmental Supplies	49,500.00	(5,000.00)	44,500.00
10-5310-390	SS Admin - Dues & Subscriptions	6,700.00	5,000.00	11,700.00
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		56,200.00		56,200.00

Justification:

To transfer monies within DSS to cover the costs to purchase additional 2019 Microsoft Licenses. These were originally budgeted in the incorrect line and are being moved to the appropriate line.

Budget Officer's Initials

Approval Date: 8/2/21

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BUDGET TRANSFER

To: Board of Commissioners BT #: 2022 - 011

From:

Curtis Potter, County Manager Missy Dixon, Finance Officer

August 3, 2021 Date:

RE:

Emergency Management

Please authorize the finance officer to make the following budgetary adjustments:

Account Code	Description	Old	+ or (-)	New
10-4330-350	Emergency Mgmt - Maintenance & Repair-Equipment	3,500.00	(853.00)	2,647.00
10-4330-996	Emergency Mgmt - Generator		853.00	853.00
Emergency Manag	ement			
		3,500.00		3,500.00

Justification:

To transfer monies within Emergency Management to cover the costs of the Generator Maintenance Contract. These monies were budgeted in the incorrect line.

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Approval Date:

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Washington County Manager's Office

BUDGET TRANSFER

To: Board of Commissioners BT #: 2022 - 012

From:

Curtis Potter, County Manager Missy Dixon, Finance Officer

Date: August 10, 2021

RE: Landfill

Please authorize the finance officer to make the following budgetary adjustments:

Account Code	Description	Old	+ or (-)	New
33-7400-200	Landfill - Supplies & Materials	4,700.00	(650.00)	4,050.00
33-7400-250	Landfill - Supplies & Materials-Vehicle	5,000.00	(650.00)	4,350.00
33-7400-040	Landfill - Professional Services	26,500.00	1,300.00	27,800.00
Landfill				
		36,200.00	Maria de la compansión de	36,200.00

Justification:

To transfer monies within the Landfill budget to cover an increase in the cost of the Smith & Gardner Contract that was not included in the initial budget planning process.

Washington County Manager's Office

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Approval Date: 8/10/21

BUDGET TRANSFER

To: Board of Commissioners BT #: 2022 - 013

From:

Curtis Potter, County Manager Missy Dixon, Finance Officer

August 13, 2021 Date:

RE:

IT/Tax

Please authorize the finance officer to make the following budgetary adjustments:

Account Code	Description	Old	+ or (-)	New
10-4210-180	IT - Contracted Services	29,200.00	(7,200.00)	22,000.00
10-4140-500	Tax - Contracted Services	12,500.00	7,200.00	19,700.00
IT/Tax				
		41,700.00		41,700.00

Justification:

To transfer budgeted monies from the IT Department to the Tax Department. In doing this it will allow us to place the Dynamic Data Contract inside the Tax Department since this work is for the most part initiated and overseen by the Tax Assessor.

Washington County Manager's Office

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BUDGET TRANSFER

To: Board of Commissioners BT #: 2022 - 014

From:

Curtis Potter, County Manager

Missy Dixon, Finance Officer

August 13, 2021 Date:

RE: Central Services/Manager/Finance

Please authorize the finance officer to make the following budgetary adjustments:

Account Code	Description	Old	+ or (-)	New
10-8300-451	Insurance - Property & Liability	197,501.00	(10,125.00)	187,376.00
10-4120-010	Managers Office - Salaries & Wages - Regular	208,614.00	6,250.00	214,864.00
10-4120-040	Managers Office - Salaries & Wages - Longevity	1,991.00	75.00	2,066.00
10-4120-090	Managers Office - FICA Tax Expense	16,111.00	479.00	16,590.00
10-4120-100	Managers Office - Retirement	38,925.00	1,133.00	40,058.00
10-4120-101	Managers Office - 401(K) Contribution	6,318.00	188.00	6,506.00
10-4130-315	Finance - Training	1,100.00	2,000.00	3,100.00
Central Services/M	Ianagers Office/Finance			
		470,560.00		470,560.00

Justification:

To transfer monies from the Central Services Budget to the Managers Office and the Finance Office Budgets. This transfer is to cover the costs associated with salary and benefits for the County Manager due to the increase initiated by the Board of Commissioners. It will also cover the costs of training for the Finance Officer to attend the UNC SOG LGFCU's Fellows Program and the required training that will have to be attended since we have been designated as a vulnerable utility. These monies were not budgeted during the planning of the budget as we were unaware of them at that time.

Washington County Manager's Office

Budget Officer's Initials

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BUDGET TRANSFER

To: Board of Commissioners BT #: 2022 - 015

From: Curtis Potter, County Manager Missy Dixon, Finance Officer

August 16, 2021

Date: RE:

Landfill

Please authorize the finance officer to make the following budgetary adjustments:

Account Code	Description	Old	+ or (-)	New
33-8100-601	Designated for Future Appropriation	92,691.00	(5,096.00)	87,595.00
33-7402-600	Contract - Garbage Collections	819,480.00	5,096.00	824,576.00
Landfill	网络科学教育			
		912,171.00		912,171.00

Justification:

To transfer monics within the Landfill budget to cover the full year increase in the Gabage Collections Contract. During the budget this line was slightly underbudgeted due to using an estimated number of residents.

