



Caldwell County  
North Carolina  
**Board of Commissioners Meeting**

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August 14, 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 August 14, 2023, meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

### Public Comment Period

Several members of the community surrounding Turner Rd. in Granite Falls came to the podium to speak.

Those individuals were:

Jarett Pritchard  
Rodney Stone  
Vickie Triplett  
Terell Miller  
Cathy Hendrix  
Wendy Stone  
Robin Little  
Jason Adams

These individuals came to express their concerns about drug usage in the area and told the Board that there was a specific house that had a large number of individuals who were assumed to be homeless living there. The community members also told the Board that they have had items stolen from their properties and overall feel unsafe with the current state of their neighborhood. Another comment made by community members was that they wanted more involvement from the Sheriff's Office in removing the individuals causing trouble in their neighborhood.

The Commissioners thanked each community member for coming and expressing their concerns.

Chairman Church call the meeting to order at 6:35 PM for official meeting business.

### Invocation

Pastor Terry Kale of New Life Baptist Church came to the podium to provide the invocation for those in attendance.

### Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Robbie Wilkie 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 would be Item 31, to ratify the nomination of Vice Chairman Mike LaBrose as the voting delegate for the NCACC meeting.

Vice Chairman LaBrose made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Agenda Items**

### **1. EMT and Sheriff's Deputy of the Year**

American Legion Post 29 representative Irving Eurto came to the podium to present the EMT and Sheriff's Deputy of the year awards. Mr. Eurto identified the four things that the American Legion does are taking care of veterans and families, promoting Americanism, promoting youth and children, and promoting national security. Mr. Eurto continued by saying that national security begins with local security and that Caldwell County is fortunate to have outstanding Emergency Medical Services and Sheriff's Deputies. Mr. Eurto introduced the other Post 29 members in attendance.

Sheriff Jones came to the podium to present the Deputy of the Year award. Corporal Detective Derek Philyaw was recognized as the Sheriff's Deputy of the year. Sheriff Jones told the Board that Corporal Detective Philyaw goes above and beyond when he is out in the field everyday. Sheriff Jones stated that Corporal Detective Philyaw has been with CCSO since 2008 and the Sheriff's Office is very proud of what he has done. Sheriff Jones then thanked him for his service and said that the Sheriff's Office appreciates all that he has done.

EMS Director Jonathan Cook came to the podium to present the EMT of the year to Makala Murphy. Director Cook said that Ms. Murphy constantly strives to better herself, is well versed with EKG, and she is a direct role model for new paramedics entering the field.

Mr. Eurto thanked the Commissioners for this opportunity and the Board thanked him for coming.

### **2. K9 Gunner Retirement and Transfer of Ownership**

Captain Jonathan Kirby and Deputy Tyler Gilliam came to the podium. Chairman Church read the resolution in honor of K9 Gunner's retirement.

Commissioner Potter made the motion to adopt the resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Gilliam told the Board that he was excited to get Gunner home. Chairman Church told Deputy Gilliam that the Board appreciates his service and K9 Gunner's service as well.

### **3. Recognizing the Retirement of DSS Director Will Wakefield**

The County Manager read the resolution honoring DSS Director Will Wakefield's retirement.

Commissioner Potter made the motion to approve the resolution.

The County Manager said that it's been a pleasure to work with Mr. Wakefield. Commissioner Potter echoed those remarks, saying that it's been a great pleasure working with Mr. Wakefield and that he believes that Mr. Wakefield is leaving DSS in a better condition than he found it. Vice Chairman LaBrose said that anytime he had a question, Mr. Wakefield had taken the time to sit down and explain things to him and made sure he understood. The Vice Chairman continued by saying that he knows more about DSS now than he did before. Commissioner Wilkie said it was an honor and a privilege to work with Mr. Wakefield. Commissioner Branch told Mr. Wakefield to go out and have fun. Chairman Church said thank you to Mr. Wakefield and told him that he has been an asset to Caldwell County.

The motion made by Commissioner Potter carried unanimously.

### **4. Medicaid Expansion**

DSS Director Wakefield thanked all of the Commissioners for the Resolution honoring his work and told the Board that he appreciates the work of everyone in the various

departments of the County. Mr. Wakefield also said thank you to the staff of DSS for their work and for helping him be a better leader.

