

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

## **Rutherford County**

### **Board of Commissioners**

## Minutes of August 5, 2024

Monday, August 5, 2024 6:00 PM

#### I. Call to Order

Chairman King called the August 5, 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.

### A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Benjamin Roach led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### B. Agenda Approval

Chairman King asked that an additional item for discussion be added to the Closed Session which would be Personnel NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6).

Vice Chairman Toney moved to approve the agenda with this addition. Commissioner Hunt seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

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

#### **II.** Public Comments

Mr. Rodney McCracken told the Board that he along with nine (9) other family members had received a letter from the Rutherford County Revenue Department stating that a piece of property in Ellenboro owned by his grandmother (Ms. Merle Bridges) had unpaid tax bills for a number of years and would be in foreclosure in a short period of time. Also included was a letter from a lady who had an interest in buying the property. Mr. McCracken paid the taxes. Following this he learned that the Merle Bridges who owned the property was not his grandmother. He then asked for a refund of the taxes he had paid but was advised by the Revenue Department that taxes are only refunded is very specific

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instances and this did not meet the qualifications for a refund. Mr. McCracken believed this could be classified as a clerical error.

Mr. Nick Jongeblood spoke regarding political contributions by Rutherford County citizens to political organizations Win Red and Act Blue. The amounts listed are incorrect and the citizens' name and address are being used to funnel funds into these two corrupt organizations.

### III. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Lovelace moved to approve the Consent Agenda. 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

### **Consent Agenda Items approved were:**

- A. <u>ID-24-3871</u> Minutes of July 8, 2024 County Commissioners' Meeting
- B. <u>ID-24-3875</u> Tax Refunds and Releases

Refund amount totaling \$2,345.76
Releases greater than \$100 totaling \$2,095.50
Releases less than \$100 totaling \$498.91
(A copy of these tax refunds and releases is typed in the Minute Book.)

### IV. Commissioners/Appointments

## A. ID-24 3867 North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) Youth Voice 2024

Mr. Benjamin Roach, a student at Chase High School, announced that he had applied to participate with Youth Voice 2024 which is sponsored by the NCACC, 4-H Youth Development and Boys and Girls Clubs of North Carolina and is held in conjunction with the NCACC's Annual Conference August 9-10 in Forsyth County. His appearance before the Board completed the two assignments that are required in order to participate in Youth Voice which are to attend and speak at a Board of Commissioners' Meeting and to submit a photo of himself along with the Board of Commissioners.

Chairman King invited Benjamin to a return appearance before the Board to provide information about his participation with Youth Voice 2024.

### B. ID-24 3870 Appointment to Airport Appeals Board

It was announced that a term of office would expire on the Airport Appeals Board on October 1, 2024.

Commissioner Hunt moved to advertise the vacancy, accept applications, and make an appointment at a future meeting. 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

### C. ID-24 3864 Year of the Trails Proclamations

Tourism Development Authority Director Don Cason told the Board that the Rutherford County Tourism Development Authority with a number of partners are requesting that the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners declare the month of September as **Great Trails State Month** in Rutherford County and October 19, 2024 as **Great Trails State Day** in Rutherford County. Two proclamations making these declarations were presented for the Board's consideration.

Commissioner Lovelace moved to approve the proclamations as presented. 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

#### **2024 Great Trails State Month Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Rutherford County's natural beauty is critical to its residents' quality of life, health, and economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, the trails that span across our community are an integral part of the recreational and transportation possibilities of our area and promote an enjoyment of scenic beauty by our residents and our visitors; and

WHEREAS, the parks, greenways, trails and natural areas in our community are welcoming to all and provide a common ground for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds to access our rich and diverse natural, cultural, and historic resources; and

WHEREAS, Rutherford County's trails vary from the 13.5-mile long paved Thermal Belt Rail Trail connecting the great communities of Ruth, Rutherfordton, Spindale, and Forest City, to the Broad River paddle trail, to the numerous miles of natural-surfaced trails found throughout the western part of the County and Chimney Rock State Park; and

