

Regular Session, March 1, 2021, 7:00 p.m.  
Catawba County Board of Commissioners

**Attorney's Report**

Records Retention and Disposition Schedule for Register of Deeds 334 03/01/21

**Budget**

Budget Transfer 334 03/01/21

**Closed Session**

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**Manager's Report**

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**Public Comments**

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The Catawba County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, March 1, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., in the Board of Commissioners Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Catawba County Justice Center, 100 Government Drive, Newton, North Carolina.

Present were Chair Randy Isenhower, Vice-Chair Barbara G. Beatty, and Commissioners Austin Allran, Katherine W. Barnes, and Sherry E. Butler.

Also present were County Manager Mick Berry, Deputy County Manager Mary Furtado, Assistant County Manager Alison Alexander, County Attorney Debra Bechtel, Deputy County Attorney Jodi Stewart, Assistant County Attorney Josh Teague, and County Clerk Karina Zamora.

1. Chair Randy Isenhower called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., noting a quorum was present.
2. Chair Randy Isenhower led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Commissioner Austin Allran offered the invocation.
4. Commissioner Beatty made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board's Regular Meeting of February 15, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Recognition of Special Guests: Chair Isenhower thanked and welcomed everyone present at the meeting.
6. Public Comments:  
Toni Abernathy came forward and requested the Confederate monument on the grounds of the 1924 Courthouse be removed.
7. Appointments: None.
8. Departmental Report:  
Deputy County Manager Mary Furtado presented a request for Board approval for a revision to the Fiscal Year 2020/21 budget to add Special Revenue Funds to account for Fines and Forfeitures, Social Services Trust Funds, and Register of Deeds Deeds of Trust Funds, consistent with GASB Statement 84 and 97 standards. Commissioner Butler made a motion to approve revision to the Fiscal Year 2020/21 budget. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Other Items of Business: None.

11. Manager's Report:

County Manager Mick Berry presented the following three items on the Manager's Report:

- a. A request for the Board to authorize the recruitment of two fully-funded EMS Shift Supervisors and equipment beginning April 2021 to achieve the 24-hour coverage. Mr. Berry stated implementation of the two additional Shift Supervisors would help meet the demand for increased supervisory needs and will increase ability to respond to high acuity calls. Commissioner Beatty made a motion to approve the recommendation to authorize the recruitment of two fully-funded EMS Shift Supervisors. The motion carried unanimously.
- b. A recommendation for the Board to a.) approve a revision to the Fiscal Year 2020/21 budget to appropriate previously recognized federal and state COVID relief funds to support organization-wide coronavirus response efforts, and b.) authorize the County Manager to transfer funds from an organization-wide other Government expenditure account into departmental budgets as necessary. No questions noted. Commissioner Allran took a moment to compliment everyone in the County who has been involved in the COVID respond efforts as everything has been professionally and smoothly operated. Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve the revision to the Fiscal Year 2020/21 budget and to authorize the County Manager to transfer funds into departmental budgets as necessary. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. A budget transfer completed pursuant to Board authority granted to the County Manager.

**Self-Insurance Special Contingency Transfers:**

Replace Totaled Vehicle

*Transfer*

*From:*

115-150120-994200	Self-Insurance Special Contingency Expense	\$22,726
115-150120-691500	Self-Insurance Special Contingency Revenue	\$22,726

*To:*

115-150120-995140	Reappraisal Fund from Self-Insurance	\$22,726
115-150120-680800	Self-Insurance Fund Insurance Settlements	\$22,726

*Supplemental Appropriation*

140-130200-984000	Motor Vehicles	\$22,726
140-130200-695115	Self-Insurance Fund	\$22,726

2/15/21 – Transfer from Self-insurance Special Contingency to assist Reappraisal in replacing a vehicle that was declared a total loss after it was involved in an accident.

*Transfer*

12. Attorneys' Report:

Deputy County Attorney Jodi Stewart presented a request for Board approval for the Register of Deeds Records Retention and Disposition Schedule issued and approved by the State's Archives that serves as a tool for employees of the Register of Deeds office when managing records. Commissioner Allran made a motion to approve the Register of Deeds Records Retention and Disposition Schedule. The motion carried unanimously.

County Attorney Debra Bechtel requested the Board consider moving into Closed Session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3)(4) and (5) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, and 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 and 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 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 Bechtel did not anticipate any action upon return to open session. Commissioner Butler made a motion to move into closed session for the stated reasons; the motion carried unanimously. The Board moved into closed session at 7:31 p.m.

13. Adjournment. The Board returned to Open Session at 7:38 p.m. No action was taken. Upon a motion by Commissioner Butler, which unanimously carried, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

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Randy Isenhower, Chair  
Catawba County Board of Commissioners

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Karina Zamora  
County Clerk