



LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DENNIS WICKER CIVIC CENTER
1801 NASH STREET
SANFORD, NC 27330

August 19, 2024

MINUTES

Roll Call

Present: Dr. Andre Knecht, Cameron Sharpe, Kirk Smith, Bill Carver, Mark Lovick, Taylor Vorbeck

Absent: Robert Reives

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kirk Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Chairman Smith provided an invocation and led the Board and meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. ADDITIONAL AGENDA

Chairman Smith asked for item VII.B Trillium Health Resource's Annual Report to be moved to before the Public Hearings section and noted that the information in item II.R Body Armor Purchase for the Sheriff's Office has been updated and a hard copy with the new information is available at each Commissioner's seat. Commissioner Taylor Vorbeck asked to pull items II.G Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Lee County Schools and the Lee County Health Department for FY 24-25 and II.K Budget Amendment #08/19/24/02 from the Consent Agenda to New Business for further discussion.

Motion: Motion to approve the Agenda as amended.

Mover: Taylor Vorbeck

For: 6 - Dr. Andre Knecht, Cameron Sharpe, Kirk Smith, Bill Carver, Mark Lovick, Taylor Vorbeck

Absent: 1 - Robert Reives

Motion Result: Passed

II. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

Mover: Taylor Vorbeck

For: 6 - Dr. Andre Knecht, Cameron Sharpe, Kirk Smith, Bill Carver, Mark Lovick, Taylor Vorbeck

Absent: 1 - Robert Reives

Motion Result: Passed

- II.A Minutes from the July 15, 2024 Regular Meeting
BOC Regular Meeting Minutes_7-15-24.pdf
- II.B Minutes from the July 25, 2024 Joint Meeting with the Lee County Board of
Education
BOC - BOE Joint Meeting Minutes_7-25-24.pdf
- II.C 415 Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Program Agreement Addendum
415 FY25 Lee.pdf
- II.D Lee County General Services Parking Lot Rehabilitation
Project Budget Estimate - Lee County General Services Parking Lot Improvements
(11-20-23)(REV 7-8-24).pdf
Mini-Brooks_GS Parking Lot Rehab.pdf
- II.E Express Employment Contract for J. Estes
Proposal_-_9_July_2024.pdf
- II.F Accept the \$2,238.60 Awarded to the Lee County Animal Services Shelter from the
North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association Grant
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- II.G Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Lee County Schools and the Lee
County Health Department for FY 24-25
This item was moved to New Business.
- II.H Use of Escrow Funds in the Amount of \$3,744 for the Health Department
Clinical Services
- II.I Request to Accept Activity 546 Communicable Disease Pandemic Recovery Funds
in the Amount of \$247,631
546 FY25 Lee.pdf
- II.J Sanford Officials Association Service Approval
Sanford Official's Contract Updated 1.9.23.pdf

II.K Budget Amendment #08/19/24/02

This item was moved to New Business.

II.L American Rescue Plan Act Growing Rural Economic with Access to Technology Grant, Spectrum Contract Purchase Order

Grant Agreement.pdf

II.M Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing with HGACBuy (Houston-Galveston Area Council)

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N.C. Gen. Stat. _ 143-129.pdf

II.N Acceptance of Friends of the Library Donation for New Library Project

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II.O Forestry Services Contract

FY 2025 Forestry Services Contract.pdf

II.P Refund and Release Report for July 2024

Gen Statute 105.pdf

RELEASE CODES SPREADSHEET.pdf

July 2024 Personal Property Abatement Report.pdf

July 2024 Real Property Abatement Report.pdf

II.Q Systel Equipment Rental

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II.R Body Armor Purchase for the Sheriff's Office

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II.S Request to adopt and acquire the requested certified voting equipment upgrade from Elections Systems and Software for existing tabulators

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Resolution - Signed ES&S Upgrade to Win10.pdf

Standards for Simulated Election.pdf

Emails notifying SBOE of test 08.24.pdf

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Invitation to ES&S Demo.pdf

II.T Acceptance of \$1,656.68 as a donation from a trust to the Lee County Parks and Recreation Department

II.U Final Resolution Authorizing the Sale of 331 Harbor Trace

331 Harbor Trace Final Resolution.pdf

II.V Approve the Change Order Resolution

Final Change Order Resolution 8.19.24.pdf

II.W Lee County Athletic Park - Gateway Sign Design - Review/Approval

LCAP Gateway Sign.pdf

II.X Completing Access to Broadband memorandum of understanding with the Department of Information Technology

CAB MOU.pdf

II.Y Lee County Schools Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund Grant Applications

SHLS Project Print Copy.pdf

LCHS Project Print Copy.pdf

II.Z Rural Downtown Economic Development Grant

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Commisioners_Presentation.pdf

II.AA Purchase of Nine Durangos

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Ilderton Bid 4310-02-25.pdf

Ilderton Bid 4310-03-25.pdf

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Meg Moss, 364 Sheriff Watson Road (public school auditoriums & theatre programs)
- Jim Womack, 1615 Boone Trail Road (County's budget and Capital Improvements Plan)

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

IV.A Recognition of NCACC Excellence in Innovation Project Award

North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) Deputy Director and General Counsel Amy Bason recognized Lee County for receiving a NCACC Excellence in Innovation Project Award this year for the RENEW program. Ms. Bason also recognized Lee County Attorney Whitney Parrish as the Attorney of the Year for the North Carolina Association of County Attorneys.

IV.B Proclamation Honoring the Lee County Gymnastics Team

Chairman Smith read aloud and presented a proclamation honoring the Lee County Gymnastics Team in recognition of winning multiple gold, silver, and bronze medals, along with championship titles at the AAU State and National Championships during the 2024 season.

Motion: Motion to approve the Proclamation Honoring the Lee County Gymnastics Team and proclaim Thursday, August 22, 2024 as Lee County Gymnastics Team Day.

Mover: Dr. Andre Knecht

For: 6 - Dr. Andre Knecht, Cameron Sharpe, Kirk Smith, Bill Carver, Mark Lovick, Taylor Vorbeck

Absent: 1 - Robert Reives

Motion Result: Passed

IV.C Trillium Health Resources Annual Report

This item was moved from New Business.

Cecelia Peers, Trillium Regional Vice President, presented the Trillium Health Resources Annual Report, a copy of the presentation is attached and incorporated into these minutes. Ms. Peers noted that Trillium needs to do more with public schools and offer their Safe Schools training to families. She said that even if people aren't Trillium members, they can still call the 24-hour crisis hotline number and be directed to help. The Trillium team is getting started with re-entry services. If an incarcerated individual is a Trillium member, Trillium will reach out 30 days prior to release to help with the transition. Ms. Peers said Trillium has been working with Lee County Community Support Services Director Autumn Smith on this too. Trillium also assists with Crisis Intervention Team training.

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Trillium_Health_Resources_Annual_Report.Lee_Cty.pdf

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

V.A Public Hearing for FY2024 Community Development Block Grant Program

Sanford/Lee County Community Development Manager Karen Kennedy and Planner II Tradell Adkins presented a public hearing for the FY 2024 Community Block Grant Program. Ms. Kennedy also introduced Chris Hilbert with Insight Planning who is helping with the application. A copy of the memo is attached and incorporated into these minutes.

Chairman Smith opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

No one spoke in favor or in opposition.

Chairman Smith closed the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

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V.B New Library & Emergency Communications System Financing

Finance Director Candace Iceman presented a public hearing for the New Library and Emergency Communications System Financing. The total of the financing is \$28 million – \$22 million for the New Library and \$6 million for the Emergency Communications System/VIPER. County Manager Lisa Minter said \$18.7 million is the amount for the construction cost for the New Library, but there are other non-construction costs associated with the project to total \$22 million. The next step is to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the Lee County Library Project.

Chairman Smith opened at 7:12 p.m.

No one spoke in favor of the financing.

Those who spoke in opposition:

- David Smoak, 96 Northridge Trail
- Jim Womack, 1615 Boone Trail Road
- Robert Quilty, 1413 Brentwood Place (submitted via email to the Chairman)

Chairman Smith closed the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.

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Deed_of_Trust-Lee_2024_LOBs__4889-0966-3699.1_.pdf

First_Supplemental_Trust_Agreement_-Lee_2024_LOBs__4866-7468-9235.1_.pdf

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VI.A Resolutions Regarding New Library and Emergency Communications System Limited Obligation Bonds, Series 2024 Financing

Finance Director Candace Iceman presented two resolutions regarding the New Library and Emergency Communications System/VIPER Limited Obligation Bonds, Series 2024 Financing. As part of the next steps in the debt issuance process for the two projects, the Board will need to adopt two resolutions: 1) Resolution Making Certain Findings and Determinations Regarding the Proposed Financing of a New Library and Emergency Communications System and Requesting the Local Government Commission to Approve the Financing Arrangement and 2) Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Sale and Issuance of Limited Obligation Bonds and the Execution and Delivery of a Master Trust Agreement, A First Supplemental Trust Agreement, A Deed of Trust and Related Documents in Connection with the Financing of a New Library and Emergency Communications System. County Manager Lisa Minter said the financing consisted of two separate projects, combined into one financing for various reasons. The VIPER project includes more than just radios, it covers necessary infrastructure upgrades the State is requiring. The County can use some E-911 funds to enhance the 9-1-1 system; but the County must finance the upgrades required by the state through this financing. Ms. Minter noted that the bank wants collateral for the financing and the VIPER project cannot be put up as collateral since the County will not own all of the devices, so the New Library land and future building is sufficient collateral to fund both projects. The County received an estimate from the vendors that staff believes will be enough to cover both projects; however, the County can handle overages if needed. Bond Counsel and staff anticipate selling the Limited Obligation Bonds at a premium and that will hopefully bring in additional funding, which may allow for some of the project alternates to be considered. If the projects were financed separately, there would be additional costs related to the financing, for example for the drafting of the documents and for the closing costs.

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Motion: Motion to waive Board policy to take action on the same night as a public hearing was heard.

Mover: Dr. Andre Knecht

For: 6 - Dr. Andre Knecht, Cameron Sharpe, Kirk Smith, Bill Carver, Mark Lovick, Taylor Vorbeck

Absent: 1 - Robert Reives

Motion Result: Passed

Motion: Motion to approve the Resolution Making Certain Findings and Determinations Regarding the Proposed Financing of a New Public Library and Emergency Communications System Improvements and Requesting the Local Government Commission to Approve the Financing Arrangement.

Mover: Bill Carver

For: 5 - Dr. Andre Knecht, Cameron Sharpe, Kirk Smith, Bill Carver, Mark Lovick

Against: 1 - Taylor Vorbeck

Absent: 1 - Robert Reives

Motion Result: Passed

Motion: Motion to approve the Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Sale and Issuance of Limited Obligation Bonds and the Execution and Delivery of a Master Trust Agreement, a First Supplemental Trust Agreement, a Deed of Trust and Related Documents in Connection with the Financing of a New Public Library and Emergency Communications System Improvements.

Mover: Cameron Sharpe

For: 5 - Dr. Andre Knecht, Cameron Sharpe, Kirk Smith, Bill Carver, Mark Lovick

Against: 1 - Taylor Vorbeck

Absent: 1 - Robert Reives

Motion Result: Passed

VI.B Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the Lee County Library Project

Assistant County Manager of Operational Services Jennifer Gamble presented the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) item. The Lee County Library Project has been facilitated through a construction manager at-risk (CMR) construction delivery method. The County selected Sanford Contractors/Samet Corporation to serve as the CMR. The CMR is responsible for delivering preconstruction services while working with the architect and Lee County staff during the design phase and later serves as oversight for construction. Once the financing is approved by the Local Government Commission (LGC), which is anticipated to occur in mid-September, subcontractors will be issued a notice to proceed by the CMR. Staff is requesting the Board to approve the attached Resolution authorizing the Chair to sign all documents necessary to establish the GMP.

1 - GMP Breakdown 7.24.24.pdf

Resolution for Approval of GMP.pdf

Motion: Motion to approve the guaranteed maximum price (GMP) in the amount of \$18,784,275.00 for the Lee County Library Project and approve the attached Resolution authorizing the Board Chair to sign any and all documents necessary to establish the GMP.

Mover: Cameron Sharpe

For: 6 - Dr. Andre Knecht, Cameron Sharpe, Kirk Smith, Bill Carver, Mark Lovick,

Taylor Vorbeck

Absent: 1 - Robert Reives

Motion Result: Passed

VI.C Planning Board recommendation regarding a request to rezone a 0.50-acre portion of a 1.24-acre tract of land addressed as 631/655 Bruce Coggins Road from Residential Agricultural (RA) to Residential Restricted (RR)

Senior Planner Amy McNeill presented the Planning Board's recommendation regarding a request to rezone a 0.50-acre portion of a 1.24-acre tract of land addressed as 631/655 Bruce Coggins Road from Residential Agricultural (RA) to Residential Restricted (RR). The Planning Board met on July 15th after the joint public hearing was held with the Board of Commissioners and recommended by a unanimous vote that the Commissioners approve the request because it is reasonable and in the public interest since it would continue to allow single-family dwellings as a land use, and the site is in an area along Bruce Coggins Road that has RR zoning and access to public water. The Planning Board acknowledged by a six to one vote that the rezoning request is not consistent with the Plan SanLee long range plan designation of Countryside because the request is for a smaller lot size than allowed in the current zoning district of RA, the recommended development density is one dwelling unit per two acres, and the intent of this place-type is to encourage the conservation and maintenance of a rural lifestyle with a limited residential density; however, the Board determined it was appropriate to approve the rezoning request because it is reasonable since it will continue to allow single-family dwellings as a land use and the site is in an area of Bruce Coggins Road that has other RR zonings.

01-REZ@631-655 Bruce Coggins Road-BINDER-v2.pdf

Motion: Motion that the proposed zoning map amendment is not consistent with the Plan SanLee designation of Countryside because the request is for a smaller lot size (higher density) than allowed in the current zoning district of RA, the recommended development density is one dwelling unit per two acres and the intent of this place-type is to encourage the conservation and maintenance of a rural lifestyle with a limited residential density.

Mover: Taylor Vorbeck

For: 6 - Dr. Andre Knecht, Cameron Sharpe, Kirk Smith, Bill Carver, Mark Lovick, Taylor Vorbeck

Absent: 1 - Robert Reives

Motion Result: Passed

Motion: Motion that the Board of Commissioners approve the proposed zoning map amendment from Residential Agricultural (RA) to Residential Restricted (RR), because it is reasonable and in the public interest since it would continue to allow single-family dwellings as a land use (which is the primary land use allowed in RR) and the site is in an area along Bruce Coggins Road that has RR zoning and access to public water.

Mover: Taylor Vorbeck

For: 6 - Dr. Andre Knecht, Cameron Sharpe, Kirk Smith, Bill Carver, Mark Lovick, Taylor Vorbeck

Absent: 1 - Robert Reives

Motion Result: Passed

VII. NEW BUSINESS

VII.A Resolution to add Community Support Services to the Lee County Consolidated Human Services Agency

Chairman Smith called for a break at 7:47 for 10 minutes.

The Board resumed open session at 7:58 p.m.

County Attorney Whitney Parrish noted that the Board created a Consolidated Human Services Agency composed of the Lee County Department of Social Services and Health Department and created a Consolidated Human Services Agency Board to oversee the newly created Agency in July of 2023 and added the Senior Services Department in September 2023. Currently, the Community Support Services Department is overseen by the Assistant County Manager who also serves as the Consolidated Human Services Agency Director. To continue to expand the services of the consolidated agency, it is staff's recommendation to move Community Support Services into the Consolidated Agency. The Director of Community Support Services will be overseen by the Consolidated Human Services Director and all employees will continue to serve under the Director and will abide by Lee County Personnel Policies.

Resolution Adding Community Support Services to CHSA.pdf

Motion: Motion to approve the Resolution to add Community Support Services to the Lee County Consolidated Human Services Agency.

Mover: Dr. Andre Knecht

For: 6 - Dr. Andre Knecht, Cameron Sharpe, Kirk Smith, Bill Carver, Mark Lovick, Taylor Vorbeck

Absent: 1 - Robert Reives

Motion Result: Passed

VII.B Trillium Health Resources Annual Report

This item was moved to the Special Presentations section.

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Trillium_Health_Resources_Annual_Report.Lee_Cty.pdf

VII.C Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Lee County Schools and the Lee County Health Department for FY 24-25

Commissioner Vorbeck asked to pull the item from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Health Director Heath Cain noted that the documents included in this item are a template to go by and the Lee County Schools (LCS) Nurse Supervisor provides the names of the nurses the County will fund. Lee County provides \$150,000 to LCS, which covers about three nurses. LCS sends the Health Department the nurses' timesheets for reporting purposes. The school district has about 15 nurses on staff. The County receives funding based on a tiered system from the State. Lee County is in tier 1, per the State. The Health Department also provides training to all of the school nurses, not just the three that the County allocates these funds to.

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Motion: Motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Lee County Schools and the Lee County Health Department for FY 24-25.