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Approval Date: 8/17/21

BUDGET TRANSFER

To: Board of Commissioners

BT #: 2022 - 016

From:

Curtis Potter, County Manager Missy Dixon, Finance Officer

Date: August 17, 2021

RE:

Airport

Please authorize the finance officer to make the following budgetary adjustments:

Account Code	Description	Old	+ or (-)	New
39-4530-032	Airport Operations - Salaries & Wages - Part Time	10,000.00	(600.00)	9,400.00
39-4530-031	Airport Operations - Salaries & Wages - Overtime	-	600.00	600.00
Airport			THE RESIDENCE	
		10,000.00		10,000.00

Justification:

To transfer monies within the Airport budget to cover overtime expenses for the August payroll for the part time employee who was needed additional hours due to the director being in training and having time off.

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BUDGET AMENDMENT

To: Board of Commissioners

BA #: 2022 - 017

From: Curtis Potter, County Manager Missy Dixon, Finance Officer

Date: September 7, 2021

RE: Sheriff/Senior Center/Cooperative Extension/Recreation/CARES

Please authorize the finance officer to make the following budgetary adjustments:

Account Code	Description	Old	+ or (-)	New
10-3540-020	Gun Permits Discretionary-County Portion	(175.00)	(805.00)	(980.00
10-4310-611	Gun Permits Discretionary-County Portion	28,495.00	805.00	29,300.00
10-3540-030	Gun Permits-State Portion	(210.00)	(985.00)	(1,195.00)
10-4310-612	Gun Permits-State Portion	1,480.00	985.00	2,465.00
10-3540-040	Finger Printing	(80.00)	(180.00)	(260.00)
10-4310-613	Finger Printing	2,115.00	180.00	2,295.00
Sheriff				
10-3509-010	Senior Center Trips	-	(660.00)	(660.00)
10-5150-380	Senior Center Trips	723.00	660.00	1,383.00
10-3509-020	Senior Center Donations	-	(30.00)	(30.00)
10-5150-650	Senior Center Donations	2,306.00	30.00	2,336.00
Senior Center				
10-3500-270	SHIIP-Senior Health Ins Information	(4,560.00)	860.00	(3,700.00)
10-6050-999	SHIIP-Senior Health Ins Information Grant	4,560.00	(860.00)	3,700.00
Cooperative Ex	tension			
10-3360-000	Recreation - Donations	-	(100.00)	(100.00)
10-6120-650	Recreation - Donations	1,535.00	100.00	1,635.00
Recreation				
60-3990-000	Appropriated Fund Balance - CARES		(419.53)	(419.53)
60-4000-003	Public Health Expenses	-	419.53	419.53
CARES				
	Balanced:	36,189.00		36,189.00

Justification:

To allocate additional revenue collected in the Sheriff's Office, Senior Center and Recreation. To reduce the SHIIP Grant budget based on award letter sent. To reappropriate unspent CARES monies from previous fiscal year.

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Ms. Dixon said they will see a couple of more transfers from last fiscal year as things are still being closed out.

Commissioner Phelps made a motion approve the budget transfers/amendments as presented. Commissioner Walker seconded. Vice-Chair Johnson proceeded with the roll call: Commissioner Walker, yea; Commissioner Phelps, yea; Commissioner Keyes, yea; Commissioner Johnson, yea. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER ITEMS BY CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY MANAGER/COUNTY MANAGER OR CLERK:

Ms. Bennett said it was good to have the County Manager back from vacation!

Commissioner Walker said he wanted to tell the Board how elated he is to have Vice-Chair Johnson as the upcoming NCACC President-Elect and also the NCACC Annual Conference was a great conference.

Commissioner Phelps said the trip to the landfill during the NCACC Annual Conference was very impressive.

Commissioner Keyes commended Vice-Chair Johnson on her appointment and said she also enjoyed the NCACC Annual Conference. Commissioner Keyes mentioned that on August 9 she had the first meeting of the Community Development County. There was a presentation by Mr. Potter on the "State of the County" and by Renee Collier regarding the upcoming Citizen's Academy. Commissioner Keyes said Ms. Rebecca Liverman did a great job facilitating the meeting. Commissioner Keyes also mentioned the opening of the African American Museum in Roper will be on Saturday, September 11, 2021.

Vice-Chair Johnson thanked the Commissioners for attending the NCACC Annual Conference and supporting her. It was well attended. NCACC tries to make it educational for the attendees. Vice-Chair Johnson said she is so proud to be the President-Elect and looking forward to moving up to President next year.

Mr. Potter said staff is gearing up to bring the Commissioners some ideas of how to spend the County's ARP monies.

Commissioner Keyes made a motion go into Closed Session pursuant to NCGS
§143-318.11(a)(3)--attorney-client privilege. Commissioner Phelps seconded. Vice-Chair Johnson
proceeded with the roll call: Commissioner Walker, yea; Commissioner Phelps, yea;
Commissioner Keyes, yea; Commissioner Johnson, yea. Motion carried unanimously.

At 8:21 PM, with no further business to discuss, <u>Commissioner Phelps made a motion to</u> <u>adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Keyes seconded. Vice-Chair Johnson proceeded with the roll call: Commissioner Walker, yea; Commissioner Phelps, yea; Commissioner Keyes, yea; Commissioner Johnson, yea. Motion carried unanimously.</u>

Tracey A. Johnson	Julie J. Bennett, CMC, NCMCC
Vice-Chair	Clerk to the Board