

AGENDA

Catawba County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Monday, November 2, 2015, 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 and Closed Session of October 19, 2015.](#)
5. Recognition of Special Guests.
6. Public Comments.
7. Presentations:
 - a. [Farm-City Week in Catawba County Proclamation. Presented to Cooperative Extension Director George Place and Immigrant Agricultural Program Coordinator Der Xiong.](#)
 - b. [Home and Hospice Care Month 2015. Presented to Catawba County Public Health Director Doug Urland.](#)
 - c. [Partners' Behavioral Health Management Update. Presented by Rhett Melton, Chief Executive Officer, Partners' Behavioral Health Management.](#)
 - d. [Recognition of Graduates of the Catawba County Mini-Course on County Government. Presented by Human Resources Director Cynthia Eades to Graduates David Adams, Tammy Austin, Gina Diaz, Marcie Edler, Laura Gore, Martha Guy, Amber Hass, Darla Houser, Dawn Hughey, Kayla Lavigne, Valerie Lindemann, Lashana Marshburn, Jennifer McCracken, Paarth Mehta, Siobhan Loendorf, Jodi Stewart, Marcia Taylor and Jonathan Williams.](#)
8. Public Hearings:
[Public Hearing on the Resolution of Intent to Sell Catawba County Home Health. Presented by Public Health Director Doug Urland.](#)
9. [Appointments.](#)
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.

INFOTALK/INTERNET: The Catawba County Telephone Information System will allow you to use your touch tone telephone to obtain current information on Catawba County 24 hours a day. Information is updated on a regular basis. Dial 465-8468 and INFOTALK will direct your questions with easy to understand instructions. Reach Catawba County on the Internet at <http://www.catawbacountync.gov>.

CALENDAR: The next Board of Commissioner Meeting will take place on Monday, November 16, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Robert E. Hibbitts Meeting Room, 1924 Courthouse, 30 North College Avenue, Newton.



**PREVIEW OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2015, 9:30 A.M.
ROBERT E. HIBBITTS MEETING ROOM
1924 COURTHOUSE, NEWTON, N.C.**



The Catawba County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on a resolution of intent to sell or convey Catawba County Home Health, when the Board meets at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, November 2, 2015, at the 1924 Courthouse at 30 North College Avenue in Newton.

The Board will receive an update on Partners Behavioral Management, which operates as a Local Management Entity/Managed Care Organization regarding behavioral health care services for Burke, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Surry and Yadkin Counties. The Board will also issue a proclamation declaring November 18-24 as Farm-City Week and November as Home and Hospice Care Month. And the Board will recognize eighteen County employees who took part in the County's Mini Course during lunch hours over ten months to learn about all of the County's departments.

PRESENTATIONS

A. The Board will issue a proclamation declaring the week of November 18-24 as Farm-City Week to foster cooperation and an exchange of information between two essential segments of our society: farmers and city dwellers. The proclamation will urge citizens to participate in activities and events that have been designed to introduce people from both "worlds" to the lives and work of each other.

B. The Board will issue a proclamation declaring November as Home and Hospice Care Month to recognize that in-home healthcare services provide for the health and social needs of Catawba County citizens. This care enables citizens to access a wide variety of quality services which provide preventive care, acute care, sustainable long-term care and palliative care, and helps keep families intact while preserving an individual's independence and dignity in the setting of his or her choice.

C. The Board will receive a report from Mr. Rhett Melton, Chief Executive Officer of Partners Behavioral Health Management, on the agency's activities for the past year as well as plans for the current year. Partners Behavioral Health Management operates as a Local Management Entity/Managed Care Organization regarding behavioral health care services for Burke, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Surry and Yadkin Counties.

D. The Board will recognize eighteen graduates of the County's Mini Course. Employees voluntarily attend sessions during lunch hours to learn more about the services each County department provides. This year's graduates include: David Adams, Tammy Austin, Gina Diaz, Marcie Edler, Laura Gore, Martha Guy, Amber Hass, Darla Houser, Dawn Hughey, Kayla Lavigne, Valerie Lindemann, Lashana Marshburn, Jennifer McCracken, Paarth Mehta, Siobhan Loendorf, Jodi Stewart, Marcia Taylor and Jonathan Williams.

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEALTH

The Board will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the Resolution of Intent to Sell or Convey Catawba County Home Health adopted at the October 5, 2015 Board of Commissioners Meeting. Before selling a home health agency, an entity must comply with North Carolina General Statute 1E-13. The first step is adopting a resolution declaring intent to sell. The Board of Commissioners adopted this resolution at its October 5, 2015 meeting. The next step is to conduct a public hearing on the resolution. Pursuant to statute, notice of the public hearing was published in the newspaper.

The sale of Catawba County Home Health is being considered because Catawba County Public is one of the last local health departments in North Carolina to provide home health services. The Unifour is an increasingly competitive

home health marketplace and Catawba County Home Health's remaining competitive and financially viable in this dynamic environment has been a continual challenge. As the home health marketplace has expanded, residents now have access to numerous home health service providers and that access continues to grow.

