



Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting

January 8, 2024

MINUTES

1. SPECIAL RECOGNITION - WARREN COUNTY FINANCE OFFICE

The Warren County Finance Office received the Government Finance Officers Association Award for Financial Reporting.

2. PRESENTATION

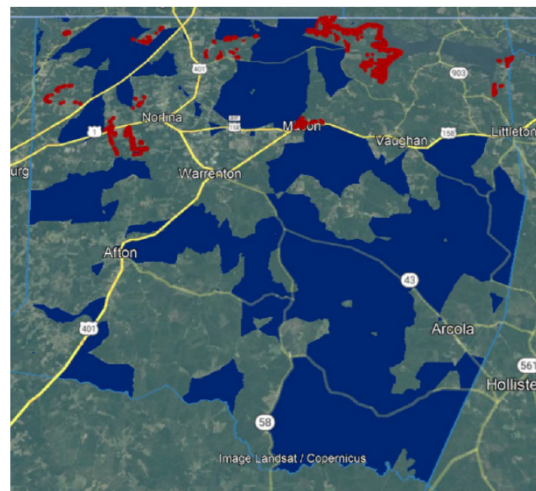
A. Charter Communications/Spectrum Broadband Update - Justin DeLancey, Senior Manager, Government Affairs

Justin DeLancey, Senior Manager of Government Affairs, provided an update on Charter Communications/Spectrum Broadband. A timeline was presented that shows an anticipated project completion date of April 2025.

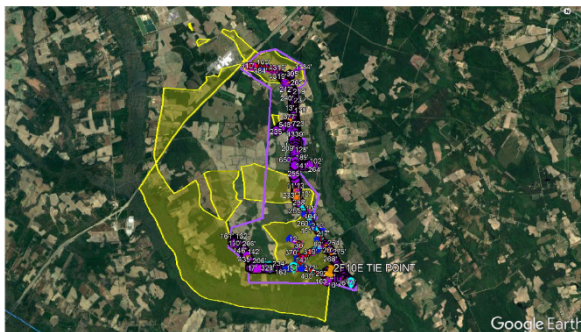
From RDOF to State Grant

- December 2020 – Received notice that Charter was awarded ~2,500 addresses in Rural Digital Opportunity Fund reverse auction.
- December 2021 – Presentation to the County Commission on RDOF and initial plans for remaining households.
- March 2022 – Received final approval from FCC to proceed on RDOF in NC.
- May 2022 – NC GREAT Grant Application Deadline.
- September 2022 – Received notice that Charter was awarded 1,434 addresses through the NC GREAT Grant.
- April 2023 – Contracts between Warren County, Charter Communications, and the State of NC fully executed.
- April 2025 – Project completion deadline

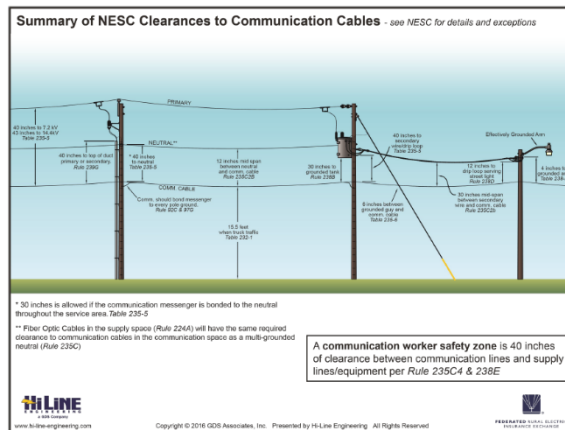
WARREN COUNTY



DESIGN



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3. ADOPT SUGGESTED AGENDA

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the January 8, 2024 Regular Meeting Suggested Agenda was approved with revision to Item 7A.

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS - REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Rules for Citizen Comments: Please sign up to speak. The maximum time allotted to each speaker will be FIVE (5) minutes; Clerk to the Board will keep time. Any group of people who support or oppose the same position should designate a spokesperson. Please address only those items which might not have been addressed by a previous speaker. If a response from the County Manager and/or Board is desired, leave a copy of your comment(s) with the Clerk to the Board. Order and decorum will be maintained. This is not a question and answer session.

