

McDowell County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session – October 13, 2025, 4:00pm

Agenda

- I. **Call to Order**
Prayer and Pledge
Approval of Minutes
Approval of Agenda

- II. **Appointments**
 - A. 2027 Property Reappraisal Update
 (Fred Pearson, Vision Government Solutions)
 - B. America 250 Committee Update and Request
 (America 250 Committee Chair Doug Swaim)
 - C. Historic Carson House Update
 (Historic Carson House Executive Director Teresa Shadoin)

- III. **Old Business**
 - A. Planning Updates
 - B. Water System Projects
 - C. Capital Projects

- IV. **New Business**
 - A. Glenwood Christmas Parade Approval
 - B. Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Update
 - C. Administrative Items
 - D. Property Tax Matters

- V. **Citizen Comment**

- VI. **Commissioners/Staff Reports**

- VII. **Adjournment**

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
MCDOWELL COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION – September 8, 2025**

Assembly

The McDowell County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, September 8, 2025, in the Commissioners' Board Room, 69 N. Main Street, Marion, NC.

Members Present

Chairman, Tony Brown; Vice-Chair, Lynn Greene; Patrick Ellis, Trisha Garner, and David Walker

Members Absent

None

Others Present

Ashley Wooten, County Manager; Madalyn Robinson, Clerk to the Board; Fred Coats, County Attorney; William Kehler, ES Director; Marlan Brinkley, Library Director; Candice Workman, McDowell County Public Library History Room; Aikman Kazee, Parks and Recreation Director; Ron Harmon, Deputy County Manager for Community Development

Call to Order

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Commissioner Ellis led the group in prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Garner.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Walker made a motion to approve the August 11th and August 18th Regular Session Minutes and the August 25th Special Session Minutes, with a second by Vice-chair Ellis. By a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Walker made a motion to approve the agenda, with a second by Commissioner Ellis. By a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

Parks and Recreation Programming Update

Aikman Kazee gave a Parks and Recreation update and began with a general update.

General Update:

- Hosted Free Physical Day on 23 August with 113 children receiving a free physical thanks to Marion Medical Clinic.
- Pavilion at Hemphill Park was completed, offering a permanent shade structure for a park that severely lacked one.
- Youth Football registration ended with 409 participants. League grew 21% in 2024.
- Programs staff will begin our Have A Ball Initiative this week at the Elementary Schools.
- Pool Season ended with over 11,000 patrons served during the summer.
- Black Bear Campground and Park has surpassed 2024's gross revenue by over \$9,300, with August 2025 being the highest revenue month since opening.
- McDowell County Shooting Range hosted their annual Train Up A Child with 12 participants. Staff will host "Never Too Late To Learn" on 9 September.
- Bleachers in the Recreation Center Gym began installation today.

Mr. Kazee presented the first proposal to the board. Mr. Kazee requested expansion of the youth basketball league to add an instructional league for children aged four. The division will focus on teaching children the fundamentals of the game of basketball. Games would be played primarily on Saturdays throughout the season. No score will be kept, and basic violations will not be called (such as double dribble and traveling). The goal of the league is to provide children with the opportunity to learn the game of basketball before competing in the termite division (5-6). You must turn four as of Aug 31, 2025, to participate. They will also expand cheerleading to four. The McDowell County Shooting Range will begin offering NRA-certified courses to the public. Patrons at the Range have consistently requested classes to be offered at the Range beyond our highly successful "Train Up A Child" and "Never Too Late To Learn!" offerings.

- Staff already certified as NRA instructors
- Beginner Classes - \$150 | Advanced Classes - \$200
- 8 hour classes | Tuesdays | Frequency Based on Demand
- Examples of classes include - NRA Pistol Beginner & Advanced, NRA Rifle Beginner

Chairman Brown expressed his gratitude for the Parks and Rec Department and the proposed classes offered. Vice-chair Greene made a motion to approve the programs as presented, with a second from Commissioner Walker. By a vote of 5-0, the motion passed. Commissioner Garner expressed her appreciation for the day programs and all of their hard work. Outside of the organized sports, there is a focus on all children having access to participate in them.

Library One Day Wonder Exhibit

Marlan Brinkley introduced Candice Workman to give an update on a special program coming to Old Fort. Ms. Workman gave an overview of the One Day Wonder Exhibit with the original NC Constitution and a letter from John Adams. The event will be free and open to the public on September 17th, 2025, from 10 am to 5 pm at the Mountain Gateway Museum in Old Fort, NC.

Helene Update

Will Kehler covered the monthly update and wanted to recognize Deputy Adrienne Jones for her hard work. The day marked day 349 of the Emergency Operations Work. The Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP) will be administered through the County's Soil and Water Office (a federal program, but they're the local point of contact). Reimbursements for the NC Private Road and Bridge Program will be open September 1, 2025. Residents who repaired their driveway after Helene can apply for 50% reimbursement. VOAD will continue to meet biweekly.

Personal Property:

- 15.5% of the Helene debris from McDowell County
- Total Debris Removed: 1,365,282
- Parcels Requested: 1,441
- Parcels vetted: 1,326
- Parcels Contracted: 1,294
- Parcels in Progress: 41
- Parcels Complete: 1,104
- Cubic Yards Cleared: 102,730
- Cubic Yards Estimated: 72,000

Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP):

- Program administered through McDowell County Soil & Water Office
- EWP is designed for the installation of recovery measures. Activities include providing financial and technical assistance to:
 - Remove debris from stream channels, road culverts, and bridges
 - Reshape and protect eroded banks
 - Correct damaged drainage facilities
 - Establish cover on critically eroding lands
 - Repair levees and structures and
 - Repair conservation practices.
- Citizens can submit an online interest form by visiting:
 - mcdowellgov.com/helene

Emergency Housing Repairs & Rebuilds:

- Completed Projects: 478
- Pending Projects: 29
- Rebuilds: 26

Hazard Mitigation Program:

- Acquisition: 35
- Elevation: 21
- Generator Projects: 17
- Landslide: 12

- Wildfire Mitigation: 0

FEMA Reimbursement Update:

- Total of 15 applications
- 7 have been obligated, totaling \$2,116,913

Priorities Next 30 Days:

- Continue addressing the critical needs of citizens.
- Debris Operations
- Coordination with NCEM on SMART Program
- PPDR
- City Water Intakes / Lake Tahoma Debris Removal
- Housing Repairs
- Complete additional housing repairs via VOAD and NGOs
- Hazard Mitigation
- FEMA Reimbursement Applications (15)
- Continue to implement long-term recovery strategies.

Commissioner Walker asked if the Forest Service had a plan in place to prevent the spread of forest fires due to downed trees. Mr. Kehler said he cannot speak specifically about the forest services, but he is not aware of any program available to private residences.

On 9/27/25, there will be a resilience and reflection ceremony at Old Fort Elementary. Chairman Brown and Commissioner Walker expressed their appreciation for Mr. Kehler's hard work.

RV/Campground Ordinance First Reading

Ron Harmon, Deputy County Manager for Community Development, presented the draft RV Campground Ordinance. There is a Mobile Home Park Ordinance that has been in effect since 1997. Sixteen months ago, the Planning Board was asked to determine if regulations were needed for RV parks, campgrounds, etc. The main priority was increasing safety (emergency vehicle access, structure spacing in the event of fires, evacuation plans submitted to Emergency Services, and numbered lots for clear emergency response).

Commissioner Ellis asked about penalties and fees and when they would be applicable. Mr. Harmon said the fee is for adding above what you've been approved for. Chairman Brown asked Mr. Harmon to check on the penalty fee and raise the fee. Mr. Harmon relayed that he would check on this, but believes it is statutorily set at \$50. Vice-chairman Greene asked about existing parks, and Mr. Harmon stated that existing parks are grandfathered in until you begin infilling, and then it becomes an issue. Commissioner Ellis proposed that the public hearing be held in November, and Commissioner Walker seconded it. By a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

Jacktown Area Property Matter

Mr. Wooten updated the board on the Jacktown area property matter. The Abandon Mobile Home Ordinance is complaint-driven, and staff reviews complaints as they are received. Mr. Wooten stated that there are health and safety concerns when property is not maintained and considered abandoned. Complaints have been received about property located in the

Jacktown area, and the property is considered abandoned. The property owners have been served, and violations of the ordinance are to be cleaned up by 9/30/25. Commissioner Walker made a motion that staff proceed with whatever steps are necessary to remediate the property if the property violations are not corrected by the deadline (9/30/25), with a second by Vice-Chair Greene. By a motion of 5-0, the motion passed.

Water System Projects

Mr. Wooten gave an update on the East End Project. The East End Project around NC 126 and Marion Lake Club has been started. Nebo Phase 2A and 2B are starting to wrap up, however, there are some issues with Phase 3. The plans have been approved by NCDEQ, but NCDOT requires encroachment agreements for the building of waterlines. Encroachment agreements that are not Helene-related have been farmed out to Raleigh due to the high volume from Helene damage and this is causing delays. The District Engineer has made several attempts to. Nebo's small project is taking time to complete the paperwork.

The West Marion Elementary project has had an engineering staff change. They are completing an environmental document that needs to be completed because of federal funding involvement. Designs for the booster station are being created, and a contract amendment will be available next week for board review. The grant application is underway to provide funding for the completion of the loop from Marlor Road to Zion Hill. Commissioner Ellis asked about a timeline for breaking ground. Mr. Wooten stated that the 60% plans are available now, and the engineer transition is over; they should move faster towards this goal.

Charlotte Water Interbasin Transfer Update

Mr. Wooten stated that there has been little movement regarding the Interbasin Transfer request from Charlotte Water to move water from the Catawba River basin to the Rocky River basin. The general assembly passed House Bill 850, which imposed a moratorium on Interbasin Transfers until 2027, and they issued a study on IBTs that will be completed by UNCC. There is no movement now, but conversations are being discussed.

County Property Update

Mr. Wooten gave an overview of property matters. The two items being discussed are in the services building. Currently at the Services Building, the air system is designed to run all the time and baseboard heat is used. Discussion surrounding state funding for the renovation of the building and the HVAC system is the priority to address. Replacement of the air handling unit (\$222,000), replacement of the chiller (\$284,000), replacement of the damper controls (\$154,000), and leaving existing duct work have been discussed. \$300,000 of state funds is available. Mr. Wooten wants to talk to Mr. Riddle for additional thoughts and recommendations for this project.

The DSS property retaining wall has a bit of a lean in the wall. An engineer looked at the wall and agreed that something needed to be done. Two options are feasible for this situation. Either soil nailing or the removal of the existing wall and reconstruction of the new one (\$200,000). Commissioner Ellis asked about discussing this issue with the neighbor because fixing this issue would mean being on their property partially. Mr. Wooten will discuss this with the neighbor and have feedback by the next nightly meeting.

Animal Services Update

Mr. Wooten presented two items under the animal shelter discussion. They've evaluated several pieces of property and presented an option on Spaulding Road and another near the shooting range. The Spaulding Road site has been owned by the County since the early 80s, and utility access is available for water and sewer. Vice-chair Greene asked if the County owned the property leading up to the shooting range, and Mr. Wooten said the County owns it after Muddy Creek. Mr. Wooten stated there is concern related to high water events for the property near the shooting range. Commissioner Walker requested that they zero in on a site for the animal control building. Commissioner Walker asked if they could expand at the current site, and Mr. Wooten relayed that it would be limited expansion. Commissioner Walker asked for Mr. Wooten's recommendation and added that state inspections have prompted prioritization. Mr. Wooten stated that it is a County's responsibility to provide animal control services, and there is a need for a new building. There have been conversations and discussions about options for DSS building and the struggle to prioritize buildings because there is a need for many. Mr. Wooten stated that Burke County financed and built the EMS Building and the Animal Shelter at the same time. The recommendation would be to bundle several projects together. Commissioner Ellis asked about the ranked list from previous months and expressed the need to discuss funding opportunities with state legislation. Commissioner Walker made a motion for Mr. Wooten to bring back a bundle recommendation by the November meeting, seconded by Commissioner Ellis. By a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

Mr. Wooten stated that the rotary grant is available for funding for a low-income spay and neuter program. Vice-chair Greene made a motion to authorize applying for this grant, with a second by Commissioner Walker. By a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Update

Mr. Wooten presented the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Update. There is a Project Budget Ordinance request for approval that will be for Asset, Inventory, and Assessment along with budget amendments (GF5-8 and SP2).

GF 5 - Allocates revenue, fund balance, and transfers between line items for Emergency Services.

GF 6 - Allocates revenue and fund balance for the Sheriff's Office.

GF 7 - Allocates revenue for Transit equipment.

GF 8 - Transfers between line items for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

SP 2 - Amends the School Project Fund for various school renovation projects and property purchases.

