

Regular Session, September 5, 2017, 9:30 a.m.  
Catawba County Board of Commissioners

**Closed Session**

Attorney-Client Privilege and Position to be Taken in Negotiating Price and Material Terms  
For the Acquisition of Property 291 09/05/17

**Partners Behavioral Health Management (PBHM)**

Update 290 09/05/17

**Sheriff's Office**

2017 JAG Grant Application 291 09/05/17

**United Way**

Self-Sufficiency Standard 290 09/05/17

The Catawba County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, at 9:30 a.m., in the Robert E. Hibbitts Meeting Room of the 1924 Courthouse, 30 North College Avenue, Newton, North Carolina.

Present were Chair Randy Isenhower, Vice-Chair Barbara G. Beatty and Commissioners Katherine W. Barnes, Sherry E. Butler and Dan A. Hunsucker.

Also present were County Manager Mick Berry, Assistant County Manager Dewey Harris, County Attorney Debra Bechtel, Assistant County Attorney Jodi Stewart and County Clerk Barbara Morris. Assistant County Manager Mary Furtado was absent.

1. Chair Randy Isenhower called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., noting a quorum was present.
2. Vice-Chair Barbara G. Beatty led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Chair Isenhower offered the invocation.
4. Commissioner Dan A. Hunsucker made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board's Regular Meeting of August 21, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Recognition of Special Guests: Chair Isenhower welcomed everyone present.
6. Public Comments. None.
7. Presentations:
  - a. Partners Behavioral Health Management (PBHM) Regional Director of Community Operations Tara Conrad presented an update on the twelve months of services provided by PBHM ending June 30, 2017 and how County funding had been utilized during this period. The Commissioners voiced their concerns regarding the opioid crisis and how outreach was being conducted by PBHM. They asked PBHM to keep the Board and County staff updated on these efforts.
  - b. United Way Director of Resource Development Pamela Josey Pope reported on the new Self-Sufficiency Standard which measures how much income a family of a certain composition in a specific county needs to adequately meet their basic needs without public or private assistance.
8. Appointments. None.
9. Other Items of Business: None.

10. Manager's Report:

County Manager Mick Berry presented a request for the Board to approve a grant application for the 2017 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Grant. JAG funding allocation is based on population and violent crime statistics. The 2017 JAG Grant had been announced and the County's eligible award is \$12,618, and no local match is required. Staff requested these funds be used to enhance safety for officers and inmates by implementing a classification system for the jail population.

With an average daily population of 366, plus the daily booking area traffic of 48, staff needs a better system to classify inmates. As jail personnel deal with overcrowding until the next jail expansion, this safety and security improvement is a more immediate need. The Sheriff's Office plans to purchase software that will pull existing data from our records management system and provide a comprehensive inmate cell management system. In addition to the current screening for medical, gender, juvenile & sex offenders, this program will increase the matrix to include known enemies, gang tracking, codefendants, suicide risks, holds, detainees, disciplinary actions, and crowding management. This JAG grant will cover 47% of the cost, and the Sheriff's Office will reallocate budgeted funds to cover the remaining 53% to implement this program. With the jail population growing, this software will help achieve better housing and behavior management strategies. Commissioner Sherry Butler made a motion to approve the requested grant application. The motion carried unanimously.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION UPON AWARD

Revenue	
110-210050-620320	\$ 12,618
Justice Assistance Grant	
Appropriation:	
110-220050-982000	\$ 12,618
Newton Detention IT Equipment	

11. Attorneys' Report.

County Attorney Debra Bechtel requested the Board consider moving into Closed Session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3) and (a)(5) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is acknowledged and to establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange or lease. Attorney Bechtel did not anticipate any action to be taken upon return to Open Session. Vice-Chair Beatty made the motion to go into Closed Session at 10:10 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

12. The Board returned to open session; no action was taken. Vice-Chair Beatty made a motion to adjourn at 10:35 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Randy Isenhower, Chair  
Catawba County Board of Commissioners

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Barbara E. Morris  
County Clerk