Director Wakefield began the presentation for Medicaid expansion. Mr. Wakefield told the Board that Medicaid expansion was passed by the North Carolina General Assembly in March of 2023. Mr. Wakefield continued by saying that an additional 600,000 North Carolinians will now be serviced under this expansion and Caldwell County should see at least a 20% increase in individuals eligible for Medicaid. He went on to say that Social Services manages eligibility and recertification of eligibility. Mr. Wakefield is recommending that an additional team be added to DSS to support the increase in demand expected with the expansion of Medicaid. The additional team would be composed of seven eligibility staff members, one supervisor, and two staff development training quality control staff. Mr. Wakefield continued by telling the Board that Caldwell County would be receiving reimbursement funds from Medicaid expansion. Mr. Wakefield said that the reimbursement from the State would cover the requested team. The total amount of the additional team would be \$528,347.00 and Caldwell County regularly gets a reimbursement of \$382,000.00. The remaining cost to be paid by the County would be approximately \$146,000.00. However, with the Medicaid expansion funding being more than the remaining cost to be paid by the County, there would be zero actual County dollars used in this recommendation.

Vice Chairman LaBrose asked Mr. Wakefield how hard it is going to be to find individuals to fill these new positions. Mr. Wakefield told the Vice Chairman that he believes it will be a challenge to get this new unit going, but in the past couple of months DSS has had a good number of applications for those types of positions. Vice Chairman LaBrose then asked Mr. Wakefield when he sees the Medicaid expansion to be available to the public. Mr. Wakefield told the Vice Chairman that it is dependent on when the State budget is passed. Vice Chairman LaBrose asked if these funds would reoccur each year. Mr. Wakefield told him that they are approved for the next four years and then after that the funds would still be reoccurring based on a price index, but yes those funds would be reoccurring. Chairman Church asked Mr. Wakefield if the Board adopts the budget revision in reference to Medicaid expansion, if that would allow DSS to begin advertising for those positions. Mr. Wakefield told the Chairman that it would allow them to begin this addition.

#### **5. Medicaid Expansion**

Commissioner Wilkie made the motion to adopt the budget revision as Mr. Wakefield had presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **6. DSS Reorganization for Medicaid Expansion**

Mr. Wakefield told the Board that this would support the budget revision for Medicaid expansion. The County Manager further elaborated by saying that this item would be amending the organizational chart for DSS to include the new positions created.

Commissioner Potter made the motion to approve the DSS reorganization for Medicaid expansion.

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **7. Hybrid/Remote Work Pilot for DSS**

Mr. Wakefield remained at the podium and told the Board that DSS would like to have a hybrid remote work pilot. Mr. Wakefield said that this would limit the need for additional costs in construction or remodeling with the addition of new workers. Mr. Wakefield continued by saying that this is a simple and efficient process and that DSS was able to learn a lot from remote working during the COVID-19 Pandemic. In addition to this, Mr. Wakefield said that this would make Caldwell County an attractive employer for those seeking remote positions. Surrounding counties are already using a remote work strategy. Mr. Wakefield says that DSS has a good number of veteran staff that are trained and committed, and he would not want to lose those staff to another agency that offers remote work. DSS would like to begin with 10-12 staff to participate and assess the strengths and needs of the hybrid remote positions. Mr. Wakefield told the Board that DSS will be able to monitor the work of remote positions by using NC Fast. These staff will also have access to phones, email, printers, and other technology needed, just as they would if they were in the office.

Commissioner Branch expressed concerns about morale and he stated that some employees may view remote work as unfair. Commissioner Branch also expressed concerns about other departments extending into remote work as well.

Commissioner Potter made the motion to approve the hybrid remote pilot option for DSS, understanding that this is a pilot.

Chairman Church said that he believes that there are measures that will be in place that will better monitor the work of individuals at home. Commissioner Wilkie asked how long the pilot would last. Mr. Wakefield said that the pilot will last at least 3 months and DSS will evaluate what worked well and what did not work well. Commissioner Wilkie asked if someone would come back in 3 months to present what is working and what isn't. He also expressed that he understands Commissioner Branch's concerns and that he is concerned about voting to fully implement the pilot.

