



Caldwell County
North Carolina
Board of Commissioners Meeting

April 10, 2023 at 6:00 PM
City-County Chambers
905 West Avenue NW, Lenoir

MINUTES

Attendance:

Randy Church, Chairman
Mike LaBrose, Vice Chairman
Jeff Branch, Commissioner
Donnie Potter, Commissioner
Robbie Wilkie, Commissioner
David Lackey, County Attorney
Donald Duncan, County Manager
Abby Rich, County Clerk

Call to Order

Chairman Church called the April 10, 2023 Board of Commissioners Meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Public Comment Period

There were no individuals signed up to speak during the public comment period.

Invocation

Micah Still, Youth Director for Temple Baptist Church provided the invocation for those in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Jeff Branch led the Pledge of Allegiance for those in attendance.

Agenda Amendments from the Board, Manager & Public

The County Manager informed the Board of one amendment to the agenda. This amendment was Item 3, A Proclamation for Clean Caldwell. Vice-Chairman LaBrose made the motion to adopt the agenda as the County Manager had presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Items

1. Road Name Change from Yount Pl. to Wilcox Way

Chairman Church introduced Micah Kelly, GIS Administrator. Mr. Kelly informed the Board that the requested name change would be from Yount Pl. to Wilcox Way. Chairman Church declared the Public Hearing open. With no individuals being signed up to speak, the public hearing was declared closed. Commissioner Wilkie made the motion to adopt the road name change from Yount Pl. to Wilcox Way. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Recognizing April, 2023 as Public Health Month

Chairman Church introduced Caldwell County Health Director, Anna Martin. Ms. Martin thanked the Board for what they do for public health. Ms. Martin read through the proclamation for those in attendance. Chairman Church thanked Ms. Martin and her team for all that they do for public health and made the motion to adopt the proclamation as it was read by Ms. Martin. Commissioner Potter echoed thanks to the Health Department and noted that the Health Department has done great things. Vice-Chairman LaBrose also provided thanks to the Health Department.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. A Clean Caldwell 2023

Waste Management Educator, Mallory Keller, came before the Board to read the Proclamation for A Clean Caldwell 2023. Commissioner Potter provided thanks to Ms. Keller for what she is doing in the schools and the County. Commissioner Potter then made the motion to adopt the proclamation

as read.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Church asked Ms. Keller to provide information about what her role is and what she is doing within her capacity.

Ms. Keller was able to provide information about her time in this position and the opportunities that she had been presented in her role. Ms. Keller continued by providing information about how individuals could sign up to assist with Clean Caldwell.

The Chairman thanked Mallory for what she is doing and the education that she is providing.

4. **myFutureNC**

Kim Case came to the podium to present information about myFutureNC. Ms. Case is requesting that the County join the efforts of myFutureNC. The goal of myFutureNC is for 2 million North Carolinian individuals aged 25-44 to hold an industry-valued credential or postsecondary degree by 2030. Ms. Case explained that this is any degree that lets an individual hold a high valued position and does not have to be a 4-year degree. Ms. Case told the Board that they are currently 444,000 individuals short of their 2 million individual goal.

myFutureNC has a leadership team of 62 members from 37 North Carolina counties on its advisory board. Ms. Case told the Board that local collaboration is the way they would meet the goal. Ms. Case continued by saying that for every 100 North Carolina 9th graders that start on a post-secondary pathway, approximately 1/3 of those did not complete that pathway. Ms. Case indicated that the Board received a local attainment profile in their packets and reviewed the 18 key performance indicators. Ms. Case reviewed those indicators with the Board and also noted the County and State opportunities for growth. One noted statistic for the Catawba Valley Region is that 1 in every 9, 16-24 year olds is not in school or working. Ms. Case indicated that two priorities moving forward are career planning and R.A.I.S.E. scholarships.

Ms. Case asked if there were any questions of the Board. Commissioner Branch asked if there was any financial obligation from the County. Ms. Case told Commissioner Branch that there is no set financial obligation and that the partnership can be completely collaborative. Vice-Chairman LaBrose stated that this effort brings together what the County, CCC&TI, and Caldwell County Schools are already doing. He said this helps to focus on the attainment instead of it being scattered. This is one goal and will assist in filling the vacant jobs across the County.