Mover: Mark Lovick

For: 6 - Dr. Andre Knecht, Cameron Sharpe, Kirk Smith, Bill Carver, Mark Lovick, Taylor Vorbeck
Absent: 1 - Robert Reives
Motion Result: Passed

VII.D Budget Amendment #08/19/24/02

Commissioner Vorbeck asked to pull the item from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Finance Director Candace Iceman was available to answer questions. Ms. Iceman noted that certain line items in this budget amendment include rollover funds, including the fund balance appropriation. Rollover funding is due to a variety of reasons, such as projects that were not completed or goods not received in the previous fiscal year that are rolled to the new fiscal year. Any remaining funds at the end of the fiscal year go back into fund balance if they are not rolled over. Ms. Iceman said there will likely be rollovers included in the budget amendment that will be on the September 16th Board meeting agenda.

Budget Amendment Packet 8-19-24-02.pdf

Motion: Motion to approve Budget Amendment #08/19/24/02.

Mover: Cameron Sharpe

For: 6 - Dr. Andre Knecht, Cameron Sharpe, Kirk Smith, Bill Carver, Mark Lovick, Taylor Vorbeck

Absent: 1 - Robert Reives

Motion Result: Passed

VIII. MANAGERS' REPORTS

VIII.A Monthly Financial Reports

Finance Director Candace Iceman provided the monthly financial report for June 2024 and the May 2024 sales tax report. At this time, the County is at 106.55% of the ad valorem budget and no departments are over budget. The County is at 3.64% above sales tax revenues for the same period last fiscal year.

June 2024_Preliminary.pdf

May 2024 Sales Tax.pdf

VIII.B County Manager's Monthly Report

County Manager Lisa Minter provided her monthly manager's report for August, a copy of which is attached and incorporated into these minutes. Ms. Minter asked for the Board to authorize her to sign via DocuSign items related to the Historic Courthouse Project and additional grant funds received. Assistant County Manager of Governmental Support Angelina Noel then introduced Emma Bach, Lee County's new UNC Lead Fellow, and noted that she has an interest in Public Health.

County Managers Report - 8-19-2024.pdf

CHSAB minutes 06-2024.pdf

LCL_Aug 2024 Level Up! DIGITAL EDITION - APPROVED.pdf

Parks and Rec Board_June 2024 Minutes.pdf

PERMIT ISSUANCE REPORT- TEMPLATE-JULY.pdf

Tax_Monthly Managers Report July 2024.pdf

TRC Agenda_August 2024.pdf

Motion to authorize the County Manager to sign via DocuSign items related to the Historic Courthouse Project to accept additional grant funding that the County received.

Mover: Dr. Andre Knecht

For: 6 - Dr. Andre Knecht, Cameron Sharpe, Kirk Smith, Bill Carver, Mark Lovick, Taylor Vorbeck

Absent: 1 - Robert Reives

Motion Result: Passed

IX. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

X. CLOSED SESSION

Motion to go into Closed Session Per N.C. General Statute § 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with our attorney to preserve the attorney-client privilege.

And a motion to consider and give instructions concerning a potential or actual claim, administrative procedure, or judicial action; the title of the action is Eric Rodman vs. Lee County Emergency Services; Lee County; and John A. Crumpton, in his individual and official capacities.

Mover: Dr. Andre Knecht

For: 6 - Dr. Andre Knecht, Cameron Sharpe, Kirk Smith, Bill Carver, Mark Lovick, Taylor Vorbeck

Absent: 1 - Robert Reives

Motion Result: Passed

XI. POST CLOSED SESSION

The Board resumed open session at 8:52 p.m.

Chairman Smith read aloud a Resolution Delegating Authority to the County Manager to Settle Certain Lawsuits and Execute Documents aloud.

Motion: Motion to approve the Resolution Delegating Authority to the County Manager to Settle Certain Lawsuits and Execute Documents.

Mover: Dr. Andre Knecht

For: 6 - Dr. Andre Knecht, Cameron Sharpe, Kirk Smith, Bill Carver, Mark Lovick, Taylor Vorbeck

Absent: 1 - Robert Reives

Motion Result: Passed

County Attorney Whitney Parrish then presented a proposed settlement agreement and general release to ask the Board to approve in the matter of Eric Rodman vs. Lee County Emergency Services; Lee County; and John A. Crumpton, in his individual and official capacities and read aloud the terms of the agreement. The terms of the settlement agreement are as follows:

“This AGREEMENT is made with reference to the following facts:

- A. **WHEREAS**, Rodman asserted claims against the County and Crumpton in the civil action known as Rodman v. Lee County Emergency Services, et. al., 1:23 cv 796; and,
- B. **WHEREAS**, the County and Crumpton deny the validity of Rodman's claims and deny that either of them are subject to any liability and/or have engaged in any culpable conduct; and,
- C. **WHEREAS**, the parties reached a binding settlement agreement through counsel.

NOW THEREFORE, it is agreed between the parties as follows:

1. The recitals contained in paragraphs A through C above are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

2. Upon execution of this AGREEMENT, Rodman and Lee agree and stipulate to the following conditions:

- (A) In exchange for, and in consideration of, the payments, benefits, and other commitments described herein, Rodman, and for each of his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, hereby fully releases, acquits and forever discharges John Crumpton and Lee County, and each of its predecessors, assigns, officers, partners, board members, employees, attorneys and agents past and present, of each of the aforesaid entities ("Related Persons") of and from any and all claims, liabilities, causes of action, demands to any rights, damages, costs, attorney's fees, expenses, and compensation whatsoever, of whatever kind or nature, in law, equity or otherwise, whether known or unknown, vested or contingent, suspected or unsuspected, that he may now have, has ever had, or hereafter may have relating directly or indirectly to the allegations in this action, including, but not limited to, claims for wages, back pay, front pay, reinstatement, damages, or benefits. Rodman also releases any and all state and/or federal claims Rodman may have that arose prior to the effective date of this AGREEMENT, and hereby specifically waives and releases the right to any relief and/or damages arising from claims under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, the Civil Rights Act of 1991, the Equal Pay Act, the Americans With Disabilities Act, the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA), the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, and any and all federal, state or local statutes, ordinances, or regulations, as well as all claims arising under federal, state, or local law involving any tort, employment contract (express or implied), public policy, wrongful discharge or any other claim.
- (B) The County will accept a resignation letter from Eric Rodman which states: "I hereby resign from my position with Lee County." If requested information from potential employers about Rodman's employment with

Lee, Rodman will direct the request to the Human Resources Director. A County employee will then provide his dates of employment, positions held, salary and benefits, and that the County accepted his resignation from employment. The County will not provide additional information to potential employers regarding his employment to potential employers unless an additional release is executed by Rodman, or required by law. Plaintiff understands that while the resignation will be added to his file, if someone requests his entire file pursuant to a release he has signed or because the County is otherwise required to produce his entire file by law, the County cannot remove any of the documents from his personnel file but will also produce the resignation letter.

- (C) The County will cause a check of \$57,500.00 to be issued to Higgins Benjamin [JON WHAT IS THE EXACT NAME ON YOUR W9?] by Sedgwick Inc., which check shall be held by counsel for Rodman until this AGREEMENT is executed and the Complaint has been dismissed with prejudice. This check is payable as general damages. A Sedwick representative has inquired as to whether the check can be payable on Box 10; in any event, it will be payable on a 1099 form. Rodman is responsible for taxes, if any, and shall indemnify Lee County and hold Lee County harmless from same.
- (D) Rodman shall not directly or indirectly disparage John Crumpton or Defendant County (and any of its current or former employees, officials, and attorneys) in any medium including but not limited to social media, newspapers, and/or streaming services. John Crumpton and Defendant County (its current county managers, human resources director and attorneys) shall not directly or indirectly disparage Rodman. The parties all agree that except as otherwise provided in Paragraph E below, the settlement terms and/or incidents that led to the lawsuit and settlement will only be shared as required by law. Plaintiff understands that the settlement is not confidential under North Carolina public records law and the terms of the settlement must be read and approved by the Lee County Board of Commissioners in regular meeting, in open session.
- (E) The parties acknowledge that Jennifer Davis Miller was not an employee of the County and is not a party to this lawsuit or agreement. However, in the event that Jennifer Davis Miller should directly or indirectly disparage the Defendants and/or reference this lawsuit or any settlement going forward, Plaintiff hereby authorizes and releases the Defendants to disclose any and all facts regarding his employment and/or the incidents leading to his termination. This release extends to any and all information which would otherwise be considered confidential personnel information pursuant to the North Carolina General Statutes. Similarly, in the event that Jennifer Davis Miller directly or indirectly disparages the Defendants and/or references this lawsuit or any settlement going forward, and any of the Defendants exercise their option to disclose and all facts regarding Plaintiff's

employment and/or the incidents leading to his termination, Plaintiff would also be able to disclose any facts regarding Plaintiff's employment with the County and the incidents leading up to the termination.

(F) Except as stated herein, all parties shall bear their respective fees and costs.

3. This AGREEMENT shall be binding on, and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

4. If any portion or provision of this AGREEMENT is found to be unenforceable or invalid, the parties agree that the remaining portions will remain in full force and effect to the full extent permitted by law.

5. The parties agree that this AGREEMENT will be construed by, and governed in accordance with, the laws of the State of North Carolina.

6. All parties agree that electronic signatures are effective to make this a binding legal document.

7. Both parties agree that within three (3) days of execution of the AGREEMENT and receipt of the sum described in Paragraph 2A, counsel for Plaintiff shall prepare and file a joint Stipulation of Dismissal."

Motion: Motion to authorize the County Manager to sign the settlement agreement in Eric Rodman v. Lee County Emergency Services; Lee County; and John A. Crumpton, in his individual and official capacities

Mover: Dr. Andre Knecht

For: 6 - Dr. Andre Knecht, Cameron Sharpe, Kirk Smith, Bill Carver, Mark Lovick, Taylor Vorbeck

Absent: 1 - Robert Reives

Motion Result: Passed

ADJOURN

Motion: Motion to adjourn. The Board adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Mover: Dr. Andre Knecht

For: 6 - Dr. Andre Knecht, Cameron Sharpe, Kirk Smith, Bill Carver, Mark Lovick, Taylor Vorbeck

Absent: 1 - Robert Reives

Motion Result: Passed



Kirk Smith, Chairman
Lee County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Hailey Hall, Clerk to the Board



**Exemption from Architectural, Engineering and Surveying
Qualifications-Based Selection Process for Fees Less than
\$50,000**

Name of Project: Lee County General Services Parking Lot
Responsible Department: Lee County General Services
Vendor: J Thomas Engineering
Amount: \$32,000.00

N.C.G.S. 143-64.31 requires the initial selection and evaluation of firms to perform architectural, engineering, surveying, construction management-at-risk services and design-build services (collectively "design services") to be based on qualifications and without regard to fee, the qualification selection process must be announced and good faith efforts must be made to notify minority firms.

AND

N.C.G.S. 143-64.32 authorizes units of local government to exempt contracts for services from the qualifications based selection ("QBS") requirements of G.S. 143-64.31 if the estimated fee is less than \$50,000 and the estimated professional fee for services for the above-described project is less than \$50,000.

Lee County proposes to enter into a contract for services for work on the above described project. The above described project is hereby made exempt from the provisions of N.C.G.S. 143-64.31.

On March 16, 2020, the Lee County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution exempting the government from requiring QBS procedures for eligible projects under G.S. 143-64.31 and authorized the County Manager to approve each project on a case-by-case basis and by signing below, has approved such exemption.

eSigned via SeamisDocs.com

Key: 581760430e3d4f23924395c8a5e77621
Department Head

08-07-2024

Date


Assistant Finance Director

8-20-24

Date


County Manager **BOARD CHAIRMAN**

19 AUGUST 2024

Date



Proposed Rate Information for Lee County Sheriff's Office

Table with 3 columns: POSITION, PAY RATE, BILL RATE. Row 1: Deputy - Public Relations, \$27.48, \$34.99

The client bill rate includes Express Employment Professionals absorption of the following expenses:

- Worker's Compensation
• Payroll taxes and unemployment insurances
• Bonding of employees
• General liability insurance coverage
• Weekly invoicing to Clients
• Paying the associates
• Recruiting and applicant screening
• Benefits for associates

Overtime is calculated at 1.5 times the above rates, depending on overtime hours worked.

Express Employment Professionals agrees to convert associates in 720 hours (or 540 hours for part-time positions**) with a conversion fee of \$300.00. If an associate is taken on to Lee County Sheriff's Office before the 720 hours (or 540 hours), there will be a conversion fee charged, which is based on the direct hire placement fee (noted below) with a credit for the percentage of time worked to the total time required.

Express Employment Professionals has a Drug Free Policy and we provide initial drug screening which is included in the above pricing. Additional drug screening can be provided upon your requested at a cost of \$25.00 per test. We also provide initial background checks in the above pricing. We can perform an additional criminal background checks at your requested at a cost of \$20.00 per county.

Express Employment Professionals bills for services rendered on a pay-per-hour basis. The above rates will apply to the position(s) we discussed. These rates are subject to changes in Workers' Compensation.

In addition to our temporary and evaluation hire programs noted above, associates can also be hired through our Direct Hired Program. The placement fee under this program is twelve percent (12%) of the associate's annual compensation (on a full-time equivalent basis) and has a guarantee provision. A twenty-five percent (25%) discount is available for part-time positions**.

** A position qualifies as part-time if associate will be working less than 30 hours per week.

Express Employment Professionals

Signature

Date

Lee County Sheriff's Office

Signature

Date

[Handwritten Signature]

19 AUGUST 2024

307 N. Horner Blvd., Sanford, NC 27330
Phone: 919 775 1292 Fax: 919 775 1296
Revision 2/2021

This instrument has been preaudited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act

[Handwritten Signature]

Finance Officer, Lee County

PRE-DESIGN PROJECT BUDGET ESTIMATE
 LEE COUNTY SERVICE CENTER IMPROVEMENTS
 SANFORD, NORTH CAROLINA

PREPARED BY:
 J Thomas Engineering, Inc.
 20-Nov-2023
 REV 7-8-24¹

ITEM NO.	WORK ITEM DESCRIPTION	EST. UNIT QUANTITY	UNIT	EST. UNIT PRICE	EST. EXTENDED PRICE
1	Mobilization (7.5%)		LS	\$15,000.00	\$15,000
2	Traffic Control		LS	\$5,250.00	\$5,250
3	Milling severely cracked/worn pavement	1,810	SY	\$10.00	\$18,100
4	Subgrade Prep (for additional pavement around fuel station + 3 new parkings spaces)	700	SY	\$8.50	\$5,950
5	Crushed Aggregate Base Course (6" of CABC) (for additional pavement around fuel station + 3 new parking spaces)	220	TN	\$50.00	\$11,000
6	Asphalt Pavement Intermediate Course (2.5" of 119.0C) (for milled areas + additional pavement around fuel station)	340	TN	\$160.00	\$54,400
7	Asphalt Pavement Surface Course (2" of S9.5B) (Ex asphalt overlay + additional pavement around fuel station + 3 new parking spaces)	560	TN	\$180.00	\$100,800
8	Pavement Markings		LS	\$2,500.00	\$2,500
SUBTOTAL:					
9	Surveying/Design/Con A (15%)		LS	\$32,000.00	\$32,000
10	Materials Testing/Observation		ALLOW	\$5,000.00	\$5,000
TOTAL:					
CONTINGENCY (15%):					\$250,000
PROJECT BUDGET ESTIMATE:					\$287,500

¹ESTIMATE BASED ON SITE VISIT WITH RUSSELL SPIVEY AND RYAN FAULK ON 10/3/23.

²THE ESTIMATED AVERAGE UNDERCUT IS 6"

³UNIT PRICE FOR BORROW MATERIAL CAN FLUCTUATE DRASTICALLY DEPENDING ON HAUL DISTANCE FROM BORROW SITE

⁴REVISED COST ESTIMATE TO DELETE NEW PARKING LOT. UPDATED UNIT PRICES



DONATION FORM

August 19, 2024

The Board of Commissioners, on behalf of Lee County Government, hereby accepts a monetary donation of \$34,000.00 from the Friends of the Lee County Library, to be used by Lee County to help fund the Friends of the Library space and the Outside Children's play area as part of the capital project of the new library construction project. The Friends of the Lee County Library expect nothing in return for this monetary donation. No goods or services were received by the Donor in return for the donation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kirk D. Smith", is written over a horizontal line.

Kirk D. Smith, Chair
Lee County Board of Commissioners

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Laudate", is written over a horizontal line.

Susan Laudate
President, Friends of the Lee County Library

*Donor should consult with a tax professional about the tax implications of this donation under state and federal law. This form does not guarantee the Donor's ability to donate the property for the purpose of using the donation as a tax deductible item.