Vice-chair Greene made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker. By a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

Administrative Items

Mr. Wooten presented EMS non-collectable write-offs of \$52,208.88, Nebo Water Adjustments of \$125 and the need for a data-breach policy for the grant the Sheriff's Department is applying for. Commissioner Ellis asked if it is required by statute for these to be written off after ten years and if there were issues putting liens on property. Mr. Wooten stated that you cannot attach liens for EMS bills, but you can treat it like a tax debt otherwise. The County has a billing company, EMS MC, that does the primary collection, a collection company tries to collect after EMS MC, and finally staff of the County tries to collect prior to the write-offs being brought before the board. Commissioner Walker made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by Vice-Chair Greene. By a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

Commissioner Committee Appointments

The Clerk to the Board stated that this was a first reading for the application received for Foothills Workforce Development by Mark Weber. Vice-chair Greene made a motion to approve the appointment application, seconded by Commissioner Ellis. By a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

There is a second reading for the two open seats on the McDowell Economic Development Board. No applications have been received yet, but Mr. Harold Walker and Mr. Jeffery Judd have expressed interest in remaining on the board. The board needs to appoint a member to the Child Fatality Prevention Team. Commissioner Walker made a motion to approve Mr. Walker and Mr. Judd to the McDowell Economic Development Board and to appoint Commissioner Garner to serve on the Child Fatality Prevention Team. This motion is seconded by Commissioner Ellis and by a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

Property Tax Matters

Mr. Wooten presented the tax matters for the month of August and additional 10-year write-offs presented by the County's tax collector. Vice-chair Greene made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by Commissioner Ellis. By a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

Releases over \$100.00:	\$1409.06
Releases under \$100.00:	\$460.11
Refunds:	\$2851.99
Discoveries:	\$442.01

Citizen Comment

Ron Sinclair commented on Concerns for senior tax matters. Teri Stahari commented on renewable energy options for the courthouse.

Closed Session [NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(6)]

Commissioner Walker made a motion to go into closed session at 6:27 pm, with a second by Commissioner Ellis. Commissioner Ellis made a motion to come out of closed session at 7:47 pm, with a second by Commissioner Walker. By a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

Adjournment

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to adjourn at 7:48 p.m., with a second by Commissioner Garner. By a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

Attest:

Madalyn Robinson
Clerk to the Board

Tony Brown
Chairman

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
MCDOWELL COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION – September 15, 2025**

Assembly

The McDowell County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, September 15, 2025, in the Commissioners' Board Room, 69 N. Main Street, Marion, NC.

Members Present

Chairman, Tony Brown; Vice-Chair, Lynn Greene; Patrick Ellis, Trisha Garner, and David Walker

Members Absent

None

Others Present

Ashley Wooten, County Manager; Madalyn Robinson, Clerk to the Board; Fred Coats, County Attorney; Dr. Tracy Grit, Superintendent of McDowell County Schools; Chad Marsh, Assistant Superintendent; Terry Frank, Chairman of McDowell County School Board; Suzanne Rampey, Chief Finance Officer; John Henning, School Board Attorney

New Elementary School Interlocal Agreement

Dr. Tracy Grit gave an overview of the interlocal agreement and stated his appreciation for the partnership between McDowell County's Commissioners and its school systems. Dr. Grit turned it over to Mr. John Henning to give an overview of the draft interlocal agreement and recognized Chairman Terry Frank of the McDowell County School Board, Assistant Superintendent Marsh, and Ms. Rampey. Mr. Henning explained that the document presented is the draft school construction agreement and how this will be used to apply for the Needs-Based School Construction Grant. The County and the school board will be working together on the interlocal agreement for the application to construct the new elementary school. Mr. Henning explained that if you're holding the property for collateral, school systems are not legally able to take out a capital mortgage loan. The County would need to take out a capital mortgage loan for this property, and this is why a partnership between the County and the School System is important. The School Board is also legally unable to apply for a sales tax refund for the construction of the new school. The School Board is holding the title to this property, and included in the interlocal agreement is a lease of the property to the County for the of purchasing local and state sales tax reimbursements. Partnering up for the application is crucial for keeping money in the County. Added into the lease is the opportunity to transfer/lease back to the school system after construction.

Chairman Brown expressed his appreciation for the strong partnership between the County and the School system and explained that they will do whatever they can to work

together for the construction of the new school. Commissioner Ellis asked if they have a price nailed down for the school, and Dr. Grit said they should know the numbers in the next week, but around 50 million is the price they're currently looking at. The full 42 million dollars is being requested for the grant, with a 5% matching because of the County's tier one designation. Commissioner Ellis asked if the lottery money stopped when receiving the grant, and Dr. Grit said it did not, and it has changed since the last rebuild (Old Fort Elementary). Commissioner Walker asked for the deadline to submit state projects and the reward date. October 3rd is the submittal date, and there has been discussion about the project moving to the treasurer's office. The award date is undecided at this time. Roughly 120 applications have been submitted, but Dr. Grit is expecting McDowell's application to be near the top because the County's needs meet every requirement of the application. Commissioner Walker asked if there were any competing Counties in the west applying for this, and Dr. Grit said Cherokee County.

Commissioner Walker made a motion to approve the school construction agreement as presented, provide letters of support where they are needed, and allow the County to have the first right of refusal on the vacated elementary school building. This motion is seconded by Vice-chair Greene. By a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

Department of Social Services Operations Update

Mr. Wooten gave an overview of DSS operations and presented the monthly MOU data. Mr. Wooten stated that the person responsible for Child Support Data was out and will provide the data when they return. Mr. Wooten explained that the vacancy report is provided every month, and vacancies are being filled. Mr. Wooten gave credit to Ms. Lee (Human Resources) and Ms. Reid (DSS Program Administrator) for recruiting people for DSS vacancies. Mr. Wooten stated that there is a seven-week training requirement, and many new hires are still in the preservice training and are unable to work cases on their own at this time. Progress is still being made. Mr. Wooten referred to PathNC and stated that there is a learning curve for all the staff; however, it is going well. Mr. Wooten stated he was proud of the effort made by the staff to familiarize themselves with this program and relayed that there is a lot of effort in training right now. Ms. Reid is working to ensure employees are getting the training needed. Mr. Wooten expressed his appreciation for Ms. Reid and her hard work.

Economic Services is rolling steady with no big changes. Adult Services are working on licensing an adult day health program through HCA Care Partners (similar to PACE for the elderly). Staff have been working with them on the development of this program. Child Support is moving on steadily. The E-Courts program is being learned. Statewide, the court system is implementing an online court system. This will all be electronic, and training is in progress.

Consolidated Human Service Agency Public Hearing, Resolution, & Director Posting

Mr. Wooten gave background on previous discussions about consolidated Human Service Agencies. Discussion began three months ago about a consolidated Human Service Agency. In 2012, Counties were given the option to change how they govern Human Service Agencies, and at that time, the County Commissioners took on the governing role. Within the last three months, it has been studied what should be included in the consolidated Human Service Agency (DSS, Transit, Senior Center, Veterans, and Health). Last month, it was decided not to include health in the consolidated agency. Before consolidating those functions under one umbrella, a public hearing is required. After the public hearing, the board can choose what they'd like to consolidate.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion to move into the public hearing, seconded by Vice-chair Greene. By a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

There were no comments during the public hearing. Commissioner Ellis made a motion to go out of public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Greene. By a motion of 5-0, the motion passed.

Mr. Wooten presented the resolution authorizing the creation of the human services agency for consideration.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE MCDOWELL COUNTY CONSOLIDATED HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. 153A-77 authorizes counties to consolidate departments into a Consolidated Human Services Agency to promote efficiency and effectiveness and to appoint a Consolidated Human Services Board with authority to exercise the powers conferred by law; and

WHEREAS, after analyzing and evaluating the provision of services to residents by existing human services agencies, the McDowell County Board of Commissioners concluded that it is in the best interest of the County to consolidate human services agencies to more effectively and economically deliver services and resources; and

WHEREAS, the McDowell County Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of the County for the Board of Commissioners to serve as the Consolidated Human Services Board; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly advertised and conducted on September 15, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the McDowell County Board of Commissioners that:

1. There is hereby created a McDowell County Consolidated Human Services Agency ("CHSA") having the authority to carry out the functions of the McDowell County Departments of Social Services, McDowell Transit, McDowell Senior Center, Veterans Services.
2. The McDowell County Board of Commissioners shall serve as the policy-making, rule-making, and administrative board of the CHSA and which shall have the powers conferred by N.C.G.S. 153A-77.
3. Employees who serve as staff of the CHSA are subject to the provisions of the McDowell County personnel policies and ordinances.
4. This Resolution shall be effective September 15, 2025.

Adopted this 15th day of September, 2025.

Commissioner Greene made a motion to accept the resolution to include the personnel policies that need to be amended in order to create the consolidated Human Service Agency. This motion is seconded by Commissioner Garner. By a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

Mr. Wooten stated that he has the job posting the Human Services Director for approval, sign-off, and posting. By a vote of 5-0, the motion passed by consensus.

Administrative Items

Mr. Wooten presented administrative items to the board for approval and began with items related to the Water System.

- Capital Project Ordinance Amendment One: For the Providence Water System project. Related to this is an engineering agreement amendment related to the work that is necessary for the grant and the project design.
- The resolution authorizing the submission of a grant to serve the loop on Marler Road and Zion Hill.

Commissioner Walker made a motion to approve the Capital Project Ordinance Amendment One, the engineering agreement, and the resolution supporting the grant application submission. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Ellis. By a vote of 5-0, the motion passed

Mr. Wooten presented the finance and budget items.

- Financing: There is a financing resolution for Sheriff's Office vehicles, one-wheel loader for the transfer station, a truck for Emergency Management, an SUV for EMS, and radios for the Sheriff's Office.
- Budget amendments: GF-9 and ENT-1 will be used to allocate the financing proceeds.

Vice-chair Greene made a motion to approve the financing resolution for various vehicles, along with the two budget amendments presented. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Ellis. By a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

Mr. Wooten moved on to the Health Department Lease.

- Health Department Lease - A draft lease agreement has been prepared between the County and the Health District. The lease will need to be sent to the Board of Health for their review and approval.

The building was built and occupied by the health department in its entirety. The impression given to staff was to create a lease and rent to the health department for free of charge. This gives the commissioners full authority to approve or deny leases in the building. Chairman Brown stated that they needed to lease the property for a fair and marketable price, not discounted. Commissioner Walker stated that the Transit Department needs space, and the offices at the Health Department will suit the Transit Department's needs. Commissioner Walker stated that the location would be more suitable in the County building and suggested that they

give the current renters ample time to move out and move County functions into that building. Commissioner Ellis stated that he likes the current lease agreement as presented.

Commissioner Walker made a motion to approve the lease as presented, with the addition of moving the transit department into the building and notifying current renters of this change. This motion is seconded by Commissioner Ellis. By a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

Commissioner Walker made a motion that Mr. Wooten contact the hospital CEO and try to lease the empty space on the side lower level of the Senior Center. This motion is seconded by Commissioner Ellis. By a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

Closed Session [NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(6)]

Vice-chair Greene made a motion to go into closed session at 12:10 pm, seconded by Commissioner Ellis. By a vote of 5-0, the motion passed. Vice-Chair Greene made a motion to come out of closed session at 1:16 pm, seconded by Commissioner Walker. By a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

Adjournment

Commissioner Walker made a motion to adjourn at 1:17 pm, with a second by Commissioner Garner. By a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

Attest:

Madalyn Robinson

Clerk to the Board

Tony Brown

Chairman

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
MCDOWELL COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL SESSION – September 29, 2025**

Assembly

The McDowell County Board of Commissioners met in Special session on Monday, September 29, 2025, in the Commissioners' Board Room, 69 N. Main Street, Marion, NC.

Members Present

Chairman, Tony Brown; Vice-Chair, Lynn Greene; Trisha Garner, and David Walker

Members Absent

Patrick Ellis

Others Present

Ashley Wooten, County Manager; Madalyn Robinson, Clerk to the Board; Fred Coats, County Attorney; Will Kehler, Emergency Services Director

911 Staffing Concerns

Will Kehler thanked Amber Buff for her leadership at the 911 Communications Center. Numerous centers in North Carolina are struggling with staffing matters. One of the issues that has been present is the low entry-level salaries at the 911 communication center. The center is in a serious staffing crisis that can no longer function properly due to this. Of the nineteen positions, three are on medical leave. The communications center has four open positions, two trainees who have not been released to function yet as full communicators, and one pending full-time resignation. They are currently looking at ten positions they are trying to backfill. Current full-time staff are working excessive overtime, and this creates concern for staff burnout and errors. 911 Communications cannot lose any more of its experienced staff. It takes 9-12 weeks for new employees to be trained on all of the agency's protocols (through Catawba Valley Community College). The communications center is spending approximately 22k per new employee for training. Mr. Kehler and Mrs. Buff have done everything they can do internally to fix staffing concerns. When the pay study was done in FY23, the County was ranked third, however, in 2025, the County is third from the bottom in terms of pay. The overall proposed adjustment will go to the senior staff and increase entry-level pay. Mr. Kehler presented the proposed pay adjustment for 911 Communications workers. Mr. Kehler suggested using an education policy and implementing the reimbursement policy for new hires, where they will need to pay back the cost for education if they leave within 12 months of being hired (similar to what the Sheriff's Office does).

Commissioner Walker asked if this was a common practice, and Mr. Kehler stated that it was common with EMS organizations. Mr. Wooten stated that funds for this have been identified through EMS Collections.

Commissioner Walker made a motion to approve the request as presented to help retain workers and attract new workers now that funding has been identified. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Greene. By a vote of 4-0, the motion passed.

Closed Session [NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(4)]

Commissioner Walker made a motion to go into closed session at 11:47 am, seconded by Commissioner Garner. By a vote of 5-0, the motion passed

Vice-chair Greene made a motion to come out of closed session at 12:26 pm, seconded by Commissioner Garner. By a vote of 4-0, the motion passed.

Incentive Agreement

Commissioner Walker made a motion to cancel the incentive agreement with Forza Boat Company, subject to the sale of the Forza property to a manufacturing company. This was seconded by Vice-chair Greene. By a motion of 4-0, the motion passed.