Ms. Case read the proposed resolution for those in attendance.

Vice-Chairman LaBrose made the motion to adopt the resolution to support the myFutureNC attainment goal.

The Chairman asked if there was a movement for better FAFSA and Pell Grants for more credit-based careers. Ms. Case told the Board that these are included in the R.A.I.S.E. scholarships that are a part of this program with myFutureNC.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. **Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing for Guest House**

Chairman Church introduced Caldwell County Planning Director, Shelley Stevens, and turned the meeting over to County Attorney, David Lackey.

The County Attorney asked the County Clerk, Abby Rich, if there were any individuals signed up to speak on this matter. Ms. Rich replied that there were no individuals signed up. The County Attorney then asked those in attendance if there was anyone that had not signed up, but wished to speak on the matter. The applicant in attendance stated that he was satisfied with Ms. Stevens' testimony. Ms. Stevens was then sworn in by the County Clerk.

The County Attorney told the Board that he has provided them with a copy of the particular requirements for a guest house special use permit and a copy of the findings that apply to any special use permit. The County Attorney then asked Ms. Stevens to identify herself, state her position with Caldwell County and provide her credentials along with any experience in land use planning.

Ms. Stevens identified herself as Shelley Stevens, Caldwell County Planning Director. Ms. Stevens provided that she has a Bachelor's in Arts in Public Policy, a Master's Degree in Urban Planning, and her experience includes about 10 years of experience in planning, with most of the experience being in the public sector, but a little bit being in the private sector.

The County Attorney asked Ms. Stevens to tell about the application and her review of the application, specifically how it does or does not comply with the requirements of the ordinance.

Ms. Stevens provided that James Michael Bridges is the applicant and he is in attendance and is the property owner. Ms. Stevens stated that the location of the request is 6020 Rocky Mt. Road and this location is in the unincorporated area of Caldwell County outside of the cities. Ms. Stevens continued by saying that the location is in the Southeastern portion of Caldwell County and is adjacent to Lake Hickory. Ms. Stevens indicated that the acreage of the parcel where the guest house would be is 8.17 according to GIS and its zoned residential agricultural, which is for single family residences and agricultural uses mostly. Ms. Stevens said that the surrounding parcels are also zoned the same.

Ms. Stevens then provided images of the site plan showing what the applicant is proposing to build on the 8.17 acre parcel. Ms. Stevens then provided where the main house and guest house would be located on the parcel. Ms. Stevens told the Board that the house would be facing Lake Hickory to the South and behind the house there would be a concrete parking area with a garage to the left. The guesthouse would be in the rear yard of the home. Ms. Stevens showed the Board an image of the home from GIS. Ms. Stevens told the Board that this is an older image and that there is not a house there currently. Ms. Stevens then showed a newer image from Nearmap. This photo showed where there is current construction on the mainhouse that has already been permitted. Ms. Stevens provided that the guesthouse itself will be 1292 square feet, which is 21% of the total square footage of the house according to the application. Per Ms. Stevens, this is an allowed special use as the County Attorney mentioned when he referenced the conditions as listed in the zoning ordinance for the residential-agricultural district. Ms. Stevens told the Board that both she and the Planning Board looked at the conditions in the zoning ordinance and that the application does meet those conditions that are listed in the zoning ordinance in section ADC .2 (e). This can be referenced on the Planning Department's website.

Ms. Stevens continued by telling the Board that there is access to public water at the proposed site. She also told the Board that they would be completing a fact-finding process as they always do with a special use permit during the Quais-Judicial Hearing, to determine if the use meets the requirements of the zoning ordinance and if it is allowed or not. Ms. Stevens stated that at this time there is not any evidence obtained by the Planning Board or Planning staff that indicates that this special use would negatively impact the health, safety, or welfare of the community. Ms. Stevens said that the applicant may provide testimony or other evidence during this hearing if they would like, but the application can serve as the piece of evidence that they want to use if they would like. Ms. Stevens said that, additionally, other individuals are welcome to speak during the hearing if they wish and this would also be considered as evidence regarding whether the application meets all requirements in regard to the health, safety, and welfare of the community. Since there were no individuals signed up to speak, Ms. Stevens briefly reviewed the conditions that the Board has a copy of. The guest house needs to be in the rear yard, needs to be a similar architectural style to the house, needs to meet the setbacks of the primary structure, and because this would be similar to a two-family dwelling, there would need to be another 10,000 square feet added to the parcel, but the parcel greatly exceeds this. The application meets all of these requirements. Ms. Stevens stated that it is the belief of herself and the Planning Board that the applicant has met all of the conditions of the special use permit requirements in the zoning ordinance to get this special use permit, and the Planning Board does recommend the approval of the special use permit.

