



Caldwell County
North Carolina
Board of Commissioners Meeting

July 14, 2025 at 6:00 PM
City-County Chambers
905 West Avenue NW, Lenoir

MINUTES

Attendance

Randy T. Church, Chairman
Jeff Branch, Commissioner
Donnie Potter, Commissioner
Patrick Starnes, Commissioner
Destin Hall, County Attorney
Wayne Rash, Interim County Manager
Abby Rich, County Clerk

Excused: Mike LaBrose, Vice Chairman

Call to Order

After a brief delay, Chairman Church called the July 14, 2025 meeting to order at 6:18PM.

Public Comment Period

There were no individuals signed up for public comment.

Invocation

Pastor Rich Irwin with Littlejohn United Methodist provided the invocation for those in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Agenda Amendments from the Board, Manager & Public

Interim County Manager Wayne Rash informed the Board that Item 7, Item 16, and the Closed Session would be removed from the agenda. Additionally, Item 17 was renamed to "Opioid Settlement Funding for FY 2025-2026."

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

Agenda Items

1. South Caldwell Lady Spartans Softball- 2025 4-A State Champions

Chairman Church read the resolution honoring the South Caldwell Lady Spartans for claiming the 2025 4-A State Championship title.

Chairman Church made the motion to adopt the resolution.
The motion carried unanimously.

The Board presented each player with the Moving Mountains award and expressed praise towards the team.

2. Caldwell County NCACC Heroic Hands Recipient

Chairman Church read the resolution honoring NCACC Heroic Hands recipient Seth Nagy.

Chairman Church made the motion to adopt the resolution.
The motion carried unanimously.

3. Crystal McCall Building Inspector of the Year

The Board provided remarks of praise towards Building Inspections Director Crystal McCall for being named the Mechanical Inspector of the Year for North Carolina.

4. Communities in Schools

Communities in Schools Director Keith Hinman and social workers Eddie Peoples and Charmion Frizell came to the podium to present an overview of the 2024-2025 school year for the program.

5. Home and Community Care Block Grant

Tina Miller of the Western Piedmont Council of Governments came to the podium to present information about the Home and Community Care Block Grant.

Commissioner Starnes made the motion to approve the Home and Community Care Block Grant.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. 2024 Tax Collectors Settlement and 2025 Charge to the Tax Collector

Tax Administrator Josh Angle informed the Board that the total settlement for outstanding 2024 Real & Personal Property Taxes is \$1,149,849.68. Mr. Angle requested this settlement to be accepted and the 2024 taxes to be recharged to the tax collector. Additionally, Mr. Angle requested the authorization to collect the 2025 taxes.

Chairman Church made the motion to authorize the Tax Administrator to collect \$1,149,849.68 for 2024 and to the authority to collect the 2025 taxes.

The motion carried unanimously.

~~7. EMS Oversight Committee Updates~~

Item removed from agenda.

Consent

Chairman Church turned the meeting to Interim Manager Wayne Rash to present the consent agenda.

8. Approval of NC Cash Flow Loan

The State will provide the County with a loan in the amount of \$1,146,530.45 to assist

with Hurricane Helene-related expenditures.

9. Communications- Purchase of Computers

The Communications Department requested to purchase new computers for the 911 Call Center. The total amount of the purchase is \$25,180.00 and \$23,000 is 911 Fund eligible.

10. Emergency Services- Wilson Creek Visitor Center Storm Repairs Project

This budget revision and project ordinance brings in \$253,650.00 from FEMA to repair the parking lot at the Wilson Creek Visitors Center after it was damaged by Hurricane Helene.

11. Purchase of First Watch Software

EMS is requesting the purchase of First Watch Software. The purchase amount will be \$137,935.00.

12. Sheriff's Office- Kids Camp Funding

A fund balance appropriation in the amount of \$2,500 was added to supplies for the Sheriff's Office to assist with Kids Camp expenses.

13. Veteran's Services- Grant Funding Roll Over

This budget revision rolls over \$18,288.00 in grant funding for the Veteran's Services Office from the previous fiscal year to the new fiscal year.

