

**TENTATIVE AGENDA & MEETING NOTICE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2019
8:30 A.M.**

**WATAUGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM**

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AGENDA ITEM 2:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

July 23, 2019, Regular Meeting

July 23, 2019, Closed Session

DRAFT**MINUTES****WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2019**

The Watauga County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting, as scheduled, on Tuesday, July 23, 2019, at 5:30 P.M. in the Commissioners' Board Room of the Watauga County Administration Building, Boone, North Carolina.

PRESENT: John Welch, Chairman
 Billy Kennedy, Vice-Chairman
 Larry Turnbow, Commissioner
 Charlie Wallin, Commissioner
 Perry Yates, Commissioner
 Andrea Capua, County Attorney
 Deron Geouque, County Manager
 Anita J. Fogle, Clerk to the Board

Chairman Welch called the meeting to order at 5:35 P.M.

Commissioner Yates opened with a prayer and Vice-Chairman Kennedy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Welch called for additions and/or corrections to the June 18, 2019, regular meeting and closed session minutes.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to approve the June 18, 2019, regular meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5
 Nay-0

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to approve the June 18, 2019, closed session minutes as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5
 Nay-0

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Welch called for additions and/or corrections to the July 23, 2019, agenda.

County Manager Geouque requested to add the following: a proposed proclamation honoring Cove Creek Volunteer Fire Department's 50th Anniversary, an Economic Development Commission funding request, and the reappointment of the Tax Assessor. Commissioner Yates

requested to add a request for the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to Clear Road Right of Ways.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to approve the July 23, 2019, agenda as amended.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

SHERIFF'S OFFICE MATTERS

A. Request for Declaration of Surplus and Sale – WCSO K-9

Major Kelly Redmon requested to declare “Tanner,” a K-9 police dog as surplus and sold to its handler, Lt. Wes Hawkins. Major Redmon stated that Tanner had been taken out of service by the Sheriff’s Office on July 1, 2019, due to having bone cancer in his right hind leg. Tanner has since had surgery to have the leg removed. General Statutes allow for the dog to be sold for a negotiated price by order of the Board of Commissioners.

A proposed resolution authorizing the sale was presented for consideration. If the resolution is adopted and the sale of the K-9 advertised for ten days, then the sale can be carried out. Major Redmon requested that the dog be declared surplus and sold for a fee of \$1.00 to its handler, Lt. Wes Hawkins. Since the K-9 has been trained for duty, it would be best for an experienced handler to have ownership. Upon completion of the ten day notice, the K-9, Tanner, will be presented to Lt. Wes Hawkins who will bare all future expenses related to the medical, care and housing of the K-9 known as Tanner.

Commissioner Yates, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to declare the K-9 police dog, known as Tanner, surplus; to adopt the resolution; and to direct staff to advertise for ten days prior to the sale.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

B. Request to Purchase Two New AFIS Fingerprint Stations

Major Redmon requested approval of the purchase of two new Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) stations from IDEMIA to replace the two current stations. The stations are used multiple times daily for fingerprinting arrestees and among other uses for applicants for gun permits, IT applications, tax processing, employment, adoptions. The cost of each station was \$20,875. Adequate funds are included in the Sheriff’s Office budget to cover the expense.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to approve the purchase of the two new Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) stations from IDEMIA, at a total cost of \$41,750, as presented by Major Redmon.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

PROPOSED CAMERA AND ACCESS CONTROL FOR THE COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER

Mr. Drew Eggers, IT Director, presented bids for cameras and access controls for the new Community Recreation Center (CRC). The CRC budget includes funds for the purchases. Three proposals were received for the security camera system and two for the door access control system. Creekside Electric, a local company, indicated interest in both proposals but did not submit bids for either. Mr. Eggers stated that staff recommended the acceptance of bids submitted by the lowest responsive bidder, Freedom Electric, for both the cameras, in the amount of \$25,099, and access controls, in the amount of \$20,499.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to accept the bid from Freedom Electric for the security camera system, in the amount of \$25,099, and the bid from Freedom Electric for the door access control system, in the amount of \$20,499.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (STIP)

Mr. Joe Furman, Planning and Inspections Director, discussed the 2022-2031 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects. Mr. Furman stated that the County will be asked to submit four (4) new road and/or public transportation projects, plus greenway projects.

Mr. Furman recommended the following three (3) road projects:

105 Bypass (NCSR 1107): widen to three lanes (center turn lane) with five foot paved shoulder which will accommodate bicycles.

NC Hwy 105 from the end of the funded project at Old Shulls Mill Road to the existing climbing lanes that begin at J H Mclean Road: widen to three lanes (center turn lane) with five foot paved shoulder as above. A preliminary look on GIS at this type of improvement shows little if any impact on buildings in Foscoe, and would improve the traffic flow.

NC Hwy 194 from Howard's Creek Road to Castle Ford Road: "Modernization," i.e. widen the existing lanes to twelve feet and add four foot paved shoulders which will accommodate bicycles.

Mr. Furman shared the following recommendations from Ms. Wendy Patoprsty with Blue Ridge Conservancy for greenway projects:

Section 3: From Sterling Creek Park South through Aho Bridge underpass = \$3.9 million and includes design, engineering, two bridges, secondary road crossing, grading, paving, stream restoration, property acquisition, parking area, trailhead, vegetation, and signage.

Section 5: From Niley Cook to Fairway Drive = \$2.9 million and includes design, engineering, permitting, boardwalk, safe at-grade secondary road crossings, rock blasting, guardrail, greenway grading, paving, and signage.

Mr. Furman stated that Ms. Patoprsty had indicated that the Middle Fork Greenway and partners agreed to fundraise for the 20% match required for the STIP.

Mr. Furman shared the following recommendation from Mr. Craig Hughes, Executive Director of AppalCART, for a transportation project:

Expand the bus fleet at AppalCART by purchasing ten buses. The total project cost would be \$5 million with NCDOT funding \$4.5 million and the local share being \$500,000. Mr. Furman stated that Appalachian State University has agreed to fund the local share portion of the project.

Mr. Furman stated that he did not have a fourth road project to recommend at this time as other projects were included in the Watauga County Comprehensive Transportation Plan or being included by the Town of Boone.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to submit the following projects to the North Carolina State Transportation Improvement Program:

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Transportation Project:

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VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING REQUEST

In May 2018, the Board voted to approve a \$20,000 allocation from the Economic Development Commission (EDC) Capital Reserve account which would be used to move forward with a project shining a spotlight on the High Country by producing six to eight short video vignettes featuring locals which highlight the beauty of the mountains.

Mr. Joe Furman, Economic Development Director, shared that the “Boonies” episodes of the videos have been broadcast in approximately 8,384,370 households and can still be seen on Public Broadcast Systems (PBS) and YouTube. Mr. Furman stated that the EDC met on July 11 and voted to recommend a second year of funding, in the amount of \$20,000, from the Economic Development Commission Capital Reserve Account to again contract with Artemis Independent to produce three or more “Boonies” videos.

Commissioner Yates, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to approve the \$20,000 expenditure with funds to be allocated from the Economic Development Commission Capital Reserve account to move forward with the project as presented by Mr. Furman.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

PROPOSED WORK FIRST COUNTY PLAN FOR 2019-2021

Mr. Tom Hughes, Social Services Director, presented the Work First County Plan for 2019-2021. Mr. Hughes shared the following changes made to the Plan in submitting it for the meeting: on page 4, correcting the spelling of the word “Conditions” in the header; on page 4, changing 4.1% to 4.0% in the first sentence of the second paragraph; on page 10, changing Smoky Mountain Center to Vaya Health; and on page 11, \$381,217 changes to \$348,801 in the first paragraph and \$500.00 changes to \$600.00 at the bottom of the same page. Mr. Hughes shared how the plan functions to benefit people by helping get them from a bad place to a better place.

