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Rutherfordton, NC 28139**

## **Rutherford County**

### **Board of County Commissioners**

#### **Minutes of Special Meeting of July 14, 2026**

**Tuesday, July 14, 2026  
4:30 PM**

##### **I. Call to Order**

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Chairman King called the July 14, 2026 special meeting of the Rutherford County Board of Social Services to order.

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

##### **A. Agenda Approval**

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

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

**Noes:** None

##### **II. Closed Session/Personnel NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6)**

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Vice Chairman Toney made a motion to go into Closed Session for the purpose of a personnel matter pursuant to Personnel NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6). Included in the meeting would be the County Attorney, Deputy County Manager Paula Roach. Deputy County Manager Danny Searcy. Human Resources Director Debra Conner, and Clerk to the Board Hazel Haynes. Also included should be County Commissioner Candidates Allen Hardin, Scott J. Haynes, and Adam Yelton as specifically released and upon the condition they shall have no access to any personnel files or other records deemed confidential and subject to N.C. Gen. Statute 153A-98. Commissioner Haynes seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

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

**Noes:** None

4:34 PM The Board went into Closed Session.

7:15 PM The Board returned to Regular Session.

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### **III. Adjournment**

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**At 7:15 PM Vice Chairman Toney made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Haynes seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:**

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

**Noes:** None

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Chairman, Board of Commissioners

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Vice Chairman, Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Clerk, Board of Commissioners