Dwayne Hicks addressed the Board of Commissioners with concerns about Law Enforcement targeting. Chair Pierce requested that the County Manager, County Attorney, and Sheriff meet with Mr. Hicks to discuss this issue further.

Barbara Espinosa addressed the Board of Commissioners stating that citizens would like to see district voting for Commissioner seats. Ms. Espinosa stated that she has done research and many other counties use District Voting.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consider Approval of Minutes of the December 4, 2023 Regular Meeting and December 13, 2023 Work Session

On motion of Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the minutes of the December 4, 2023 Regular Meeting and December 13, 2023 Work Session were approved.

B. Tax Collectors Report for November 2023 Presented for Boards Information in Accordance with NCGS 105-350 (John Preston, Tax Administrator)

On motion of Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Tax Collectors Report for November 2023 was approved.

Tax Collector's Report
to the Warren County Board of Commissioners
For the Month November 2023

2023-2024

Current Year Collections

Tax Year	Charge	Collected in November	Collected to Date	Balance Outstanding	Percentage Collected
November 2023 FY 24	\$20,263,503	\$5,009,326	\$10,881,893	\$9,381,610	53.70
November 2022 FY 23	\$19,729,030	\$5,024,117	\$10,890,606	\$8,838,424	55.20

Delinquent Collections

2022	\$430,728	\$12,289	\$96,545	\$334,183	22.41
2021	200,774	4,107	24,369	\$176,405	12.14
2020	138,969	1,818	5,759	\$133,210	4.14
2019	152,334	2,190	5,170	\$147,164	3.39
2018	90,701	1,782	2,768	\$87,933	3.05
2017	89,366	1,791	2,574	\$86,792	2.88
2016	68,286	1,129	2,206	\$66,080	3.23
2015	57,093	1,108	1,231	\$55,862	2.16
2014	48,206	753	946	\$47,260	1.96
2013	76,631	724	2,047	\$74,584	2.67
Total Delinquent Years	\$1,353,088	\$27,691	\$143,615	\$1,209,473	

Other November Receipts

County Penalties	\$ 9,430	\$ 38,303
Landfill User Fees	\$ 410,016	\$ 809,816
Municipalities	\$ 150,183	\$ 312,753
Fire District Taxes	\$ 258,498	\$ 639,100
Advance Taxes	\$ 1,891	\$ 12,295

NOVEMBER GRAND TOTAL

\$10,891,152	\$23,728,381
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Finance

John Preston, Tax Administrator
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12/15/2023

C. Tax Release Requests (over & under \$100) in Accordance with NCGS 105-381 "Taxpayers Remedies" as Information Only (John Preston, Tax Administrator)

On motion of Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and duly carried by unanimous

vote, the Tax Release Requests (over & under \$100) were approved.

