

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Cabarrus met in regular session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Cabarrus County Governmental Center in Concord, North Carolina at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

Public access to the meeting could also be obtained through the following means:

live broadcast at 6:00 p.m. on Channel 22  
<https://www.youtube.com/cabarruscounty>  
<https://www.cabarruscounty.us/cabcotv>

Present - Chair: Laura B. Lindsey  
Vice Chairman: Ian Patrick  
Commissioners: Kenneth M. Wortman  
Larry G. Pittman  
Jeff Jones

Also present were Kelly Sifford, Interim County Manager; Aalece Pugh, Assistant County Manager; Kyle Bilafer, Assistant County Manager; Doug Hall, County Attorney/General Counsel; and Ariadne Olvera, Clerk to the Board.

Chair Lindsey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Chair Lindsey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dan Marshall, Local Government Ministries, provided the invocation.

**(A) APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF MINUTES**

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Vice Chair Patrick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes as presented.

June 16, 2025 (Regular Meeting)  
July 7, 2025 (Work Session)  
July 16, 2025 (Cabarrus Summit)  
July 21, 2025 (Regular Meeting)  
August 4, 2025 (Work Session)  
August 18, 2025 (Regular Meeting)  
August 25, 2025 (Special meeting)  
September 2, 2025 (Work Session)

**(B) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Chair Lindsey reviewed the following changes to the agenda.

UPDATED:

Consent Agenda  
F-7 Cooperative Extension - Poultry Equipment Rental (Policy and Guidelines)

New Business  
G-2 Finance - LOBS Refund - Public Hearing 6:00 p.m.

ADDITIONS:

Recognitions and Proclamations  
C-1 Proclamation - Consolidated Human Services Agency - Social Worker Month

New Business  
G-1 Finance - Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Audit Report

G-2 Finance - LOBS Refund

G-3 Boards and Committees - Commission on Financial Efficiency - Removal

G-4 Boards and Committees - Commission on Financial Efficiency - Removal

G-5 Boards and Committees - Commission on Financial Efficiency - Appointment

G-6 Boards and Committees - Commission on Financial Efficiency - Appointment

G-7 Boards and Committees - Commission on Financial Efficiency - Appointment

Closed Session

J-1 Closed Session - Consult with Attorney

MOVED:

F-9 Consent Agenda to G-8 New Business - Facilities Design and Construction - Recommended Approval of Preferred Bid Alternate for Progress Place Renovation

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Pittman and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda as amended.

Chair Lindsey recognized Katrina Michalski, a member of the Youth Commission.

**(C) RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**(C-1) Proclamation - Consolidated Human Services Agency - Social Worker Month**

Aalece Pugh, Assistant County Manager, read the proclamation aloud.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Vice Chair Patrick, and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the proclamation.

Proclamation No. 2026-04

2026 SOCIAL WORK MONTH PROCLAMATION  
SOCIAL WORKERS – UPLIFT. DEFEND. TRANSFORM.

WHEREAS, Social Workers positively impact the lives of millions of Americans daily, in hospitals, schools, child welfare agencies, community centers, and within the federal, state and local governments nationwide;

WHEREAS, for more than a century, Social Workers have worked to improve human well-being, advocate for justice, and support everyone's basic needs;

INASMUCH AS, Social Workers select this profession out of a deep commitment to help uplift, defend, and transform the lives of people, their families and communities;

WHEREAS, the 2026 theme, "Social Workers: Uplift. Defend. Transform," shines a light on the resolute spirit of social workers who transform lives while bringing hope, healing, and justice to the communities they serve - especially in times of profound change and challenges;

BECAUSE, Social Workers follow a Code of Ethics that calls on them to stand for residents in the Cabarrus community and uphold human dignity;

WHEREAS, Social Workers are on the frontlines uplifting vital social safety net programs and ensuring the rights of everyone;

CONSIDERING, Social Workers assist those navigating trauma, grief, and systemic biases, and help people recover from natural disasters, public health crises, and other issues while transforming their lives in encouraging ways;

INASMUCH AS, Social Workers confront oppression and racism, advocate for human rights, and advancing fair policies for all persons by obliterating barriers that prevent individuals, and families from thriving;

WHEREAS, Social Workers care for those who have mental health issues, are recovering from substance use disorders, and support the well-being of children;

BECAUSE, the profession continues to grow, with more than 810,000 social workers in the United States and approximately 130 social workers employed by Cabarrus County who transform lives by shaping a more just and compassionate society through leadership, education, advocacy and direct practice;

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of the critical contributions of Cabarrus County social workers, the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners proclaim the month of March 2026 as National Social Work Month, and call upon everyone to join the National Association of Social Workers and Cabarrus County in celebrating and supporting the vital work of Social Workers who uplift, defend, and positively transform our communities each and every day.

