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 18, 2019.

5. Recognition of Special Guests.

6. Presentations:
   e. Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) 2018 Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. Presented to Budget & Management Director Jennifer Mace and Budget & Management Analyst Ashley Qualls.

7. Appointments.

8. Public Comments.

   a. Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) 2019 Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant.
   b. Pyrotechnic Permit Application.

    Public Health
    State of the County’s Health. Presented by Public Health Program Manager II Zach King.

11. Other Items of Business.

    a. Tax Refund Request.
    b. Budget Transfer.


PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: Individuals needing assistance should contact the County Clerk at 828-465-8990 within a reasonable time prior to the meeting. Participation in public meetings is without regard to race, ethnicity, religion, sex, age, or disability.

CALENDAR: The May Board of Commissioners Meetings will take place on Monday, May 6, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., and Monday, May 20, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., in the Catawba County Justice Center, 2nd Floor Board of Commissioners Meeting Room, Newton.
WHEREAS, libraries are not just about books, but what they do for and with people; and

WHEREAS, libraries of all types are at the heart of cities, towns, schools and campuses; and

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions where people of all backgrounds can be together and connect; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians build strong communities through transformative services, programs and expertise; and

WHEREAS, libraries, which promote the free exchange of information and ideas for all, are cornerstones of democracy; and

WHEREAS, libraries promote civic engagement by keeping people informed and aware of community events and issues; and

WHEREAS, librarians and library workers partner with other civic organizations to make sure their community’s needs are being met; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians empower their communities to make informed decisions by providing free access to information; and

WHEREAS, libraries are a resource for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status, by offering services and educational resources that transform lives and strengthen communities; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Catawba County Board of Commissioners proclaims April 7-13, 2019 as National Library Week and encourages all residents to visit the library, explore what’s new, and engage with your librarian. Because of you, Libraries Transform.

This the 15th day of April, 2019.

C. Randall Isenhower, Chair
Catawba County Board of Commissioners
PROCLAMATION

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, children are vital to our county’s future success, prosperity and quality of life, as well as being our most vulnerable assets; and

WHEREAS, all children deserve to have the safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities they need to foster their healthy growth and development; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are community responsibilities affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community; and

WHEREAS, communities that provide parents with the social support, knowledge of parenting and child development, and concrete resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children, ensure all children grow to their full potential; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS does hereby proclaim April 2019 as CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH in Catawba County and calls upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the community in which we live.

This the 15th day of April, 2019.

Randy Isenhower, Chair
Catawba County Board of Commissioners
Government of Catawba County, North Carolina

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PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK
APRIL 14-20, 2019

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 E-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 E-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 14-20, 2019 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our County and citizens safe.

This the 15th day of April, 2019.

Randy Isenhower, Chair
Catawba County Board of Commissioners
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PROCLAMATION

PUBLIC HEALTH MONTH
April 2019

WHEREAS, we believe Catawba County residents deserve the opportunity to live long, healthy lives; and

WHEREAS, we are working to address unintentional injuries and diseases like cancer, heart disease, chronic respiratory disease and stroke, which are the top four causes of death in Catawba County; and

WHEREAS, we recognize prevention is paramount to preserving the health of our community; and

WHEREAS, by emphasizing health as a priority in community development efforts, we are rallying around a goal of making the U.S. the Healthiest Nation in One Generation – by 2030; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the valuable work that the dedicated Catawba County Public Health Staff performs in assessing, addressing and assuring the health needs of the County through injury and disease prevention, disease treatment and dynamic partnerships.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS does hereby proclaim the month of April 2019 as “PUBLIC HEALTH MONTH” and supports Catawba County Public Health’s efforts to lead the way to a healthier community by including health considerations in community plans, through enhanced opportunities for physical activity, increased access to healthy nutritional options, and creation of tobacco-free environments.

This the 15th day of April, 2019.

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Randy Isenhower, Chair
Catawba County Board of County Commissioners
NEWTON, NC — Catawba County Budget & Management has earned the 2018 Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the 30th consecutive year.

Received for the County’s Fiscal Year 2018/19 budget, the award recognizes government entities for producing a budget document which is easy to read and understand. According to the GFOA, this recognition “reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting.”

Receipt of the award was formally recognized at the April 15, 2019 meeting of the Catawba County Board of Commissioners.

To earn GFOA recognition, Catawba County Budget & Management had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well a government's budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device. Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four of these categories to receive the award.

