

Board of Supervisors, May 8, 2023

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held in and for the County of Mecklenburg on May 8, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors meeting room of the Goode Bank Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Glenn Barbour, Chairman; Jim Jennings; Brenda Blackwell; David Brankley; Andy Hargrove; Charles Jones; Claudia Lundy; Tom Tanner; Sterling Wilkinson

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Barbour advised that there would be two additions to the agenda. Item L-9 will be a request from Southside Planning District for fee permit waiver for the Chase City, B Street Improvement Project, Phase 2. A Closed Session will be added to the end of the agenda.

Upon a motion of Mr. Tanner, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as amended. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

Upon a motion of Mr. Tanner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of April 10, 2023, and April 26, 2023. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

A public hearing was held on the application by William & Edward Coleman Jr. to rezone from Residential R-1 to Business B-1. This property identified, as County Tax Number 109-000-A-154 and zoned as Residential R-1, is located on the north side of Hwy Fifty -Eight (58), at its intersection with Hwy 766 (Tucker Lane), Election District 2, County of Mecklenburg. Reference Deed Book LR-8-5395.

There was no public comment.

The public hearing was closed.

Upon a motion of Ms. Blackwell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application by William & Edward Coleman Jr. to rezone from Residential R-1 to Business B-1 with the following conditions. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

1. The re-zoning would allow for more commercial businesses in the area.
2. It will not be detrimental to the public welfare.
3. It will not affect adversely the health or safety of persons or the neighborhood for the proposed use.
4. The developer will have to meet VDOT standards for a commercial entrance.

A public hearing was held on the application by Boydton, LLC to rezone from Agricultural to Business B-1. This property, identified as County Tax Number 109000-A-131 and zoned as

Agricultural, is located on the north side of Hwy 766 (Tucker Lane), at its intersection with Hwy Fifty-Eight, Election District 2, County of Mecklenburg. Reference Deed Book LR-8-5395.

There was no public comment.

The public hearing was closed.

Upon a motion of Ms. Blackwell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application by Boydton, LLC to rezone from Agricultural to Business B-1 with the following conditions. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

1. The re-zoning would allow for more commercial businesses in the area.
2. It will not be detrimental to the public welfare.
3. It will not affect adversely the health or safety of persons or the neighborhood for the proposed use.
4. The developer will have to meet VDOT standards for a commercial entrance.

A public hearing was held on March 30, 2023, on the application by Stephen & Debbie Rhodes to rezone from Residential R-2 to Residential R-1A. This property identified as County Tax Number 216000-A-001, and zoned as Residential R-2, is located on the south side of Hwy 717 (Epps Fork Road), at its intersection with Hwy 826 (Mill Creek Road), Election District 1, County of Mecklenburg. Reference Deed Book LR-10-774.

There was no public comment.

The public hearing was closed.

Upon a motion of Mr. Hargrove, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application by Stephen & Debbie Rhodes to rezone from Residential R-2 to Residential R-1A with the following conditions. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

1. The rezoning would allow for one (1) duplex structure on the property.
2. It will not be detrimental to the public welfare.
3. It will not affect adversely the health or safety of persons or the neighborhood for the proposed use.
4. It will provide more rental opportunities within the county.

A public hearing was held on the application by Jamarrea Coleman for a special exemption permit to allow for a vehicle salvage yard. This property, identified as County Tax Number 143000-08-003, and zoned as Agricultural is located on the south side of Hwy 738 (White House Road) and approximately one (1) mile west of its intersection with Hwy 735 (Hite Drive), Election District 9, County of Mecklenburg. Reference Deed Book LR-21-2309.

There was no public comment.

The public hearing was closed.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to deny the application by Jamarrea Coleman for a special exemption permit to allow for a vehicle salvage yard for the following reasons. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

1. Concerned all environmental measures had not been met prior to the submitting the application.
2. The applicant had been operating this activity for some time without approval.

A public hearing was held on the application by Roy Simmons for a special exemption permit to conduct firearm safety class. This property, identified as County Tax Number 050000-A-053, and zoned Agricultural, is located on the east side of Hwy 688 (Skipwith Road), approximately one (1) mile south of its intersection with Hwy 831 (Butler Farm Road), Election District 2, County of Mecklenburg. Reference Deed Book LR-19-3562.

Mr. Simmons addressed the Board on behalf of his application. He advised that he has received firearm instructor training from several agencies and that there is a great need for classes in this area. Mr. Simmons stated that his classes would only be for handguns and that the layout of his range is safe.