Commissioner Branch stated that this seems like a "no brainer" to him because they met all of the requirements and there was no one that spoke in opposition to the special use.

The testimony period ended.

Commissioner Jeff Branch made the motion to approve the special use permit. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **Digital Access Plan**

Duncan Cavanaugh from the WPCOG came before the Board to present on the potential for broadband expansion in the area. The opportunity for this comes from State funding. Mr. Cavanaugh explained that there was a workshop held to identify areas where WI-FI is currently available and where there are public hotspot points. This plan is focused on expanding broadband accessibility for individuals. Mr. Cavanaugh also told the Board that there are discounted subscription services for individuals who may need assistance, as there is a large cost barrier for individuals who need broadband access. Mr. Cavanaugh continued his presentation and also noted that there will be a wide angle approach used to benefit from the grant funding that is coming. After noting a few more areas where funding can be used, Mr. Cavanaugh completed his presentation.

There were no questions from the Board for Mr. Cavanaugh, but Chairman Church said that broadband has been an issue for a long time in Caldwell County. Specifically, in the Yadkin Valley and Collettsville areas.

There was a brief discussion held about supply chain issues.

Chairman Church said that he appreciates their efforts.

7. **Facilities Service Report for 2022**

Facilities Services Director, Bryan Davis, came before the Board to provide an overview of facilities services operations. Mr. Davis provided an overview of the Facilities Services department. Mr. Davis told the Board that there are 40 buildings to maintain, equating to 442,312 square feet and 4 tower sites. Facilities Services is responsible for plumbing, electrical, HVAC, etc., and there are 45 parcels they are responsible for. Two of these are leased parcels, those being the old animal shelter and the convenience site in Buffalo shoals. There are over 20 acres of concrete to be maintained. Mr. Davis continues by saying that Facilities Services is wanting to increase the amount of recyclables collected at the convince sites. Mr. Davis explained that there is a large change in the number of electronics that are disposed of. Electronics are now smaller and this reduces the number being shipped. This has allowed prices to decrease as well. Mr. Davis said that changing to a new vendor has allowed for savings because some computer electronics can be recycled and the vendor will pay for those instead of charging for them.

Commissioner Potter mentioned that there is no place to dispose of building materials and asked if there was any progress on accommodating for this. Mr. Davis stated that he has been in discussion with Republic Service about putting out open top receptacles, but there's some safety concerns with doing that. Mr. Davis said that they are discussing making the Cheraw site a mega site to dispose easily of larger items such as couches. Commissioner Potter said that there have been comments made about how good the sites look and the Chairman asked if they are looking at security measures for the convenience sites. Mr. Davis told the Board that he has been working with I.T. to look for a solution for a wireless security option. Commissioner Potter told Mr. Davis that they have done a great job with reducing the amount of illegal dumping of trash and the efforts don't go unnoticed.

The Board thanked Mr. Davis.

8. **Regarding Purchase of Property Pursuant to General Statute 158-7.1 Economic Development**

Chairman Church turned the meeting over to the County Manager, Donald Duncan, to present. The County Manager told the Board that he would be placing items 8, 9, 10, and 11 together as one item, but action would need to be taken on each of those. The County Manager stated that we would need to open the public hearing pursuant to General Statute 158-7.1. Chairman Church declared the public hearing open. There were no individuals signed up to speak on the matter. The County Manager began by telling the Board that there are visitors in attendance from the Town of Cahah's Mountain. He continued by saying that one of the requests that was made not long after he began working for Caldwell County was to find an adequate EMS base location in the Southwestern portion of the County because it is a fast growing portion of the County. The County Manager explained that they were able to identify the proposed site after it had been used by the Sheriff's Office for training. After negotiating with Valdese Hospital, they offered to sell the entire property along with the building, and the County Manager explained that this would be more space than needed. He continued by saying that there was an idea to use the remaining 14 acres

of the property for a partnership as an act of economic development. The County has sought input from outside specialists to determine how to best use land that the County owns. The County Manager noted that there is currently a housing shortage in the County.

