



**Rutherford County Office Building
289 N. Main Street
Rutherfordton, NC 28139**

**Rutherford County
Board of Commissioners
Minutes of October 7, 2024**

**Monday, October 7, 2024
6:00 PM**

I. Call to Order

Chairman King called the October 7, 2024 meeting of the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners to order.

Present: Chairman Bryan King, Vice Chairman Alan Toney, Commissioner Michael Benfield, Commissioner David Hunt, and Commissioner Greg Lovelace.

Mayor Mickey Bland called the Spindale Town Commissioners who were in attendance at the joint meeting to order.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Boy Scout Troop 120 from Spindale led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Agenda Approval

Commissioner Lovelace moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Benfield seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Ayes: Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield, Commissioner Hunt, and Commissioner Lovelace.

II. Public Hearings

A. ID-24 3914 Public Hearing Project Cedar

At 6:06 P.M. Chairman King opened the public hearing to listen to comments regarding a local cash match requirement for a \$75,000 One NC Grant for Project Cedar pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 158-7.1

Mayor Mickey Bland opened the public hearing of the Spindale Town Commissioners.

Economic Development Director Birgit Dilgert told those present that Project Cedar proposes to locate in an existing facility in the Town of Spindale, create new jobs, and increase the tax base in Spindale and Rutherford County. The portion of the local cash match for each entity will not exceed \$8,335. A resolution was presented approving the match.

No one else wished to speak.

At 6:09 P.M. Chairman King closed the public hearing.

Mayor Bland closed the Spindale Town Commissioners' public hearing.

Commissioner Hunt moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Benfield seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Ayes: Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield, Commissioner Hunt and Commissioner Lovelace.

Noes: None

RESOLUTION TITLE: TO APPROVE A LOCAL CASH GRANT FOR USE AS A PORTION OF THE QUALIFYING LOCAL CASH MATCH REQUIRED BY THE ONE NC FUND GRANT PROGRAM IN SUPPORT OF PROJECT CEDAR, CONSIDERING LOCATING IN RUTHERFORD COUNTY.

WHEREAS, an industrial prospect, code name Project Cedar, proposes a location in Rutherford County that will result in the creation of 20 new full-time jobs and an investment of at least \$925,000 over three years; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the proposed expenditures associated with this project, code name Project Cedar, are eligible for reimbursement through the One NC Fund Program; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed investment by the company, code name Project Cedar, will result in a net increase in property value; and,

WHEREAS, the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners, after providing required public notice of at least ten (10) days before the hearing, has held a public hearing to consider whether to approve a local cash match as required for the One NC Fund grant application; and,

WHEREAS, in these difficult economic times, this investment in Rutherford County and its citizens is recognized and commended by the Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners supports this industrial recruitment project, code name Project Cedar, and commits to provide the required local cash match for a \$50,000 One NC Fund grant application, if awarded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners authorizes an appropriation from fund balance as one half of the qualifying local cash match (\$8,335) required by the One NC Fund grant application and authorizes the Chairman or County Manager

to sign and execute all documents necessary in support of the grant, if awarded in whole or in part.

Adopted this the 7th day of October, 2024.

RES 24-024

B. ID-24 3918 Public Hearing – 5310 Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Grant

At 6:11 P.M. Chairman King opened the public hearing to listen to comments regarding the application by the Senior Center for 5310 Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities grant through the Federal Transportation Administration and NCDOT.

Senior Center Director Tammy Aldridge told the Board that the goal of these funds is to provide transportation services that meet the special needs of elderly persons for whom transportation services are unavailable, insufficient or inappropriate. The Rutherford County Senior Center will contract with Rutherford County Transit to provide daily transportation services to the Senior Center. This request requires a 10% local match. Matching funds will be requested in the Senior Center's budget request for FY 25-26. A resolution approving the proposed 2026 Community Transportation Program Application was provided for the Board's consideration.

