

**Minutes of the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget Work Sessions
Special Meeting of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners
Commissioners' Meeting Room,
Yancey County Courthouse, Burnsville, North Carolina**

Present at the meeting held Monday, April 28th, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. were Chairman Jeff Whitson, Vice Chairman Mark Ledford, Commissioner Stacey McEntyre Green, Commissioner David Grindstaff, Commissioner Sandi Norton, County Manager Lynn Austin, County Finance Officer Brandi Burleson, and Clerk to the Board Morgan West. Members of the public were also in attendance.

Call to Order

Chairman Whitson welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Greene made the motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Grindstaff seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, the agenda was approved. (Attachment A)

Yancey County Detention Center Medical Plan

County Manager Austin presented the Yancey County Detention Center Medical Plan that has been reviewed and signed off on by the Health Director, Misty Randolph. (Attachment B) There were no changes in this plan from prior years but would require the Board approval. On the motion duly made by Commissioner Grindstaff and seconded by Commissioner Norton, the Board voted unanimously to approve the plan.

NC Beaver Management Assistance Program (BMAP)

County Manager Austin presented the yearly inquiry from the USDA regarding the county's intent to participate in the North Carolina Beaver Management Assistance Program (BMAP) for the upcoming fiscal year 2025-2026 and indicated the cost to participate is \$6,000 per year.

On the motion duly made by Commissioner Grindstaff and seconded by Commissioner Greene, the Board voted unanimously to decline participation in the BMAP for the upcoming 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Bid Award – Charlie Brown Rd. Project

County Manager Lynn Austin presented the bid for the Charlie Brown Rd. Project with McGill & Associates being the lowest bidder in the amount of \$77, 275.00; and Resolution of bid for Pine Swamp WWTP Project in the amount of \$12,452,000.00 (Attachment C) On the motion duly made by Commissioner Ledford and seconded by Commissioner Grindstaff, the Board voted unanimously to approve the bid award to McGill & Associates and Haren Construction Company.

ARPA Funding Re-Allocation

County Manager Lynn Austin presented the request to reallocate funds among Yancey County's ARPA earmark projects for water and sewer so that Pine Swamp WWTP Project can move forward. (Attachment D) Commissioner Grindstaff made a motion to approve, with Commissioner Greene seconding. Unanimously the motion carried.

Budget Work Session

Finance Officer Brandi Burleson distributed FY 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget Draft #1 of expenses and revenues of \$37,084,332.00. County Manager Austin reviewed draft overview of expenses within the departments, and discussion ensued regarding budget matters related to FY 2025-2026.

Budget Amendment #4 & #5

County Finance Officer Brandi Burleson presented budget amendment #4 and #5 for FY 2024-2025. (Attachment E) Commissioner Ledford made a motion to approve both amendments for FY 2024-2025, with Commissioner Grindstaff seconding. Unanimously the motion carried.

Recess

Having no further business for this day, Commissioner Ledford made the motion to recess until Monday, May 19th, 2025, at 9:00 am in the Commissioners Meeting Room, with Commissioner Grindstaff seconding the motion. The Board voted unanimously to recess.

May 19th, 2025 - 9:00 am

Chairman Whitson reconvened the recessed meeting of April 28th, 2025. Present at the meeting held May 19th, 2025, were Chairman Jeff Whitson, Commissioner Sandi Norton, Commissioner Stacey McEntyre Green, Commissioner David Grindstaff, County Manager Lynn Austin, County Finance Officer Brandi Burleson, and Clerk to the Board Morgan West. Vice Chairman Mark Ledford was absent from the meeting.

Budget Work Session

County Manager Austin and County Finance Officer Burleson continued presentation of revenues and expenses of the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget. Discussion continued regarding budget matters related to FY 2025-2026.

Closed Session

Chairman Whitson asked for a motion to go into closed session pursuant to NC Gen. Stat 143-318.11(a)(6). Commissioner Grindstaff made the motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Norton seconded the motion. By unanimous vote the Board entered closed session. No action was taken during closed session.

Commissioner Greene made a motion to leave closed session and reenter open session. Commissioner Grindstaff seconded the motion. By unanimous vote the Board voted to reenter open session.

Recess

Having no further business for this day, Commissioner Grindstaff made the motion to recess until Monday, June 2, 2025, at 9:00 am in the Commissioners Meeting Room, with Commissioner Ledford seconding the motion. The Board voted unanimously to recess.

June 2nd, 2025 - 9:00am

Chairman Whitson reconvened the recessed meeting of May 6, 2024. Present at the meeting held Monday, June 2, 2025, were Chairman Jeff Whitson, Vice Chairman Mark Ledford, Commissioner Stacey McEntyre Green, Commissioner David Grindstaff, Commissioner Sandi Norton, County Manager Lynn Austin, County Finance Officer Brandi Burleson, and Clerk to the Board Morgan West.

Budget Work Session

County Manager Austin and County Finance Officer Burleson continued presentation of revenues and expenses of the 2026-2026 Fiscal Year Budget. Discussion ensued regarding budget matters related to FY 2025-2026.

Budget Amendment #6 & #7

County Finance Officer Brandi Burleson presented budget amendment #6 and #7 for FY 2024-2025. (Attachment F) Commissioner Ledford made a motion to approve both amendments for FY 2024-2025, with Commissioner Grindstaff seconding. Unanimously the motion carried.

Closed Session

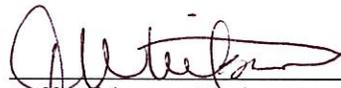
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Commissioner Ledford made a motion to leave closed session and reenter open session. Commissioner Greene seconded the motion. By unanimous vote the Board voted to reenter open session.

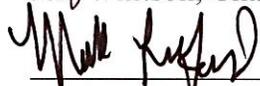
Adjournment

Having no further business, Commissioner Greene made the motion to adjourn the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget Work Sessions, with Commissioner Grindstaff seconding the motion. The Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to adjourn.

Approved and authenticated this the 14th day of July 2025.



Jeff Whitson, Chairman



Mark Ledford, Vice Chairman



Stacey McEntyre Greene, Commissioner



David Grindstaff, Commissioner



Sandi Norton, Commissioner

Attest:



Morgan West, Clerk to the Board