Mr. Hughes stated that the Social Services Advisory Board has approved the plan; however, he would present the changes to that Board prior to submitting it to the State Office of Social Services.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to adopt the County Work First Plan for 2019-2021.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

PROPOSED COURTROOM #2 RENOVATION PROPOSAL

Mr. Robert Marsh, Maintenance Director, requested the exemption of the Courtroom #2 renovations project from N.C. General Statute 143-64.31. Hemphill Associates designed the previous Courthouse renovation project. Due to Hemphill-Randel Associates working knowledge of Courthouse projects and their previous work for the County; Mr. Marsh stated that staff recommended the Board exempt this project from N.C. General Statute 143-64.31 and select Hemphill-Randel Associates for the design and engineering services for the Courtroom #2 renovations project.

Commissioner Yates, seconded by Vice-Chairman Kennedy, moved to exempt Courtroom #2 renovations project from N.C. General Statute 143-64.31 and select Hemphill-Randel Associates for the design and engineering services, in the amount of \$18,800, for the project.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

Mr. Robert Marsh, Maintenance Director, presented a contract with Hemphill-Randel Associates for the design and engineering work for the Courtroom #2 renovations. Hemphill-Randel Associates is very familiar to the county having completed the last major renovation to the courthouse. Hemphill-Randel Associates fees for the project is \$18,800. The estimate for the construction of the proposed renovations was \$126,800 which was considerably less than the initial projected amount of \$350,000. Staff believes the total project cost will be less with the utilization of in house staff to do a majority of the work.

Commissioner Yates, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to select Hemphill-Randel Associates for the design and engineering services, in the amount of \$18,800, for the project.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

TAX MATTERS

A. Monthly Collections Report

Tax Administrator, Mr. Larry Warren, presented the Tax Collections Report for the month of June 2019. The report was presented for information only and, therefore, no action was required.

B. Refunds and Releases

Mr. Warren presented the Refunds and Releases Report for June 2019 for Board approval:

TO BE TYPED IN MINUTE BOOK

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to approve the Refunds and Releases Report for June 2019 as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

C. Annual Settlement of Tax Collector

Tax Administrator Warren presented the following Annual Settlement Statements for Fiscal Year 2019 for Board approval:

TO BE TYPED IN MINUTE BOOK

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to approve the Annual Settlement Statements for Fiscal Year 2019.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to accept the Tax Administrator's "Oath as to Diligent Effort to Collect Taxes."

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

D. Oath to Collect Taxes

Mr. Warren presented a proposed order granting authorization to collect taxes for Fiscal Year 2020. Once approved, a sworn oath would be administered to Tax Administrator Warren.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Yates, moved to grant authorization for Tax Administrator Warren to collect taxes for Fiscal Year 2020.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

E. Reappointment of the Tax Assessor

County Manager Geouque stated that Mr. Larry Warren, Acting Tax Administrator, is in compliance with continuing education hours and is eligible for reappointment as Tax Administrator. The County Manager stated that the Board has the option of appointing Mr. Warren to a term of either two or four years.

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Commissioner Yates, moved to reappoint Mr. Larry Warren to a four-year term as Tax Administrator to commence retroactively on July 1, 2019.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Ms. Misty Watson, Finance Director, reviewed the following budget amendments:

Account #	Description	Debit	Credit
105911-471000	NC Lottery Funds		\$167,000
105911-470043	Roof Renovations	\$167,000	

The amendment allocated funds for NC Lottery projects as requested by the Watauga County Schools and approved by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI).

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to approve the budget amendments as presented by Ms. Watson.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. Proposed License Agreement Renewal – American Red Cross

County Manager Geouque stated that the American Red Cross had requested consideration of renewing their existing license agreement for office space at the County's Health Department building. The current license agreement is for two (2) years and began March 23, 2018, and ends March 31, 2020. Staff is unclear as to why the Red Cross would like to initiate the process so early. Mr. Geouque recommended waiting until closer to the expiration of the current license agreement to begin the renewal process which would begin with the Board adopting a resolution and allowing 10 days to pass before officially approving the license agreement.

Commissioner Yates, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to table discussion and to direct the County Manager to bring a resolution for the proposed renewal to a future meeting for consideration of beginning the renewal process.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

B. Proposed Renewal of ASU Greenhouse Lease

County Manager Geouque stated that the Appalachian State University Foundation requested the renewal of the lease for greenhouse space located at the Watauga County Landfill. Mr. Geouque stated that property owned by the County may be leased or rented for such terms and upon such conditions as the Board may determine, for up to ten (10) years. Property may be rented or leased only pursuant to a resolution of the Board authorizing the execution of the lease or rental agreement adopted at a regular Board meeting upon 10 days' public notice. Notice shall be given by publication describing the property to be leased or rented, stating the annual rental or lease payments, and announcing the Board's intent to authorize the lease or rental at its next regular meeting. County Attorney Capua stated that County Attorney di Santi had reviewed the lease. The County Manager stated that if the proposed resolution was adopted, the lease could be

considered for approval at the August 20, 2019, meeting allowing time to fulfill the advertisement requirement.

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Vice-Chairman Kennedy, moved to adopt the proposed resolution and direct staff to fulfill the advertisement requirement.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

C. Proposed Proclamation Honoring the 50th Anniversary of Cove Creek Volunteer Fire Department

Chairman Welch presented and read a proposed proclamation in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Cove Creek Volunteer Fire Department.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to adopt the proclamation as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

D. Proposed Proclamation Honoring Merle Watson

County Manager Geouque presented and read a proposed proclamation in honor of Merle Watson's induction into the North Carolina Music Hall of Fame & Museum. The 11th Annual Induction Ceremony will be held on October 17, 2019, in the Gem Theatre in Kannapolis, NC, at which time the proclamation will be presented.

Commissioner Yates, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to adopt the proclamation as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

E. Appointment of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners' (NCACC) Annual Conference Voting Delegate

County Manager Geouque stated that the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners' (NCACC) Annual Conference is scheduled for August 22-24, 2019, in Guilford County. Each county in attendance is required to select a voting member for representation at the Annual Business Meeting which is conducted as a part of the conference. Submission of the voting delegate is due August 16, 2019.

Commissioner Yates, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to appoint Commissioner Wallin as the Watauga County voting member at the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners' Annual Conference Business Meeting.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

F. Request for the North Carolina Department of Transportation to Clear Road Right-of-Ways

Commissioner Yates stated that there have been several incidents recently in the County where fallen trees and/or limbs have blocked roadways in the area. The Fire Departments and/or citizens have been left to make the roads passable; however, the Department of Transportation's (DOT) right-of-ways have remained blocked. Also, it does not appear that the DOT has performed tree trimming recently either. Commissioner Yates asked if the Board could request DOT to make roadways safe to pass through by clearing their right-of-ways.

By consensus, the Board agreed, to direct the County Manager to set up a meeting with Mr. Kevin Whittington, DOT Highway Maintenance Engineer in Watauga County, to discuss the matter.

G. Announcements

County Manager Geouque announced the following:

- The 112th NCACC Annual Conference will be held August 22-24, 2019, in Guilford County. Visit <http://www.ncacc.org/775/2019-Annual-Conference> for full information.
- The Board of Commissioners is invited to the Watauga County Community Recreation Center's Topping Out Gathering to sign the final steel beam prior to being set into place. The event will be held on the construction site starting at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, July 31, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Kendra Sink with the Back 2 School Festival, which is a 501(c)3, requested funding in support of this year's event in August. Ms. Sink stated that over one thousand children benefit from the Festival.

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Vice-Chairman Kennedy, moved to amend the agenda to allow for discussion of the Back 2 School funding request.

VOTE: Aye-4(Welch, Kennedy, Turnbow, Wallin)
Nay-1(Yates)

County Manager Geouque stated that, in the past, the Board was advised that if the vote was not unanimous items could not be added to the agenda.

Chairman Welch directed the County Manager to place Ms. Sink's funding request for the Back 2 School Festival on the August 6, 2019, Board of Commissioners meeting agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:39 P.M., Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to enter Closed Session to discuss Attorney/Client Matters, per G. S. 143-318.11(a)(3) and Land Acquisition, per G. S. 143-318.11(a)(5)(i).