Along with the County award, a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation was also awarded to the County’s Budget & Management office.

“We appreciate the opportunity to participate in this annual process with the Government Finance Officers Association,” said Catawba County Budget Manager Jennifer Mace. “We are provided with new ideas and guidelines every year that help strengthen our budget document to ensure it is as accessible and easy-to-read as possible for our citizens.”

Catawba County's budget is created through a year-long planning process involving department heads, Budget & Management staff, the County Manager, and the Board of Commissioners. Budget & Management staff members recognized for this budget included Mace and Budget & Management Analyst Ashley Qualls.

The Government Finance Officers Association is a non-profit professional association serving nearly 19,000 government finance professionals throughout North America.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Catawba County Board of Commissioners
FROM: Finance and Personnel Subcommittee
DATE: April 15, 2019
SUBJECT: BJA-2019 Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Proposal

REQUEST
The Finance and Personnel Subcommittee requests approval for Clay Wilson & Associates, dba The Cognitive Connection to submit a grant application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for $500,000 in Federal funds over three years on behalf of Catawba County to continue and enhance Catawba County Recovery Court. The 25% match ($166,667) requirement for this grant will be met through in-kind contributions.

BACKGROUND
Catawba County Recovery Court, formerly known as S.T.A.R. (Supervision, Treatment, Accountability and Recovery Court) Adult Drug Treatment Court, has been in operation in some form since 2004 with Clay Wilson & Associates serving as the lead agency. Recovery Court was originally funded by a BJA grant from 2004 through 2012. Services were continued on a volunteer basis between 2012 and 2016, when a three-year Federal grant was obtained from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) was obtained to fund a Coordinator, Peer Support staff person, Psychiatrist, and Clinical Director plus operational costs. The SAMHSA grant is scheduled to end September 30, 2019. Both grants were administered by Clay Wilson and Associates, but had to be applied for by Catawba County because the grant conditions require that the application be submitted by a governmental agency.

BJA has announced availability of discretionary grants to fund implementation and enhancement of adult drug treatment courts with an application deadline of April 16, 2019. Clay Wilson and Associates requests authorization to submit a grant on behalf of Catawba County to continue and enhance Recovery Court. Specific enhancements would include:

- Focusing on whole person wellness by connecting participants with physical medical assistance in addition to addressing mental health and substance use needs.
- Implementing an information management system to enhance and improve the accuracy of reporting statistics on the impact of the program on participants and the community.
- Providing access to a Job Coach that can assist participants in obtaining housing, developing employment skills, and connecting them to educational opportunities.
- Implementing an after-care phase that provides a structured connection to the Recovery Court Team after graduation from the program to help reduce the likelihood of relapse due to unexpected events or barriers.

Continuation and enhancement of Recovery Court is consistent with one of the recommendations of the Jail Diversion Project to increase the number of individuals served by specialized courts.

RECOMMENDATION
The Personnel and Finance Subcommittee recommends the Catawba County Board of Commissioners approves submission of a BJA-2019 Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Proposal by Clay Wilson and
Associates, dba The Cognitive Connection on behalf of Catawba County to continue and enhance Catawba County Recovery Court.
Demographics of Catawba:

Catawba County is an urban county that borders rural communities of Alexander, Burke, Iredell, Lincoln and Caldwell counties in North Carolina. Catawba County has a population of 157,974 as of 2017 census. The most populated City of Hickory has been identified in a Castlight Health Survey as #5 of the top 25 US Cities with opioid abusers. From June 2014 to May 2015, Catawba County Public Health Project Lazarus Data Executive Summary cited 79% of the unintentional overdoses reported from the local emergency room and EMS were drug related. Also revealed in the report; 20% of the individuals evaluated in the ER were identified as self pay, limiting access to medical and behavioral healthcare treatment and 50% of the individuals left against medical advice.

History:

Catawba County Recovery Court, formerly known as Catawba County’s S.T.A.R (Supervision, Treatment, Accountability and Recovery) Adult Drug Treatment Court, began its full year of operation in fiscal year 2004-05. Catawba County Recovery court is a post-adjudicated court and is a collaborative effort of local providers, law enforcement, District Attorney, and the 25th District Court Judges and is structured to follow the National Best Practices of Drug Treatment Court.

The team received funding from 2004-2012 through a BJA Drug Court Discretionary Grant - North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). From June 2012- 2016 Adult Drug Treatment court (ADCT) services were supported and sustained despite funding gaps on a voluntary basis by a group of dedicated servants within the community.