Upon a motion of Mr. Hargrove, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application by Roy Simmons for a special exemption permit to conduct firearm safety class with the following conditions. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

1. The county has approved these types of applications in the past.
2. The owner will be responsible for all safety activities during classes.
3. Classes will have no more than six (6) students at one time.
4. The owner will be responsible for any lead contamination and the proper disposal should be within the state and federal guidelines.
5. The weapons will be between a .380 to .45 caliber.
6. Classes will be held Monday thru Saturday from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

A public hearing was held on the application by Kevin Graham for a special exemption permit to allow for a boat storage and boat detailing business. This property, identified as County Tax Number 204000-A-001, and zoned Agricultural, is located on the south side of Hwy 903, and is approximately 1/4 of a mile east of its intersection with Blackridge Road (Hwy 626), Election District 3, County of Mecklenburg. Reference Deed Book B & P 407-657 and Will Book WF-23-47.

Mr. Rick Cutler, with Pointe Realty Group, was present to speak on behalf of Mr. Graham. Mr. Cutler advised that Mr. Graham also owns Poplar Creek Marina, just down the road in Brunswick County. He advised that this would simply be used as overflow parking for his boat inventory. This location would not need to be heavily lit, as it will not be a public facility.

Mrs. Alicia Clary was present to speak against this application. Mrs. Clary advised that she has built her forever home adjacent to the property. Mrs. Clary is concerned this activity would devalue her property. Mrs. Clary is concerned about commercial lighting and a commercial grade chain link fence around the property.

Mr. Richard Mechalske spoke on behalf of the Joyceville Homeowners Association, urging the Board to deny the application as they are concerned about run-off.

Mr. Wally Sako addressed the Board on behalf of the Joyceville Board of Directors. He stated that they want to protect their citizens and take a stand on this matter urging the Board to deny this application. He stated that this special exception would take away from the goal of Mr. Rudd who developed the Joyceville Subdivision.

Ms. Dora Smith, adjacent property owner, addressed the Board asking them to deny the application, stating that it would have a negative impact on the area, create more pollution, draw crime to the area and create more traffic.

Ms. Joanne Painter, property owner addressed the Board and stated that this property joins other commercial property and believes it is a good fit for the area.

Upon a motion of Mr. Tanner, the Board voted unanimously to send this application back to the Planning Commission for more details and a site plan. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

Mr. Hendrick advised the Board for informational purposes that the Planning Commission has approved two 2232 reviews for cell towers. One is located at Horseshoe Road and New Hope Road in Skipwith and the other is Highway Forty-Seven, 4 miles west of Chase City.

Mr. Carter reviewed the VDOT Secondary Roads Six Year Plan. Mr. Carter stated that the County has been allotted additional funding this year, allowing for 5.5 miles of road funding. The Secondary Roads Committee and VDOT has met to determine what would best suit the needs of the citizens in the County. The Committee decided to consider roads with the highest road count and roads that were on the old 2005 Six Year Plan when adding new roads to the current plan.

Mr. Brankley stated that he is pleased with the amount of roads, the Board was able to add to the plan. He asked for citizens to remain patient, but the plan is moving along much faster than in the past.

A public hearing was held on the 2024-2029 VDOT Secondary Roads Six Year Plan.

Mr. Sydnor Mallory Jr., was present representing his father, Sydnor Mallory of Finneywood Road, Chase City. He advised that his father has been trying to get this road paved for over 40 years. He stated that his father has a petition with over 2000 signatures and nothing has been done.

Ms. Cynthia Keeton addressed the Board asking them to consider Finneywood Road, Chase City. She advised that she thinks it would be more cost effective to pave the road instead of constantly

having to treat the dust. She advised that she has a lung disease, and the dust keeps her from enjoying the outdoors.

The public hearing was closed.

Upon a motion of Mr. Brankley, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Six Year Plan as presented. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

Under Public Comment:

Mr. Henry Ciavarella addressed the Board in reference to Hunter Alexander Road. He advised that numerous people have moved to the area and the road count has increased. He and his neighbors would like the Board to consider paving it.

Mr. Carter advised that due to it having a road count of 90, Hunter Alexander Road would probably be added to the plan next year.

Ms. Elizabeth Pittman of George W. Jones Road addressed the Board. She advised that she has lived there her entire life. She advised that she was told that her road would be paved in 2024. She advised that the dust is unbelievable. Ms. Pittman is also requesting that VDOT put more chemical down for the dust.

Mr. Carter advised Ms. Pittman that George W. Jones Road is not on the plan.