Adopted this 17th day of February, 2026.

/s/ Laura Lindsey  
Laura Lindsey, Chairman  
Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners

**(D) INFORMAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Lindsey opened the meeting for Informal Public Comments at 6:08 p.m.

Brian Heintz, a resident at 4650 Hwy 73 E, Concord, spoke regarding employee benefits and the County Budget.

Keith Drake, a resident at 16155 Hopewell Church Rd, Midland, spoke regarding employee benefits.

Randy Buckwell, a resident at 4840 Barrier Rd, Concord, spoke regarding employee benefits.

Dean Vernon, a resident at 2222 Fisher Road, Kannapolis, spoke regarding health insurance benefits for retirees.

Keith Frost, a resident of 1301 Burlwood Road, Concord, spoke regarding community concerns.

Jerry Anderson, a resident at 133 Kennedy Avenue, Kannapolis, discussed matters related to DSS.

Jeeter Anderson, a resident at 133 Kennedy Avenue, Kannapolis, discussed matters related to DSS.

Taranda Miller, a resident at 5835 Charlie Walker Road, Kannapolis commented on the Fishertown community.

Marcia Miller, a resident at 7601 Brusharbor Road, Concord, spoke regarding the significance of county libraries.

Juliane Hofmann, a resident at 209 Summer Lake Drive SW, Concord, spoke regarding the significance of county libraries.

Jessica Pacek, a resident at 11708 Tucker Field Road, Midland, raised the topic of potential funding for a standalone library facility.

Jessica Reid, a resident at 310 Eddleman Road, Kannapolis, spoke on the importance of libraries in the community.

Dan Redding, a resident at 4378 Bridge Pointe Drive, Harrisburg commented on the processes and appointment processes including for Boards and Committees.

Leigh Brown, a resident at 9805 Chestnut Hills Road, Harrisburg, commented regarding matters related to distracted driving and roadway safety.

Chris Cranston, a resident at 475 High Meadows Drive, Concord, spoke regarding matters related to county elections and voter participation.

Ingrid Nurse, a resident of Concord, commented on local government practices.

Laverne Graves, a resident of 72 Corban Avenue SW, Concord, spoke regarding homelessness and the community.

There was no one else to address the Board, therefore Chair Lindsay closed that portion of the meeting.

**(E) OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**(F) CONSENT AGENDA**

**(F-1) Boards and Committees - Agricultural Advisory Board - Removal**

Louis Suther served on the Agricultural Advisory Committee. His term expired, and he was unavailable to continue. It was requested he be removed from the roster and thanked for his service.

**UPON MOTION** of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Vice Chair Patrick, and unanimously carried, the Board removed Louis Suther from the Agricultural Advisory Committee and thanked him for his service.

**(F-2) Boards and Committees - Agricultural Advisory Board - Removal**

Bob Blackwelder served on the Agricultural Advisory Committee. His term expired, and he was unavailable to continue. It was requested he be removed from the roster and thanked for his service.

**UPON MOTION** of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Vice Chair Patrick, and unanimously carried, the Board removed Bob Blackwelder from the Agricultural Advisory Committee and thanked him for his service.

**(F-3) Boards and Committees - Agricultural Advisory Board - Appointment**

Wendy Austin-Sellers served in Seat #6 on the Agricultural Advisory Committee; her term expired January 31, 2026. It was recommended that she be reappointed to a three-year term expiring January 31, 2029, with any necessary exceptions to the appointment policy.

**UPON MOTION** of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Vice Chair Patrick, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Wendy Austin-Sellers to Seat #6 on the Agricultural Advisory Committee, term expiring January 31, 2029, and to include any necessary exceptions to the appointment policy.

**(F-4) Boards and Committees - Agricultural Advisory Board - Appointment**

Seat #1 on the Agricultural Advisory Committee was vacant. It was recommended that Carl Walker be appointed to a three-year term expiring January 31, 2029, with any necessary exceptions to the appointment policy.