In 2016 the team applied for and was awarded a SAMHSA Adult Drug Treatment Court program enhancement grant supporting the ongoing efforts with ADTC. The additional funding assisted the Catawba County Recovery Court by increasing capacity of numbers served, increasing access to evidence based Medication Assisted Treatment, increasing access to Substance Use treatment, physical health and behavioral health treatment and increasing peer support services for participants. This funding also supported the much needed ability to document outcomes and quality improvement efforts through the formation of an Advisory Board.

Over the last 15 years Catawba County has led many efforts along with partnering with providers and MCO/LME to reduce behavioral health and social disparities in the community, reduce crime, address social determinants of health and promote healthy living and whole person wellness initiatives. One such initiative is through its partnership with the Catawba County Recovery Court, in-jail treatment services, and recently the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (L.E.A.D) program implementation in 2018.

The results of this enhancement from 2016-2019 have not only positively impacted the participants; impact is evident through continued integration, and partnerships.
efforts expanded across county lines and in January 2019, Catawba County Recovery Court team was actively involved in assisting neighboring county of Burke County in development of its own Recovery Court and seeking funding opportunities to assist in implementation. Burke County Recovery Court was awarded a BJA implementation grant to begin January 2019 and has been active in attending and mentoring with Catawba County Recovery Court team over the last 3 months.

**Value of Catawba County Recovery Court:**

Catawba County Recovery Court identified goals to, reduce recidivism, increase access to Medication assisted treatment, increase abstinence rates, assist individuals seeking employment, identifying housing resources, assist in building family relations and reconnecting with positive community recovery efforts and events. Efforts over the last 3 years have resulted in the following outcomes: 2016-2019

- 34\% of DTC participants accessed MAT services with 45\% being women,
- 14 out of 70 enrolled participants have completed successfully and graduated
- Participant recidivism rates dropped by 93 \%, 5 out of 70 participants re-offended.
- Participation increased abstinence rates by 700\% 
- Employment opportunities for participants increased by an average of 60\%.
- In 2018 Catawba County Sheriff office reported a 15\% decrease of opioid detoxification each month within the jails.
- 40\% of participants are diagnosed with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders.
- 23\% reported unstable housing at time of intake.
- Program participation increased stable housing by 50\%.

Current SAMHSA funding for Catawba County Recovery Court will end on Sept. 30\textsuperscript{th} 2019. Catawba County Recovery Court is seeking Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant for the enhancement of efforts that have proven positive community impact over the last 3 years by applying for the BJA Adult Drug Court Grant of $500,000 for a period of 36 months beginning October 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2019 and ending on September 30, 2022.

**Catawba County Recovery Court Goals 2019-2023**

The court aims to serve no less than 60 new participants from 2019 to 2022. The population of focus in Catawba County for the enhancement of the Catawba County Recovery Court is high risk/high need individual who are nonviolent offenders convicted of a felony or misdemeanor drug charge other than DWI Level I and II charges. Catawba County Recovery Court is a post-adjudication court.

In 2018 the team identified additional needs for the enhancement and growth of current Recovery Court efforts and data revealed additional supports needed based on trends revealed within the last 3 years. Specific areas were noted as opportunities:
Recovery Court team has identified the need for additional support with mental and physical health that addresses social determinates of health and supports wellness for the individuals served. With 40% of participants having co-occurring diagnosis, it is suggested to enhance services related to whole person wellness along with addressing mental health, substance use disorder, and physical health needs by expanding to a Hybrid Court.

Continue improvement of monitoring and accountability by implementing an information management system to enhance and improve the accuracy of reporting statistics on impact of participants and community.

Increased numbers of participants have identified needs for additional employment skill building. Improve and increase recovery support services to include a Job Coach specialist that can advocate, educate and assist in: housing, employment skills (MORE program), and education assistance. Housing can be a barrier to treatment attendance and obtaining employment. Offering assistance for a sober living environment can improve the chances for a productive recovery. Funding will be requested for housing and educational opportunities. Participants lacking high school diploma/GED will have an opportunity to obtain this goal while increasing the chances of gaining employment at a living wage as well as encouragement to further education in the future.

A final enhancement would be to add an additional phase which includes a more structured after-care phase. Continuing transition with additional resources needed to sustain a healthy recovery. After graduation, participants may continue to face barriers or unexpected events that would require additional assistance, adding a structured after-care phase that keeps them connected to the Court Team. Is expected to reduce the likelihood of relapse, and lower the recidivism rates of drug addiction and criminal justice involvement in this county.

