



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

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April 8, 2024 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 began the meeting at 6:03 PM for public comment.

Regular Session was called to order at 6:07 PM after public comment.

### **Public Comment Period**

Mr. Gabe Pipes came to the podium to speak during the public comment period. Mr. Pipes is the new site director for Fort Defiance in Lenoir, NC. Mr. Pipes told the Board he had been in his position for a few months and wanted to come by and introduce himself. Mr. Pipes then gave a brief background about Fort Defiance and stated they have been working with a class at Appalachian State University. This class will be coming to Fort Defiance on April 29th at 6:00 PM to showcase a new exhibit. Mr. Pipes stated the staff believes that they have found the original Fort of Fort Defiance, and they may be able to mark off this property and possibly recreate the Fort. Mr. Pipes told the Board he would be sending an email with an invitation to the event on April 29th and mentioned they would also be having a 4th of July event. The Board thanked Mr. Pipes for coming.

### **Invocation**

With Pastor Brown's absence, Vice Chairman LaBrose led 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 that there were multiple amendments to the

agenda. The first of these would be Item 5a, a Proclamation for Clean Caldwell 2024, the second would be Item 5b, a Proclamation for Line Workers Appreciation week, the third would be Item 23a the Reappointment of Chris Barlowe to the Planning Board, and the fourth would be the addition of a closed session for Economic development. Vice Chairman LaBrose made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Agenda Items**

### **1. National Public Health Month**

Caldwell County Health Director, Anna Martin, came to the podium to read the Proclamation for National Public Health Month.

Chairman Church made the motion to adopt the proclamation.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Church thanked the Health Department for all they do and noted that by being on the Board of Health, he sees a lot that goes untold.

See Proclamation 03-2024

### **2. Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Caldwell County Clerk, Abby Rich, read the Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Commissioner Potter made the motion to adopt the proclamation.

The motion carried unanimously.

See Proclamation 02-2024

### **3. Local Library Week 2024**

Caldwell County Public Library Director, Leslie Griffin, came to the podium to read the proclamation for Local Library Week 2024.

Commissioner Wilkie made the motion to adopt the proclamation.

The motion carried unanimously.

See Proclamation 05-2024

### **4. Supporting the Reclassification of Telecommunicators**

Caldwell County Communications Director, Ronnie Rombs, came to the podium to present the Resolution for Supporting the Reclassification of Telecommunicators.

Commissioner Potter made the motion to adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Wilkie said that the employees in this department do a good job, and he appreciates all of these employees.

The motion carried unanimously.

See Resolution 04-2024

### **5. 2024 Telecommunicators Week**

Caldwell County Telecommunications Director, Ronnie Rombs, came to the podium to read the Proclamation for 2024 Telecommunicators Week.

Commissioner Wilkie made the motion to adopt the proclamation as read.

The motion carried unanimously.

See Proclamation 04-2024

#### **5a. Clean Caldwell 2024**

Commissioner Potter read the Proclamation for a Clean Caldwell 2024. Commissioner Potter made the motion to adopt the proclamation.

Chairman Church mentioned that the information for this event is on the County's website and we are looking for volunteers to sign up.

The motion carried unanimously.

See Proclamation 06-2024

#### **5b. Line Workers Appreciation 2024**

Chairman Church read the Proclamation for Line Workers Appreciation Week 2024.

Chairman Church made the motion to adopt the proclamation.

The motion carried unanimously.

See Proclamation 07-2024

### **6. Conveyance of Surplus Property to Nonprofit Organization**

Emergency Services Director, Dino DiBernardi, came to the podium to present information about the conveyance of surplus property to Little River Fire and Rescue. The vehicle is a 2002 Chevy Tahoe to be sold for the amount of \$1.00 with the contingency that if Little River ever decided to sell the vehicle, it could be sold and the earnings given back to Caldwell County or transferred back to the County for the County to surplus. The vehicle does not have any striping or emergency lights on it. Commissioner Branch made the motion to approve the resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

See Resolution 03-2024

### **7. Forestry Service Truck Upfitting**

Emergency Services Chief Dino DiBernardi, along with Forest Service members Harley Andrews and Jason Noble, came to the podium to request a budget revision for the upfitting of a Forest Service Truck. Chief DiBernardi provided brief background information about obtaining the truck.

