

MEMBERS OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SINCE 1868

Catawba County's government by the Board of Commissioners began on August 7, 1868, when Drury Hamilton was sworn in as Chairman of the Commission by Anderson Mitchell, Judge of Superior Court. On August 10, 1868, Chairman Drury administered the oath of office to his fellow Commissioners. Those who have served since 1868 are set forth in the chronology below:

(Catawba County Code)

DATE	COMMISSIONERS
August 10, 1868	Chair: Drury Hamilton Commissioners: A. G. Corpening, A. M. Huit, A. L. Shuford and Joshua B. Little named Commissioners-Elect. They were notified to report September 7 next and qualify.
September 9, 1868	Ordered by the Board that the offices of A. L. Shuford and Joshua B. Little be declared vacant, and that the Governor be notified.
October 14, 1868	J. J. Sigmon and John D. Caldwell having been appointed by the Governor, were given oaths of office.
September 5, 1870	Henry Wilfong, Daniel Deal, Andrew Fry, G. M. Wilfong, P. W. Whitener (Chairman not indicated in minutes)
September 2, 1872	Chair: F. L. Herman Commissioners: Daniel Deal, P. W. Whitener, Andrew Fry, G. M. Wilfong
September 7, 1874	Chair: F. L. Herman Commissioners: P. W. Whitener, G. M. Wilfong, W. H. Rockett, Gilbert M. Beatty
December 4, 1876	Chair: F. L. Herman Commissioners: William H. Rockett, G. M. Wilfong, Gilbert M. Beatty, Daniel M. Wyant
December 2, 1878	Chair: Levi Plonk Commissioners: A. D. Shuford, Moses B. Trollinger, John Lyerly, Alonzo Deal (Plonk resigned. H. R. Forney was elected to fill vacancy on May 3, 1880. John Lyerly was elected chairman. Forney resigned September 6.)
December 6, 1880	Chair: John Lyerly Commissioners: C. W. Herman, R. England, John W Gabriel, G. M. Yoder
December 4, 1882	Chair: George Setzer Commissioners: M. L. Cline, Moses B. Trollinger, M. F. Hull, C. T. Sigmon
June 2, 1884	At the June 2, 1884, Magistrates Meeting (page 254, Minute Book #2), the Magistrates voted to elect three instead of five Commissioners. The three Commissioners, A. G. Corpening, M. M. Gabriel, and A. M. Huit, were elected to serve two-year terms beginning the first Monday in December, 1884. On December 1, 1884, A. G. Corpening was elected Chairman, and the three-member board served until December 6, 1886. At this meeting the Board organized and it became again a five-member board, with A. G. Corpening, Chairman, A. M. Huit, M. A. Abernethy, M. S. Deal, and L. R. Whitener. This board served until December 3, 1888, and there is no explanation of why the Board went back to five members in 1886 and then from 1888 to 1903 had a three-member Board.
December 3, 1888	Chair: L. R. Whitener Commissioners: M. S. Deal and M. A. Abernethy
December 1, 1890	Chair: L. R. Whitener Commissioners: S. L. Yount, M. A. Sherrill