Mr. Kevin Smith, VDOT Assistant Resident Engineer addressed the Board with a monthly update including their mowing schedule and bridge repairs. He advised that a traffic camera has been installed at Highway Fifty-Eight/Route 4. This is a weather/traffic camera, once online, anyone will be able to access the camera by using VDOT's 511 system online.

Mr. Jennings asked Mr. Smith to help the concerned citizens here today with additional dust control maintenance.

Mr. Tanner questioned Mr. Smith about the timeframe of the paving on Interstate 85 as the detour is causing a traffic issue.

Mr. Carter asked Mr. Smith to have the private mowing sub-contractors to be conscious of 911 signs, trying not to damage them and Mr. Wilkinson also added new fiber lines and boxes to that request as well.

Mr. David Lipscomb presented the Board with an update on Empower Broadband. He advised that there is a lot of fiber being installed in Mecklenburg County. He stated that there is approximately 14,634 addresses that are eligible through the VATI grant that was approved in 2022. He showed the Board a map showing all 3 phases of activity. He stated that Empower has 2,066 active fiber internet accounts across the County.

Mrs. Lundy asked Mr. Lipscomb about the timeline for installation on Theater Road. He advised that he will check and let her know.

Ms. Roxana Demeter with Dominion Energy presented the Board with an update on the Jeffress Project. She presented the Board with maps, showing the current transmission lines and data centers, advising that there are insufficient with the load that is projected. She presented the Southside Infrastructure Enhancements for the future, even though this update is on the Jeffress Project. Ms. Demeter advised that 18-21 miles of two-single-circuit 230 kV transmission lines paralleling one another on shared right-of-way from the Finneywood Substation Site to the Jeffress Substation is the project scope. She advised that construction will begin in 2025 and finish in 2026.

The Budget & Finance Committee met on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Jennings, Chairman; David Brankley; Charles Jones; Tom Tanner; Sterling Wilkinson

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Barbour; Brenda Blackwell; Claudia Lundy; Andy Hargrove; Wayne Carter, County Administrator; Alex Gottschalk, Deputy County Administrator; Ed Taylor, Commissioner of Revenue; Sandra Langford, Treasurer

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

The Committee discussed the following additions to the staff recommended FY 2023-2024 Budget. Each were presented by the Supervisor that sponsored the request.

Contribution to the Town of La Crosse for Allen Park +\$250 Recurring
Sponsored by: Supervisor Tanner

Summary: The contribution from the County to the Town of La Crosse in support of Allen Park will increase from \$750 to \$1,000. This will offset increased costs incurred by the Town in field maintenance. Allen Park is home to the only field in the Town of La Crosse and is used for baseball, softball, soccer, and kickball. The field has also impacted by an on-going Town / Southside Planning District Commission / Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development project on the adjoining street.

South Hill Yellow Jackets Facility Work +\$40,000 One-Time
Sponsored by: Supervisor Brankley

Summary: Since 2022, the South Hill Yellow Jackets have used the athletics facilities of the vacated Park View Hill School for football, cheerleading, and basketball. The Yellow Jackets made substantial facility repairs and improvements to Park View in conjunction with the operation of their league. This one-time contribution will reimburse the Yellow Jackets for the work commissioned since the Yellow Jackets relocated to Park View. This will hold the Yellow Jackets harmless from their investment given that the permanent use of Park View has not yet been determined by the Board.

PILT Payment to the Town of Boydton +\$7,500 Recurring
Sponsored by: Supervisor Blackwell

Summary: Additional funds are appropriated to the Town of Boydton to offset the reduction in the Town's taxbase resulting from the County's purchase of new properties located in Town for County building expansions. The funds will help pay for the Town's

increased operational costs at the Boydton Waste Water Treatment Plan, which has seen a surge of activity related to economic development in the Boydton region.

Maccallum More Museum & Gardens Operations +\$7,478 Recurring +\$2,100 One-Time

Sponsored by: Supervisor Blackwell

Summary: The recurring appropriation will provide support to the Museum & Gardens as it prepares to provide weekend visitation offerings to the public. Presently, the Museum & Gardens is closed on weekends, a prime time for visitor traffic. This has cost the Museum & Gardens lost revenue opportunities. The amount of the appropriation was calculated based on the cost of a tour guide to work the periods between 10 AM and 5 PM on Saturdays and 1 PM to 5 PM on Sundays. The one-time appropriation will assist the Museum & Gardens determine how to replace the over 20-year-old irrigation and lighting systems that are past their functional useful life through a structural evaluation that will generate a capital restoration plan for the Museum & Gardens.