**UPON MOTION** of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Vice Chair Patrick, and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Carl Walker to Seat #1 on the Agricultural Advisory Committee, term expiring January 31, 2029, and to include any necessary exceptions to the appointment policy.

**(F-5) Cabarrus Soil and Water Conservation District - Authorization for Cabarrus Soil and Water Conservation District to Approve Grant Contract for Agricultural Growth Zone**

At the September 2024 meeting, the Board of Commissioners approved the Cabarrus Soil and Water Conservation District's (SWCD) request to apply for an Agricultural Growth Zone through the NC Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund and to provide matching funds from the Ned Hudson Fund/back tax fund.

The application was approved, and the SWCD formally requested acceptance of a \$413,477 grant from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to purchase permanent conservation easements within Cabarrus County. The contract required County matching funds, with \$606,000 already earmarked from the Ned Hudson Fund/back tax fund; participating landowners also contributed matching funds.

**UPON MOTION** of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Vice Chair Patrick, and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the grant award and approved the associated budget amendment.

**Budget Revision/Amendment Request**

Date:  Amount:   
 Dept. Head:  Department:   
 Internal Transfer Within Department     Transfer Between Departments/Funds     Supplemental Request

Budget amendment to transfer funds from Soil and Water District activities to Agriculture Growth Zone for conservation easements on productive farmland.

Fund	Indicator	Department/ Object/ Project	Account Name	Approved Budget	Increase Amount	Decrease Amount	Revised Budget
460	9	3270-9698	Soil and Water District Activites	895,000.00		606,000.00	289,000.00
460	9	3270-9698-AGZ	Soil & Water District Activities-AGZ		1,019,477.00		1,019,477.00
460	6	3270-6365-AGZ	Revenue Soil & Water District Activities-AGZ		413,477.00		413,477.00
				895,000.00	1,432,954.00	606,000.00	1,721,954.00

**(F-6) Cooperative Extension - Budget Amendment - Cannon Grant**

This budget amendment increased both revenue and expenses to reflect additional funding awarded to the Cabarrus County 4-H Afterschool Program through the Cannon Foundation.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Vice Chair Patrick, and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the grant award and approved the associated budget amendment.

**Budget Revision/Amendment Request**

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This budget amendment is increasing both revenue and expenses to accommodate additional funding awarded to Cabarrus County 4-H Afterschool Program through the Cannon Foundation.

Fund	Indicator	Department/ Object/ Project	Account Name	Approved Budget	Increase Amount	Decrease Amount	Revised Budget
001	6	5410 6606 4HCAN	Program Fees due to Cannon Foundation Grant	-	11,250.00		11,250.00
001	9	5410 -9104 4HCAN	Temporary Employees	5,208.45	5,700.00		10,908.45
001	9	5410-9201-4HCAN	Social Security	383.92	240.00		623.92
001	9	5410-9202-4HCAN	Medicare	119.00	100.00		219.00
001	9	5410-9230-4HCAN	Worker's Comp	9.84	10.00		19.84
001	9	5410-9356-4HCAN	Special Program Supplies	8,499.33	5,100.00		13,599.33
1	9	5410-9640-4HCAN	Insurance & Bonds	125	100		225.00
<b>Total</b>							36,845.54

**(F-7) Cooperative Extension - Poultry Equipment Rental**

Cooperative Extension staff requested to start a poultry equipment rental program. Information regarding a potential Poultry Equipment Rental Policy, including safety guidelines, the liability form, and associated documents were provided for consideration.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Vice Chair Patrick, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Poultry Equipment Rental Policy and Safety Guidelines and the liability form.

**(F-8) Consolidated Human Services Agency (CHSA) - Transportation 5310 Elderly and Handicap Grant**

Cabarrus County Transportation requested approval to apply for the City of Concord Section 5310 grant. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 program supports mobility for older adults and individuals with disabilities.

In FY26, Transportation was awarded \$145,928 in operating funds and \$25,000 in capital funds, requiring a 50% County match for operating and a 20% match for capital.

Transportation estimated 14,238 trips were provided at a cost of \$256,284 in FY26. If awarded in FY27, it is projected the additional operating grant funding would result in an overall savings of \$53,286 to the County and \$144,000 in capital funding.

