



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

**Rutherford County
Board of Commissioners
Minutes of September 19, 2017**

**Monday, September 19, 2017
6:00 PM**

I. Call to Order

Chairman King called the September 19, 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

Commissioner Benfield moved to approve the agenda. Vice Chairman Toney 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 17-1462 Rutherford County Properties

Public Works and Planning Director Danny Searcy spoke to the Board regarding county-owned properties that could possibly be sold and returned to the tax rolls.

	Pin #	Description	Size	Tax Value	Discussion
1	1610404	Henson Road Property	103.67 acres	\$193,300	Intended for industrial development and job creation. The Economic Development Commission recommends continuing to own and promote as an industrial site.

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2	1616896	Frank West Park	27.20 acres	\$120,300	Has been used as a public park but has suffered some vandalism. Annual costs are approximately \$1,500 in maintenance and \$500 to \$1,000 for vandalism repair. Commissioner Lovelace suggested adding an extra ballfield to increase usage. McNair students could possible help. Commissioner Holland would like to see local community feedback.
3	1601989	221 Hogan Road Ball Park (Harris School Property) (Linder Park)	9.40 acres	\$235,800	There are two recreational fields, a gym with two basketball goals, and multiple ball fields. Chase Little League is currently using the ball fields. Chairman King did not support taking ball fields away from children.
4	431037	Hamilton Street, Lot 8, Forest City	0.0 acres	\$ 3,100	The 5,000-square foot lot was a tax foreclosure. The size of the lot prohibits building on it. It was recommended that a discussion take place with adjacent owners.
5	910468	4101 US 221A Hwy (Old Rescue Hut)	.81 acres	\$ 25,700	This is a cabin style building with no restroom facilities.
5	1640413	Haynes Memorial Tower Site	1.50 acres	\$ 7,900	An historical group in Cliffside has shown an interest in the property, but would prefer that the County continue to insure and maintain. County Manager Steve Garrison suggested that the Historic Preservation Commission consider the options for the site.
6	911620	3 rd Street Lot 15	0.00 acre	5,500	This was a tax foreclosure in the Caroleen community. Commissioner Benfield said a fire department could use this building for fire training.
7	2322690	Fairfield – Deerfield Lot 138	0.00 acre	25,000	The Board agreed to consider a possible sale.
8	1600620	Fairfield – Quail Ridge Lot 48	0.00 acres	18,000	The Board agreed to consider a possible sale.
9	1609107	Riverbend Lot 19 Section 5	0.70	15,000	The Board agreed to consider a possible sale.
9	1612594	Riverbend Lot 61, Section 2	0.54	8,400	This parcel was purchased by the County and is beside the Hickory Nut Gorge EMS/Library.
10	1617637	Apple Valley Lot 113 Phase 2	0.00 acres	12,000	The Board agrees to consider a possible sale.

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11	432604	1630 US 74A Bypass Hwy,	3.34 acres	278,100	Economic Development Commission has recommended that this property be reserved for commercial development.
12	1642933	Facebook Remainder			The Board asked that Mr. Searcy consult with both Duke Energy and Facebook to determine if there is an interest in purchasing the property.
12	1647934	Water Tank Lot			This property is landlocked and is entirely in flood plain. Mr. Search will reach out to adjoining property owners.
13	1641649	Queen's Gap Entrance	0.81 acres	5,200	A current inquiry has been received about this property. Conversations will continue with the potential buyer.
13	1646165	Queen's Gap Future Development	6.37 acres	34,500	County Attorney Richard Williams advised that any decision on this lot should be delayed until an action plan is put in place for all of the lots the County owns in Queen's Gap.
13	1646166	Queen's Gap Future Development	3.06	19,200	County Attorney Richard Williams advised that any decision on this lot should be delayed until an action plan is put in place for all of the lots the County owns in Queen's Gap.

Chairman King said the Board had indicated that there was interest in marketing Items 4, 6 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, and 13. He asked that Mr. Searcy provide recommendations to the Board on these properties. He also said if the decision is to market these properties, a recommendation is needed on how to do so.

VII. Closed Session

A. ID 17-1463 PERSONNEL/N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6)

Vice Chairman Toney made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel and to include the Human Resources Director. Commissioner Lovelace seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

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

Noes: None

7:04 P.M. - The Board went into Closed Session.
7:14 P.M. - The Board returned to Open Session.

CONTRACT/COUNTY MANAGER

Vice Chairman Toney made a motion to approve a four-year contract with County Manager Steve Garrison. 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

Members of the Board expressed their appreciation to the Manager Garrison for his service.

X. Adjournment

At 7:17 P.M. Commissioner Benfield made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman Toney 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