

March 30, 2026, MB#57  
Special Meeting – Budget Workshop

Catawba County Board of Commissioners  
Special Meeting  
Monday, March 30, 2026, 8:45 a.m.

The Catawba County Board of Commissioners met in a Special Session on Monday, March 30, 2026, at 8:45 a.m., at the Catawba County Government Center, Second Floor Meeting Room, 25 Government Drive, Newton, North Carolina. The purpose of this Special Meeting was to receive an overview of the FY26-27 budget requests and to hold a closed session in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(4) regarding the location or expansion of industries or other businesses, and 143-318.11(a)(5) the acquisition of real property, with those statutes being incorporated herein by reference, and to consider any action or matters related thereto.

Present were Vice-Chair Austin Allran, and Commissioners Robert C. Abernethy, Jr., and Cole Setzer. Commissioner Barbara G. Beatty was not present. Chair Randy Isenhower was not present.

Also present were County Manager Mary Furtado, Assistant County Manager Paul Murray, Assistant County Manager Adam Lindsay, Budget & Management Director Laura McBryde, Budget & Management Analyst Ian Bumgarner, and County Clerk Dale Stiles.

1. Vice Chair Austin Allran called the Catawba County Board of Commissioners to order at 8:45 a.m., noting a quorum was present.
2. County Attorney Jodi Stewart requested the Board consider moving into Closed Session pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations; and (5) 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 (i) 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 Stewart did not anticipate any action upon return to open session. Commissioner Barbara G. Beatty made a motion to enter closed session for that purpose. The motion carried unanimously.
2. County Manager Mary Furtado presented the Recommended FY26-27 Budget. No action was taken.
3. Adjournment. Upon a motion by Commissioner Barbara G. Beatty which unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m. with no further action.

  
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Randy Isenhower, Chair  
Catawba County Board of Commissioners

  
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Dale R. Stiles, County Clerk