Under \$100				1/8/2024	CO MGR INITIALS: <u>VJ</u>	Date: <u>1/2/2023</u>
ERROR CORRECTION RELEASES:						
NAME	Year	ACCT#	MAP #	RECORD #	AMOUNT	REASON
COLLIER HERMAN L & REBECCA	2023	9036-344		28200	\$	4.64 REMOVE LATE LISTING
FORD WILLIAM W	2015	14856-200		55182	\$	85.91 SOLD PP
GALLARD HARRIET H	2023	4522-300	A2B-158	10291	\$	36.33 REMOVE LATE LISTING
GRANT RONALD W & VICKI R	2023	01561-301		9872	\$	2.21 NO LATE LISTING FEE
HERITAGE HOUSE FLOWERS	2014	07886-114		51331	\$	19.30 OUT OF BUSINESS
HERITAGE HOUSE FLOWERS	2015	07886-115		54074	\$	18.34 OUT OF BUSINESS
HERITAGE HOUSE FLOWERS	2016	07886-116		57218	\$	17.15 OUT OF BUSINESS
LOUIE LAURA	2023	01989-200		26854	\$	31.73 REMOVE LATE LISTING
PERKINSON CHRISTOPHER MARK	2023	2654-313	D9-14F	5118	\$	4.70 BIS ERROR
PERKINSON CHRISTOPHER MARK	2023	2654-303	D9-14C	12806	\$	65.95 BIS ERROR
PERKINSON CHRISTOPHER MARK	2023	2654-311	D9-14E	14258	\$	63.81 BIS ERROR
REHDER PAUL E & JANENE LYNN	2023	12369-300	J3B-46	5562	\$	13.12 REMOVE LATE LISTING
WHITE ASHLEY & STUART	2023	43233-324	D5B-39	7811	\$	3.17 REMOVE LATE LISTING
WHITE ASHLEY & STUART	2023	43233-327	E2-3A-1	16580	\$	8.58 REMOVE LATE LISTING
WHITE ASHLEY & STUART	2023	43233-301	E3-125	13835	\$	1.97 REMOVE LATE LISTING
WHITE ASHLEY & STUART	2023	43233-302	E1-20A	12285	\$	2.72 REMOVE LATE LISTING
WHITE ASHLEY & STUART	2023	43233-334	E2-24	8897	\$	0.91 REMOVE LATE LISTING
WHITE ASHLEY & STUART	2023	43233-326	E3-63A	24250	\$	1.08 REMOVE LATE LISTING
WHITE ASHLEY & STUART	2023	43233-306	E2-17	7675	\$	1.81 REMOVE LATE LISTING
WHITE ASHLEY & STUART	2023	43233-311	E3-7	9246	\$	1.39 REMOVE LATE LISTING
WHITE ASHLEY & STUART	2023	43227-332	E1-7	13789	\$	6.68 REMOVE LATE LISTING
WHITE HAL A JR & SHIRLEY H	2023	43327-337	E1-7A	24231	\$	1.21 REMOVE LATE LISTING
WHITE HAL A JR & SHIRLEY H	2023	43327-338	E1-7B	24232	\$	0.91 REMOVE LATE LISTING
WHITE HAL A JR & SHIRLEY H	2023	43327-339	E1-7C	24233	\$	0.91 REMOVE LATE LISTING
WHITE HAL A JR & SHIRLEY H	2023	43327-340	E1-7D	24266	\$	3.86 REMOVE LATE LISTING
WHITE HAL A JR & SHIRLEY H	2023	43327-330	D2-1	13771	\$	3.88 REMOVE LATE LISTING
WHITE HAL A JR & SHIRLEY H	2023	43327-331	E1-1	13770	\$	2.72 REMOVE LATE LISTING
WHITE HAL A JR & SHIRLEY H	2023	43233-330	E2-7A	3576	\$	1.99 REMOVE LATE LISTING
WILSON JANE C FAMILY LLC	2023	06657-315	F5-2F	24449	\$	94.65 DUPLICATED PARCEL
YOUAKOM FRANCOIS	2023	49524		28668	\$	96.31 SOLD PP IN 2022
SUB-TOTAL ERROR CORRECTIONS:					\$	597.94
MOTOR VEHICLE RELEASES:						
HAISIP ROBERT F	2013	23452-113	V-48537	\$	139.50	SOLD 2012
SUB-TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE RELEASES:					\$	139.50
SUB-TOTAL CORRECTION RELEASES:						
Total Releases					\$	5,467.78
LANDFILL USER FEE RELEASES:						
REID REBIE S	2023	33203-307	L5-64	10462	\$	300.00 REMOVE LFUF
REID REBIE S	2023	33203-303	L5-64-1X	10141	\$	150.00 REMOVE LFUF
TOTAL LFUF RELEASES:					\$	450.00
Total Releases					\$	5,907.78

6. COUNTY MANAGER'S UPDATE – Vincent Jones

A. Local Management Entity/Managed Care Organization (LME/MCO) Consolidation - Trillium Health Resources

County Manager Vincent Jones introduced Terrel Alston and Brenda Low of Trillium, and they provided an update on the consolidation of the Local Management Entity/Managed Care Organization (LME/MCO). There will be a regional board and Warren County will have two seats on that board.