The team will continue to offer supports that provide access to Medication Assisted Treatment and offer a level of accountability and monitoring that will promote long term recovery. Additional support would ensure that tools are available to continue to improve and effectively manage these interventions.

Catawba County, NC has a committed multidisciplinary team that will be vital to the continued success of the enhancement of the Catawba County Recovery Court which includes; Clay Wilson & Associates, dba The Cognitive Connection, Catawba Valley Behavioral Health, TASC, NC Department of Corrections (Probation), 25th District Attorney and Judges, Defense Attorney. This court will add to the continued resources and supports of the multiple efforts throughout the county to address the negative impacts of substance use the county has experienced. This court is located at 100 Government Ave, Newton NC 28658 which is in the 25th jurisdiction. Chief District Court Judge Burford Cherry can be reached at this address or at 828-695-6100. His email is Burford.Cherry@ncourts.org. The coordinator, Renaye Chapman can be contacted at 828-327-6026 or at rchapman@thecogcon.com.

Public Information Resources Used:

2015 Catawba County Public Health/Community Health Needs Assessment
State of the County Health Report 2016/2017
2017 US Census Bureau
https://injuryfreenc.ncdhhs.gov/DataSurveillance/Poisoning.htm
http://trends.vera.org/incarceration-rates?data=pretrial
www.ncdhhs.gov/opioids
Catawba County Municipalities Brochure
Catawba County Jail Medical Records
www.thecommunityguide.org/topic/excessive-alcohol-consumption
MEMORANDUM

TO: Catawba County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Policy and Public Works Subcommittee

DATE: April 15, 2019

RE: Pyrotechnics Permit Application

Request
The Policy and Public Works Subcommittee recommends to the Board of Commissioners approval of a Pyrotechnics Permit to the JECO Pyrotechnics Inc.

Background
The Town of Catawba has contracted with JECO Pyrotechnics Inc. which has submitted a Pyrotechnic Permit application. The requested permit is for a fireworks display to be conducted on May 11, 2019 on a vacant lot located across the street from the Peoples Bank at 106 N. Main St, Catawba 28609. This display is part of the Town of Catawba’s Town Festival. The display is scheduled to occur at 8:45 p.m. and is expected to end no later than 9:30.

JECO Pyrotechnics Inc., has a valid “Outdoor Pyrotechnics Display Operators Permit” through the North Carolina Department of Insurance, Office of State Fire Marshal. Based on the application, all statutory requirements have been or will be met. If at any time, any requirement of the permit is not satisfied the Fire/Rescue Division will immediately revoke the permit.

Recommendation
The Policy and Public Works Subcommittee recommends to the Board of Commissioners approval of this Pyrotechnics Permit to JECO Pyrotechnics Inc.
BLASTING PERMIT APPLICATION

PERMIT FEE $150.00 (per permit)

APPLICATION DATE: 3-19-19  EXPIRATION DATE: __________ (not to exceed 60 days)

Location/Address of Blasting 35.70852 -81.076422 Property owned by Norfolk Southern Railroad

Work of blasting will begin 8:45 a.m. and will be completed by 9:30 p.m.

TO THE FIRE MARSHAL:

Application is hereby made for a permit for blasting at the above location. The undersigned hereby agrees to comply with the provisions of the NC Fire Prevention Code and the County Code of Catawba County and with all other provision law relating to this subject.

PROPERTY OWNER Norfolk Southern Railroad

ADDRESS: US Hwy 70 E Hickory, NC 28601

CONTRACTOR: JECO Pyrotechnics Inc.


(Sign Here) __________________________ Applicant

Approved 3-22-2019 ________________________ (Catawba County Fire Marshall or designee)

When satisfactory evidence has been submitted that the applicant has conformed to all the provisions governing the issuing of such permit, and when signed by the Fire Marshal of Catawba County (or his designee), this application will be taken to the Catawba County Permit Center, where a blasting permit may be issued to perform such work as described at the location listed.

As required by the NC Fire Prevention Code, before application for a permit is approved, the applicant shall file a bond and provide documentation of such to the Fire Marshal’s Office. This bond shall become available for payment of any damages arising from the permitted blasting. The bond is to be in the amount of no less than $1,000,000 and the insurance policy shall include coverage for injuries or damages arising from the blasting operations.

