

Agenda
Richmond County Board of Commissioners
105 W. Franklin Street, Courtroom C, Rockingham, NC
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, February 7, 2023

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F) Approval of Board Appointments

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The Richmond County Board of Commissioners met for a Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 5:30 P.M. with the following in attendance: Commissioner Jason Gainey, Commissioner Andy Grooms, Commissioner Toni Maples, Commissioner Robin Roberts, Commissioner Rick Watkins, Vice Chairperson Justin Dawkins and Chairperson Jeff Smart

ITEM NO. 1 Invocation by Pastor Mike Childers

Invocation was given by Pastor Mike Childers of Mt. Carmel Free Will Baptist Church

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By a motion of Commissioner Dawkins, seconded by Commissioner Grooms and by unanimous vote. Motion carried

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By a motion of Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Maples and by unanimous vote. Motion carried

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No one signed up to speak

ITEM NO. 5 Public Hearing on Street Closure - Tracy Parris, Planning Director- Discussion

Chairman Smart opened the Public Hearing at 5:34PM
No one appeared to speak on this matter
Chairman Smart closed the Public Hearing at 5:34PM

ITEM NO. 6 Request for Board Consideration of Approval of Resolution Order to Close Street- Tracy Parris, Planning Director- Decision

By a motion of Commissioner Grooms, seconded by Commissioner Dawkins and by unanimous vote. Motion carried

Board unanimously approved the resolution/order to close the 50foot (50') unimproved Watson Street extending between Marigold Street and South Street

ITEM NO. 7 Request for Board Consideration of Approval of Date and Time for E & R Board Meeting - Vagas Jackson, Tax Administrator - Decision

Commissioner Grooms asked Mr. Jackson if the meeting could be moved to 3:30PM if everyone would be in agreement of the change.

By a motion of Commissioner Grooms, seconded by Commissioner Dawkins and by unanimous vote. Motion carried

ITEM NO. 8 Request for Board Consideration of Approval of Resolution 9-1-1 SAVES Act- Bob Smith, Emergency Services Director - Decision

By a motion of Commissioner Dawkins, seconded by Commissioner Maples and by unanimous vote. Motion carried

ITEM NO. 9 Monthly Report by County Manager Bryan Land

The last four weeks have been extremely busy for us, we have had many headlining events since our last meeting. We had a great outing at the speedway last Thursday for the announcement and unveiling of the Moonshine & Motorsports Trail. I appreciate everyone attending that was able to. We hosted dozens of elected and government officials and dignitaries from across the state, including Governor Cooper, Nascar Legend Rusty Wallace and Fox commentator Jeff Hammond. Chairman Smart did an outstanding job delivering our message on behalf of the County. We received tremendous coverage on the event from numerous media outlets statewide. Martie and I had the opportunity to meet one on one with all of the legislators after the event to discuss funding needs. The only negative from the event was the gloomy weather that obviously didn't get the memo to cooperate with beautiful 60 degree temps.

Martie Butler, our Economic Developer and myself had the opportunity to visit Raleigh two weeks ago on the first day the General Assembly entered the long session. We had the opportunity to sit and discuss funding needs for our county and future goals as well. Its always great to see your local elected representatives Moss and Craven among others in action.

I hate to sound like a broken record, but Economic Development activity still remains at an all-time high. We have eight active projects that we are currently working as well as multiple infrastructure upgrades to the new industrial park and the 40k shell building #6. Just last week, we had two site visits from out of state clients

Staying with Economic Development, I am excited to announce the groundbreaking for American Woodmark 300k sf building expansion which will add approximately 40 mil to our tax base is slated to take place Tuesday, February 21st. Please mark your calendars for this wonderful event, the exact time will be released soon.

Transitioning to some Health Department updates: Beginning today Tuesday, February 7th, Goshen Medical Center will be setting up their mobile unit in the Health Department parking lot from 9:00am through 2:00pm. They will conduct free cardiac assessments and tobacco screening. They will also have the capability to perform EKG's with a staff member on site to interpret the reading. This will be ongoing every Tuesday through the month of February and may be extended based on the response. The service is completely free to the public.

Next, I did have a few updates and reminders from our Tax Department,

Tax collection continues to move along at a steady pace, as of this morning we stand at 93.51%. just four weeks ago at our January meeting , we stood at 90.60%.

We are still tracking a few tenths under where we feel we should be at this time in comparison to previous years. I feel confident we will be able to achieve our goal of 97.50% breaching our all-time highest collection percentage ever at 97.44% that was achieved last year.

Next, I have a few updates this evening from some upcoming events
Solid Waste

The date has been set for our annual HHW collection day it is scheduled for Saturday, April 15th from 9:00am to 1:00pm at the parking lot of the Human Services Bldg. This is a joint effort involving Richmond County Solid Waste/NC Dept. of Agriculture and our own Cooperative Extension Department. Spring Litter Sweep will begin April 17th thru April 22nd. We are running in conjunction with NCDOT and their campaign which runs from April 15th thru April 29th.

The dates have been set for our next County surplus auction, we have over thirty-five properties that will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. The sale will start on March 23rd and will run through March 30th. Ironhorse Auction will be conducting the online sale for us. Please review the site for the available properties.

Lastly, I have our monthly solid waste report which is as follows:

Our Solid Waste enforcement staff continues to work relentlessly they picked up 323 bags, six tires off of thirty-three different roadways for a total of 9.66 tons in January.

ITEM NO.10 Adjournment - Decision

By a motion of Commissioner Dawkins, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and by unanimous vote. Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 5:49 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by the Clerk

Dena R. Cook, NCCCC

Clerk to the Board

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