

**TENTATIVE AGENDA & MEETING NOTICE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021
5:30 P.M.**

**WATAUGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
COMMISSIONERS BOARD ROOM**

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AGENDA ITEM 2:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 3, 2021, Regular Meeting

August 3, 2021, Closed Session

DRAFT**MINUTES****WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021**

The Watauga County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting, as scheduled, on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at 5:30 P.M. in the Commissioners' Board Room located in the Watauga County Administration Building, Boone, North Carolina.

Chairman Welch called the meeting to order at 5:33 P.M. The following were present:

PRESENT: John Welch, Chairman
 Billy Kennedy, Vice-Chairman
 Carrington Peralion, Commissioner
 Larry Turnbow, Commissioner
 Charlie Wallin, Commissioner
 Anthony di Santi, County Attorney
 Deron Geouque, County Manager
 Anita J. Fogle, Clerk to the Board

Chairman Welch opened with a prayer and Vice-Chairman Kennedy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Wallin joined the meeting upon arrival at 5:37 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Welch called for additions and/or corrections to the June 20, 2021, regular meeting and closed session minutes.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Peralion, moved to approve the July 20, 2021, regular meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: Aye-4(Welch, Kennedy, Peralion, Turnbow)
 Nay-0
 Absent-1(Wallin)

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Peralion, moved to approve the July 20, 2021, closed session minutes as presented.

VOTE: Aye-4(Welch, Kennedy, Peralion, Turnbow)
 Nay-0
 Absent-1(Wallin)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Welch called for additions and/or corrections to the August 3, 2021, agenda.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Pertalion, moved to approve the August 3, 2021, agenda as presented.

VOTE: Aye-4(Welch, Kennedy, Pertalion, Turnbow)
Nay-0
Absent-1(Wallin)

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) COMMUNITY UPDATE

Ms. Jennifer Greene, AppHealthCare Director, provided an update on the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The report was for information only and, therefore, no action was required.

WATAUGA COUNTY BROADBAND INITIATIVE

Mr. Brad Shields with Blue Ridge Energy and Mr. Robbie Farmer, Mr. Brantley Davis, and Mr. Jody Barnes with SkyLine/SkyBest were present to address underserved areas of the County regarding broadband services. Several areas of the County were identified as underserved with broadband services through citizen contacts, petitions, surveys, and Federal and State data. The current COVID-19 pandemic amplified the lack of broadband services in areas throughout the County with remote education and citizens working from home. The goal was to close the digital divide in the County and allow access to digital commerce, telehealth, online education, and digital media for the citizens.

The following proposal would build approximately seventy-five (75) miles of trunk fiber by Blue Ridge Energy and SkyLine/SkyBest to provide seventy-eight (78) miles of distribution fiber for approximately 1,565 homes to access. The project would consist of four phases and be constructed over a two and half (2.5) year process. The four phases would be as followed:

- Phase 1 – Triplett/Powder Horn - would provide the largest amount of access to homes (503) and territory with 29 miles of fiber built.
- Phase 2 – Wildcat/Stoney Fork – access for 310 homes with 20 miles of fiber built.
- Phase 3 – Blackberry/Sampson -access for 252 homes with 16 miles of fiber built.
- Phase 4 – Howard’s Creek/Ray Brown/Raven Rock – access for 500 homes with 10 miles of fiber built.

The project would utilize American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) funds with the estimated cost being \$7 million dollars. The County received a total of \$10,911,724.00 in ARP funding.

A small amount of funding has been utilized to cover unbudgeted COVID-19 expenses related to the County’s detention facility. County staff continued to review and develop projects for ARP funding. Broadband was one of the projects that had been identified as high priority, especially in lieu of the pandemic and the need for remote learning and work. The project would increase the footprint of broadband services, address several of the underserved areas, and lay the groundwork for future expansion. An additional benefit of the project was that staff had requested a set-aside of fiber for future County buildings, emergency communication towers and/or equipment located along the expansion.

Chairman Welch tabled consideration until the August 17, 2021, Board meeting to allow for staff to work with Blue Ridge Energy and SkyLine/SkyBest to develop a contract for the project to ensure compliance with ARP funding guidance.

OASIS FUNDING REQUEST

Ms. Michelle Grit and Ms. Jennifer Kears with OASIS gave an update on their services and how they had been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. In an effort to free up reoccurring expenses that could be used to cover funds lost due to not being able to hold annual fundraisers in light of the pandemic, Ms. Grit requested a one-time \$50,000 allocation from the County to pay off their remaining \$75,000 mortgage. The remaining \$25,000 would be raised by OASIS through corporate sponsors and fundraising. The \$50,000 was requested to be allocated from the American Rescue Plan funds received by the County. With mortgage costs gone, those monthly funds could be expended for additional services.

Chairman Welch tabled consideration of the request until staff completed and prioritized the list of projects to potentially receive ARP funding to determine if there were funds available.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APPALCART AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE FUNDING FOR RURAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN WATAUGA COUNTY

Mr. Craig Hughes, AppalCART Director, presented a proposed resolution authorizing the filing of funding applications with the North Carolina Department of Transportation and the execution of the designee certification form.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Pertalion, moved to adopt the enclosed resolution authorizing the filing of applications with the North Carolina Department of Transportation and the execution of the designee certification form.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

PROPOSED KILL CHILL FACILITY UPDATE AND REQUEST FOR SCOPING AND PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING FUNDS

Mr. Jim Hamilton, Cooperative Extension Director, gave an update on the proposed Kill/Chill Facility to be located at the landfill. Mr. Hamilton requested authorization for the use of up to \$77,800 from the Golden LEAF funds to begin the preliminary engineering and planning process to determine actual project costs.

After discussion, Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to authorize the use of up to \$77,800 from the Golden LEAF funds to begin the preliminary engineering and planning process to determine actual project costs.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

PROPOSED PURCHASE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FROM NEW RIVER LIGHT AND POWER

Mr. Ed Miller, General Manager of New River Light and Power (NRLP), presented options for the County to purchase 100%, or a portion, of the County's energy use from hydroelectric facilities. NRLP would be entering a new wholesale purchase power agreement beginning in January 2022 with Carolina Power Partners (CPP). The new power agreement would reduce the County's utility bill by 14% or approximately \$50,000. The power agreement would also allow the County to purchase renewable energy at an increased cost. The premium cost was currently \$5.00 for every 250kwh sold or \$0.02/kwh.

The estimate, if the County elected to purchase 100% of their energy from a renewable resource, was \$34,296 (\$88,144 actual cost minus the 14% (\$53,818) rate reduction). However, if the County elected to utilize only the proposed 14% savings; 60% of the energy purchased would be renewable. The County could also select any percentage (%) to purchase of renewable energy or retain the \$53,818 in savings.

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Commissioner Peralion, moved to enter an agreement with NRLP to purchase 100% of energy from a renewable resource beginning January 2022.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. Boards and Commissions

County Manager Geouque presented the following for consideration:

Economic Development Commission

A term on the Economic Development Commission expired in June. It was a three-year term. Members were eligible to be appointed for two consecutive terms. Mr. Tim Hodges had served both terms and, therefore, was ineligible for reappointment; a new appointee was needed. County Manager Geouque stated that a volunteer application was received from Ms. Virginia Lee Wallace who had expressed interest in serving on the EDC. This was a second reading.

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Vice-Chairman Kennedy, moved to appoint Ms. Virginia Lee Wallace to serve on the Economic Development Commission for a three-year term.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

Valle Crucis Historic Preservation Commission

Maria Hyde, the current Chair of the Valle Crucis Historic Preservation Commission (VCHPC) has moved, or would soon move, out of Watauga County which requires her replacement. Two people had expressed interest in being appointed to replace her. Membership consists of three resident property owners of the historic district, and two members of the Valle Crucis Community

Council, regardless of whether they live in the historic district. Mrs. Hyde filled one of the resident property owner slots. Mrs. Rachel Ward who, along with her husband, purchased the Hyde's house was interested in being appointed to the Commission. Also interested was Mr. Pat Brown, who lives in the district along with his wife, Jennifer Stoeber. Both were qualified for the position and these were second readings.

After discussion, Commissioner Pertalion, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to appoint Mr. Pat Brown to serve on the Valle Crucis Historic Preservation Commission.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

AppalCART Board

The AppalCART Board recommended reappointing David Jackson, Frank David V, and Joe Eller to the AppalCART Board to maintain the continuity of the current Board. The term would be for two years.

Commissioner Pertalion, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to waive the second reading and reappoint David Jackson, Frank "Quint" David, V, and Joe Eller to the AppalCART Board.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

Local Firefighters Relief Fund Board of Trustees

Stewart Simmons Fire Chief Doug Berry requested the appointment of Ms. Keron Poteat to the Local Firefighters Relief Fund Board of Trustees.

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Commissioner Pertalion, moved to waive the second reading and appoint Ms. Keron Poteat to the Local Firefighters Relief Fund Board of Trustees.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

B. Announcements

County Manager Geouque announced the following:

- The 114th North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) Annual Conference was scheduled for August 12-14, 2021, in New Hanover County. Visit <https://www.ncacc.org/events-training/annual-conference/2021-annual-conference/> for full information.
- The Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute (CCC&TI) Board of Trustees invited the Board of Commissioners to attend the Watauga Student Services Open House on Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. The Open House would be held at 372 Community College Drive, Boone, NC.

- Chairman Welch encouraged the support of the Back 2 School Festival scheduled for this week.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:18 P.M., Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to enter Closed Session to discuss Attorney/Client Matters, per G. S. 143-318.11(a)(3) and Economic Development, per G. S. 143-318.11(a)(4).

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to resume the open meeting at 8:21 P.M.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

POSSIBLE ACTION AFTER CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Vice-Chairman Kennedy, moved to schedule a public hearing for 5:30 P.M., on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, to allow public comment on the consideration of submitting a grant application for Building Reuse funds from the NC Department of Commerce to provide funds to loan to “Project Checkout.”