14. Golden LEAF SITE Development Grant Application Approval

The Economic Development Office requested to submit a grant application for the Golden LEAF SITE Development Grant.

15. Amendment of Board of Elections 2025-2026 Fee Schedule

The Board of Elections requested to amend its fee schedule to include the filing fees for Sheriff and the Clerk of Court.

~~**16. Amendment to Emergency Services Fee Schedule**~~

Item removed from the agenda.

17. Opioid Settlement Funding for FY 2025-2026

EMS requested the approval of a resolution for the 2025-2026 Opioid Settlement Fund Expenditures.

18. Conveyance of Surplus Vehicle by Private Sale

The Sheriff's Office requested the sale of a surplus vehicle in the amount of \$4,000.

19. Reappointment of Bruce Roberts to Foothills Regional Airport Authority

Bruce Roberts has requested reappointment to the Foothills Regional Airport Authority.

20. Appointment of Chris Bumgarner to Board of Social Services

Chris Bumgarner has requested appointment to the Board of Social Services.

21. Appointments to the Caldwell Railroad Commission

The Economic Development Office requested for Mike Labrose, Jeff Branch, and Wayne Cable to be appointed to the Caldwell Railroad Commission.

22. Reappointment of JCPC Members

Beth Hinshaw, Chad Lackey, Courtney Covey, Denise Fleming, and Ed Richards requested reappointment to the JCPC.

23. Appointment of Library Board Members

After a Board vote by sealed ballot, Lauren Greer, Kristy Money, Hannah Brown, and Jennifer Baker were appointed to the Library Board of Trustees.

24. Approval of April 28, 2025, Meeting Minutes

The approval of the April 28, 2025, meeting minutes was requested.

25. Approval of April 29, 2025, Meeting Minutes

The approval of the April 29, 2025, meeting minutes was requested.

26. Approval of April 30, 2025, Meeting Minutes

The approval of the April 30, 2025, meeting minutes was requested.

27. Approval of June 9, 2025, Meeting Minutes

The approval of the June 9, 2025, meeting minutes was requested.

Commissioner Branch made the motion to approve the consent agenda.
The motion carried unanimously.

~~Closed Session Pursuant to § 143-318.11.a(3), § 143-318.11.a(4), and § 143-318.11.a(5)~~
Item Removed from agenda

Adjourn

With there being no more business to attend to, Commissioner Potter made the motion to adjourn at 7:08 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

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Caldwell County North Carolina
Wayne L. Rash, Register of Deeds

RESOLUTION

15-2025



2025 LADY SPARTANS SOFTBALL NORTH CAROLINA 4-A STATE CHAMPIONS

WHEREAS, the 2025 South Caldwell Lady Spartans Softball Team demonstrated exceptional skill, dedication, and teamwork throughout the season, culminating in their remarkable victory as North Carolina 4-A State Champions; and

WHEREAS, the players, coaches, and support staff exhibited unwavering commitment, overcoming formidable opponents and challenges to earn their well-deserved title; and

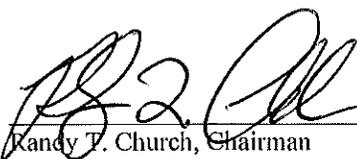
WHEREAS, throughout the playoff series, the Lady Spartans showcased outstanding sportsmanship, resilience in high-pressure moments, and respect for their competitors; and

WHEREAS, the championship team has brought immense pride to their school, community, and families, inspiring young athletes and setting a powerful example of excellence and determination; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the 2025 Lady Spartans Softball Team reflect the values of hard work, perseverance, and unity that we cherish and wish to celebrate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners hereby officially congratulates the 2025 Lady Spartans Softball Team for clinching the North Carolina 4-A State Softball Championship, acknowledges the extraordinary efforts of Head Coach Casey Justice, other coaching staff, and each team member for their contributions to this historic achievement, and this Board expresses its utmost admiration for the team's competitive spirit and for serving as role models of leadership, integrity, and excellence.

Adopted this the 14 day of July 2025.