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Yates, moved to resume the open meeting at 7:25 P.M.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

ADJOURN

Commissioner Wallin, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 P.M.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

John Welch, Chairman

ATTEST:
Anita J. Fogle, Clerk to the Board

AGENDA ITEM 3:

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 6, 2019, AGENDA

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AGENDA ITEM 4:

BACK 2 SCHOOL FUNDING REQUEST

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Ms. Kendra Sink will request the Board to consider funding the Back 2 School Festival. The request is for \$2,000. The Board may wish to defer the request until next year's budget to follow the county's budgetary process.

Staff seeks direction from the Board.



Deron Geouque
County Manager
Watauga County
814 W. King Street
Boone, NC 28607

Dear Mr. Geouque,

The Back 2 School Festival is a 501©3 charity which serves the school children of Watauga County. We provide high quality backpacks, school supplies and a new pair of shoes to economically disadvantaged students at a special event the Saturday before school starts.

Unfortunately, we missed this year's deadline to submit requests for funding from the County Commissioners. We would like to make a presentation to County Commissioners at your next meeting to request \$2,000.00 in funding for this year's Festival. The Festival will be held on August 10, so our need is urgent.

Please see supporting documentation for this request. Several Commissioners are familiar with our work and would support this funding request.

Please call me at 828-964-0855 to let me know if we can appear before the County Commission. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Kathy Crutchfield".

Kathy Crutchfield

PO Box 102, Boone NC 28607
(828) 434-0399 back2schoolfestival.org

Back 2 School Festival is a nonprofit organization. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Tax ID 83-2285890.



March 20, 2019

Dear Friends of Watauga County Children,

Do you remember that excited feeling of the first day of school? You were wearing new clothes, new shoes and carrying your new backpack full of school supplies, like all your friends.

But consider this--what if you were wearing your brother's worn hand-me-downs, old shoes, and no socks? You didn't have a backpack or school supplies and were waiting for the teacher to ask where your supplies and backpack are? Instead of feeling confident and happy, you were embarrassed, nervous, feeling out of place and alone?

The Back 2 School Festival was founded on the belief that every child deserves to start the school year feeling confident and prepared. With a poverty rate of 31.3% (the second highest in North Carolina), and 35% of our students receiving free or reduced lunch, Watauga County has many students who need help with back to school expenses. When parents have to choose between food, rent and school supplies, they simply cannot meet the average cost of over \$150 per child (not including clothes and shoes).

Last year, the Back 2 School Festival provided high quality backpacks, school supplies and a new pair of shoes to over 1,200 Watauga County students. All funds raised go DIRECTLY to help Watauga County children, as our organization is 100% volunteer and donation driven. This year we need to raise \$47,000 to meet the needs of students when they go back to school in August.

Would you help? Please see the enclosed sheet with information about levels of sponsorship. Contributions are accepted online at back2schoolfestival.org or by mailing a check to P.O. Box 102, Boone NC 28607. In addition to financial support, we also welcome volunteers to help at the Festival. For more information, please visit our website back2schoolfestival.org or contact us at 828-434-0399. Our efforts to break the cycle of poverty for our Watauga County School students begins with success in school and completion to graduation.....will you join us in this effort???

On behalf of the children of Watauga County,

Kendra Sink, Festival Director; Jane Rogers, Sponsorship Chairperson

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Sponsorship Level

Gold Sponsor: \$5000

- Exclusive event naming rights and logo included in the B2SF logo
- Exclusive multiple banner placements at the festival
- Banner on Pack the Bus - 4' X 8' or smaller
- Top billed logo placement in all marketing, media and news releases
- Top billed logo placement and business profile on website – includes a homepage banner ad

Silver Sponsor: \$2,000

- “Presented By” on all banners, print publications and in media
- Prime placement of logo and business profile on website
- Thanked in media: radio, newspaper, TV interviews
- Your banner in prime placement at the festival and on a Pack the Bus - 4' X 6' or smaller

Grand Sponsor: \$1000

- Logo and link with profile on website
- Thanked on banner at the festival
- Thanked in media: radio, newspaper, TV interviews

General Sponsor: \$500

- Logo and link on website
- Banner at the festival
- Activity booth at the festival if requested

Small Business Sponsor: \$250

- Name listed on our donor board and website
- Activity booth at the festival if requested

Individual Sponsor: \$100

- Name listed on our Donor Board

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Record Number of Nearly 1,200 Children Attend Back 2 School Festival

2/15/2019

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The Watauga County Back 2 School Festival continued to see increased demand as close to 1,200 school children attended the half-day festival to receive backpacks, shoes, school supplies, haircuts and more.

“We were able to serve a record number of children, beginning at 9:00 a.m. with our “Quiet Hour” for families with special needs children,” stated Back 2 School Festival coordinator Kendra Sink. “We are so grateful for the financial support and community collaboration that makes all this possible.”

Families and children attending the sixth annual festival, presented by Mast General Store, ECRS, Boone Optimist Club, 4 Forty Four Builders, Snow Masonic Lodge #363, Watauga County Community Foundation, Walmart and Purple Crow Authentic Hispanic Products, were treated to a pizza lunch provided by Mellow Mushroom, Capone’s, Bella’s, Carolina Pizza Company and Hungry Howie’s, cookies from Appalachian Cookie Company and F.A.R.M. Café and complimentary refillable water bottles from Wendy’s Tar Heel Capital. Festival and booth volunteers were treated to coffee and breakfast from Panera, while lunch included sandwiches provided by Subway.

Families began lining up nearly three hours before the festival doors opened. Once inside, each child checked in to their respective school table before heading to the large backpack shopping area. The Watauga High School auxiliary gym was dedicated to school supplies while the primary gym housed the shoe department, where over 900 pairs of shoes were given out, along with activity and resource booths from churches, business and nonprofits.

“Families look forward to bringing their children to the festival,” says Valle Crucis and Cove Creek School Social Worker Amy Michael. “Being able to choose your ‘own’ things is important and fun. I remember those butterfly feelings from my childhood as I shopped for items on my school list and the Back 2 School Festival provides this for all children, regardless of means.”

In addition to backpacks, shoes and school supplies, families were able to receive free eye screenings from Western Carolina Eye Associates, pick up dental health supplies from OP Smiles and sign up for SNAP food assistance with Second Harvest Food Bank. Blue Ridge Women in Agriculture, Hospitality House and F.A.R.M. Full Circle hosted a free farmer’s market that included how-to recipes, popsicles made from locally grown produce and a touch, taste, smell educational activity. Craft booths continued to be popular with kids being able to make stovepipe paper hats with Mountainside Community Church, slime with Highlands Union Bank and bracelets with the Girl Scouts.

“The Back 2 School Festival is invaluable in helping so many families get off to a good start, sending their children to school prepared for a productive year of learning,” stated Watauga County Schools Superintendent Dr. Scott Elliott. “We are fortunate in Watauga County to have the support of such compassionate and giving community members.

Additional sponsors included Boone Service League, Lauren Jaquays LGBTQ Youth Alliance, Goodwill Industries of Northwest N.C., Carolina West Wireless, Boone Sunrise Rotary, First National Bank, Ruple Memorial Presbyterian, Boone Area Chamber of Commerce, Profit’s Grove Baptist, County Commissioner Larry Turnbow and Blue Ridge Energies.

Mingling and engaging the crowd of over two-thousand throughout the day were fan-favorite mascots Grizzly of the High Country Grizzlies, Appalachian State’s Yosef, the Chick-fil-A Cow and Appalachian Regional Library’s Arly. In particular, Grizzly collected school supplies in his backpack side-by-side with the school children in the auxiliary gym.

Families that were unable to attend the festival are encouraged to follow up with their school’s social worker so that every child has what they need to begin the school year.



The Back 2 School Festival, started in 2013 as a collaborative effort between The Children's Council, Western Youth Network, Hospitality House, Quiet Givers and others seeks to streamline local school readiness efforts in order to have a greater impact on the community. It was designed to serve any family struggling to afford the high costs of back-to-school shopping in a fun, dignified and respectful environment. Their goal is for all kids to start school feeling confident and prepared for the year ahead.

Learn more about the Back 2 School Festival by visiting back2schoolfestival.org.