North Carolina Department of Agriculture
and Consumer Services
N.C. Forest Service



Steven W. Troxler
Commissioner

Scott Bissette
Assistant Commissioner

NC Forest Service D-3
1163 N US 1 Hwy.
Rockingham, NC 28379

July 13, 2023

D-3 FC
Lee County

Lisa G Minter, CPA
Lee County, County Manager
408 Summit Dr
Sanford, NC 27330

Dear Ms. Minter:

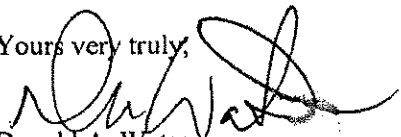
Reference is made to the Lee County Forestry budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025. The final budget is as follows:

Lee County share of budget at 40%	\$ 129,497
N.C. State share of budget at 60%	\$ 194,247
Total budget, 2024-2025	\$ 323,744

I am attaching hereto a copy of our contract which will contain the above budget figures. Please present this contract to the Chairman of the Lee County Board of Commissioners. Three copies of the contract are to be signed by the Chairman of the Lee County Board of Commissioners and by the County Finance Officer.

Please return all 3 signed contracts to this office at your earliest convenience. Our mailing address is NC Forest Service 1163 N US 1 Hwy Rockingham, NC 28379. We will then execute them in the name of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and return one copy of the contract to you for your files.

Yours very truly,


Donald A. Watson
District Forester

DAW
Attachments
cc: Sam Buchanan, Lee County Forest Ranger

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
Department of
Agriculture and Consumer Services

\$ 323,744
Total Cooperative Appropriation

\$ 194,247 State

\$ 129,497 County

AGREEMENT FOR THE PROTECTION, DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT
OF FOREST LANDS IN **LEE COUNTY** NORTH CAROLINA

THIS AGREEMENT is made under the authority of **Chapter 106, Article 75, of the North Carolina General Statutes, including N.C. Gen. Stat. § 106-906, titled "Cooperation between counties and State in forest protection and development,"** by and between the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (hereinafter called the Department), party of the first part, and the Board of Commissioners of **LEE COUNTY** in the State of North Carolina (hereinafter called the Board), party of the second part.

WHEREAS, the Board recognizing the need for active forest protection, development, reforestation, management and improvement in **LEE COUNTY** has accepted the offer of the Department for cooperation in accomplishing this object; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the parties contract and agree to maintain a legally appointed and equipped Forest Service office to support said county at the joint cost of the State and County, insofar as the joint funds will permit, as follows:

Part I. THE DEPARTMENT AGREES:

1. To select and employ permanent and temporary position(s) in order to successfully execute the mission of the NC Forest Service and to support the forestry program in said county. These positions include:
 - A) 1 County/Area Ranger(s) assigned for the purposes of controlling forest fires in said County; for detecting and extinguishing fires that break out; for investigating the origin of forest, woodland, and field fires; for enforcing the State's forest fire laws; for taking such preventive measures, educational and otherwise, to prevent forest fires; for developing and improving the forests through reforestation, promotion, and practice of Forest Management practices; and for protection of forests from insects and diseases.
 - B) 1 Assistant County Ranger(s) for the purposes of assisting under the direction, supervision, and/or oversight of the County/Area Ranger in controlling forest fires in said County; for detecting and extinguishing fires that break out; for investigating the origin of forest, woodland, and field fires; for enforcing the State's forest fire laws; for taking such preventive measures, educational and otherwise, to prevent forest fires; for developing and improving the forests through reforestation, promotion, and practice of Forest Management practices; and for protection of forests from insects and diseases.

- C) **0.13** Forestry Management Clerk for purposes of providing administrative support, serving as the back-up administrative contact for the assigned district, counties within the district, or unit, and serving as the primary contact for forest management administrative business within the assigned district.
 - D) **1** Forest Fire Equipment Operator(s) for purposes of establishing fire suppression control lines in assigned work areas and in other areas as needed using equipment, including crawler tractors (fire dozers), with various attachments, such as a fire plow, hurricane blades, etc., and operate and maintain all types of heavy site preparation equipment.
 - E) **0.0872** Vehicle Equipment Repair Technician(s) for purposes of overhauling, repairing, and maintaining light duty vehicles and heavy-duty equipment, including but not limited to specialized firefighting equipment, heavy construction and agricultural equipment, and stationary power units equipped with complex hydraulic systems and spark spark-ignition or diesel engines.
 - F) Temporary position(s) on an as-needed basis.
2. To furnish position(s) so employed a badge of office, stationery and report forms, instructional posters for use in the County, leaflets for distributing to landowners and others; to purchase necessary equipment, communication systems, and other Forestry improvements insofar as the joint funds will permit.
 3. To pay the identified position(s) for all official services rendered at a fair rate of pay. Rates of pay are to be established by the Department in accordance with existing State salary administration policy.
 4. To direct, supervise, instruct, and inspect, through its agents, the work and conduct of each position, to discipline and, when necessary, discharge such position(s).
 5. To submit to the Board monthly, or at other mutually satisfactory intervals, an itemized statement of all monies to be paid by the County and those paid by the Department for the work conducted pursuant to this Agreement within said County.

State Funding

6. To make available annually from State, Federal, and other funds allotted to it, the sum of **One Hundred Ninety Four Thousand Two Hundred Forty Seven Dollars (\$194,247)** as its share of an annual budget of **Three Hundred Twenty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Four Dollars (\$323,744)** for carrying on the above listed work in said County.

Part II. THE BOARD AGREES:

7. To pay the Department **40** % of the total cost of the salary of position(s) specified in Part I.1 above and expenses and other proper expenditures made in connection with the overall forestry program in said County, upon receipt and consequent approval of the periodic statements submitted by the Department.

County Funding

8. To appropriate annually the sum of **One Hundred Twenty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Seven Dollars (\$129,497)**, which sum shall be available for expenditure under the terms of this Agreement, and shall represent the County's share of the annual budget for carrying on work listed in this Agreement in said County.

Part III. IT IS EXPRESSLY AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD BY BOTH PARTIES:

9. That this Agreement becomes effective **July 1, 2024**, and lasts through **June 30, 2025**.
10. Payments made for services rendered in a prior contract period will apply toward the contract period in which the services were rendered and not toward the contract period when the payments are made.

That the annual appropriations as set forth above may be revised in writing by mutual agreement between the Department and the Board, based on the amount of annual appropriation desirable for the proper conduct of the Forestry work. Such revision shall become effective at the beginning of the stated Fiscal Year. The Fiscal Year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. Any unused balance of County funds remaining at the end of a Fiscal Year shall revert to said County unless otherwise mutually agreed upon by both parties.

11. That this Agreement may be modified only in writing and upon execution by both parties.
12. That the Board reimburse the Department as provided in Part II of this Agreement by forwarding a county voucher drawn in favor of the Department for the amount of the County's share of expenditures as set forth in the Department's monthly statement to the Board. That such payments be made by the Board within thirty days following receipt of the Department's billing.
13. The title to all improvements and equipment purchased and/or constructed in connection with this Agreement will rest with the Department; such materials or their equivalent will remain in the County as long as this Agreement is in effect, or as long as they are needed by the Department for the proper conduct of the work therein.
14. That the County/Area Ranger periodically or at the request of the Board, shall present to the Board statements of the work being done within the County, so that said Board may be always informed regarding the Forestry finances and activities within the County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties do hereunto affix their names and seals upon the date herein below specified.

For the Board of County Commissioners of **LEE COUNTY**

Date 19 AUGUST 2024  County Manager

Provisions for the payment of the monies to fall due under this Agreement have been made by appropriation duly made or by bonds or notes duly authorized and this Agreement has been pre-audited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act

Date 8/21/24

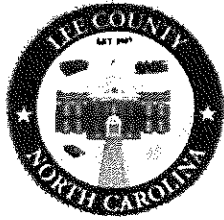
Cardace Kemar County Finance
Officer

For the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Date _____

_____ Signature

N. David Smith
Chief Deputy Commissioner



**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PROPERTY
LOCATED AT 331 HARBOR TRACE**

WHEREAS, the County of Lee owns certain vacant property located at 331 Harbor Trace, PIN number 9660-91-9608-00, Lee County, North Carolina, as shown on a deed recorded in Deed Book 1335, Page 832, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Lee County, to which the record thereof reference is hereby made for more complete description; and,

WHEREAS, the taxable value of the property is \$7,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, the above-referenced property was conveyed to the County as the result of a foreclosure sale; and,

WHEREAS, the amount of fees and taxes and dues owed on the property as the result of such sale is \$5,394.14; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes §§ 153A-176 and 160A-269 permit the County to sell property by upset bid, after receipt of an offer to purchase the property; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Lee proposes to dispose of the above described property as it is surplus to the County's needs; and,

WHEREAS, the County received an offer submitted on July 1, 2024 by Cheryl Crist ("Offeror") to purchase the property described above in the amount of \$4,000.00, plus any advertising costs, a copy of which is attached hereto; and,

WHEREAS, Offeror has paid to the County Clerk the required 5 percent (5%) deposit on its offer and \$200.00 to defray advertising and administrative services; and,

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board of Commissioners accepted the initial offer on July 15, 2024 and authorized staff to advertise the initial offer; and,

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2024 the initial offer was advertised in *The Sanford Herald*, starting the 10-day upset sealed bid period; and,

WHEREAS, no further upset bids were received during the 10-day upset bid period and the original offer from Cheryl Crist is the final and highest bid received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lee County Board of Commissioners as follows:

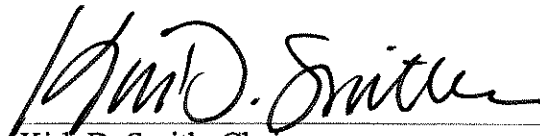
1. The Lee County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the offer of \$4,000.00 from Cheryl Crist.

2. The terms of the final sale are as follows:

- a. The Buyer must pay with cash, cashier's check or certified check at the time of closing. The Buyer pays the recording fee.
- b. The property is sold "as is" with no conditions placed on the bid.
- c. Title to the subject property shall be transferred to the buyer by a Non-Warranty deed.
- d. Advertising fees are non-refundable once spent. The Buyer must pay all advertising costs over \$200.00.
- e. The County Attorney does not perform title searches on the property and the Offeror can and is encouraged to retain their own attorney to perform such title search.
- f. The Buyer takes the property subject to any easements, encroachments, encumbrances, environmental conditions, boundary issues, restrictive covenants, title issues, or other property conditions, known or unknown.
- g. The Buyer takes the property subject to the current Homeowner's Dues of \$475.00 which will be pro-rated at closing.

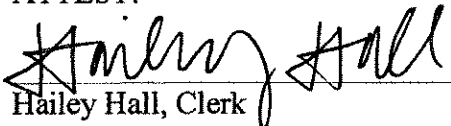
3. The County Manager, the Chair of the Board of Commissioners and all other appropriate County officials are authorized to execute the necessary instruments to effectuate the conveyance.

Dated this the 19th day of August, 2024.



Kirk D. Smith, Chairman
Lee County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Hailey Hall, Clerk
Lee County Board of Commissioners





**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY MANAGER APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS
FOR LEE COUNTY CONTRACTS**

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board of Commissioners has granted the Lee County Manager the authority to sign agreements on behalf of the County in the amount of \$30,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, any contracts over \$30,000.00 are presented to the Board for approval and are executed by the Board Chair; and,

WHEREAS, during the performance of County contracts, sometimes change orders arise and oftentimes these change orders are time-sensitive and must be approved prior to the next available Board meeting; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners, in order to ensure that progress under County contracts continues without delay, grants and delegates to the Lee County Manager the authority to approve and execute individual change orders up to \$50,000.00 during the term of Board approved contracts, so long as funds are available in the existing project; and,

WHEREAS, the Lee County Manager will report any approved individual change order to the Board of Commissioners at the next available Board meeting; and,

WHEREAS, this Resolution will remain in full force and effect until rescinded or amended.

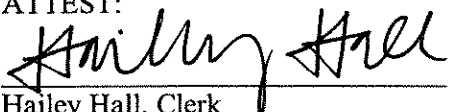
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lee County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. The Lee County Board of Commissioners delegates and authorizes the County Manager to approve, execute, and sign individual change orders for Board approved contracts up to and including \$50,000.00 without first seeking Board of Commissioner approval, so long as funds are available in the existing project.
2. Any change orders approved by the County Manger will be reported to the Board of Commissioners at the next regular meeting of the Board.

Dated this the 19th day of August, 2024.


Kirk D. Smith, Chair
Lee County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Hailey Hall, Clerk
Lee County Board of Commissioners



Type GS - Gateway Sign

Qty. 1 Single Sided

ASI Custom

Material: Fabricated Aluminum

Depth: 6"

Font: Montserrat Extra Bold

Logo: Vector Artwork Needed

Colors: PMS 5487 (border)

PMS 7477 (background)

SC-901 (copy/address)

Surface Painted

White (website/facebook)

Surface applied vinyl

Blue (facebook logo)

Surface printed white vinyl

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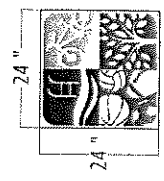
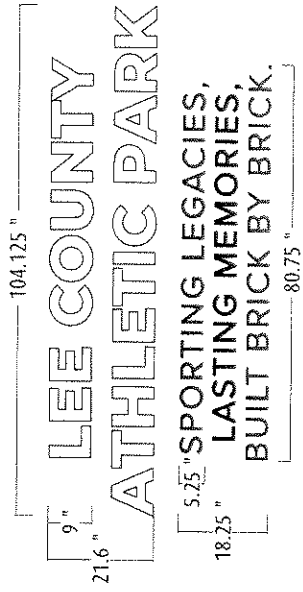
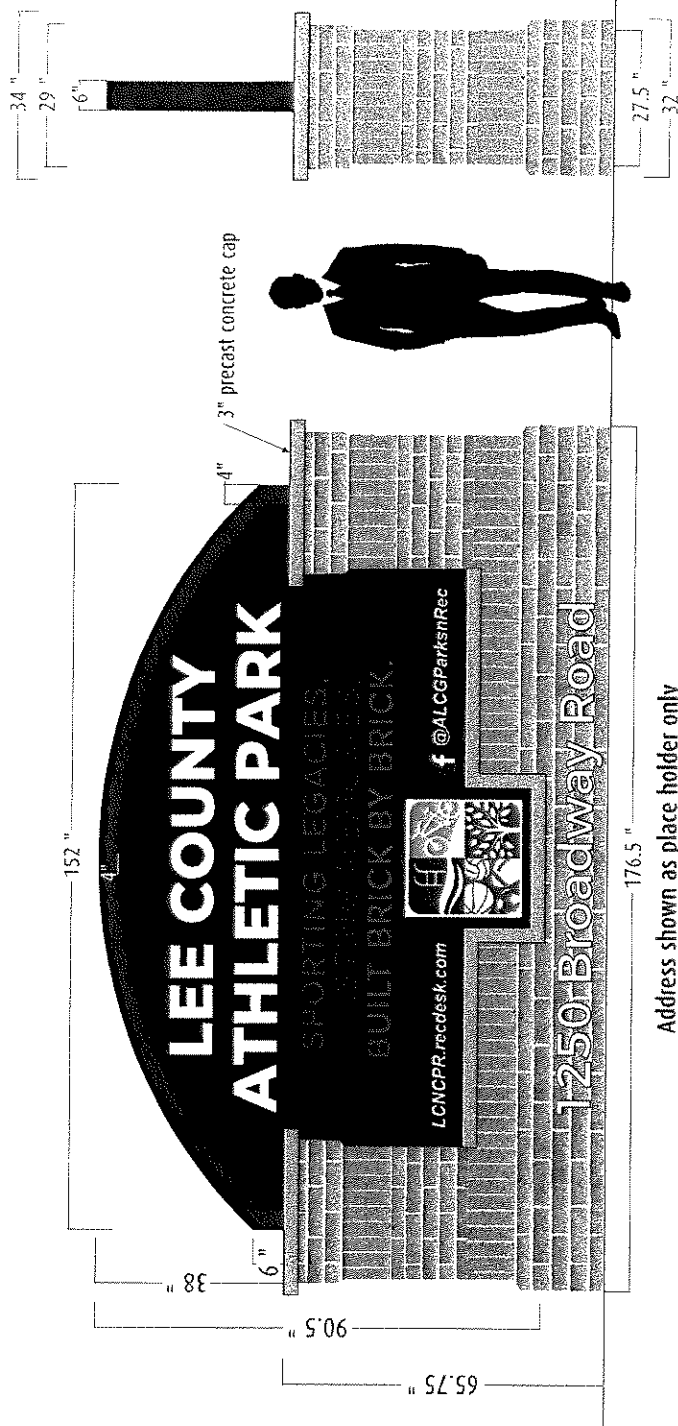
Address: 1/4" flush mounted aluminum letters

Logo: 1/4" flush mounted aluminum with surface printed graphics

Logo colors TBD

Mounting: 3" ID Steel Pipe

Note: Masonry by others



104.125" Address shown as place holder only
 104.188" 250 Broadway Road

Order # R26409 Quote # Q32547

asi ASI North Carolina
 600 King Parkway, Holly Springs, NC 27540
 919.321.2669 Fax 919.321.9214

Client: Sanford Contractors, Inc.
 Project: Lee County Multi-Sports Complex
 Account Executive: DD
 Project Manager: AT

Designer: JN
 Date: 01/17/24
 Revision: 06/05/24

Customer Approved
 Approved as Noted
 Revise & Resubmit

Signature: *Kirk D. Smith*
 Print Name: Kirk D. Smith
 Date: 06/07/00 19 AUG 2024

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**COMPLETING ACCESS TO BROADBAND (CAB) PROGRAM
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

I. Purpose

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes an agreement and commitment between the North Carolina Department of Information Technology (NCDIT) and Lee County (the County), regarding the transfer of funds from the County to NCDIT as the County’s portion of the required financial match for the CAB project identified below.

