

AGENDA

Catawba County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Monday, April 7, 2014, 9:30 a.m.
Robert E. Hibbitts Meeting Room, 1924 Courthouse
30 North College Avenue, Newton, NC

1. Call to Order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Invocation.
4. Approval of the minutes from the Board's Regular Meeting of March 17, 2014.
5. Recognition of Special Guests.
6. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda.
7. Presentations:
 - a. Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation. *Presented by Social Services Director John Eller and Child Advocacy and Protection Center Executive Director Deborah Johnson.*
 - b. National Public Health Week Proclamation. *Presented to Public Health Director Doug Urland.*
 - c. National Public Safety Telecommunications Week Proclamation. *Presented to Telecommunications Administrator Jerry Boggs.*
 - d. County Government Month Proclamation. *Presented to Catawba County Employee of the Year Jeff Sigmon, Utilities and Engineering Department Employee of the Year Beverly Hester and Public Health, Library, Emergency Services and Social Services Directors Doug Urland, Suzanne White, Bryan Blanton and John Eller.*
8. Appointments.
9. Departmental Reports:
 - a. Purchasing:
 1. Donation of Surplus Vehicle to Catawba Rescue Squad. *Presented by Purchasing Manager Debbie Anderson.*
 2. Donation of Emergency Medical Services Ambulance to Hickory Rescue Squad. *Presented by Purchasing Manager Debbie Anderson.*
 - b. Facilities:
Update on Construction Projects. Presented by Finance Director Rodney Miller, Library Director Suzanne White and Emergency Services Director Bryan Blanton.
10. Other Items of Business.
11. Attorneys' Report.
12. Manager's Report.

13. Adjournment.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: Individuals needing assistance should contact the County Clerk at 828-465-8990 within a reasonable time prior to the meeting. Access to the 1924 Courthouse for individuals with disabilities is at the south side ("A" Street). The elevator is located at the north end of the building. Participation in public meetings is without regard to race, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, color, or disability.

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CALENDAR: The next Board of Commissioners meeting will take place on Monday, April 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Robert E. Hibbitts Meeting Room, 1924 Courthouse, 30 North College Avenue, Newton, NC.



**PREVIEW OF COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA
MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014, 9:30 A.M.
ROBERT E. HIBBITTS MEETING ROOM
1924 COURTHOUSE, NEWTON, N.C.**



The Catawba County Board of Commissioners will receive an update on several construction projects currently underway, including the new Animal Shelter and Sherrills Ford branch of the County Library and expansion of the Justice Center, when the Board meets at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, April 7, 2014, at the 1924 Courthouse at 30 North College Avenue in Newton.

The Board will also consider the donation of surplus vehicles and equipment, specifically a 2008 Ford F350 Type III ambulance and Stryker stretcher to the Hickory Rescue Squad and a 2007 Chevrolet Impala to the Catawba Rescue Squad. And the Board will issue proclamations declaring April as County Government Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month, the week of April 7-13, 2014, as National Public Health Week and the week of April 13-19, 2014, as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week in Catawba County.

PRESENTATIONS

A. The Board will issue a proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Catawba County, urging citizens to increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the community in which we live.

B. The Board will issue a proclamation declaring April 7-13, 2014, as National Public Health Week. The theme of this proclamation is “Public Health: Start Here” and calls upon the people of the County to observe the week by helping our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers and leaders better understand the value of public health and adopt preventative lifestyle habits.

C. The Board will issue a proclamation declaring April 13-19, 2014, as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week, recognizing the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe.

D. The Board will issue a proclamation declaring April as County Government Month in Catawba County. The theme of this proclamation is “Ready and Resilient Counties: Prepare. Respond. Thrive.” and it recognizes that Catawba County’s professional employees provide essential services to create a healthy, safe, vibrant and economically resilient community.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

EMERGENCY SERVICES/PURCHASING

A. 1. The Board will consider adopting a resolution authorizing the donation of a 2007 Chevrolet Impala, which has been requested by the Catawba Rescue Squad. This vehicle will be used primarily to run medical first response calls and may at times be utilized to transport Rescue Squad members to squad meetings and training classes. This vehicle will replace a current vehicle the Squad is using and will not be an expansion to its fleet. The vehicle to be donated is a 2007 Chevrolet with 104,375 miles.

North Carolina General Statute 160A-279 authorizes the County to convey personal property to a nonprofit organization without monetary consideration as long as the property will be used for a public purpose. The process begins with the governing board adopting a resolution authorizing the conveyance of the property and a ten-day public notice. The Board’s Finance and Personnel Subcommittee recommends the donation of this vehicle to the Catawba Rescue Squad.