December 5, 1892	Chair: L. R. Whitener Commissioners: H. S. Gabriel, and William H. Rockett
December 3, 1894	Chair: P. A. Hoyle Commissioners: A. A. Shuford, and John Sherrill
December 7, 1896	Chair: D. E. Sigmon Commissioners: T. P. Cloninger, and A. H. Sigmon
December 5, 1898	Chair: John Gabriel Commissioners: James E. Wilfong, and D. M. Boyd
December 3, 1900	Chair: D. M. Boyd Commissioners: J. D. Elliott, J. H. C. Huitt
December 1, 1902	Chair: J. U. Long Commissioners: J. D. Fisher, and John A. Cook
March 2, 1903	Chair: J. U. Long Commissioners: J. D. Fisher, and John A. Cook. A. A. Shuford and Silas Smyre (new members were elected by the Legislature)
April 6, 1903	J. D. Elliott was seated. Minutes do not indicate who[m] he is replacing; assume it is A. A. Shuford.
June 1, 1903	John M. Shuford appointed to fill vacancy caused by resignation of J. D. Elliott.
June 6, 1904	J. A. Cook resigns.
July 4, 1904	E. P. Johnson appointed to fill vacancy of J. A. Cook.
December 5, 1904	Chair: J. U. Long Commissioners: J. D. Fisher, Silas Smyre, John M. Shuford, and Q. M. Smith
December 3, 1906	Chair: I. Alex Yount Commissioners: Samuel Turner, J. A. Shuford, Q. M. Smith, and G. Summy Wilfong
December 7, 1908	Chair: Jones W. Shuford Commissioners: D. E. Sigmon, J. F. Hudson, John W. Lowrance, and P. D. Drum
October 3, 1910	H. H. Isenhour appointed to fill vacancy caused by resignation of D. E. Sigmon.
December 5, 1910	Chair: S. L. Rhyne Commissioners: F. A. Yoder, E. S. Little, Julius F. Abernethy, and R. E. Gabriel
December 2, 1912	Chair: E. S. Little Commissioners: R. E. Gabriel, F. A. Yoder, S. L. Whitener, and Caleb Setzer
May 5, 1913	C. A. Yoder appointed to replace F. A. Yoder.
December 7, 1914	Chair: Osborne Brown Commissioners: W. S. Stroupe, D. Elias Sigmon, Jay S. Wilfong, and John F. Hollar
December 4, 1916	Chair: Osborne Brown Commissioners: L. John F. Hollar, D. E. Sigmon, Jay S. Wilfong, and W. S. Stroupe
January 3, 1921	Chair: Osborne Brown Commissioners: R. N. Bumgarner, E. L. Moose, J. S. Campbell, and Nash M. Wyant

December 4, 1922	Chair: J. D. Elliott Commissioners: C. A. Little, W. R. Frye, R. L. Asherbraner, and James Howard
December 1, 1924	Chair: C. R. Brady Commissioners: John G. Geitner, Claude L. Plasters, Nash M. Wyant, and W. Knox Carpenter
December 6, 1926	Chair: C. E. Finger Commissioners: C. A. Sigmon, C. R. Brady, R. R. Coulter, and J. R. Link
December 4, 1928	Chair: C. R. Brady Commissioners: W. S. Stroupe, D. A. Yount, E. Guy Schronce, and W. A. Lee
December 1, 1930	Chair: Sid J. Smyre Commissioners: S. L. Whitener, C. L. Davis, J. R. McKinnis, and E. P. Johnson
January 22, 1932	J. R. McKinnis resigned.
February 1, 1932	F. B. Tilley appointed to succeed J. R. McKinnis.
December 12, 1932	Chair: Sid J. Smyre Commissioners: S. L. Whitener, E. P. Johnson, C. L. Davis, and F. B. Tilley
October 1, 1934	F. B. Tilley resigns.
December 3, 1934	Chair: P. W. Herman Commissioners: Carl V. Cline, W. L. Alley, Jake Geitner, and Lewis Rudisill
September 16, 1935	D. S. Howard appointed due to death of W. L. Alley.
December 7, 1936	Chair: Carl V. Cline Commissioners: Rollin K. Bolick, Thomas H. Phillips, Dr. Hubert E. Booth, and Dan C. Wyant
December 28, 1936	H. B. Lindler, appointed to replace Dan C. Wyant who resigned due to ill health.
December 5, 1938	Chair: Carl V. Cline Commissioners: Rollin K. Bolick, Thomas H. Phillips, Dr. Hubert E. Booth, and H. B. Lindler
December 2, 1940	Chair: Rollin K. Bolick Commissioners: H. B. Lindler, C. R. Rudisill, Carl V. Cline, and Dr. Hubert E. Booth
December 4, 1944	Chair: Rollin K. Bolick Commissioners: Carl V. Cline, C. E. Rudisill, H. B. Lindler, and G. L. Winters
December 3, 1946	Chair: Rollin K. Bolick Commissioners: Carl V. Cline, G. L. Winters, C. E. Rudisill, and N. W. Jones
April 8, 1947	Carl V. Cline elected Chairman after the death of Rollin K. Bolick. Adrian L. Shuford, Jr., newly appointed Commissioner
December 4, 1950	Chair: L. L. Moss Commissioners: Horace J. Isenhower, W. E. Abernathy, Adrian L. Shuford, Jr., and G. L. Winters
December 1, 1952	Chair: L. L. Moss Commissioners: Horace J. Isenhower, Adrian L. Shuford, Jr., W. E. Abernathy, and Charles Henry Geitner
March 1, 1954	Horace J. Isenhower submits resignation.
April 3, 1954	Chair: L. L. Moss Commissioners: Adrian L. Shuford, Jr., W. E. Abernathy, Charles Henry Geitner, and Jacob C. Rhodes (new)

