



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

**Rutherford County
Board of Commissioners
Minutes of March 21, 2017**

**Monday, March 21, 2017
6:00 PM**

I. Call to Order

Chairman King called the March 21, 2017 special meeting of the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners to order.

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

A. Agenda Approval

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

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

Noes: None

II. New Business

A. ID 17-1297 Resolution to Request that the North Carolina Legislature Allow Rutherford County to Include a Description on the Ballot for a Local Sales Tax Referendum to State that the Tax Levy Will Be for Public Education in Rutherford County

A resolution was presented and read entitled “*Resolution to Request that the North Carolina Legislature Allow Rutherford County to Include a Description on the Ballot for a Local Sales Tax Referendum to State that the Tax Levy Will Be for Public Education in Rutherford County.*” If approved, the resolution would be submitted to legislators prior to the deadline for the introduction of bills in the General Assembly.

Commissioner Lovelace made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Holland seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

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

Noes: None

Resolution to Request that the North Carolina Legislature Allow Rutherford County to Include a Description on the Ballot for a Local Sales Tax Referendum to State that the Tax Levy Will Be for Public Education in Rutherford County

WHEREAS, the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners is faced with extraordinary funding pressures resulting from public education needs; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly passed North Carolina General Statute 105-535 which authorized county boards of commissioners across the State of North Carolina to levy a one-quarter percent (.25%) county sales and use tax, contingent on an advisory referendum in which the majority of those casting ballots voted for the levy of the tax; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 105-535 restricts counties from earmarking the use of the additional tax; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners to offer the opportunity of a referendum for an additional sales tax to the voters of Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, it is also the desire of the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners that the tax levy from the local sales tax be used for public education in Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners wish to include language on the ballot that would inform voters that the additional sales tax funds will be used for public education in Rutherford County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY requests that legislation be introduced that would allow Rutherford County to include a description on the ballot for a local sales tax referendum to state that the tax levy will be for public education in Rutherford County.

Adopted this the 21st day of March, 2017.

X. Adjournment

At 6:06 P.M. Vice Chairman Toney made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Benfield seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

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

Noes: None

Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Vice Chairman, Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Clerk, Board of Commissioners