**UPON MOTION** of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Vice Chair Patrick, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the 5310 Elderly and Handicap Grant submission to the City of Concord for consideration

**(F-9) Legal - Termination of 2022 Economic Development Grant between Kroger Fulfillment Network LLC, the City of Concord and Cabarrus County**

Kroger constructed an online order fulfillment center, but elected not to proceed with outfitting or opening the facility. Kroger requested that the City of Concord and Cabarrus County execute an Acknowledgment of Termination document to terminate the EDC incentives. No County incentives were paid under the agreement.

**UPON MOTION** of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Vice Chair Patrick, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Acknowledgment of the Termination of the Economic Development Grant Agreement between Cabarrus County, the City of Concord, and Kroger Fulfillment Network LLC, and authorized the Interim County Manager to execute it and any necessary documents upon review by legal counsel.

**(F-10) Tax Administration - Approval of 2025 Delinquent Taxes Having Liens on Real Property and Advertisement Date**

Pursuant to N.C. General Statute 105-369, the County is required to report unpaid 2025 real property taxes that constitutes liens, less bankruptcies and Property Tax Commission (PTC) appeals (listed below), and to set the advertisement date.

2025 REAL ESTATE	\$ 14,126,824.75
Less: Bankruptcies	42,640.36
PTC Appeals	80,154.84
Total (As of January 20, 2026)	14,004,029.55

The date for advertisement of tax liens was set for March 28, 2026.

**UPON MOTION** of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Vice Chair Patrick, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the report for the 2025 outstanding delinquent taxes that have a lien on real property and ordered the Tax Administrator to advertise these liens on March 28, 2026.

**(F-11) Tax Administration - Refund and Release Reports - January 2026**

The Release Report lists taxpayers' names, bill numbers, valuations, and tax amounts, along with justifications for releasing valuation or tax amounts on outstanding levies, in accordance with N.C.G.S. 105-381. The Refund Report summarizes each refund request and the justification for refunds to taxpayers under the same statute. It was requested that the January 2026 Refund and Release Reports be approved as submitted.

Note: With the transition to the North Carolina Vehicle Tax System (NCVTS), motor vehicle-related refunds and releases will now appear on reports generated by NCVTS.

**UPON MOTION** of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Vice Chair Patrick, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the January 2026 Refund and Release Reports as submitted, including the NCVTS Refund Report, and granted authority to the Tax Collector to process the refunds and releases.

**(G) NEW BUSINESS**

**(G-1) Finance - Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Audit Report**

Jim Howden, Finance Director, reported Martin Starnes and Associates conducted the FY 2025 audit. He encouraged the Board to reach out to him or County Manager Sifford with any questions regarding the financials. He then introduced Matt Braswell, Martin Starnes and Associates, Senior Manager.

Mr. Braswell presented a PowerPoint which highlighted the audit results, which included:

- Audit highlights
  - o The audit resulted in an unmodified opinion
  - o Cabarrus County staff were cooperative throughout the audit
  - o No findings or questioned costs were identified
  - o No material weaknesses or significant deficiencies were noted
  - o Comparison of 2024 and 2025 property tax revenues
- General Fund summary for 2024 and 2025
- Top three revenue sources: property taxes, other taxes, and intergovernmental revenues (grants and funding)
- Top three expenditures: Human Services, Public Safety, and Education

**(G-2) Finance - LOBS Refund - Public Hearing, 6:00 p.m.**

Jim Howden, Finance Director, advised staff has identified an opportunity to refund the 2016 LOBS, which were used to construct Kannapolis Middle School, Mt. Pleasant Middle School, and Royal Oak Elementary School. This refund could result in potential savings of \$2.5 to \$3 million over the remaining life of the debt.

In accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-20, a public hearing is required. Following the hearing, it was requested that the Board approve a preliminary resolution, which makes notification that the hearing was held and authorize staff to submit the application to the Local Government Commission (LGC). At the March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 meeting, Mr. Howden will present the approving resolution to the Board.

Chair Lindsey opened the floor for public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

The Public Hearing Notice was published on February 7, 2026 in *The Independent Tribune* in English and Spanish. The public hearing notice was also posted on the County's website ([www.cabarruscounty.us](http://www.cabarruscounty.us)) on February 6, 2024 in English and Spanish in accordance with Article 2, Administration, Section 2.1 (Use of Electronic Means to Provide Public Notices) of the Cabarrus County Code of Ordinances

There was no one to address the Board; therefore, Chair Lindsey closed the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

**UPON MOTION** of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Vice Chair Patrick, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the preliminary resolution as presented.