December 6, 1954	Chair: Adrian L. Shuford, Jr. Commissioners: John Miles Abernethy, Carl L. Brooks, Thad Gabriel, Charles Henry Geitner
December 3, 1956	Chair: John Miles Abernethy Commissioners: Carl L. Brooks, Brade K. Lineberger, Thad Gabriel, Jacob C. Rhodes
September 7, 1959	Luther G. Boliek appointed to replace Carl L. Brooks.
December 5, 1960	Chair: John Miles Abernethy Commissioners: Luther G. Boliek, Brade K. Lineberger, Thad Gabriel, and Carroll M. Barringer
December 7, 1964	Chair: John Miles Abernethy Commissioners: Luther G. Boliek, W. Terrell Webster, James G. Peden, Thad Gabriel
December 5, 1966	Chair: W. Stine Isenhower Commissioners: T. Cass Ballenger, Clacy G. Nuzum, James G. Peden, and W. Terrell Webster
December 2, 1968	Chair: W. Stine Isenhower Commissioners: T. Cass Ballenger, Clacy G. Nuzum, H. Jack Faw, Sr., and Wilmur V. Rhoney
December 7, 1970	Chair: T. Cass Ballenger, Chairman (1970—1974) Commissioners: H. Jack Faw, Sr., Wilmur V. Rhoney, John H. Weatherly, and Thomas H. Shores
July 2, 1973	Harry R. Carpenter, Jr., appointed to replace Thomas H. Shores, who resigned.
December 2, 1974	Chair: J. Michael Abernethy Commissioners: J. Bruce Teague, Ted L. Setzer, H. Jack Faw Sr., and Wilmur V. Rhoney
December 1, 1975	Chair: J. Bruce Teague Commissioners: Ted L. Setzer, H. Jack Faw, Sr., Wilmur V. Rhoney, and J. Michael Abernethy
December 6, 1976	Chair: J. Bruce Teague Commissioners: Ted L. Setzer, J. Michael Abernethy, Betty Pitts (Mrs. Alfred R.) Cooke, Kenneth E. Martin. (Mrs. Cooke is first women to be elected Commissioner in Catawba County)
December 5, 1977	Chair: J. Bruce Teague Vice Chair: Ted L. Setzer Commissioners: J. M. Abernethy, Kenneth E. Martin, Betty Pitts Cooke
October 26, 1978	Vice-Chairman Ted L. Setzer died.
December 4, 1978	Chair: Kenneth E. Martin Commissioners: Gary A. Whitener, L. David Huffman, J. Bruce Teague, and Betty Pitts Cooke
December 3, 1979	Chair: Kenneth E. Martin Vice Chair: Gary A. Whitener Commissioners: Betty Pitts Cooke, L. David Huffman, and J. Bruce Teague
November 11, 1980	Commissioner J. Bruce Teague resigns.
December 1, 1980	Chair: Kenneth E. Martin Commissioners: Gary A. Whitener, Robert E. Hibbitts, L. David Huffman, and Betty Pitts Cooke.
December 16, 1980	Commissioner Betty Pitts Cooke takes oath of office; appointed by the Board of Commissioners to fill the unexpired term of J. Bruce Teague.
December 7, 1981	Chair: Kenneth E. Martin Commissioners: L. David Huffman, Betty Pitts Cooke, Gary A. Whitener, Robert E. Hibbitts