2. The Board will consider adopting a resolution authorizing the donation of a 2008 Ford F350 Type III Ambulance and a Stryker stretcher, which have been requested by the Hickory Rescue Squad. The ambulance would replace a front line unit the Squad currently has and would be used for patient transports as backup service for Catawba County

EMS, as well as to provide a standby unit for the community. The ambulance to be donated is a 2008 Ford F350 Type III Ambulance with 116,103 miles.

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B. FACILITIES

The Board will receive an update on several construction projects currently underway, including the new Animal Shelter and Sherrills Ford branch of the County Library, and the expansion of the Justice Center.

CONTACT: DAVE HARDIN, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER 465-8464

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PROCLAMATION

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention is a community effort and finding solutions depends on the involvement of people throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is an ongoing tragedy; and

WHEREAS, the effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities and need to be addressed by the entire community; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created between the courts, social service agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should become more aware of child abuse and its prevention within the community, and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS does hereby proclaim April 2014 as **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** in Catawba County and urges all citizens to increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the community in which we live.

This the 7th day of April, 2014.

Katherine W. Barnes, Chair
Catawba County Board of Commissioners

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PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

April 7-13, 2014

WHEREAS, the week of April 7-13, 2014, is National Public Health Week, and the theme is “Public Health: Start Here”; and

WHEREAS, Catawba County Public Health, through its work here in our community, has emphasized the importance of prevention and educated the public, policymakers and professionals about issues critical to improving the public’s health; and

WHEREAS, seven in ten deaths in the U.S. are related to preventable diseases such as obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease and cancer. 75% of our health care dollars are spent treating preventable diseases, but only 3% of our health care dollars go toward prevention; and

WHEREAS, more than half of all deaths from cancer, which is the leading cause of death in Catawba County, could be prevented by making healthy choices like not smoking, staying at a healthy weight, eating right, keeping active, and getting recommended screening tests; and

WHEREAS, more than one third of Catawba County’s children are overweight or obese, placing them at greater risk of continued obesity and preventable complications, such as diabetes, heart disease and stroke throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, foodborne contaminants, which can be prevented through adherence to environmental health standards, cause an average of 5,000 deaths, 325,000 hospitalizations, 76 million illnesses and cost the U.S. economy more than \$44 billion each year in medical costs and lost productivity; and

WHEREAS, strong public health systems and partnerships are critical for sustaining and improving community health in Catawba County; and

WHEREAS, Public Health is a seamless part of daily life in Catawba County thanks to the dedication of local staff who work behind the scenes and in the community to prevent disease and promote health in very real ways.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS does hereby proclaim the week of April 7-13, 2014, as “**NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK**” in Catawba County and calls upon the people of our county to observe this week by helping our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers and leaders better understand the value of public health and adopt preventive lifestyle habits.

This the 7th day of April, 2014.

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Catawba County Board of County Commissioners

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PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK APRIL 13-19, 2014

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at anytime that require law enforcement, fire, or emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs, the prompt response of law enforcement officers, firefighters, and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

WHEREAS, the safety of our law enforcement officers, firefighters, and paramedics is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Catawba County 911 Communications Center; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our law enforcement officers, firefighters, and paramedics by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information, and insuring their safety; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators of the Catawba County 911 Communications Center have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires, and treatment of patients; and

WHEREAS, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding, and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS does hereby proclaim April 13-19, 2014 as **National Public Safety Telecommunications Week** in Catawba County in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe.

This the 7th day of April, 2014.

**Katherine W. Barnes, Chair
Catawba County Board of Commissioners**

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PROCLAMATION

National County Government Month - April 2014

“Ready and Resilient Counties: Prepare. Respond. Thrive.”

WHEREAS, the nation’s 3,069 counties and their professional employees, serving more than 300 million Americans, provide essential services to create healthy, safe, vibrant and economically resilient communities; and

WHEREAS, Catawba County and its employees take pride in their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in sensible and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, in order to remain healthy, vibrant, safe and economically competitive, County employees must be able to anticipate and adapt to all types of change; and

WHEREAS, through National Association of Counties President Linda Langston’s Resilient Counties initiative, NACo is encouraging counties to focus on how they prepare and respond to natural disasters and emergencies or any situation counties may face, such as economic recovery or public health and safety challenges; and

WHEREAS, each year since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to actively promote their own programs and services to the public they serve; and

WHEREAS, when emergency management professionals and planners prepare to face future natural disasters or respond to an unexpected emergency, such as the severe flooding of July 2013; when economic development professionals join with their colleagues in municipalities to promote new business and job creation through programs like Innovate Catawba and Life, Well Run; and when elected leaders make education a top budgeting priority or when early reading and literacy opportunities are provided by librarians at the County’s Libraries, Catawba County is working to be prepared and resilient; and

WHEREAS, when Cooperative Extension and Public Health staff work to promote and build upon the importance of locally grown foods through such venues as Farmer’s Markets and the “Eat, Drink and Be Local” campaign; when social workers provide a smoother transition for foster children in schools; when innovative and creative County employees use the latest technologies to provide more efficient services, and in many other ways each and every day, Catawba County is seeking to be prepared and to thrive;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Catawba County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim April 2014 as National County Government Month and encourages all County officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in this celebration of county government.