The property is located at 1901 Connelly Springs Road, Lenoir. The County Manager showed the Board various aerial photos of the property and noted that the property has flat terrain. The property has connections to the sewer in Cahah's Mountain and already has access to water and natural gas on the site. The County Manager continued by showing photos of the exterior of the building and floorplans of the building. With improvements, the building will be made into an EMS base with a large bay, room to accommodate multiple crews, and will include training rooms for EMS. The training rooms will provide a set up to model specific training scenarios. There will be one room that will house a full-sized ambulance box as well. In addition to this, there will be offices, restrooms, and a restocking area. The County Manager said that this will be a big investment for the County. There is at least 10 usable acres.

There is a suggestion to put a high-density residency area in the back of the property. The County Manager showed a potential rendering of this residential area. It was expressed that this is simply a potential use for this area and that there are no finalized plans as of now.

The County Manager continued by saying that the next part of this item is the potential for an interlocal agreement with the Town of Cahah's Mountain. This agreement says that the County will buy the property, redesign, rebuild, remodel, and build the EMS base, and the Town of Cahah's Mountain will make a contribution to the County to support this effort. There will be a long-term commitment to this site, for the length of 35 years.

The next portion of this item would be to approve the contract with Valdese Memorial Hospital for the purchase of the property in Cahah's Mountain for the amount of \$625,000. Valdese Memorial has only asked that if the County were to sell the building, the County would give Valdese Memorial the first option to purchase before it's placed on the market.

The County Manager continued with the last phase, an RFQ for this project. This will be a proposal to solicit construction firms to come and make a proposal to the County. The members of these firms would then come to be interviewed. The County Manager stated that we would need to interview at least 3, but that 4 or 5 would more than likely be interviewed. Once a firm is selected, the County will enter into a contract negotiation. Once the contract for design and construction services has been negotiated, then the design process will begin. The goal is to begin construction this winter and hopefully move into the building in late summer/early fall of 2024.

The Mayor of Cahah's Mtn came to speak and said that they have been working towards getting an EMS Base and they think it would be beneficial to the citizens. Setzer said that every minute is crucial in emergency response. He thanked the Board for their efforts in getting an EMS base in the area. Chairman Church noted that he is glad that the County will be able to provide this service and acknowledged Valdese Hospital for their willingness to sell the property. Commissioner Branch asked how the purchase would be funded. The County Manager explained that there is an outstanding loan left from the Animal Care Shelter and, since the County received a grant for the shelter from the General Assembly, the County has approximately 3.7 Million dollars in loan proceeds that can be put towards this project and others if the Board sees fit. The County Manager further explained that if the County were to renew that loan today under the current interest rates, it would cost tax payers another \$500,000.

The County Manager made mention of one thing that he forgot in his presentation: there is the ability to enclose a portion of the building for a satellite Sheriff's office. Commissioner Branch said that the County could make money back from selling the back portion of the property. The County Manager returned stating that it just depends on what the Board would like to do with the property. Chairman Church asked if there was some potential revenue stream there. The County Manager confirmed that there is potential there for revenue.

Commissioner Potter thanked the Mayor of Cahah's Mountain and the Cahah's Mountain City Council for their persistence and focus on this project for so many years. Commissioner Potter continued by saying that this would not have happened without their partnership. He then thanked Cahah's Mountain again for their investment and

partnership with this project.

Chairman Church declared the public hearing closed.

Commissioner Potter made the motion to purchase the property that has been described to the Board under the terms that have been described.
The motion carried unanimously.

- 9. Interlocal Agreement Between Caldwell County and Cahah's Mountain**
Commissioner Wilkie made the motion to enter into the interlocal agreement between Caldwell County and Cahah's Mountain.
The motion carried unanimously.

- 10. Approval of Contract to Purchase Property in Cahah's Mountain**
Commissioner Potter made the motion to approve the contract to purchase the property in Cahah's Mountain from Blue Ridge Healthcare Hospitals Incorporated of North Carolina.
The motion carried unanimously.