The total estimated amount requested for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Local share amount is subject to State funding availability.

Administrative	\$0	\$0	(15%)
Capital (Vehicles & Other)	\$165,000	\$16,500	(10%)
Total Project	\$165,000	\$16,500	

No one else wished to speak.

At 6:13 P.M. Chairman King closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Benfield moved to approve the resolution. The motion was second by Commissioner Hunt. The vote on the motion was:

Ayes: Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield, Commissioner Hunt and Commissioner Lovelace.

Noes: None

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM RESOLUTION

FY26 RESOLUTION

Section 5311 (including ADTAP), 5310, 5339, 5307 and applicable State funding, or combination thereof.

Applicant seeking permission to apply for Public Transportation Program funding, enter into agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, provide the necessary assurances and the required local match.

A motion was made by Commissioner Benfield and seconded Commissioner Hunt for the adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

WHEREAS, Article 2B of Chapter 136 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the Governor of North Carolina have designated the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) as the agency responsible for administering federal and state public transportation funds; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation will apply for a grant from the US Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration and receives funds from the North Carolina General Assembly to provide assistance for rural public transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of these transportation funds is to provide grant monies to local agencies for the provision of rural, small urban, and urban public transportation services consistent with the policy requirements of each funding source for planning, community and agency involvement, service design, service alternatives, training and conference participation, reporting and other requirements (drug and alcohol testing policy and program, disadvantaged business enterprise program, and fully allocated costs analysis); and

WHEREAS, the funds applied for may be Administrative, Operating, Planning, or Capital funds and will have different percentages of federal, state, and local funds.

WHEREAS, non-Community Transportation applicants may apply for funding for “purchase-of-service” projects under the Capital Purchase of Service budget, Section 5310 program.

WHEREAS, Rutherford County Senior Center hereby assures and certifies that it will provide the required local matching funds; that its staff has the technical capacity to implement and manage the project(s), prepare required reports, obtain required training, attend meetings and conferences; and agrees to comply with the federal and state statutes, regulations, executive orders, Section 5333 (b) Warranty, and all administrative requirements related to the applications made to and grants received from the Federal Transit Administration, as well as the provisions of Section 1001 of Title 18, U. S. C.

WHEREAS, the applicant has or will provide all annual certifications and assurances to the State of North Carolina required for the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the County Manager of County of Rutherford is hereby authorized to submit grant application (s) for federal and state funding in response to NCDOT’s calls for projects, make the necessary assurances and certifications and be empowered to enter into an agreement with the NCDOT to provide rural, small urban, and urban public transportation services.

Adopted this the 7th day of October, 2024.

RES 24-025

C. ID-24 3894 Public Hearing – 5311 Grant for Transportation Services

At 6:14 P.M. Chairman King opened the public hearing to listen to comments regarding the Transit Department's intent to apply for grant funds from NCDOT to cover administrative and capital expenses for FY 26-27 which is an annual grant application process.

Transit Director Kerry Giles said the Community Transportation Program provides assistance to coordinate existing transportation programs operating in Rutherford County as well as provides transportation options and services for the communities within this service area. These services are currently provided using 15 passenger vans and LTV buses. Services are rendered by Rutherford County Transit.

The total estimated amount requested for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Project	Total Amount	Local Share	
5311 Administrative	\$319,140	\$47,871	15%
Capital (Vehicles & Other)	\$704,763	\$70,476	10%
5311 Operating	\$60,000	\$30,000	50%
Total Project	\$1,083,903	\$148,347	

A resolution approving the grant application is provided for the Board' consideration.

No one else wished to speak.

At 6:16 P.M. Chairman King closed the public hearing

Vice Chairman Toney moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Lovelace seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Ayes: Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield, Commissioner Hunt and Commissioner Lovelace.

Noes: None

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM RESOLUTION

FY26 RESOLUTION

Section 5311 (including ADTAP), 5310, 5339, 5307 and applicable State funding, or combination thereof.