<https://www.hcpress.com/news/record-number-of-nearly-1200-children-attend-back-2-school-festival.html>



**Watauga County
Back 2 School Festival**

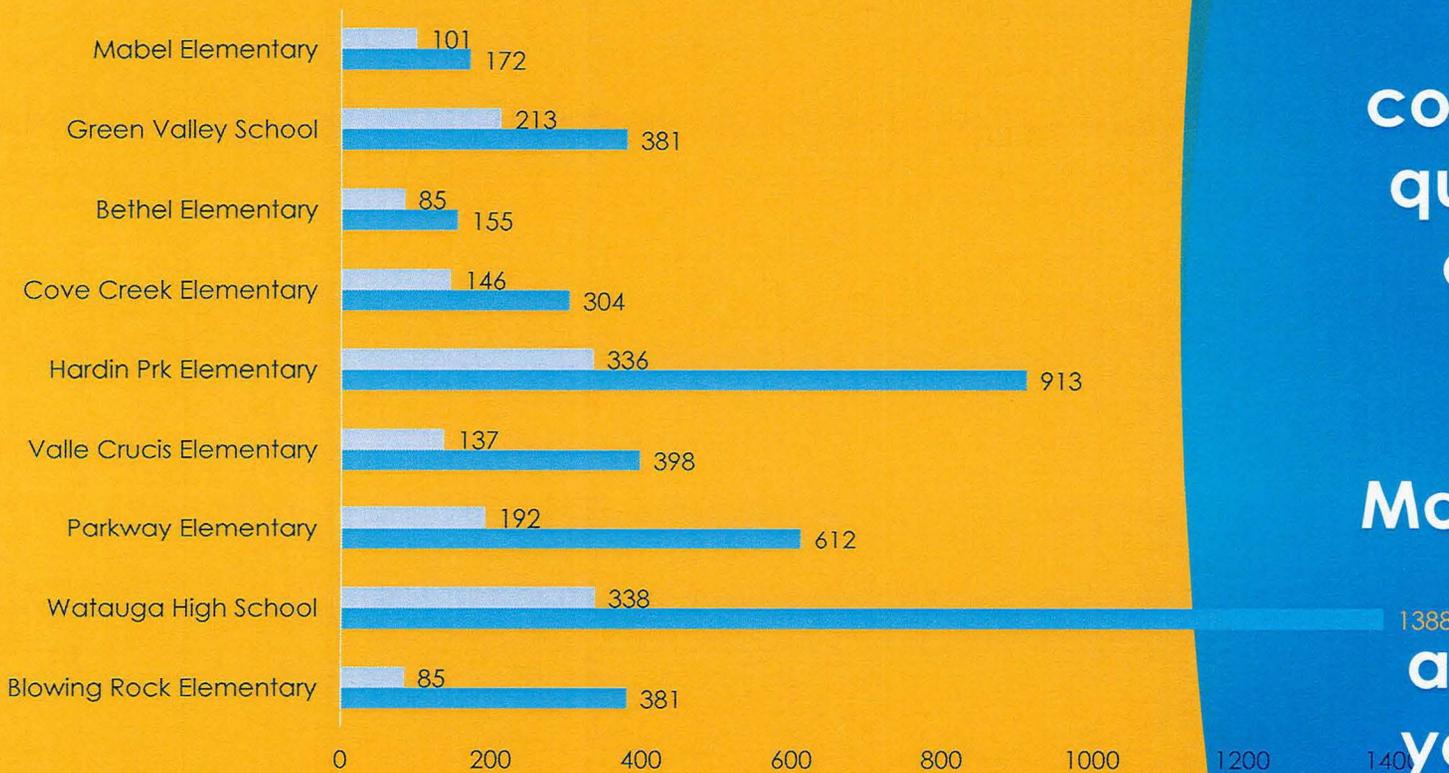
**Saturday, August 10th
10 am – 1 pm
Watauga High School**

Why we do it:



As I drove up to the high school at 7:00 am, three hours before the festival was scheduled to open, families were already lined up on the sidewalk.

Free and Reduced Lunch Statistics



34.48% of Watauga county students qualify for free or reduced lunch.

More than 1,000 students attended last years festival!

Every child
deserves to
start the
school year
feeling
confident
and
prepared.



Supplies



Supply Room



Supplies Needed:

Backpacks	1000	Ear Buds	700
1 in Binders	1000	Highlighters	700
1 ½ in Binders	400	Index Cards	400
2 in Binders	300	Markers	800
Calculators	10	Notebook Paper	1000
Cap Erasers pk	1000	Paint Sets	200
Chunk Erasers pk	1000	Fat Pencils	200
Clip Boards	100	Pencils	4000
Colored Pencils	600	Pencil Bags/Boxes	700
Comp. Notebooks	2000	Pencil Sharpeners	700
Crayons	600	Black/Blue Pens	500
Dry Erase Markers	800	Red Pens	300
2 Pocket Folders	700	Post It Notes	500
Glue Sticks	2000	Scissors	600
Bottle Glue	200	Tab Dividers	500



Shoes

Each student at the festival chooses a pair of shoes or gets a \$20 gift card to Shoe Dept to help with the costs of athletic shoes.



Haircuts



**It's a
Festival!**





Get Involved:

Be a Financial Sponsor

Donate supplies or organize a supply drive for your business or church!

Host a booth at the festival.

Volunteer the day of the festival or join one of our planning committees.



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AGENDA ITEM 5:

PARKS AND RECREATION OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL REQUEST

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Stephen Poulos, Parks and Recreation Director, will present a request for out of state travel. Mr. Poulos is requesting to attend the North Carolina and South Carolina joint conference for recreation and parks association in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The only expense is the \$275 registration.

Board action is required to approve the out of state travel requests as presented.



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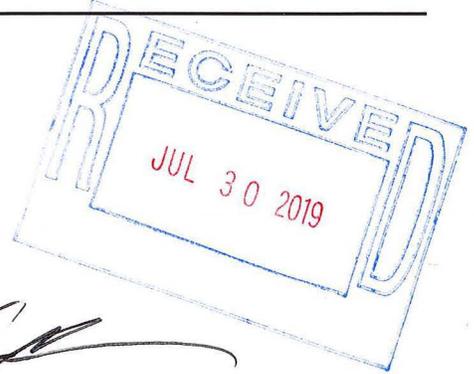
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Memo

To: Deron Geouque, County Manager
From: Stephen Poulos, Parks & Recreation Director 
Date: 7/30/2019
Re: Carolinas Joint Conference



I am asking to permission to travel to Myrtle Beach SC for the 2019 NC Recreation and Parks/SC Recreation and Parks Joint Conference, September 16 – 18, 2018. There will be over 1,000 Recreation Professionals attending with 63 sessions offered as part of this Annual Conference along with over 100 vendors on site.

Thanks for your consideration.



**2019 Carolinas Joint Conference
September 16-18, 2019
Myrtle Beach, SC**

**Conference At A Glance
(As of 3/5/19* subject to change)**

Monday

8:00am – 5:00pm	Registration
1:00pm – 2:30pm	Education Session Block I
2:45pm - 4:00pm	Education Session Block II
4:30pm – 5:30pm	Opening General Session & Keynote
6:00pm - 8:00pm	Dinner & Social

Tuesday

8:00am – 4:30pm	Registration
8:30am – 9:45am	Education Session Block III
10:00am – 11:15am	Education Session Block IV
11:15am- 1:30pm	Lunch on your own
1:45pm – 3:00pm	Education Session Block V
3:15pm – 4:30pm	Education Session Block VI
4:30pm – 6:30pm	Exhibit Hall Opening
6:45pm – 7:45pm	Social

Wednesday

7:30am – 12:00pm	Registration
7:30am – 9:30am	Exhibit Hall Breakfast
9:45am – 11:00pm	Education Session Block VII
11:15am -12:30pm	Education Session Block VIII
12:45pm – 2:00pm	Awards Luncheons

