

AGENDA ACTION REPORT

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CABARRUS COUNTY

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

**JUNE 16, 2014
6:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIRMAN

**PRESENTATION OF COLORS
BOY SCOUT TROOP 704
ROBERTA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**INVOCATION
CHAPLAIN BERNIE LOOS
CABARRUS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

A. APPROVAL OR CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES **APPROVED**
1. April 15, 2014 (Special Meeting) Pages 1968 – 1982

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA **APPROVED WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES**

Additions:

New Business

G-4 County Manager – Introduction of General Obligation Bond Orders for Schools and Community College

Supplemental Information:

New Business

G-3 Finance – Proposed Funding for Kannapolis Middle School
• Budget Amendment

Moved to New Business:

Consent

F-3 Finance – Update of the Construction and Renovation Fund Budget and Related Project Ordinance for RCCC Renovation Project

C. RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Active Living and Parks Department - Recognition of Perdue Farms
RECOGNIZED PERDUE FARMS; PRESENTED PLAQUE
2. Active Living and Parks - Recognition of an Eagle Scout Project
RECOGNIZED ZACH HAGG AND PRESENTED PLAQUE
3. EMS - Recognition for Achieving the 2014 Mission Lifetime Silver Level Award
RECOGNIZED EMS EMPLOYEES
4. Recognition of William J. Fox on His Retirement from Cabarrus County Emergency Medical Services
RECOGNIZED FOX
5. County Manager – Recognition of the Carolina TarWheels Program for their National Championship Victory
RECOGNIZED CAROLINA TARWHEEL PLAYERS

D. INFORMAL PUBLIC COMMENTS *(Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes)*
RECEIVED COMMENTS FROM THREE (3) CITIZENS

E. OLD BUSINESS
NONE

F. CONSENT AGENDA **APPROVED**

(Items listed under Consent are generally of a routine nature. The Board may take action to approve/disapprove all items in a single vote. Any item may be withheld from a general action, to be discussed and voted upon separately at the discretion of the Board.)

1. County Manager - Approval of BB&T Resolution and Agreement for Deposit Account
2. Finance - CCS Request for a Budget Revision for the New Northwest Area Elementary School - \$337,000 Pg. 36
3. Finance - Update of the Construction and Renovation Fund Budget and Related Project Ordinance for RCCC Renovation Project Pg. 39 **MOVED TO NEW BUSINESS**
4. Human Services - Review and Award Contract for Secondary Transportation Services
5. Human Services - Human Services Transportation Maintenance Contract Pg.165
6. Tax Administration - Refund and Release Report - May 2014

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Planning and Development - Proposed Text Amendment to Zoning Ordinance (TEXT2014-00004) - Public Hearing 6:30 P.M.
HELD PUBLIC HEARING; APPROVED TEXT AMENDMENT 2014-00004
2. County Manager - Participation in NCDOT Private Rail Crossing Closure
DECLINED PARTICIPATION IN RAIL CROSSING CLOSURE
3. Finance - Proposed Funding for Kannapolis Middle School
APPROVED BUDGET AMENDMENT
4. Finance - Update of the Construction and Renovation Fund Budget and Related Project Ordinance for RCCC Renovation Project

APPROVED REVISED CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION PROJECT ORDINANCE AND BUDGET AMENDMENT

5. County Manager - Introduction of General Obligation Bond Orders for Schools and Community College

APPROVED INTRODUCTION OF THE BOND ORDERS; AUTHORIZED PUBLICATION; AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 21, 2014

6. County Manager - Adoption of the FY 2015 Cabarrus County Budget - Public Hearing 6:30 P.M.

HELD PUBLIC HEARING

MAINTAINED CURRENT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, PLANNING & ZONING, AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS FEE SCHEDULES AT CURRENT LEVELS, DID NOT APPROVE INCREASE

ADOPTED A BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE SPECIAL FIRE TAX & INSURANCE FUND FOR FY15, NO TAX INCREASE INCLUDED FOR MT. PLEASANT OR NORTHEAST DISTRICTS

ADOPTED A BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR GENERAL FUND, CABARRUS ARENA & EVENTS CENTER FUND, LANDFILL FUND AND HEALTH INSURANCE FUND FOR FY 15, INCLUDING PROPOSED STAFF UPDATES AS PRESENTED, AND ADDING COMMISSIONER OESTERREICH'S AMENDMENTS, AS FOLLOWS:

Reduce BOC pay to \$10,000 and the per diem by 25%-Reduce the annual salary of a commissioner to \$10,000. Implementation of budget reductions should start at the top.