Randy T. Church, Chairman

Attest: Abby Rich
Abby Rich, County Clerk

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Caldwell County North Carolina
Wayne L. Rash, Register of Deeds



RESOLUTION

16-2025

SETH NAGY CALDWELL COUNTY HEROIC HANDS REPRESENTATIVE

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2024, NCACC President "T" Davis announced his presidential initiative, Heroic Hands; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this initiative is to honor those in the public service workforce and highlight the value of having a career in public service; and

WHEREAS, each County in North Carolina was tasked with submitting an individual to receive the Heroic Hands recognition; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration by a committee of non-supervisory employees, Cooperative Extension Director Seth Nagy was selected to represent Caldwell County due to his dedication and service to his community following Hurricane Helene; and

WHEREAS, During a time of distress, Seth remained steadfast in his efforts to assist the farming community recover; and

WHEREAS, Seth's efforts included leading the organization and daily operations of the Hurricane Helene agricultural relief hub at the Caldwell County Fairgrounds, Collaborating with the National Guard to complete successful airdrops of emergency agricultural supplies in hard-to-reach areas such as Marshall and Green Mountain North Carolina, working personally with local farmers to secure disaster relief grant funding, obtaining funding for clover to plant in devastated pasturelands to provide food for livestock and prevent further soil loss, and working closely with local, State, and national partners to deliver critical aid to farmers and families in need; and

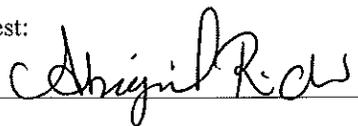
WHEREAS, in a nomination form submitted by a peer, it was said: "I believe Seth deserves this award because he went above and beyond for his community in a time of crisis. Watching Seth operate during these Hurricane relief efforts was very inspiring. Whether he was coordinating a supply drop or meeting with a farmer who just lost everything, he did it with heart, humility, and laser focus on helping people. His commitment to agriculture and rural communities is unwavering, and our County is stronger because of it."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners recognizes the devotion of Seth Nagy to his community and proudly supports the selection of his peers in choosing him as the Heroic Hands representative for Caldwell County.

Adopted this the 14 day of July 2025.

Randy T. Church, Chairman

Attest:



Abby Rich, County Clerk

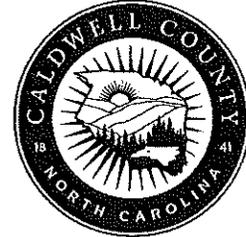
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Caldwell County North Carolina
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RESOLUTION

17-2025

RESOLUTION AMENDING FY 2025-2026 BOARD OF ELECTION FEES

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

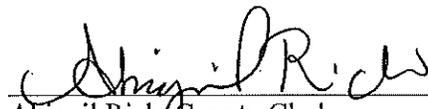
WHEREAS, Caldwell County Board of Elections has requested to amend its schedule of fees to include a filing fee of \$907.71 for Sheriff and \$1,234.88 for Clerk of Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners approves the requested amendments to be made to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Schedule of Fees.

Adopted this 14 day of July 2025.



Randy T. Church, Chairman



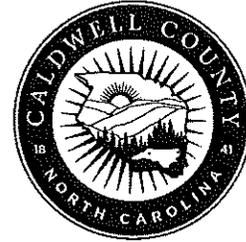
Abigail Rich, County Clerk

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Wayne L. Rash, Register of Deeds



RESOLUTION

19-2025

DISPOSAL OF COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY BY PRIVATE SALE

WHEREAS, Caldwell County owns certain items of personal property that have become surplus for its current needs; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 160A-266 permits the County to sell such property by private sale upon authorization by the Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting and notice to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is convened in a regular meeting.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners authorizes the negotiated sale of a 2019 Ford Explorer, VIN: 1FM5K8AR7KGA28721, for the sum of \$4,000 and the County Clerk shall publish a notice summarizing this resolution, and no sale may be executed pursuant to this resolution until at least 10 days after the day the notice is published.

Adopted this the 14 day of July, 2025.

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

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Abby Rich". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Abby Rich, NCCCC
County Clerk