The motion carried with 4 votes in favor and 1 vote against.

#### **8. Ambulance Franchise Contract Extension with North State Medical Transport**

Chief Dino DiBernardi came to the podium to request an extension of the Franchise Agreement with North State Medical Transport. (NSMT) Chief DiBernardi said that the communication between Caldwell County and NSMT has been good and NSMT has been able to present metrics to EMS. Chief DiBernardi also mentioned that the service has been beneficial to Caldwell Memorial Hospital. Chief DiBernardi recommends a 3 or 5 year extension of the agreement. Commissioner Potter asked the representative in attendance from Caldwell UNC Healthcare if all was going well for them in regards to the services provided by NSMT. The representative replied that it was. Commissioner Wilkie asked how this agreement has helped EMS. There has been good interaction with staffing. Chief DiBernardi said that NSMT has taken more than 2 calls off of EMS each day. Commissioner Wilkie asked if the agreement with NSMT for non-emergency transport had allowed for Caldwell EMS crews to be ready to respond to emergencies. Chief DiBernardi told Commissioner Wilkie that there has been relief to EMS, and the agreement has decompressed the system significantly. Commissioner Potter asked if EMS conducts many out of county transports. Chief DiBernardi said that these transports are rare. Commissioner Wilkie asked if our relationship with EMS and UNC Healthcare has improved. Chief DiBernardi said that it has. Chairman Church opened the public hearing, with there being no individuals signed up to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Branch made the motion to extend the Franchise Agreement with North State Medical Transport for 3 years.

The County Manager noted that this Franchise Agreement must be voted on twice. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Wilkie thanked those from North State Medical Transport and UNC Healthcare for coming.

#### **Consent**

#### **9. Granite Falls Middle School Capital Project**

Amendment to the ordinance to close this project. This will finalize the project through paying for the retainage through the leftover revenue and interest earnings. The County Manager noted that there is a small amount of construction that the School System wants to do with this at Granite Falls Middle School. There is \$867,000 remaining in this capital project.

#### **10. Resource Center Cabling**

IT has been upgrading the networks in all departments. The Resource Center building is older and needs new cabling for new phones and switches. The cost for this is \$15,753.

#### **11. Convenience Sites Signage Grant**

The County received \$14,000 from this grant and the County will match \$3,580 for new signage at the Convenience Sites.

#### **12. Communicable Disease Prevention Grant**

These are unspent funds in the amount of \$286,753 from the previous fiscal year to be carried over.

#### **13. Merit Pay Plan Adjustment**

This budget revision in the amount of \$700,000 will increase funds for merit pay.

**14. Addition of IT Support Staff at DSS**

IT staff need additional support staff at DSS and this budget revision will be partially funded by reimbursement funds. The amount of this budget revision is \$61,900.

**15. Sheriff Investigative Funds**

Sheriff Alan Jones is requesting a budget amendment to investigative funds. He's asking for 55,000 from the General Fund and another \$55,000 to be transferred from Asset Seizure funds. The County Manager told the Board that this is typically what the County does.

**16. Sheriff's Office Undercover Vehicle Purchase**

The Sheriff's Office is rotating out an undercover vehicle and purchasing a new one. The cost of the purchase is \$12,500 including trade in value of the old vehicle.

**17. Sheriff's Office Drone Purchase**

The Sheriff's Office wishes to purchase a new drone for the amount of \$16,629. The purchase will be funded by Asset Seizure funds.

**18. Sheriff's Office- Approval of Submission of Blue Ridge Energy Members Foundation Grant**

The Sheriff's Office is requesting approval to submit a grant. If awarded, the approximate grant amount would be \$18,000.

**19. Sheriff's Office- Approval of Spirit of Blue Grant Application**

The Sheriff's Office is requesting approval to submit a grant. If awarded, the approximate grant amount would be \$9,876 for K9 equipment.

**20. On Site EAP Services**

Long term strategy item that directors came up with at the Department Head Retreat in 2022. This would allow for on-site behavioral health services for staff three days a week. This revision is for a 6 month trial period in the amount of \$42,000.