This MOU is subject to the provisions of all applicable Federal, State and local laws, regulations, policies, and standards.

II. Background

On March 28, 2024, NCDIT posted a County Scope of Work document requesting responses from pre-qualified vendors to build broadband infrastructure and provide broadband service to unserved and underserved locations within the County. NCDIT received proposals in response to the County Scope of Work, and an evaluation team, with members from NCDIT and the County, reviewed the proposals and agreed to award the broadband infrastructure project (CAB Project) to Spectrum Southeast, LLC (Respondent) pursuant to its Application #1000022042. The total cost of this CAB Project is apportioned among NCDIT, the County, and the Respondent according to N.C.G.S. 143B-1373.1(d) or (e) and as set out in Section 3 of the County Scope of Work document.

III. Fiscal Responsibility

Within sixty (60) days of executing this MOU, the County agrees to send its portion of the required financial match in the amount of \$1,487,313.38 to NCDIT to be used for the CAB Project.

NCDIT agrees to use these funds solely for this CAB Project and to designate these funds in an account separate from other NCDIT funds. NCDIT will contribute a financial match to this CAB Project in the amount identified in the contract with the Respondent.

The County shall transfer its portion of the required financial match to NCDIT by mailing a check payable to:

NC Department of Information Technology
Broadband CAB Program
Accounts Receivable (AR)
P.O. Box 17209
Raleigh, NC 27619-7209

Mailings must include a copy of this MOU and reference Broadband CAB Program on the check.

In the event that the CAB Project is terminated and NCDIT seeks the clawback of funds from the Respondent, the County and NCDIT will share pro rata in any money returned by the Respondent. In the event of a cost underrun for the CAB Project, NCDIT will refund the County its pro rata portion of the total project cost.

IV. Source of Funding and Reporting

NCDIT will use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Capital Project Funds for its portion of the project cost. Pursuant to the CAB statute (N.C.G.S. 143b-1373.1), the County must use nonrestricted general funds or ARPA funds for its portion of the CAB Project. If the County is using ARPA funds, it is responsible for its own reporting to U.S. Treasury regarding these funds. Pursuant to the Scope of Work Special Term and Condition No. 1, NCDIT will provide the county with all progress reports, financial reports, audits, technical reports, and reports from site visits within 10 business days of their completion, including supporting documentation. Respondent is a contractor of NCDIT, and the contract between NCDIT and Respondent consists of the Broadband Expansion and Access RFP, the executed County Scope of Work, the Best and Final Offer document, the commitments made by Respondent in its proposal, and any amendments entered into between NCDIT and Respondent. Applicable provisions of 2 C.F.R. 200 and the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Final Rule are included in that contract.

V. Effective Period

This MOU shall remain in full force and effect until the termination of the contract between NCDIT and the Respondent for the CAB Project or until superseded, terminated, cancelled, or revoked by law or by one of the parties herein. This MOU may be amended, if mutually agreed upon, to change the scope and terms of this MOU or as necessary to conform to changes in authorizing legislation. Such changes shall be incorporated as a written amendment to this MOU.

VI. Notice

All notices and information permitted or required to be given by one party to the other and all questions about the MOU from one party to the other shall be addressed and delivered to the person listed below.

For NCDIT: Creecy Johnson, Legal Counsel
North Carolina Department of Information Technology
Division of Broadband and Digital Equity
Post Office Box 17209
Raleigh, North Carolina 27619-7209
Creecy.johnson@nc.gov
(919) 737-5649



For County: (name, title, address, email, telephone)

VII. Approvals

NCDIT and the County indicate agreement with the terms of this MOU by the signature of their respective authorized officials below. The individuals signing below warrant that they are authorized to execute this MOU and bind their respective entities to its terms.

NC DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Nathaniel Denny, Deputy Secretary
Division of Broadband and Digital Equity
NC Department of Information Technology

Date

LEE COUNTY

Kirk D. Smith
Signature

19 AUGUST 2024
Date
COMMISSION
CHAIRMAN

KIRK D. SMITH
Printed Name

Title

This instrument has been preaudited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act

Candace Kemar
Finance Officer, Lee County

Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund

2024-25 Grant Application

Application Deadline: September 13, 2024

Rev. 7/30/2024

NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND FY2024-25 GRANT APPLICATION

PROGRAM CRITERIA

Date: August 2, 2024

BACKGROUND

The Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund was established to assist counties with their critical public school building capital needs. Grants from the NBPSCF are funded with revenue from the NC Education Lottery. Grant funds are available to eligible counties for construction of new school buildings and additions, repairs, and renovations of existing school facilities.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

- Guidance Issued July 30, 2024
- Application Opens August 1, 2024
- Application Deadline September 13, 2024

ELIGIBILITY

Counties with an adjusted market value of taxable real property of less than \$40 billion are eligible to apply for a grant under the NBPSCF program. The list of eligible counties is published by DPI annually prior to the NBPSCF application period. The list of eligible counties for FY2024-25 is available here: [FY24-25 Eligibility](#)

Grant funds must be used only for construction of new school buildings and additions, repairs, and renovations. Grant funds cannot be used for real property acquisition or for capital improvements to administrative buildings.

PROGRAM FUNDING

Funding appropriated for NBPSCF Grant awards exceeds \$258 million for FY2024-25.

MATCHING FUNDS

Counties receiving a grant are required to provide local matching funds from county funds, other non-state funds, or a combination of these sources, in accordance with G.S. 115C-546.11.(a). Local matching fund requirements range from 0% to 35% of the grant amount, and are published by DPI annually prior to the NBPSCF application period. The local match requirement applicable to the project is the published local match requirement in effect at the time of the grant award. Local matching requirements for FY2024-25 grant applicants are available here: [FY24-25 Local Matching Requirements](#)

NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND FY2024-25 GRANT APPLICATION

PROGRAM CRITERIA

Date: August 2, 2024

MAXIMUM AWARD Grant award maximums are as follows:

- Up to \$42 million for an Elementary School
- Up to \$52 million for a Middle School
- Up to \$62 million for a High School

An applicant may not apply for projects that exceed an aggregate amount greater than the maximum grant award amounts listed above in any single year.

Applications will be reviewed in the context of projected enrollment to evaluate the reasonableness of project size and scope.

REPORTING

Grant recipients are required to submit a report by April 1 of each year, with each grant funds distribution request, and upon completion of the project, detailing: the use of grant funds, progress on the project, and impact of the project on the county's school capital plan.

Grant funds will be disbursed in a series of payments based on the progress of the project. To receive a distribution, the grant recipient must submit a request for distribution, along with documentation of the expenditures for which the distribution is requested, and evidence that the matching requirement has been met. DPI will provide grant recipients with Reporting and Distribution Request forms following announcement of awards.

AGREEMENT

A county receiving Needs-Based grant funds is required to enter into an agreement with the Department of Public Instruction detailing the use of grant funds, in accordance with G.S. 115C-546.12.(a). DPI will provide grant recipients with Agreement Forms following announcement of awards. Signed Agreements are due within 60 days of award announcement.

NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND FY2024-25 GRANT APPLICATION

PROGRAM CRITERIA

Date: August 2, 2024

EVALUATION

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Critical Deficiency	The extent to which a project will address critical deficiencies in adequately serving the current and future student population.
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NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND FY2024-25 GRANT APPLICATION

CONTACT INFORMATION

Date: August 2, 2024

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NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND FY2024-25 GRANT APPLICATION

PROJECT INFORMATION

Date: August 2, 2024

Project Title:

SLHS Auditorium, Classrooms, and Meeting Space

Location:

Southern Lee High School, 2301 Tramway Road, Sanford, NC 27332

Type of Facility:

Public High School

Short Description of Proposed School Construction Project:

Currently, there is no auditorium at Southern Lee High School, which represents a significant gap in both instructional and community programming. The Auditorium at SLHS is a state-of-the-art facility designed to enhance both educational and community engagement. The project features six versatile classroom spaces and a multifunctional meeting area, similar in design to the new section of the Civic Center, with a capacity of 150 attendees. This meeting space can be subdivided into four smaller rooms to accommodate various group sizes. Additionally, the facility includes a fully equipped prep kitchen, ideal for catering events and meetings. The centerpiece of the project is an auditorium with seating for 800, providing ample space for large gatherings, performances, and events.

Southern Lee High School, located in Sanford, NC, currently faces severe challenges due to overcrowding. The existing facilities are strained beyond their intended capacity, resulting in compromised learning conditions and limited opportunities for students. One pressing issue is the absence of a dedicated auditorium, depriving students of a vital space for cultural and educational events. Our proposal aims to rectify this by constructing a modern auditorium that will also house six additional classrooms to accommodate the growing student population.

The school's current infrastructure was designed to serve a smaller student body, and the rapid increase in enrollment has led to overcrowded classrooms and strained resources. The absence of an auditorium further exacerbates the challenges faced by students and faculty alike. As a consequence, essential school functions such as assemblies, performances, and presentations lack a suitable venue, hindering the holistic development of our students.

The proposed project directly addresses the critical need for additional space and a dedicated auditorium, with anticipated positive impacts on student outcomes:

1. **Enhanced Learning Environment:** The construction of six new classrooms will alleviate overcrowding, providing students with a conducive environment for learning. Smaller class sizes will allow for more personalized attention, fostering improved academic performance.
2. **Cultural and Educational Opportunities:** The auditorium will serve as a hub for cultural and educational events, including performances, lectures, and presentations. This dedicated space will enhance the overall school experience and contribute to the development of well-rounded individuals.
3. **Community Engagement:** The new auditorium will facilitate increased community engagement by providing a venue for events that bring together students, parents, and community members. This fosters a sense of pride and unity within the school community.
4. **Holistic Development:** A dedicated auditorium allows for the integration of arts and culture into the curriculum, contributing to the holistic development of students by nurturing creativity, teamwork, and communication skills.

In conclusion, the construction of an auditorium and six additional classrooms, and the meeting space at Southern Lee High School is not merely an infrastructural enhancement but a strategic investment in the future of our students. By addressing the critical need for space and cultural amenities, we aim to create an environment that fosters academic excellence, cultural enrichment and community engagement.

(please attach additional information as necessary)

NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND FY2024-25 GRANT APPLICATION

PROJECT INFORMATION

Date: August 2, 2024

Was this project identified in the 5-year plan in the 2020-21 Facility Needs Survey? YES NO

If not, provide explanation and attach equivalent information:

Will this project replace any existing facilities? YES NO

If YES, which school(s): _____

How many students will be served by this project? Approximately 1200

Has Advanced Planning been done for this project? YES NO

Lee County Governmnet has advised us to begin looking at design of a facility.

Have Construction Documents been completed for this project? YES NO

Anticipated or Actual Bid Date: January 2025

Planned Start Date of Construction*: July 2026

Planned Completion Date of Construction: December 2027

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NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND FY2024-25 GRANT APPLICATION

PROJECT BUDGET

Date: August 2, 2024

Total NBPSCF Grant funding requested for this project: \$17,060,812.50

Minimum NBPSCF Grant funding for project to proceed (optional): _____

Estimated Project Costs	Local (non-State)	NBPSCF Grant Funds	Total
Planning	\$ <u>79,812.50</u>	\$ <u>1,516,437.50</u>	\$ <u>1,596,250.00</u>
Construction	\$ <u>763,125.00</u>	\$ <u>14,499,375.00</u>	\$ <u>15,262,500.00</u>
Other Costs*	\$ <u>55,000.00</u>	\$ <u>1,045,000.00</u>	\$ <u>1,100,000.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>897,937.50</u>	\$ <u>17,060,812.50</u>	\$ <u>17,958,750.00</u>

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Source(s) of required Local Matching Funds:

Lee County Government special allocation

Have any of the Local Matching Funds been expended at the time of application?

YES NO

If YES, provide amount expended: _____

If YES, provide description of work: _____

Estimated Project Expenditures by Fiscal Year (show estimated period over which funds will be spent by Fiscal Year)

Total Planned Expenditures	2023-24 or earlier	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27 or later	Total
Local Matching Funds			79,812.50	818,125.00	897,937.50
Requested NBPSCF Grant Funds*	\$	\$	\$ 1,516,437.50	\$ 15,544,375.00	\$ 17,060,812.50
Total Estimated Expenditures by Fiscal Year	\$	\$	\$ 1,596,250.00	\$ 16,362,500.00	\$ 17,958,750.00

*Total requested grant funding cannot exceed maximum allowed under G.S. 115C-546.11.(c) .

NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND FY2024-25 GRANT APPLICATION

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

Date: August 2, 2024

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NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND FY2024-25 GRANT APPLICATION

ASSURANCE PAGE

Date: August 2, 2024

By signing below, we assure the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction that we are officials of our respective organizations and we are authorized to submit this application on behalf of these organizations.

We certify the following:

- The information provided in this proposal is correct and complete.
- The project described in the application is within the parameters of the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund as required in Article 38B of G.S. 115C-546, and that all of the required local funding is available and designated as a match for this project.
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- We will work cooperatively with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in monitoring and evaluating the progress of the project to meet statutory reporting requirements. We will report on project status and State and local funds expended by April 1 of each year, at the time of each distribution request, and within 90 days of project completion.
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K.M.D. Smith

(Signature – Chair, County Commissioners)

19 AUGUST 2024

(Date)

(Signature – Chair, Board of Education)

(Date)

This instrument has been preaudited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act

Candace Deeman

Finance Officer, Lee County

Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund

2024-25 Grant Application

Application Deadline: September 13, 2024

Rev. 7/30/2024

NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND FY2024-25 GRANT APPLICATION

PROGRAM CRITERIA

Date: August 2, 2024

BACKGROUND

The Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund was established to assist counties with their critical public school building capital needs. Grants from the NBPSCF are funded with revenue from the NC Education Lottery. Grant funds are available to eligible counties for construction of new school buildings and additions, repairs, and renovations of existing school facilities.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

- Guidance Issued July 30, 2024
- Application Opens August 1, 2024
- Application Deadline September 13, 2024

ELIGIBILITY

Counties with an adjusted market value of taxable real property of less than \$40 billion are eligible to apply for a grant under the NBPSCF program. The list of eligible counties is published by DPI annually prior to the NBPSCF application period. The list of eligible counties for FY2024-25 is available here: [FY24-25 Eligibility](#)

Grant funds must be used only for construction of new school buildings and additions, repairs, and renovations. Grant funds cannot be used for real property acquisition or for capital improvements to administrative buildings.

PROGRAM FUNDING

Funding appropriated for NBPSCF Grant awards exceeds \$258 million for FY2024-25.

MATCHING FUNDS

Counties receiving a grant are required to provide local matching funds from county funds, other non-state funds, or a combination of these sources, in accordance with G.S. 115C-546.11.(a). Local matching fund requirements range from 0% to 35% of the grant amount, and are published by DPI annually prior to the NBPSCF application period. The local match requirement applicable to the project is the published local match requirement in effect at the time of the grant award. Local matching requirements for FY2024-25 grant applicants are available here: [FY24-25 Local Matching Requirements](#)

NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND FY2024-25 GRANT APPLICATION

PROGRAM CRITERIA

Date: August 2, 2024

MAXIMUM AWARD Grant award maximums are as follows:

- Up to \$42 million for an Elementary School
- Up to \$52 million for a Middle School
- Up to \$62 million for a High School

An applicant may not apply for projects that exceed an aggregate amount greater than the maximum grant award amounts listed above in any single year.

Applications will be reviewed in the context of projected enrollment to evaluate the reasonableness of project size and scope.

REPORTING

Grant recipients are required to submit a report by April 1 of each year, with each grant funds distribution request, and upon completion of the project, detailing: the use of grant funds, progress on the project, and impact of the project on the county's school capital plan.

Grant funds will be disbursed in a series of payments based on the progress of the project. To receive a distribution, the grant recipient must submit a request for distribution, along with documentation of the expenditures for which the distribution is requested, and evidence that the matching requirement has been met. DPI will provide grant recipients with Reporting and Distribution Request forms following announcement of awards.

AGREEMENT

A county receiving Needs-Based grant funds is required to enter into an agreement with the Department of Public Instruction detailing the use of grant funds, in accordance with G.S. 115C-546.12.(a). DPI will provide grant recipients with Agreement Forms following announcement of awards. Signed Agreements are due within 60 days of award announcement.

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NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND FY2024-25 GRANT APPLICATION

PROJECT INFORMATION

Date: August 2, 2024

Project Title:

LCHS Auditorium Renovation

Location:

Lee County High School, 1708 Nash Street, Sanford, NC 27330

Type of Facility:

Public High School

Short Description of Proposed School Construction Project:

The proposed renovation project aims to enhance the accessibility, functionality, and overall quality of the Lee County High School auditorium. Renovation project will include HVAC upgrades, accessibility improvements to the building, and upgrades to stage and equipment for use by student groups, staff, and community organizations.