Lake Country Regional Airport Mower Purchase +\$8,000 One-Time

Sponsored by: Supervisor Jones

Summary: The County will provide 30% of the cost towards the Airport's capital purchase of a remote controlled Agria Brush Cutter Mower.

Clarksville Community Players Children's Theater +\$5,000 Recurring

Sponsored by: Supervisor Jones

Summary: funds will be used for tuition remission for participants in the two-week summer children's theater workshop put on by the Clarksville Community Players. Covering such costs will create an outlet for performative arts exposure for children of all economic statuses, thereby encouraging educational development and social interactions outside of the school year.

Lake Life Live Sponsorship +\$5,000 Recurring

Sponsored by: Supervisor Jones

Summary: The County will serve as a sponsor for the Clarksville Economic Development Association's Lake Life Live concert series. This sponsorship, will cover the average cost of one band and will help ensure that tickets remain priced at a family friendly level.

Robbins Park (Clarksville) Repairs + \$ 15,000 One-Time

Sponsored by: Supervisor Jones

Summary: The County will match, on a dollar-for-dollar basis up to \$ 15,000, the cost for facility repairs to be made by the Town of Clarksville at Robbins Park this fall. The primary anticipated scope of work for this project includes laser grading the infield dirt, replacement of press box sidings, and bathroom improvements.

Non-General Fund

Opioid Abatement Study +\$20,000 One-Time

Sponsored by: County Administration

Summary: The Southside Planning District Commission will pursue a planning grant from the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority to study potential avenues of treatment related to regional opioid prevention and recovery. Each County government in the PDC's service area, will contribute to the local match needed to proceed with the study. Mecklenburg's match will be paid by settlement funds deposited in the new Opioid Fund (# 103).

Upon a motion of Mr. Brankley, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the FY 2023-2024 Budget as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jennings, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Budget and Finance Committee Minutes as presented. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

The Economic Development Committee met on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisor's Meeting Room, Boydton, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Jones, Chairman; Tom Tanner; Jim Jennings, Sterling Wilkinson

OTHERS PRESENT: Glenn Barbour; David Brankley; Claudia Lundy; Andy Hargrove; Wayne Carter, County Administrator; Alex Gottschalk, Deputy County Administrator

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Mr. Carter reviewed the bid received for the Bishop Campus Water Supply Contract A-12" Waterline. Three bids were received.

Upon a motion of Mr. Tanner, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend approving the lowest bid received from KCH Contracting at a cost of \$419,475.00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to accept the lowest bid received from KCH Contracting at a cost of \$419,475.00. for the Bishop Campus Water Supply Contract A-12" Waterline. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

Upon a motion Mr. Jennings, the Board voted by roll call vote 9-0 to adopt the following FY 2023-2024 Budget Ordinance. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget Ordinance

Whereas, pursuant to § 15.2 - 2503 of the *Code of Virginia*, Mecklenburg County must adopt a budget and enact tax rates for Fiscal Year 2023-24 prior to July 1, 2023;

Whereas, prior to the adoption of said budget, the County must place a synopsis of the budget in a newspaper of general circulation and must hold a public hearing;

Whereas, the ad was placed in the *Mecklenburg Sun*, the South Hill *Enterprise* and the Chase City *News-Progress* and the public hearing was held in Boydton on April 26, 2023; and

Whereas, on May 2, 2023, the Budget and Finance Committee of the Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors voted to recommend the budget for adoption by the full Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR MECKLENBURG COUNTY, VIRGINIA THAT:

1. \$302,732,659, which consists of \$264,375,057 in operations and \$38,357,602 in inter-fund transfers, are hereby appropriated for County governmental activities in the Fiscal Year that commences on July 1, 2023 (Fiscal Year 2023-24). The appropriations shall be allocated by fund, department, and object code as displayed within the Budget Document, which is hereby incorporated by reference in this ordinance.
2. A summary of expenditures for the fiscal year is set out in Attachment A. The distribution of funds and departments shown in Attachment A shall constitute the legal appropriation units for Fiscal Year 2023-24.
3. A summary of estimated revenues by fund and general source is set out in Attachment B. Attachment B shall constitute the estimated resources available to support appropriations within Fiscal Year 2023-24.
4. Funds for school purposes shall be appropriated on a categorical basis and shall align to the classifications as set forth by § 22.1 – 115 of the *Code of Virginia*. Fund numbers 241, 242, and 243 shall be managed by the Mecklenburg County School Board. This authority shall include the power to order and approve all such expenditures that may be made from these funds. Fund numbers 108 and 240 shall be jointly administered by the County and the Mecklenburg County Public Schools. Fund number 115 shall be under the direction of County Administration.
5. Funds to provide public assistance and social services shall be appropriated pursuant to the provisions of § 63.2 – 400 of the *Code of Virginia*. Accordingly, fund number 201 shall be managed by the Mecklenburg County Board of Social Services. This authority shall include the power to order and approve all such expenditures that may be made from this fund.
6. Within each fund, appropriation units shall be governed and controlled on an aggregate basis by department. Funds may be transferred within a department, between departments within a fund, or between funds, as necessary by County Administration to ensure governmental operations.

