

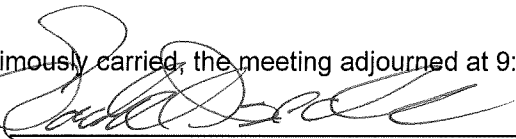
Minutes
Catawba County Board of Commissioners
Special Called Meeting – FY2026/27 Budget Adjustment
Monday, June 8th, 2026, 8:30 m

The Catawba County Board of Commissioners met on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 8:30am in the Government Center 2nd Floor Meeting Room, 25 Government Drive, Newton, North Carolina. The purpose of this meeting was to present modifications to the County's FY 2026/27 Budget.

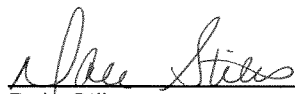
Present were Chair Randy Isenhower, Vice-Chair Austin Allran and Commissioners Robert C. Abernethy, Jr., Barbara Beatty and Cole Setzer.

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, County Attorney Jodi Stewart and County Clerk Dale Stiles.

1. Chair Randy Isenhower called the meeting to order at 8:56 am, noting a quorum was present.
2. Chair Isenhower led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Commissioner Cole Setzer offered the invocation.
4. County Manager Mary Furtado provided an overview of the requested budget modifications for Fiscal Year 2026/27 Budget recommended for adoption, which is scheduled for Monday, June 15, 2026, and an overview of several outstanding decision points around which the Commissioners requested additional deliberation. Ms. Furtado noted that budget presentations with County departments and outside agencies took place on Friday May 22, 2026, and on May 26, 2026, a public hearing was held to receive citizen comments on the proposed budget. At that meeting, two items were tabled and a request for additional information and modifications was made by the Board. The purpose of this meeting was to present those modifications on the County's FY 2026/27 Budget.
5. Chair Isenhower opened the floor, inviting discussion among the Commissioners about the FY26/27 Budget adjustments presented by the County Manager:
 - Tax Rate: Board consensus was to move forward with a budget that does not include a tax rate increase. Chair Isenhower confirmed all members were comfortable moving forward with budget adoption on Monday June 15th, with this rate modification.
 - Salt Block Funding. The Board requested clarification as to whether the SALT Block funding recommendation had been changed. County Manager Furtado indicated she had not modified her recommendation to fund a \$10,000 increase to the SALT Block. The Board by consensus agreed to move this item forward as recommended by the manager.
6. No other items were discussed.
7. Upon a motion by Commissioner Beatty which unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.



Randy Isenhower, Chair
Board of Commissioners



Dale Stiles
County Clerk