Day	Time	Room	Speaker	Session Title	Learning Outcomes
Mon	1:00 - 2:15 pm	Mtg Rm 202/4	Luke Guthrie	There's No Finish Line: Tackling Change Differently	1. Participants will learn techniques to identify adaptive and technical problems/solutions. 2. Participants will learn the tools the Town of Cary is using to drive cultural change in the organization. 3. Participants will learn how flexible Customer Relationship Management (CRM) tools can help empower staff at all levels of the organization to improve business processes.
Mon	1:00 - 2:15 pm	Mtg Rm 106/7	Tom O'Rourke	Addressing Necessary Leadership Skills for the Future.	1. The participants will fully recognize the changes in the political environment through the past 40 years. 2. The Participants will be able to understand how cities and counties finance park and recreation programs and how to make sure that they identify where existing funding hides and where to find funding that is not readily available 3. The participants will know how to understand the personality of those that they need to work with on a daily basis; city administrator, elected officials, and senior management.
Mon	1:00 - 2:15 pm	BR - B	DeAnne Brown, Colleen Toomey	Aquatics - Limited Staff, Limitless Programming	1. Participants will be able to develop ways to increase staffing 2. Participants will learn to modify programs with lack of staff. 3. Participants will learn to modify operations to accommodate programming needs.
Mon	1:00 - 2:15 pm	Mtg Rm 102/3	Sonya Shaw	Pathways to Leadership for African American Women	1. Articulate where African American women are positioned in public parks and recreation organizations and their career patterns 2. Articulate three positive characteristics of African American women that lead public parks and recreation organizations. 3. Identify three challenges/struggles that African American women are confronted with while leading public parks and recreation organizations and strategies to overcome challenges..
Mon	1:00 - 2:15 pm	Mtg Rm 206/8	Kendrick Mayes	Transitioning from Student to Professional	1. Upon completion of the session, the participant will be able to effectively navigate through the department's agency. 2. Upon completion of the session, the participant will be able to immediately apply what they have heard. 3. Upon completion of the session, the participant will be prepared to apply for a position within the agency.
Mon	1:00 - 2:15 pm	BR - A	William D. Moser, Jr. AIA, K. Scott Gordon, AIA	Creating Community Assets in Unique Park Development	1. Identify specific recently completed urban parks presented during the session. Parks are in North Carolina and suburban Atlanta. 2. Recognize budgetary considerations in the development of realistic pre-design budgets. 3. Discuss issues that impact project delivery including, but not limited to security, phasing, code compliance, etc.
Mon	1:00 - 2:15 pm	Mtg Rm - 108	Brian Jones	Team Building 101 - Simple Ways to get to Know Your Team and Encourage Growth	1. Define words such as team building, ice breaker, and unity. 2. take home practical ways to engage and encourage team growth 3. Explain why team building and growth is important in the work place
Mon	1:00 - 2:15 pm	Mtg Rm 104/5	Alexander Hurdle, Andre White, Jeffrey Forde, Michelle Burger	Becoming Invested in Your Community's Health	1. Participants will recognize and describe the health disparities in their community. 2. Participants will be able to identify potential health groups in their community to develop relationships with and will identify potential funding sources for their agency to provide community health-based programs. 3. Discuss and evaluate the tool kit used as community engagement techniques in a group exercise setting.
Mon	1:00 - 2:15 pm	BR - C	Ryan Sailstad	Sparking Scientific Inquiry Through Experiential Learning	1. Experience 2 easy to implement experiential STEM activities which will help them define what makes activities experiential. 2. Investigate what STEM topics session participants feel most comfortable and uncomfortable leading, and identify a starting place for incorporating experiential STEM activities in their programs. 3. Be capable of outlining and describing how to make a STEM activity experiential.
Mon	2:30 - 3:45 pm	Mtg Rm 106/7	Tom O'Rourke	Becoming a Better Me!	1. The participants will recognize the things in our lives that cause them stress and how to deal with it. 2. The participants will focus and be able to list the things in life that they value. 3. The Participants will understand the role of integrity in their lives.
Mon	2:30 - 3:45 pm	BR - A	Deb Jordan	It's Not Our Fault if "They" Don't Come	1. describe the many aspects of diversity that are part of being human 2. identify unintentional "not-so-welcoming" messages being sent by using a diversity audit tool 3. Generate various courses of action to address and minimize messages of unwelcomeness
Mon	2:30 - 3:45 pm	Mtg Rm 104/5	Chamreece Diggs	Is Your Net Working	1. Participants will explore and discuss how to create an effective and impactful network of peers, mentors and other professionals. Participants will identify things to strive for and things to avoid when developing professional networks. 2. Participants will discuss what it means to cast a wide net when managing staff. Participants will also identify areas wherein they can recruit talent, will give examples on ways to foster growth, and discuss the benefits of qualified staff. 3. Participants will reflect and discuss their nets: what their professional network looks like and how they recruit or identify qualified staff. Participants will also identify and share challenges and successes. Participants will also identify areas where this idea of Net's can be beneficial throughout parks and recreation.

Mon	2:30 - 3:45 pm	BR - C	Vonda Martin	We Grow Old Because we Stop Playing	1. Identify how to use design suggestions to make parks, open space and programs in the community more senior-friendly. 2. Discuss if design and program recommendations were met Henry Street Park, Greensboro's first multi-generational park. 3. Recognize how parks, open space and programs contribute to the overall health of an aging population.
Mon	2:30 - 3:45 pm	Mtg Rm 206/8	Dale Smith	Conflict - Prevention and Taking Action - The Difference Between Success and Failure	1. Be Able to Identify their Conflict Management Style 2. Discuss Best Practices for Conflict Management 3. Recognize the Different Types of Conflict Management Styles
Mon	2:30 - 3:45 pm	Mtg Rm 202/4	Lisa Licata	Understanding Our Role in Quality Youth Sports!	1. Outline the roles and responsibilities of youth sports administrators as well as the importance of this professional position 2. Summarize the current youth sports landscape – both locally and nationally by analyzing the relationships between all the local youth sports providers 3. Outline Identity the requirements of a quality youth sports program provider
Mon	2:30 - 3:45 pm	Mtg Rm 101	Dr. Bob Brookover	DIY Economic Impact Analysis	
Mon	2:30 - 3:45 pm	BR - B	Nicholas Kuhn, RLA, CRPA	Customer Focused Park Design	1. Participants will define the critical components of a comprehensive park planning and design process. 2. Participants will identify how to effectively engage citizens in the design and development process. 3. Participants will identify how to use public engagement processes to advance design excellence.
Tue	8:30 - 9:45 am	BR - A	Lindsey Oakes, Dr. Stuart J. Schleien	Discover Your Organization's Role in Successful Inclusion	1. Participants will define the various levels of the continuum of inclusion. 2. Participants will recognize organizational level facilitators and barriers to the inclusion of individuals with varying abilities. 3. Participants will identify next steps for their respective organizations to adjust their organizational culture and climate in support of increased inclusion of individuals with varying abilities.
Tue	8:30 - 9:45 am	Mtg Rm 101	Derek Church Williams, Thomas Mashburn	Do it Yourself Comprehensive Plans: Pros and Cons	1. become familiar with the seven components typically found in a Comprehensive Plan and will identify optional components that may be needed or helpful. 2. identify online resources available that can be used in completing each of the components of their Comprehensive Plan. 3. identify allied departments/agencies that may provide information/assistance in the development of a Comprehensive Plan.
Tue	8:30 - 9:45 am	Mtg Rm 206/8	Karen Thompson	Background Screening Compliance	1. how to properly receive authorization to process a screening 2. how to implement an individualized assessment and why this is important 3. what is required to implement an adverse action
Tue	8:30 - 9:45 am	Mtg Rm 106/7	Eric Davis, Rebekah Morgan	CPRP Study Session	
Tue	8:30 - 9:45 am	Mtg Rm 102/3	Wendy Waddle, Garnet McKeown	Therapeutic Arts - Learn, Experience & Grow	1. Identify ways to adapt art programs to serve artists of all abilities 2. Recognize and participate in an adaptive art project 3. Discuss ways to implement this program in your community and see samples of artwork created in Rock Hill
Tue	8:30 - 9:45 am	Mtg Rm 202/4	Jennie	Inclusive Play Matters: Uniting Communities Through the Power of Play	1. Summarize the need, value, and importance of inclusive, multigenerational play environments to effectively advocate and fund community lead initiatives. 2. List five design considerations that address the physical, social-emotional, sensory, cognitive, and communication needs of the whole child. 3. Apply 7 unique Principles of Inclusive Playground Design to create a high a high-quality space where both physical and social inclusion can occur.
Tue	8:30 - 9:45 am	BR - C	Chris Bass	Effective Recreation Programming: Giving Your Community What They Need	1. Discover the benefits of developing recreation programs based on community need and learn ways to get input from residents. 2. Participants will gain an understanding of strategic program planning by collecting data from previous programs and researching trends in the field. 3. Share successful community based programs and common mistakes made by agencies developing recreation programs.
Tue	8:30 - 9:45 am	Mtg Rm 104/5	Melissa Weddell, Kristian Jackson, Danny Twilley, Sean Royal	Chainlink to Tomorrows Recreation: Mountain Bike Parks	