This the 7th day of April, 2014.

**Katherine W. Barnes, Chair
Catawba County Board of Commissioners**

APPOINTMENTS

LYNN LAIL (Due) Nursing and Rest Home Advisory Board

Commissioner Lail recommends the appointment of Mary Ann Knox for a first term on the Nursing and Rest Home Advisory Board to fill a vacant position. This initial term will expire April 7, 2015.

DAN HUNSUCKER (Upcoming) Public Health Board

Commissioner Hunsucker recommends the appointment of Dr. Matthew Davis to fill an unexpired term and a first term on the Public Health Board. Dr. Matthew will fill the vacancy resulting from Dr. Kulesia's resignation from the Optometrist Category on this Board. Dr. Davis' term will expire June 30, 2017.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Catawba County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Finance and Personnel Subcommittee

DATE: April 7, 2014

SUBJECT: Donation of Surplus Vehicle to Catawba Rescue Squad

Requested

The Finance and Personnel Subcommittee recommends the Board of Commissioners approve the donation of a 2007 Chevrolet Impala to Catawba Rescue Squad.

Background

Catawba Rescue Squad requests a surplus 2007 Chevrolet Impala. This vehicle will be used primarily to run medical first response calls and may at times be utilized to transport Rescue Squad members to squad meetings and training classes. This vehicle will replace a current vehicle the Squad is using and will not be an expansion to their fleet.

The vehicle to be donated is a 2007 Chevrolet with 104,375 miles.

North Carolina General Statute 160A-279 authorizes the County to convey personal property to a nonprofit organization without monetary consideration as long as the property will be used for a public purpose. The process begins with the governing board adopting a resolution authorizing the conveyance of the property and a ten-day public notice.

Recommendation

The Finance and Personnel Subcommittee recommends the Board of Commissioners adopt the following resolution donating personal property to the Catawba Rescue Squad.

RESOLUTION No.
DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY AND DONATION TO THE
CATAWBA RESCUE SQUAD

WHEREAS, Catawba County owns a 2007 Chevrolet Impala that is no longer needed for any governmental use;

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 160A-279 authorizes a county to convey personal property by private sale to a nonprofit organization;

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 160A-279 authorizes the conveyance without monetary consideration if the recipient ensures the property will be used for a public purpose;

WHEREAS, the Catawba Rescue Squad is a nonprofit organization that provides a public service;

THEREFORE, the Catawba County Board of Commissioners resolves that:

1. A 2007 Chevrolet Impala is declared surplus property.
2. The property will be donated to the Catawba Rescue Squad without monetary consideration.
3. The Purchasing Manager shall be authorized to conduct the transfer of property and shall publish a notice summarizing the contents of this resolution and the property shall be conveyed anytime after ten days after the notice publication.

This the 7th day of April 2014.

Katherine W. Barnes, Chair
Catawba County Board of Commissioners

MEMORANDUM

TO: Catawba County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Finance and Personnel Subcommittee

DATE: April 7, 2014

SUBJECT: Donation of Emergency Medical Services Ambulance to Hickory Rescue Squad

Requested

The Finance and Personnel Subcommittee recommends the Board of Commissioners approve the donation of a 2008 Ford F350 Type III Ambulance and a Stryker Stretcher to Hickory Rescue Squad.

Background

Hickory Rescue Squad requests a surplus 2008 Ford F350 Type III Ambulance. The ambulance will replace a front line unit they currently have and will be used for patient transports as back up service for Catawba County EMS as well as standbys for the community.

The ambulance to be donated is a 2008 Ford F350 Type III Ambulance with 116,103 miles.

North Carolina General Statute 160A-279 authorizes the County to convey personal property to a nonprofit organization without monetary consideration as long as the property will be used for a public purpose. The process begins with the governing board adopting a resolution authorizing the conveyance of the property and a ten-day public notice.

Recommendation

The Finance and Personnel Subcommittee recommends the Board of Commissioners adopt the following resolution donating personal property to the Hickory Rescue Squad.

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