



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015, 7 P.M.
ROBERT E. HIBBITTS MEETING ROOM
1924 COURTHOUSE, NEWTON, N.C.**



The Board approved a new Building Services Official III position in Utilities & Engineering, a contract between Catawba County and Gilbane Building Company, general contractor for Apple, Inc., and a budget revision in the amount of \$85,518.

Catawba County staff was approached by Mr. Jason Mari, Project Manager with Gilbane Building Company, the general contractor on an economic development project for Apple, Inc., to provide a dedicated building inspector. The project consists of a new data center and office space located at the existing Apple Data Center site off Startown Road currently under construction. In addition to their permit fees, Gilbane offered to cover the cost to the County for the Building Services Official III for one year, upfront, at a fee of \$85,518, which includes salary and benefits at current rate. The County will provide a Building Services Official III on a regular daytime basis to perform the building inspections related to the project. The regular workday is Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, excluding County holidays. If services are requested by Gilbane outside the regular schedule, the After Hours Inspection Rate of \$105 per hour, in accordance with the Catawba County Fee Schedule, will apply. Gilbane is aware of this requirement. Gilbane will provide a private, lockable office space on the project job site for use by the dedicated inspector. If the assigned inspector is not needed at the Apple project, the building inspector may perform inspections on other sites not related to the project. When inspection services are no longer needed at the Apple project, the necessity of the position will be evaluated to determine if it will continue or be eliminated in accordance with County Code and Policies. The Board's Finance and Personnel Subcommittee recommended approval of the new position, the contract with Gilbane Building Company and the accompanying budget revision.

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