Tue	8:30 - 9:45 am	BR - B	Karen Sundstrom, Cherlyn Garrett- Kee	Now Visible - Elder Abuse: Seeing and Responding	1. Participants will identify and review applicable definitions of elder abuse (from multiple sources) to include physical abuse, sexual abuse, financial exploitation, neglect; identify local and state contacts for reporting abuse; discuss the relevance/similarity of elder abuse issues to other populations including children and intimate partners. 2. identify and describe signs of elder abuse, including both visible physical and behavioral examples; describe and discuss common assumptions about seniors experiencing abuse; characteristics of perpetrators; circumstances and settings for abuse (residing in the community vs. in regulated facilities); describe and discuss difficulties they may experience in gathering information from or about seniors who may be experiencing forms of abuse; privacy/confidentiality requirements. describe and discuss best practices for raising the issues of elder abuse with colleagues, providers, with seniors and within their communities. 3. Identify local contacts among law enforcement and/or other providers as potential partners with participants to educate their communities about elder abuse.
Tue	10:00 - 11:15 am	BR - A	Rob Smith	Effective Budgeting - Telling Your Story with Numbers	1. Recognize the importance budget preparation plays in setting priorities for the department. 2. Describe the role the budget document plays in telling the story of the department. 3. List three strategies to improve the information included and supporting documentation accompanying their budget.
Tue	10:00 - 11:15 am	Mtg Rm 206/8	Shawna Tillery	Expanding Offerings - Creating Innovative Parks and Recreation Spaces	1. Identify the potential for reaching outside the norm of parks and recreation and understand what a new innovative project can do for their community. 2. Recognize the importance of developing a stakeholder process for consensus and understanding challenges. 3. Discuss how to develop relationships, select a design firm, establish content and leverage resources to guide the process of unfamiliar project implementation.
Tue	10:00 - 11:15 am	Mtg Rm 104/5	Bates McKinney, Kristie Oliver, Kristen Guilfoos	Get Seniors Active, Engaged, and in Charge	1. Analyze current programs being offered to seniors at your facilities by compiling a list of programs and discussing ways to make them more socially equitable. 2. Identify ways to rearrange or change a facility's layout in order to make it more hospitable to seniors by discussing your facility's use of rooms, space, lighting, etc. 3. Design an effective marketing strategy to entice seniors and their families, including the use of social media. Evaluate your current marketing approach and discuss needed changes
Tue	10:00 - 11:15 am	Mtg Rm 202/4	Lisa Licata	Emergency Preparedness in Youth Sports - Are You Ready?	1. Outline the general categories of emergencies that can happen in youth sports. 2. Review the tools and resources the youth sports professional needs in dealing with emergencies and crisis. 3. Summarize the need for youth sports administrators to be proactive in dealing with emergencies and crises.
Tue	10:00 - 11:15 am	BR - C	Stacey Thomas, Danille Dobbs	Inclusion: It's Not That Hard!	1. Ppts will summarize the inclusion process used by Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation 2. Ppts will recognize the differences between inclusive programming vs exclusionary programming. 3. Ppts will be able to identify basic modification information to use in various programming
Tue	10:00 - 11:15 am	BR - B	Annette Moore, Jordan Daird	Group Work: All About Me or Us?	1. Develop a deeper awareness of their individual leadership traits and how these affect their individual performance in a group 2. Examine ways in which personal leadership traits influence expectations of others in a group 3. Strategize ways to promote more effective, collaborative group efforts
Tue	10:00 - 11:15 am	Mtg Rm 106-7	Panel from Town of Garner, NC; City of Durham, NC and Greenville County, SC	CAPRA Accreditation From an Agency's Perspective	
Tue	10:00 - 11:15 am	Mtg Rm 101	Dr. Erik Rabinowitz, Dr. Rob Stiefvater and Dr. Stephanie West.	Internships - Making the Connection	1. Participants will be able to describe internship requirements. 2. Participants will be able to give examples of successful internship experiences. 3. Participants will be able to identify strategies for finding their perfect internship match.
Tue	1:45 - 3:00 pm	Mtg Rm 106/7	Andy Parker	Building a Successful Youth Sports Foundation	1. Participants will be equipped with the knowledge and tools to implement a successful motor skills development program for children and parents. 2. Participants will identify troubling trends within the youth sports world and discuss how proper programming structure can help mitigate the impact. 3. Participants will discuss residual benefits from providing innovative youth sports

Tue	1:45 - 3:00 pm	BR - C	Josh Sherrick, Matt Felts	Launching a Podcast to Reach New Marketing Heights	1. Participants will recognize the appropriate steps and necessary resources to create their own podcast. 2. Participants will be able to summarize the best practices of podcasting, including producing quality content, audience engagement and growth, and appropriate release/outreach timelines. 3. Participants will practice interview skills with others and engage in active listening exercises.
Tue	1:45 - 3:00 pm	BR - B	Shannon Teamer	Enticing Arts: An Introduction to Art Programming	1. Identify benefits of art based learning to promote child development. 2. Discuss various methods they can use to incorporate special projects into everyday programming. 3. Apply practices discussed during session via examples created during interactive portion.
Tue	1:45 - 3:00 pm	Mtg Rm 206/8	John Taylor, Doug Echols, Toren Anderson, Brian Jones, Mark	The Power of Partnerships: From Project Planning to Performance	1. recognize how to positively position, engage and achieve a successful capital project team. 2. identify the challenges of partnerships and nuances of working on solutions together for optimum results. 3. be able to outline the planning and construction stages and will be able to better summarize the project deliver process.
Tue	1:45 - 3:00 pm	Mtg Rm 102/3	Ryan O'Quinn, Adam Bell	Creating a "Cheesy" Experience	1. Discuss ways they can enhance their current programs. 2. Identify areas in their current markets where they can grow original events 3. Identify the process of incorporating best practices into multiple events.
Tue	1:45 - 3:00 pm	BR - A	Sara Burroughs	Do you have time for Parks?	1. Participants will work as a group to list and identify all of the ways we typically provide access to our park programs and facilities (location, hours of operation, physical routes, ease of use, etc.) We will evaluate this list to determine if these methods are actually barriers to access or create easier access to busy users. 2. Participants will then pick a specific park facility or program in their own department during an evaluation exercise. We will use the outcomes listed in the first part of the discussion to identify how we can plan for, design, or communicate differently with that particular program or park to make it friendly to our busy users. Participants will define the user experience though time. 3. Participants will work together to describe a user experience through time versus program or feature
Tue	1:45 - 3:00 pm	BR - A	Hillary Harrison	Bringing Adults in with Aspirational Experiences	1. Participants will be able to discuss the concept of "aspirational experiences" as it can be applied to development and implementation of adult outdoor programming. 2. Participants will be able to identify at least one resource in their park/parks that can be highlighted as an opportunity to present programming to adult learners. 3. Participants will be able to summarize a potential program that can develop further which utilizes the concept of "aspirational experiences".
Tue	1:45 - 4:30 pm	BR - D & E	J. Joy James	Re-thinking provision of recreation to low-income communities	1. List 2 challenges facing low-income individuals in the USA. 2. Describe their experience as a low-income person in the Poverty Simulation 3. Discuss 2 potential ideas for provision of recreation services to low-income families.
Tue	3:15 - 4:30 pm		Jimmy Simpson	Safe Sports Surfaces on a Shoestring Budget	
Tue	3:15 - 4:30 pm	BR - B	Shannon Teamer - Teen Coordinator	My Durham: A Free Teen Program	1. Describe the procedures of how to implement a city wide teen program. 2. Summarize the process and what to expect throughout the implementation of this type of teen program. 3. Express and explain the benefit of the current program models being used by the program.
Tue	3:15 - 4:30 pm	BR - A	Charles Jackson	Building Your Foundation Brick by Brick Using The "DREAM" Program (Five steps to moving up in management)	1. Participants will be able to relate with other professionals through sharing and networking. "What fits you best, "Individual or Team", you make the call!!! 2. Participants will be able to prepare a working plan for growth through continued development and learning. "Making a difference one brick at a time" 3. Participants will be able to construct personal career goals through today's workshop. "Career vs. Job, hold yourself accountable first"
Tue	3:15 - 4:30 pm	Mtg Rm 101	Alison Youngblood, Neil Sweeney	What's in your Cannonball? - 12 Steps to Preventing Recreational Water Illnesses (RWIs)	1. Participants will learn where RWI's are found and spread and who is most likely to become ill and why Chlorine does not always kill RWI germs. 2. Participants will learn the names and symptoms of the most common RWIs including illnesses spread through germs and those caused by chemical irritation. Common germs discussed include: Cryptosporidium, Giardia, Norovirus, E-Coli, Pseudomonas (Hot Tub Rash), and Legionella) Participants will also learn about the cause of non-germ related RWI's caused by Chloramines. 3. Participants will learn 12 Steps of Preventing Recreational Water Illnesses.
Tue	3:15 - 4:30 pm	Mtg Rm 104/5	Joseph Crowe, OSHA Training Coordinator	OSHA Inspection Process	1. This session will show the components of the OSHA inspection process. 2. This session will show parks and recreation professionals how to comply with OSHA standards to reduce on-the-job hazards and prevent injuries and illnesses in the workplace. 3. This session will teach preventative measures that can be implemented to ensure that parks and recreation facilities pass OSHA inspections.