Reduce county management staff by one Deputy County Manager position-Between the County Manager and two Deputy County Manager positions, approximately half a million dollars per year is expended. The county, like many governmental agencies, is top heavy in administration. Moreover, it does not appear the citizens are receiving a half of million dollars' worth of work product from these three positions. One deputy county manager receives over \$150,000 in total compensation (including benefits). This money could be better spent on several deputies or several new teachers or teachers assistants.

Decrease the Arena budget by \$278,721-Our current proposed budget has an increase to this expenditure of \$78,721. This increase should be deleted and the budget reduced by an additional \$200k. Other than the fair, the management company receives all revenue from the arena and the county subsidizes the facility and events with an additional \$900,000. County management appears satisfied to subsidize the arena and the management company with almost \$1,000,000. That is not satisfactory.

Reduce travel expenditure line items to no more than \$200,000 combined. Priority grades should be assigned to travel expenses and budgeted travel funds should be allocated until the \$200,000 limit is reached.

Non-Departmental Contingency shall be \$900,000--During the 2013 budget discussion, County Manager Mike Downs stated that this contingency had been as low as \$50,000 or \$60,000 in years past. This line item has increased significantly as a discretionary budget item and it should be limited. The county set aside an emergency contingency fund of \$5,000,000. If a needed expenditure occurs mid-budget, it is either a high enough priority that it should qualify for the \$5,000,000 emergency contingency or a revenue neutral budget amendment should occur.

Delete all funding for the county Wellness Center--the county operates an exclusive wellness center for its employees. Employees are provided health insurance and we have tremendous health facilities within Cabarrus County. A private wellness center is duplicative and not a top priority for expenditures. This facility should either be closed or 100% self-funding. Delete funding for the Wellness Coordinator position--The position schedules things like "gentle yoga" during lunch periods. This is an unnecessary position and with our debt potentially growing substantially in the next few years, we should eliminate unnecessary positions.

Delete funding for 4 new park hires from 2014--The parks department was increased from 46 to 50 employees in 2014. Funding levels should be returned to 46 employees.

Reduce expenditure to health insurance fund to no more than \$6,800 per eligible employee--The county currently expends \$8,182 per employee for health insurance. Our school teachers receive a benefit expenditure of \$5,435 per employee, meaning the difference between the county and state/school employees is \$2,747. With over 1,000 county employees receiving health care benefits, the county is spending approximately \$3,000,000 more than the state and school systems for a similar number of employees. County management can best decide the method for putting this expenditure more in line with our state and schools. Delete all funding for the Lomax Farm/Food Policy Counsel--between the small capital projects ordinance and operation expenses, the county spent approximately \$400,000 on the Lomax farm last year. There were 7 participants learning to farm. We have far too many needs within our school system to be expending \$400,000 on 7 people learning to farm.

Implement the Health Alliance agreement from last year--last year, it was agreed that the Health Alliance would receive an additional \$300,000 as a ONE-TIME measure to help it adjust to sequestration. The full \$300,000 should be removed from its budget. CHA chose a far nicer facility than what is needed and it needs to be responsible for its decisions, not the taxpayers of Cabarrus County. Remove the \$114,309 increase from the proposed budget.

Remove funding for 4 Library Positions in Concord Main Library--In 2010 and 2011, our library system (all libraries combined) had a total of 30 positions. In the three years since, our library staff has grown to 44. Funding for 4 positions from the Concord Main Library should be removed. As the recent survey shows, our citizens were more satisfied with every aspect of our library system in 2010 when the system had 30 employees than they are now with 44

employees (locations is the only factor that scored higher, and additional employees do not impact this factor).