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

ADJOURN

Commissioner Wallin, seconded by Commissioner Pertalion, moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 P.M.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

John Welch, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:
Anita J. Fogle, Clerk to the Board

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AGENDA ITEM 3:

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 17, 2021, AGENDA

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AGENDA ITEM 4:**PUBLIC HEARING TO ALLOW CITIZEN COMMENT ON THE CONSIDERATION OF SUBMITTING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR BUILDING REUSE FUNDS FROM THE NC DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO LOAN TO “PROJECT CHECKOUT”**

A public hearing has been scheduled at 5:30 PM, Tuesday, August 17, 2021 to consider submitting a grant application for Building Reuse funds from the NC Department of Commerce. Said grant would provide funds to loan to “Project Checkout” to renovate a building, which will facilitate the creation of an estimated 40 jobs. The loan will be forgiven if the jobs are created and maintained for at least 6 months. A 5% local match is required; the estimated amount is up to \$25,000, and can be a combination of in-kind (administrative time) and cash. It is proposed that the County provide the local match with the Economic Development Capital Reserve Account being the source of any cash needed. Comments from the public are welcome.

The public hearing is to allow citizen input on submitting the grant. Upon closure of the public hearing, the Board will need to authorize the submittal of the grant application for Building Reuse funds from the NC Department of Commerce.

Board action is requested.

Public Hearing Notice: Economic Development

The Watauga County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 5:30 PM, Tuesday, August 17, 2021 to consider submitting a grant application for Building Reuse funds from the NC Department of Commerce. Said grant would provide funds to loan to “Project Checkout” to renovate a building, which will facilitate creation of an estimated 40 jobs. The loan will be forgiven if the jobs are created and maintained for at least 6 months. A 5% local match is required; the estimated amount is up to \$25,000, and can be a combination of in-kind (administrative time) and cash. It is proposed that the County provide the local match with the Economic Development Capital Reserve Account being the source of any cash needed. The hearing will be held in the Commissioners Board Room, County Administration Building, 814 West King Street. Comments from the public are welcome. For further information, please email p&i@watgov.org, or call (828)264-3082.

AGENDA ITEM 5:

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) COMMUNITY UPDATE

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Ms. Jennifer Greene, AppHealthCare Director, will provide an update on the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The report is for information only; therefore, no action is required.

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AGENDA ITEM 6:

STATE OF EMERGENCY (SOE) DISCUSSION

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

A draft State of Emergency is attached. The State of Emergency provides a framework for future action, should it be warranted, that may be required to address the evolving conditions associated with the COVID-19 Delta and other possible variants. The State of Emergency follows the same successful guidelines and recommendations utilized by the County during the height of the initial pandemic. County offices remained opened to the public during the COVID-19 pandemic with just the initial shutdown to develop effective measures, protocols, and guidelines to ensure the safety of staff and the public while allowing County operations to continue.

County Departments are utilizing the following guidelines and protocols:

Sheriff's Office

- All detention staff have/are wearing masks due to the congregate environment.
- Bailiffs are wearing masks in courtrooms.

Social Services

- Masks while in public areas in Human Services Building.
- Masks when communicating face to face with clients.
- Clients wearing masks when face to face with employees.
- One person or family is allowed in the lobby at a time.
- Limiting client access to DSS areas when possible. If not possible, staff to meet clients in hallways, conference/meeting areas.
- Employees to avoid congregating in personal offices and meetings between employees to take place in areas where social distancing can take place.

The proposed State of Emergency would require seniors to wear masks at both senior centers due to the combined risk of age and congregate setting. At this time, the WCRC would follow the current NCDHHS guidelines with staff wearing masks who are in direct contact with the public or in public areas of the facility and encouraging patrons to do so as well. Equipment has been spaced out to provide for social distancing and if required, staff could limit pieces of equipment used to provide additional space for social distancing. Several departments received COVID-19 modifications to their office areas to limit face to face contact with employees and the general public. Citizens are able to utilize online services – website, online payment, email, and telephone to limit visiting County facilities. All County personnel would be required to wear masks in public areas and while having face to face contact with citizens. Signs would be placed in all County buildings encouraging the public to wear masks and be vaccinated with a bar code directing individuals to the current NCDHHS guidelines. Future meetings of the Board of Commissioners and County affiliated Boards and Commissions would continue to meet in-person and adhere to the North Carolina Open Meetings Law.

The proposed State of Emergency provides a solid baseline and allows flexibility for County Departments to determine if additional protocols and measures are required.

Staff seeks direction from the Board regarding the proposed State of Emergency.



DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has mutated with the variants more virulent causing rapid rises in cases and placing pressure on the local healthcare system; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the above-described emergency, it has been determined that there is an imminent threat of, or existing conditions have caused or will cause, widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property, and public safety authorities may be unable to maintain public order or afford adequate protection for lives or property; and

WHEREAS, declaring a State of Emergency and imposing the restrictions and prohibitions ordered herein is necessary to maintain order and protect public health, safety, and welfare, and to secure property.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Watauga County under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and the Watauga County Code of Ordinances:

Section 1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared within Watauga County as more particularly described in Section 2.

Section 2. The emergency area covered by this state of emergency shall be (*check box*):

- All areas within the jurisdiction of Watauga County
- The following specific areas within the jurisdiction of _____:

Section 3. The following restrictions and prohibitions are imposed:

- Evacuation:** _____

- Curfew:** _____

- Restricted Access:** _____

Business Operations: Private businesses are highly encouraged to follow current NC Department of Health and Human Services guidance.

Alcohol: _____

Dangerous Weapons & Gasoline (Except for lawfully possessed firearms and ammunition): _____

Other: Face coverings are highly encouraged in all County buildings and shall be required in areas where space or operations require close contact. Additional restrictions shall be enforced as imposed by the Governor of North Carolina by Executive Order 117 and subsequent Executive Orders as applicable.

No restrictions or prohibitions are imposed at this time.

Section 4. I hereby order all Watauga County Sheriff’s Office law enforcement officers and employees, and all other emergency management personnel subject to our control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all applicable local ordinances, state and federal laws, and the Watauga County Emergency Operations Plan.

Section 5. I hereby order this declaration: (a) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) to be filed with Clerk to the County Commissioners; and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

Section 6. This declaration shall take effect on August 18th, 2021 at 5:00 PM and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED this the August 17th, 2021 at 6:00 PM

John Welch
Chairman, Watauga County Commissioners

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AGENDA ITEM 7:

WATER STREET PARKING PRESENTATION

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Bill Dixon, Appalachian Architecture, will present three (3) options for the Water Street parking area. The Board previously authorized a contract to provide limited renderings and cost estimates for parking at the Water Street location.

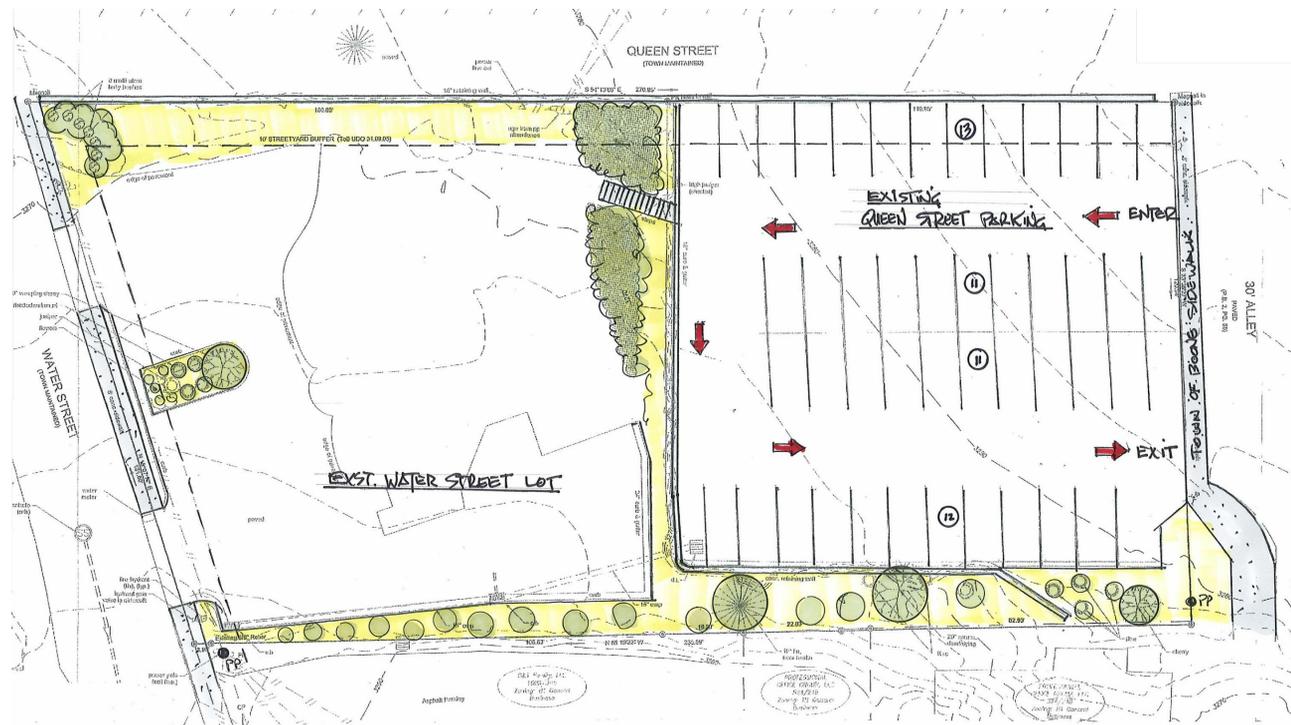
Option 1 is the least expensive at a cost of \$384,560 for a total of 63 parking spaces including the Ginn lot. The current parking spaces in the Ginn lot do not actually reflect the actual useable number of spaces. Option 1 would create 36 new spaces and reduce the Ginn lot from 47 spaces to 27 actual useable spaces. The reduction in spaces would allow for properly dimensionalized spaces, adequate ingress and egress lanes, and snow removal space.