Tue	3:15 - 4:30 pm		Kristen Guilfoos, Bethany Doman	Social Media Marketing	
Tue	3:15 - 4:30 pm	Mtg Rm 206/8	Chamreece Diggs	Recreating While Black	1. Participants will identify and discuss some of the many layers to racism and prejudice and where and how it presents itself in parks and recreation. Participants will also define or describe 2. Participants will explore and discuss ways to provide services in a way that can either eliminate potential sensitive situations or will prepare them for potentially sensitive situations 3. Participants will outline ways to move forward within their organization to help continue the conversation not only about race, but also other ways in which diversity and inclusion may be falling short.
Tue	3:15 - 4:30 pm	Mtg Rm 202/4	Jason Jones, Dr. Sarah Armstrong, Kiah Gaskin, Dr. Asheley Skinner	ARCHES: Baseline Data From a Clinic-Recreation Partnership	1. Participants will describe the collaboration strengths and gaps between pediatric clinics and park and recreation departments 2. Participants will report the baseline characteristics of a group of children referred from clinics to recreation centers for evidence-based obesity treatment, and will recognize the impact of the intervention on these children 3. Participants will identify factors that are driving good attendance at the recreation center intervention
Wed	9:45 - 11:00 am	Mtg Rm 206/8	Elizabeth Jernigan, Tracy Pegram, Matthew Wallace	Piedmont Discovery: Transforming Experiences Through Mobile Technology	1. Outline the process used to develop Piedmont Discovery. 2. Identify the political and technical challenges associated with developing a regional mobile application. 3. Recognize the how the application will impact operations of each jurisdiction.
Wed	9:45 - 11:00 am	Mtg Rm 107	Marilyn Del Gaizo	Self Defense in the Workplace	1. Recall situations which could have easily been resolved by using self control, self awareness or recognizing certain behaviors. 2. Participants will gain knowledge as to what their natural weapons are, how to strike properly and what the ideal soft targets are. The use of spatial awareness and self control. 3. Participants will have the ability to identify a predator and avoid looking like a victim while gaining self confidence in or outside the workplace.
Wed	9:45 - 11:00 am	Mtg Rm 202	Deb Jordan	A Critical Tool - Creating Program Evaluation Forms	1. be able to select the most appropriate style of question for a particular evaluation need 2. be able to explain the differences between the most common types of evaluation questions 3. be able to write evaluation questions that will elicit the intended information
Wed	9:45 - 11:00 am	Mtg Rm 108	Andrew Pack, Bill Berry, Adam Scull, Carl Armanini	Synthetic Turf -Lessons Learned from the Owner/Designer	1. The audience will learn methods and techniques of how to budget, market for new to replacement of synthetic turf with their respective boards and commissions. 2. The audience will gain an understanding of the current trends in synthetic turf from new to replacement of synthetic turf and the associated costs of construction and maintenance. 3. The audience will obtain a checklist of items from "A to Z" for selling, designing, bidding and constructing of their future new or replacement synthetic turf project.
Wed	9:45 - 11:00 am	Mtg Rm 106	Phil Gaines	Are Good Managers Good Leaders?	1. Be able to define and identify the difference between managers and leaders. List characteristics of both, and the challenges each face in a changing work world. 2. Learn leadership principles that influence managers and the workforce. 3. Learn techniques and skills that enable good managers to become good leaders.
Wed	9:45 - 11:00 am	Mtg Rm 102/3	Karlin west	Recycled Teenagers: Engaging the senior Adults	1. identify how to cater towards the age that is still mobile and incorporate programs they will attend. 2. express how to market to the generations without computers and social media. 3. recognize and explain problems that come with senior adult activities such as transportation, health, mobility and flexibility.
Wed	11:15 am - 12:30 pm	Mtg Rm 206/8	Lisa Wolff, Marcy Green, Emily Crowley, Brandy McCandless	Park & Play...An Impacting Way	1-Participants will identify 2 key disparities focused in: Social equity, health, wellness, and violence and develop a collaborative outline for discussion. 2-Once groups have completed the outline, they will begin brainstorming concepts to address those disparities. Outcomes of their concepts will be presented to the participants of the entire session with a focus on key components: 1. Identification of a multi-level initiative, 2. Community Collaboration-who do we need at the table?, 3. Implementation & Funding 3-Once the key components have been identified, participants will have a 5 minute "words work" process where the groups will share their findings and take note of new ways of thinking following the presentation.
Wed	11:15 am - 12:30 pm	Mtg Rm 101	Jennifer Bennett	Duke Energy - Partnerships for Recreational Development	1. Identify Duke Energys interest in and commitment to development of recreation facilities on the lakes and rivers within the companies operating territory. 2. Identify opportunities for recreation focused partnerships with Duke Energy. 3. Be able to perform initial assessment of identified Duke Energy properties or Right of Ways for potential recreational use.

Wed	11:15 am - 12:30 pm	Mtg Rm 102/3	Vivian Koontz	Cheers! to a Successful Public/Private Partnership	1. Participants will recognize that they all have something unique in their community that is worthy of celebration. 2. Participants will identify and/or recognize the roles of each partner in order to execute a public/private event. 3. Participants will discuss the pros and cons of such a partnership and if it has the potential to be successful in their community.
Wed	11:15 am - 12:30 pm	Mtg Rm 202	Shanita Seymore	Teamwork Makes the Dream Work	1. Participants will be able to define teamwork, describe the characteristics of a leader, and explain the importance of effective communication 2. Participants will be able to work as a group with individuals from various other agencies within Parks and Recreation to come up with solutions to various scenarios and hands on project resolutions. 3. Participants will be able to discuss their findings in a conversational atmosphere with the various groups the presenter will guide the
Wed	11:15 am - 12:30 pm	Mtg Rm 104/5	Gina Carmon, Shatrina Smalls	The Other Side of Town	1. Be able to Identify key demographic information for your communities. 2. Recognize stereotypes people may have about the communities they serve 3. able to give examples of programs that may draw people to their side of town

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AGENDA ITEM 6:

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Ms. Misty Watson, Finance Director, will review budget amendments as included in your packet.

Board approval is requested.



