



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

Rutherford County

Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of Special Meeting of July 16, 2026

**Tuesday, July 16, 2026
4:30 PM**

I. Call to Order

Chairman King called the July 16, 2026 special meeting of the Rutherford County Board of Social Services to order.

Present: Chairman Bryan King, Vice Chairman Alan Toney, Commissioner Hunter Haynes, and Commissioner Donnie Haulk.

Absent: Commissioner Michael Benfield

A. Agenda Approval

Vice Chairman Toney made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Haynes seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Ayes: Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Haynes, and Commissioner Haulk.

Noes: None

Absent: Commissioner Benfield

II. Closed Session/PERSONNEL NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6)/LAND ACQUISITION NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5)

Vice Chairman Toney made a motion to go into Closed Session for discussion regarding a personnel matter pursuant to PERSONNEL NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) and to discuss LAND ACQUISITION NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5). Included in the meeting would be the County Attorney; Deputy County Manager Paula Roach; Deputy County Manager Danny Searcy; and Human Resources Director Debra Conner. Commissioner Haulk seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Ayes: Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Haynes, and Commissioner Haulk.

Noes: None

Absent: Commissioner Benfield

4:31 P.M. The Board went into Closed Session.

5:50 P.M. The Board returned to Regular Session.

III. Adjournment

At 5:50 P.M. Vice Chairman Toney made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Haulk seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Ayes: Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield, Commissioner Haynes and Commissioner Haulk.

Noes: None

Absent: Commissioner Benfield

Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Vice Chairman, Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Clerk, Board of Commissioners