December 6, 1982	Chair: Kenneth E. Martin Commissioners: Gary A. Whitener, Betty Pitts Cooke, Robert E. Hibbitts, David L. Stewart
December 5, 1983	Chair: Gary A. Whitener Commissioners: Robert E. Hibbitts, Betty Pitts Cooke, Kenneth E. Martin, David L. Stewart
January 31, 1984	Kenneth E. Martin resigns.
March 5, 1984	John Russell Perkins appointed to replace Kenneth E. Martin.
December 3, 1984	Chair: Gary A. Whitener (R) Vice Chair: Robert E. Hibbitts (R) Commissioners: Betty Pitts Cooke (D), Gretchen Peed (R), David L. Stewart (R)
December 2, 1985	Chair: Gary A. Whitener (R) Vice Chair: Robert E. Hibbitts (R) Commissioners: Betty Pitts Cooke (D); Gretchen Peed (R); David L. Stewart (R)
December 1, 1986	Chair: Gary A. Whitener (R) Vice Chair: Robert E. Hibbitts (R) Commissioners: David L. Stewart (R); Gretchen Peed (R); John Russell Perkins (R)
December 7, 1987	Chair: Gary A. Whitener (R) Vice Chair: Robert E. Hibbitts (R) Commissioners: David L. Stewart (R); Gretchen Peed (R); John Russell Perkins (R)
December 5, 1988	Chair: Gary A. Whitener (R) Vice Chair: Robert E. Hibbitts (R) Commissioners: David L. Stewart (R); Gretchen Peed (R); John Russell Perkins (R)
December 4, 1989	Chair: Gary A. Whitener (R) Vice Chair: Robert E. Hibbitts (R) Commissioners: David L. Stewart (R); Gretchen Peed (R); John Russell Perkins (R)
December 3, 1990	Chair: Robert E. Hibbitts (R) Vice Chair: David L. Stewart (R) Commissioners: Gretchen Peed (R); Eddie L. Huffman (R); Richard E. Harwell (R)
July 10, 1991	Commissioner Eddie L. Huffman dies (Minutes of July 22, 1991).
August 13, 1991	John Russell Perkins takes oath of office to fill vacancy created by death of Eddie L. Huffman (Minutes of August 5 and 19, 1991, for details).
December 2, 1991	Chair: Robert E. Hibbitts (R) Vice Chair: David L. Stewart (R) Commissioners: Richard E. Harwell (R), Gretchen Peed (R), John Russell Perkins (R)
December 7, 1992	Chair: Robert E. Hibbitts (R) Vice Chair: David L. Stewart (R) Commissioners: Richard E. Harwell (R), Marie H. Huffman (R), and Gretchen Peed (R)
December 6, 1993	Chair: Robert E. Hibbitts (R) Vice Chair: David L. Stewart (R) Commissioners: Richard E. Harwell (R), Marie H. Huffman (R), and Gretchen Peed (R)
December 5, 1994	Chair: Robert E. Hibbitts (R) Vice Chair: David L. Stewart (R) Commissioners: Marie H. Huffman (R), W. Steve Ikerd (R), and Gretchen Peed (R)