Renovation efforts will extend to the two classrooms and other offices housed within the auditorium building, providing an improved learning and working environment for both students and staff.

Lee County High School, located in Sanford, NC, currently faces severe challenges due to age of many of its buildings. The existing facilities were built in 1951, resulting in compromised learning conditions and limited opportunities for students. One pressing issue is the absence of a renovated auditorium, depriving students of a vital space for cultural and educational events. Our proposal aims to rectify this by renovating the existing structure to include accessibility upgrades, HVAC improvements, remastered stage and technical equipment, and upgrading the two classrooms and multiple offices housed within the building.

The absence of a renovated auditorium further exacerbates the challenges faced by students and faculty alike. As a consequence, essential school functions such as assemblies, performances, and presentations lack a suitable venue, hindering the holistic development of our students.

The proposed project directly addresses the critical need for additional space and a dedicated auditorium, with anticipated positive impacts on student outcomes:

1. **Enhanced Learning Environment:** The renovation of two new classrooms in addition to the renovation will give students a more accessible and updated space, providing students with a conducive environment for learning. Upgraded equipment and facilities will afford students the opportunity to hone their craft within the performing arts.
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4. **Holistic Development:** A dedicated auditorium allows for the integration of arts and culture into the curriculum, contributing to the holistic development of students by nurturing creativity, teamwork, and communication skills.

In conclusion, the renovation of an auditorium and two classrooms at Lee County High School is not merely an infrastructural enhancement but a strategic investment in the future of our students. By addressing the critical need for space and cultural amenities, we aim to create an environment that fosters academic excellence, cultural enrichment and community engagement.

(please attach additional information as necessary)

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Date: August 2, 2024

Was this project identified in the 5-year plan in the 2020-21 Facility Needs Survey? YES NO

If not, provide explanation and attach equivalent information:

Will this project replace any existing facilities? YES NO

If YES, which school(s): _____

How many students will be served by this project? Approximately 1200

Has Advanced Planning been done for this project? YES NO

Lee County Governmnet has advised us to begin looking at design of a facility.

Have Construction Documents been completed for this project? YES NO

Anticipated or Actual Bid Date: January 2025

Planned Start Date of Construction*: July 2026

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NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND FY2024-25 GRANT APPLICATION

PROJECT BUDGET

Date: August 2, 2024

Total NBPSCF Grant funding requested for this project: \$8,151,031.35

Minimum NBPSCF Grant funding for project to proceed (optional): _____

Estimated Project Costs	Local (non-State)	NBPSCF Grant Funds	Total
Planning	\$ <u>\$19,414.10</u>	\$ <u>\$368,867.90</u>	\$ <u>\$388,282.00</u>
Construction	\$ <u>\$367,982.55</u>	\$ <u>\$6,991,668.45</u>	\$ <u>\$7,359,651.00</u>
Other Costs*	\$ <u>\$41,605.00</u>	\$ <u>\$790,495.00</u>	\$ <u>\$832,100.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>\$429,001.65</u>	\$ <u>\$8,151,031.35</u>	\$ <u>\$8,580,033.00</u>

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Source(s) of required Local Matching Funds:

Lee County Government special allocation

Have any of the Local Matching Funds been expended at the time of application?

YES NO

If YES, provide amount expended: _____

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Estimated Project Expenditures by Fiscal Year (show estimated period over which funds will be spent by Fiscal Year)

Total Planned Expenditures	2023-24 or earlier	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27 or later	Total
Local Matching Funds			61,019.10	367,982.55	429,001.65
Requested NBPSCF Grant Funds*			1,159,362.90	6,991,668.45	8,151,031.35
Total Estimated Expenditures by Fiscal Year			1,220,382.00	7,359,651.00	8,580,033.00

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NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND FY2024-25 GRANT APPLICATION

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Kim D. Smith

(Signature – Chair, County Commissioners)

19 AUGUST 2024

(Date)

(Signature – Chair, Board of Education)
This instrument has been procured in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act

Candace Deman

Finance Officer, Lee County

(Date)



RESOLUTION APPROVING LEE COUNTY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION
FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE RURAL ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT GRANT – BUGGY BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Commerce, through the Rural Economic Development Division, is authorized under N.C.G.S. § 143B-472.127 to administer grants to local government units to support downtown revitalization and economic development activities; and

WHEREAS, this program allows Tier 2 units of local government to submit projects within their downtown districts to be eligible for potential funding; and

WHEREAS, the maximum grant amount is \$850,000.00 per grantee and may not exceed \$12,500.00 per projected job reasonably anticipated to be created or retained; and

WHEREAS, renovations or additions to publicly owned buildings in a downtown district that serve a public, community-wide use can be eligible for funding; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires a 5% match of local government funding that cannot be derived from other state or federal grant funds or from an in-kind match but the County intends to make a 7.64% match of funds; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the project will require significant compliance and monitoring by the Rural Economic Development Division and therefore, county staff will be responsible for ensuring all grant requirements are followed; and

WHEREAS, Lee County owns the Buggy Building located at 115 Chatham Street, in the downtown Sanford district, which provides a public, community-wide use and central location for developers and homeowners to seek necessary governmental services from Lee County finance, GIS, and environmental health departments, the Lee County and the City of Sanford's planning and inspections department, and the economic development nonprofit organization Sanford Area Growth Alliance; and

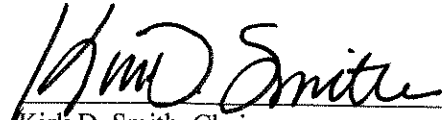
WHEREAS, Lee County intends to submit an application for the Buggy Building Improvement Project that consists of replacing the entire roof on the building and installing waterproofing measures along the perimeter of the building along 115 Chatham Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lee County Board of Commissioners authorize and approve the following:

1. The Board of Commissioners authorizes Lee County, through its Grant Administrator and County Manager, to submit a formal application to the North Carolina Department of Commerce Rural Economic Development Division, Rural Downtown Economic Development Grant to request \$799,500 in grant assistance for the Buggy Building Project.

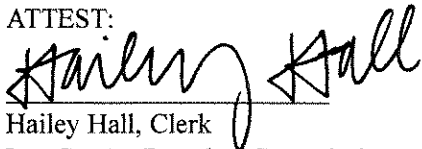
2. Authorize the County Manager or Board Chair to sign the grant application.
3. Understands that a 5% local match of county funds will be required if the project is awarded and that a 7.64% match is being requested.
4. Will consider the grant agreement, if approved, at a regular Board of Commissioners meeting.

Dated, this the 19th day of August, 2024.



Kirk D. Smith, Chair
Lee County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Hailey Hall, Clerk
Lee County Board of Commissioners.





**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF
THE LEE COUNTY GYMNASTICS TEAM**

WHEREAS, the Lee County Gymnastics Team exhibited hard work, dedication, and exceptional talent in their recent competitions and throughout the 2024 season; and,

WHEREAS, eleven gymnasts represented Lee County and competed at the AAU National Championship in Daytona Beach, FL, June 20-23 along with 3,000 gymnasts from across the country; and,

WHEREAS, during this competition, the Lee County gymnasts received nine gold, six silver, and five bronze medals, along with one national champion who received first place in the All-Around event division, one of which received a plaque and a pin for being the highest scoring Platinum in their session; and,

WHEREAS, nineteen gymnasts represented Lee County and competed at the AAU Southern Regional Championships in Dalton, GA, May 10-12 along with gymnasts from across the Region; and,

WHEREAS, during this competition, the Lee County gymnasts received seven gold, eleven silver, and nine bronze medals, along with three regional champions who received first place in the All-Around event division, and two silver All-Around medalists, and one bronze All-Around medalist; and,

WHEREAS, earlier in the season, the Lee County Gymnastics Team attended the AAU State Championship in Greensboro, NC on April 26-28, facing over 1,000 fierce competitors at the highest division and levels; and,

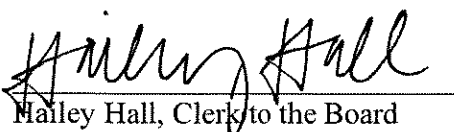
WHEREAS, the Lee County gymnasts were successful and brought home their highest scores of the season, resulting in the crowning of many state champions, including 24 gold medalists, 20 silver medalists, and 17 bronze medalists, as well as 5 All-Around gold medalist and 4 All Around Silver Medalists

WHEREAS, the Lee County Gymnastics Team was victorious in their endeavors, held the values and morals of Lee County above all else, displayed grace in victory and dignity in defeat, and embodied the true meaning of teamwork and sportsmanship, which will carry them to success in future seasons and in life; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lee County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim Thursday, August 22nd, 2024, as *Lee County Gymnastics Team Day* in Lee County, North Carolina and call upon residents to observe this day recognizing and celebrating the Team and their contributions to and successes shared with the Lee County community.

Presented this 19th day of August, 2024.

ATTEST:


Hailey Hall, Clerk to the Board



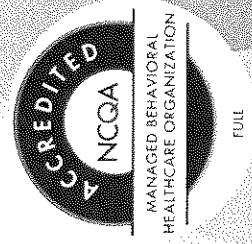

Kirk D. Smith, Chair
Lee County Board of Commissioners

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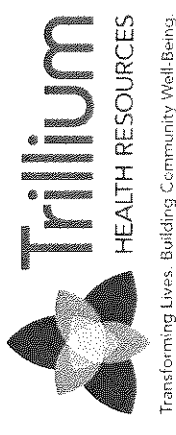


Trillium Health Resources Annual Report Lee County

Cecelia Peers, MA
Regional Vice President

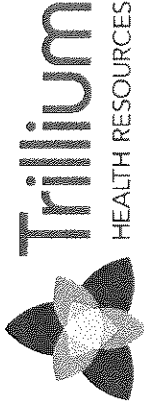


Medicaid Legislative Changes



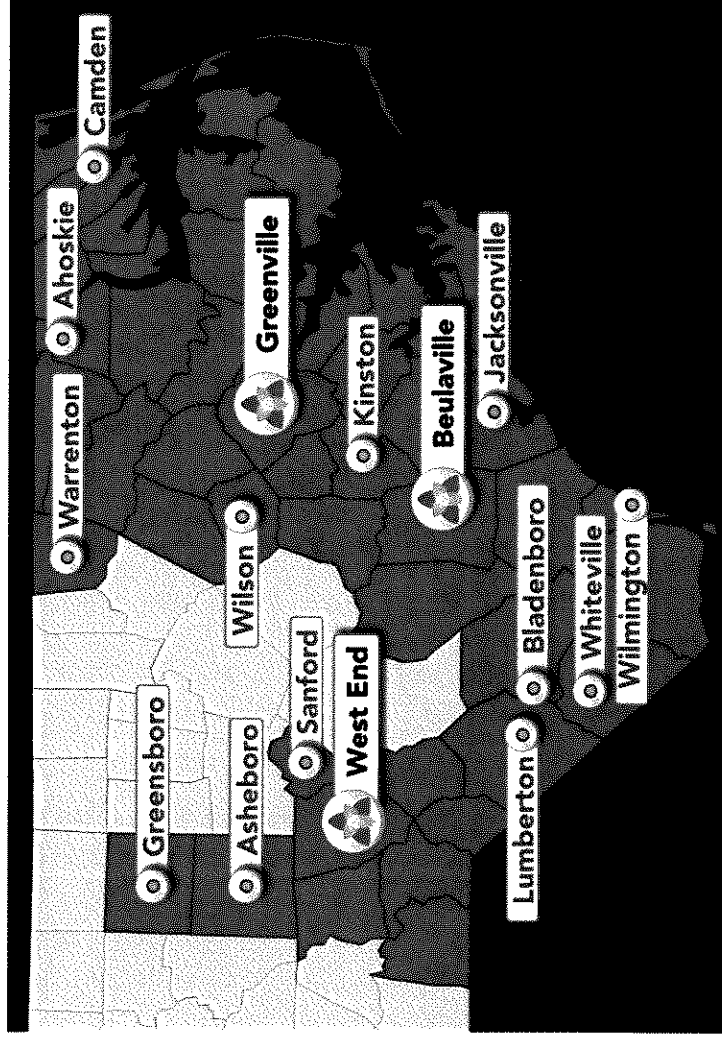
- ▲ Original date to go live with Tailored Plan was July 1, 2022
 - Delayed over the past 2 years
 - ▲ NC General Assembly took steps to help ensure Tailored Plans can go live and be successful.
 - Changed number of Tailored Plans from 6 to 4 or 5 (there were 6 LME/MCOs)
 - Increased Minimum Population to 1.5 Million
 - Gave Secretary of Health and Humans Services Authority to make changes to LME/MCO structure to ensure Tailored Plans Go Live
 - Go Live Date July 1
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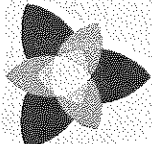
Consolidation



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- ▲ 11/01/23: NC DHHS Secretarial Directive issued
- ▲ 12/15/23: Consolidation Agreement approved by Trillium & Eastpointe
- ▲ 12/18/23: Consolidation Agreement approved by NC DHHS Secretary Kinsley
- ▲ 01/01/24 Consolidation Effective Date for operations
- ▲ 02/01/24 Consolidation Effective Date for Members & Providers





Trilium
HEALTH RESOURCES

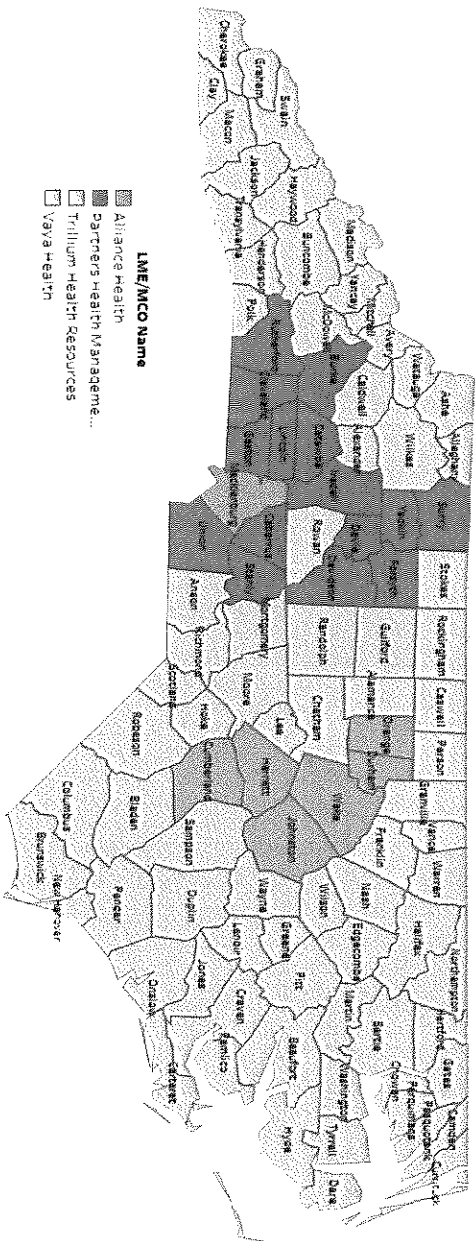
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Catchment Area

46 Counties

Total Population 3.1 million

- 51,000 Tailored Plan Members
- 163,000 Medicaid Direct Members
- 287,000 Uninsured Members



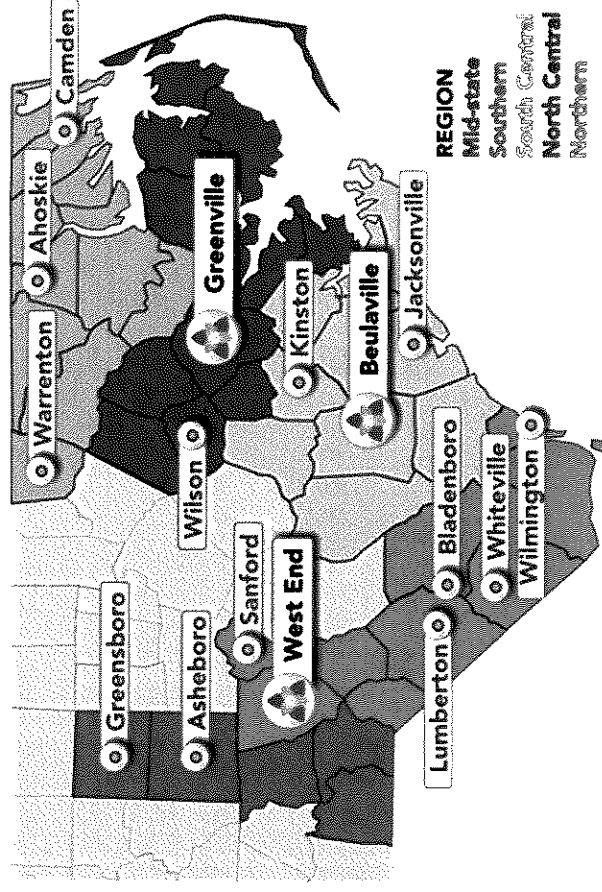
This map shows LME/MCO configuration effective 2/1/24.