**21. State Mandated Landfill Testing**

The second round of PFAS testing needs to be done at the landfill on Drag Strip Road in Hudson. The cost of the testing is \$22,200 and the budget revision reflects this.

**22. Purchase Order Roll Over from Previous Fiscal Year**

Purchase orders from the previous fiscal year need to be rolled over to the new fiscal year. These funds were already encumbered but have not yet been spent. The total amount of this revision is \$688,764.

**23. Amendments to Personnel Policy**

New amendments have been made to the personnel policy. The County Manager thanked the Commissioners for their efforts in updating the personnel policy and increasing the benefits for employees.

**24. Approval of New MOA for Opioid Settlement**

The US Treasurer's office issued a new MOA for Opioid Settlement Funds. Caldwell County must approve a new MOA that details the plans for the spending of these funds.

**25. Appointment of Various Plat Review Officers**

Micah Kelly, Matt Duchan, Heather Williams, and Ed Evans were all previously appointed as Plat Review Officers, but a resolution must also be adopted to reflect these appointments.

**26. Amendment to FY 23-24 Schedule of Fees for Building Inspections**

Building Inspections has requested a correction to their schedule of fees for 2023-2024.

**27. Approval of Minutes from June 21, 2023 Meeting**

The County Clerk is requesting the approval of the minutes from the June 21, 2023 meeting.

**28. Approval of Minutes from July 10, 2023 Meeting**

The County Clerk is requesting the approval of the minutes from the July 10, 2023 meeting.

**29. Additional LHD Funding for ELC Enhancing Detection Activities**

An additional \$442,112 was received in grant funding.

**30. Additional CARES Funds for Covid-19**

Additional Cares Act funds were received in the amount of \$1,580.

**31. Appointment of Vice Chairman Mike LaBrose as the voting delegate for NCACC Annual Meeting**

Vice Chairman LaBrose made the motion to adopt the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**Adjourn**

With there being no more business to attend to, Commissioner Wilkie made the motion to adjourn at 7:32 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

# RESOLUTION

15-2023



## AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF RETIRED K-9 "GUNNER"

**WHEREAS**, Sheriff's K-9 "Gunner" and his handler, Deputy Tyler Gilliam, have been a great benefit to the Caldwell County Sheriff's Office and its communities; and

**WHEREAS**, it has come time for "Gunner" to retire from his service to the Caldwell County Sheriff's Office; and

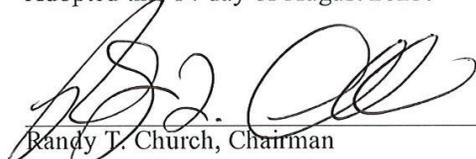
**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Caldwell, NC, finds that Sheriff's K-9 "Gunner" should be retired to a member of the Caldwell County Sheriff's Office due to the additional training and responsibility which is required; and

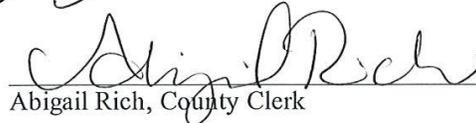
**WHEREAS**, GS 160A-266(d) permits the Board of Commissioners of the County of Caldwell, NC, to authorize the disposition of personal property as described thereunto; and

**WHEREAS**, Deputy Tyler Gilliam of the Caldwell County Sheriff's Office has agreed to purchase retired K-9 "Gunner" from the County of Caldwell, NC, in the amount of \$1.00, and upon accepting custody of the dog will assume all liability and responsibility for the care of the animal for the remainder of its life.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Caldwell, NC, authorizes the purchase of K-9 "Gunner" by Deputy Tyler Gilliam for the amount of \$1.00 effective August 14, 2023.

Adopted this 14 day of August 2023.