7. All balances of appropriations, as enacted by this ordinance, within each fund aside from the General Fund not expended at the end of the fiscal year are hereby declared to be lapsed into the fund balance of the respective funds and shall be considered available for re-appropriation within said fund by the Board in subsequent years. For balances left in the General Fund at the end of the fiscal year, the County Administrator is authorized to either assign such amounts to the Fund Balance of the General Fund or to transfer and deposit such amounts into other funds, as is deemed necessary by the County Administrator to advance County operations. All assignments or transfers made by the County Administrator pursuant to this authority shall be reported to the Board after the conclusion of the accrual period in August and, if further available funds are identified, after the completion of the County audit.
8. Enactment Clause # 1 of “An Ordinance to Implement the 2022 Mecklenburg County Compensation and Classification Study,” adopted by the Board on December 12, 2022, is hereby amended and reenacted with a one percent increase for the minimum, midpoint, and maximum of each grade. A summary of the new amount per grade is set out in Attachment C. References to Attachment C are deemed to have the same force of law as if included within the text of this ordinance.
9. Should any part of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections and enactment clauses contained within this ordinance.
10. The provisions of this ordinance shall be effective on July 1, 2023.

Upon a motion of Mr. Tanner, the Board voted by roll call vote 9-0 to adopt the following FY 2023-2024 Tax Ordinance. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote ‘aye’.

Fiscal Year 2023-24 Tax Ordinance

Whereas, pursuant to § 15.2 - 2503 of the *Code of Virginia*, Mecklenburg County must adopt a budget and enact tax rates for Fiscal Year 2023-24 prior to July 1, 2023;

Whereas, pursuant to § 58.1 - 3001 of the *Code of Virginia*, Mecklenburg County must fix tax rates for Fiscal Year 2023-24 prior to the end of June; and

Whereas, Fiscal Year 2023-24 is a non-reassessment year for real estate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR MECKLENBURG COUNTY, VIRGINIA THAT:

1. For Tax Year 2023-24, which shall be defined as the period that commences with the first of July, 2023, and concludes with the thirtieth of June, 2024, there is hereby levied, on taxes subject to annual adjustment by the Board of Supervisors:

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- a) A tax of \$0.40 per every \$100.00 of assessed valuation on all real estate in Mecklenburg County.
 - b) A tax of \$3.36 per every \$100.00 of assessed valuation on all taxable tangible personal property that is located within Mecklenburg County on the first day of July, 2023, except there shall be no tax levied upon household goods and personal effects.
 - c) A tax of \$0.66 per every \$100.00 of assessed valuation on machinery and tools that are located within Mecklenburg County on the first day of July, 2023.
 - d) A tax of \$0.72 per every \$100.00 of merchant's capital held by any merchant that operates in Mecklenburg County on the first day of July, 2023.
 - e) A tax rate of \$0.40 per every \$100.00 of assessed valuation on real property; a tax of \$3.36 per every \$100.00 of assessed valuation upon personal property; and a tax of \$.72 per every \$100.00 of merchant's capital, for all real property; personal property; and merchant's capital held by any public service corporation within Mecklenburg County on the first day of July, 2023.
 - f) A tax of \$0.40 per every \$100.00 of assessed valuation on mobile homes located within Mecklenburg County on the first day of July, 2023.
 - g) A tax of \$0.80 per every \$100.00 upon the net capital of any bank located in Mecklenburg County outside the corporate limits of any town on the first day of July, 2023.
2. In accordance with Section 66 – 1 of the Mecklenburg County Code of Ordinances, all taxes levied by Mecklenburg County through the enactment of this ordinance shall be payable in two equal installments, the first of which shall be due on December 5, 2023, and the second, which shall be due on June 5, 2024.
 3. The taxes and rates set out in this ordinance shall not be construed as to be an exhaustive list of all taxes imposed by Mecklenburg County. Certain levies on activities subject to taxation pursuant to authority granted to the County through the *Code of Virginia* are governed by stand-alone sections of the Mecklenburg County Code of Ordinances and are not subject to annual adjustments. In such cases, the rate directly fixed in County Code shall govern, and the omission of such taxes from this ordinance shall not be construed as to supersede, abrogate, or remove the fixed County tax or to substitute a rate of zero upon such activities.
 4. Should any part of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections and enactment clauses contained within this ordinance.
 5. The provisions of this ordinance shall be effective on July 1, 2023.