Option 2 creates a parking table over the Water Street parking area and connects to the Ginn lot. The cost is \$1,776,060 and provides a total of 87 parking spaces. 29 spaces would be created on the Water Street lot with the reduction in spaces from Option 1 due to the structural supports for the upper level deck. The upper level would have 58 spaces.

Option 3 is the most expensive option but provides the most parking spaces of 139 at a cost of \$5,033,600. This option requires the removal of the soil from the Ginn lot.

Options 2 and 3 would require the parking structures to meet the Town of Boone regulations. Staff is reviewing Options 1 and 2 to determine if they could be paid for in the current fiscal year budget. Option 3 would require potential financing.

Staff requests Board direction on the desire to proceed forward with one of the options or none. Should the Board wish to proceed forward, Mr. Dixon will bring a contract for design and construction documents at a future meeting.

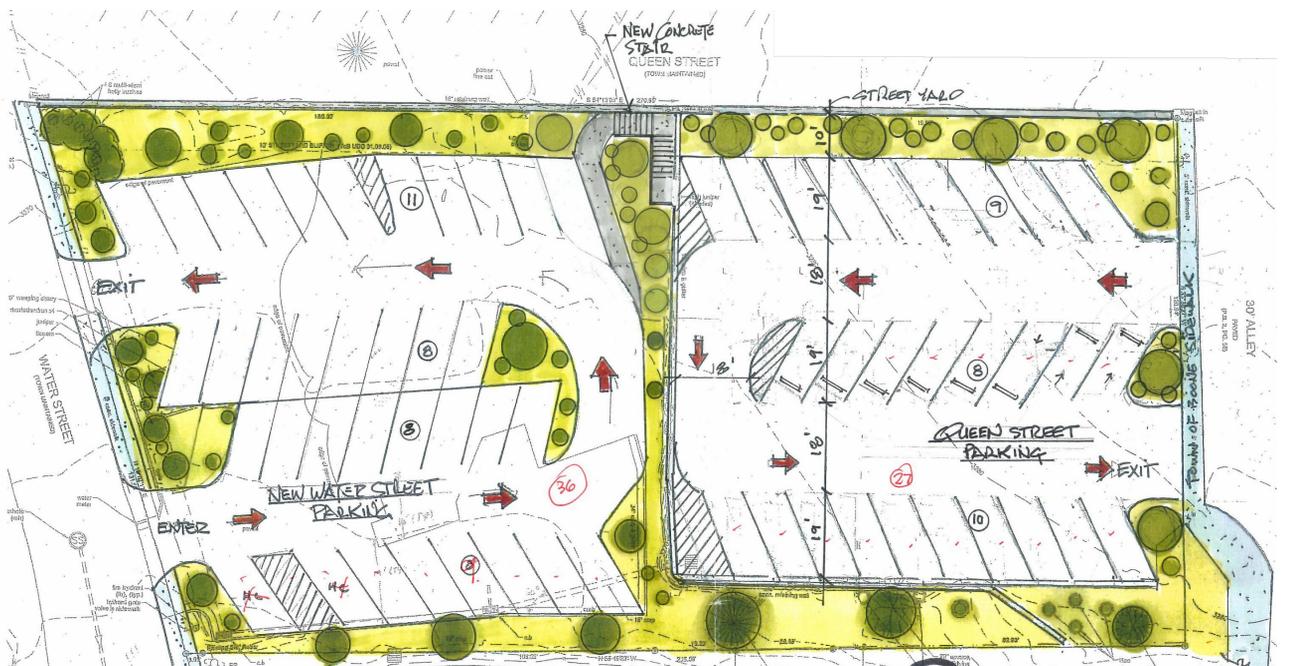


1 EXISTING CONDITIONS
 A-1 CURRENT QUEEN STREET PARKING LOT DOES NOT COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS OF THE TOWN OF BOONE ZONING ORDINANCE

PARKING:

QUEEN STREET LOT	= 47 SPACES
WATER STREET LOT	= 0 SPACES
TOTAL	= 47 SPACES

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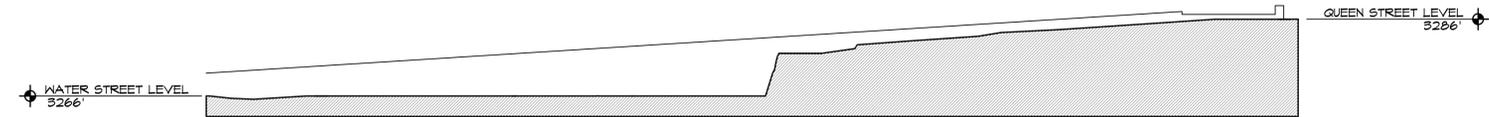


2 CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OPTION #1
 A-1 NEW SURFACE PARKING LOT ON WATER STREET - (ONE WAY) / QUEEN STREET PARKING IMPROVEMENTS COMPLIANT WITH TOWN OF BOONE ZONING ORDINANCE

PARKING:

QUEEN STREET LOT	= 27 SPACES
WATER STREET LOT	= 36 SPACES
TOTAL	= 63 SPACES

1"=20'-0"



3 SITE SECTION
 A-1

1"=20'-0"



EXISTING WATER STREET LOT



EXISTING QUEEN STREET LOT

Option 1 - Preliminary Costs Estimate

New surface parking lot on Water Street / Improvements to the Queen Street surface parking lot

Water Street Surface Parking Lot - 36 parking spaces	\$ 199,000.
Demolition - removal of excess dirt, existing stairs, sidewalk, curb & gutter	
Storm Drainage & detention system	
New concrete sidewalk along Water Street, stairs and curbing	
Final grading and backfill	
Gravel base/heavy duty asphalt paving and striping	
Landscaping per TOB standards	
10% contingency	\$ 19,900.
Subtotal	\$ 218,900.
15% professional fees-Survey, Testing, Architectural & Engineering fees, Site lighting, landscaping design, Certifications, etc.	\$ 32,835
SUBTOTAL	\$ 251,735.
\$251,735 / 36 parking spaces = \$6,993 per space	

Queen Street surface Parking Lot - 27 parking spaces	\$105,000.
Demolition - removal of asphalt, existing stairs, sidewalk, curb & gutter	
Storm Drainage repairs	
New concrete sidewalk along alley, curb & gutter	
Final grading and backfill	
Re-paving and striping	
Landscaping per TOB standards	
10% contingency	\$ 10,500.
Subtotal	\$ 115,500.
15% professional fees-Survey, Testing, Architectural & Engineering fees, Site lighting, landscaping design, Certifications, etc.	\$ 17,325.
SUBTOTAL	\$ 132,825.
\$132,825. / 27 parking spaces = \$4,920 per space	

TOTAL
\$ 384,560 / 63 PARKING SPACES = \$6,104 AVERAGE PRICE PER SPACE

Exemptions: General statutes state that County surface parking lots are required to meet the local jurisdiction's erosion control and storm water requirements but are exempt from meeting the Town's general zoning requirements. Nevertheless, the Town has requested that their zoning standards be followed. In the spirit of cooperation between County and Town, the proposed options meet the Town's zoning standards.



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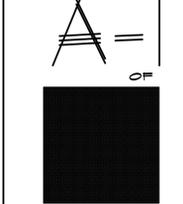
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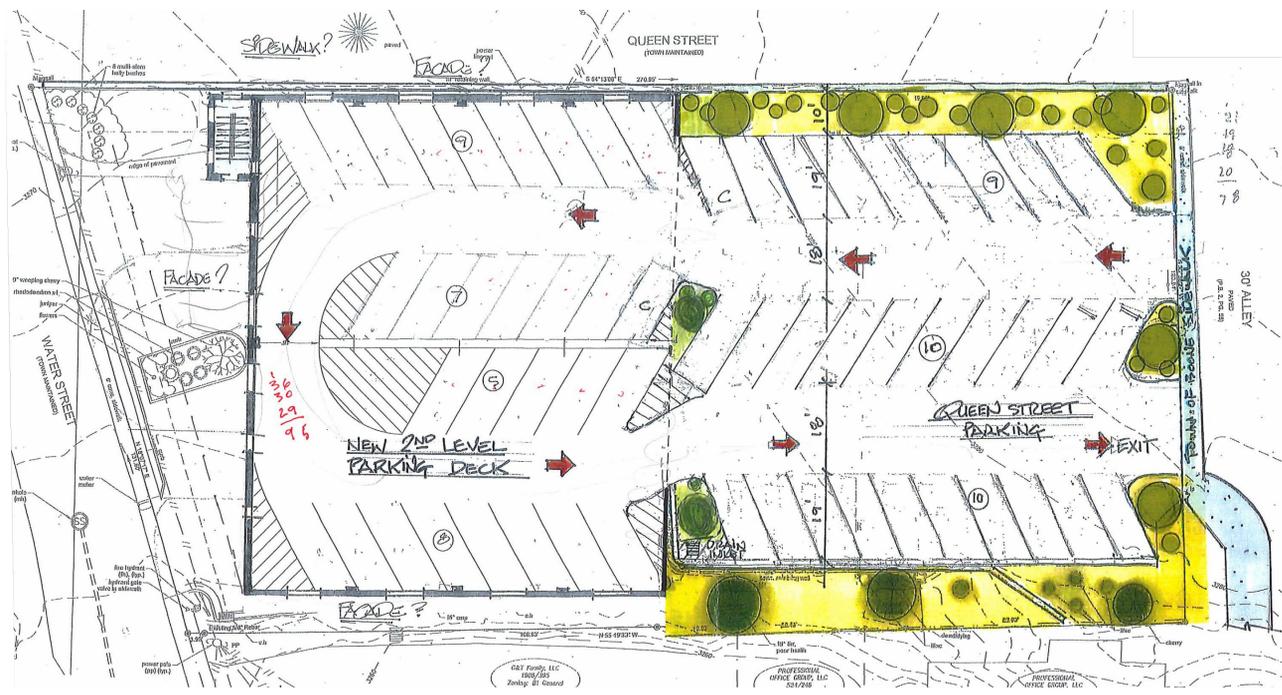
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DESIGN OPTION #1
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 BOONE
 NORTH CAROLINA