WHEREAS, trails offer quality-of-life benefits to all as expressions of local community character and pride, as outdoor workshops for science education, as tools for economic revitalization, as free resources for healthy recreation, as accessible alternative transportation, and as sites for social and cultural events; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is known as the "Great Trails State;" and

**WHEREAS**, the member organizations of the Rutherford County Trails Collaborative, organized by the Rutherford County Tourism Development Authority, have special events planned throughout the month of September to promote and celebrate the County's growing trail network;

**THEREFORE**, Be It Resolved that the Board of Commissioners of Rutherford County, NC do hereby declare the month of September 2024 as GREAT TRAILS STATE MONTH in Rutherford County and commend its observance to all citizens in recognition of the positive impact trails have in our community.

Adopted this the 5th day of August, 2024.

#### PROC 24-006

### 2024 Great Trails State Day Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Rutherford County's natural beauty is critical to its residents' quality of life, health, and economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, the trails that span across our community are an integral part of the recreational and transportation possibilities of our area and promote an enjoyment of scenic beauty by our residents and our visitors; and

WHEREAS, the parks, greenways, trails and natural areas in our community are welcoming to all and provide a common ground for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds to access our rich and diverse natural, cultural, and historic resources; and

WHEREAS, Rutherford County's trails vary from the 13.5-mile long paved Thermal Belt Rail Trail connecting the great communities of Ruth, Rutherfordton, Spindale, and Forest City, to the Broad River paddle trail, to the numerous miles of natural-surfaced trails found throughout the western part of the County and Chimney Rock State Park; and

WHEREAS, trails offer quality-of-life benefits to all as expressions of local community character and pride, as outdoor workshops for science education, as tools for economic revitalization, as free resources for healthy recreation, as accessible alternative transportation, and as sites for social and cultural events; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina General Assembly designated the third Saturday in October as Great Trails State Day in North Carolina to promote and celebrate the state's extensive network of trails that showcase our state's beauty, vibrancy and culture; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is known as the "Great Trails State;" and

**WHEREAS**, the member organizations of the Rutherford County Trails Collaborative organized by the Rutherford County Tourism Development Authority have special events planned to celebrate and support the County's growing trail network;

**THEREFORE, Be It Resolved** that the Board of Commissioners of Rutherford County, NC do hereby proclaim October 19, 2024 as GREAT TRAILS STATE DAY in Rutherford County and commend its observance to all citizens in recognition of the positive impact trails have in our community.

**FURTHER**, We urge all citizens to explore trails in Rutherford County on this day and join other communities across North Carolina in celebrating trails on October 1

Adopted this the 5th day of August, 2024.

### PROC 24-007

### V. Old Business

## A. ID-24 3862 GOVDEAL Auction for Rutherford County Property – 0 Cedar Street

Planning and Public Works Director Danny Searcy advised the Board that at the June 3, 2024 meeting they had approved authorizing an electronic auction for Parcel Number 1204078 having an address of 0 Cedar Street, Rutherfordton NC 28139 through GOVDEALS. The property is the same and identical property conveyed to Rutherford County by Commissioners' Deed recorded in Book 206 at Pages 903-904, Rutherford County Registry. The auction initiated on June 7, 2024 at Noon and ended July 12, 2024 at 9:00 P.M. A high bid for the property was received from Mr. Paul Martin in the amount of \$4,150. A resolution was presented for the Board's consideration approving the acceptance of the high bid of \$4,150 from Mr. Paul Martin for Parcel Number 1204078.