Adjournment

Commissioner Greene made a motion to adjourn at 12:27 pm, with a second by Commissioner Walker. By a vote of 4-0, the motion passed.

Attest:

Madalyn Robinson

Clerk to the Board

Tony Brown

Chairman

Memo to: Board of Commissioners
Subject: 2027 Property Reappraisal Update
Date: October 6, 2025
From: Ashley R. Wooten



Description:

Fred Pearson from Vision Governmental Government Solutions (formerly Pearson Appraisals) will give an update on the 2027 Property Reappraisal. Their staff are making great progress towards the goal of visiting all properties in the county.

Budgetary Impact:

N/A

Requested Action:

N/A



Ashley Wooten <awooten@mcdowellgov.com>

2027 Reappraisal Meetings for September & October, 2025

Brannan Pearson <brannanpearson@vgsi.com>

Thu, Oct 2, 2025 at 9:54 AM

To: "Ashley R. Wooten" <awooten@mcdowellgov.com>, Jeff Hayton <jhayton@vgsi.com>

Cc: Tammy Wylie <tammy.wylie@mcdowellgov.com>, Fred Pearson <fpearson@vgsi.com>

I can provide the completed field visits as of today along with what is remaining to be viewed/verified in the field.

This is the count as of 10/1/2025:

McDowell 10,717 of 32,793 Parcels Complete

+-- Images Taken 6257 (58.4% of Parcels Completed have Images)

This website is updated daily and can be checked at any time.

<https://pas-reports.s3.amazonaws.com/progress.html>

Thank you and I hope everyone has a great day!

Brannan Pearson

Operations Manager

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From: Ashley R. Wooten <awooten@mcdowellgov.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 2, 2025 9:26 AM

To: Jeff Hayton <jhayton@vgsi.com>

Cc: Tammy Wylie <tammy.wylie@mcdowellgov.com>; Fred Pearson <fpearson@vgsi.com>; Brannan Pearson <brannanpearson@vgsi.com>

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Memo to: Board of Commissioners
Subject: America250 Update and Request
Date: October 6, 2025
From: Ashley R. Wooten



Description:

Doug Swaim, the chair of the America250 Committee, will give an update on the Committee activities. He will also ask if the County would be able to provide \$7,775 for Committee expenses for the rest of the year going into the next fiscal year for the actual 250th. There are currently no County funds budgeted for this activity.

Budgetary Impact:

The Finance Director has identified \$7,775 available from the County Projects Fund reserve that can be used for this request.

Requested Action:

Staff requests approval of the monetary request.

Memo to: Lynn Greene, Commissioner
Ashley Wooten, County Manager

From: Doug Swaim, America 250 McDowell Committee

Date: September 18, 2025

Subject: America 250 McDowell Funding Request

The America 250 McDowell Committee has identified the following projects that we believe would contribute to a successful local commemoration. If the county could assist by providing funding for some or all of these, it would be greatly appreciated:

1. Commemorative mementos for the community - \$4,775
Production of small McDowell County themed mementos (buttons and stickers) that will be handed out free of charge to members of the community at both the Marion and Old Fort 4th of July parades next July.
2. America 250 poster series - \$2,000
Production of a series of posters that explain America 250, the official themes for the commemoration, and how those themes are reflected in McDowell County history. The posters would be displayed in the America 250 booth at community events and in public places at other times.
3. Speaker series honoraria - \$1,000
We are sponsoring speakers the first Thursday of every month between now and next July. The first two events have been well received. We would like to be able to present each speaker with a \$100 honorarium.

Total need: \$7,775

Memo to: Board of Commissioners
Subject: Historic Carson House Update
Date: October 6, 2025
From: Ashley R. Wooten



Description:

Historic Carson House Executive Director Teresa Shadoin will give an update on the organization's activities. She will likely brief you on the recent Moore Cabin dedication as well as the upcoming completion of the new building at the rear of the home.

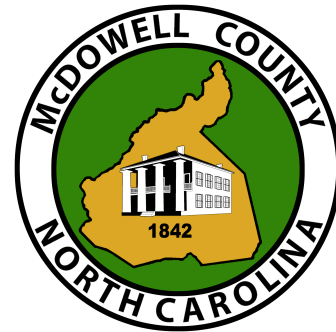
Budgetary Impact:

N/A

Requested Action:

N/A

Memo to: Board of Commissioners
Subject: Planning Updates
Date: October 6, 2025
From: Ashley R. Wooten



Description:

RV/Campground Ordinance

Several Commissioners have mentioned that they have received feedback about the draft RV/Campground Ordinance and feel that the Planning Board should schedule a time for input to be received on the ordinance by members of the public such as campground owners. If you all are agreeable with this sentiment, then the ordinance can be returned to the Planning Board for this additional review and rescheduled for presentation at a future Commissioners meeting.

1313 Jacktown Road

Last month you authorized proceeding with the cleanup of 1313 Jacktown Road, which is littered with abandoned mobile homes. The deadline for the property owners to clean up the property has passed, so staff has proceeded seeking quotes from local contractors. Staff will select the lowest qualified bid and will proceed with cleanup as soon as possible.

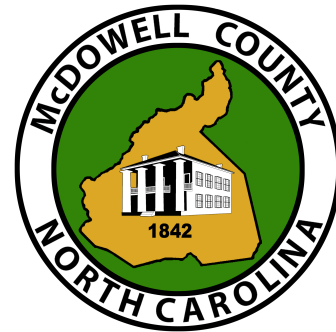
Budgetary Impact:

N/A

Requested Action:

Staff suggests sending the Draft RV/Campground Ordinance back to the Planning Board and directing that they hear input from campground owners at a future Planning Board meeting.

Memo to: Board of Commissioners
Subject: Water System Updates
Date: October 6, 2025
From: Ashley R. Wooten



Description:

Staff continues to work on an unprecedented number of water-related projects. Here are several water-related updates. The following projects are sorted by proximity to construction:

Nebo

- The East End Project began August 4. This project is scheduled to be complete in April 2026.
- Nebo Phases 2 A & B are under construction. Several sections have been placed into service. The completion date is by mid October.
- The design for Phase 3 has been approved by NCDEQ. The project is awaiting approval by NCDOT. There is no scheduled start or end date at this time.
- The small extension project near Exit 90 is more or less ready to bid with one more procedural hurdle needing to be completed. There is no scheduled start or end date at this time.

Providence Area/West Marion Elementary Area

- The engineer has provided the 90% plans to staff for review.
- Additional funds have been applied for under the State Revolving Fund program through NC DEQ Division of Water Infrastructure. That application was in the amount of \$3,538,500. The applications will be voted on by the State Water Infrastructure Authority at their February 2026 meeting.

Asset Inventory and Assessment Project

The Asset Inventory and Assessment Project is now underway. The first steps involve doing a complete inventory of the County's water assets and updating the mapping. Those project deliverables are on schedule to be completed by the end of the year.

Partnership Grant

NCDEQ has provided the County \$100,000 to develop post-Helene partnerships with Marion, Old Fort, and the County. A kickoff meeting has been held with the UNC Environmental Finance Center who will be assisting with the effort.

Budgetary Impact:

The Nebo projects are primarily being funded by the County's \$11 million state appropriation as well separate project-related grants. The Providence Area/West Marion Elementary Area projects are being funded by a State appropriation, Appalachian Regional Commission funds, and Board of Education funds. The AIA grant is being paid for with \$400,000 in NCDEQ funds. The partnership project is being paid for with a NCDEQ \$100,000 grant.

Requested Action:

N/A

Division of Water Infrastructure

Application for Funding



1. General Information

This is the submittal form for the **Fall 2025 Applications** for funding from the NC DEQ Division of Water Infrastructure for drinking water and wastewater projects. Fall 2025 funding is available for:

- CDBG-I grants
- DWSRF and CWSRF low-interest loans and principal forgiveness
- Viable Utility Reserve grants
- Drinking Water and Wastewater Reserve grants (prioritized for Helene projects per SL 2025-26)
- Drinking Water and Wastewater Reserve low-interest loans

Do not submit a "Rolling Application" for SRF Helene, Lead Service Lines, Emerging Contaminants Study Projects or CWSRF Decentralized Wastewater Treatment Systems Pilot Program, but instead use this [submittal form](#) for Rolling Applications.

Low-interest loans, Principal Forgiveness, and grants are available for drinking water and wastewater projects. Complete your application form and required documentation using the [Division's forms application page](#) and then use this online submission page to upload your application and all documents. This portal does not substitute for filling out the Application for Funding form, which you are required to do and upload here. **Fall 2025 applications are due Tuesday, September 30, 2025 by 5:00pm.**

Applicant Name *

McDowell County

(Please choose Other if name is not in list.)

Select County(ies)

McDowell

Project Name *

Providence Hill Water Line Extension

Please be advised DWI has a 40 character limit for project names.

Application replaces one that was submitted in the Spring 2025 round or earlier. *

☒ New ☐ Replaces a previously submitted Spring 2025 or earlier application.

Funding Type *

Drinking Water Construction (including emerging contaminants)

Select all that apply *

- ☐ Project is a result of an Asset Inventory and Assessment grant
- ☐ Project is a result of a Merger/Regionalization Feasibility grant
- ☒ None of the above

Points claimed in Priority Rating System *

45

Service Population *

875

Service Connections

416

Is system designated as distressed per G.S. 159G-145(b)? *☒ Yes ☐ No**Funding Amount Requested ***

\$3,538,500.00

Is this application for additional funding for a SWIA-funded project?☐ Yes ☒ No**Check if you are willing to accept a low-interest loan for the full amount of funding request above. ***☒ Yes ☐ No**Total Project Cost ***

\$3,538,500.00

Will the project add new connections?☒ Yes ☐ No**Number of new water/sewer connections served by project**

75

(if adding new connections)

PWSID (if applicable)

NC1056032

Is there "Additional Information for Consideration" in Section 7 of the Application for Funding form?☐ Yes ☒ No**Name of Authorized Representative ***

Ashley Wooten

Title of Authorized Representative *

County Manager

Email of Authorized Representative *awooten@mcdowellgov.com**Mailing Address of Authorized Representative ***

Mailing Address

60 East Court Street

City

Marion

Postal/Zip Code

28752

State

NC

Organization of Application Preparer *

NCACC

Name of Application Preparer *

Scott Boyd

Email of Application Preparer *scott.boyd@ncacc.org**I verify that a PE seal is present on the project budget.**☒ I verify ☐ I do not verify**Is the engineer the same as the application preparer? ***☐ Yes ☒ No**Name of Engineer**

Amanda Englert

Email of Engineeraenglert@withersravenel.com**Engineering Firm**

Withers Ravenel

Submitter Email: *scott.boyd@ncacc.org**Re-Type Submitter Email: ***scott.boyd@ncacc.org**Name of Person Submitting the Application ***

Scott Boyd

Signature *

2. Application File Uploads

The application forms, instructions, guidance documents, and supporting documents are all on the Division of Water Infrastructure's [applications webpage](#). You must download and complete all of the relevant forms following the instructions. Once complete, save each file as a PDF and upload each of the forms in the appropriate section below, **including the Application for Funding form**.

Note: Uploading multiple files under Supporting Documentation is allowed.

Do not submit the same file in all of the sections below; separate your files as organized by their sections. Make sure your documents are final before uploading. You may delete a file after it is uploaded by clicking on the X next to the filename. **Once you submit an application on the next tab, you cannot edit your application or files. If you need to make a correction after you submit an application, submit a new application and contact the Division.**

Uploading files may take a few minutes. Files must be smaller than 250 MB in size.

Application Resolution by Governing Body *

Application Resolution by Governing Body.pdf

264.63KB

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Completed Application for Funding form *

McDowell_CompletedApplicationForFunding.pdf

618.78KB

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Priority Rating System score sheet *

McDowell_ScoreSheet.pdf

301.5KB

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Comprehensive Narratives to claim points in the Priority Rating System (all in one file only) *

McDowell_CompNarratives.pdf	907.75KB
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Documentation to support the Comprehensive Narratives (multiple files allowed)

McDowell_SupportingDoc.pdf	710.02KB
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Financial Information Form

McDowell_WaterSewerInfo.pdf	409.04KB
PDF only	

Current water and sewer rate sheets *

McDowell_Rates.pdf	491.34KB
PDF only	

Affordability Calculator* or handwritten affordability calculations *

McDowell_Calculator.pdf	297.16KB
PDF only	

Fund Transfer Certification with appropriate box checked *

McDowell_FundTransfer.pdf	200.59KB
PDF only	

Viable Utility Reserve Construction Project Supplemental Information Form

PDF only

State Reserve Program Eligibility Form for Hurricane Helene Prioritization

PDF only

MEETING SUMMARY

Date: 9/3/2025

Project: McDowell County FRC Providence Road Water Extension

Attendees: ☒ Ashley Wooten ☒ Lauren Rudd
☒ Dewayne Riddle ☒ Alan Toney
☒ Joe Turner ☒ Freddie Harrill
☒ Amanda Englert ☐ Will Cauthen

WR Project Number: 24-0445

WELCOME

Project Update

- ▶ County
 - County has not been able to find gas station plans. COG suggested reaching out to local DEQ office for information on the underground storage tanks and County agreed to try that avenue.
 - Dewayne is still reviewing plans and will provide further feedback as available.
- ▶ WR

Design Discussion

- ▶ 60% Submittal Comments
 - County requested service lines and meters be placed at all properties along the water line.
 - County asked if the proposed location is the best location for the booster pump station as this is key before beginning property acquisition.
 - The proposed location is the most desirable when factoring in pressures within the line and reducing impacts to existing residential properties.
 - WithersRavenel provided an estimate of a 65x70' area needed for the booster pump station and flow meter. This footprint allows space for a 1-ton pickup to turn around, 8" flow meter, pre-packaged 750GPM booster pump station, and generator.
 - The County informed WR that interactions with the property Owner have been positive to date.
 - County requested that WR provide a survey of the parcel for their agreement with the Owner.
 - ▶ Bid Sets
 - Plans must include the waterline to the school and the booster pump station as part of the funding agreement to serve ARC.
 - The County requested bidding the loop as an alternate bid.
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- Plans should be one bid set.