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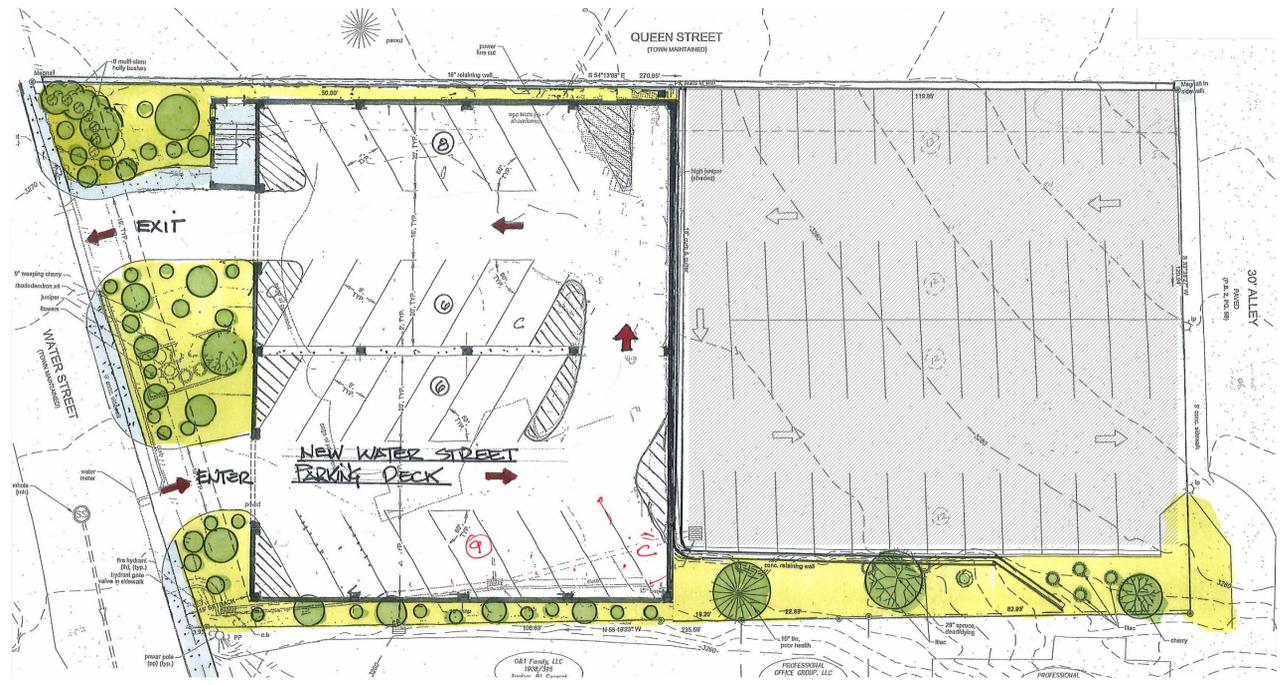




1 CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OPTION #2 - UPPER LEVEL
A-2 NEW SURFACE PARKING LOT ON WATER STREET WITH NEW PARKING DECK ABOVE
 1"=20'-0"

PARKING:

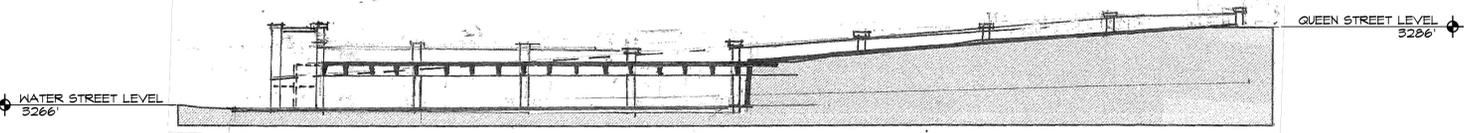
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WATER STREET LOT	= 29 SPACES
TOTAL	= 87 SPACES



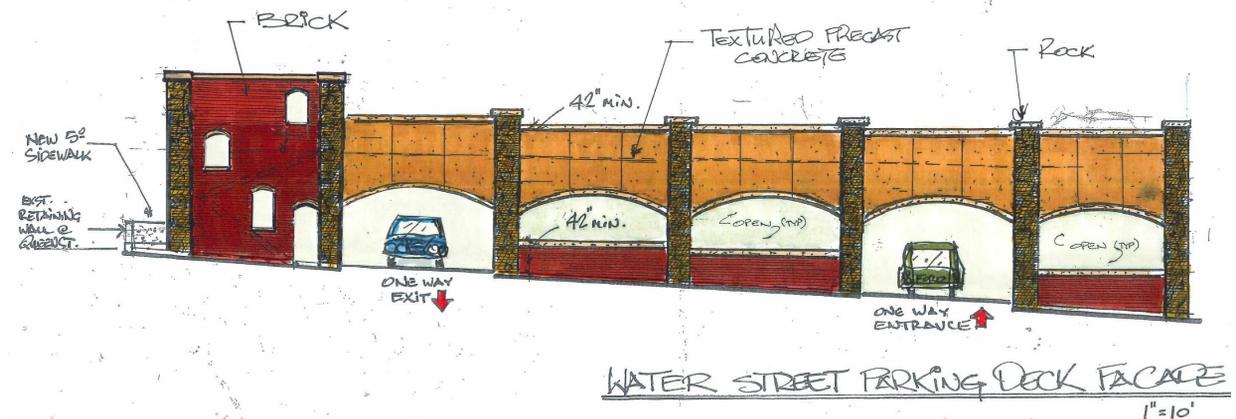
2 CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OPTION #2 - LOWER LEVEL
A-2 NEW SURFACE PARKING LOT ON WATER STREET WITH NEW PARKING DECK ABOVE
 1"=20'-0"

PARKING:

QUEEN STREET LOT + DECK	= 58 SPACES
WATER STREET LOT	= 29 SPACES
TOTAL	= 87 SPACES



3 SITE SECTION
A-2 1"=20'-0"



Option 2 - Preliminary Costs Estimate

New two-level parking deck structure on Water Street w/ Upper-level deck connecting to surface parking lot on Queen Street.

Water Street Surface Parking Lot	\$ 199,000.
Includes all work proposed in Option 1- replace pavement w/ concrete	\$ 50,000.
Existing segmented block retaining wall to remain in place.	
Upper deck level - Raised CIP/Precast concrete parking deck structure	\$ 900,000.
Tilted to match the existing grades at Queen Street surface parking	
Bridging between upper level deck structure & Queen Street surface parking lot	\$ 50,000.
Brick Façade on Water St. w/ new enclosed stair	\$ 100,000.
Partial façades on Queen Street and Building elevation facing South (King Street)	
Queen Street surface parking lot	\$ 105,000.
Includes all work proposed in Option 1	
Subtotal	\$ 1,404,000.
10% contingency	\$ 140,400.
Subtotal	\$ 1,544,400.
15% professional fees-Survey, Testing, Architectural & Engineering fees, Site lighting, landscaping design, Certifications, etc.	\$ 231,660.
TOTAL	\$ 1,776,060.

$\$ 1,776,060 / 87 \text{ PARKING SPACES} = \$20,415 \text{ PER SPACE}$

Note: Parking structures are NOT exempt from meeting the Town's general Zoning requirements. Option 2 triggers the Town's Tiered Improvement requirements which include, among other items, that the County provide a sidewalk along Queen Street and meet the site photometric lighting requirements. In the spirit of cooperation between County and Town, the proposed improvements to the Queen Street surface parking lot meet the Town's zoning standards.

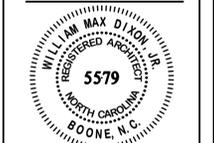


APPALACHIAN ARCHITECTURE, PA
 BILL DIXON, NCARB
 703 W. KING ST.
 SUITE 201
 BOONE, NC 28607
 828 265 2405
 FAX: 828 265 2406
 WEBSITE: WWW.APPALARCH.COM

DATE: 8/17/21

REVISIONS:

DATE	REV.	BY



DESIGN OPTION #2
 WATAUGA COUNTY PARKING
 BOONE
 NORTH CAROLINA

DRAWN BY: LB
 CHECKED BY: BP

SHEET TITLE
A=2
 OF 2

AGENDA ITEM 8:

PROPOSED CHANGE ORDER # 3 FOR MIDDLE FORK GREENWAY

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Joe Furman, Planning and Inspections Director, will request the Board approve Change Order #3 for the Middle Fork Greenway Section 4 project in the amount of \$25,137.00. Additional unsuitable soils and drainage were discovered during construction. Blue Ridge Conservancy will provide the funds for the Change Order.

Board action is required to approve Change Order #3 in the amount of \$25,137.00 with the funds to come from the Blue Ridge Conservancy.



3632 Old 421 South
Boone, NC 28607
Phone: (828) 264-7103
Fax: (828) 264-7107

Change Order 003

TO: Teresa Buckwalter
FROM: Kevin Harward
SUBJECT: Undercut above elliptical pipe
DATE: 8/9/2021
NOTE: CO 003 Revised

Project: Middle Fork Greenway

This change order request is for the removal of unsuitable soils and debris directly upstream from the installed elliptical concrete pipe. We plan to backfill with Class B rip rap, geotextile fabric and ABC Stone. The next item is to add BX1100 for the next 420 LF of trail to help stabilize the subgrade. The third section is for additional storm drainage installation to alleviate the issue of the dirt being higher on the creek side than the house side of the trail. We are going to remove one pipe near bridge 2. We will add 2 boxes and pipe all the way to the creek. Please let us know if you have any questions. Thanks-

	<u>Equipment and Labor</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>30% Burden</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1	Undercut removal and replacement					
	a. 45'longx6'deepx16'wide(avg)					
	1. Load and haul off material	160.00	CY	\$32.25	\$0.00	\$5,160.00
	b. Replacement material					
	1. Class B Rip Rap 2' thick	112.00	TN	\$38.00	\$0.00	\$4,256.00
	2. 8oz Geotextile Fabric	80.00	SY	\$4.25	\$0.00	\$340.00
	3. ABC Stone 4' thick back to subgrade	216.00	TN	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$6,480.00
2	BX 1100					
	1. Add a layer of BX1100 underneath planned excavation	2.00	Rolls	\$760.50	\$0.00	\$1,521.00
3	Storm Drainage					
	1. 12" HDPE storm pipe	80.00	LF	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$3,200.00
	2. 15" HDPE storm pipe	80.00	LF	\$48.00	\$0.00	\$3,840.00
	3. 2x2x3 storm boxes and grates	2.00	EA	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00
	4. 15" HDPE storm pipe deletion	-20.00	LF	\$48.00	\$0.00	-\$960.00
TOTAL:						<u>\$25,137.00</u>

ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL

Client Signature

J.W. Hampton Company Signature

Owner / Representative

Date

Kevin Harward

Date

All material is guaranteed to be as specified. All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner according to standard practices. Any alterations or deviation from above specifications involving extra cost will be executed only upon written orders, and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control. Owner to carry fire, tornado, and other necessary insurance. Our workers are fully covered by Workmen's Compensation Insurance.