B. FY25 Budget Work Session

The FY25 Budget Work Session will be held on January 17, 2024 beginning at 3:00 p.m., and will be followed by a joint meeting with the Warren County Board of Education.

C. Animal Control Update

County Manager Vincent Jones informed the Board of Commissioners that there is a need for more space at the Animal Control Center. Animal Control Director Dani Bowen has requested to build 8 outdoor kennel spaces to address the space needs. A budget amendment of \$8,500 will be needed in order to move forward with this project.

D. Organizational Updates

- County Manager Vincent Jones stated that responses have been provided to those making citizen comments in November.
- It was noted that the Non-Profit Grant Funding Committee met and selected 9 entities to receive funding in FY24. Notices of awards will go out to those entities this week.
- Representative Wray's office made County Manager Jones aware that, due to an error at the State level, the money awarded to the Warren County Community Center will be coming to the County. Wray's office has asked that the County channel those funds to Warren County Community Center. Mr. Jones stated he does not see a problem in having those funds come through the county, but he does not want the county to be responsible for monitoring or reporting on those funds.

7. FINANCE OFFICE – Nikki Dickerson

A. Consider Approval of Budget Amendment #3 (see attached) to the FY 2024 Budget Ordinance is being presented for approval. This amendment does the following:

General Fund Balance for FY23 carry-over:

- 1. Appropriates \$ 2,900 from Library State Aid Grant unspent last FY.**
- 2. Appropriates \$ 43,000 from IT Infrastructure for email migration invoice incurred last FY and paid in this FY.**
- 3. Appropriates \$ 233,862 to Warren County Schools Capital Outlay budgeted last FY and unspent until this FY.**

General Fund Balance for FY24 Expenses:

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Revenue:

- 1. Reduces ROAP Grant Revenue and Expenditures by \$27,821 based on the Grant Funding received this FY. This is necessary to ensure categories are not over-spent.**

Moving Funds Within Departments:

- 1. Moving \$70,000 from Courthouse major building repair that won't occur this year to a space assessment feasibility study as well as repairs on the Hendricks House as needed this FY.**

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, and duly carried by unanimous vote, Budget Amendment #3 as revised was approved.

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8. FOLLOW UP TO DECEMBER 13, 2023 WORK SESSION

A. Consider Approval of Wellness Day for Employees to be Used By June 30, 2024 - County Manager Vincent Jones

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Wellness Day for Employees to be used by June 30, 2024 was approved.

B. Consider Approval of Additional Staff Due to Medicaid Expansion - Renae Alston, DSS Director

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the addition of staff in the Department of Social Services due to Medicaid Expansion was approved.

C. Consider Approval of On-Call Pay Proposal for Child Protective Services and Adult Protective Services Employees - Renae Alston, DSS Director

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the On-Call Pay proposal for Child Protective Services and Adult Services Employees was approved.

D. Consider Approval of Creating Outdoor Recreation Economies (CORE) Strategic Plan - Charla Duncan, Community & Economic Development Director

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Creating Outdoor Recreation Economies (CORE) Strategic Plan was approved.

9. ACTION ITEMS

On motion of Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Resolution Authorizing Warren County to Request State Loan and /or Grant Assistance for Lead Service Line Inventory for the County Water System was approved.

A. Consider Approval of Resolution Authorizing Warren County to Request State Loan and/or Grant Assistance for Lead Service Line Inventory for the County Water System - Eric St. Sing, Public Utilities Director

On motion of Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Resolution Authorizing Warren County to Request State Loan and/or Grant Assistance for Lead Service Line Inventory for the County Water System was approved.