Catawba County Public Health's role is not to compete with services that are now readily available from other providers. Through the public process of a sale, Catawba County wants to ensure the best possible outcomes for clients and staff to transition to a new entity. Following today's public hearing, the Board is expected to hold a public hearing on proposals to convey or sell Catawba County Home Health at its meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, December 7, 2015 at the 1924 Courthouse in Newton. Copies of proposals will be available to the public from the Clerk to the Board at least 10 days prior to this public hearing.

CONTACT: DAVE HARDIN, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER 465-8464

Government of Catawba County, North Carolina

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PROCLAMATION

Farm-City Week in Catawba County

WHEREAS, the growth and development of the County and the well-being of all of its citizens are dependent upon cooperation and exchange between the two essential environments of our society: urban and rural people; and

WHEREAS, the complexities of their individual problems and the divergence of their activities may lead to a widening gap of misunderstanding; and

WHEREAS, any gap of misunderstanding must be eliminated, and each group must understand the other if our American way of life is to endure; and

WHEREAS, Farm-City Week provides an unparalleled experience for farm and city people to become better acquainted and work hand in hand for the betterment of our community; and

WHEREAS, local agriculture and locally grown foods are an important part of a sound economy, a safe and secure food supply, and our strong rural heritage.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, does hereby proclaim November 18-24, 2015, as “**Farm-City Week**,” and calls upon all citizens of the County to participate to the limit of their capabilities in the activities and events associated with a successful Farm-City Week in Catawba County.

This 2nd day of November, 2015.

Randy Isenhower, Chair
Catawba County Board of Commissioners

Government of Catawba County, North Carolina

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PROCLAMATION

Home & Hospice Care Month 2015

WHEREAS, home care services provide high quality and compassionate health care services to those in need, especially at times of community or personal health care crisis; and

WHEREAS, home care is the most preferred method of health care delivery among disabled, elderly, and chronically ill individuals eager to live independently in their own homes as long as they possibly can; and

WHEREAS, home care services allows families to stay together, and provide for greater health, dignity and comfort in our communities; and

WHEREAS, home care in the United States is a growing alternative to hospitalization or other institution-based forms of health care for acute and chronic illnesses, providing care to millions of Americans each year; and

WHEREAS, thousands of everyday heroes such as home care nurses, therapists and aides work tirelessly to provide professional health and palliative care and support to millions of Americans in need of quality health services; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated home care professionals and volunteers form a support network that continues to play a vital role in health care delivery for our nation's disabled, infirm and aging population.

NOW THEREFORE, the Catawba County Board of Commissioners does hereby declare November 2015 as National Home Care Month in Catawba County and encourages the support and participation of all citizens in learning more about the home care and hospice concepts of care for the elderly, disabled, and infirm.

This the 2nd day of November, 2015.

Randy Isenhower, Chair
Catawba County Board of Commissioners

Memo

To: Catawba County Board of Commissioners
From: Cynthia Eades, Human Resources Director
Date: November 2, 2015
Re: Recognition of Graduates, Catawba County Mini-Course on County Government

I am pleased to present this list of employees who have successfully met the graduation requirements for Catawba County's 22nd Mini-Course Program.

This program has been in existence since 1985. The purpose of Mini-Course is to introduce employees to the wide variety of services each County department provides. County employees volunteer to participate on their lunch hour at various locations throughout the County. This year's course included 17 sessions, ranging from department presentations to tours of county facilities such as the Detention Center and the Catawba County History Museum.

These graduates will be recognized at the November 2, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting. They will also be honored at a luncheon on Thursday, November 12, 2015 at the Catawba Country Club; I hope you are able to join us as we honor these graduates.

2015 Mini-Course Graduates

David Adams – Finance
Tammy Austin – Finance
Gina Diaz – Library
Marcie Edler – Social Services
Laura Gora – Library
Martha Guy – Social Services
Amber Hass – Social Services
Darla Houser – Public Health
Dawn Hughey – Social Services

Kayla Lavigne – Library
Valerie Lindemann – Social Services
Lashana Marshburn – Planning & Zoning
Jennifer McCracken – Public Health
Paarth Mehta – County Manager
Siobhan Loendorf – Library
Jodi Stewart – County Manager
Marcia Taylor – Public Health
Jonathan Williams – Technology

MEMORANDUM

TO: Catawba County Board of Commissioners
FROM: Doug Urland, Catawba County Health Director
DATE: November 2, 2015
SUBJECT: Public Hearing on the Resolution of Intent to Sell Catawba County Home Health

Request

Pursuant to NCGS 131E-13, the Board of Commissioners is requested to conduct a public hearing to receive citizen comments on the Resolution of Intent to Sell or Convey Catawba County Home Health adopted at the October 5, 2015 Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Background

Before selling a home health agency an entity must comply with NCGS 131E-13. The first step is adopting a resolution declaring intent to sell. The Board of Commissioners adopted this resolution at its October 5, 2015 meeting. The next step is to conduct a public hearing on the resolution. Pursuant to statute, notice of the public hearing was published in the newspaper.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board of Commissioners conduct the required public hearing.