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Upon a motion of Mrs. Lundy, the Board voted by roll call vote 9-0 to approve the following Capital Improvement Plan. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote ‘aye’.

FY 2025

Ambulance	\$300,000
Computer Replacement	\$70,000
Building Inspector Truck	\$40,000
Capital Reserve & Grant Match	\$100,000
Convenience Center	
Construction	\$1,750,000
Buildings and Grounds: Upkeep and Upgrades	\$100,000
School Demolition	\$1,000,000
Goode Bank Building	\$2,500,000
Court Technology	\$385,000
Fiber Enhancements	\$70,000
Rolloff Container	\$90,000
Clarksville Elementary	\$15,000,000
South Hill Elementary Flooring	\$110,000
South Hill Elementary Chiller	\$175,000
School Emergency Contingency	\$50,000

\$21,740,000

FY 2026

Waste Disposal Trucks	\$375,000
Computer Replacement	\$72,000
Animal Control Trucks	\$45,000
Building Inspector Truck	\$40,000
Capital Reserve & Grant Match	\$100,000
Convenience Center	
Construction	\$1,750,000
Buildings and Grounds: Upkeep and Upgrades	\$100,000
Fiber Enhancements	\$63,000
South Hill Elementary Flooring	\$115,500
South Hill Elementary Chiller	\$185,000
Emergency Contingency	\$50,000
Chase City Elementary	\$5,000,000

\$7,895,500

FY 2027

Ambulance	\$300,000
Computer Replacement	\$75,000
Building Inspector Truck	\$40,000
Capital Reserve & Grant Match	\$100,000

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Convenience Center Construction	\$1,750,000
Buildings and Grounds: Upkeep and Upgrades	\$100,000
South Hill Elementary Flooring	\$122,000
School Emergency Contingency	\$50,000
Chase City Elementary	\$20,000,000
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	\$22,537,000

FY 2028

Waste Disposal Trucks	\$400,000
Ambulance	\$300,000
Computer Replacement	\$78,000
Capital Reserve & Grant Match	\$100,000
Convenience Center Construction	\$1,750,000
Buildings and Grounds: Upkeep and Upgrades	\$100,000
South Hill Elementary Flooring	\$127,500
South Hill Elementary Parking	\$125,000
School Emergency Contingency	\$50,000
Chase City Elementary	\$15,000,000
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	\$18,030,500

FY 2029

Computer Replacement	\$80,000
Capital Reserve & Grant Match	\$100,000
Convenience Center Construction	\$1,750,000
Buildings and Grounds: Upkeep and Upgrades	\$100,000
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	\$2,030,000

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to approve the end of the year transfers in the FY 2022-2023 Budget. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote ‘aye’.

Under the County Administrator’s report:

Mr. Carter advised that Building Permits were still holding up, as well as Zoning Permits. Mr. Carter advised that the Animal Warden’s report and the Sheriff’s report for informational purposes are included. Mr. Carter advised that the Southside Behavioral Health monthly update was included. Mr. Carter advised the Board that Emergency Services Mutual Aid Agreements have been prepared and reviewed by the County Attorney for Mecklenburg County and the County’s of Charlotte and Lunenburg.

Upon a motion of Mr. Tanner, the Board voted unanimously to authorize staff to sign the Emergency Services Mutual Aid Agreements between Mecklenburg County and the County’s of

Charlotte and Lunenburg. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

Mr. Carter explained to the Board the per diem for Meherrin River Regional Jail has always been based on the previous year's ADM. The Jail Authority has decided to change that to a three-year rolling average.