  
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Randy T. Church, Chairman

  
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Abigail Rich, County Clerk

**RESOLUTION**

08-2023



**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF  
DSS DIRECTOR WILL WAKEFIELD**

**WHEREAS**, Caldwell County Department of Social Services Director, Will Wakefield, is retiring from Caldwell County Effective September 1, 2023, after 27 years of service; and

**WHEREAS**, Director Wakefield received his Bachelor's in Psychology from Appalachian State University in 1994, and his Master's in Public Administration from Appalachian State University in 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, Director Wakefield served in the roles of Social Worker, Social Worker Supervisor, and Program Administrator with Caldwell County DSS prior to being named as the DSS director in 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, during his time with DSS, Director Wakefield facilitated the restructuring of Adult Services and Child Welfare to enhance communication, staffing, and the betterment of services for the citizens of Caldwell County; and

**WHEREAS**, Director Wakefield led several pilot programs in the areas of Food and Nutrition Services, Medicaid, Child Welfare; and

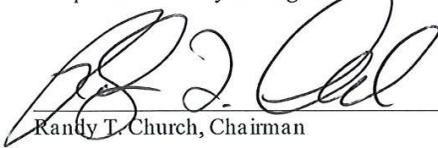
**WHEREAS**, Director Wakefield was an active participant with numerous associations and State work groups including the North Carolina Association of County Directors of Social Services, where he served as Co-Chair of Economic Services Committee, Second Vice President of the Association, and First Vice President of the Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Director Wakefield's involvement reached beyond the boundaries of Caldwell County Government and State associations, expanding into various community associations such as Robin's Nest Child Advocacy Center, Caldwell County's Communities in Schools Program, First Baptist Church of Lenoir, and The Education Foundation; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners takes pleasure in recognizing the achievements of DSS Director Will Wakefield during his time with Caldwell County; and

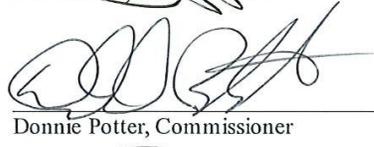
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners thanks Director Wakefield for the time he has served Caldwell County and its citizens and wishes Director Wakefield a happy retirement.

Adopted this 14 day of August 2023.

  
Randy T. Church, Chairman

  
Jeff Branch, Commissioner

  
Michael W. LaBrose, Vice Chairman

  
Donnie Potter, Commissioner

  
Robbie Wilkie, Commissioner

  
Attest: Abigail Rich, County Clerk

# RESOLUTION

14-2023



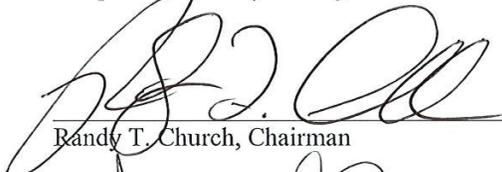
## RESOLUTION AMENDING FY 2023-2024 BUILDING INSPECTION FEES

WHEREAS, by resolution, the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners can amend the County's schedule of fees adopted each fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Caldwell County Building Inspections has requested to amend the fees charged for expired permits to ½ the price of the original permit fee, in-ground pool electrical permits to \$85.00, above-ground pool permits to \$75.00, and in-ground pool permits to \$150.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners approves the requested amendments to be made to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Schedule of Fees.

Adopted this 14 day of August 2023.

  
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 Randy T. Church, Chairman

  
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 Abigail Rich, County Clerk

# RESOLUTION

13-2023



## AMENDMENTS TO PERSONNEL POLICY

**WHEREAS**, Caldwell County maintains a personnel policy for the purpose of establishing a system of personnel administration for maintaining an effective and responsible work force; and

**WHEREAS**, the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners understands the need to make amendments to the personnel policy in order to keep policies current and remain competitive with other local government employers; and

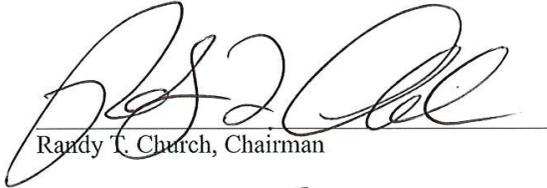
**WHEREAS**, Caldwell County wishes to make amendments and the addition of new policies to the personnel policy in various sections; and

**WHEREAS**, these proposed amendments will occur to the Vacation Accrual Rate, School Involvement Leave, Dress Code, Compensatory and Flex Time, and Disclosure of Information: Outside Employment; and

**WHEREAS**, Caldwell County will be implementing new sections to the policy including a Tuition Reimbursement Program, Paid Parental Leave, a Day of Personal Observance, and a Fraternalization Policy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts these amendments and additions and after the effective date of this resolution, the personnel policy attached to this resolution is hereby adopted.