Resolution No. 2026-06

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Cabarrus, North Carolina, held a regular meeting in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Cabarrus County Governmental Center located at 65 Church Street S in Concord, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting, at 6:00 p.m. on February 17, 2026.

Present: Chair Laura Blackwell Lindsey, presiding; Vice Chairman Ian Patrick and Commissioners Jeff Jones, Larry G. Pittman and Kenny Wortman

Absent: None.

Also Present: Kelly Sifford, Interim County Manager; Doug Hall, County Attorney/General Counsel; Ariadne Olvera, Clerk to the Board; and Jim Howden, Finance Director

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The Chair announced that this was the hour and day of the public hearing on a trust agreement or similar financing agreement (the "Agreement") to be entered into by the County of Cabarrus, North Carolina (the "County") pursuant to Section 160A-20 of the General Statutes of North Carolina in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$37,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds, together with any other available funds, to refinance certain installment financing agreement payment obligations of the County previously incurred to

finance a portion of the costs of (a) acquiring, constructing and equipping Kannapolis Middle School and Mount Pleasant Middle School and expanding, rehabilitating, renovating and equipping Royal Oaks Elementary School and (b) various real and personal property improvements relating to the foregoing (collectively, the "2016 Project"). If the County enters into the Agreement, its obligations thereunder will be secured by a deed of trust granting a lien on all or a portion of the site of the 2016 Project, together with any improvements or fixtures located or to be located thereon.

Section 160A-20(g) of the General Statutes of North Carolina requires that the County hold a public hearing prior to entering into the Agreement. The Chair acknowledged due publication of the notice of public hearing in a newspaper with a general circulation in the County and directed the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County to attach the affidavit showing publication in said newspaper on a date at least ten (10) days prior to the date hereof as Exhibit A.

The Chair then announced that the Board of Commissioners for the County would immediately hear anyone who might wish to be heard on the proposed Agreement as described above.

A list of all persons making comments (either in person or in writing) and a summary of such comments are attached as Exhibit B.

The public hearing was closed. All statements and comments by participants of the public hearing were duly considered by the Board of Commissioners.

Thereupon, Chair Lindsey introduced the following resolution the title of which was read and a copy of which had been distributed to each Commissioner:

RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS REGARDING  
THE REFINANCING OF CERTAIN INSTALLMENT FINANCING AGREEMENT  
PAYMENT OBLIGATIONS OF THE COUNTY WITH THE PROCEEDS OF LIMITED  
OBLIGATION BONDS ISSUED PURSUANT TO A TRUST AGREEMENT AND A FIRST  
SUPPLEMENTAL TRUST AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") for the County of Cabarrus, North Carolina (the "County") as follows:

Section 1. The Board does hereby find and determine as follows:

(a) The County has previously entered into an Installment Financing Contract, dated as of March 1, 2016 (the "Contract"), between the County and the Cabarrus County Development Corporation, pursuant to which the County financed a portion of the costs of (i) acquiring, constructing and equipping Kannapolis Middle School and Mount Pleasant Middle School and expanding, rehabilitating, renovating and equipping Royal Oaks Elementary School and (ii) various real and personal property improvements relating to the foregoing (collectively, the "2016 Project").

(b) The Board has determined to consider a plan of finance for the purpose of refinancing all or a portion of the County's installment financing agreement payment obligations under the Contract.

(c) Under the proposed plan of finance, the County would enter into a Trust Agreement and a First Supplemental Trust Agreement, each between the County and the trustee to be named therein (the "Trustee") (collectively, the "Trust Agreement"), that will provide for the issuance thereunder of limited obligation bonds (the "Bonds") to refinance the County's installment financing agreement payment obligations under the Contract.

(d) In connection with the execution and delivery of the Trust Agreement, the County will deliver a Deed of Trust (the "Deed of Trust"), from the County to the deed of trust trustee named therein for the benefit of the Trustee, granting a lien on all or a portion of the site of the 2016 Project, together with any improvements or fixtures located or to be located thereon.