AGENDA ITEM 9:

MAINTENANCE MATTERS

A. Recognition of Steven Moody's Award of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Robert Marsh, Maintenance Director, will request the Board present to Steven Moody, retired Maintenance Mechanic Crew Chief, the Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award for his 33 years of service to the County and its citizens.



WATAUGA COUNTY MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

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Fax (828) 264-1473

TO: Deron Geouque, County Manager

FROM: Robert Marsh, Maintenance Director *RM*

DATE: August 9, 2021

RE: Steven Moody -- Recognition of 33 Years of Service and Presentation of
The Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award

Steven Moody retired from the Maintenance Department in May 2021 after completing 33 years of service.

Steven always conducted himself in a professional manner while serving the citizens of Watauga County as the Chief Maintenance Mechanic. Steven kept the County's mechanical systems in top-notch shape during his career. He installed and maintained the backbone of the data and telecommunication systems among many other areas of responsibility.

Steven has been awarded The Order of the Long Leaf Pine award by Governor Roy Cooper in recognition of his 33 years of exemplary service.



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Fax (828) 264-1473

April 6, 2021

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have been employed by Watauga County in the position of Maintenance Director since 1998. During that tenure I have supervised many valuable employees, however, one stands out as the best example of a dedicated employee who has often gone above and beyond his duties in service to Watauga County. I am honored to nominate Steven K. Moody for The Order of the Longleaf Pine. Steven will be retiring May 1, 2021, after a distinguished career of service to the State of North Carolina and Watauga County for 33 years.

The Watauga County Maintenance Department is comprised of 23 staff that performs services including all trades associated with building and grounds maintenance. Mr. Moody was hired by Watauga County in November 1994 as a Maintenance Technician. Since then he has received promotions moving through the ranks as a Maintenance Mechanic I, Maintenance Mechanic II and eventually as the Maintenance Mechanic Crew Chief.

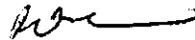
As Crew Chief, Steven is responsible to keep all HVAC, plumbing, electric, security hardware, fire alarm, data and voice wiring systems current and in good working order. Watauga County is an area underserved by commercial contractors, and most work is performed in-house by County staff. Steven has throughout his service attended numerous seminars and courses to expand his knowledge and then in turn has applied that knowledge to his craft. Steven is a determined individual who has undertaken many complex projects. His drive to efficiently complete projects has saved the County valuable resources and kept down times to a minimum.

Steven has always gone above and beyond to protect County property and to assure the public and staff have a safe, comfortable environment in which to conduct business. During a catastrophic plumbing mishap, the County's 911 communication system was flooded with acid-laden water which had covered the 911 computers and servers. Steven worked long hours in a dangerous environment to restore the center back to working order. In another instance, Steven was instrumental in protecting the County's building from storm damage during the blizzard of 1993. During that storm, Steven reported to work as an essential employee and cleared snow drifts from sidewalks, drives, roofs and maintained HVAC systems when other County staff was told to stay home due to the extreme cold and deep snow. Steven has participated along with law enforcement in bomb searches and elevator extractions. Most recently, Steven and his crew worked throughout the pandemic to install all of the telecommunication and data wiring in a new

100,000 square foot County building. This work took place while the building was full of contractors from areas where the pandemic was raging. Even with precautions, Steven and his crew ended up with the COVID-19 virus but recovered and completed the installation of new data and voice wiring systems. I have worked with Steven on many holidays -- sometimes in poor weather conditions -- to board up vandalized buildings, restore critical heating units back to operation, replace broken water mains at 24/7 detention facilities and the County transfer station. I have never once heard Steven complain about being called in for after-hours emergencies.

Steven's 33-year career of service has benefitted the citizens of Watauga County, and I implore the nomination committee to consider Steven K. Moody as an employee perfectly qualified for The Order of the Longleaf Pine award.

Sincerely,



Robert Marsh
Maintenance Director



State of North Carolina
General Court of Justice
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
WATAUGA COUNTY
BOONE, NC
(P) 828-268-6600
(F) 828-268-6601

DIANE CORNETT DEAL
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
EX OFFICIO JUDGE OF PROBATE

GARY M. GAVENUS
RESIDENT SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

March 23, 2021

To Whom it May Concern,

It is my understanding that Mr. Steven Moody is being nominated to receive the Order of the Longleaf Pine. I would like to participate in this process by saying that I have known Mr. Moody his entire life. Not only did he and his parents live in the same community where I lived, we have worked together in different capacities at the Watauga County Courthouse for many years.

After working for several years at Appalachian State University, Mr. Moody took a position with the Watauga County Maintenance Department in November of 1994. In my capacity as an Assistant Clerk of Court at that time, I had many opportunities to observe Mr. Moody in the performance of his work with the department. He was always very helpful in addressing any needs that might arise around the courthouse and other county buildings.

Through the years Mr. Moody has advanced his career with the county by taking advanced training and is now the Maintenance Mechanic Crew Chief for Watauga County's Maintenance Department. In my current role at Clerk of Court, I have worked with Mr. Moody as he has assisted me in several needs for updates to my office for new technology. He has worked closely with the Information Technology staff with the Administrative Office of the Courts to make sure we have the correct connectivity needed to install equipment.

Mr. Moody is a great candidate to receive this prestigious award for his many years of service to the State of North Carolina and to the County of Watauga.

Sincerely,

Diane Cornett Deal



AppHealthCare
 Appalachian District Health Department
www.AppHealthCare.com



Caring for our Community

March 22, 2021

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this sincere letter of acknowledgement for Mr. Steven Moody with Watauga County. Steven has served the public health needs in Watauga County for many years now, and in particular, the past few years, we have relied heavily upon his professional expertise.

We integrated the building planning and inspections into our building to provide improved customer service for Watauga County citizens who need both a building and septic permit. This required a complete redesign of the second floor and simultaneously, an extensive redesign in our lower floor main lobby and work areas. Steven helped provide support throughout this effort, including ensuring the quality of work completed by the contractors selected by Watauga County. His attention to detail and openness to hear our needs in planning meetings helped make the transition in our space more effective, including increasing safety and security in our building for staff and HIPAA protection for public health information.

Over time, Steven has served with a commitment to help us address every type of need you could imagine to support our operations including ensuring we had adequate keys, building security and fire alarm system, an effective heating and air system, and lighting. More recently, many early mornings prior to COVID-19 testing and vaccine clinics, Steven helped support efforts to effectively clear our parking lot and sidewalks to make it safer for our staff to work in the cold, mountain wintry weather providing this important service.

Steven has provided ongoing support to us in many ways and we want to join in the collective effort to recognize his outstanding contribution to the citizens in Watauga County. He is much deserving of acknowledgement for many dedicated years of service.

Most sincerely,

Jennifer Greene, MPH
 Health Director/CEO

BUSINESS OFFICE	ALLEGHANY CO. HEALTH CENTER	ASHE CO. HEALTH CENTER	WATAUGA CO. HEALTH CENTER
157 Health Services Road	157 Health Services Road	413 McConnell Street	126 Poplar Grove Connector
PO Box 309	PO Box 309	PO Box 208	PO Box 307
Sparta, NC 28675	Sparta, NC 28675	Jefferson, NC 28640	Boone, NC 28607
336-372-5641	336-372-5641	336-246-9449	828-264-4995
336-372-7793 Fax	336-372-7793 Fax	336-246-8163 Fax	828-264-4997 Fax

AGENDA ITEM 9:

MAINTENANCE MATTERS

B. Tractor Bid Award Request

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Marsh will request the Board award the bid for a 2021 4x4 compact tractor to Pennell & Sons in the amount of \$20,519. The tractor will be used for snow removal and landscaping at the Community Recreation Center. Three (3) bids were received with Pennell & Sons being the lowest responsive bidder. Adequate funds are available in the current Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget.

Board action is required.



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TO: Deron Geouque, County Manager

FROM: Robert Marsh, Maintenance Director 

DATE: August 9, 2021

RE: Bid Award Recommendation

BACKGROUND

The FY 21-22 Budget contains funds for the purchase of a compact tractor to be used at the Recreation Center for clearing snow from the sidewalks and to pull implements for landscape maintenance.

Maintenance staff solicited three bids for a 24 horsepower, 4wd tractor with cab, snowplow and salt spreader.

BID SUMMARY

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Tractor</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Pennell & Sons Lenoir, NC	Massey Ferguson GC1725 M 24.5 HP	\$20,519
East TN ATV Elizabethton, TN	Massey Ferguson GC1725 M 24.5 HP	\$24,356
James River Wilkesboro, NC	John Deere 1025 R 18 HP	\$24,941

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the County accept the lowest bid of \$20,519 submitted by Pennell & Sons for the purchase of a Massey Ferguson tractor. The vendor has notified staff to expect a delay in the delivery of this tractor due to critical supply chain issues.

PENNELL & SONS INC.



1630 Taylorsville road

Lenoir, N.C. 28645

(828) 754-1924

pennellandson.com

Price Quote For Robert Marsh @ Watauga Co.