Applicant seeking permission to apply for Public Transportation Program funding, enter into agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, provide the necessary assurances and the required local match.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Toney and seconded by Commissioner Lovelace for the adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

WHEREAS, Article 2B of Chapter 136 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the Governor of North Carolina have designated the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) as the agency responsible for administering federal and state public transportation funds; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation will apply for a grant from the US Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration and receives funds from the North Carolina General Assembly to provide assistance for rural public transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of these transportation funds is to provide grant monies to local agencies for the provision of rural, small urban, and urban public transportation services consistent with the policy requirements of each funding source for planning, community and agency involvement, service design, service alternatives, training and conference participation, reporting and other requirements (drug and alcohol testing policy and program, disadvantaged business enterprise program, and fully allocated costs analysis); and

WHEREAS, the funds applied for may be Administrative, Operating, Planning, or Capital funds and will have different percentages of federal, state, and local funds.

WHEREAS, non-Community Transportation applicants may apply for funding for “purchase-of-service” projects under the Capital Purchase of Service budget, Section 5310 program.

WHEREAS, (*Legal Name of Applicant*) County of Rutherford hereby assures and certifies that it will provide the required local matching funds; that its staff has the technical capacity to implement and manage the project(s), prepare required reports, obtain required training, attend meetings and conferences; and agrees to comply with the federal and state statutes, regulations, executive orders, Section 5333 (b) Warranty, and all administrative requirements related to the applications made to and grants received from the Federal Transit Administration, as well as the provisions of Section 1001 of Title 18, U. S. C.

WHEREAS, the applicant has or will provide all annual certifications and assurances to the State of North Carolina required for the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the (Authorized Official's Title)* County Manager of (Name of Applicant's Governing Body) County of Rutherford is hereby authorized to submit grant application (s) for federal and state funding in response to NCDOT's calls for projects, make the necessary assurances and certifications and be empowered to enter into an agreement with the NCDOT to provide rural, small urban, and urban public transportation services.

RES 24-026

III. Public Comments

Ms. Kate Dillon noted that Rutherford County had been through a very tragic event recently. She stated her pride in the County and said there are opportunities such as daily briefings which could help build the community.

IV. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Lovelace moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Vice Chairman Toney seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Ayes: Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield, Commissioner Hunt and Commissioner Lovelace.

Noes: None

Consent Agenda Items approved were:

- A. **ID-24-3924 Minutes of September 3, 2024 County Commissioners' Meeting**
- B. **ID-24-3925 Minutes of September 23, 2024 Special County Commissioners' Meeting 1**
- C. **ID-24-3926 Minutes of September 26, 2024 Special County Commissioners' Meeting 2**
- D. **ID-24-3929 Tax Refunds and Releases**
 - Refund amount totaling \$4,721.83
 - Releases greater than \$100 totaling \$30,232.85
 - Releases less than \$100 totaling \$1,074.16
 - (A copy of these tax refunds and releases is typed in the Minute Book.)
- E. **ID-24-3915 Department of Social Services Annual Report**

V. Commissioners/Appointments

- A. **ID-24-3923 Certificate of Recognition from American Red Cross**

Chairman King presented a Certificate of Recognition for Rutherford County Government in recognition of the County's commitment and dedication to the American Red Cross Premier Blood Partner Program. Eighty-three (83) units were collected by the County in 2023.

- B. **Human Resources Recognition for Safety Award**

Chairman King also presented a plaque awarded to Rutherford County by the North Carolina Department of Labor in recognition of twenty (20) years of safety in the workplace.

VI. New Business

A. ID-24-3922 Budget Amendments – October 2024

Finance Director Paula Roach presented budget amendments for the Board’s consideration.

Commissioner Lovelace moved to approve the budget amendments. Commissioner Hunt seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Ayes: Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield, Commissioner Hunt and Commissioner Lovelace.