Section 2. The Board hereby approves the filing of an application with the Local Government Commission for approval of the Trust Agreement and the issuance of the Bonds thereunder to carry out the refinancing described above. In connection therewith the Board hereby finds and determines that:

(a) entering into the Trust Agreement and issuing the Bonds is preferable to a general obligation bond or revenue bond issue in that (i) the refinancing will replace existing installment financing agreement indebtedness with new limited obligation bond indebtedness with more favorable terms to the County; (ii) the facilities to be refinanced are such that a revenue bond financing under The State and Local Government Revenue Bond Act is not feasible; and (iii) the amount to be refinanced exceeds the amount to be prudently provided from currently available appropriations and unappropriated fund balances;

(b) the cost of refinancing the County's obligations through the issuance of the Bonds is reasonable compared to the costs of issuing general obligation bonds or other available methods of financing and is acceptable to the Board;

(c) bond counsel to the County will render an opinion to the effect that the proposed undertaking as described above is authorized by law and is a purpose for which public funds may be expended pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina;

(d) the debt management policies of the County have been carried out in strict compliance with law, and the County is not in default under any obligation for repayment of borrowed money; and

(e) no increase in taxes is expected to be necessary to pay debt service on the proposed Bonds to be issued for the refinancing.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Upon motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Vice Chairman Patrick, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Chair Lindsey, Vice Chairman Patrick and Commissioners Jones, Pittman and Wortman

Noes: None.

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I, Ariadne Olvera, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Cabarrus, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of so much of the proceedings of said Board of Commissioners for said County at a regular meeting held on February 17, 2026, as it relates in any way to holding of a public hearing and the adoption of the foregoing resolution and that said proceedings are recorded in the minutes of said Board of Commissioners.

I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that proper notice of such regular meeting was given as required by North Carolina law.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said County this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

/s/ Ariadne Olvera  
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

**(G-3) Boards and Committees - Commission on Financial Efficiency - Removal**

The term for Seat #2 on the Commission on Financial Efficiency has expired. Mr. Lee Shuman is unable to continue serving on the advisory commission, and it was requested that he be removed from the roster.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Pittman, and unanimously carried, the Board removed Lee Shuman from the Commission of Financial Efficiency roster and thanked him for his service.

**(G-4) Boards and Committees - Commission on Financial Efficiency - Removal**

The term for Seat #4 on the Commission on Financial Efficiency has expired. It was requested Christopher Measmer be removed from the roster.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Pitman, and unanimously carried, the Board removed Christopher Measmer from the Commission of Financial Efficiency roster and thanked him for his service.

**(G-5) Boards and Committees - Commission on Financial Efficiency - Appointment**

Chair Laura Lindsey currently serves in Seat #1 on the Commission on Financial Efficiency. Her term has expired, and it is requested that she be reappointed for a new term set to expire December 31, 2026.

**UPON MOTION** of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Pittman, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Chair Laura Lindsey to Seat #1 on the Commission on Financial Efficiency, term ending December 31, 2026, and to include any necessary exceptions to the Appointment Policy.

**(G-6) Boards and Committees - Commission on Financial Efficiency - Appointment**

Wes Huneycutt currently serves in Seat #3 on the Commission on Financial Efficiency. His term has expired, and it was requested that he be reappointed.

**UPON MOTION** of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Pittman, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Wes Huneycutt to Seat #3 on the Commission on Financial Efficiency, term ending December 31, 2026, and to include any necessary exceptions to the Appointment Policy.

**(G-7) Boards and Committees - Commission on Financial Efficiency - Appointment**

Seat #2 on the Commission on Financial Efficiency is vacant and needs to be filled. The term will expire December 31, 2026. It was requested that Vice Chair Ian Patrick be appointed to this seat.

**UPON MOTION** of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Pittman, and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Ian Patrick to Seat #2 on the Commission on Financial Efficiency, term ending December 31, 2026, and to include any necessary exceptions to the Appointment Policy.

**(G-8) Facilities Design and Construction - Recommended Approval of Preferred Bid Alternate for Progress Place Renovation**

Michael Miller, Director of Design and Construction, proposed the use of a preferred brand alternate for the building automation system in the renovation of the Progress Place building. The alternate would also apply to the contractor responsible for integrating the system.

He noted that, under statute, the use of a preferred brand alternate must be approved in an open meeting, and the alternate equipment must either provide a cost savings or maintain/improve the function of the system. The proposed Johnson Controls FX system matches the HVAC controls used in the majority of large County-owned buildings and already familiar to staff.

Mr. Miller explained that using a different control system would require additional training, potentially proprietary software, and would require Infrastructure and Asset Management (IAM) employees to be familiar with two different systems. For these reasons, approval of the preferred brand alternate list was requested.