QTY.	Disc	Price
1.	Massey-Ferguson GC1725M Tractor(24.5HP) 4WD,Hydro Trans.,Power Strg., AG Tires Fluid filled(Rear).....	\$ 10585.00
1.	Massey-Ferguson 2340 Blade 60" 60" wide 19" Tall w/security spring and Hyd. angle kit and Rubber cutting edge...	\$ 2450.00
1.	Curtis Premium Cab all steel(color matched) Sliding windows,Removable rear glass, also Rotating beacon,Rear view mirror.....	\$ 4884.00
1.	Curtis Fast Cast 2000 Spreader(350lbs cap.)	

with/speed control, gate control kit,

3pt. Hitch and Adj. Deflector.....\$ 2600.00

total \$20,519

*Optional Equipment not accepted:

1. Complete Set(frt. & Rear)Turf tires

and wheels.....

~~\$ 650.00~~

All Prices are good for 30 Days at this time, and are subject to N.C. sales tax if it applies to you.

Tractor will be delivered to your location fully assembled(work ready) full of fuel and rear tires loaded with Dealer doing a walk around with you and your operators.



GC1725M GARDEN COMPACT

MASSEY FERGUSON®

(F.O.B. Port of Entry)

TRACTOR FEATURES

POWER TRAIN

- Engine:
 - 24.5 Gross HP 3 Cyl Diesel
 - 1.12 L Displacement
 - 23.6 Net HP @ 3000 RPM
 - 18.5 PTO HP @ 3000 RPM
- Dry Type Single Air Cleaner
- Transmission: 2 Range Hydrostatic with Cruise Control
- Wet Disk Brakes
- Parking Brake
- Differential Lock
- PTO: 540 RPM Independent PTO
2000 RPM Mid Independent PTO

HYDRAULIC SYSTEM

- 3-Point Hitch, Cat I With Directional Control, Auto Return Lever System
- Engine Driven Gear Pump
- 3-Point Hitch 4.9 GPM (18.8 LPM)
- Power Steering 2.0 GPM (7.5 LPM)
- Total Combined Flow 6.9 GPM (26.3 LPM)

INSTRUMENTS

- Tachometer / Hourmeter
- Engine Coolant Gauge Fuel Gauge
- Warning Lights: Electrical Charging and Oil Pressure and Water Temperature

OTHER STANDARD FEATURES

- Hydrostatic Power Steering
 - Tilt Steering Column
 - Hand Accelerator
 - Forward And Reverse Foot Pedal
 - Rubber Floor Mat
 - Covered Storage Compartment with 12V Socket
 - Electric Fuel Shut-Off
 - 12 Volt Electrical System
 - Battery: 390 Cold Cranking Amps
 - Fully Adjustable Swivel Seat with Armrests and Retractable Seatbelt
 - 2 Post Fixed ROPS
 - Tilt-Up Hood
 - Turn Signals, Flashers, Tail Lights
 - Factory Joystick
 - Hydraulic Manifold with Pressure and Return Lines on Model with Factory Joystick
- *Note: 3-Point Mounted Backhoe Installation Voids Warranty. Use the Required Subframe Mounting Kit.*

MF2340 BLADE



MASSEY FERGUSON®

(F.O.B. Port of Entry)

FEATURES

- **MF2340 Blade (60 inches):**
 - Fits All GC Series Tractors
 - Quick Hitch System
 - Overall Width 60 inches, Overall Height 19 inches
 - Length with Female Hitch 23 inches
 - Blade Thickness: 3/16 inch with Security Spring
 - Reinforcement Braces Thickness: 1/4 inch
 - Reversible Cutting Edge but Not Adjustable
 - Cutting Edge Thickness: 1/2 inch
 - Manual Angling 0-15-30
 - Adjustable Skid Shoes
 - Optional Hydraulic Angling (0 To 30 Degrees)
 - Hydraulic Lift Mechanism Standard

- Constructed of commercial grade steel with Massey Ferguson color match finish
- Safety glass windshield locks open increasing air flow
- 12 volt Windshield wiper
- Sliding door windows
- Backhoe compatible
- Premium all-steel cab features removable rear panel
- Front-hinged steel roof lifts up on gas shocks
- Pin-hinged doors remove in seconds
- Total seal door system
- Lockable doors

7/8/2021

Massey Ferguson Premium Cab - GC1705, GC1710, GC1715 & GC1720

- **Height:** 59 inches floorboard to roof
- **Weight:** 382 lbs.
- **Shipping weight:** 425 lbs.
- **Windshield:** Glass
- **Door windows:** Glass
- **Roof:** Steel with acoustical headliner
- **Rear panel:** Glass
- **Wiper:** 12 volt, heavy duty, 110 degree sweep
- **Backhoe compatible:** Yes

7/8/2021

Massey Ferguson Premium Cab - GC1705, GC1710, GC1715 & GC1720

- Quick release wiper kit available for rear glass panel (PWK85F)
- Heater (9PH20S54) *
- Strobe light (9LEDS2) *
- Side mirrors: (9PM5)
- Rear view mirror: (9PM3) *
- 3 inch round work lights (9LEDW3)
- Dome light (9LEDD14)
- Switch panel (9PSF1)

* options included

- 5.0 cubic feet/350 lbs. capacity
- 4 to 40 ft. spreading width
- High density UV protected polymer
- Modular steel frame
- 10 inch steel spinner
- 12 to 15 amp draw

7/8/2021

Fast-Cast 2000 Spreader - Modular Steel Frame - Curtis Industries

- Weight: 85 lbs.
- Hopper capacity: 5.0 cubic feet/350 lbs.
- Hopper: UV protected polymer
- Spinner: Steel

7/8/2021

Fast-Cast 2000 Spreader - Modular Steel Frame - Curtis Industries

- Standard 2 inch receiver hitch mount*(1SM2)
- 3-point hitch mount**(1SM3) *
- Vibrator kit (1SV1)
- Gate flow control kit (GC1) *
- Replacement cable for gate flow control (1GC1A)
- Adjustable deflector (1AD1) *

* options Included

SPECIFICATIONS

Tractor	MFGC1723E	MFGC1723EB	MFGC1725M	MFGC1725MB
Engine Gross HP (kW)		22.5 (16.8)		24.5 (18.6)
Rated Engine Speed RPM		2,600		3,000
PTO HP (kW)		18.7 (13.9)		19.6 (14.8)
Engine	Iseki 1.1-liter, 3-cylinder, liquid-cooled diesel, Tier 4 Final			
Transmission	2-range hydrostatic transmission with side-by-side foot pedals and cruise control			
PTO	Independent			
PTO Size RPM (in.)	Rear: 540 (1.375, six spline) Mid: 2,000 (1, fifteen spline)			
Hydraulics gpm (Lpm)		6.3 (23.0)		6.8 (25.7)
3-Point Hitch	Cat. I			
3-Point Hitch Lift Capacity – Pivot Pin lbs. (kg)	1,191 (540)			
3-Point Hitch Lift Capacity – 24 in. behind Pivot Pins lbs. (kg)	661 (300)			
Tire Options (AG, Turf, R4 Ind.)	Front: 18 x 8.50-10 Rear: 26 x 12.00-12			
ROPS	Fixed	Folding	Fixed	Folding
Tractor-Loader-Backhoe Package	No	Yes	No	Yes

Loader
Tool Carrier
Bucket Options in.
Maximum Lift Height – Pivot Pin in. (mm)
Maximum Dump Angle
Maximum Rollback Angle
Digging Depth in. (mm)
Lift Capacity to Maximum Height – Pivot Pin lbs. (kg)
Breakout Force – Pivot Pin lbs. (kg)
Lift Cylinder Diameter in. (mm)
Bucket Cylinder Diameter in. (mm)

	DL95	FL1805
Pin-on (SS Quick Attach opt.)		SS Quick Attach (standard)
		48 54
Maximum Lift Height – Pivot Pin in. (mm)	73 (1,850)	74 (1,880)
Maximum Dump Angle	50°	43°
Maximum Rollback Angle	25°	30°
Digging Depth in. (mm)	2.8 (70)	2.0 (50)
Lift Capacity to Maximum Height – Pivot Pin lbs. (kg)	940 (430)	922 (418)
Breakout Force – Pivot Pin lbs. (kg)	1,460 (660)	1,392 (631)
Lift Cylinder Diameter in. (mm)	2 x 1.57 (40)	
Bucket Cylinder Diameter in. (mm)	2 x 1.57 (40)	

Backhoe
Digging Depth in. (cm)
Max Reach in. (cm)
Bucket Digging Force lbs. (kg)
Boom Digging Force lbs. (kg)
Boom Float
Loading Height in. (cm)
Transport Height in. (cm)
Swing Arc
Bucket Rotation
Bucket Options in.

CB65	
Digging Depth in. (cm)	78 (200)
Max Reach in. (cm)	107 (270)
Bucket Digging Force lbs. (kg)	2,476 (1,123)
Boom Digging Force lbs. (kg)	1,748 (793)
Boom Float	Yes
Loading Height in. (cm)	66 (170)
Transport Height in. (cm)	71 (180)
Swing Arc	150°
Bucket Rotation	177°
Bucket Options in.	10 12 16



For more information on available attachments, please visit www.masseyferguson.us



AGENDA ITEM 10:**ADDITIONAL AND REVISED ALLOCATION OF FY 2021 HOME & COMMUNITY CARE
BLOCK GRANT (H&CCBG) FUNDS****MANAGER'S COMMENTS:**

Ms. Angie Boitnotte, Project on Aging Director, will request the Board revise the original allocation of the Home and Community Care Block Grant (H&CCBG) approved June 1, 2021.

Ms. Angie Boitnotte, Project on Aging Director, will request the Board revise the original allocation of the Home and Community Care Block Grant (H&CCBG) approved June 1, 2021. The FY 21 allocation was \$293,576, which required a local match of \$32,619. The Project on Aging received additional H&CCBG funds with the final allocation of \$307,546 (+\$13,970) which required a local match of \$34,172 (+\$1,553). The local match is present in the current budget.