Remove funding for the Midland Library positions. Funding of these positions was dependent on Midland completing the main street project and funding the library structure. After a visual inspection of the project, one can be certain this project will not be completed in a manner necessitating library funding within the next fiscal year.

Remove funding for the following personnel additions:

1. Communications Specialist
2. Revaluation Office Assistant
3. 2 Revaluation Data collector
4. Custodian
5. 2 Landfill Operators

Remove funding for purchase of any new county vehicles (other than emergency service vehicles)-information provided states that the county recently auctioned two diesel engine trucks with just under 125,000 miles for a very small price. This is unacceptable. Diesel engine vehicles are useable to a far greater mileage than gasoline engine trucks. The county has been irresponsible with vehicle purchases. The county must better prioritize the positions for which a vehicle is required and use the current fleet to meet needs.

Terminate expenditure increase to meet salary study.

Reduce funding in transportation fuel budget to \$190,000-Actual expenses for this line item for the last three years are \$180k, \$167k, \$194k, and as of May 21 of 2014 \$168k. The requested budget of \$235k should be reduced to \$190k.

Reduce funding in transportation budget for auto maintenance to \$180,000-Actual expenses for this line item for the last three years are \$140k, 179k, \$171k, and current actual expenses are \$171k. The requested budget of \$285k should be reduced to \$180k.

Reallocate \$1.3 million capita l appropriation at Camp Spencer-Camp Spencer currently has two functioning and revenue producing structures that are scheduled to be torn down and rebuilt at a cost of \$1 million. This money should go to fixing leaking roofs in our schools.

Terminate/reallocate all funding for Wallace Park--\$1.8 million has been appropriated to build a new park at the Cabarrus/Union county line. With almost half a billion dollars in debt and hundreds of millions of dollars of additional debt potentially in the county's future, it is irresponsible to fund a new park.

Reduce contribution to EDC by \$332,000-Economic development in Cabarrus County is exceptionally important. However, the structure currently being used is not an acceptable structure for the taxpayers of Cabarrus County. Under the current structure, Chamber of

Commerce employees are shared with the EDC. This structure cannot be maintained for three primary reasons. 1) The Chamber of Commerce both locally and nationally, has become a political entity. Speaking of immigration reform, U.S. Chamber of Commerce President Tom Donohue recently said "If the Republicans don't do it, they shouldn't bother to run a candidate in 2016,". On a series of other political issues and races, the chambers nationwide are using funds to influence races. Tax dollars cannot be provided to an entity so closely tied to political issues. 2) Just two and a half years ago the Cabarrus Chamber had mismanaged its budget to the point it had to sell its facility and layoff employees. Putting an entity with such recent financial struggles in charge of several hundred thousand dollars of county funds is troubling. 3) information provided states that the Chamber uses EDC funds to subsidize Chamber activities and expenses. It is very concerning that taxpayer funds could be being misused, particularly in light of the recent financial struggles of the Chamber.

7. Finance - Update of the Construction and Renovation Fund Budget and Related Project Ordinance for Public Safety Radio Replacements and Governmental Center Chiller Replacement