11. Cahah Mountain Land Purchase for EMS Base

Commissioner Branch made the motion to approve the budget amendment for the land purchase for the EMS base.
The motion carried unanimously.

Consent

Donald went through the items on the consent agenda.

12. Approval of Minutes from March 13th Meeting

13. DSS- Additional APS Essential Services Program Funds

DSS has recieved an additional amount of \$9,000 in ADS Essential Service Program Funds.

14. Building Inspections Software

\$10,000 will be used from building service fees to cover this cost.

15. Health Department Additional Grant Funding for Sanitation

The Health Department received an additional \$3,800 for sanitation. The Chairman noted that this will be used for the additional training that is needed for individuals who conduct inspections at restaurants.

16. Fireworks Application for Tri-County Motor Speedway

The event will be held May 27th, 2023.

17. Fireworks Application for Town of Sawmills

The event will be held May 13th, 2023.

18. Appointment of Kayla Dillard to JCPC Effective July 1st, 2023

19. Appointmnet of Hannah Williams as a Plat Review Officer for the City of Lenoir

20. Acceptance of Grant Awarded by the Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service

The grant amount is \$14,000 to be used for environmental customer service.

21. Resolution Requesting Tax Exemption from NC General Assembly

The County Manager stated that the County pays this money and then has to file to get it back. He noted that this would be a great help to smaller non-profits and fire departments.

Vice-Chairman LaBrose made the motion to accept the consent agenda as the County Manager has presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

Commissioner Potter wanted to recognize our telecommunicators for all they do for the County. Commissioner Potter said that we have a great team and once again he wanted to thank them for all they do.

With there being no more business to attend to, Commissioner Potter made the motion to adjourn at 7:42 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION

01-2023



**BY THE CALDWELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2023
AS PUBLIC HEALTH MONTH**

WHEREAS, the week of April 3, 2023, is National Public Health Week; and April 2023 Public Health Month; and,

WHEREAS, in 2020, the life expectancy at birth for the population of the United States declined by 1.5 years, which is the largest drop in life expectancy since 1943; and,

WHEREAS, many of the leading causes of death for individuals in the United States result from chronic conditions, which are among the most common, costly, and preventable of all health challenges; and,

WHEREAS, there are significant differences in the health status of individuals living in the healthiest States and those living in the least healthy States, including differences in obesity rates, the prevalence of chronic disease, and the prevalence of infectious disease; and,

WHEREAS, over 47,500 lives were lost due to suicide in 2019, and in May 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, despite significant progress in reducing the infant mortality rate in the United States to a historic low of 5.6 infant deaths per 1,000 live births in 2019, the infant mortality rate in the United States still greatly varies among States; and,

WHEREAS, women die from pregnancy-related complications in the United States at a higher rate than in many other developed countries, and an estimated 60 percent of maternal deaths in the United States are preventable; and,

WHEREAS, there were an estimated 100,306 drug overdose deaths in the United States during the 12-month period ending in April 2021, the highest level ever recorded during a 12-month period; and,

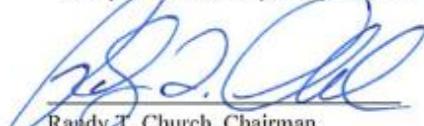
WHEREAS, vaccination is one of the most significant public health achievements in history and has resulted in substantial decreases in the number of cases, hospitalizations, and deaths associated with vaccine-preventable diseases; and,

WHEREAS, public health professionals help communities prevent, prepare for, mitigate, and recover from the impact of a full range of health threats, including disease outbreaks, such as the COVID-19 pandemic; natural disasters, such as wildfires, flooding, and severe storms; and public health emergencies; and,

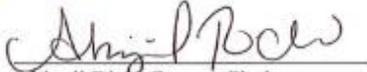
WHEREAS, efforts to adequately support public health and the prevention of disease and injury can continue to transform a health system focused on treating illness into a health system focused on preventing disease and injury and promoting wellness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Randy Church, Chairman of the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of Caldwell County, NC, on this 10th day of April, 2023 do hereby proclaim the week of April 3, 2023, as National Public Health Week 2023 in Caldwell County and April 2023 as Public Health Month, call upon the people of Caldwell County to observe this month by helping our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and leaders to better understand the value of public health and supporting great opportunities to adopt preventive lifestyle habits.