Board action is required to approve the revised Home and Community Care Block Grant (H&CCBG) as presented in the packet.



Watauga County Project on Aging

132 Poplar Grove Connector, Suite A • Boone, North Carolina 28607

Website: www.wataugacounty.org/aging angie.boitnotte@watgov.org

Telephone 828-265-8090 Fax 828-264-2060 TTY 1-800-735-2962 Voice 1-800-735-8262 or 711

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deron Geouque, County Manager

FROM: Angie Boitnotte, Director

DATE: August 4, 2021

SUBJ: Additional Funds and Revised Allocation of FY21 Home and Community Care Block Grant Funds

The Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) allocation for FY21 was \$293,576, which required a local match of \$32,619. The Project on Aging received additional HCCBG funds at the close of the fiscal year, due to other providers in the region having unspent funds.

The final allocation was \$307,546 (+\$13,970) which required a local match of \$34,172 (+\$1,553).

The revised allocation is as follows:

HCCBG Service	HCCBG Allocation	Match
In-Home Aide Level I	\$87,221	\$9,691
In-Home Aide Level II	\$63,105	\$7,012
Congregate Meals (drive-thru)	\$39,469	\$4,385
Congregate Meals (dining room)	\$3,056	\$340
Home Delivered Meals	\$109,546	\$12,172
Transportation	\$5,149	\$572

I plan to be present for discussion or questions.

cc: Karin Bare, Administrative Assistant II

NAME AND ADDRESS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVIDER WATAUGA PROJECT ON AGING 132-A POPLAR GROVE CONNECTOR BOONE, NC 28607	Home and Community Care Block Grant for Older Adults County Funding Plan Provider Services Summary	DAAS-732 WATAUGA COUNTY July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 FY21 FINAL REVISION, DATE : 7/20/21
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Services	Ser. Delivery (Check One)		A Block Grant Funding				B Required Local Match	C Net* Serv Cost	D NSIP Subsidy	E Total Funding	F Projected HCCBG Units	G Projected Reimburse. Rate	H Projected HCCBG Clients	I Projected Total Units
	Direct	Purch.	Access	In-Home	Other	Total								
	Transportation (250)		X	5149			5149	572	5721		5721	592	9.7311	21
Congregate (180)	X				3056	3056	340	3396	378	3774	504	7.2447	76	504
Home Delivered Meals (020)	X				109546	109546	12172	121718	11003	132721	14671	8.9793	125	14671
Congregate (185)	X				39469	39469	4385	43854	4655	48510	6207	7.2382	127	6207
In-Home Aide Level I (041)	X			87221		87221	9691	96912		96912	4056	24.3973	102	4056
In-Home Aide Level II (042)	X			63105		63105	7012	70117		70117	2735	26.0179	41	2735
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Total	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	5149	150326	152071	307546	34172	341718	16037	357754	28765	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	492	28765

*Adult Day Care & Adult Day Health Care Net Service Cost

	ADC	ADHC
Daily Care	_____	_____
Administrative	_____	_____
Net Ser. Cost Total	_____	_____

Certification of required minimum local match availability.
Required local match will be expended simultaneously
with Block Grant Funding.

Signature, County Finance Officer Date

Authorized Signature, Title Date
Community Service Provider

Signature, Chairman, Board of Commissioners Date

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AGENDA ITEM 11:

TAX MONTHLY COLLECTIONS REPORT

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Larry Warren, Tax Administrator, will present the Monthly Collections Report and be available for questions and discussion.

The report is for information only; therefore, no action is required.

Monthly Collections Report**Watauga County**

Bank deposits of the following amounts have been made and credited to the account of Watauga County. The reported totals do not include small shortages and overages reported to the Watauga County Finance Officer

Monthly Report July 2021

	<u>Current Month Collections</u>	<u>Current Month Percentage</u>	<u>Current FY Collections</u>	<u>Current FY Percentage</u>	<u>Previous FY Percentage</u>
<u>General County</u>					
Taxes 2021	3,540.85		3,540.85		
Prior Year Taxes	60,047.43		60,047.43		
Solid Waste User Fees	10,606.77		10,606.77		
Green Box Fees	61.18		61.18		
Total County Funds	\$74,256.23		\$74,256.23		
<u>Fire Districts</u>					
Foscoe Fire	563.53		563.53		
Boone Fire	2,181.75		2,181.75		
Fall Creek Service Dist.	0.00		0.00		
Beaver Dam Fire	280.09		280.09		
Stewart Simmons Fire	375.78		375.78		
Zionville Fire	360.38		360.38		
Cove Creek Fire	329.60		329.60		
Shawneehaw Fire	438.66		438.66		
Meat Camp Fire	89.63		89.63		
Deep Gap Fire	1,394.02		1,394.02		
Todd Fire	14.47		14.47		
Blowing Rock Fire	743.60		743.60		
M.C. Creston Fire	0.00		0.00		
Foscoe Service District	0.00		0.00		
Beech Mtn. Service Dist.	0.00		0.00		
Cove Creek Service Dist.	0.00		0.00		
Shawneehaw Service Dist	21.97		21.97		
	\$6,793.48		\$6,793.48		
<u>Towns</u>					
Boone	8,640.13	NA	8,640.13	NA	
Municipal Services	157.52	NA	157.52	NA	
Boone MV Fee	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Blowing Rock	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Seven Devils	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Beech Mountain	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Total Town Taxes	\$8,797.65		\$8,797.65		
Total Amount Collected	\$89,847.36		\$89,847.36		

 Tax Collections Director

 Tax Administrator

AGENDA ITEM 12:

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Ms. Misty Watson, Finance Director, will review budget amendments as included in your packet.

Board approval is requested.



WATAUGA COUNTY
FINANCE OFFICE
814 West King St., Suite 216, Boone, NC 28607 Phone (828) 265-8007

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deron T. Geouque, County Manager
FROM: Misty Watson, Finance Director
SUBJECT: Budget Amendments
DATE: August 6, 2021

The following budget amendment requires the approval of the Watauga County Board of Commissioners. Board approval is requested.

<u>Account #</u>		<u>Description</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
313839	395123	Fines and Forfeitures		210,000
315911	463200	Watauga County Board of Education	210,000	

NC GS 115C-452 requires all fines and forfeitures collected by the state court system and local governments be remitted to counties and apportioned to the school district and budgeted.

323341	395124	Deeds of Trust - permits and fees		72,000
324180	463210	Distributions to State of N.C.	72,000	

The Register of Deeds office collects fees for filing a deed of trust or mortgage document. A portion of these fees are remitted monthly to the State of North Carolina and are required to be budgeted.

103200	326600	ABC bottle tax		2,152
105890	469848	Blue Ridge Mediation - ABC funds	2,152	

To record additional bottle tax funds received.

AGENDA ITEM 13:

MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. Watauga County Broadband Initiative

MANAGER’S COMMENTS:

At the August 3, 2021 meeting, the Board tabled action until the August 17, 2021 meeting for staff to provide possible projects regarding the American Recovery Plan (ARP) funding. Staff has compiled a list of potential projects listed below.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Balance of ARP Funding</u>
		Beginning Total - \$10,911,724
Detention Facility- Unbudgeted		
COVID19 Expenses	\$50,000	\$10,861,724
Broadband Initiative	\$7,000,000	\$ 3,861,724
Kill/Chill Facility	\$500,000	\$ 3,361,724
Valle Crucis Elementary School		
Water/Sewer/Stormwater	\$2,145,000	\$ 1,216,724
Workforce Housing	???	

Outside Agency Requests

OASIS – 1 Time Mortgage Relief	\$50,000
Children’s Council –	
Reoccurring Services	\$100,000
Club Twelve	
Initial	\$5,000
Reoccurring Services	\$5,000 to \$10,000

Following the August 3, 2021 meeting, staff requested BREMCO and Skyline to reduce the cost of the Broadband Initiative project or increase individuals served at no additional cost. Also, staff requested a cost estimate to serve the remaining 5% that would not be serviced by this agreement. They will be present to provide additional information.

Summary from Previous Meeting

Several areas of the county have been identified as underserved when it comes to broadband services through citizen contacts, petitions, surveys, and federal and state data. The current pandemic has amplified the lack of broadband services in areas throughout the county. The goal is to close the digital divide in our county and allow access to digital commerce, telehealth, online education, and digital media for our citizens.

The current proposal would build approximately seventy-five (75) miles of trunk fiber by Blue Ridge Energy and SkyLine/SkyBest to provide seventy-eight (78) miles of distribution fiber for

approximately 1,565 homes to access. The project would consist of four phases and be constructed over a two and half (2.5) year process. The four phases would be as followed:

- Phase 1 – Triplett/Powder Horn - would provide the largest amount of access to homes (503) and territory. 29 miles of fiber built.
- Phase 2 – Wildcat/Stoney Fork – access for 310 homes. 20 miles of fiber built.
- Phase 3 – Blackberry/Sampson -access for 252 homes. 16 miles of fiber built.
- Phase 4 – Howard’s Creek/Ray Brown/Raven Rock – access for 500 homes. 10 miles of fiber built.

The project would utilize the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) funds. The estimated cost is \$7 million dollars. The county received \$10,911,724.00 in ARP funding. A small amount of funding has been utilized to cover unbudgeted COVID19 expenses related to the detention facility. County staff is continuing to review and develop projects for the ARP funding. Broadband is one of the projects that has been identified as high priority especially in lieu of the pandemic and the need for remote learning and work. The project would increase the footprint of broadband services, address several of the underserved areas, and lay the groundwork for future expansion. An additional benefit of the project is that staff has requested a set aside of fiber for future county buildings or emergency communication towers or equipment located along the expansion.

One option for the Board would be to authorize the broadband project due to the time frame and delay a decision on the rest of the funds until further information and direction can be determined.

Staff seeks direction from the Board.