Funding Update

- ▶ Environmental Assessment Update
 - WR and COG have collaborated on needs for environmental assessment. Due to funding restrictions, the environmental assessment cannot be directly included in the original project contract. COG has requested a proposal from WR for the environmental assessment.
- ▶ Easement Acquisition Research Update
 - Typically, the County has done an Informal process for property acquisition. This should work for most areas along the water line, but a formal process will need to be followed for the booster pump station property acquisition.
 - The booster pump station property acquisition will required a URA licensed professional. COG to investigate who on their team has this license and would be able to help.
 - COG stated that an alternate path would be for County to acquire property with local funds, separate from this project.
- ▶ WR Requested Funding Items Update
 - LOIF
 - This has not been received to date and is dependent on completion of the environmental assessment.
 - Schedule
 - No schedule extension has been requested to date yet, but Team is confident that one can be received.
 - Start-up Document Completion
 - COG requested a copy of the startup documents requested and will let WR know when each are completed.

Project Schedule Update

- ▶ See attached – [Project is on schedule](#)

Critical Path Forward Items

- ▶ Amendment 1 Update
 - Amendment 1 is drafted and in internal review. It includes the below items.
 - Booster Pump Station
 - Includes design, construction administration, construction observation, additional project management, additional bid phase (may not need additional bid phase if all items are in a single bid package).
 - Engineering Report
 - Geotechnical Authorization
 - SUE Authorization
- ▶ Easement Acquisition
 - The team is aware that easements will need to be acquired before project is bid.
- ▶ NCDOT Coordination
 - WR plans to submit to NCDOT with their 60% set to start coordination early.

Next Meeting

- ▶ Week of 10/10 – post 90% submittal

Action Items

- ▶ County to provide any historical documents related to the gas station that they can find.
- ▶ COG to review and approve environmental investigation proposal.
- ▶ COG to provide qualified easement acquisition consultant.
- ▶ County to decide whether to use easement acquisition consultant or acquire easements separately from project.
- ▶ County to provide 60% review comments as soon as possible.

Attachments

- ▶ Funding Requests
- ▶ Schedule

REQUEST FOR FUNDING ITEMS

Date: 9/2/2025

Project: McDowell County FRC Providence Road Water Extension

WR Project Number: 24-0445

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)

- ▶ Provide ARC schedule for deadlines if updated from 8/31/26 deadline
- ▶ NEPA Environmental Assessment
- ▶ Provide NC Commerce "Release of Funds" to WR

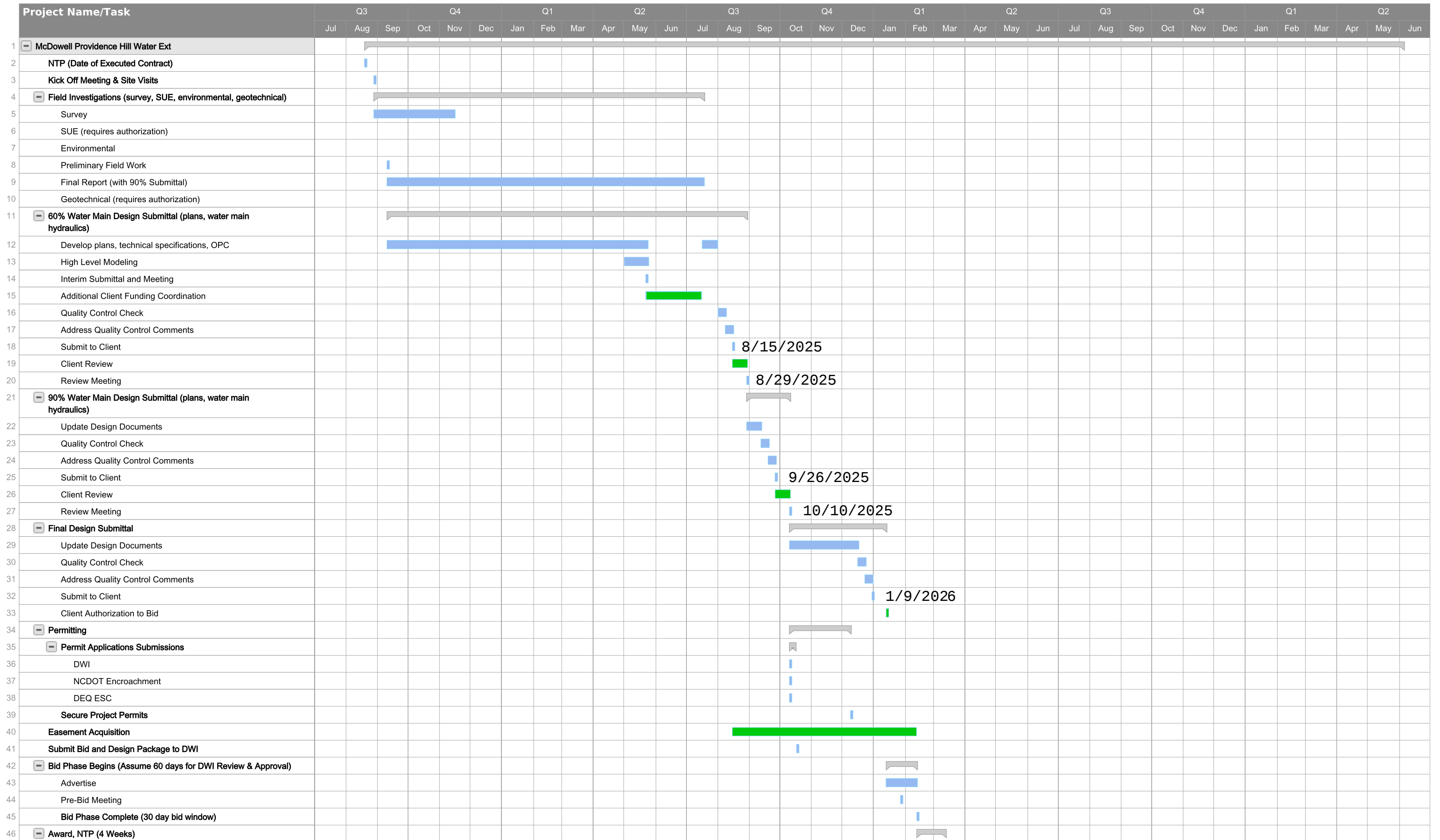
Easements

- ▶ Easement Acquisition need to be acquired per Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition (URA)?

DWI Funding

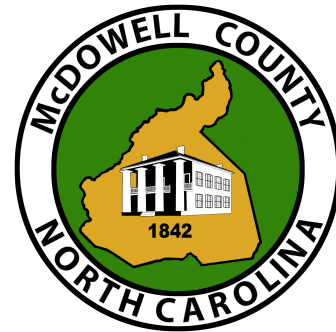
- ▶ Provide any documentation from DWI approving extensions to WR
- ▶ Are all startup documents completed?
 - Resolution to accept funds
 - Executed funding offer by representative
 - Sale tax certification
 - URA site certification
 - Sam.gov profile active
 - Other additional startup documents

24-0445 McDowell Providence Hill Water Ext



Project Name/Task		Q3			Q4			Q1			Q2			Q3			Q4			Q1			Q2			Q3			Q4			Q1			Q2		
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48	Client Review/Authorization																																				
49	Conform Documents & Award																																				
50	Construction (15 months)																																				
51	Pre-Construction Meeting																																				
52	Construction																																				
53	Substantial Completion and Walk																																				
54	Final Completion																																				

Memo to: Board of Commissioners
Subject: Capital Projects
Date: October 6, 2025
From: Ashley R. Wooten



Description:

There are several ongoing capital projects:

Transfer Station

Work has begun on the Transfer Station Rehabilitation Project. As a reminder, a new tipping floor is being poured adjacent to the existing sheltered floor. Once the new temporary floor is complete, the existing facility will be closed so that repairs can commence.

Universal Technology Park Grading

Work continues on the grading for the second building site at the Universal Technology Park near the Universal building. The contractor states that the work is on schedule to be completed in February or January. The site can then be marketed for sale or development.

Creek Restoration at Universal Property

Work has begun on the restoration of the creek that flows through the Universal property. The goal of this State-funded project is to restore the natural flow of the creek while protecting the Universal Building and its associated structures.

Greenway

Engineering and design continues for the greenway planned to extend from Roby Conley Road to Resistoflex Road (including the existing greenway in Greenlee Park). The project was delayed by Helene by around nine months. A progress report from the engineer is included in the packet.

Budgetary Impact:

The Transfer Station work is being paid for using funds remaining from the American Rescue Plan Act. The Universal Technology Park grading project is being paid for using Golden Leaf Foundation funds. The creek restoration work at Universal is paid for through a State appropriation. The greenway extension is being paid for by a combination of federal, state, and local funds derived from the the American Rescue Plan Act.

Requested Action:

N/A

MCDOWELL COUNTY TRANSFER STATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, MCDOWELL COUNTY - PROGRESS MEETING NO. 1 MINUTES

Location: 69 N. Main Street, Marion, NC 28752

Date: August 18, 2025

Time: 1:00 P.M.

Attendance:

McDowell County (County): Dewayne Riddle

LaBella Associates (LaBella): Rohit Garg, Daniel R. Hill

F L Blum Construction (Blum): Aaron Ernst, Nathan Mathis

Items of Discussion:

1. **Submittals** - Rohit provided an update on submittals as following:
 - Total Submittals Received – Six (6). All of them have been reviewed and returned to contractor for manufacturing.
 - LaBella will submit a submittal summary table with meeting minutes.
 - Aaron mentioned that they plan to submit leachate system and trench submittals in next two weeks.
2. **RFIs** - Rohit provided an update on RFIs as following:
 - Total RFIs Received – Six (6). All RFIs have been reviewed and returned to contractor.
 - LaBella will submit a RFI summary table with meeting minutes.
3. **Schedule** – Rohit and Aaron provided an update on work completed to date as following:
 - Retaining Wall Section – Phase 1**
 - Establish Traffic Control - Completed
 - Sitework – Excavation - Completed
 - Footer Form - Completed
 - Footer Pour - Completed
 - Retaining Wall Section – Phase 2**
 - Form Wall - Completed
 - Pour Wall - Completed
 - Retaining Wall Section – Phase 3**
 - Backfill Retaining Wall – Pending, waiting on concrete test results. Aaron mentioned that

Contractor is planning to add more stone on back of retaining wall for ease of construction. Contractor will review the quantities and provide a change order if any. Dan stated that he will reach out to Catawba testing for test results.

- Form Upper Slab - Pending
- Pour Upper Slab - Pending
- Install French Drain - Pending
- Install Road Plates - Pending

Retaining Wall Section – Phase 4

- Fine Grade Lower Slab - Pending

4. **Work to be Completed in the Next Two (2) Weeks** - Rohit provided an update on work to be completed in next two weeks as following:

Retaining Wall Section – Phase 4

- Form Lower Slab
- Install Trench Drain
- Pour Lower Slab

Existing Building Section – Phase 5

- Sitework – Excavate
- Saw Cut Existing Pad

Aaron mentioned that Contractor is planning to start working inside the transfer station on 09/21/2025. Rohit requested Aaron to revise and submit the updated schedule.

5. **CQA:**

- Waiting on concrete test results from Catawba testing.

6. **E&S in Progress:**

- Rohit stated that erosion control measures must be in accordance with project permit, general notes, and as shown in drawings.

7. **Pay Requests**

- Rohit confirmed that LaBella has received pay applications for July 2025 and under Engineer's review and will be submitted to County on 8/19/2025.
- Aaron stated that August 2025 pay application will be submitted to Engineer's review next week.
- Dewayne asked to copy Ashley R. Wooten on the pay application requests.

8. **Inclement Weather**

- Aaron confirmed that there are no rain delays to report till date.
- Rohit requested the Contractor to report rain delays with the pay application.

9. **Meetings**

- Next Progress Meetings is tentatively scheduled for Friday, September 5, 2025, at 11 am at transfer station.

10. **Change Order:** Aaron mentioned that following change order will be submitted in near future.

- Change in retaining wall height from 16 feet to 18 feet.
- Additional wall on top of the existing portion of wall just outside the transfer station.

- Retaining wall between the existing retaining walls outside the transfer station.

Conclusion:

- The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:45 pm. Contractor, County, and LaBella personnel went for the site visit to discuss the project progress.

Preparation of Minutes:

- LaBella prepared these minutes following the meeting and will distribute to the attendees. LaBella will incorporate comments and/or exceptions received in writing before next scheduled meeting. Revised minutes are made part of the permanent record.