Commissioner Wilkie made the motion to adopt the budget revision.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **8. RA-20 to GB Rezoning Request**

Planning Director Shelley Stevens came to the podium to present information about a rezoning request to change a parcel of land from Residential Agriculture to General Business. Derrick Dollar, owner of Hogwild BBQ, is the owner of the 5.022 acre property located on Connelly Springs Rd. in Granite Falls. (NC PIN: 2755036304) Ms. Stevens told the Board that this request is in alignment with the comprehensive plan. Ms. Stevens also provided maps to show where the property is located and noted there is no evidence that this rezoning would harm the health, safety, or welfare of the community. Commissioner Branch asked if anyone had complained about the rezoning. Ms. Stevens provided that no one had said anything.

Chairman Church declared the public hearing open. With there being no individuals signed up to speak, the public hearing was declared closed. Commissioner Branch made the motion to approve the rezoning as presented by the Planning Director.

The motion carried unanimously.

The Board thanked Ms. Stevens.

## **9. Ordinance Revisions and Adoption**

The County Manager told the Board that these ordinance revisions were a large effort by staff and our contracted legal team with Teague and Campbell, led by Attorney Debra Bechtel. The County Manager also provided special thanks to County Clerk, Abby Rich. The County Manager reviewed the list of ordinances that had been added, revised, and removed from the code. Those Ordinances added were Alcoholic Beverages on County Property, Begging and Soliciting Prohibited, Minimum Housing and Non-Residential Buildings, and State of Emergency. Those Ordinances revised were Animal Care and Enforcement, Building Code Inspections, Concealed Weapons on County Property, Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Services, Fire and Life Safety, Noise Regulations, Racetracks and Dragstrips, Public Water Systems, and Septage Collection, Transportation, and Disposal. Those Ordinances removed were Cable Television Systems, Alarm Systems, Massage Businesses, Hazardous Waste Management, Cemeteries, Health and Sanitation, Parking Regulations, Phase II Stormwater, and Public Safety.

Chairman Church declared the public hearing open. With there being no individuals signed up to speak, the public hearing was then declared closed.

Chairman Church offered to entertain a motion for all of the ordinances to be adopted in the reading of one motion. Vice Chairman LaBrose made the motion to adopt these ordinances in the reading of one motion. The County Manager reminded the Chairman that the proposed ordinances will go through two readings, with this one being the first. The County Manager also informed the Board that changes and adjustments can be made up until the second reading of these ordinances. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman LaBrose made the motion to adopt the Chapters: Alcoholic Beverages on County Property, Begging and Soliciting Prohibited, Minimum Housing and Non-Residential Buildings, State of Emergency, Animal Care and Enforcement, Building Code Inspections, Concealed Weapons on County Property, Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Services, Fire and Life Safety, Noise Regulations, Racetracks and Dragstrips, Public Water Systems, and Septage Collection, Transportation, and Disposal, and that we repeal any other ordinances under Alcoholic Beverages on County Property, Begging and Soliciting Prohibited, Minimum Housing and Non-Residential Buildings, State of Emergency, Animal Care and Enforcement, Building Code Inspections, Concealed Weapons on County Property, Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Services, Fire and Life Safety, Noise Regulations, Racetracks and Dragstrips, Public Water Systems, and Septage Collection, Transportation, and Disposal, and that the County Manager has the authority to make any typographical error changes, non-substantial corrections, and any numbering, renumbering, or formatting as a result of codification. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman LaBrose made the motion to repeal the Cable Television Systems Ordinance, Alarm Systems Ordinance, Massage Businesses Ordinance, Hazardous Waste Management Ordinance, Cemeteries Ordinance, Health and Sanitation Ordinance, Parking Regulations, Phase II Stormwater, and Public Safety Ordinances. The motion carried unanimously.