RESOLUTION BY WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Warren County has need for and intends to construct, plan for, or conduct a study in a project described as Lead Service Line Inventory of the water system, and

WHEREAS, Warren County intends to request State loan and/or grant assistance for the project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WARREN COUNTY:

That Warren County, the **Applicant**, will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a State loan and/or grant award.

That the **Applicant** will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That the **Applicant** will adopt and place into effect on or before completion of the project a schedule of fees and charges and other available funds which will provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and administration of the system and the repayment of all principal and interest on the debt.

That the governing body of the **Applicant** agrees to include in the loan agreement a provision authorizing the State Treasurer, upon failure of Warren County to make a scheduled repayment of the loan, to withhold from Warren County any State funds that would otherwise be distributed to the local government unit in an amount sufficient to pay all sums then due and payable to the State as a repayment of the loan.

That Vincent Jones, County Manager, the **Authorized Representative** and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the **Applicant** with the State of North Carolina for a loan and/or grant to aid in the study of or construction of the project described above.

That the **Authorized Representative**, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project: to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the **Applicant** has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, and funding conditions applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the 8th day of January, 2024 in Warren County, North Carolina.

B. Consider Approval of Resolution Accepting Funds for the Eaton Ferry Sewer Project - Eric St. Sing, Public Utilities Director

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Resolution Accepting Funds for the Eaton Ferry Sewer Project was approved.

RESOLUTION BY WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), funded from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund, was established in Session Law (S.L.) 2021-180 to assist eligible units of local government with meeting their drinking water and/or wastewater needs, and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality has offered Pre-construction Planning Grant ARPA funding in the amount of \$400,000 to perform the work detailed in the submitted application for the project described as Eaton's Ferry Sewer Extension (DWI Project No. SRP-W-ARP-0263), and

WHEREAS, Warren County intends to preform said project in accordance with agreed scope of work,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WARREN COUNTY:

That Warren County, the **Applicant**, does hereby accept the ARPA grant offer of \$400,000; and

That Warren County, the **Applicant**, does hereby give assurance to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality that any *Conditions or Assurances* contained in the *Funding Offer and Acceptance* (award offer) will be adhered to; has substantially complied, or will substantially comply, with all federal, State of North Carolina (State), and local laws, rules, regulations and ordinances applicable to the project; and to federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto; and

That Vincent Jones, County Manager, the **Authorized Representative**, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with this project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other document as may be required by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Infrastructure.

Adopted this the 8th day of January, 2024 in Warren County, North Carolina.

C. Consider Approval of Resolution Accepting Funds for the Kerr Lake Regional Water System - Eric St. Sing, Public Utilities Director

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Resolution Accepting Funds for the Kerr Lake Regional Water System was approved.

RESOLUTION BY WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Warren County has need for and intends to construct, plan for, or conduct a study in a project described as Kerr Lake Regional Water Treatment Plant Upgrades (DWI Project No. H-SRP-D-17-0152) of the water system, and

WHEREAS, Warren County intends to request State loan and/or grant assistance for the project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WARREN COUNTY:

That Warren County, the **Applicant**, will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a State loan and/or grant award.

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That the **Applicant** has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, and funding conditions applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the 8th day of January, 2024 in Warren County, North Carolina.

D. Memorial Library Direct Digital Control Replacement - Marshall Brothers, Public Works Director

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Direct Digital Controls Replacement at Warren County Memorial Library in the amount of \$126,000 was approved.

E. Declare Surplus Property and Adopt Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Items Through Online Auction - Paula Pulley, Clerk to the Board

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and duly carried by unanimous vote, Parcel ID# A4 32J, Parcel ID# G8 58F, and 7 Computers and 10 monitors were declared surplus and the Resolution Authorizing the Disposal of Items through Online Auction was approved.