Regional Model



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- ▲ **5 Regions:**
 - Provides a more local focus within our 46 county catchment
- ▲ **Includes:**
 - Regional Advisory Board with 2 members per county
 - Commissioner Smith
 - Walter Ferguson
 - Regional Advisory Board makes appointments to the Governing Board
 - Regional Consumer and Family Advisory Committee
 - Regional Vice President & Community Liaison



Tailored Plan



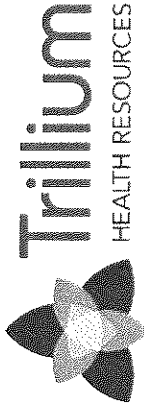
- ▲ For Members who have severe behavioral health, Substance Use Disorder, and I/DD Population
- ▲ Will be Managing Whole Person Care
 - Behavioral Health Services
 - Physical Health Care
 - Pharmacy Benefits
- ▲ Most Individual's, even those with mild to moderate behavioral health needs are now managed under Standard Plans and have been since July 2021
 - Amerihealth Caritas NC Inc.
 - Blue Cross Blue Shield of NC
 - UnitedHealthcare of NC Inc.
 - WellCare of NC Inc.
 - Carolina Complete Health- covers regions 3, 4 and 5

Single State-wide Children and Families Specialty Plan



- ▲ NC Session Law 2023-134 § 9E.22 directs NC DHHS to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure a single, statewide children and families (CAF) specialty plan
- ▲ Plan implementation is set for December 1, 2024
- ▲ Designed to serve children, youth and families addressing their needs in physical health, behavioral health, Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities, pharmacy services and long-term services and supports
- ▲ Features a statewide design to address members needs regardless of service location or changes to their service location over time

Tailored Care Management



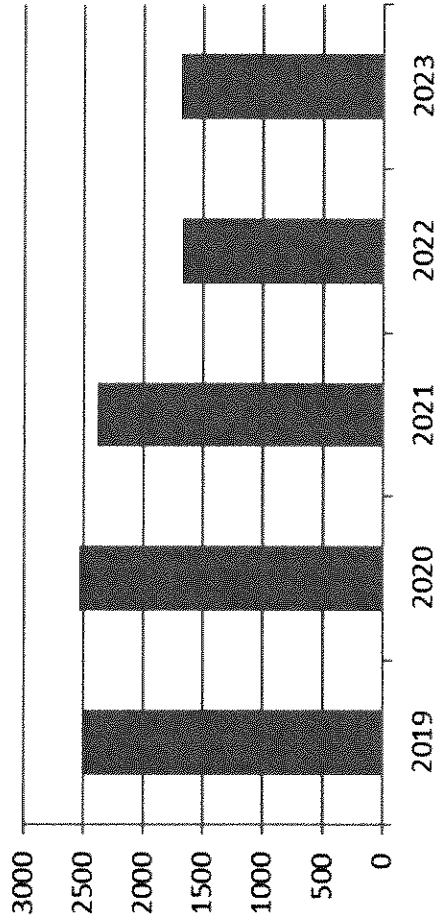
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- ▲ Whole Person Care Management - soft launch December 2022
- ▲ Provider Based and Plan Based
 - Continuing expansion of provider based TCM
- ▲ Trillium Specialized Care Teams:
 - T Star: Trillium Support Transition and Re-Entry
 - Rapid Access Care Coordination
 - DSS Foster Care Management
- ▲ Population Health
 - Maternal Health, Chronic Condition Management

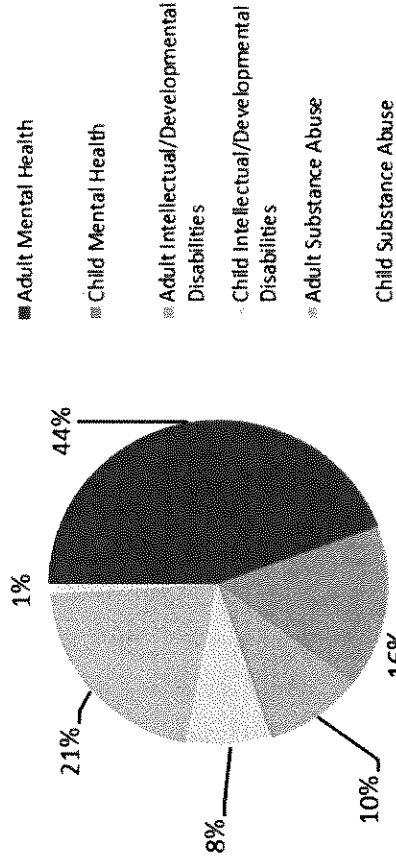
Members Served in Lee County



Members Served by Calendar Year



Members Served Last Calendar Year



Services in Lee County

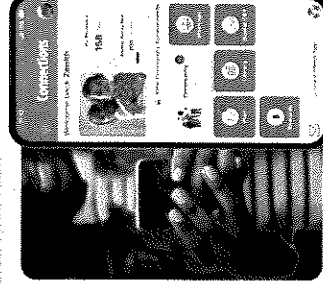
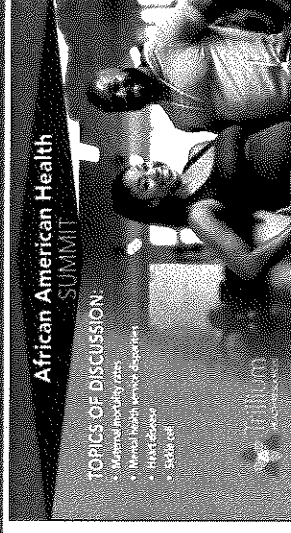


Highest Serving Behavioral Health Providers Last Calendar Year		Members Served
(250 providers serving local members)		
Daymark Recovery Services		674
VC And Associates, Inc.		83
Sanford Treatment Center, LLC		77
Advance Behavioral Center, Inc.		72
Carolina Behavioral Care, PA		58
Primary Health Choice, Inc.		56
Therapeutic Alternatives, Inc.		55

Most Frequent Behavioral Health Services Received Last Calendar Year		Amount Paid
Service (\$22,518,730 total)		
Intermediate Care Facilities		\$6,680,730
Innovations Services		\$6,251,958
Outpatient Services		\$1,602,742
Behavioral Health Long Term Residential		\$1,184,469
Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility		\$829,024
Inpatient Hospitalization		\$769,482
Intensive In-Home Services		\$616,298
Crisis Services		\$293,910

Project Updates

- ▲ The Healing Place/Healing Transitions
- ▲ Health Summits
- ▲ CHES Health for Recovery
- ▲ In Person and Virtual Training
- ▲ Victory Junction



Thank You



Trillium Member and Recipient Service
Line

1-877-685-2415

Trillium Behavioral Health Crisis Line

1-888-302-0738

www.trilliumhealthresources.org

Questions

info@trilliumnc.org

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Engagement & Empowerment
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Pamela Munger, Community Engagement
Coordinator
pamela.munger@trilliumnc.org

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Lee, North Carolina met in a regular meeting in the Dennis Wicker Civic Center located at 1801 Nash Street in Sanford, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting, at 6:00 p.m. on August 19, 2024.

Present: Chair Kirk D. Smith, presiding, and Commissioners Andre Knecht, Mark Lovick, Taylor Vorbeck, Cameron Sharpe and Bill Carver

Absent: Commissioner Robert Reives

Also Present: County Manager Lisa Minter, Finance Director Candace Iceman and Clerk to the Board/Communications Specialist Hailey Hall

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The Chair announced that this was the hour and day of the public hearing on the proposed issuance of limited obligation bonds (the "Bonds") by the County of Lee, North Carolina (the "County") pursuant to Section 160A-20 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as amended, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$28,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds, together with other available funds, to (a) pay the costs of (i) acquiring, constructing and equipping a new public library and (ii) providing various upgrades and improvements to the County's emergency communications system (collectively, the "Project") and (b) pay certain financing costs relating thereto. The County's obligations with respect to the Bonds would be secured by a deed of trust granting a lien on the site of the new public library constituting a portion of the Project, together with all 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 issuing the Bonds.

The Chair acknowledged due publication of the notice of public hearing in a newspaper with a general circulation in said 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 would immediately hear anyone who might wish to be heard on the proposed Bonds as described above.

A list of all persons making comments 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, Finance Director Candace Iceman introduced the following resolution the title of which was read and a copy of which had been previously distributed to each Commissioner:

RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS REGARDING THE PROPOSED FINANCING OF A NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY AND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AND REQUESTING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE FINANCING ARRANGEMENT

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

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

(a) The County has determined to pay the costs of (i) acquiring, constructing and equipping a new public library and (ii) providing various upgrades and improvements to the County's emergency communications system (collectively, the "Project").

(b) After a public hearing and due consideration, the County has determined to issue limited obligation bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$28,000,000 (the "Bonds") to provide funds, together with other available funds, to (i) pay the costs of the Project and (ii) pay the fees and expenses incurred in connection with the sale and issuance of the Bonds.

(c) The Bonds will be issued pursuant to a Master Trust Agreement and a First Supplemental Trust Agreement (collectively, the "Trust Agreement") between the County and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as trustee (the "Trustee"). In order to secure the County's obligations under the Bonds and the Trust Agreement, the County will execute and deliver a Deed of Trust (the "Deed of Trust") for the benefit of the Trustee granting a lien on the site of the new public library constituting a portion of the Project, together with all improvements or fixtures located or to be located thereon, subject to certain permitted encumbrances.

(d) It is in the best interest of the County to issue the Bonds pursuant to the Trust Agreement in that such plan of finance will result in the financing of the Project in an efficient and cost effective manner for the County.

(e) Entering into the Trust Agreement and issuing the Bonds pursuant thereto is preferable to a general obligation bond and revenue bond issue in that (i) the County does not have sufficient constitutional authority to issue non-voted general obligation bonds pursuant to Article V, Section 4 of the North Carolina Constitution because the County has not retired a sufficient amount of general obligation debt in the preceding fiscal year to issue a sufficient amount of general obligation bonds for the financing of the Project; (ii) the nature of the financing does not allow for the issuance of revenue bonds to finance the Project; (iii) the costs of financing the Project exceeds the amount to be prudently provided from currently available appropriations and unappropriated fund balances; (iv) the circumstances existing require that funds be available to finance the Project as soon as practicable and the time required for holding an election for the issuance of voted general obligation bonds pursuant to Article V, Section 4 of

the North Carolina Constitution and the Local Government Bond Act will delay the commencement of the Project by several months; and (v) there can be no assurances that the issuance of general obligation bonds to finance the Project would be approved by the voters and the current interest rate environment dictates the financing of the Project be accomplished in a timely and expedient manner.

(f) Based upon information provided to the Board, the costs of the financing described above is reasonably comparable to the costs associated with other alternative means of financing and is acceptable to the Board.

(g) 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.

(h) 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.

(i) No ad valorem tax rate increase is currently expected to be necessary to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds.

Section 2. The Board hereby authorizes, ratifies and approves the filing of an application with the Local Government Commission for approval of the Bonds and the Trust Agreement and requests the Local Government Commission to approve the Bonds and the Trust Agreement and the proposed financing in connection therewith.

Section 3. The following financing team members are hereby approved by the County in connection with the proposed financing:

Bond Counsel:	Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP
Underwriter:	Wells Fargo Bank, National Association
Underwriter's Counsel:	Pope Flynn, LLC
Trustee:	U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association
Financial Advisor:	Davenport & Company LLC

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Upon motion of Commissioner Bill Carver, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 _____

Noes: 1 _____

Thereupon, Finance Director Candace Iceman introduced the following resolution the title of which was read and a copy of which had been previously distributed to each Commissioner:

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND ISSUANCE OF LIMITED OBLIGATION BONDS AND THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A MASTER TRUST AGREEMENT, A FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL TRUST AGREEMENT, A DEED OF TRUST AND RELATED DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FINANCING OF A NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY AND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

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

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

(a) There exists in the County a need to finance the costs of (i) acquiring, constructing and equipping a new public library and (ii) providing various upgrades and improvements to the County's emergency communications system (collectively, the "Project").

(b) After a public hearing and due consideration, the Board has determined that the most efficient manner of financing the Project will be through the issuance of limited obligation bonds by the County in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$28,000,000 (the "Bonds") pursuant to a Master Trust Agreement, to be dated as of October 1, 2024 (the "Master Trust Agreement"), between the County and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as trustee (the "Trustee"), and a First Supplemental Trust Agreement, to be dated as of October 1, 2024 (the "First Supplemental Trust Agreement," and, together with the Master Trust Agreement, the "Trust Agreement"), between the County and the Trustee.

(c) In order to secure the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds and the performance of the County's obligations under the Trust Agreement, the County will execute and deliver a Deed of Trust, to be dated as of October 1, 2024 (the "Deed of Trust"), to the deed of trust trustee named therein for the benefit of the Trustee, granting a lien on the site of the new public library constituting a portion of the Project, together with all improvements and fixtures located or to be located thereon.

(d) The Bonds will initially be sold to Wells Fargo Bank, National Association (the "Underwriter") pursuant to the terms of a Bond Purchase Agreement, to be dated the date of delivery thereof (the "Bond Purchase Agreement"), between the County and the Underwriter.

(e) In connection with the offering and sale of the Bonds by the Underwriter, the County will prepare and distribute to potential purchasers a Preliminary Official Statement, to be dated as of the date of delivery thereof (the "Preliminary Official Statement"), relating to the offering and sale of the Bonds and the Official Statement (hereinafter defined).

(f) There have been presented to the Board drafts of the following documents relating to the transaction hereinabove described:

(1) the Master Trust Agreement;

(2) the First Supplemental Trust Agreement, together with the form of the Bonds attached as Exhibit B thereto;

(3) the Deed of Trust;

(4) the Bond Purchase Agreement; and

(5) the Preliminary Official Statement.

Section 2. In order to provide for the financing of the Project, the County is hereby authorized to enter into the Master Trust Agreement and the First Supplemental Trust Agreement and issue the Bonds thereunder in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$28,000,000. The actual principal amount of the Bonds shall be determined by the County at the time of execution of the Bond Purchase Agreement, such execution and delivery of the Bond Purchase Agreement to constitute approval by the County of the principal amount of the Bonds as set forth in the Bond Purchase Agreement. The principal amount of the Bonds shall be the amount that, in the best judgment of the person executing the Bond Purchase Agreement, is necessary to provide sufficient funds, together with any other available funds, to pay (a) the costs the Project and (b) the fees and expenses incurred in connection with the sale and issuance of the Bonds. The interest rates on the Bonds shall be determined by the County at the time of the execution by the County of the Bond Purchase Agreement; provided, however, that such interest rates shall not result in a true interest cost in excess of 5.00% per annum, such execution and delivery of the Bond Purchase Agreement to constitute approval by the County of the interest rates on the Bonds.

Section 3. The Bonds shall be sold to the Underwriter pursuant to the Bond Purchase Agreement. The Bonds may be sold to the Underwriter at a discount below the amount of the principal amount of the Bonds, such discount not to be less than 98% of the principal amount of the Bonds; provided, however, that if all or any of the Bonds are to be sold to the public by the Underwriter at original issue discount (resulting in lower interest costs of the interest on the Bonds), then the Bonds may be sold at a further discount in the amount necessary to cover such original issue discount. The final maturity of the Bonds shall not be later than October 1, 2044.

Section 4. The Board hereby approves the forms of the Bonds, the Master Trust Agreement, the First Supplemental Trust Agreement, the Deed of Trust and the Bond Purchase Agreement in substantially the forms presented at this meeting. The Chair and the Vice Chair of the Board, the County Manager and the Finance Director of the County are each hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the County the Bonds, the Master Trust

Agreement, the First Supplemental Trust Agreement, the Deed of Trust and the Bond Purchase Agreement in substantially the forms presented at this meeting, containing such modifications as the person executing such documents shall approve, such execution to be conclusive evidence of approval by the Board of any such changes. The Clerk to the Board or any assistant or deputy Clerk to the Board is hereby authorized to affix the official seal of the County to each of said documents and to attest the same to the extent so required.

Section 5. The Board hereby approves the Preliminary Official Statement in substantially the form presented at this meeting and hereby approves the distribution thereof by the Underwriter in connection with the offering and sale of the Bonds. Upon the sale of the Bonds to the Underwriter, a final Official Statement, to be dated as of the date of the Bond Purchase Agreement (the "Official Statement"), will be prepared substantially in the form of the Preliminary Official Statement and will contain such information relating to the pricing terms of the Bonds and such additional information as may be necessary. The Board hereby approves the distribution thereof by the Underwriter in connection with the offering and sale of the Bonds.

Section 6. No deficiency judgment may be rendered against the County in any action for breach of any contractual obligation under the Trust Agreement, and the taxing power of the County is not and may not be pledged directly or indirectly to secure any moneys due under the Trust Agreement.

Section 7. The Chair or the Vice Chair of the Board, the County Manager, the Finance Director and the County Attorney are hereby authorized to cooperate with the Underwriter in preparing and filing such filings under state securities or "blue sky" laws as the Underwriter may request; provided, however, that the County shall not be required to consent to the jurisdiction of any state in which it is not now subject unless the County Attorney shall determine that such consent is in the best interest of the County.