Prepared by: Rohit Garg
Rohit Garg, P.E.
Senior Project Engineer

Attachments:

- RFI Log
- Submittal Log

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) LOG

Project Name: McDowell Transfer Station, North Carolina
Owner: McDowell County
Project Manager: Rohit Garg
Last Updated: 9/5/2025



RFI No.	Date Received	Description of RFI	Date Answered	Response to RFI	Contractor/ Subcontractor	Added Cost? (Y/N)
001	6/2/2025	Please verify: 1. Slope of new concrete surfaces 2. Concrete curb type Differences are highlighted in the attached markups	6/9/2025	Dimensions were verified and marked on attached drawing with RFI response.	Blum	N
002	6/10/2025	Questions discussed during our onsite visit: 1. Push Plate built out from wall to allow better loading. Currently the loading area is longer than trucks, so trash falls off the loading platform onto the ground on the back side of truck. Suggestion to put kickers back from push plate to repaired concrete wall to eliminate this issue. 2. Confirm doweling is appropriate to connect new and old work - concern of rebar strength if demolition has to retain existing rebar in concrete to be removed. Suggestion to sawcut a clean line and epoxy dowel into old concrete. 3. Confirm if tractor trailer area curb can be mountable ILO pour for maintenance purposes. Tractor trailers will likely pull over the curb, causing damage. If it is a mountable curb, then the county will be able to replace with minimal damage to underlying slab. 4. Confirm tie-in detail for retaining wall that needs to be poured in multiple sections. Tie in new and old work. 5. Overhang needed on upper platform to push trash into truck. Current 90 degree wall would cause trash to fall onto the ground between tractor trailer and retaining wall. We discussed something like a road plate with kickers welded back to the retaining wall to allow trash to be pushed directly into tractor trailer. 6. Confirm that retaining wall footer is to be set at a single elevation, not step footer as the grade changes. 7. Suggestion to lower footing and install SOG over footer to better distribute weight of tractor trailer being loaded at base of wall. Drop footer elevation 8", install 8" SOG directly on top of footer to retain the same finished elevation currently drawn.	7/9/2025	Sargent CorporatSee below responses to each questions. 1. County has decided not to install kickers back from push plate as County plan to use longer trailers in the future. 2. If initial work is done per the concrete repair notes and concrete substrate is sound, then epoxy doweling is acceptable. 3. Change the curb to the drivable curb. Refer to below detail. 4. Retaining wall should be poured adjacent, no tie-in with the existing one is needed. 5. This is a temporary condition, County has decided not to install the overhang. 6. Install retaining wall footing at the same level. Maximum height for the retaining wall can be extended to 17.5 feet. 7. Construct the retaining wall as shown on the Construction Drawings. Do not lower the retaining wall footing.	Blum	N
003	6/30/2025	There are two existing walls on the main structure that extend to the south side of the existing loading dock. The Civil drawings show a new retaining wall being attached to the eastern wall, while Structural drawings show a new retaining wall being attached to the western wall. Please clarify which is the correct tie-in point.	7/8/2025	Proposed retaining wall should tie into the existing western wall as shown on the structural drawing S101. Gap between the two existing walls and under the building must be backfilled with soil and covered with grass. See responses on attached drawing (in blue). Additional Clarification - Subgrade and concrete slab slope along the proposed retaining wall for loading area must be 1 % for area equal to width of the trailer. See comment on attached drawing (in blue).	Blum	N

004	7/3/2025	The current drawings do not indicate any overlay or repair scope for the lower slab area where tractor-trailers are currently loaded. This slab is severely deteriorated, with exposed rebar in multiple locations. 1. Please confirm that no work is to be performed in this area. 2. Please confirm the intended elevation for new slab pours, as the existing slab in this area is neither uniform nor historically consistent in elevation.	7/9/2025	Slab and walls for the current loading area does require the repairs as mentioned on contract drawings. See drawing S101 which calls out "PROVIDE CONC. WALL AND SLAB REPAIR IN AREA -SEE S001 FOR CONCRETE REPAIR NOTES" for the current loading area. Slab elevation after the repairs must be such that there is enough space between the slab and bottom of the 4" steel pipe for the overhang to park and load the trailer.	Blum	N
005	7/21/2025	Based on recent meetings and email responses to design-related questions, the concrete subcontractor requires further clarification on the following items: 1. Sloping the footing from elevation 1368 to 1366 will result in a retaining wall height of 16 to 18 feet, which exceeds the 16-foot maximum height noted in the project documents. This raises concerns regarding constructability, best practices, and potential cost impacts. Additionally, the concrete subcontractor has not previously been directed to slope a footing in this manner and requests further clarification. 2. RFI_003 references sloping a 14-foot section at 1%. Can you please clarify the intended direction of the slope? • If the slope runs parallel to the wall, it would result in the wall terminating 17 inches above elevation 1366. • If the slope runs perpendicular to the wall, it may create a wedge-shaped concrete condition, potentially causing the slab-on-grade (SOG) to exceed the stated 5.4% maximum slope—possibly reaching over 7%. To better understand the design intent, please provide spot elevations for the following: • Top of Footing (TOF) • Slab-on-Grade (SOG) • Top of Wall (TOW) 3. Additionally, please provide a detail for the proposed speed bump, including how it connects to the TOF and SOG, to support pricing and evaluate constructability.	7/22/2025	Response to following items. 1. We’ve reviewed the concerns, and a retaining wall height up to 18 feet is acceptable for this condition. Additionally, sloping the bottom of the footing from elevation 1368 to 1366 is acceptable and aligns with the design intent to follow site grading while maintaining a consistent top-of-wall elevation. 2. Spot elevations for top of slab on grade (SOG) , footing (TOF) and wall (TOW) have been provided in below attached screen shot (blue callouts). 3. For speed bump, refer to the mountable curb detail from the RFI 002 response.	Blum	N
006	8/15/2025	Detail 4/S301 calls for “Mirafi 600X Filter Fabric or Equal with a Min. 18" Overlap.” This note appears only on the detail for the temporary leachate drain. It is unclear where this filter fabric is intended to be placed within the subgrade/aggregate/vapor barrier/slab-on-grade assembly. Please provide clarification on: 1. The intended location of the Mirafi 600X Filter Fabric within the slab-on-grade assembly. 2. Whether the filter fabric is required only for the temporary leachate drain detail or elsewhere in the concrete scope of the project. 3. Any additional installation requirements (e.g., placement relative to subgrade, aggregate, vapor barrier, or slab).	8/15/2025	The Mirafi Filter Fabric note in 4/S301 is a typo and is not required at the slab on grade location.	Blum	N

Last Revised - 09/05/2025

[illegible]

Pre-Construction Checklist

Participant Name McDowell County Project County: McDowell

EQIP Contract Number: N/A Stream Name Youngs Fork Creek

Landowner (Name) McDowell County (Phone) DEWAYNE RIDDLE

RI Rep. (Name) Alan Walker (Phone) [REDACTED]

TSP Engineer (Name) Greg Jennings / MIKE HEPP (Phone) [REDACTED]

Contractor (Name) Brandon Spaugh (HANK RIDER) (Phone) [REDACTED]

Field Office Contact (Name) Dewayne Riddle (Phone) [REDACTED]

Pre-Construction Meeting Date: 10/06/2025 Expected Construction Start Date: 10/10/25

Expected Construction Completion Date: 12/31/25 Expected Planting Completion Date: 3/31/26

Participant/landowner has a copy of design/plans: ☒ Yes ☐ No (Does the participant/landowner have any questions/concerns prior to equipment arriving on site for construction?) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Participant/landowner has a copy of permits: ☒ Yes ☐ No (Inform the participant/landowner neighbors/concerned citizens may question work in/around the stream; this is a permitted project)

Participant/landowner understands existing trees along the stream may be removed and used as part of this stream project and new plantings of trees and/or shrubs will be planted: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Livestock Present: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☒ N/A. (If livestock, present the animals will be moved on _____ prior to equipment arriving on site for construction)

Existing Fence Present: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A. (If existing fence, who is expected to take down existing fence) ☐ Landowner ☒ Contractor (If the contractor takes down the existing fence material salvaged) ☐ Yes ☐ No NEW FENCE WILL BE INSTALLED NO BARE WIRE ON TOP

New/planned Fence: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A. (The new/planned fence will be installed by the ☐ Participant/landowner ☒ Contractor) Placement of gate will be discussed prior to install.

Spoil Spreading and/or material from creating a new channel /floodprone area can be disposed/spread on site following floodplain guidelines: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A. (If NO, an adequate site has been identified for excess soil material) ☒ Yes ☐ No MONDAY SITE MTGS @ NOON

Site Access – Existing access is adequate: ☒ Yes ☐ No

The following access issues will need to be solved: N/A

Construction entrance: ☐ Width ☐ Gravel ☐ Permission of adjacent landowner

Pre-Construction Checklist

Staging area for equipment & materials identified and agreed upon:

☒ Yes ☐ No

AVOID WAREHOUSE AREA

Stream Crossing location and type of crossing discussed and agreed upon:

☒ Yes ☐ No

Site restrictions/awareness concerns:

REMOVE SPEED BUMP -

Are there any hours/days of the week construction is prohibited?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes please list: _____

Are there any drainage lines, septic tanks/lines, unmarked waterlines, culverts, etc. that need to be located

and/or marked by the participant/landowner that may be impacted by the project?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Excess woody material placement area identified and agreed upon:

☐ Yes ☒ No (Can excess

woody material be burned on site?

☐ Yes ☒ No

NO BURNING

If burning, landowner/participant needs to secure burning permit if applicable)

Participant/landowner has agreed to allow the harvesting of trees, woody material and/or rock on the site/property to use in the construction of this project?

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

What to expect:

- Large equipment will be on site for weeks
- Large boulders/rocks/logs will be used
- Permits may require the contractor to pump water around the construction activity to reduce turbidity downstream
- Equipment may work in the stream if permitted
- Disturbed areas will be reseeded with temporary and permanent vegetation
- Live stakes will be installed near the stream
- Trees/shrubs will be planted along the stream corridor (minimum of two rows for long term stability of the site)
- Expect a large rain/runoff event during construction and/or immediately following construction (seems like this always happens and there may need to be some repairs; just after and/or during construction is when the project the most vulnerable).
- This project will not prevent future flooding or the potential loss of trees/shrubs or streambanks along this reach. This is a natural system that is designed and built to be a resilient system during future events.

*- SOIL MATERIAL ACROSS
NEAR POND
*SAFETY FENCE (MARK AREAS)
- DUMPSTERS
DENYME WILL CALL
MARK & REPUBLIC
COORDINATE W/ CO. ON
TRAILS
DECISION ON PARKING AREA
LATER ON IN PROJECT*

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Participant/Landowner

[Signature]

Contractor

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RI Representative

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ENGINEER

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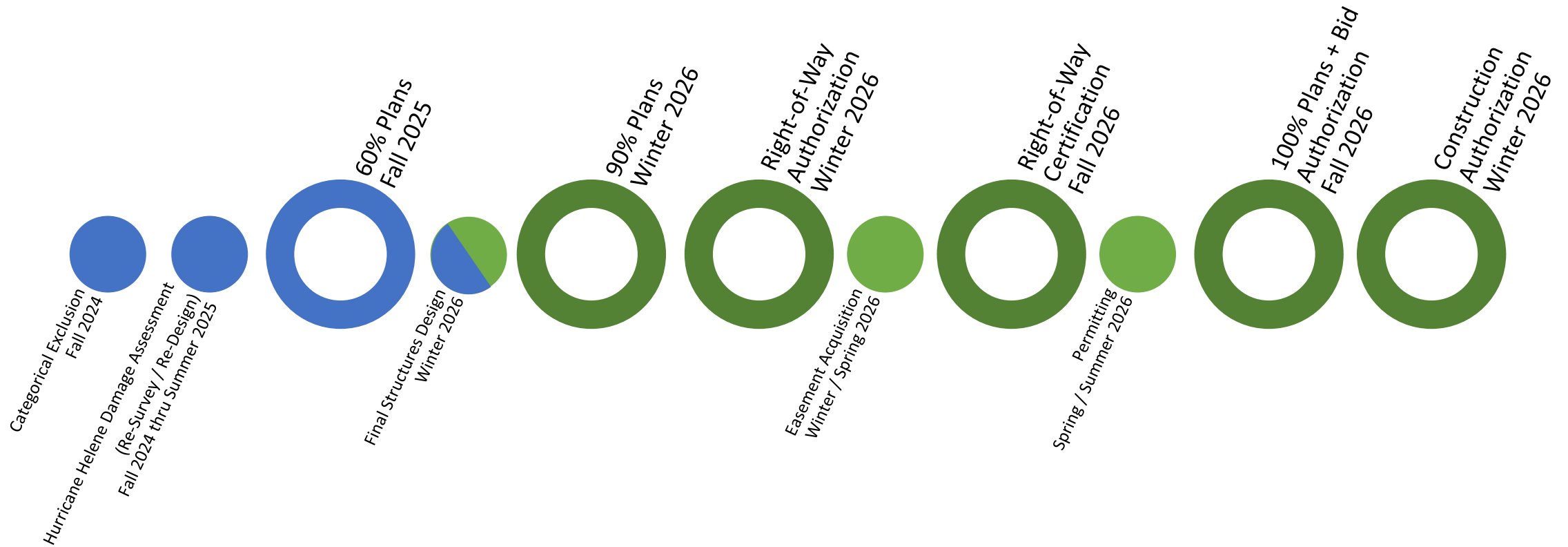
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EB-5916 Fonta Flora State Trail Schedule Update



****Schedule subject to change based on NCDOT / permitting agency review times and easement acquisition.**

Memo to: Board of Commissioners

Subject: Glenwood Christmas Parade Road Closure

Date: October 6, 2025

From: Ashley R. Wooten



Description:

The Glenwood Ruritan Club has held an annual Christmas parade for several years. They would like to have the event on November 29. In order to proceed NCDOT requires a road closure ordinance to be adopted by the Board of Commissioners.