The applicant shall notify the Fire Marshal’s Office prior to commencing actual blasting operations. Catawba County shall not be responsible for any damages to property or injuries to persons by reason of issuance of a permit or inspections made. Applicant by acceptance of this permit will hold harmless and indemnify Catawba County for any loss or damages resulting from the activity permitted by this permit.

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CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERs NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

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CERTIFICATE HOLDER

Town of Catawba
102 First St NW
Catawba NC 28650

CANCELLATION

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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Shot List

5-11-19

Town of Catawba
102 First St NW
Catawba, NC 28609

1.75” artillery shells (mortars).............................232
500g cakes ..................................................11
200g cakes ..................................................5
CONTINGENCY PLAN

In the instance of a catastrophe or malfunction during the firing of an outdoor fireworks display.

1) Immediately cease firing of all fireworks.
2) Ensure all pyrotechnic materials which have been ignited are doused with water and extinguished.
3) Assemble the full pyrotechnic crew in the previously designated area, and ensure the safety of all pyrotechnicians on site.
4) Ensure the safety of all spectators viewing the show.
5) Be in immediate and continuous contact with the fire department and emergency management on site.
6) Contact the show sponsor to discuss the situation and verify the safety of all involved.
7) Once all of the above issues have been addressed, if safe to do so, continue discharge of the show.
8) If unsafe to continue, remove all live materials from the site and attend to immediate concerns.

Updated 03/19
The 2018 State of the County Health Report is a summary of the current health status of Catawba County. It is a supplement to the Community Health Assessment, which is a more comprehensive analysis of the county’s health produced every three years.

The most recent Catawba County CHA, which identified healthy eating, active living, and chronic disease prevention as health priorities, was published in 2015. The 2015 CHA and related SOTCH reports can be viewed online at https://goo.gl/d8ozMY.

This report provides a brief but comprehensive overview on changes in trends related to our health priorities, updates on community initiatives, and details behind emerging trends that may impact the health of Catawba County.
PRIORITIES

LiveWell Catawba, a nonprofit coalition that receives backbone support from Catawba County Public Health, fosters partnerships aimed at sustainably improving Catawba County’s health priorities through collaborative evidence-based strategies and interventions.

HEALTHY EATING »»» ACTIVE LIVING »»» CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION

Prioritizing healthy eating, active living, and chronic disease prevention creates an inclusive and cross-cutting platform for a diverse set of stakeholders, resources, and target populations with different needs, interests, and perspectives. Focusing on preventable risk factor behaviors like promoting healthy eating and active lifestyles can impact not only morbidity and mortality related to disease, but overall wellbeing and quality of life as well.

3 BEHAVIORS
Physical inactivity
Poor diet
Tobacco use

4 DISEASES
Cancer
Type 2 diabetes
Lung disease
Heart disease/stroke

54% OF DEATHS in Catawba County

LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH 2013-2017 (PER 100,000)

1. CANCER .................................................. 170.1
2. HEART DISEASE ................................. 169.0
3. CHRONIC LOWER RESPIRATORY DISEASES .. 67.9
4. ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE .......................... 58.2
5. CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASE ................. 42.5
6. OTHER UNINTENTIONAL INJURIES .......... 41.5
7. DIABETES ............................................. 22.1
8. PNEUMONIA AND INFLUENZA .................. 22.0
9. KIDNEY DISEASE ................................. 20.6
10. SUICIDE.................................................. 16.7

TREND: WE ARE CONTINUING TO SEE THE IMPACT OF CHRONIC DISEASE ON MORTALITY AND QUALITY OF LIFE IN CATAWBA COUNTY.
EMERGING ISSUES AND COMMUNITY CONTEXT

OVERWEIGHT ADULTS: 32.5% (2016)
OBESE ADULTS: 34.8% (2016)
PEOPLE MEETING RECOMMENDED FRUIT AND VEGETABLE INTAKE: 17.2% (2017)

PEOPLE GETTING ANY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY OUTSIDE OF WORK IN THE PAST MONTH: 74.8% (2017)
PEOPLE MEETING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY RECOMMENDATIONS: 47.4% (2017)
PEOPLE IDENTIFYING AS A CURRENT SMOKER: 14.4% (2017)
ADULT E-CIGARETTE USE: 14.8% (2017)

