



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONER MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2014, 7 P.M.
ROBERT E. HIBBITTS MEETING ROOM
1924 COURTHOUSE, NEWTON, N.C.**



The Board will approved an agreement with Burke County regarding the closing of the Burke-Catawba Regional Jail Facility, which sets forth the provisions for the termination of the jail Operating Agreement. Burke and Catawba Counties entered into an agreement entitled “Burke-Catawba Regional Jail Agency Operating Agreement” on March 19, 1996 (effective July 1, 1995), for the purpose of operating a Regional Jail Facility and to provide for its finance and operation. The counties have operated and financed the facility since that date. The debt to fund construction of the facility has been paid in full. Each county anticipates building new confinement facilities in their counties by the end of the decade and both want to make provisions for the termination of the Operating Agreement and the closing of the Regional Jail Facility.

Highlights of the agreement include: 1) Burke anticipates its new facility will be complete in approximately four years, at which time Burke will move all of its inmates out of the old facility; 2) Burke will make 88 beds available to Catawba at the new facility until Catawba County completes its jail addition. The bed rental rate will be based on the then-prevailing rate for jail beds; 3) After Burke completes its new facility, either county has the option of maintaining inmates at the old facility provided one year’s notice is given, although no inmates shall remain at the old facility after December 31, 2022; and 4) Once the facility is closed, Burke will purchase Catawba’s interest at a depreciated amount pursuant to the Operating Agreement. The Board’s Policy and Public Works Subcommittee recommended the Board enter into this closing agreement with Burke County.

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