Adopted this 14 day of August 2023.

  
Randy T. Church, Chairman

  
Abigail Rich, County Clerk

**RESOLUTION**

12-2023



**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A REVIEW OFFICER  
FOR THE COUNTY OF CALDWELL**

WHEREAS, SL 1997-309 (S875) makes a number of significant changes in the procedures for recording maps and plats; and

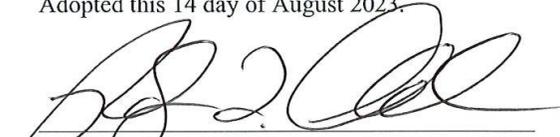
WHEREAS, the main purpose of the law is to transfer the responsibility for reviewing plats to determine whether they meet recording requirements from the Register of Deeds to the Review Officer; and

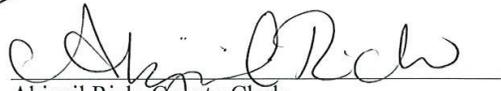
WHEREAS, the new GS 47-30.2 requires the Board of County Commissioners in each County, by resolution, to appoint a person(s) to serve as Review Officer to review each play before it is recorded and certify that it meets the North Carolina statutory requirements for recording; and

WHEREAS, the Caldwell County Tax Administrator has requested that the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners appoint Matt Duchan as an additional Review Officer for the County of Caldwell in order to ensure an expeditious review of all maps and plats as required by GS 47-30.2 before they are presented to the Register of Deeds for recording.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners does hereby appoint Matt Duchan to perform all responsibilities as required for Review Officer under the appropriate North Carolina General Statutes for Caldwell County.

Adopted this 14 day of August 2023.

  
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Randy T. Church, Chairman

  
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Abigail Rich, County Clerk

# RESOLUTION

11-2023



## RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A REVIEW OFFICER FOR THE COUNTY OF CALDWELL

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WHEREAS, the Caldwell County Tax Administrator has requested that the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners appoint Micah Kelly as an additional Review Officer for the County of Caldwell in order to ensure an expeditious review of all maps and plats as required by GS 47-30.2 before they are presented to the Register of Deeds for recording.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners does hereby appoint Micah Kelly to perform all responsibilities as required for Review Officer under the appropriate North Carolina General Statutes for Caldwell County.

Adopted this 14 day of August 2023.

Randy F. Church, Chairman

Abigail Rich, County Clerk

# RESOLUTION

10-2023



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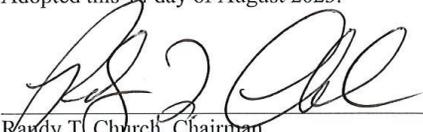
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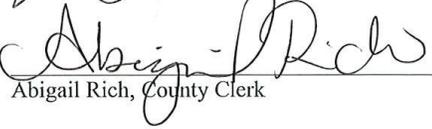
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WHEREAS, the Caldwell County Tax Administrator has requested that the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners appoint Hannah Williams as an additional Review Officer for the County of Caldwell in order to ensure an expeditious review of all maps and plats as required by GS 47-30.2 before they are presented to the Register of Deeds for recording.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners does hereby appoint Hannah Williams to perform all responsibilities as required for Review Officer under the appropriate North Carolina General Statutes for Caldwell County.

Adopted this 14 day of August 2023.

  
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 Randy T. Church, Chairman

  
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 Abigail Rich, County Clerk

# RESOLUTION

09-2023



## RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A REVIEW OFFICER FOR THE COUNTY OF CALDWELL

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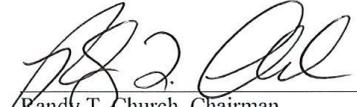
WHEREAS, the main purpose of the law is to transfer the responsibility for reviewing plats to determine whether they meet recording requirements from the Register of Deeds to the Review Officer; and

WHEREAS, the new GS 47-30.2 requires the Board of County Commissioners in each County, by resolution, to appoint a person(s) to serve as Review Officer to review each play before it is recorded and certify that it meets the North Carolina statutory requirements for recording; and

WHEREAS, the Caldwell County Tax Administrator has requested that the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners appoint Ed Evans as an additional Review Officer for the County of Caldwell in order to ensure an expeditious review of all maps and plats as required by GS 47-30.2 before they are presented to the Register of Deeds for recording.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners does hereby appoint Ed Evans to perform all responsibilities as required for Review Officer under the appropriate North Carolina General Statutes for Caldwell County.