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY: 20.5%
WHITE: 10.8%
AFRICAN-AMERICAN: 28.0%
HISPANIC/LATINO: 26.7%
UNDER AGE 5: 23.6%
AGES 5-17: 19.5%

HOUSEHOLDS WITH FOOD STAMP/SNAP BENEFITS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS: 14.6%

INFANT MORTALITY RATE PER 1,000 BIRTHS

LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH (2015-2017): 76.2 YEARS
MALE: 73.5 | FEMALE: 78.9
WHITE: 76.7
AFRICAN-AMERICAN: 73.2

LOWEST AVERAGE LIFE EXPECTANCY BY CENSUS TRACT (2010-2015): 64.6
HIGHEST AVERAGE LIFE EXPECTANCY BY CENSUS TRACT (2010-2015): 82.6

UNINTENTIONAL POISONING
UNINTENTIONAL POISONING DEATHS IN 2017: 39
RELATED TO OPIOIDS: 89.7% (35)

TEEN PREGNANCY
FOR AGES 15 TO 19 IS DOWN TO 22.9 PER 1,000 (2017)
WHITE: 17.0
AFRICAN-AMERICAN: 55.6

— REGION 4 BEHAVIORAL RISK FACTOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM (BRFSS)
- INCLUDES CATAWBA COUNTY (2016, 2017)
— NC STATE CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS (2019)
— NC INJURY AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION BRANCH (2018)
— NC STATE CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS (2017)
ACCESS TO HEALTHY EATING: LiveWell Catawba and Catawba County Public Health supported Downtown Hickory Farmers Market by funding and building capacity to accept SNAP/EBT benefits at their market during the 2018 season. Throughout the season, $1,625 of SNAP benefits were used to purchase fresh, local foods. This is a major food access improvement for the 16.7% of households in Hickory receiving SNAP/EBT benefits, especially the approximately 2,000 households in neighborhoods closest to the downtown market. The Downtown Hickory Farmers Market is joining the Public Health and Conover markets in improving opportunities for healthy food access for individuals receiving SNAP/EBT benefits.

HEALTHY PEOPLE, HEALTHY CAROLINAS: LiveWell Catawba has been selected by The Duke Endowment for three more years of technical assistance and a total of $450,000 ($150,000 per year) in funding, beginning in January 2019, through their Healthy People, Healthy Carolinas initiative. This allows us to continue to cultivate and sustain evidence-based initiatives focused on promoting healthy eating, active living, and preventing chronic disease by building partnerships and capacity. We are looking forward to continuing the momentum we have built over the past few years in doing our part to make living better by creating and supporting a culture of wellness for all people in Catawba County.

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CATCH MY BREATH: CATCH My Breath is an evidence-informed curriculum developed by the CATCH Global Foundation to combat the alarming rise in youth reporting the use of electronic cigarettes and other similar products. In the 2017-18 academic year, LiveWell Catawba and the Catawba County Public Health School Health program assisted three local middle schools and trained all school nurses in the curriculum, and is currently expanding in the 2018-19 academic year.

EXERCISE IS MEDICINE (EIM): In 2018, LiveWell Catawba continued to partner with Catawba Valley Health System and Catawba Valley Medical Group on moving forward with a charter to expand EIM within their network. Catawba County Public Health also began implementation of EIM within the Adult Health clinic.
LIVEWELL AT WORSHIP: LiveWell collaborated with 14 local faith communities in 2018 on improving the health of their congregations and neighborhoods. Faithful Families, Thriving Communities, a nine-week curriculum that includes lessons on healthy eating and physical activity strategies, took place in four faith communities. Thirteen faith communities participated in the Walk to Bethlehem, a community-wide walking challenge that encourages participants to increase the health of body, mind, and spirit in the months and weeks leading up to Christmas.

LIVEWELL EARLY CHILDHOOD: LiveWell Early Childhood connects early child care providers with resources and technical assistance to enable policy, systems and environmental changes aimed at improving the well-being of young children and families. In the spring of 2018, four early childhood education programs participated in the pilot of Go NAP SACC in Catawba County. Go NAP SACC is an online quality improvement tool that early childhood education programs use to create healthier environments related to healthy eating and active living, through a self-assessment and action planning process. Support and technical assistance is provided by the LiveWell Early Childhood Work Group, a network of technical assistance providers dedicated to supporting a culture of wellness in early childhood education programs. In fall 2018, Go NAP SACC expanded to nine additional, thirteen total, early childhood education programs in Catawba County representing more than 800 children.