## Consent

### 10. **Approval of Application Submission for BJA Adult Court Grant**

The Sheriff's Office is requesting to submit a grant for recovery court. The grant will add to the RESTART program and the amount is \$900,000 with a local match of \$300,000.

### 11. **Approval of Grant Submission for 2024 SAMHSA Outpatient Treatment Program**

This item goes along with the previous grant application. This grant application is for an outpatient treatment program and would help the County establish long-term mental health treatment. Commissioner Wilkie asked if this grant was opioid funded. The County Manager told Commissioner Wilkie that these are federal dollars outside of opioid-related funding.

### 12. **Approval of Submission for DPS MAT Grant Local Sheriffs**

The Sheriff's Office is requesting to submit a grant for approval for Medically Assisted Treatment inside the Sheriff's Office in the jail. This would allow the County to begin treating individuals while they are in the jail to assist with the prevention of repeat offenders. The County Manager told the Board that this will be a future requirement in DOJ administrative law coming from the State.

### 13. **Approval of Grant Submission for Operation Underground Railroad Grant**

The Sheriff's Office is requesting to submit a grant application to fund technology to be used to investigate human trafficking. The grant amount is \$25,000.

### 14. **Approval for Submission of the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) America 250 North Carolina Local Grants County Committees Application**

Approval is requested for submission of a grant application to the North Carolina Department of Natural Cultural Resources to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States.

### 15. **Budget Revision - Town of Gamewell Sewer Funds**

These funds are a pass through in the County's budget and the County remits these funds back to the Town of Gamewell.

### 16. **Replacement of Wrecked Patrol Vehicle**

A Sheriff's Office vehicle was involved in an accident last year and the County received \$11,500 from the insurance claim. This budget revision will allow for the purchase of a Ford Explorer for the Sheriff's Office.

### 17. **Health Department Public Health Services Grant Funding**

The Health Department has received \$50,000 in additional funding for vaccines.

### 18. **Health Department Food and Lodging Grant**

This is an incentive grant in the amount of \$7,600 to be spent on equipment and staff in Environmental Health. This grant encourages a higher percentage of health inspections to be completed.

### 19. **Caldwell County Schools Lottery Funding Flow Through**

These funds pass through the County's budget and the amount of these funds is \$99,000.

### 20. **Approval of Legal Contract for County Attorney**

This is the contract for legal services with Wilson, Lackey, Rohr, and Hall and will begin in April and will extend through to June 30th of 2025. The contract will be renewed with the County's budget every year.

**21. Legal Fees for Contract Services**

This budget revision in the amount of \$49,000 goes along with the previous item for contracted legal services. The revision also assists with covering increased legal fees for ordinance revisions.

**22. DSS Donated Funds**

DSS is requesting to increase its County budget appropriation for donated funds in the amount of \$50,000.

**23. Reappointment of Dr. Jeff Church to the Planning Board**

Dr. Jeff Church is requesting reappointment to the Planning Board.

**23a.** Chris Barlowe is requesting reappointment to the Planning Board.

**24. Appointment of Suzanne Kymer to the Council on Aging**

Suzanne Kymer is requesting appointment to the Council on Aging.

**25. Amity Creek Fireworks Application**

Amity Creek is requesting to have a fireworks display at an upcoming wedding on April 14, 2024.

**26. Town of Sawmills Fireworks Application**

The Town of Sawmills is requesting to have a fireworks display at their upcoming Spring Festival on May 11, 2024.

**27. Letter of Support for VAYA Health**

VAYA Health is asking to be a vendor to the State to provide behavioral and mental health services, as well as other services. Commissioner Potter said the State has narrowed its selection down to four organizations across the State. The organization selected will handle several health services statewide. Commissioner Potter continued by saying this letter is to show the County's support in VAYA being the organization that is selected and VAYA is the only candidate that is a North Carolina agency.

**28. Approval of Minutes from March 11, 2024, Meeting**

Approval of the March 11, 2024, meeting minutes is requested.