**UPON MOTION** of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Vice Chair Patrick the Board approved the preferred brand alternate list for equipment for the Progress Place renovation. The **MOTION** carried with the following vote: Ayes: Chair Lindsey, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Wortman, Vice Chair Patrick; Nays: Commissioner Pittman.

**(H) REPORTS****(H-1) BOC - Receive Updates From Commission Members Who Serve as Liaisons to Municipalities or on Various Boards/Committees**

Chair Lindsey noted that there are vacancies on various boards and committees and encouraged citizens to consider applying.

Commissioner Pittman provided updates from the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO (TAC), DHS Transportation Advisory Board, Local Emergency Planning Committee, Midland Town Council and The Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee.

Commissioner Wortman provided updates from the Centralina Regional Council, Child Fatality Team Task Force, EMS Hearts and Heroes Banquet and from the Legislative Meeting with the School Board.

Vice Chair Patrick provided updates from the Harrisburg Town Council, the Cabarrus County Active Living and Parks Commission events, and the Friends of the Mt. Pleasant Library, including the Mt. Pleasant Literacy Festival and their Dine to Donate event.

Chair Lindsey provided updates on the Commission for Financial Efficiency and reminded attendees about the upcoming Brews, Bites, and Budget event, which will be held at Southern Grace Distilleries in Mt. Pleasant. She also shared a video highlighting two animals for adoption at the County Animal Shelter.

**(H-2) BOC - Request for Applications for County Boards/Committees**

Applications are being accepted for the following County Boards/Committees:

- Active Living and Parks Commission - 1 Expired Position
- Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee - 14 Vacant Positions
- Agricultural Advisory Board - 1 Vacant Position
- Concord Planning and Zoning Commission (ETJ) - 1 Vacant Position
- Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee - 1 Expired Position
- Library Board of Trustees - 3 Expired Positions
- Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee - 9 Vacant Positions
- Region F Aging Advisory Committee - 1 Vacant Position
- Transportation Advisory Board - 5 Vacant Positions
- Youth Commission - 4 Vacant Positions

**(H-3) Budget - Monthly Budget Amendment Report**

The Board received the monthly budget amendment report for informational purposes. No action was required of the Board.

**(H-4) Budget - Monthly Financial Update**

The Board received the monthly financial update report for informational purposes. No action was required of the Board.

**(H-5) Communications and Outreach - Monthly Summary Report**

The Board received the monthly summary report for informational purposes. No action was required of the Board.

**(H-6) County Manager - Cabarrus Arena and Events Center Financial Report**

The Board received the financial report for informational purposes. No action was required of the Board.

**(H-7) County Manager - Monthly Building Activity Reports**

The Board received the monthly building activity reports for informational purposes. No action was required of the Board.

**(H-8) EDC - January 2026 Monthly Summary Report**

The Board received the January 2026 monthly summary report for informational purposes. No action was required of the Board.

**(H-9) Fire Marshal - Cabarrus County Fire Services Monthly Report**

The Board received the monthly report for informational purposes. No action was required of the Board.

**(H-10) Super Cab Co - Monthly Report**

The Board received the monthly Super Cab Co report for informational purposes. No action was required of the Board.

**(I) GENERAL COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Commissioner Wortman spoke regarding ethics and voting procedures.

Commissioner Pittman commented on property tax reevaluations.

Commissioner Jones addressed improving collaboration among board members.

Vice Chair Patrick discussed collaboration among board members and the board's plans to explore additional options for saving money.

Chair Lindsey encouraged reflection on current events.

**(J) CLOSED SESSION**

**(J-1) Closed Session - Consult with Attorney**

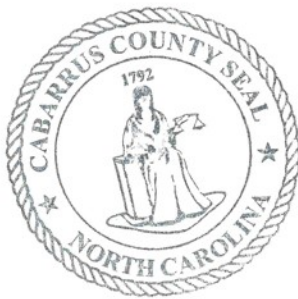
UPON MOTION of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Pittman and unanimously carried, the Board moved to go into closed session to discuss matters related to pending litigation as authorized by NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3).

**(K) RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

UPON MOTION of Vice Chair Patrick, seconded by Commissioner Wortman and unanimously carried, the Board returned to open session.

**(L) ADJOURN**

UPON MOTION of Vice Chair Patrick, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



*Ariadne Olvera*  
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