LIVEWELL OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME: In the 2017-18 school year, LiveWell Catawba piloted the Healthy Out-of-School Time Initiative with Inspired Learning 21st Century Community Learning Center’s elementary and two middle school sites. The initiative utilized the Alliance for a Healthier Generation’s Healthy Out-of-School Time assessment and action planning process to identify priority areas and drive change. For the 2018-19 school year, the Healthy Out-of-School Time Initiative and CATCH Kids Club, an evidence-based intervention that promotes healthy eating and active living in school environments, are in the process of being expanded to 23 additional out-of-school sites, including before school, after school, and summer care programs.

CATCH (Coordinated Approach to Child Health) as a framework for creating and maintaining a healthy elementary school environment; promoting healthy eating and active living by coordinating efforts between the cafeteria, classroom, PE, and families. Jenkins, Longview, North Newton, Oakwood, Shuford and South Newton elementary schools and Southwest Primary School are implementing CATCH for the 2018-19 school year.

LOCAL FOOD COUNCIL: In 2018, an interested group of partners began exploring the possibility of establishing a local food council in Catawba County. This diverse group includes private hospitality businesses, local municipalities, nonprofit organizations, Cooperative Extension, farmers, market managers, and more. Supported by Community Food Strategies, a statewide coalition aimed at empowering local food councils, this interest group spent most of 2018 planning and assessing local capacity. In the fall of 2018, the group decided to formally become the Catawba County Local Food Council and has already begun the coordination of a Local Food System Assessment.
OPEN USE POLICY: Throughout the 2017-18 academic year, LiveWell Catawba and Catawba County Public Health’s School Health program collaborated with all three of our local school districts to assess, explore, and advocate for open use policies that would expand access to opportunities for active living for their students, families, and neighborhoods. In 2018, both the Newton-Conover City Schools and Hickory Public Schools boards of education unanimously passed open use policies for their districts.

WELLBUSINESS: LiveWell Catawba resumed the facilitation of the WellBusiness initiative in 2018. WellBusiness recognizes Catawba County workplaces that are committed to improving employee health and wellness. Companies meeting evidence-based work site wellness standards in the areas of tobacco control, physical activity, nutrition, prevention and screening, and policy and organizational supports are invited to apply for gold, silver, or bronze recognition. In 2018, 25 businesses received gold, silver, or bronze WellBusiness recognition.

CATAWBA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH’S MISSION is to promote, protect, and improve the health of the community by assessing and responding to needs, assuring services, developing policies, and fostering collaboration.

LIVEWELL CATAWBA is working toward building a healthier community and enhancing quality of life for all people in Catawba County through partnerships that sustainably improve Catawba County’s health priorities.

TOGETHER, WE ARE LEADING THE WAY TO A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY.

QUESTIONS? Do you have questions about the 2018 SOTCH Report or would your group like a presentation of the SOTCH? Contact Zack King at zking@catawbacountync.gov.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Catawba County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Lori Mathes, Tax Collector

DATE: April 16, 2019

IN RE: Tax Refund Request

REQUEST
The Tax Collector requests the Board of Commissioners approves one refund request totaling $13,414.27 resulting from a listing error.

BACKGROUND
According to General Statute 105‐381, a Taxpayer who has paid taxes may request a refund (in writing) for the amount that was paid through error. The following information applies to the Taxpayers’ request, which has been checked and verified.

It is the responsibility of the taxpayer to list business personal property in the county where the property is located. Historically, the Hickory Crawdads have filed their business personal property listing with Catawba County. This year during the listing process, it was discovered that while the Crawdads’ property is located within the City of Hickory, it is the section of Hickory that sits over the Burke County line. Based on this, the Hickory Crawdads have requested a refund for the County portion only of business personal property taxes for the years 2014 through 2018. Moving forward, the Crawdads will be listing this property with Burke County.

Abstract # 1806492 – Hickory Baseball Inc. (Hickory Crawdads)

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RECOMMENDATION
The Tax Collector recommends the Board of Commissioners approves one refund request totaling $13,414.27 resulting from a listing error.
Budget Transfers: Pursuant to Board authority granted to the County Manager, the following budget transfers have been completed:

**Self-Insurance Special Contingency Transfers:**

*Sheriff’s Office Road Patrol Vehicle*

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4/1/19 – Transfer from Self-insurance Special Contingency to assist the Sheriff’s Office in replacing a road patrol vehicle that was totaled 2/13/19.