Budgetary Impact:

N/A

Requested Action:

Staff requests approval of the road closure ordinance.

Tony G. Brown, Chairman
Lynn Greene, Vice Chair
David Walker, Commissioner
Patrick Ellis, Commissioner
Trisha Garner, Commissioner



Ashley Wooten, County Manager
Madalyn Robinson, Clerk to the Board
Donald Fred Coats, County Attorney

McDowell County

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE 2025 GLENWOOD CHRISTMAS PARADE

WHEREAS, the McDowell County Board of Commissioners recognizes the tradition of the Glenwood Christmas Parade the Saturday after Thanksgiving; and

WHEREAS, the McDowell County Board of Commissioners acknowledge the importance of the Parade for residents of McDowell County and the region; and

WHEREAS, the McDowell County Board of Commissioners recognizes that this Parade requires approximately one and a half hours to install signing and traffic control, hold the Parade and for the removing of signs, traffic control, and litter;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the McDowell County Board of Commissioners pursuant to the authority granted by G.S. 20-169 that they do hereby declare a temporary road closure during the day and time set forth below on the following described portion of a State Highway System route:

Date: Saturday, November 29, 2025

Time: 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Route Description: 1.64 mi. SR 1786 (Old US 221) from SR 1168 (Ashworth Rd)
southward to SR 1785 (Hunt Lane)

This ordinance to become effective when signs are erected giving notice of the limits and times of the event, and implementation of adequate traffic control to protect participants and to guide vehicles around the event route.

Adopted this 13th day of October, 2025.

Attest:

Tony G. Brown
Chairman

Madalyn Robinson
Clerk to the Board

Memo to: Board of Commissioners
Subject: Budget Update
Date: October 6, 2025
From: Ashley R. Wooten



Description:

The monthly sales tax and budget reports are attached.

Budgetary Impact:

The financial impacts are listed for each item.

Requested Action:

N/A

TAX COLLECTION SUMMARY
SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

2025 TAX

2025 REGULAR COUNTY TAX LEVY	\$ 32,099,749.99
2025 COUNTY DISCOVERY LEVY	\$ 2,246,687.28
TOTAL COUNTY TAX BILLED AS OF 9/30/2025	34346437.27
LESS RELEASES	\$ 8,034.44
TOTAL LEVY AFTER RELEASES	\$ 34,338,402.83

COLLECTIONS

JULY 2025 - AUGUST 2025	\$ 17,694,447.52
SEPTEMBER 2025	\$ 1,535,249.98
PREPAID COUNTY TAX	\$ 74,410.34
TOTAL COLLECTIONS AS OF 9/30/2025	\$ 19,304,107.84

PERCENTAGE

2025 TAX LEVY	\$ 34,338,402.83
LESS COLLECTIONS	\$ 19,304,107.84
LESS PREPAY INTEREST CREDIT	\$ 16.33
LESS DISCOUNT GIVEN	\$ 184,386.95
OUTSTANDING BALANCE AS OF 9/30/2025	\$ 14,849,891.71

PERCENT COLLECTED: 56.75

SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

2024 TAX

2024 REGULAR COUNTY TAX LEVY	\$ 31,266,149.35
2024 COUNTY DISCOVERY LEVY	\$ 2,363,807.33
TOTAL COUNTY TAX BILLED AS OF 9/30/2024	\$ 33,629,956.68
LESS RELEASES	\$ 12,882.52
TOTAL LEVY AFTER RELEASES	\$ 33,617,074.16

COLLECTIONS

JULY 2024 - AUGUST 2024	\$ 17,612,863.42
SEPTEMBER 2024	\$ 1,319,234.07
PREPAID COUNTY TAX	\$ 38,649.10
TOTAL COLLECTIONS AS OF 9/30/2024	\$ 18,970,746.59

PERCENTAGE

2024 TAX LEVY	\$ 33,617,074.16
LESS COLLECTIONS	\$ 18,970,746.59
LESS PREPAY INTEREST CREDIT	\$ 26.17
LESS DISCOUNT GIVEN	\$ 182,199.22
OUTSTANDING BALANCE AS OF 9/30/2024	\$ 14,464,102.18

PERCENT COLLECTED: 56.97

MCDOWELL COUNTY
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTIONS - TAX YEARS 2014 - 2024
FY 2025- 2026

MONTH / YEAR	TAX	INTEREST	TOTAL	PTC REFUND TOTALS	PTC REFUND INTEREST PAID
JULY 2025	16,099.87	2,963.49	19,063.36	0.00	0.00
AUGUST 2025	13,319.25	3,264.36	16,583.61	0.00	0.00
SEPTEMBER 2025	20,278.05	2,610.71	22,888.76	0.00	0.00
OCTOBER 2025					
NOVEMBER 2025					
DECEMBER 2025					
JANUARY 2026					
FEBRUARY 2026					
MARCH 2026					
APRIL 2026					
MAY 2026					
JUNE 2025					
YEARLY TOTAL			\$58,535.73		

One Cent Sales Tax Point of Sale	Prior Year Same Period	Amount Remitted	Estimated Monthly Budget	Monthly Gain/Loss	YTD Gain/Loss	Prior Year Monthly Gain/Loss
August Remittance	457,323.12	470,505.77	449,600.00	20,905.77	20,905.77	32,986.87
September Remittance	453,258.06	420,999.01	449,600.00	-28,600.99	-7,695.22	28,921.81
October Remittance	430,539.97	390,082.22	449,600.00	-59,517.78	-67,213.00	6,203.72
November Remittance	451,848.31	548,588.85	449,600.00	98,988.85	31,775.85	27,512.06
December Remittance	412,523.23	559,462.11	449,600.00	109,862.11	141,637.96	(11,813.02)
January Remittance	485,894.97	586,006.29	449,600.00	136,406.29	278,044.25	61,558.72
February Remittance	397,054.37	456,650.67	449,600.00	7,050.67	285,094.92	(27,281.88)
March Remittance	414,361.85	438,900.24	449,600.00	-10,699.76	274,395.16	(9,974.40)
April Remittance	475,794.28	535,506.08	449,600.00	85,906.08	360,301.24	51,458.03
May Remittance	456,013.89	561,140.78	449,600.00	111,540.78	471,842.02	31,677.64
June Remittance	467,003.04	535,285.24	449,600.00	85,685.24	557,527.26	42,666.79
July Remittance	499,406.10	498,238.27	449,600.00	48,638.27	606,165.53	75,069.85
Total:	5,401,021.19	6,001,365.53	5,395,200.00	606,165.53		308,986.19
2024-2025 Budget			5,395,200.00	111.24%		

Article 40 1/2 Cent Sales Tax County Population to State Population	Amount Remitted	Amount Remitted	Estimated Monthly Budget	Monthly Gain/Loss	YTD Gain/Loss	
August Remittance	267,700.39	263,313.58	253,166.67	10,146.91	10,146.91	14,533.72
September Remittance	264,174.02	262,358.89	253,166.67	9,192.22	19,339.14	11,007.35
October Remittance	245,689.33	241,159.91	253,166.67	-12,006.76	7,332.38	(7,477.34)
November Remittance	246,748.49	254,160.11	253,166.67	993.44	8,325.82	(6,418.18)
December Remittance	257,241.69	268,043.65	253,166.67	14,876.98	23,202.80	4,075.02
January Remittance	287,973.34	290,710.42	253,166.67	37,543.75	60,746.55	34,806.67
February Remittance	226,779.98	227,694.42	253,166.67	-25,472.25	35,274.30	(26,386.69)
March Remittance	220,383.30	226,238.14	253,166.67	-26,928.53	8,345.77	(32,783.37)
April Remittance	269,003.25	280,808.13	253,166.67	27,641.46	35,987.23	15,836.58
May Remittance	243,537.44	268,014.53	253,166.67	14,847.86	50,835.09	(9,629.23)
June Remittance	266,359.24	267,737.63	253,166.67	14,570.96	65,406.05	13,192.57
July Remittance	284,908.01	282,511.13	253,166.64	29,344.49	94,750.54	31,741.34
Total:	3,080,498.48	3,132,750.54	3,038,000.00	94,750.54		42,498.46
2024-2025 Budget			3,038,000.00	103.12%		

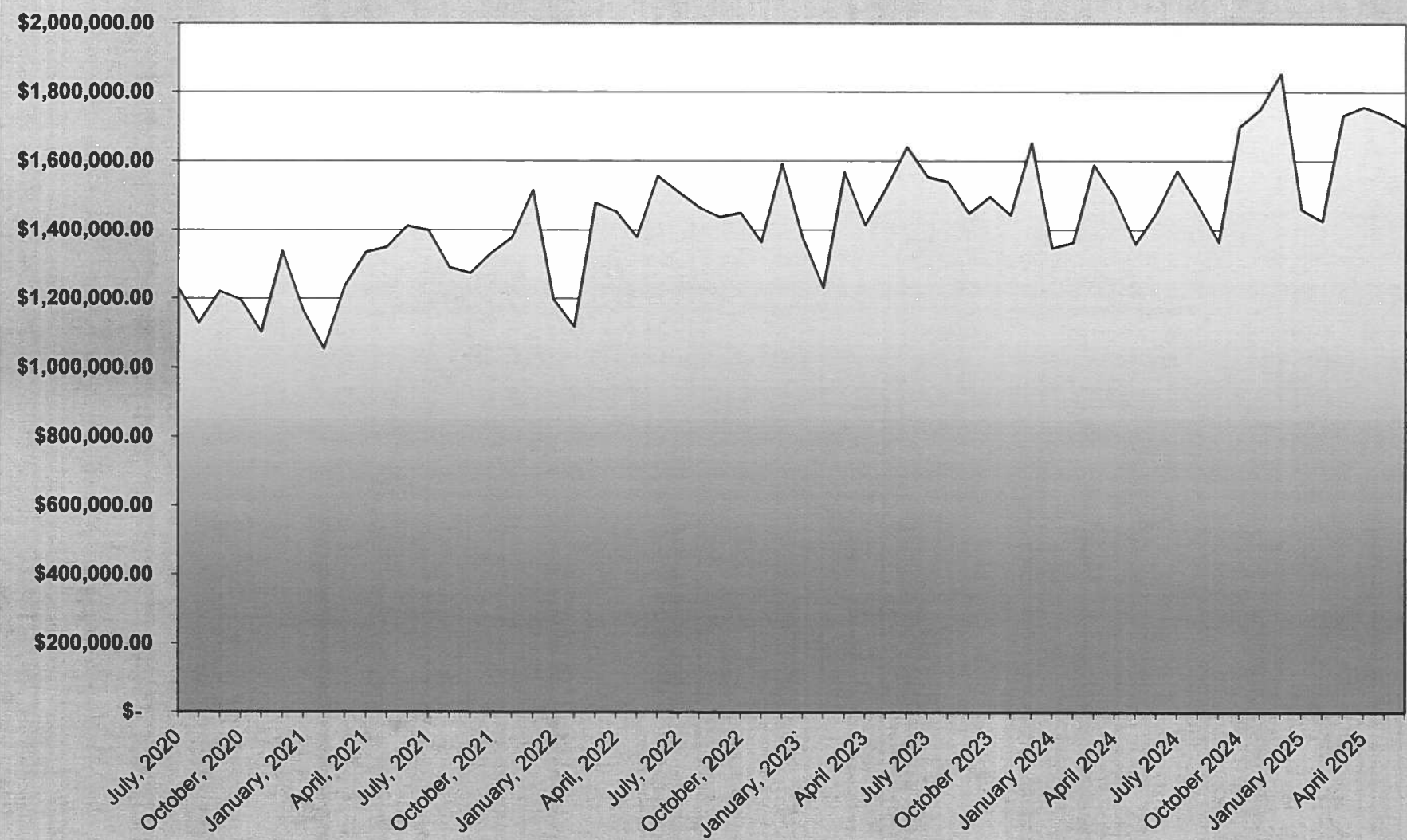
Article 42 1/2 Cent Sales Tax County Population to State Population	Amount Remitted	Amount Remitted	Estimated Monthly Budget	Monthly Gain/Loss	YTD Gain/Loss	
August Remittance	53,440.25	61,144.06	52,916.67	8,227.39	8,227.39	7,940.25
September Remittance	51,840.54	38,211.65	52,916.67	-14,705.02	-6,477.62	6,340.54
October Remittance	58,119.46	39,406.64	52,916.67	-13,510.03	-19,987.65	10,619.46
November Remittance	63,421.39	105,041.08	52,916.67	52,124.41	32,136.76	17,921.39
December Remittance	37,994.74	102,236.99	52,916.67	49,320.32	81,457.08	(7,505.26)
January Remittance	55,115.30	99,523.15	52,916.67	46,606.48	128,063.56	9,615.30
February Remittance	49,706.42	80,872.36	52,916.67	27,955.69	156,019.25	4,206.42
March Remittance	63,398.96	71,247.06	52,916.67	18,330.39	174,349.64	17,898.96
April Remittance	62,453.83	82,071.20	52,916.67	29,154.53	203,504.17	16,953.83
May Remittance	67,680.40	100,202.01	52,916.67	47,285.34	250,789.51	22,180.40
June Remittance	57,245.38	92,607.07	52,916.67	39,690.40	290,479.91	11,745.38
July Remittance	62,211.83	64,924.17	52,916.64	12,007.53	302,487.44	16,711.83
Total:	680,628.50	937,487.44	635,000.00	302,487.44		134,628.50
2024-2025 Budget			635,000.00	147.64%		

