



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2015, 7 P.M.
ROBERT E. HIBBITTS MEETING ROOM
1924 COURTHOUSE, NEWTON, N.C.**



The Board accepted a 2015-2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Commerce Fellows Grant, which will provide professional development to city and county employees. On June 26, 2015, Catawba County was awarded a CDBG Commerce Fellows Grant from the North Carolina Department of Commerce in the amount of \$27,476.01 for professional development for city and County staff. The Department of Commerce increased the grant award from the initial \$25,000 to help Catawba County better recoup the costs associated with the training program.

The purpose of the Commerce Fellows program is to provide technical assistance, capacity building, and training focused on community development and on serving low and moderate income individuals to North Carolina local governments. The grant will cover course tuition, lodging, and travel expenses for five County staff and two city staff to attend in-person courses, as well as four webinar series available to other County and city employees.

The Board approved a project budget ordinance in the amount of \$27,476.01, and an administrative contract with the Western Piedmont Council of Governments in the amount of \$2,500.

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