Section 8. The Chair or the Vice Chair of the Board, the County Manager, the Finance Director, the County Attorney and the Clerk to the Board for the County, and any other officers, agents and employees of the County, are hereby authorized and directed to take such actions and to deliver such certificates, opinions and other items of evidence as shall be deemed necessary to consummate the transactions described in this resolution. The officers of the County and the agents and employees of the County are hereby authorized and directed to do all acts and things required of them by the provisions of this resolution for the full, punctual and complete performance of the terms, covenants and provisions of the Bonds, the Trust Agreement, the Deed of Trust, the Bond Purchase Agreement and the other documents contemplated by this resolution.

Section 9. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Upon motion of Commissioner Cameron Sharpe, the foregoing resolution entitled "RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND ISSUANCE OF LIMITED OBLIGATION BONDS AND THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A MASTER TRUST AGREEMENT, A FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL TRUST AGREEMENT, A DEED OF TRUST AND RELATED DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE

FINANCING OF A NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY AND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS” was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 _____

Noes: 1 _____

* * * * *

I, Hailey Hall, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Lee, 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 August 19, 2024, as it relates in any way to the holding of a public hearing and the adoption of the foregoing resolutions relating to a proposed financing of a new public library and various emergency communications system upgrades and improvements and that said proceedings are to be 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 19th day of August, 2024.

Hailey Hall

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

[SEAL]



EXHIBIT A

[Attach publisher's affidavit evidencing publication of the Notice of Public Hearing]

AFFP
Public Hearing Bonds

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF NC }
COUNTY OF } *Lee* SS

Kimberly Cook, being duly sworn, says:

That she is Billing Clerk of the The Sanford Herald, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Sanford, County, NC; that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper on the following dates:

August 08, 2024

That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.

SIGNED:

Kimberly Cook
Billing Clerk

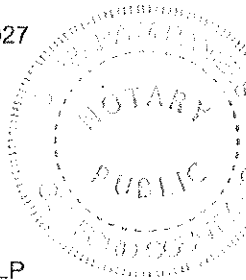
Subscribed to and sworn to me this 8th day of August 2024.

Barbara M Daniels
Barbara M Daniels, Notary Guilford, County, NC

My commission expires: March 06, 2027

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JENNIFER DISTEFANO
WOMBLE BOND DICKINSON (US) LLP
555 Fayetteville St
Suite 1100
Raleigh, NC 27601



**NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Lee, North Carolina (the "County") has determined to consider whether to issue limited obligation bonds (the "Bonds") pursuant to Section 160A-20 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as amended, for the purpose of providing funds, together with any other available funds, to (a) pay the costs of (i) acquiring, constructing and equipping a new public library and (ii) providing various upgrades and improvements to the County's emergency communications system (collectively, the "Project") and (b) pay certain financing costs relating thereto. The County would be obligated to pay debt service on the proposed Bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$28,000,000, together with interest thereon. The County's obligations with respect to the Bonds would be secured by a deed of trust granting a lien on the site of the new public library constituting a portion of the Project, together with all improvements or fixtures located or to be located thereon.

Section 160A-20 of the General Statutes of North Carolina requires that the County hold a public hearing prior to issuing the Bonds.

Please take notice that the Board of Commissioners for the County will conduct a public hearing in the Dennis Wicker Civic Center located at 1801 Nash Street in Sanford, North Carolina, at 6:00 p.m. on August 19, 2024, at which time any person may be heard regarding the proposed financing as described above.

Any person wishing to comment in writing on the proposed financing should do so prior to August 19, 2024 to the County of Lee, North Carolina, 408 Summit Drive, Sanford, North Carolina 27330, Attention: Hailey Hall, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

Hailey Hall
Clerk to the Board of
Commissioners
County of Lee,
North Carolina

EXHIBIT B

David Smoak, 96 Northridge Trail (spoke in opposition)

Jim Womack, 1615 Boone Trail Road (spoke in opposition)

Robert Quilty, 1413 Brentwood Place (submitted a written public comment in opposition)



**RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL OF GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW LEE COUNTY LIBRARY**

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2021, the Lee County Board of Commissioners (“the Board”) approved a “Resolution Selecting the Construction Management at Risk Delivery Method for the Lee County Library”; and,

WHEREAS, the Board also approved the recommendation of Sanford Contractors/Samet Corporation (herein “Sanford/Samet”) as the Construction Manager At-Risk following a request for qualifications solicitation process;

WHEREAS, a contract was entered on May 13, 2022 for preconstruction and construction services; and,

WHEREAS, in May of 2024 the design and construction documents were completed; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. General Statute § 143-135.8, Sanford/Samet facilitated a prequalification process soliciting subcontractors via public advertisement; and,

WHEREAS, a bid opening was held on June 27, 2024 and a rebid of any bids that did not meet the minimum 3 bid threshold of receipt was held on July 9, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Sanford/Samet advertised 35 bid packages and received approximately 109 responses during the bid process; and,

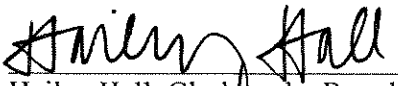
WHEREAS, based on the responses received along with the acceptance of bid alternates 1 (Honeywell), 3 (Duo-Chiller System), 5A (Friends of the Library Millwork) and 7 (Outdoor Childrens Area), Sanford/Samet determined the guaranteed maximum price for construction to be \$18,784,275.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Lee as follows:

1. That the Board Chairman is hereby authorized, with the consent of the Legal Department, to negotiate and execute any associated documents with Sanford/Samet for the construction of the new Lee County Library main branch not to exceed the guaranteed maximum price of \$18,784,275.00.
2. The Board Chairman is hereby authorized to execute any associated documents that may be necessary to complete the scope of work within the approved guaranteed maximum price.
3. That this resolution is hereby effective upon adoption.

Adopted this the 19th day of August 2024.

ATTEST:


Hailey Hall, Clerk to the Board




Kirk D. Smith, Chair
Lee County Board of Commissioners

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP
OF THE LEE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, a request to amend the Official Zoning Map has been received from Bryan May to rezone a 0.50 acre portion of a 1.24 acre tract of land (1.50 acres per deed) addressed as 631/655 Bruce Coggins Road (SR 1294), identified as a portion of Lee County Tax Parcel 9631-91-0542-00, as depicted on Tax Map 9631.04 from Residential Agricultural (RA) to Residential Restricted (RR); and,

WHEREAS, said request has been presented to the Planning Board of Lee County; and

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board of Commissioners conducted a public hearing on July 15, 2024 to receive citizen input on the requested zoning map amendment; and

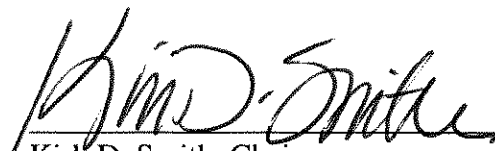
WHEREAS, the Lee County Board of Commissioners approves the request to amend the Official Zoning Map of Lee County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

The Official Zoning Map is hereby amended to rezone a 0.50 acre portion of a 1.24 acre tract of land addressed as 631/655 Bruce Coggins Road (SR 1294), identified as a portion of Lee County Tax Parcel 9631-91-0542-00, as depicted on Tax Map 9631.04 from Residential Agricultural (RA) to Residential Restricted (RR). See Exhibits A and B included for reference.

In making this decision, the Lee County Board of Commissioners hereby determined that the request was consistent with the *Plan SanLee* long range plan designation of Countryside because this place type is supportive of single-family dwellings as a land use, which is the primary land use allowed in Residential Restricted (RR).

ADOPTED this the 19th day of August 2024.



Kirk D. Smith, Chairman
Lee County Board of Commissioner

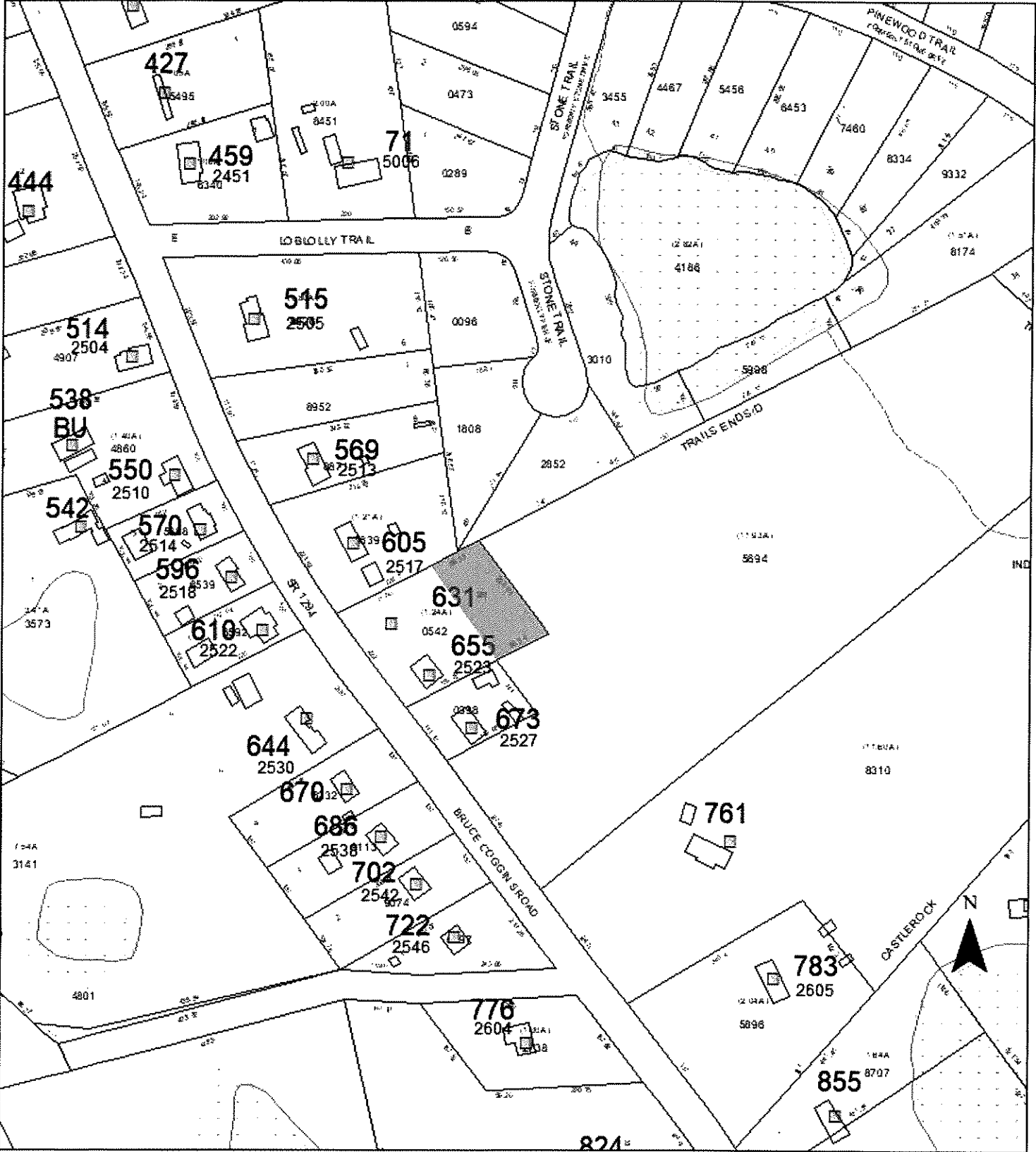
ATTEST:

Hailey Hall
Hailey Hall, Clerk to the Board



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

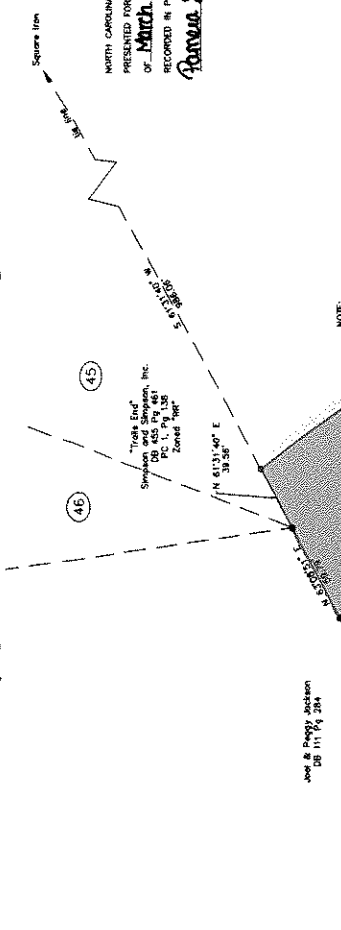
Whitney Parrish
Whitney Parrish, Lee County Attorney



REZONING APPLICATION
Rezone a 0.50 acre +/- portion of 9631-91-0542-00
at 655 Bruce Coggins Road from RR to RA.

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- REFERENCE:
 DEED BOOK 297, PAGE 347
 PLAT 2010, SLIDE 154
 LEE COUNTY RECORDS
- RATIO OF PRECISION= 1/7,500+
- AREAGE DETERMINED
 BY COORDINATE METHOD
- UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED:
 ■= EXISTING CONCRETE MONUMENT
 □= SET CONCRETE MONUMENT
 ○= EXISTING IRON PIPE
 ○= CALCULATED POINT
 ▲= POWER SERVICE STUB
 ○= TELEPHONE SERVICE STUB
 ○= CABLE TV SERVICE STUB
 ○= FIRE HYDRANT
 ○= SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE
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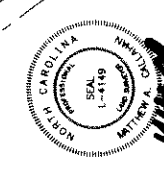


NOTE: SL 08 is not an approved building lot. It is to be recombined with the other lots as shown in Deed Book 1009, Page 639. PN# 89831-01-0570-00.

Ann Fulford Dickens
 DB 207 Pg 347
 Plat 2010 Slide 154
 Pinned to ground
 PN# 89831-01-0484-00
 Zoned "R1A"

Ann Fulford Dickens
 Plat 2010 Slide 154
 Zoned "R1A"

Bryan May
 DB 1089 Pg 639
 PN# 89831-01-0570-00
 Zoned "R1A"



I, MATTHEW A. CALLAHAN, CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAT AND SURVEY MADE UNDER MY SUPERVISION (DEED DESCRIPTION RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 297 PAGE 347) COMPLY WITH THE ACTS, STATUTES AND REGULATIONS OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND THAT THIS PLAT WAS PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH U.S. A.S. 47-30 AS AMENDED, WITNESS MY ORIGINAL SIGNATURE, OF MARCH, A.D. 2022.

Matthew A. Callahan
 PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR P.L.S. L-4149

I, MATTHEW A. CALLAHAN, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS SURVEY IS TRUE AND CORRECT, AND THAT THE SURVEY IS OF ANOTHER CATEGORY, SUCH AS THE RECOMBINATION OF A SUBDIVISION.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
 COUNTY OF LEE
 MATTHEW A. CALLAHAN, P.L.S. L-4149
 REVIEW OFFICER

3-9-2022
 DATE

Lee Ann Cooney
 REVIEW OFFICER

NORTH CAROLINA, LEE COUNTY
 PRESENTED FOR REGISTRATION ON THE 8th DAY
 OF March, 2022, AT 10:13 am
 RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 297, SLIDE 48

Ronnie S. Bruce, Matthew A. Callahan, & Ann Fulford Dickens, ASST.
 PAMELA C. BRITT, REGISTERED CLERK



RECOMBINATION SURVEY FOR
Ann Fulford Dickens "Et al" (owner)
Bryan May
 LOT NO. 2R
 Herman Fulford Tract
 POCKET TOWNSHIP, LEE COUNTY,
 NORTH CAROLINA
 MARCH 4, 2022 - 4- - SCALE 1"=50'
 MATTHEW A. CALLAHAN SURVEYING
 P.O. BOX 998, WASS, N.C.
 (910)840-5800

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Customer Address:
 Ann Fulford Dickens "Et al"
 673 Bruce Coggins Road
 Summit, NC 27168

**Resolution of the Lee County Board of Commissioners to
add Lee County Community Support Services to the
Lee County Consolidated Human Services Agency**

WHEREAS, in 2012, the North Carolina General Assembly adopted House Bill 438, amending North Carolina General Statutes 153A-77 and 153A-76, which granted counties the ability to create a Consolidated Human Services Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board of Commissioners adopted a Resolution on March 20, 2023 consolidating the Lee County Health Department and the Lee County Department of Social Services into a Consolidated Human Services Agency governed by a Consolidated Human Services Board and overseen by the Consolidated Human Services Director, effective July 12, 2023; and

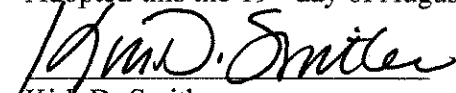
WHEREAS, the Lee County Board of Commissioners adopted a Resolution on September 18, 2023 consolidating the Lee County Senior Services Department into the Consolidated Human Services Agency effective January 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board of Commissioners, now finds that it is in the best interest of Lee County citizens that Lee County Community Support Services Department be added to the Lee County Consolidated Human Services Agency to enhance human services for the citizens and visitors of Lee County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lee County Board of Commissioners that:

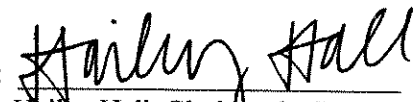
1. Lee County Community Support Services shall be added to the Consolidated Human Services Agency effective September 1, 2024.
2. All employees of Lee County Community Support Services shall continue to operate under the personnel policies of Lee County, subject to the nine principles of the Federal Merit System, and work at the discretion of and under the supervision of the County Manager in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 153A-77(e).
3. The Lee County Community Support Services Director shall maintain all duties of a Lee County Department Head.