Article 44 1/2 Cent Sales Tax	Amount Remitted	Amount Remitted	Estimated Monthly Budget	Monthly Gain/Loss	YTD Gain/Loss	
August Remittance	77,201.19	79,805.29	77,083.33	2,721.96	2,721.96	10,534.52
September Remittance	77,134.88	79,805.29	77,083.33	2,721.96	5,443.91	10,468.21
October Remittance	77,134.88	79,799.92	77,083.33	2,716.59	8,160.50	10,468.21
November Remittance	77,134.88	79,805.29	77,083.33	2,721.96	10,882.46	10,468.21
December Remittance	77,175.10	79,791.68	77,083.33	2,708.35	13,590.81	10,508.43
January Remittance	77,175.10	79,785.30	77,083.33	2,701.97	16,292.78	10,508.43
February Remittance	77,175.10	79,785.30	77,083.33	2,701.97	18,994.75	10,508.43
March Remittance	77,184.04	79,735.18	77,083.33	2,651.85	21,646.60	10,517.37
April Remittance	77,178.75	79,785.30	77,083.33	2,701.97	24,348.57	10,512.08
May Remittance	77,173.20	79,785.30	77,083.33	2,701.97	27,050.54	10,506.53
June Remittance	77,336.94	79,017.84	77,083.33	1,934.31	28,984.85	10,670.27
July Remittance	79,805.29	81,562.17	77,083.36	4,478.81	33,463.66	13,138.62
Total:	928,809.35	958,463.66	925,000.00	33,463.66		128,809.30
2024-2025 Budget			925,000.00	103.62%		

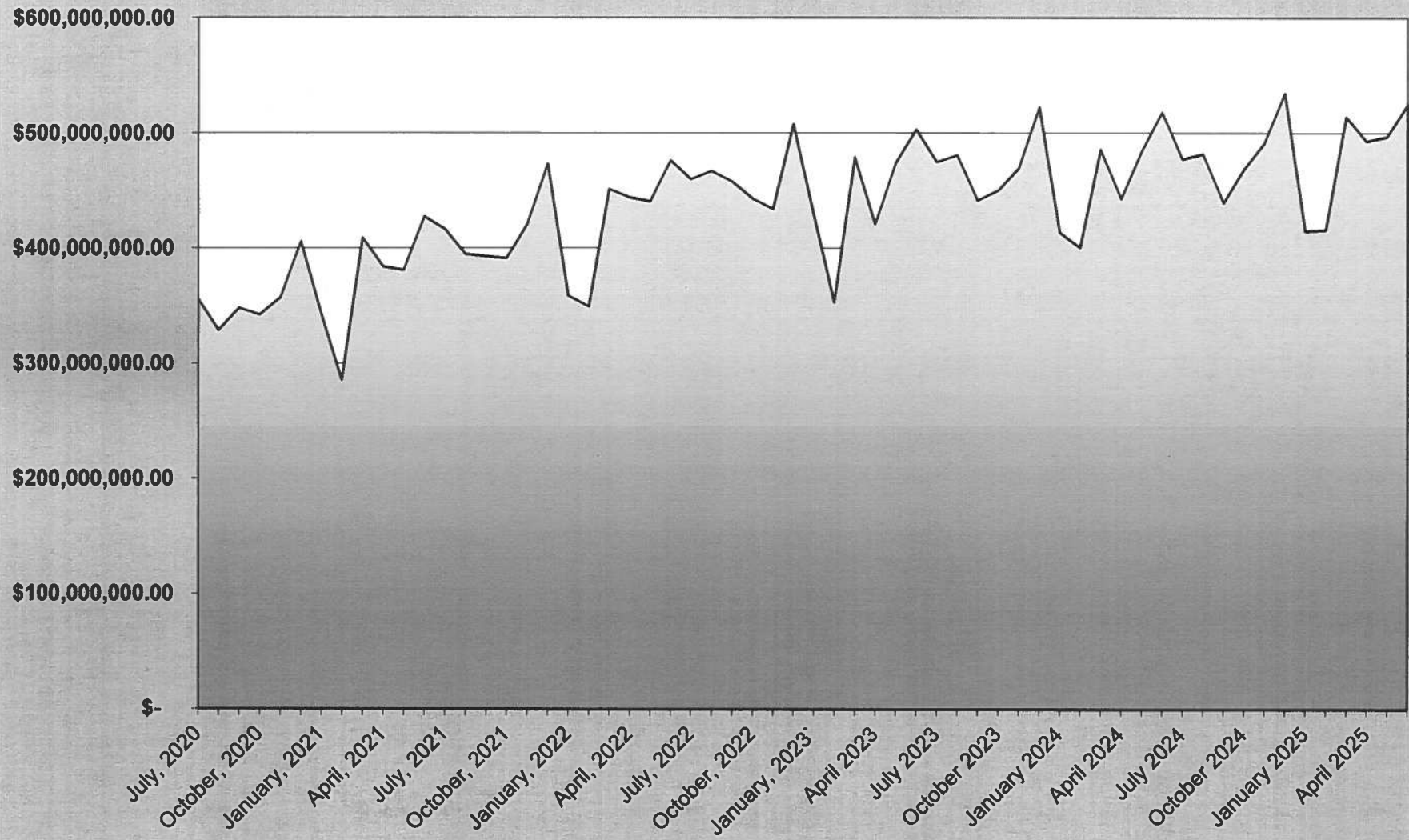
Total Sales Tax: 10,090,957.52 11,030,067.17 9,993,200.00 1,036,867.17

	County Sales Tax Collected	Sales Tax Collected State-Wide	County Percentage	State Percentage	County Prior Year Same Month
July, 2020	\$ 1,231,679.23	\$ 355,539,986.89	-6.02%	-5.20%	15.36%
August, 2020	\$ 1,127,908.74	\$ 328,704,496.41	-8.43%	-7.55%	8.22%
September, 2020	\$ 1,220,308.37	\$ 347,849,628.11	8.19%	5.82%	13.07%
October, 2020	\$ 1,196,123.69	\$ 342,102,509.86	-1.98%	-1.65%	15.76%
November, 2020	\$ 1,102,235.83	\$ 356,697,617.47	-7.85%	4.27%	2.06%
December, 2020	\$ 1,337,287.47	\$ 405,571,516.69	21.32%	13.70%	12.39%
January, 2021	\$ 1,163,573.04	\$ 343,418,907.00	-12.99%	-15.32%	21.59%
February, 2021	\$ 1,053,041.56	\$ 285,385,257.93	-9.50%	-16.90%	9.02%
March, 2021	\$ 1,235,791.33	\$ 408,634,789.07	17.35%	43.19%	8.43%
April, 2021	\$ 1,334,041.84	\$ 383,504,774.60	7.95%	-6.15%	25.97%
May, 2021	\$ 1,348,958.27	\$ 380,678,725.70	1.12%	-0.74%	15.39%
June, 2021	\$ 1,411,499.37	\$ 427,192,902.87	4.64%	12.22%	7.70%
July, 2021	\$ 1,398,786.32	\$ 416,248,130.07	-0.90%	-2.56%	13.57%
August, 2021	\$ 1,289,896.97	\$ 394,357,115.76	-7.78%	-5.26%	14.36%
September, 2021	\$ 1,272,925.13	\$ 392,525,315.03	-1.32%	-0.46%	4.31%
October, 2021	\$ 1,330,558.50	\$ 390,872,589.85	4.53%	-0.42%	11.24%
November, 2021	\$ 1,377,221.16	\$ 420,320,566.00	3.51%	7.53%	24.95%
December, 2021	\$ 1,515,682.21	\$ 473,334,124.14	10.05%	12.61%	13.34%
January, 2022	\$ 1,196,456.23	\$ 358,627,902.11	-21.06%	-24.23%	2.83%
February, 2022	\$ 1,116,749.82	\$ 349,128,023.60	-6.66%	-2.65%	6.05%
March, 2022	\$ 1,477,973.14	\$ 451,108,842.79	32.35%	29.21%	19.60%
April, 2022	\$ 1,453,438.94	\$ 443,935,022.08	-1.66%	-1.59%	8.95%
May, 2022	\$ 1,378,796.38	\$ 440,652,948.84	-5.14%	-0.74%	2.21%
June, 2022	\$ 1,556,465.71	\$ 476,127,542.86	12.89%	8.05%	10.27%
July, 2022	\$ 1,509,259.58	\$ 459,829,667.32	-3.03%	-3.42%	7.90%
August, 2022	\$ 1,465,326.57	\$ 466,881,223.22	-2.91%	1.53%	13.60%
September, 2022	\$ 1,437,118.16	\$ 457,659,575.83	-1.93%	-1.98%	12.90%
October, 2022	\$ 1,450,431.66	\$ 443,128,277.70	0.93%	-3.18%	9.01%
November, 2022	\$ 1,364,090.31	\$ 433,861,267.19	-5.95%	-2.09%	-0.95%
December, 2022	\$ 1,590,960.07	\$ 507,279,246.07	16.63%	16.92%	4.97%
January, 2023	\$ 1,376,814.57	\$ 428,992,124.92	-13.46%	-15.43%	15.07%
February 2023	\$ 1,230,806.13	\$ 352,683,266.78	-10.60%	-17.79%	10.21%
March 2023	\$ 1,567,509.28	\$ 478,982,687.57	27.36%	35.81%	6.06%
April 2023	\$ 1,414,414.62	\$ 420,788,747.97	-9.77%	-12.15%	-2.68%
May 2023	\$ 1,519,319.89	\$ 473,866,728.28	7.42%	12.61%	10.19%
June 2023	\$ 1,639,992.16	\$ 502,895,539.82	7.94%	6.13%	5.37%
July 2023	\$ 1,554,313.74	\$ 474,945,260.26	-5.22%	-5.56%	2.99%
August 2023	\$ 1,539,467.07	\$ 480,763,485.73	-0.96%	1.23%	5.06%
September 2023	\$ 1,448,313.72	\$ 441,467,924.85	-5.92%	-8.17%	0.78%
October 2023	\$ 1,495,839.21	\$ 449,895,773.74	3.28%	1.91%	3.13%
November 2023	\$ 1,443,521.51	\$ 469,352,739.99	-3.50%	4.32%	5.82%
December 2023	\$ 1,650,913.90	\$ 522,195,596.43	14.37%	11.26%	3.77%
January 2024	\$ 1,346,114.37	\$ 413,386,573.59	-18.46%	-20.84%	-2.23%
February 2024	\$ 1,362,643.17	\$ 400,296,653.86	1.23%	-3.17%	10.71%
March 2024	\$ 1,588,235.51	\$ 485,602,479.95	16.56%	21.31%	1.32%
April 2024	\$ 1,496,086.89	\$ 442,758,606.44	-5.80%	-8.82%	5.77%
May 2024	\$ 1,358,869.38	\$ 484,346,271.44	-9.17%	9.39%	-10.56%
June 2024	\$ 1,449,576.52	\$ 517,693,015.58	6.68%	6.88%	-11.61%
July 2024	\$ 1,572,270.76	\$ 477,409,419.48	8.46%	-7.78%	1.16%
August 2024	\$ 1,473,811.37	\$ 481,847,670.75	-6.26%	0.93%	-4.26%
September 2024	\$ 1,364,047.53	\$ 439,214,019.58	-7.45%	-8.85%	-5.82%
October 2024	\$ 1,699,356.68	\$ 468,488,453.06	24.58%	6.67%	13.61%
November 2024	\$ 1,749,741.13	\$ 490,938,810.06	2.96%	4.79%	21.21%
December 2024	\$ 1,853,202.04	\$ 534,264,347.56	5.91%	8.83%	12.25%
January 2025	\$ 1,459,522.64	\$ 414,407,820.05	-21.24%	-22.43%	8.42%
February 2025	\$ 1,425,350.78	\$ 415,613,411.96	-2.34%	0.29%	4.60%
March 2025	\$ 1,732,452.37	\$ 513,644,335.10	21.55%	23.59%	9.08%
April 2025	\$ 1,756,580.16	\$ 492,758,067.00	1.39%	-4.07%	17.41%
May 2025	\$ 1,734,985.23	\$ 496,573,838.14	-1.23%	0.77%	27.68%
June 2025	\$ 1,701,464.14	\$ 524,080,122.83	-1.93%	5.54%	17.38%