There were a few updates shared between the County Manager and the Board for upcoming events.

Vice Chairman LaBrose made the motion to accept the Consent Agenda as the County Manager had presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Closed Session:**

At 7:12 PM Chairman Church made the motion to enter the Closed Session pursuant to § 143-318.11 (a) (4) to discuss an economic development incentive with the County Attorney, County Manager, Deputy County Manager, County Clerk, Chief Financial Officer, Economic Development Staff, and any other personnel that may attend.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Church told the public there are no decisions expected to come from the Closed Session.

Commissioner Wilkie made the motion to exit the closed session at 7:44 PM.  
The motion carried unanimously.

### **Adjourn**

With there being no more business to attend to, Commissioner Potter made the motion to adjourn at 7:44 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

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# PROCLAMATION



02 - 2024

## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH APRIL 2024

**WHEREAS**, we recognize that children are vital to our county, state and nation's future success, prosperity and quality of life, as well as, being our most vulnerable assets;

**WHEREAS**, all children deserve to have the safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities they need to foster their healthy growth and development;

**WHEREAS**, Caldwell County, received 1631 reports of child abuse and neglect and investigated reports involving 1401 children in 2023;

**WHEREAS**, children who experience abuse and neglect have higher rates of academic failure, chronic long-term health issues and increased propensity to violence, if gone untreated;

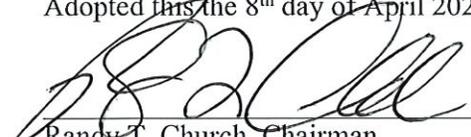
**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community;

**WHEREAS**, communities that provide parents with the social support, knowledge of parenting and child development and concrete resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children ensure all children grow to their full potential;

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, human services agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of Caldwell County does hereby proclaim April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and calls upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support children and families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the community in which we live.

Adopted this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

  
Randy T. Church, Chairman

  
Mike LaBrose, Vice Chairman

  
Donnie Potter

  
Robbie Wilkie

  
Jeff Branch

Attest:   
Abby Rich, County Clerk

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# PROCLAMATION

03 - 2024

## PUBLIC HEALTH RESOLUTION

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**WHEREAS**, the goal of National Public Health Month in April 2024 is to recognize the contributions of public health in improving the health of the people in Caldwell County; and

**WHEREAS**, from 2019 to 2021, the life expectancy at birth for the population of the United States declined by 2.7 years, which is the biggest two-year decline in life expectancy since 1921-1923; 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**, 49,449 people died by suicide in 2022, with firearms being used in over 50 percent of suicides; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 1 in 7 children in the United States experienced child abuse and neglect in the past year; and

**WHEREAS**, significant progress has been made in reducing the infant mortality rate in the United States to a historic low of 5.4 infant deaths per 1,000 live births in 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 60 percent of maternal deaths in the United States are preventable; and

**WHEREAS**, there was an estimated increase of nearly 15 percent drug overdose deaths in 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, cigarette smoking is the leading cause of preventable disease and death in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, e-cigarettes have been the most used tobacco product among youth since 2014; 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, natural disasters, such as wildfires, flooding, and severe storms; and other disasters; and

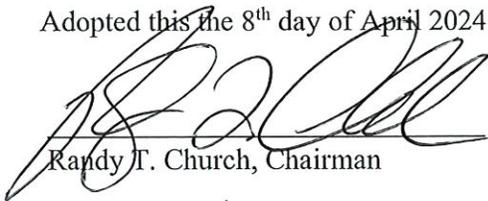
**WHEREAS**, public health professionals collaborate with partners outside of the health sector, including city planners, transportation officials, education officials, and private sector businesses, recognizing that other sectors can influence health outcomes; and

*Resolved*, the Caldwell County Commissioners—

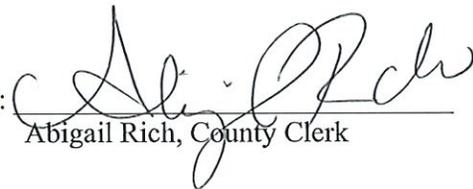
- Supports the goals and ideals of National Public Health Month;
- Recognizes the role of public health in preventing and responding to infectious disease outbreaks; mitigating short-term and long-term impacts of infectious disease outbreaks on the health and wellness of individuals in Caldwell County;
- Addressing social and other determinants of health, including health disparities experienced by minority populations

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim April 2024 as Public Health Month and 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 the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.