Noes: None

Budget Amendments		
October 7, 2024		
FEMA-4827 TS HELENE FUND		
Purchases with Donations - NC TS Helene	\$ 3,000	
Donations - NC TS Helene		\$ 3,000
*appropriate private donations and RHI Legacy contribution		
NC TS Helene - Salaries Overtime/Benefits	\$ 350,000	
Emergency Management - Fuel/Supplies/EOC and Operations Support	\$ 50,000	
NC TS Helene - Debris Removal	\$ 600,000	
FEMA-4827 NC Tropical Storm Helene Reimbursement		\$ 1,000,000
*estimated expenditures related to NC Tropical Storm Helene FEMA-4827 project		

B. ID-24-3921 FEMA Public Assistance

Finance Director Roach said a request for public assistance has been submitted to the FEMA.gov grants portal. Two forms (*Designation of Applicant’s Agent and Applicant Assurances for Public Assistance and Applicant Disaster Assistance Agreement*) are required to be submitted in order to receive the assistance and must be approved by the Board prior to execution. This will complete the first steps of many for the County to be eligible for FEMA funds/reimbursements.

An agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation entitled *NCDOT Local Agreement for Debris Removal Request Form* was also provided for the Board’s consideration. A DRDR Agreement Form SSR-01 that will be used as determined by need was also presented. This allows the County to assist with cleanup along DOT right of ways/

A Hurricane/Disaster Debris Removal Interlocal Agreement with Municipalities was presented to allow efficiency in cleanup so contractors can quickly work the roads within the County without stopping at city limits.

Commissioner Lovelace moved to approve the *Designation of Applicant's Agent and Applicant Assurances for Public Assistance and Applicant Disaster Assistance Agreement*. Commissioner Hunt seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Ayes: Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield, Commissioner Hunt and Commissioner Lovelace.

Noes: None

Commissioner Hunt moved to approve the NCDOT Local Agreement for Debris Removal Request Form and authorize the County Manager, County Attorney, County Finance Director, Clerk to the Board, and other County officials to sign and execute all documents in support of this action. Commissioner Lovelace seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Ayes: Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield, Commissioner Hunt and Commissioner Lovelace.

Noes: None

Commissioner Benfield moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement to coordinate Debris Removal Hauling and Monitoring and authorize the County Manager, County Attorney, County Finance Director, Clerk to the Board, and other County Officials to sign and execute all documents in support of this action. Vice Chairman Toney seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Ayes: Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield, Commissioner Hunt and Commissioner Lovelace.

Noes: None

Vice Chairman Toney moved to authorize the County Manager and the County Attorney to negotiate terms of contracts with Southern Disaster Recovery and Debris Tech and authorize the County Manager, Finance Director, Clerk to the Board, and other County officials to sign and execute all documents in support of this action. Commissioner Hunt seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Ayes: Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield, Commissioner Hunt and Commissioner Lovelace.

Noes: None

C. ID-24-3932 Waiver of Fees for Disposal of Vegetation.

Solid Waste Director James Kilgo told the Board that Rutherford County experienced unprecedented damages due to Hurricane Helene on September 27, 2024. In order to protect the public health and safety of citizens and to ease the financial burden associated with the recovery process, it is recommended that the Brush Tipping Fee be waived for 30 days (through November 6, 2024.) A resolution approving this action was presented for the Board's consideration.

Commissioner Hunt moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Benfield seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Ayes: Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield, Commissioner Hunt and Commissioner Lovelace.