Adopted this 14 day of August 2023.

  
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Randy T. Church, Chairman

  
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Abigail Rich, County Clerk

**RESOLUTION**

16-2023

**TO DIRECT THE EXPENDITURE OF  
OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, Caldwell County has joined national settlement agreements with companies engaged in the manufacturing, distribution, and dispensing of opioids, including settlements with drug distributors Cardinal, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen, and the drug maker Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals; and

**WHEREAS**, the allocation, use, and reporting of funds stemming from these national settlement agreements and certain bankruptcy resolutions (“Opioid Settlement Funds”) are governed by the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation (“MOA”); and

**WHEREAS**, Caldwell County has received Opioid Settlement Funds pursuant to these national settlement agreements and deposited the Opioid Settlement Funds in a separate special revenue fund as required by section D of the MOA; and

**WHEREAS**, section E.6 of the MOA states:

*E.6. Process for drawing from special revenue funds.*

- a. *Budget item or resolution required. Opioid Settlement Funds can be used for a purpose when the Governing Body includes in its budget or passes a separate resolution authorizing the expenditure of a stated amount of Opioid Settlement Funds for that purpose or those purposes during a specified period of time.*
- b. *Budget item or resolution details. The budget or resolution should (i) indicate that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; (ii) state the specific strategy or strategies the county or municipality intends to fund pursuant to Option A or Option B, using the item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to identify each funded strategy, and (iii) state the amount dedicated to each strategy for a stated period of time.*

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, in alignment with the NC MOA, Caldwell County authorizes the expenditure of opioid settlement funds as follows:

1. **First strategy authorized**
  - a. Name of strategy: Post-Overdose Response Team
  - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
  - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Exhibit A, Strategy 8
  - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$560,709.00
  - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:

Start date July 01, 2023 through End date June 30, 2024

- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Provide services as a PORT, outlined by the NCDHHS PORT Toolkit. The Caldwell County R.E.S.T.A.R.T. PORT will actively connect persons who have experienced non-fatal drug overdoses to addiction/mental health treatment, recovery support, harm reduction services, primary healthcare, and/or other services or supports needed to improve the overall health or well-being.
- g. Provider: Caldwell County R.E.S.T.A.R.T.

2. **Second strategy authorized**

- a. Name of strategy: Evidence-base addictive treatment
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Exhibit A, Strategy 2
- d. Amounted authorized for this strategy: included within Strategy 1
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:

Start date July 01, 2023 through End date June 30, 2024

- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Support evidence-based addiction treatment consistent with the American Society of Addiction Medicine's national practice guidelines for the treatment of opioid use disorder – specifically Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) with any medication approved for this purpose by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration – through Opioid Treatment Programs, qualified providers of Office-Based Opioid Treatment, Federally Qualified Health Centers, treatment offered in conjunction with justice system programs, or other community-based programs offering evidence based addiction treatment.
- g. Provider: Caldwell County R.E.S.T.A.R.T.

3. **Third strategy authorized**

- a. Name of strategy: Naloxone distribution
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Exhibit A, Strategy 7
- d. Amounted authorized for this strategy: included within strategy 1
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:

Start date July 01, 2023 through End date June 30, 2024

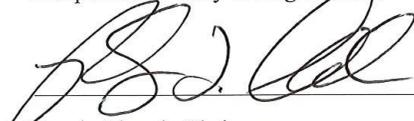
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Distribute naloxone to persons at risk of overdose or their social networks, through our post-overdose response team, program that provides naloxone to persons upon release from jail. Distribute naloxone to emergency

medical service providers to provide naloxone to persons at risk of overdose, or other community-based organizations that provide services to people who use drugs.

- g. Provider: Caldwell County R.E.S.T.A.R.T

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is \$560,709.00.

Adopted this 14 day of August 2023.



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Randy Church, Chairman

ATTEST:



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Abigail Rich, County Clerk

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