Upon a motion of Mr. Tanner, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the County of Mecklenburg County is a member jurisdiction of the Meherrin River Regional Jail Authority ("Jail") and is responsible for the per diem costs of County inmates sent to the Jail;

Whereas, the Jail's service agreement provides that the budgeted Per Diem Charge percentages shall be adjusted each Fiscal Year to approximate the actual proportionate use of the Regional Jail System by the Member Jurisdictions as of the end of the immediately preceding calendar year or as of the end of such other period as the Member Jurisdictions may determine;

Whereas, the Jail and its members would like to use a rolling three year average instead of the immediately preceding year as an alternative method to calculate the per diem charge in order to better absorb annual fluctuations in individual inmate percentages.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the County of Mecklenburg that the Meherrin River Regional Jail Authority is authorized to use a three-year rolling average to calculate each member jurisdiction's per diem cost.

Mr. Carter advised the Board that there has been much discussion in the past about upgrading the accessibility from water to the Town Clarksville. This is called the Cove Project. This project would consist of 16 docks as phase 1. A State grant has been applied for, if approved, the Town of Clarksville would be put up \$150,000.00 the County \$70,000.00.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Board unanimously to endorse the Town of Clarksville Cove Project. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

Mr. Carter advised that a request has been received from the Southside Planning District Commission for the County to waive the building permit fees for the Phase 2, B. Street Housing Development Project in Chase City. The cost would be approximately \$850.00.

Upon a motion of Ms. Blackwell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request by the Southside Planning District Commission. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

Ms. Tina Morgan, Tourism Coordinator updated the Board on the Bass Masters Tournament held in Clarksville last week. There were 223 professional anglers and 180 co-anglers fishing the

tournament. The anglers were from 36 states and 5 foreign countries. Ms. Morgan advised that the anglers stayed in Clarksville and surrounding areas for approximately 7 days. She stated that according to surveys and research, she believes that \$500,000.00 was spent by them. She advised that this was a great event.

Under the Chairman's report:

Chairman Barbour advised that the minutes of the Lake Country Regional Airport Commission and Treasurer's report were included in the packet for informational purposes. She isn't eligible for reappointment.

Chairman Barbour advised that the term of Ms. Frances Clark on the Southside Behavioral Health Board is expiring in June.

The Board tabled that matter, until the June meeting.

There is a vacancy on the Tri-County Community Action Agency Board.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jennings, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Mrs. Lundy to serve a term on the Tri-County Community Action Agency Board. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jennings, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent calendar as it relates to the April bill's list. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

Under the County Attorney's report:

Mr. Slayton advised the Board that any proposed solar project must submit an application to the Planning Commission for a 2232 review to make sure that the project is in accordance with the County's Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission then has 60 days to advise the applicant. The Code of Virginia permits the Planning Commission to have an extension if necessary and such permission must be granted by the Board of Supervisors.

The Planning Commission has requested an extension for two 2232 review applications. New Hope Agrisolar and Lone Oak Agrisolar.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution, extending the Planning Commission's response time on New Hope Agrisolar until September 5, 2023. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

RESOLUTION

RE: APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF PLANNING COMMISSION'S REVIEW OF THE APPLICATION OF RC DEVCO LLC REQUESTING

REVIEW PURSUANT TO VA. CODE ANN. § 15.2-2232

WHEREAS, RC DevCo, LLC submitted an application for review of its proposed New Hope Agrisolar facility pursuant to Va. Code Ann. § 15.2-2232 (the “Application”), which application was received by Mecklenburg County on April 20, 2023;

WHEREAS, Va. Code Ann. § 15.2-2232.B. provides for the Planning Commission to take action on the Application within sixty (60) days of the date of the Application unless such review period is extended by the Board of Supervisors;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to provide additional time for the Planning Commission to review the Application.

IT IS, ACCORDINGLY, HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors that, as authorized by Va. Code Ann. § 15.2-2232.B., the Board of Supervisors extends the time period for the Planning Commission to the review the Application until September 5, 2023.

Upon a motion of Mr. Wilkinson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution, extending the Planning Commission’s response time on Lone Oak Agrisolar until September 5, 2023. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote ‘aye’.

RESOLUTION

RE: APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF PLANNING COMMISSION’S REVIEW OF THE APPLICATION OF RC DEVCO LLC REQUESTING

REVIEW PURSUANT TO VA. CODE ANN. § 15.2-2232

WHEREAS, RC DevCo, LLC submitted an application for review of its proposed Lone Oak Agrisolar facility pursuant to Va. Code Ann. § 15.2-2232 (the “Application”), which application was received by Mecklenburg County on April 26, 2023;

WHEREAS, Va. Code Ann. § 15.2-2232.B. provides for the Planning Commission to take action on the Application within sixty (60) days of the date of the Application unless such review period is extended by the Board of Supervisors;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to provide additional time for the Planning Commission to review the Application.