Randy T. Church, Chairman

Attest:   
Abigail Rich, County Clerk

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# PROCLAMATION



04 - 2024

## National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week April 14-20, 2024

**WHEREAS**, emergencies can occur at any time that require police, fire or emergency medical services; and,

**WHEREAS**, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and,

**WHEREAS**, the safety of our police officers, firefighters and paramedics is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Caldwell County Emergency Communications Center; and,

**WHEREAS**, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and,

**WHEREAS**, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our police officers, firefighters and paramedics by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and ensuring their safety; and,

**WHEREAS**, Public Safety Telecommunicators of the Caldwell County Emergency Communications Center have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and,

**WHEREAS**, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year;

**THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of Commissioners of Caldwell County declares the week of April 14 through 20, 2024, to be National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Caldwell County, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our city and citizens safe.

Signed this 8 day of April, 2024

Chairman of Board of Commissioners

Caldwell County, North Carolina

# PROCLAMATION



05-2024

## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2024

**WHEREAS**, libraries offer the opportunity for everyone to connect with others, learn new skills, and pursue their passions, no matter where they are on life's journey; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries have long served as trusted institutions, striving to ensure equitable access to information and services for all members of the community regardless of any criteria except behavior, and without discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries adapt to the ever-changing needs of their communities, developing and expanding collections, programs, and services that are as diverse as the populations they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries are accessible and inclusive places that promote a sense of local connection, advancing understanding, civic engagement, and shared community goals; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries play a pivotal role in economic development by providing resources and support for job seekers, entrepreneurs, and small businesses, thus contributing to local prosperity and growth; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries make choices that are good for the environment and make sense economically, creating thriving communities for a better tomorrow; and

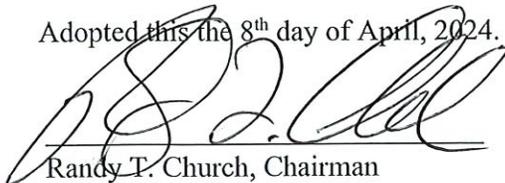
**WHEREAS**, libraries are treasured institutions that preserve our collective heritage and knowledge, safeguarding both physical and digital resources for present and future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries are an essential public good and fundamental institutions in democratic societies, working to improve society, protect the rights to education, literacy, to choose and to read, and promote the free exchange of information and ideas for all; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries, librarians, and library workers are joining library supporters and advocates across the nation to celebrate National Library Week; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners proclaim National Library Week, April 7-13, 2024. During this week, the Board encourages all residents to visit their library and celebrate the adventures and opportunities they unlock for us every day. Ready, Set, Library!

Adopted this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

  
Randy T. Church, Chairman

Attest:   
Abigail Rich, County Clerk

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# PROCLAMATION



06 - 2024

## DECLARING APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>-APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> "A CLEAN CALDWELL" ROADSIDE AND WATERWAY LITTER PICKUP WEEK

**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; and

**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 April 15<sup>th</sup>-April 19<sup>th</sup>, as the third annual "A Clean Caldwell Roadside and Waterway Litter Pickup."