# Commissioner Hunt 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 Accepting High Bid for Certain Tract of Real Property Sold by Electronic Auction

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2024, Rutherford County authorized an electronic auction at <a href="https://www.govdeals.com">www.govdeals.com</a> for that certain parcel of real property showing as having address of 0 Cedar Street, Rutherfordton, NC 28139, Rutherford County Revenue Department Parcel ID Number:1204078, as shown and described hereinbelow, that is surplus to its needs; and

WHEREAS, Rutherford County conducted said electronic auction at <a href="www.govdeals.com">www.govdeals.com</a> beginning June 7, 2024, at 12:00 Noon, and ending July 12, 2024, at 9:00 p.m., for that said parcel of real property; and

WHEREAS, high bid of \$4,150.00 was submitted for the said parcel of real property by Paul Martin.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY APPROVES THE FOLLOWING:

1. The Board of Commissioners of Rutherford County accepts the high bid of \$4,150.00 from Paul Martin for that same said certain parcel of land being more particularly described as follows:

Situate on the east side of Shotwell Avenue in the town of Rutherfordton and being described and bounded as follows:

BEGINNING on an iron pin, which is the southeast corner of a lot conveyed by the grantors to Fred McBrayer, the iron pin being in Otis Lovelaces' line and runs thence with the old line North 82 East 133 feet to an iron pin, Cowan's corner; thence North 8 West 112 feet to an iron pin, Cowan and Hix Edwards' corner; thence with Hix Edwards's line South 82 West 133.5 feet to an iron pin; thence South 8 West 112 feet to the place of beginning.

Subject to easements, restrictions and rights of way of record, and matters of survey.

Also being identified as Parcel ID#1204078, Rutherford County Tax Office. Address: 0 Cedar Street

Being the same and identical property conveyed to Rutherford County by Commissioner's Deed recorded in Book 2076 at Pages 903-904, Rutherford County Registry.

2. The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners shall be authorized to execute any instruments necessary to convey the said property described herein in accordance herewith.

**ADOPTED** this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.

#### **RES 24-019**

# B. ID-24 3865 GOVDEAL Auction for Rutherford County Property – Lot 61 of Riverbend at Lake Lure

At the June 3, 2024 meeting the Board also approved authorizing an electronic auction for Parcel Number 1609107 having an address of Lot 61 of Riverbend at Lake Lure through GOVDEALS. The property is the same and identical property conveyed to Rutherford County by General Warranty Deed recorded in Book 789 at Page 481, Rutherford County Registry. The auction initiated on June 7, 2024 at Noon and ended July 12, 2024 at 9:00 P.M. A high bid for the property was received from Mr. Paul Martin in the amount of \$6,850. A resolution was presented for the Board's consideration approving the acceptance of the high bid of \$6,850 from Mr. Paul Martin for Parcel Number 1609107.

## Commissioner Benfield moved to approve the resolution. 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

### Resolution Accepting High Bid for Certain Tract of Real Property Sold by Electronic Auction – Lot 61 of Riverbend at Lake Lure

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2024, Rutherford County authorized an electronic auction at <a href="https://www.govdeals.com">www.govdeals.com</a> for that certain parcel of real property showing as Lot 61 of Riverbend at Lake Lure, Section 2, subdivision, Rutherford County Revenue Department Parcel ID

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Number: 1609107, as shown and described hereinbelow, that is surplus to its needs; and

WHEREAS, Rutherford County conducted said electronic auction at <a href="www.govdeals.com">www.govdeals.com</a> beginning June 7, 2024, at 12:00 Noon, and ending July 12, 2024, at 9:00 p.m., for that said parcel of real property; and

**WHEREAS**, high bid of \$6,850.00 was submitted for the said parcel of real property by Paul Martin.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY APPROVES THE FOLLOWING:

1. The Board of Commissioners of Rutherford County accepts the high bid of \$6,850.00 from Paul Martin for that same said certain parcel of land being more particularly described as follows:

Lot(s) 61 all in Riverbend at Lake Lure, Section 2, a subdivision located in Chimney Rock Township as recorded in Plat Book 10, Page(s) 78-81 of the Public Records of Rutherford County Registry, to which reference is hereby made for a full and complete description.