Watauga County Broadband Initiative



Brad Shields
Chief Technology Officer
Blue Ridge Energy

Chief Operating Officer
RidgeLink, LLC

Blue Ridge Energy
SkyLine/SkyBest

The Cooperative Difference

- RidgeLink and SkyBest Communications are wholly-owned subsidiaries of local member-owned cooperatives
- Providing excellent member service to this region for a combined 155 years
 - - Blue Ridge Energy since 1936
 - - SkyLine Membership Corp. since 1961
- Top regional employers with dedicated local staff
- Demonstrated commitment to community through grants to improve local quality of life, scholarships and economic development support





BlueRidge
ENERGY

RidgeLink,LLC



Fiber Optic Business

- Providing fiber optic service since 2001
- 570 miles of high count fiber optic trunk routes
- Currently deploying broadband with SkyBest in Caldwell County as part of the NC GREAT Grant.

Watauga Broadband Advantages



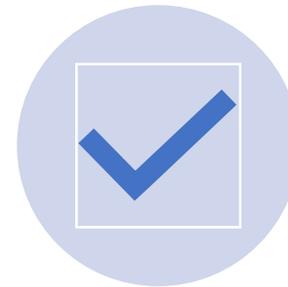
Great economic growth opportunity



County will receive 12 fibers on the trunk route to expand Emergency Management opportunities



Laying the infrastructure for future growth



Providing an opportunity for competition in areas with no competition

Broadband Deployment (*Underserved Areas*)

Blue Ridge Energy will provide the trunk fiber (highway)

SkyLine/SkyBest will provide the distribution fiber and fiber to the home solutions.

Phased approach for underserved citizens (members)

3 years of construction

75 miles of Blue Ridge fiber and 1565 homes touched

Attorney recommendation and sample contract pending

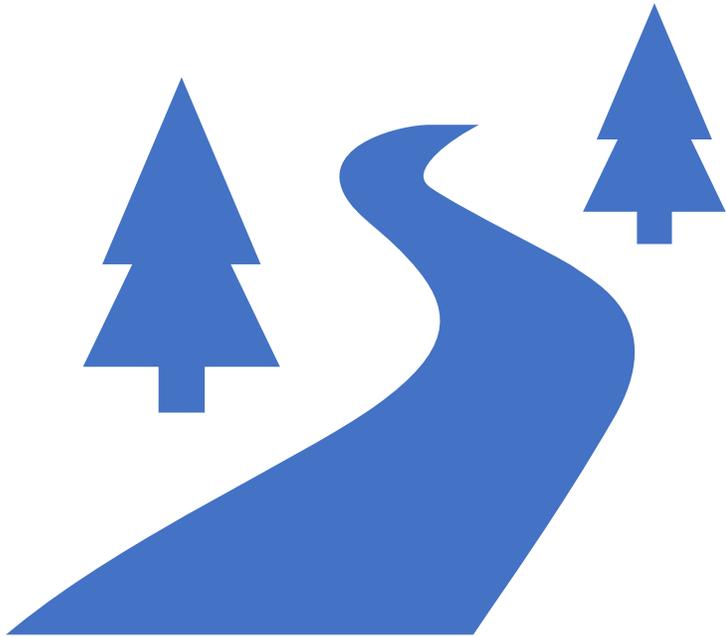
Phased Approach

Phase 1 – Triplett/Powder Horn – the largest area serving the most homes – 29 miles of fiber construction, 503 homes

Phase 2 – Wildcat/Stoney Fork – 20 miles of fiber construction, 310 homes

Phase 3 – Blackberry/Sampson - 16 miles of fiber, 252 homes

Phase 4 – Howard's Creek, Ray Brown, Raven Rock – 10 miles of fiber, 500 homes



Construction Challenges

- Completing in the timeframe needed
 - Would like a decision by the end of September, 2021
- Blue Ridge Parkway Crossings:
 - Holloway Mountain Road
 - Aho Road
 - Blackberry Road
 - Elk Creek Road
- Material availability – fiber optic cable and hardware – 50 weeks backorder on some products

Watauga County Broadband Expansion

August 2021

By: Robbie Farmer

Our Company



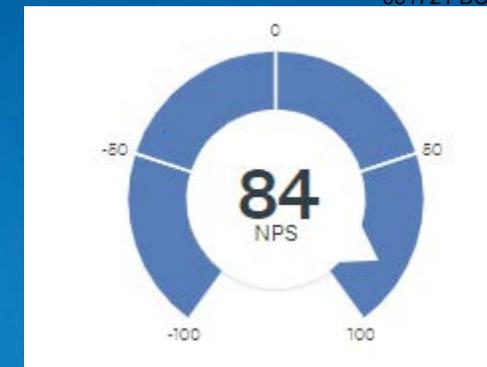
- ILEC established in 1951. Celebrating our 70th year.
- Largest of eight telephone cooperatives in North Carolina.
- 13 exchanges serving over 30,000 access lines and over 26,000 Internet subscribers.
- Serves five counties in Northwestern North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee.
- 840 square mile service area.
- Just over 130 employees.
- SkyBest Communications: Established in 1998 as the Competitive arm (CLEC) of our company. Began offering service in Boone in 2008.
- Committed to broadband - More than 26,000 Internet customers today and over 20,000 customers served with fiber today.
- Our Mission is to provide state of the art communications and technology solutions enabled by a culture of excellence in customer service.

Our Network

- Staff dedicated to creating the area's best subscriber network so that our customers communications are reliable and secure.
- Viewed as a pioneer and leader in this space - we've invested over \$200 million in our network with more than 2,500 miles of fiber in service.
- We began placing fiber in our network over 35 years ago and have the most extensive customer-facing fiber network in the high country.
- More than 98 percent of our service area is covered by fiber facilities. This gives us tremendous power and flexibility in what we can offer our customers while making a positive impact on our local economy – increasing home values and providing local businesses with powerful connectivity.
- Our facilities include 13 Central Offices – Five in Ashe County, Three in Alleghany, Two in Watauga, Two in Avery and one in Shady Valley.
- Over 160 remotes hanging off of these Central Offices that push our services closer to our customers.
- All of our CO's and Remotes reside on intelligent self-healing fiber optic rings.

Interesting Statistics

- Over 30,000 customers.
- Over 26,000 Internet customers.
- Over 22,000 operational ONT's.
- Over 10,000 video customers.
- Over 300 video channels.
- Well over 160 sites (CO's, Remotes, Cell Sites, etc.).
- Spread across 5 counties.
- Supported and maintained by 1 local team.
- Finished 2020 with a NPS of 84 well above the industry average of 24



Recent Fiber Builds in Underserved Areas of Watauga County

- Walter Nielson / Big Hill
- Howard's Creek
- Highway 194
- Timber Lakes Drive
- River Road
- Winkler Creek
- Castle Ford Remote



Project Highlights

- 78 Miles of Construction
- 4 Remote Equipment Buildings
- 3 Remote Electronic Shelves
- 8 Field Cabinets
- 939 Projected Service Drops and Installations



Service Offerings

- Symmetrical Broadband Internet
 - Speeds up to 1 Gbps, that's 1,000 Mbps of download & upload
- Local and Long Distance Voice Service
 - With a full suite of premium calling features available
- IPTV Television Services with Competitive Lineups
 - Full streaming options available for those looking to “cut the cord”
- Security and Surveillance Systems
 - FREE onsite consultation

Project Challenges

- A significant portion of the distribution will be on private roadways. POA and/or individual property owner permissions will be required.
- Material Lead Times
 - Fiber Optic Cable – 26 to 52 Weeks
 - Remote Electronics – 18 Weeks
 - Home Electronics – 50 Weeks
 - Fiber Optic Pedestals – 35 Weeks

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AGENDA ITEM 13:

MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

B. Boards and Commissions

Valle Crucis Historic Preservation Commission

The Valle Crucis Historic Preservation Commission terms begin and expire during the month of September. There is an expiring term this September, 2021. Erin Welsh's three-year term expires. She would like to continue to serve and requests to be reappointed. This is a first reading.

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MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

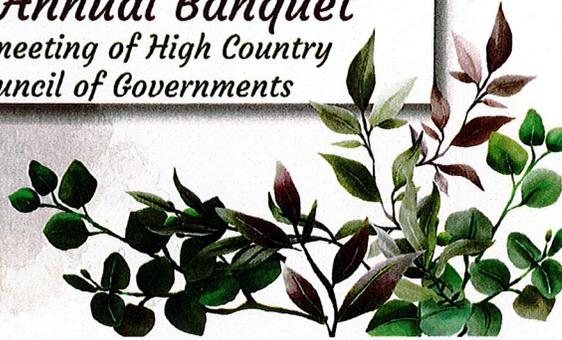
C. Announcements

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

The High Country Council of Governments' 46th Annual Banquet is scheduled for Friday, September 10, 2021, at Linville Ridge. Please let Anita know if you plan attend prior to the RSVP deadline of August 27, 2021.



*You are cordially invited to the
46th Annual Banquet
and meeting of High Country
Council of Governments*



Event Details

Cost

\$50.00 Per Person

Date and Location

Friday, September 10, 2021
Club House Dining Room
Linville Ridge Resort

RSVP Deadline
August 27, 2021

Schedule of Events

Reception (Cash Bar)
6:00 - 7:00pm

Presentation of Awards
7:00 - 7:30pm

Buffet Dinner
7:30 - 8:30pm

Networking
8:30 - 10:00pm



Important Information

- ◆ Refunds can be given if cancellations are provided prior to RSVP deadline of August 27, 2021
- ◆ If your guest is not being paid for by your local government entity or organization, please remit payment with RSVP.
- ◆ There is a strict cap for seating capacity. Please respect RSVP deadline.
- ◆ We are unable to accept payments of any kind at the door.
- ◆ Valet parking included.
- ◆ Directions: From Gate House follow yellow stripe in road to Club House Dining Room on the right.
- ◆ Questions? Please contact Victoria at 828-265-5434 x.101 or vpotter@hccog.org.



AGENDA ITEM 15:

PUBLIC COMMENT

AGENDA ITEM 16:

BREAK

AGENDA ITEM 17:

CLOSED SESSION

Attorney/Client Matters – G. S. 143-318.11(a)(3)
Personnel Matters – G. S. 143-318.11(a)(6)