Adopted this 10th day of April 2023.



Randy T. Church, Chairman



Abigail Rich, County Clerk

Proclamation

02-2023

Declaring May 13th, 2023 "A Clean Caldwell"

Roadside and Waterway Litter Pickup Day



WHEREAS, Caldwell County is committed to maintaining clean and beautiful communities for residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, litter along our roadsides and waterways not only mars the natural beauty of our landscapes, but also poses a threat to the health and safety of our environment, wildlife, and citizens; and

WHEREAS, Caldwell County recognizes the importance of community action in addressing the issue of litter and promoting environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, roadside cleanup efforts will improve the aesthetic appeal of Caldwell County, increase awareness of the need for cleaner roadsides, and emphasize the importance of not littering; and

WHEREAS, a clean and healthy environment is essential to the well-being and prosperity of our communities;

WHEREAS, the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners urge all citizens of Caldwell County to join together in a coordinated effort to pick up litter along our roadsides and waterways. By working together, we can make a significant impact in cleaning up our communities and protecting our environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, the, Caldwell County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 13, 2023, as the third annual "A Clean Caldwell Roadside and Waterway Litter Pickup Day."

We encourage all individuals, community groups, and organizations to participate in this important event, and we thank you in advance for your commitment to keeping Caldwell County beautiful and sustainable.

Adopted this 10th day of April, 2023.

Randy T. Church, Chairman

Attest
Abigail Rich, Clerk

RESOLUTION

05-2023

**Resolution to Support the myFutureNC Attainment Goal**

WHEREAS, myFutureNC is a statewide non-profit organization focused on educational attainment and is the result of cross-sector collaboration between North Carolina leaders in education, business and government; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has the goal that 2 million North Carolinians will have a high-quality credential or postsecondary degree by 2030; and

WHEREAS, Caldwell County is committed to ensuring that 51% of individuals ages 25 - 44 have a postsecondary degree or credential by 2030; and

WHEREAS, Caldwell County agrees that North Carolina faces a gap between the projected needs for citizens with high-quality credentials or postsecondary degrees and the attainment of those high-quality credentials or postsecondary degrees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Caldwell County supports and endorses the attainment goal of myFutureNC that 2 million North Carolinians should have a high-quality credential or postsecondary degree by 2030; and

Caldwell County supports and adopts the local educational attainment goal of 11,149 individuals with a high-quality credential or postsecondary degree by 2030 in Caldwell County; and

Caldwell County along with leaders in business, education, state and local government, and community organizations will continue to foster collaboration to achieve the goal by developing an action plan, defining success with measurable outcomes, executing on the action plan, and sharing successful practices with MyFutureNC and peer communities.

Adopted this the 10th day of April, 2023.

Randy T. Church, Chairman

Abigail Rich, County Clerk

RESOLUTION

04-23



**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE
NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO
MAKE COUNTIES, CITIES, AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS TAX EXEMPT**

WHEREAS, sale to North Carolina Counties, cities, public school systems, and other political subdivisions are subject to applicable rates of sales and use tax ("sales tax"); and

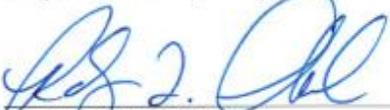
WHEREAS, these political subdivisions must pay sales taxes and then submit application to the State to receive an annual refund for the sales taxes paid on the purchase of electricity, natural gas, telecommunication services and certain other property and services according to the NC Sales and Use Tax Bulletin Section 37-1 (A), 74-4, and 74-5; and

WHEREAS, the public schools are eligible for refunds only from the state portion of sales tax paid (4.25%); and

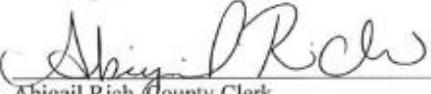
WHEREAS, it would be efficient and cost effective if the counties and public schools are tax exempt and not required to pay sales tax and then seek reimbursement which is a time-consuming process.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners requests the North Carolina General Assembly to make NC counties, cities, and public schools tax exempt from paying sales and use taxes.

Adopted this 10th day of April 2023.



Randy T. Church, Chairman



Abigail Rich, County Clerk