Noes: None

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Rutherford County and all of Western North Carolina experienced an unprecedented and catastrophic storm when Hurricane Helene passed through our region on the morning of Friday, September 27, 2024, resulting in the loss of life, the devastation and destruction of homes and businesses, and the displacement of thousands of our citizens here and throughout our region; and

WHEREAS, one consequence of this storm was vast debris and devastation from downed trees, limbs and other vegetation throughout Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, such vegetation debris poses a hazard to the health and safety of the public; and

WHEREAS, many residents and businesses are facing unexpected financial burdens due to the costs associated with clean-up of such vegetation debris, as well as repairs from damage to their homes and personal possessions caused by such debris; and

WHEREAS, Rutherford County seeks to protect the public health and safety and recognizes the need to assist its citizens by easing the financial burden associated with the cleaning and clearing process as much as possible; and

WHEREAS, the waiver of fees normally charged for the disposal of vegetation at the Rutherford County Landfill will expedite public safety and the recovery process and encourage timely removal of such vegetation debris;

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

1. The Brush Tipping Fee, as set forth in the Section 24 Rutherford County Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, Solid Waste Disposal, charged at the Rutherford County Landfill, being \$45.00 per ton, is hereby waived and released for all citizens and businesses of Rutherford County for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this resolution, through the 6th day of November, 2024.
2. This fee waiver applies only items eligible for the Brush Tipping Fee, including brush, limbs, tree clippings and trunks, grass and leaves and other vegetation matter other than the stumps of trees, which cannot be accepted at the Rutherford County Landfill.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County of Rutherford has caused this instrument to be signed in its corporate name by its Chairman, attested by its Clerk to the Board, and its corporate Seal affixed, this 7th day of October, 2024.

RES 24-027

D. ID-24-3933 Waiver of Fees for Electrical Permits Related to Repairs Due to Hurricane Helene

County Manager Steve Garrison stated his recommendation that electrical permit fees related to the repair or replacement of electrical equipment for structures damaged by the storm that occurred on September 27, 2024 be waived and released for a period of thirty (30) days. Applicants would be required to submit documentation of the storm damage, and the waiver would not apply to any permits unrelated to the damage from the storm of September 27, 2024.

Commissioner Lovelace moved to approve the resolution. Vice Chairman Toney seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Ayes: Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield, Commissioner Hunt and Commissioner Lovelace.

Noes: None

Resolution

WHEREAS, Rutherford County and all of Western North Carolina experienced an unprecedented and catastrophic storm when Hurricane Helene passed through our region on the morning of Friday, September 27, 2024, resulting in the loss of life, the devastation and destruction of homes and businesses, and the displacement of thousands of our citizens here and throughout our region; and

WHEREAS, one consequence of this storm was significant damage to residential, commercial, and public properties throughout Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, many residents and businesses are facing unexpected financial burdens due to the costs associated with repairing storm-related damage to their properties; and

WHEREAS, Rutherford County recognizes the need to assist affected property owners by easing the financial burden associated with the repair and rebuilding process as much as possible; and

WHEREAS, the waiver of electrical permit fees for storm-related repairs will expedite the recovery process and encourage timely repair work to restore the safety, functionality, and aesthetics of damaged properties;

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

1. All electrical permit fees, as set forth in Section 24 of the Rutherford County Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, Building Inspections/Planning, as otherwise required under the County's building, electrical, plumbing, and related codes for the repair or replacement of electrical equipment for structures damaged by the storm that occurred on September 27, 2024, are hereby waived and released for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this resolution, through the 6th day of November, 2024.
2. This fee waiver and release applies only to electrical permit applications to the Building Inspections Department of Rutherford County for the purpose the repair and replacement from casualty events due to the storm of September 27, 2024. Applicants must submit documentation

of the storm damage, such as insurance claims, photos, or other supporting evidence, to be eligible for the fee waiver. This fee waiver does not apply to any permits for new construction, repairs or improvements unrelated to damage from the storm of September 27, 2024.

3. The Building Inspections Department of Rutherford County is authorized and directed to establish procedures for implementing this resolution, including the verification of damage and issuance of permits without charge, in accordance with county ordinances and state statutes.

4. All repairs and construction shall remain in compliance with any relevant building codes and ordinances.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County of Rutherford has caused this instrument to be signed in its corporate name by its Chairman, attested by its Clerk to the Board, and its corporate Seal affixed, this 7th day of October, 2024.