Subject to all easements, restrictions, reservations and other matters of public record.

Being the same and identical property conveyed to Rutherford County by General Warranty Deed recorded in Book 789 at Page 481, Rutherford County Registry.

2. The Chairman of the Board of Commissioners shall be authorized to execute any instruments necessary to convey the said property described herein in accordance herewith.

**ADOPTED** this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024

#### **RES 24-020**

#### VI. New Business

#### A. ID-24 3873 Budget Amendments

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

Commissioner Hunt moved to approve the budget amendments. 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

Budget Amendments			
August 5, 2024			
GENERAL FUND			
Toms St Bldg - HVAC Replacement	\$	17,290	
Fund Balance Appropriated - HVAC Plan			\$ 17,290
*appropriate funds for new replacement unit			
GRANT FUND			
ROD Legislative Grant Expenses	\$	2,714	
ROD NC Legislative Grant			\$ 2,714
*second round grant received from State for preservation of historical files; matching funds available within ROD Automation Fund			
COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND			
EMS - Vehicles and Equipment	\$	935,000	
State Directed Grant - EMS Capital Outlay			\$ 935,000
*replace stair chairs for the fleet, oxygen filling station and ambulance replacements/remounts			
ARPA ENABLED FUND			
Public Safety Vehicles and Equipment	\$	133,607	
Contribution from ARPA Fund			\$ 133,607
*appropriate unrestricted ARPA Fund interest earned to complete viper radio project and additional funds for vehicles and equipment overruns for vehicles previously budgeted		Ī	
ARPA FUND			
Transfer to ARPA Enabled Fund - Capital Outlay Equipment	\$	133,607	
Interest Earnings	*	123,007	\$ 133,607
*transfer unrestricted interest earnings through June 2024 to ARPA Enabled Fund for Public Safety Equipment and cost overruns for vehicles budgeted			,

### B. ID-24 3820 Reimbursement Resolution for Vehicles and Equipment

Finance Director Roach said due to continued equipment delays last fiscal year and higher than usual interest costs, staff recommends amending the prior year reimbursement resolution and proceeding with one financing mid- or late- FY2025 to incorporate both plans. An amended reimbursement resolution was presented for the Board's consideration along with copies of both Vehicle and Equipment Plan Summaries for FY2024 and FY2025.

Commissioner Hunt moved to approve the amended reimbursement 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

#### RUTHERFORD COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

#### DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE

This declaration (the "Declaration") is made pursuant to the requirements of the United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2 and is intended to constitute a Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse under such Treasury Regulations Section.

The undersigned is authorized to declare the official intent of Rutherford County, North Carolina (the "Issuer") with respect to the matters contained herein.

- 1. **Expenditures to be Incurred.** The Issuer anticipates incurring expenditures (the "Expenditures") for the purchase of vehicles and equipment (the "Project").
- 2. **Plan of Finance.** The Issuer intends to finance the costs of the Project with the proceeds of debt to be issued by the Issuer (the "Borrowing"), the interest on which is to be excluded from gross income for Federal income tax purposes.
- 3. **Maximum Principal Amount of Debt to be Issued.** The maximum principal amount of the Borrowing to be incurred by the Issuer to finance the Project is \$2,141,000.
- 4. **Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse.** The Issuer hereby declares its official intent to reimburse itself with the proceeds of the Borrowing for any of the Expenditures incurred by it prior to the issuance of the Borrowing.

Adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023. Amended this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.