RESOLUTION SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the County of Warren has certain properties which are no longer used by Warren County Departments and may lawfully dispose of such property through on-line auction or disposal.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, pursuant to Article 12, NCGS 160A-270, the Warren County Board of Commissioners authorize the sale through on-line auction or disposal, of:

Parcel ID# A4 32J, Off Burchette Road
Parcel ID# G8 58F, 120 Will Cheek Road
Computers (7) and Monitors (10)

These items are being sold in "as is" condition with no warranties. Hard drives have been removed from all computers. The Warren County Board of Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities, and to award bid in the opinion of the Owner in its best interest.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Warren County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Manager (or designee) to dispose of this property and incur those costs incidental to sell property; and that advertising, describing the property, the method for bidding and the date, time and place for bid opening be placed on the auction site, notice in the Warren Record Newspaper and otherwise appropriately advertised according to law.

ADOPTED this the 8th day of January, 2024 by the Warren County Board of Commissioners.

F. Consider Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with North Carolina State University for Cooperative Extension - Paul McKenzie, Interim Cooperative Extension Director

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Memorandum of Agreement with North Carolina State University for Cooperative Extension was approved.

G. Consider Approval of Resolution Requesting for North Carolina Department of Commerce Rural Transformation Grant Fund Remaining Funds (\$75,000) to Support 429 West Ridgeway Street Project Phase 1: Farmers Market Pavilion

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Resolution Requesting North Carolina Department of Commerce Rural Transformation Grant Fund Remaining Funds (\$75,000) to Support 429 W. Ridgeway Street Project Phase 1: Farmers Market Pavillion was approved.

Warren County Government Administration

602 West Ridgeway Street
Warrenton, NC 27589
252-257-3115 | <https://www.warrencountync.com/>

Warren County Government Resolution
Request for North Carolina Department of Commerce
Rural Transformation Grant Fund
Remaining Funds (\$75,000) to Support 429 West Ridgeway Street
Project Phase 1: Farmers Market Pavilion

WHEREAS, Warren County Government's Board of Commissioners had indicated its desire to assist in development efforts withing Warren County Government; and,

WHEREAS the Board fully supports the proposed project by 429 West Ridgeway Street Project which will result in the Phase 1 (Farmers Market Pavilion) located at 429 West Ridgeway Street, Warrenton, North Carolina 27589.

WHEREAS the Board wished to pursue a formal amendment to the North Carolina Department of Commerce Rural Transformation Grant, Rural Engagement & Investment Program for the remaining grant funds of \$75,000; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY Warren County Board of Commissioners.

That Warren County Government is authorized to submit an amendment request to the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Rural Transformation Grant Fund, Rural Engagement & Investment Program to provide assistance to benefit 429 West Ridgeway Street Project (Phase 1: Farmers Market Pavilion).

That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this the 8th day of January 2024 in Warren County Government, North Carolina.

10. BOARD, COMMITTEE, COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS AND RE-APPOINTMENTS

A. Consider Re-Appointment of Dr. Elton Brown (Optometrist) to a 5th Three-Year Term, and Cheryl Coffman (At-Large) to a 3rd Three-Year Term on the Board of Health Beginning January 1, 2024 and Ending December 31, 2027.

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, and duly carried by unanimous vote, Dr. Elton Brown (Optometrist - 5th Term) and Cheryl Coffman (At-large - 3rd Term) were re-appointed to three-year terms on the Board of Health beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2027.

B. Consider Approval of Appointment of Katherine Hilliard to the Macon Rural Fire Department Local Relief Fund Board of Trustees. This Appointment Replaces M.C. Clary Who is No Longer Able to Serve.

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and duly carried by unanimous vote, Katherine Hiliard was appointed to the Macon Rural Fire Department Local Relief Fund Board of Trustees.

11. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' UPDATES

- Commissioner Baker (attending remotely) thanked everyone for their care and support during her time away.
- Chair Pierce stated that Warren County will have a seat on the Vance Granville Community College Board.

12. CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4) FOR BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY EXPANSION

On motion of Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Board entered Closed Session in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4) for Business and Industry Expansion.

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Board returned to Open Session.

13. ADJOURN January 8, 2024 BOARD MEETING

With no further business, the January 8, 2024 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting was adjourned.

Paula Pulley, Clerk to the Board