IT IS, ACCORDINGLY, HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors that, as authorized by Va. Code Ann. § 15.2-2232.B., the Board of Supervisors extends the time period for the Planning Commission to the review the Application until September 5, 2023.

Mr. Slayton advised the Board that as part of renovation and reconstruction of Clarksville Elementary, it was necessary to acquire some property that adjoins the school property. The

County took the lead on obtaining this property but it would need to be conveyed to the School Board.

Upon a motion of Mr. Hargrove, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote ‘aye’.

RESOLUTION

**RE: ASSIGNMENT OF PURCHASE RIGHTS TO
COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

WHEREAS, by contract dated April 4, 2023, with Ann Mercedes Jones and John Lewis Baptist, Co-Trustees of Trust Created Under Will of Lucille D. Baptist, Mecklenburg County contracted to purchase property consisting of 0.89 acre, identified on the Mecklenburg County Tax Maps as TMP 168000-A-002, PR 8651, having the physical address of 1658 Noblin Farm Road, Clarksville, Virginia 23927 (“Property”), which Property is needed for construction and renovations underway to the Clarksville Elementary School;

WHEREAS, although the County is contract purchaser of the Property, rather than having the Property titled in the County’s name, and then having the County deed the Property to the County School Board of Mecklenburg County, Virginia (“School Board”), the Board of Supervisors has determined that title to the Property should be conveyed directly to the School Board.

IT IS, ACCORDINGLY, HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors that the County’s right to purchase the Property is retroactively assigned to the School Board as of May 5, 2023, and that the recorded deed conveying the Property to the School Board is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Under Board Member matters:

Ms. Blackwell is pleased to hear how many citizens have access to high-speed internet now. She also advised that she was pleased with the success of the bass tournament.

Mr. Brankley thanked Tina for her work with the bass tournament. He highlighted how remarkable it is that the Board passed such a budget, with no tax increase or public comment.

Mr. Hargrove stated that constituents came out to speak about their roads being paved but no one spoke about the budget. Also, he thanked Tina for overseeing the activities of the bass tournament.

Mrs. Lundy thanked the budget committee for finishing up the budget in such a timely manner with no tax increase. She also thanked staff for their work and Tina for a job well done.

Mr. Wilkinson stated that we are so blessed to be able to pass a budget of this magnitude with no tax increase. He also stated that he is pleased with the progress on getting fiber to all the homes in the County.

Mr. Tanner thanked the budget committee and staff for their work on passing the budget in a timely manner. Mr. Tanner stated that the County is making progress with hiring EMS providers. Next, Mr. Tanner advised that the Regional Jail is moving in the right direction to hopefully open back up the satellite facility in Boydton. Mr. Tanner also thanked Tina for a job well done and asked staff to put some six-year plan information on the County's website. Next, Mr. Tanner recognized the South Hill Fire Department for purchasing a rescue truck that is going to be a huge asset to this area.

Mr. Jones praised Tina for the wonderful job she does with tourism. He agreed with fellow Board Members on how amazing it was to pass such a budget with no tax increase.

Mr. Jennings agreed with fellow Board Members on their comments in reference to the budget and tourism.

Mr. Barbour requested for Robert Hendrick to request that the applicant on the boat storage special exception application submit a landscaping and site plan and to meet with the adjoining property owners, so they will know what to expect.

Upon a motion of Mr. Hargrove, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711, that the Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors hold a closed meeting for the following purposes:

1. Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711.A.7, consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body. Specifically, the Board will discuss *Antlers Road Solar, LLC, et als. v. Board of Supervisors for Mecklenburg County, et als.* (CL23-172).
2. Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711.A.8, consultation with legal counsel employed by the public body regarding a specific legal matter requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. Specifically, the Board will discuss solar issues.

Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

Upon motion of Mr. Tanner, the Board voted unanimously to go back into Open Session. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

Upon motion of Mr. Wilkinson, the Board voted to adopt the following Certification Resolution. Supervisors Barbour, Jennings, Blackwell, Brankley, Hargrove, Jones, Lundy, Tanner, and Wilkinson vote 'aye'.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors convened a Closed Session on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provision of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors that such Closed Session was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the Closed Session to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the Closed Session were heard, discussed or considered by the Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors.

VOTE:	AYE:	NAYE:
	Barbour	
	Jennings	
	Blackwell	
	Brankley	
	Hargrove	
	Jones	
	Lundy	
	Tanner	
	Wilkinson	

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until June 12, 2023, unless sooner called to order by the Chairman.