

**TENTATIVE RETREAT AGENDA  
WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**COMMUNITY ROOM  
WATAUGA COUNTY COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER, BOONE, NC  
FEBRUARY 26 & FEBRUARY 27, 2026**

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER	PAGE
<b>THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026</b>			
12:00 PM	<b>OPENING REMARKS AND LUNCH</b>	MR. DERON GEOUQUE	
12:30 PM	<b>WATAUGA TDA</b>	MR. MATT VINCENT MR. WRIGHT TILLEY	
12:45 PM	<b>MIDDLE FORK GREENWAY UPDATE</b>	MS. WENDY PATOPRSTY	
1:00 PM	<b>FY 2026 REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF FY 2027 BUDGET</b>	MS. MISTY WATSON	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Revenues</li> <li>B. Expenditures</li> <li>C. Debt Service Report</li> <li>D. Budget Calendar</li> <li>E. Special Appropriations</li> </ul>		
1:30 PM	<b>REVIEW OF CURRENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP)</b>	MR. DERON GEOUQUE & MR. ROBERT MARSH	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Current CIP Status Report</li> <li>B. 911/Medic/Emergency Services Facility</li> <li>C. Emergency Communications</li> <li>D. Library</li> <li>E. School Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Parkway School Expansion</li> <li>2. New Hardin Park School</li> </ul> </li> <li>F. National Guard Armory Disposition</li> <li>G. Old Cove Creek School Park</li> </ul>		
2:00 PM	<b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES WEBSITE UPDATE</b>	MR. DREW EGGERS	
2:15 PM	<b>BREAK</b>		
2:30 PM	<b>TAX MATTERS</b>	MR. TYLER RASH	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. 2027 Revaluation Update</li> <li>B. Tax Software</li> <li>C. Minimal Tax Bill</li> </ul>		
3:30 PM	<b>PLANNING &amp; INSPECTIONS MATTERS</b>	MR. JASON WALKER	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Watauga County Comprehensive Plan</li> <li>B. Planning and Development Ordinances Update</li> </ul>		
4:00 PM	<b>APPHEALTHCARE</b>	MS. JENNIFER GREENE	
4:15 PM	<b>UNC HEALTH APPALACHIAN UPDATE</b>	MR. NATHAN NIPPER	
4:45 PM	<b>WATAUGA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES MATTERS</b>	MR. WILL HOLT	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Update on Transition from Watauga Medics</li> <li>B. EMS Plans</li> <li>C. Communications Updates</li> <li>D. Franchise Ordinance Updates</li> <li>E. Community Paramedic Program</li> </ul>		
5:30 PM	<b>COUNTY MANAGER'S SUMMARY</b>	MR. DERON GEOUQUE	
6:00 PM	<b>RECESS UNTIL FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27 AT 9:00 AM</b>		

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2026**

8:30 AM **BREAKFAST**

9:00 AM **EDC/CHAMBER FOUNDATION REPORT**

MR. DAVID JACKSON

MR. JOE FURMAN

9:30 AM **CALDWELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE & TECHNICAL INSTITUTE**

DR. MARK POARCH

10:00 AM **WATAUGA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD**

DR. LESLIE ALEXANDER &

A. FY 2027 Funding Needs

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

B. School's Capital Improvement Plan

11:30 AM **MISCELLANEOUS & COMMISSIONER MATTERS**

MR. DERON GEOUQUE

A. State Issues

B. Commissioner Matters

11:55 AM **WRAP UP, GOALS & OBJECTIVES, BOARD DIRECTIVES**

12:00 PM **ADJOURN**