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 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

  
Randy T. Church, Chairman

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Abigail Rich, County Clerk

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# PROCLAMATION



07 - 2024

## LINE WORKER APPRECIATION DAY

**WHEREAS**, on April 10, 2013, a resolution was passed in the United States Senate to recognize April 18 annually as National Lineman (Line Worker) Appreciation Day; and

**WHEREAS**, the profession of the electrical line worker is steeped in personal, family, and professional tradition; and

**WHEREAS**, line workers are often first responders during storms and other catastrophic events, working to make the scene safe for other public safety officials, and to expedite the return of vital electrical power to our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, these brave men and women work with thousands of volts of electricity high atop power lines 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, risking and sometimes losing their lives to keep electricity flowing; and

**WHEREAS**, line workers are often faced with dangerous conditions, far from their families, as they work to construct and maintain energy infrastructure throughout the State of North Carolina and the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, line workers must use their technical knowledge, physical strength, and ingenuity to achieve success in challenges they face every day; and

**WHEREAS**, the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners thanks these skilled and heroic line workers who brave hurricanes, ice storms, snowstorms, floods, and other natural disasters to maintain our community's energy grid.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that The Caldwell County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 18, 2024, as "Line Worker Appreciation Day."

This the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

  
Randy T. Church, Chairman

Attest:   
Abigail Rich, County Clerk

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# RESOLUTION

03-2023



## RESOLUTION APPROVING CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY TO A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION PURSUANT TO G.S. 160A-279

WHEREAS, the Caldwell County owns personal property in the form of an automobile

A) 2002, Chevrolet Tahoe, VIN # 1GNEK13Z72J318301 NCTAG CEK-4466

WHEREAS, this vehicle is currently not in service, transferred from Caldwell County Sheriff's office to the RESTART Division of Emergency Services, it is not marked and has no emergency lighting or warning systems, and in excess of 133,987 miles on the odometer; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute §160A-279 authorizes a county to convey real or personal property by private sale to a nonprofit corporation if the city or county is authorized by law to appropriate money to the corporation; and

WHEREAS, Caldwell County agrees to convey these personal properties for the sum of \$1.00 each to A) Little River Volunteer Fire Department, for the intended public use of this property in the service of all Caldwell County citizens; and

WHEREAS, if these personal property items are to be sold or otherwise disposed of, all proceeds are remitted back to Caldwell County, or the vehicle may be returned and disposed of by the County.

### NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLVE THAT:

- 1) The County Manager is authorized to execute all documents necessary to convey title to aforementioned personal property, with the caveat that any proceeds generated from sale be returned.
- 2) The County clerk shall publish a notice summarizing the contents of this resolution.

Adopted this the 8<sup>th</sup>, day of April 2024.

  
Randy Church, Chairman of the Board  
Caldwell County Board of Commissioners

  
Kevin Richards, Fire Chief  
Little River Fire Department

ATTEST:

  
Abby Rich, NCCCC  
County Clerk

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# RESOLUTION

04-2023



## RESOLUTION RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RECLASSIFICATION OF CALDWELL COUNTY 911 EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATORS

**WHEREAS**, in September of 2021, U.S. Representatives Norma J. Torres and Brian Fitzpatrick announce their 9-1-1 SAVES Act passed the House as part of the Fiscal Year 2022 National Defense Authorization Act. The 9-1-1 SAVES Act is a bipartisan legislation to reclassify 911 telecommunicators from “Office and Administrative Support” to “Protective Service Occupations” in the Office of Management and Budget’s Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) catalog, and

**WHEREAS**, 911 telecommunicators are the first line of response during an emergency, and they deserve to be classified in a way that recognizes their work is on par with the work of other public servants classified as first responders, and

**WHEREAS**, Former Senator Richard Burr introduced the reclassification bill in the Senate, where it remained, and

**WHEREAS**, 911 telecommunicators are working with elected officials to re-introduce this legislation with the next Congress, and local support will assist this effort, and

**WHEREAS**, the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners are in support of such a legislative change.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners that the Caldwell County Commissioners are in support of bipartisan legislation to reclassify 911 telecommunicators from “Office and Administrative Support” to “Protective Service Occupations” in the Office of Management and Budget’s Standards Occupational Classification (SOC) catalog.

Adopted this the 8th day of April 2024.

Randy Church, Chairman of the Board  
Caldwell County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Abby Rich, NCCCC  
County Clerk

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