WATAUGA COUNTY FINANCE OFFICE

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Deron T. Geouque, County Manager
FROM: Misty Watson, Finance Director
SUBJECT: Budget Amendments - FY 2019/20 & FY 2018/19
DATE: August 6, 2019

The following budget amendment requires the approval of the Watauga County Board of Commissioners. Board approval is requested.

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
105911 471000	NC Lottery Funds	167,000	
103300 349909	Lottery Projects		167,000

To allocate funds for NC Lottery projects as requested by the Watauga County Schools and approved by NC DPI. The expenditures were for the roof renovations were recognized in the previous Board meeting 7/23/19; the current budget amendment recognizes the revenues for fiscal year 2018/19.

103980 398121	Transfer from Capital Projects Fund		20,000
104920 463000	General Appropriation	20,000	
213991 399101	Appropriated Fund Balance		20,000
219800 498010	Transfer to General Fund	20,000	

Per Board action 7/23/19; to allocate funds from CIP set aside funds for projects as requested by the Economic Development Commission to be utilized by Boonies for fiscal year 2019/20.

104311 451000	Capital Outlay - Furniture and Equipment	100,000	
103980 398121	Transfer from Capital projects		100,000
213991 399101	Appropriated Fund Balance		100,000
219800 498010	Transfer to General Fund	100,000	

Per Board action 8/6/19; to allocate funds from CIP set aside for projects as requested by Emergency Management for fiscal year 2019/20.

AGENDA ITEM 7:

MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. Boards and Commissions

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Watauga County Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee

Regional Ombudsman, Ms. Stevie John, has requested that Ms. Barbara Hunsucker be considered for appointment to serve on the Watauga County Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee for a three-year term. This is a first reading.

Workforce Development Board

Mr. Keith Deveraux, Director of High Country Council of Governments Work Force Development Board, has requested the reappointment of Ms. Tara Brossa for a two-year term ending on June 30, 2021. This is a first reading.

Valle Crucis Historic Preservation Commission

The Historic Preservation Commission terms of Ms. Maria Hyde, who is the Chair and lives in the district, and Mr. Allen Culler, who is the Vice-Chair and a Community Council member are expiring on August 31. Both are willing to be reappointed to three-year terms. Three members live in the district and two members must be Community Council members as well.

Brenda Lyerly
Chair of the Board

Johnny Riddle
Vice-Chair



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July 15, 2019

Clerk to the Board
Ms. Anita J. Fogle
814 West King Street, Suite 205
Boone, North Carolina 28607



Dear Ms. Fogle,

Ms. Barbara Hunsucker has indicated her willingness to be appointed for a one-year term to the Watauga County Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee for Long Term Care.

Please submit Ms. Hunsuckers's name to the Commissioners for their consideration and let me know their decision at your earliest convenience. Ms. Hunsuckers's application is enclosed. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stevie M. John'.

Stevie M. John
Regional Ombudsman

**Community Advisory Committee
VOLUNTEER APPLICATION**

Thank you for your interest in the Community Advisory Committee. If you are a county resident, at least 18 years old, and willing to volunteer your time and expertise to your community, please complete and submit this application.

NAME: Barbara H. Hunsucker		
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 188		
CITY: Blowing Rock	STATE: NC	ZIP: 28605
HOME PHONE: (828) 963-7384	WORK PHONE: NA ()	EMAIL: hunsuckerbha@yahoo.com
PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: Retired Watauga County classroom teacher		
COUNTY OF RESIDENCE: Watauga	Do you serve on any other Boards? No	
Why are you interested in volunteering on the Community Advisory Committee? To assist, improve care and advocate for those receiving care in long term care facilities in order to improve their quality of life.		
Please list any work, volunteer and/or educational experience that you would like us to consider in the review of your application. Feel free to attach a resume. 31 year Veteran classroom teacher & elementary principal + supervisor, Supervised student teachers at ASU (1994-2000), served as secretary on the Missions Committee at Alliance Bible Fellowship, current deaconess since 2009, past board member of Kari's Home for Women.		

CAC Volunteer Application 05/2018

Do you have a family member (spouse, son, daughter, mother, father, sister, brother, or in-laws of these) who resides in a facility that might be visited by the committee on which you are interested in serving?	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
Do you have a financial interest in a facility that might be visited by the committee on which you are interested in serving?	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
Are you an employee of or serving on a governing board of a facility that might be visited by the committee on which you are interested in serving?	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
Do you provide paid services of any kind to a resident or staff person in a facility that might be visited by the committee on which you are interested in serving?	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
Are you a public official?	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
Are you available to complete 15 hours of initial orientation prior to assuming any official responsibilities on the committee? Initial training includes a full-day (8 hours) of classroom training; completion of a home- study assignment (average time-2 hours over 30 day period), and facility orientation(s) (average of 5 hours).	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	NO
Are you available for a minimum of 8 hours every quarter (i.e. every 3 months) to visit facilities in your county?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	NO
Are you available to attend a one hour quarterly committee meeting in your county during business hours?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	NO
Are you willing to complete 10 hours of continuing education per year (provided by the Ombudsman Program)?	YES	NO
Do you understand that no monetary reimbursement will be provided for expenses incurred (i.e. mileage) by committee volunteers?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	NO
Have you been convicted of any criminal or civil offenses that relate to the abuse, neglect or exploitation of children and/or adults; drug misuse; fire arm violations; physical or sexual assault; murder or other violent crime?	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO

With my signature, I affirm that I have thoroughly read and understand the information provided in this packet. I affirm that the information I have provided in this volunteer application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE: Barbara H. Hunsucker DATE: 5-31-19

MEMORANDUM

To: Anita Fogle, Clerk to the Watauga County Board of Commissioners

From: Keith Deveraux, Director

Subject: Request reappointment of Tara Brossa to the High Country Workforce Development Board

Date: July 22, 2019

Anita Fogle, I spoke with Tara Brossa and she would like to be appointed to the High Country Workforce Development Board. Her business is in Watauga County in the High Country Region. Please start the appointment process to have Tara Brossa appointed/confirmed to serve on the High Country Workforce Development Board. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance during this process.

1. Tara Brossa, General Manager
Hampton Inn & Suites
1252 US Highway 421 South
Boone, NC 28607
Phone: (828)386-6464
Email: tara.brossa@hilton.com
Role(Seat): Watauga County
Private Sector Seat
Term Ends: 6/30/2021

Note: Reappointment, I recommend that Tara Brossa be reappointed to the High-Country Workforce Development Board.

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AGENDA ITEM 7:

MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

B. Announcements

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

The 112th NCACC Annual Conference will be held August 22-24, 2019, in Guilford County. Visit <http://www.ncacc.org/775/2019-Annual-Conference> for full information. Please let Anita know if you plan attend.

The High Country Council of Governments' Annual Banquet is scheduled for Friday, September 6, 2019, at Linville Ridge. Please let Anita know if you plan attend.

Event Details

Cost

\$40.00 Per Person

Date and Location

Friday, September 6, 2019
Club House Dining Room
Linville Ridge Resort

Schedule of Events

Reception (Cash Bar)
6:00 - 7:00pm

Presentation of Awards
7:00 - 7:30pm

Buffet Dinner
7:30 - 8:30pm

Networking
8:30 - 10:00pm

RSVP Deadline
August 23, 2019



You are cordially invited to the

45th Annual Banquet

and meeting of High Country Council of Governments



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Important Information

- ◆ Refunds can be given if cancellations are provided prior to RSVP deadline of August 23, 2019.
- ◆ If your quest is not being paid for by your local government entity or organization, please remit payment with RSVP.
- ◆ There is a strict cap for seating capacity. Please respect RSVP deadline.
- ◆ We are unable to accept payments of any kind at the door.
- ◆ Valet parking included
- ◆ Directions: From Gate House follow yellow stripe in road to Club House Dining Room on the right.
- ◆ Questions? Please contact Victoria at 828-265-5434 x.101 or vpoller@regiond.org.



AGENDA ITEM 8:

PUBLIC COMMENT

AGENDA ITEM 9:

BREAK

AGENDA ITEM 10:

CLOSED SESSION

Attorney/Client Matters – G. S. 143-318.11(a)(3)

Land Acquisition – G. S. 143-318.11(a)(5)(i)