#### **RES 24-021**

# C. ID-24 3874 Sole Source Request – Detention Center – Willo Wedge Door Locking System

Finance Director Roach advised that the Detention Center staff had submitted a request that the Commissioners approve a Sole Source Purchase and waive competitive procurement as allowed under the NCGS 143-129(e)(6) exemption which states: "Purchases of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment when: (i) performance or price competition for a product are not available; (ii) a needed product is available from only one source of supply; or (iii) standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the governing board of a political subdivision of the State shall approve the purchases listed in the preceding sentence prior to the award of the contract." The purchase would be the Willo Wedge Door Locking system for the Rutherford County Detention Center. Upon research and information gathered from other jails/prisons, the Willo Wedge system appears to be the best product/solution for the Rutherford County Detention Center. Cost of the system is \$389,556 which would be funded from the 2023 State Directed Grant for Detention Facility Improvements.

Commissioner Lovelace moved to approve the Sole Source Purchase. 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

### D. ID-24 3872 Tax Appeal of Rodney McCracken

Revenue Director Richard Lawson appeared before the Board to present a request from Mr. Rodney McCracken that a tax payment which he had made be refunded to him. Mr. McCracken and nine relatives had received a letter from the Revenue Department which included delinquent tax notices and foreclosure warnings for property owned by Merle Bridges who appeared to be Mr. McCracken's grandmother. Also included was a letter from an adjoining owner who was interested in buying the property. To avoid foreclosure, Mr. McCracken paid the taxes and planned to proceed with selling the property. However, he later discovered that the Merle Bridges who was the owner of the property was not his grandmother. Mr. McCracken stated he did not owe the bill which he had paid and requested a refund. This request was denied by the Revenue Department

Director Lawson said research through ancestry.com and obituaries had provided the ten (10) relatives of Ms. Merle Bridges. Letters were sent to the relatives along with a letter expressing interest in purchasing the property. Mr. McCracken paid the taxes on January 16 and advised that he had done research on the property. In May and in July Mr. McCracken came to the office asking for a refund but was told that the Revenue Department cannot grant refunds. County Commissioners are the only authority that can refund or release property tax. Clerical errors must be a transcription error, must ordinarily be apparent on the face of the instrument, must be capable of being corrected, and must be unintentional. If a refund is granted by the Board that should not have been granted, individual liability for the amount of the tax released or refunded would be with those members of the governing body who voted for the release or refund. Director Lawson said this was not a clerical error.

Commissioner Lovelace made a motion to approve the tax refund to Mr. McCracken. Commissioner Hunt seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

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

**Noes:** Commissioner Toney

## ID-24 3868 Offer to Purchase Received for Real Property Located in Rutherford County Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 160A-269

Economic Development Director Birgit Dilgert told the Board that an offer to purchase certain real property located in Rutherford County, North Carolina containing 47.43 acres on the east side of Daniel Road and the north side of Piney Ridge Road and being Tax PIN 141838 had been received. A resolution that would authorize the sale of the property through the upset bid procedure was presented.

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

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

Noes: None

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the County of Rutherford (hereinafter referred to as County) owns certain real property in Rutherford County, North Carolina, containing 47.43 acres shown on that certain plat of subdivision recorded in Plat Book 29 at Page 112, Rutherford County Registry, and situate on the east side of Daniel Road and the north side of Piney Ridge Road in Forest City, North Carolina, and being that certain parcel shown as Tax PIN 1641838 by the Rutherford County Revenue Department, and being more particularly described on that certain deed to Rutherford County recorded in Deed Book 963 at Page 50, Rutherford County Registry, reference to each of which is hereby made; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute §160A-269 permits the County to sell property by upset bid after receipt of an offer for the property; and

WHEREAS, The County has received an offer to purchase the property described above, in the amount of \$1,778,625.00, submitted by Quiet Creek Properties, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company; and

WHEREAS, Quiet Creek Properties, LLC, has paid the required five percent (5%) deposit on its offer; and

### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The Board of Commissioners of Rutherford County authorizes the sale of the property described above through the upset bid procedure of North Carolina General Statute §160A-269.
- 2. The Clerk to the Board of Commissioners shall cause a notice of the proposed sale to be published. The notice shall describe the property and the amount of the offer and shall state the terms under which the offer may be upset.
- 3. Persons wishing to upset the offer that has been received shall submit a sealed bid with their offer of a qualifying higher bid and the required deposit to the office of the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners within ten (10) days after the notice of sale is published. At the conclusion of the 10-day period, the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners shall open the bids, if any, and the highest such bid will become the new offer. If there is more than one bid in the highest amount, the first such bid received will become the new offer.
- 4. If a qualifying higher bid including the required deposit is received, the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners shall cause a new notice of upset bid to be published and shall continue to do so until a 10-day period has passed without any qualifying upset bid having been received. At that time, the amount of the final high bid shall be reported to the Board of Commissioners.
- 5. A qualifying higher bid is one that raises the existing offer by not less than ten percent (10%) of the first \$1,000.00 of that offer and five percent (5%) of the remainder of that offer.
- 6. A qualifying higher bid must also be accompanied by a deposit in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid; the deposit may be made in cash, cashier's check, or certified check. The

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County will return the deposit on any bid not accepted and will return the deposit on an offer subject to upset if a qualifying higher bid is received. The County will return the deposit of the final higher bid at closing.

- 7. The terms of the final sale are that:
- a. the Board of Commissioners must approve the final high offer before the sale is closed, which it will do within 30 days after the final upset bid period has passed; and
  - b. the buyer must pay with cash at the time of closing.
- 8. The County reserves the right to withdraw the property from sale at any time before the final high bid is accepted and the right to reject at any time all bids.
- 9. If no qualifying upset bid is received after the initial public notice, the offer set forth above is hereby accepted. The County Manager and/or the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners shall be authorized to execute any instruments necessary to convey the property to Quiet Creek Properties, LLC.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.

#### **RES 24-022**

## E. ID-24 3863 2024-2025 North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Legislative Goals

County Manager Steve Garrison said the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) solicits goals from each for the 100 counties to give all counties a voice in developing the Association's legislative agenda. Commissioners from all across the state review, debate and ultimately approve a goals package. A list of Rutherford County suggested goals was provided by Manager Garrison. With the Board's approve, these goals would be submitted with a letter from the Chairman on behalf of the full Board.

Commissioner Lovelace moved to approve authorizing the Chairman to submit the letter on behalf of the Board requesting that Rutherford County's goals be considered for addition to the NCACC's legislative goals. 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

# G. ID-24 3843 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

Chairman King reminded the Board that at the July 8, 2024 meeting they had voted to table the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for further discussion and consideration and possible modification to fit Rutherford County's Department of Social Services.

Commissioner Hunt moved to revive consideration of the MOU. 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

Social Services Director Delores Hunt said NCGS § 108A-74 requires County governments to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. The MOU outlines Audit Requirements, Record Retention requirements, Confidentiality Requirements and other obligations required of the County Department of Social Services (DSS). The MOU further defines the responsibilities of DSS regarding the adherence to mandated performance requirements and compliance with defined administrative responsibilities including data security and reporting. The MOA is effective on July 1, 2024 and shall continue for an initial term of 24 months following the effective date, through and including June 30, 2026.

Commissioner Benfield moved to authorize the County Manager and DSS Director to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and Rutherford County. 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

#### VII. Closed Session

#### A. ID-24 3866 Closed Session

**ATTORNEY CLIENT NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) Personnel NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6)** 

At 7:05 P.M. Vice Chairman Toney moved to go into Closed Session for a discussion with the County Attorney and for discussion regarding Personnel. The County Manager and the Clerk to the Board would be included in the session. 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

7:07P.M. - The Board went into Closed Session. 7:15 P.M. - The Board returned to Regular Session.

IX.	Adi	iournment

# At 7:15 P.M. Commissioner Lovelace made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hunt seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Ayes: Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield, Commissioner Hunt
nd Commissioner Lovelace.
Noes: None

Vice Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Chairman, Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Clerk, Board of Commissioners