Adopted this the 19th day of August, 2024.


Kirk D. Smith

Chair, Lee County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Hailey Hall, Clerk to the Board



MEMO TO: LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 FROM: LISA MINTER, LEE COUNTY MANAGER
 SUBJECT: BUDGET AMENDMENT:# 8/19/24/02
 DATE: August 19, 2024

SECTION I. THE FOLLOWING GENERAL FUND (1100) REVENUE INCREASES ARE HEREBY APPROVED:

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGE	NEW BUDGET
Fund Balance	1100-3990-39900	Fund Balance Appropriated	6,704,208	653,852	7,358,060
Senior Services	1100-3581-34720	NCDOT Section 18 Grant	683,552	289,195	972,747
Senior Services	1100-3582-34640	SHIP	-	8,635	8,635
Health	1100-3510-33150	NCVMA Animal Welfare Grant	-	2,239	2,239
Health	1100-3510-33299	Medicaid Cost Settlement	226,536	3,744	230,280
Health	1100-3510-33320	DEHNR WIC	310,354	23,026	333,380
Health	1100-3510-33440	DEHNR Communicable Diseases	51,628	201,738	253,366
Recreation	1100-3612-35260	Recreation Gifts	1,224	433	1,657
				1,182,862	

SECTION II. THE FOLLOWING GENERAL FUND (1100) EXPENSE INCREASES ARE HEREBY APPROVED:

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGE	NEW BUDGET
General Services	1100-4262-43310	Maintenance-Vehicle	41,000	1,278	42,278
General Services	1100-4262-43320	Maintenance-Buildings	268,500	3,250	271,750
General Services	1100-4262-43330	Maintenance-Grounds	65,000	4,900	69,900
General Services	1100-4262-46200	Building Improvements	1,620,726	4,190	1,624,916
General Services	1100-4262-46400	Capital Outlay	32,855	4,864	37,719
Sheriff Office	1100-4310-46400	Capital Outlay	100,514	910	101,424
Sheriff Office	1100-4313-46400	Capital Outlay	16,796	910	17,706
Emergency Services	1100-4371-43960	Contracted Services	15,000	2,833	17,833
Fire Marshal	1100-4372-43960	Contracted Services	5,000	2,720	7,720
Fire Marshal	1100-4372-45834	Arson Task Force	8,775	1,040	9,815
Health-Maternal	1100-5101-43380	Maintenance-Technology	2,465	749	3,214
Health-Child Health	1100-5102-43380	Maintenance-Technology	2,465	748	3,213
Health-Primary Care	1100-5103-43380	Maintenance-Technology	2,465	749	3,214
Health-Family Planning	1100-5107-43380	Maintenance-Technology	2,465	749	3,214
Health-Animal Control	1100-5108-43320	Maintenance-Building	6,065	321	6,386
Health-Animal Control	1100-5108-44143	Shelter Supplies	6,327	520	6,847
Health-Animal Control	1100-5108-46400	Capital Outlay	1,187	1,398	2,585
Health-WIC BF	1100-5113-43400	Conference and MTG Registration	-	2,500	2,500
Health-WIC BF	1100-5113-43410	Travel	300	2,526	2,826
Health-WIC BF	1100-5113-44100	Office/Department Supplies	300	3,500	3,800
Health-WIC BF	1100-5113-44170	Medical/Educational Supplies	-	5,500	5,500
Health-WIC BF	1100-5113-46412	Technology Equipment < \$5000	-	3,000	3,000
Health-WIC BF	1100-5113-46415	Equipment < \$500	-	3,500	3,500
Health-WIC BF	1100-5113-46416	Technology Equipment < \$5000	-	2,500	2,500
Health-Communicable Disease	1100-5115-43110	Professional Services-Medical	2,000	5,000	7,000
Health-Communicable Disease	1100-5115-43300	Maintenance-Equipment	1,177	3,000	4,177
Health-Communicable Disease	1100-5115-43380	Maintenance-Technology	2,465	749	3,214
Health-Communicable Disease	1100-5115-43400	Conference and MTG Registration	3,267	3,500	6,767
Health-Communicable Disease	1100-5115-43410	Travel	5,236	5,500	10,736
Health-Communicable Disease	1100-5115-43960	Contract Service	8,462	135,738	144,200
Health-Communicable Disease	1100-5115-44100	Office/Department Supplies	1,526	5,000	6,526

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGE	NEW BUDGET
Health-Communicable Disease	1100-5115-44170	Medical/Educational Supplies	8,573	10,000	18,573
Health-Communicable Disease	1100-5115-44172	Non Prescription Drugs	5,121	5,000	10,121
Health-Communicable Disease	1100-5115-44730	Laboratory Services & Testing	11,581	10,000	21,581
Health-Communicable Disease	1100-5115-46400	Capital Outlay	-	8,000	8,000
Health-Communicable Disease	1100-5115-46412	Technology Equipment < \$5000	-	2,500	2,500
Health-Communicable Disease	1100-5115-46415	Equipment < \$500	-	6,000	6,000
Health-Communicable Disease	1100-5115-46416	Technology Equipment < \$5000	-	2,500	2,500
Social Services	1100-5312-47034	CEMC Donations	2,500	1,233	3,733
Social Services	1100-5313-47200	Day Care Refunds	5,000	3,952	8,952
Social Services	1100-5313-47210	Other Clearing Account	500	328	828
Social Services	1100-5313-47616	Adoption Enhancement	15,000	295,726	310,726
Social Services	1100-5313-47260	Fund for Elderly	5,000	71,925	76,925
Social Services	1100-5313-47250	IV D Paternity Costs	750	20	770
Social Services	1100-5313-47412	Kinship Placement	38,880	76,963	115,843
Senior Services-Transport	1100-5824-46411	Capital Outlay \$5000 and Above	520,000	321,328	841,328
Senior Services-Transport	1100-5824-43310	Maintenance-Vehicle	105,000	4,705	109,705
Senior Services	1100-5826-44660	Program Supply	56,869	8,635	65,504
Recreation	1100-6120-43310	Maintenance-Vehicle	3,985	1,278	5,263
Recreation	1100-6120-43350	Maintenance-Parks	46,370	1,657	48,027
Recreation	1100-6120-46800	Facility Development	150,000	137,470	287,470
TOTAL CHANGES				1,182,862	

SECTION III. THE FOLLOWING SOLID WASTE FUND (6200) REVENUE INCREASES ARE HEREBY APPROVED:

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGE	NEW BUDGET
Fund Balance	6200-3990-39900	Fund Balance Appropriated	193,794	1,311	195,105
TOTAL CHANGES				1,311	

SECTION IV. THE FOLLOWING SOLID WASTE FUND (6200) EXPENSE INCREASES ARE HEREBY APPROVED:

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGE	NEW BUDGET
Waste Collection	6200-4712-43310	Maintenance-Vehicle	11,000	1,311	12,311
TOTAL CHANGES				1,311	


 KIRK SMITH, CHAIR




 HAILEY HALL, CLERK TO THE BOARD

County Manager's Report – August 19, 2024

Ongoing Projects

Lee County Athletic Park – Weather has impacted progress slightly with rain and the impacts of Tropical Storm Debby, but construction still continues.

Building Construction: Four of five building foundations are completed, two buildings (Field House A and Restroom A) have vertical walls and wood beam roofs installed. Field House B has foundation in place and is starting vertical wall construction. The maintenance building has foundation with metal framing and trusses installed.

Field Construction: Ball fields are under construction. The perimeter drainage is installed (underground) and now work on infields is starting, along with the installation of sand and clay for all four ball fields. Rectangle fields are at rough grade and will be the focus of the builder (Precision Turf) after ball fields are completed. Field lighting (MUSCO) is installed on about 75% of the site and will be completed once rough grading is complete on fields 7,8, and 9.

Site Construction: Parking lots A and B have the base layers of asphalt installed. Finalization of stone base at parking lot C will complete base asphalt installation for the remainder of the site. As construction nears completion, a final layer of asphalt will be installed over the entire site.

Staff is working with DR Horton and McAdams to finalize the Duke Power easement between Ashby Village and the Lee County Athletic Park, with a plan to bring to the Board in September 2024 once the associated documents have been reviewed and negotiated. Potential change orders continue to be vetted and discussed between Sanford Contractors, McAdams, and Lee County in preparation to present to the Board of Commissioners at the September 2024 meeting. Change orders include drainage improvements around multipurpose fields 9 and 10, irrigation and water meter change/redesign, and credits issued for reductions of electrical conduit duct banks and asphalt hold back at the entrance at Highway 42 to allow for road expansion.

Phase I & II Parks Projects – Kiwanis Children's Park and Temple Park –

Kiwanis Children's Park: This project includes new sidewalk installation for future connection to Kiwanis Family Park, a new playground for children ages 2-5 years, restroom renovations, and a new shelter installation. Marks Construction has completed most of the new sidewalks throughout the park and grading for the new playground installation. Churchich (contractor responsible for the bathroom renovation, playground, and shelter installation) has ordered the shelter and playground equipment. Playground equipment was delivered August 9, and the shelter has been ordered and is scheduled to ship September 9. Staff is coordinating with Churchich to schedule work for the bathroom, shelter, and playground, and with Mark's Construction to complete sidewalk and shelter pad installation.

OT Sloan Park Accessibility Project – The original project includes pavilion/restroom renovations, seat/retaining wall, playground and surfacing, playground entry gates, sidewalk (~4500 sq ft), parking striping for handicapped spaces, parking improvements, landscaping, site preparation, lighting, site furnishings, and fencing. The original project bids came in above budget with the lowest base bid for construction exceeding the project budget by ~\$125,000. A modified scope of work reflecting a reduction in work for the project has been reviewed and approved by the NC State Parks and Recreation. The reduced scope includes removal of the restroom renovation and 3,000 square feet of sidewalk. Lee County is now working with the architect,

WithersRavenel, to update bid documents reflecting the scope of work reduction. After documents are updated by the architect and reviewed by Lee County, the project will be re-bid. The playground equipment and installation are being provided by Barrs Recreation LLC, and equipment has been delivered onsite at OT Sloan Park.

Library Building Project – This is a CMR (Construction Manager at Risk) project, facilitated by SAMET/Sanford for the construction of the new Lee County Library. The bid period was set from May 15 – June 20, with 35 total packages posted for bid. The bid closed on June 27 and 18 bid packages were received; however, staff did not receive three bids for all bid packages. A re-bid opening was held on July 9 and staff received all 17 remaining bid packages. The GMP (Guaranteed Maximum Price) was finalized and presented by SAMET/Sanford following input regarding bid alternates. Bid tabs have been certified and the final GMP is presented at \$18,784,275.00 including the base and five add alternates, allowing Lee County to move forward within budget. The target cost of construction of \$18,834,000 is a component of the overall project budget of \$24,034,000. The Finance Department is now working with bond council and LGC (Local Government Commission) to arrange borrowing and bond sales. LGC approval is anticipated to occur September 10 with a sale date of September 25 and a closing date of October 10.

Lee County is evaluating RFQ submissions for Third Party Testing (Construction Materials Testing and Special Inspections). The bid period was held July 11 – August 5 with five submissions received. Lee County plans to bring a recommendation and proposal to September's Board of Commissioners meeting for consideration and approval.

Historic Courthouse – The Historic Courthouse renovation project currently focuses on roof replacement with alternates for masonry repairs and storm water management. The project is currently out to bid (July 19 – August 21) and is predominately funded under the Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund (ESHPPF) grant. A pre-bid meeting was held on July 31 at the Historic Courthouse. Lee County has received confirmation from the State (NC Dept of Natural and Cultural Resources) and the Grant Administrator (Central Pines Regional Council) that additional funds of ~\$185,000 will be added to the grant. A confirmation has also been received that the grant deadline will be extended through December 31, 2026. Once documents are updated reflecting the new total funding amount and expiration date, they will be presented to the Board of Commissioners for approval/signature.

Horton Park Parking Lot Improvements – At the December 2023 Board of Commissioners retreat, Commissioners requested improved parking options for Horton Park and Pool. J. Thomas Engineering was approved as the engineer for the project at the Board of Commissioners meeting on March 18, 2024. A preliminary design has been reviewed by Lee County and is currently submitted to NCDOT for review and approval. The current design adds a smaller drive through the parking lot just below the pool area and bathhouse, adding 17 designated parking spots and eliminating unsafe parking conditions occurring along Washington Avenue. Potential add alternates include additional sidewalk installation along Washington Avenue toward the community garden, located at the adjacent property, for the convenience and safety of pedestrian traffic.

Lee County Government Center – The generator and generator equipment (switchgear) function today, but they are beyond the useful life. Lee County has worked with Dewberry Engineering to provide drawings and bid documents for the generator and switchgear. The budget does not allow for replacement of both the generator and the switchgear as originally planned. The project will focus on the switchgear (infrastructure connecting generator to the building) as the base bid due to the immediate need to replace as replacement parts are no longer readily available for the current equipment. The project was bid March 22 – April 21 with RECORE LLC

as the lowest responsive bidder. A meeting was held on July 30 with RECORE LLC, Dewberry Engineering, and Lee County to discuss the project and help finalize project contract terms. Equipment lead times are currently ~12 months and will require coordination between the contractor and Lee County. To minimize the impact to County operations, the project is to be scheduled targeting a holiday weekend with only two business days anticipated of operational down time when the Government Center will only be on backup power while the primary installation is taking place. Veteran's Day weekend of 2025 is the target time period for installation, and functional completion of all work is to be completed in five days. RECORE LLC will be able to complete some work before the equipment is delivered that create some efficiencies in anticipation of the five-day switchover period.

Reports

Tax– The Tax Department Collections report for July 2024 is attached.

Building Inspections – Attached is the monthly inspections report for July 2024.

TRC – The TRC Agenda for August 2024 is attached.

Library Board of Trustees – The Library's programming guide, Level Up!, for August is attached.

Parks and Recreation – The signed June meeting minutes are attached.

Consolidated Human Services Agency – The signed June 2024 meeting minutes are attached.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

September 2, 2024 – Lee County Government Offices closed in observance of Labor Day

September 10, 2024 – Employee Rewards & Recognition – Gordon Wicker Room – 8:30 a.m.

September 16, 2024 – Lee County Board of Commissioners Meeting – Civic Center – 6:00 p.m.
(summer schedule in effect)

October 7, 2024 – Lee County Board of Commissioners Meeting – McSwain Center – 6:00 p.m.

October 21, 2024 – Lee County Board of Commissioners Meeting – Civic Center – 6:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE COUNTY MANAGER
TO SETTLE CERTAIN LAWSUITS AND EXECUTE DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, the Lee Board of County Commissioners pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 153A-11 has the power to sue and be sued, and the authority to settle, approve and sign legal settlements involving the County, its Elected Officials, employees, agents or entities and to execute documents related to such settlement;

WHEREAS, the County Manager is the chief administrator of Lee County pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 153A-82(a) and is involved in the daily workings of the County;

WHEREAS, some legal suits and settlements require no monetary payments from the County, or require payments to the County or require minimal monetary payments to another party for settlement;

WHEREAS, the Board is of the opinion that it is in the best interest of the County to delegate to the County Manager the power and authority to authorize the County Attorney to file a lawsuit in cases that involve relief other than monetary payment or that involve payments to be received by the County in any amount or that involve settlement payments to another party less than or equal to \$30,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board is of the opinion that it is in the best interest of the County to delegate authority to the County Manager to approve, settle and sign legal settlement agreements and court orders on behalf of the County in cases that involve relief other than monetary payment or that involve payments to be received by the County in any amount or that involve settlement payments to another party less than or equal to \$30,000.00;

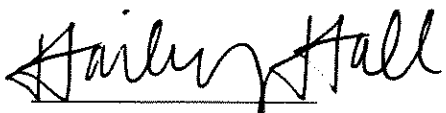
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lee County Board of County Commissioners as follows:

1. That the County Manager is hereby delegated the authority to authorize the County Attorney to file a lawsuit in cases that involve relief other than monetary payment or that involve payments to be received by the County or that involve settlement payments to another party less than or equal to \$30,000.00.
2. That the County Manager is hereby delegated the authority to approve, settle and sign legal settlement agreements and court orders on behalf of the County in cases that involve relief other than monetary payment or that involve payments to be received by the County or that involve settlement payments to another party less than or equal to \$30,000.00.

This resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this the 19th day of August, 2024.

ATTEST



Hailey Hall, Clerk to the Board

LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Kirk D. Smith, Chairman

NORTH CAROLINA, LEE COUNTY
Presented for registration on this 17th day
of Oct. 20, 24 at 2:30 AM/PM
recorded in Book 38 Page 604
Pamela G. Britt, Register of Deeds