RES 24-028

E. ID-24-3928 Payment for Overtime for Exempt Employees

County Manager Steve Garrison requested a one-time approval to allow overtime payment for exempt employees that have worked long and continuous hours due to Hurricane Helene. The overtime payment will be for time worked commencing upon the Proclamation of a County State of Emergency on September 25, 2024, at 2:30 pm, through October 13, 2024, or at such earlier time that the increased staffing demands due to Hurricane Helene and its aftermath are able to return to normal schedule of staff work hours. All overtime must be reflected on timesheets and accounted for by proper signatures of employees and department heads in accordance with policy.

Commissioner Hunt moved to approve the policy as requested. Vice Chairman Toney seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Ayes: Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield, Commissioner Hunt and Commissioner Lovelace.

Noes: None

F. ID-24-3913 Meeting Dates for Rutherford County Board of Commissioners for 2025

A resolution establishing meeting dates for regular County Commissioners' meetings in 2025 was provided for the Board's consideration.

Commissioner Lovelace moved to approve the resolution. Vice Chairman Toney seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Ayes: Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield, Commissioner Hunt and Commissioner Lovelace.

Noes: None

Resolution of the
Rutherford County Board of Commissioners
Relating to 2025 Meeting Schedule

Whereas, N.C.G.S. 153A-40 provides for a resolution establishing regular meeting dates of the Board of County Commissioners.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners' regularly scheduled meetings will be held at 6:00 P.M. as shown below and that such regular meetings will be held in the Rutherford County Office Building, 289 North Main Street, Rutherfordton, NC in the County Commissioners' Meeting Room. Special meetings will be scheduled as needed.

- January 6, 2025
- February 3, 2025
- March 3, 2025
- April 7, 2025
- May 5, 2025
- June 2, 2025
- July 7, 2025
- August 4, 2025
- September 8, 2025
- October 6, 2025
- November 3, 2025
- December 1, 2025

Adopted this the 7th day of October 2024.

RES 24-029

G. ID-24-3931 Resolution Awarding Corporal Roy Todd Laughter's Side Arm and Badge

Sheriff Ellenburg also requested that the Board approve a resolution in accordance with G.S. 20-187.2 awarding Corporal Laughter's service side arm and badge to him for the sum of \$1.00. Corporal Laughter who has served in the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office for more than 20 years will retire on November 1, 2024.

Commissioner Lovelace moved to approve the resolution. Vice Chairman Toney seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Ayes: Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield, Commissioner Hunt and Commissioner Lovelace.

Noes: None

**Resolution Acknowledging the Service of
Corporal Roy Todd Laughter
and Awarding His Service Side Arm and Badge to Him**

WHEREAS, Corporal Roy Todd Laughter served Rutherford County Sheriff's Department for twenty plus years; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Laughter served honorably and with integrity in his position as a Corporal.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Rutherford, in accordance with NC General Statute 20-187.2, do hereby award Corporal Laughter his service side arm (Glock, Model 19, Serial Number BZPL998) and badge in exchange for the consideration of \$1.00.

Approved this the 7th day of October, 2024.

RES 24-030

VIII. Closed Session

A. ID-24-3930 ATTORNEY CLIENT NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3)

At 6:42 P.M. Commissioner Lovelace moved to go into Closed Session for a discussion with the County Attorney. The County Manager and the Clerk to the Board would be included in the session. Vice Chairman Toney seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Ayes: Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield, Commissioner Hunt and Commissioner Lovelace.

Noes: None

6:42 P.M. - The Board went into Closed Session.

6:51 P.M. - The Board returned to Regular Session.

IX. Adjournment

At 6:51 P.M. Commissioner Lovelace made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Benfield seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Ayes: Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield, Commissioner Hunt and Commissioner Lovelace.

Noes: None

Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Vice Chairman, Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Clerk, Board of Commissioners