ITEM NO LONGER NECESSARY AFTER BUDGET ADOPTION

8. Finance - Update the Small Projects Capital Fund Budget and Related Project Ordinance for the Prime Farmland Project

APPROVED REVISED SMALL PROJECTS CAPITAL PROJECTS ORDINANCE AND RELATED BUDGET AMENDMENT

H. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointments and Removals - Cabarrus County Youth Council
REAPPOINTED MCAULEY AND WALKER; APPOINTED BOONE, ZGODA, AMOAKON AND THOMPSON; REMOVED LARSON, ALLEN, AMOAKON, MCNIFFE, MISENHEIMER, PORFELI, DAVIDSON AND TAYLOR
2. Appointments - Cabarrus County Tourism Authority
APPOINTED DUBOIS (SEAT NO. 1); AND REAPPOINTED PADGETT (SEAT NO. 3), HAGLER (SEAT NO. 2) AND SOPOROWSKI (SEAT NO. 10)
3. Appointments - Cardinal Innovations Healthcare Solutions Community Oversight Board
APPOINTED BARBEE
4. Appointments (Removals) - Centralina Workforce Development Board
REAPPOINTED CHICAS; APPOINTED BRUNT; REMOVED LOCKLEAR
5. Appointments (Removals) - Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC)
REAPPOINTED BAUMGARDNER, MOSS, AND WILSON; REMOVED HARRISON
6. Appointments - Library Board of Trustees
APPOINTED SCHMIDT; REAPPOINTED FRIEZE
7. Appointments - Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee
APPOINTED WILSON
8. Appointments (Removals) - Public Health Authority of Cabarrus County
REAPPOINTED WESTON; REMOVED KRUSELL; APPOINTED CLAYTOR
9. Appointments - Region F Aging Advisory Committee

APPOINTED BARNHARDT; APPOINTED DRAIN

I. REPORTS

1. County Manager - Monthly Reports on Building Activity
RECEIVED REPORT AS PART OF THE AGENDA
2. EDC - May 2014 Monthly Summary Report
RECEIVED REPORT AS PART OF THE AGENDA
3. BOC - Receive Updates from Commission Members Who Serve as Liaisons to Municipalities or on Various Boards/Committees
NONE
4. Request for Applications to County Boards/Committees
APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE FOLLOWING COUNTY BOARDS/COMMITTEES:
 - **ADULT CARE HOME COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE - 7 VACANT POSITIONS**
 - **BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW – 2 TERMS EXPIRING SOON**
 - **CONCORD PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION (ETJ) - 1 VACANT POSITION**
 - **FOOD POLICY COUNCIL – 1 VACANT POSITION**
 - **INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES AND POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY – 1 EXPIRED TERM AND 2 VACANT POSITIONS**
 - **JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL – 3 VACANT POSITIONS**
 - **NURSING HOME COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE - 6 VACANT POSITIONS**
 - **TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD – 1 POSITION WITH EXPIRED TERM, 2 VACANT POSITIONS AND 4 TERMS EXPIRING SOON**
 - **YOUTH COUNCIL – 10 VACANT POSITIONS**

J. GENERAL COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

NONE

K. WATER & SEWER DISTRICT OF CABARRUS COUNTY

L. CLOSED SESSION

NONE

M. ADJOURNED AT 9:09 P.M.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ADA REGULATIONS, ANYONE WHO NEEDS AN ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING SHOULD NOTIFY THE ADA COORDINATOR AT 704-920-2100 AT LEAST FORTY-EIGHT (48) HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

Scheduled Meetings:

July 7, 2014	Work Session	4:00 p.m.	Multipurpose Room
July 21, 2014	Regular Meeting	6:30 p.m.	BOC Meeting Room

August 4, 2014	Work Session	4:00 p.m.	Multipurpose Room
August 18, 2014	Regular Meeting	6:30 p.m.	BOC Meeting Room

Mission:

Through visionary leadership and good stewardship, we will administer state requirements, ensure public safety, determine county needs and provide services that continually enhance quality of life.

Vision:

Our vision for Cabarrus is a county in which our children learn, our citizens participate, our dreams matter, our families and neighbors thrive and our community prospers.

**Channel 22
Broadcast Schedule
Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners' Meetings**

The most recent Commissioners' meeting is broadcast at the following days and times. Agenda Work Sessions begin airing after the 1st Monday of the month and are broadcast for two weeks up until the Regular Meeting. Then the Regular Meeting begins airing live the 3rd Monday of each month and is broadcast up until the next Agenda Work Session.

Sunday – Saturday	1:00 P.M.
Sunday - Tuesday	6:30 P.M.
Thursday & Friday	6:30 P.M.