December 4, 1995	Chair: Robert E. Hibbitts (R) Vice Chair: David L. Stewart (R) Commissioners: Marie H. Huffman (R), W. Steve Ikerd (R), and Gretchen Peed (R)
December 2, 1996	Chair: Robert E. Hibbitts (R) Vice Chair: David L. Stewart (R) Commissioners: Barbara G. Beatty (R), Marie H. Huffman (R), and W. Steve Ikerd (R)
December 1, 1997	Chair: Robert E. Hibbitts (R) Vice Chair: David L. Stewart (R) Commissioners: Barbara G. Beatty (R), Marie H. Huffman (R), and W. Steve Ikerd (R)
December 7, 1998	Chair: Robert E. Hibbitts Vice Chair: Marie H. Huffman (R) Commissioners: Katherine W. (Kitty) Barnes (R), Barbara G. Beatty (R), and W. Steve Ikerd (R)
December 6, 1999	Chair: Robert E. Hibbitts (R) Vice Chair: Marie H. Huffman (R) Commissioners: Katherine W. (Kitty) Barnes, Barbara G. Beatty, and W. Steve Ikerd
December 4, 2000	Chair: Marie H. Huffman (R) Vice Chair: W. Steve Ikerd (R) Commissioners: Katherine W. Barnes (R), Barbara G. Beatty (R), and Dan A. Hunsucker (R)
December 3, 2001	Chair: W. Steve Ikerd (R) Vice Chair: Marie H. Huffman (R) Commissioners: Katherine W. Barnes (R), Barbara G. Beatty (R), and Dan A. Hunsucker (R)
December 2, 2002	Chair: Katherine (Kitty) W. Barnes (R) Vice Chair: Dan A. Hunsucker (R) Commissioners: Glenn E. Barger (R), Barbara G. Beatty (R), and Lynn M. Lail (R)
December 1, 2003	Chair: Katherine (Kitty) W. Barnes (R) Vice Chair: Dan A. Hunsucker (R) Commissioners: Glenn E. Barger (R), Barbara G. Beatty (R), and Lynn M. Lail (R)
December 6, 2004	Chair: Katherine (Kitty) W. Barnes (R) Vice Chair: Dan A. Hunsucker (R) Commissioners: Glenn E. Barger (R), Barbara G. Beatty (R), and Lynn M. Lail (R)
December 5, 2005	Chair: Katherine (Kitty) W. Barnes (R) Vice Chair: Dan A. Hunsucker (R) Commissioners: Glenn E. Barger (R), Barbara G. Beatty (R), and Lynn M. Lail (R)
December 4, 2006	Chair: Katherine (Kitty) W. Barnes (R) Vice Chair: Barbara G. Beatty (R) Commissioners: Glenn E. Barger (R), Dan A. Hunsucker (R), and Lynn M. Lail (R)
December 3, 2007	Chair: Katherine (Kitty) W. Barnes (R) Vice Chair: Lynn M. Lail (R) Commissioners: Glenn E. Barger (R), Barbara G. Beatty (R), and Dan A. Hunsucker (R)
December 1, 2008	Chair: Katherine (Kitty) W. Barnes (R) Vice Chair: Lynn M. Lail (R) Commissioners: Glenn E. Barger (R), Barbara G. Beatty (R), and Dan A. Hunsucker (R)
December 7, 2009	Chair: Katherine (Kitty) W. Barnes (R) Vice Chair: Lynn M. Lail (R) Commissioners: Glenn E. Barger (R), Barbara G. Beatty (R), and Dan A. Hunsucker (R)

December 6, 2010	Chair: Katherine (Kitty) W. Barnes (R) Vice Chair: Lynn M. Lail (R) Commissioners: Barbara G. Beatty (R), Dan A. Hunsucker (R) and Charles Randall (Randy) Isenhower (R)
December 3, 2012	Chair: Katherine (Kitty) W. Barnes (R) Vice Chair: Barbara Beatty (R) Commissioners: Dan A. Hunsucker (R), Randy Isenhower (R), and Lynn M. Lail (R)
December 1, 2014	Chair: Randy Isenhower (R) Vice Chair: Barbara Beatty (R) Commissioners: Dan A. Hunsucker (R), Katherine (Kitty) W. Barnes (R), and Sherry E. Butler (R)
December 7, 2015	Chair: Randy Isenhower (R) Vice Chair: Barbara Beatty (R) Commissioners: Dan A. Hunsucker (R), Katherine (Kitty) W. Barnes (R), and Sherry E. Butler (R)
December 5, 2016	Chair: Randy Isenhower (R) Vice Chair: Barbara Beatty (R) Commissioners: Dan A. Hunsucker (R), Katherine (Kitty) W. Barnes (R), and Sherry E. Butler (R)