County Sales Tax Collected

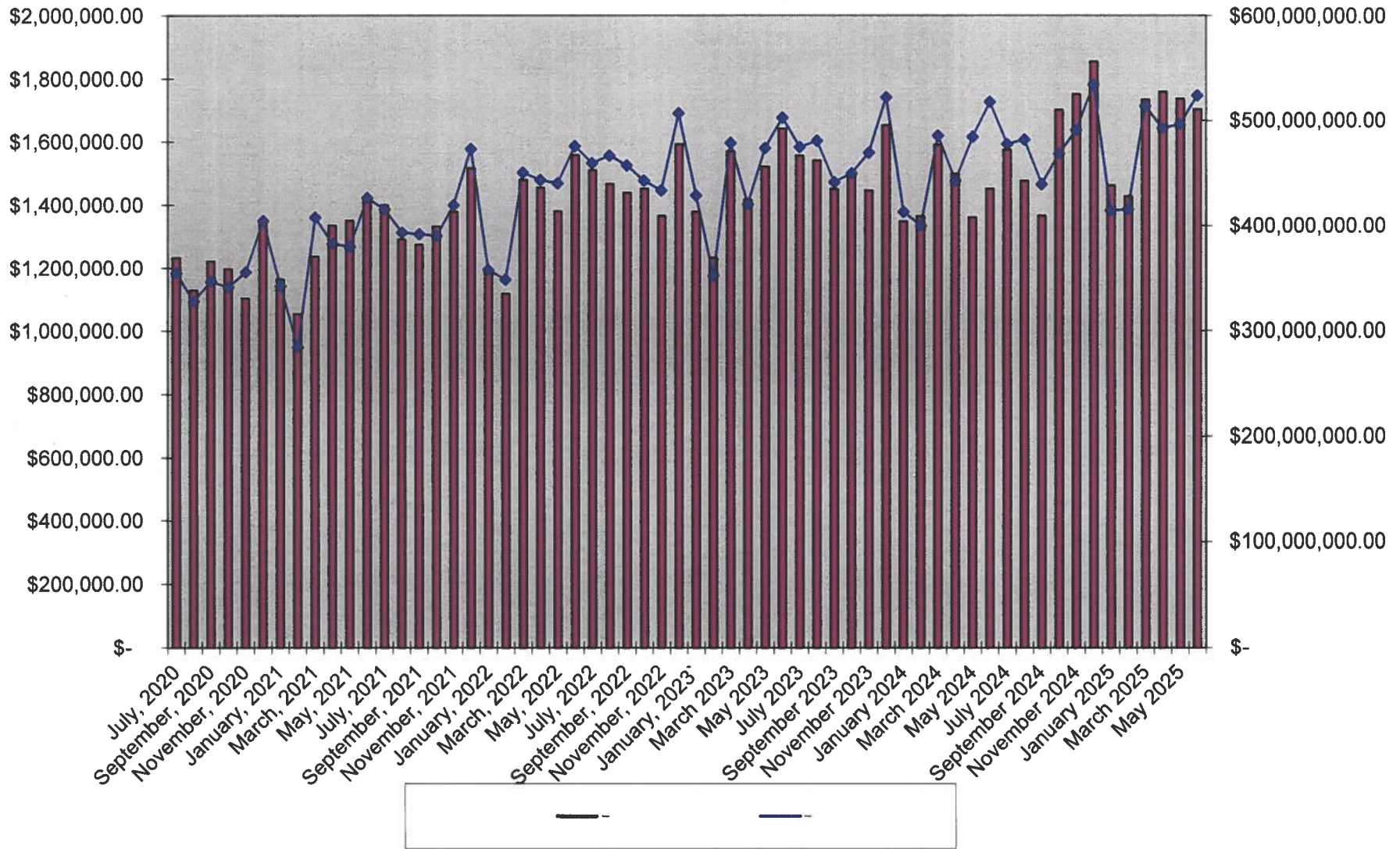


State Sales Tax Collected



Co-State Chart

County and State Collections



General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Period Ended August 31, 2025

	General Fund					Actual to
	2026	Previously	Current	2026	2026	Budget Percent
	Budgeted	Reported	Month August	YTD Actual	Budget Balance	
Revenues:						
Property Tax						
Current year property tax	\$ 33,170,000.00	\$ 1,888,249.01	\$ 16,189,241.61	\$ 18,077,490.62	\$ 15,092,509.38	54.50%
Delinquent tax	65,000.00	16,000.48	\$ 13,436.49	29,436.97	\$ 35,563.03	45.29%
Motor Vehicle Tax	3,046,627.00	-	\$ 634,479.29	634,479.29	\$ 2,412,147.71	20.83%
Interest	115,000.00	3,899.70	\$ 8,130.52	12,030.22	\$ 102,969.78	10.46%
Penalties	40,000.00	1,130.52	\$ 9,196.92	10,327.44	\$ 29,672.56	25.82%
Occupancy Tax	1,150,000.00	928.29	\$ 167,567.67	168,495.96	\$ 981,504.04	14.65%
In Lieu of Taxes	280,000.00	-	\$ -	-	\$ 280,000.00	0.00%
Assessing Mapping Revenue	100.00	1.00	\$ 4.43	5.43	\$ 94.57	5.43%
DMV Notary Fee	50,000.00	5,680.00	\$ 4,768.00	10,448.00	\$ 39,552.00	20.90%
DMV Office Reimb	120,000.00	-	\$ 14,808.93	14,808.93	\$ 105,191.07	12.34%
DMV Tax Collection Fee	50,000.00	-	\$ 5,128.08	5,128.08	\$ 44,871.92	10.26%
DMV Reimb City/Town	32,000.00	-	\$ 2,850.33	2,850.33	\$ 29,149.67	8.91%
Wildlife Fees	11,000.00	2,311.00	\$ 1,097.00	3,408.00	\$ 7,592.00	30.98%
Sales Tax						
Local Option	5,700,000.00	(493,322.58)	\$ 37,046.97	(456,275.61)	\$ 6,156,275.61	-8.00%
Article 40	3,050,000.00	(267,737.63)	\$ (14,773.50)	(282,511.13)	\$ 3,332,511.13	-9.26%
Article 42	800,000.00	(92,607.07)	\$ 27,682.90	(64,924.17)	\$ 864,924.17	-8.12%
Article 44	945,000.00	(120,980.30)	\$ (2,544.53)	(123,524.83)	\$ 1,068,524.83	-13.07%
Department of Social Services						
Total revenue all sources	7,375,203.00	3,542.00	\$ 156,407.78	159,949.78	\$ 7,215,253.22	2.17%
Senior Center						
Total revenue all sources	532,154.00	51,129.18	\$ 45,475.11	96,604.29	\$ 435,549.71	18.15%
Register of Deeds						
Total revenue all sources	700,512.00	67,536.25	\$ 73,747.37	141,283.62	\$ 559,228.38	20.17%
Library						
Total revenue all sources	129,184.00	12,233.58	\$ 12,057.96	24,291.54	\$ 104,892.46	18.80%
Sheriff Revenues						
Total revenue all sources	1,788,496.00	(17,358.75)	\$ 222,121.17	204,762.42	\$ 1,583,733.58	11.45%
Court Reimbursement and Fees						
Total revenue all sources	81,000.00	-	\$ 30,735.29	30,735.29	\$ 50,264.71	37.94%
Miscellaneous Revenues						
Building Inspections	587,236.00	52,207.25	\$ 54,749.95	106,957.20	\$ 480,278.80	18.21%
Franchise Cable	120,000.00	-	\$ (25,434.71)	(25,434.71)	\$ 145,434.71	-21.20%
General Fund Interest	949,815.00	67,627.03	\$ 70,212.59	137,839.62	\$ 811,975.38	14.51%
Emergency services revenue	4,223,835.00	426,589.87	\$ 368,704.79	795,294.66	\$ 3,428,540.34	18.83%
Fund Balance Appropriated	481,103.00	481,103.00	\$ -	481,103.00	\$ -	100.00%
Fund Balance Appropriated	2,238,081.00	2,151,582.00	\$ 86,499.00	2,238,081.00	\$ -	100.00%
Miscellaneous	2,978,108.00	4,752.97	\$ (240,430.43)	(235,677.46)	\$ 3,213,785.46	-7.91%
Total revenues	70,809,454.00	4,244,496.80	17,952,966.98	22,197,463.78	48,611,990.22	31.35%

		2026	Previously	Current	2026	2026	Actual to
		Budgeted	Reported	Month	YTD Actual	Budget Balance	Budget Percent
Expenditures:				-		-	
General Government			-	-	-	-	
Attorney	59,220.00			-	-	59,220.00	0.00%
Board of Commissioners	253,227.00		28,068.85	20,065.93	48,134.78	205,092.22	19.01%
Building Inspections	665,841.00		49,314.65	86,725.96	136,040.61	529,800.39	20.43%
Cooperative Extension	336,416.00		9,158.28	27,642.47	36,800.75	299,615.25	10.94%
County Administration	408,668.00		37,543.47	30,682.30	68,225.77	340,442.23	16.69%
Economic Development	172,168.00		-	59,542.00	59,542.00	112,626.00	34.58%
Elections Department	637,709.00		66,271.15	36,047.03	102,318.18	535,390.82	16.04%
Emergency Management	817,870.00		62,275.32	105,894.32	168,169.64	649,700.36	20.56%
Emergency Community Paramedic	472,490.00		37,281.89	37,762.63	75,044.52	397,445.48	15.88%
Emergency Medical Services	5,853,108.00		406,711.37	660,675.79	1,067,387.16	4,785,720.84	18.24%
Emergency Communications	1,480,299.00		126,077.33	118,920.85	244,998.18	1,235,300.82	16.55%
Facility Maintenance	2,475,045.00		775,917.01	(73,912.40)	702,004.61	1,773,040.39	28.36%
Finance	885,469.00		67,892.29	81,440.65	149,332.94	736,136.06	16.86%
Human Resources	397,741.00		109,062.88	24,358.84	133,421.72	264,319.28	33.54%
Information Technology	212,081.00		15,629.13	16,965.57	32,594.70	179,486.30	15.37%
Library	1,098,805.00		76,413.15	97,857.75	174,270.90	924,534.10	15.86%
Planning	237,664.00		12,631.59	12,722.34	25,353.93	212,310.07	10.67%
Public Services							
Animal Control	584,560.00		46,172.91	45,532.07	91,704.98	492,855.02	15.69%
Garage	120,529.00		6,856.55	7,102.19	13,958.74	106,570.26	11.58%
Waste Collections	1,145,834.00		64,757.78	101,605.15	166,362.93	979,471.07	14.52%
Recreation	1,599,493.00		117,602.81	156,030.02	273,632.83	1,325,860.17	17.11%
Register of Deeds	626,221.00		46,626.62	50,904.83	97,531.45	528,689.55	15.57%
Sheriff	8,765,462.00		785,563.00	665,232.48	1,450,795.48	7,314,666.52	16.55%
Sheriff-Detention	3,798,499.00		243,176.74	245,522.47	488,699.21	3,309,799.79	12.87%
Social Services	12,401,215.00		673,068.95	886,131.74	1,559,200.69	10,842,014.31	12.57%
Social Services-Juvenile Placement	36,545.00		-	2,850.00	2,850.00	33,695.00	7.80%
Senior Center	1,400,382.00		126,480.03	121,998.82	248,478.85	1,151,903.15	17.74%
Soil and Water Conservation	185,880.00		20,321.63	13,619.81	33,941.44	151,938.56	18.26%
Tax Assessor	742,932.00		68,773.11	55,776.56	124,549.67	618,382.33	16.76%
Tax Collector-DMV Division	409,386.00		24,573.95	45,210.28	69,784.23	339,601.77	17.05%
Tax Collector	465,144.00		39,891.04	36,123.30	76,014.34	389,129.66	16.34%
Transit	932,683.00		183,731.24	77,326.46	261,057.70	671,625.30	27.99%
Funded Agencies: Governmental						-	
Clerk of Court	26,500.00		15,493.28	640.12	16,133.40	10,366.60	60.88%
Forest Service	121,801.00		-	-	-	121,801.00	0.00%
Health Department	665,490.00		-	-	-	665,490.00	0.00%
Foothills Regional Commission	36,102.00		36,102.00	-	36,102.00	-	100.00%
McDowell County School System							
Current	10,200,000.00		1,806,000.00	-	1,806,000.00	8,394,000.00	17.71%
Supplement	336,000.00		9,133.34	-	9,133.34	326,866.66	2.72%
Capital	54,800.00		-	-	-	54,800.00	0.00%
Low Wealth Funding	300,000.00		-	-	-	300,000.00	-100.00%
McDowell Technical Community College						-	
Current	1,284,950.00		321,237.50	-	321,237.50	963,712.50	25.00%
Capital	163,950.00		40,987.50	-	40,987.50	122,962.50	25.00%
Special Project	25,000.00		6,250.00	-	6,250.00	18,750.00	25.00%
Mental Health	67,856.00		-	-	-	67,856.00	0.00%
Tourism Development Authority	1,128,500.00		297,865.10	(135,932.74)	161,932.36	966,567.64	14.35%
Rescue Squad			-	-	-	-	-100.00%
Rescue Squad Billing	25,000.00		-	3,818.27	3,818.27	21,181.73	15.27%
Watershed Commission	45,000.00		-	-	-	45,000.00	0.00%
Funded Agencies: Non-Profits						-	

	2026 Budgeted	Previously Reported	Current Month	2026 YTD Actual	2026 Budget Balance	Actual to Budget Percent
Carson House	30,000.00	-	30,000.00	30,000.00	-	100.00%
New Hope	26,000.00	-	6,500.00	6,500.00	19,500.00	25.00%
MACA	18,500.00	-	4,625.00	4,625.00	13,875.00	25.00%
McDowell Chamber of Commerce	12,600.00	-	3,150.00	3,150.00	9,450.00	25.00%
WNC Communities	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	100.00%
Freedom Ministries	14,500.00	-	14,500.00	14,500.00	-	100.00%
McDowell Pregnancy	9,000.00	-	2,250.00	2,250.00	6,750.00	25.00%
Veterans Transportation	6,000.00	-	-	-	6,000.00	0.00%
Amercia 250 Grant	7,000.00	-	(165.00)	(165.00)	7,165.00	-2.36%
Interbasin Transfer	12,000.00	-	-	-	12,000.00	0.00%
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McDowell County Miscellaneous Appropriations					-	
Alcohol and Substance Abuse-Drug Court	4,000.00	-	-	-	4,000.00	0.00%
Human Resources	401,500.00	294,343.84	558.40	294,902.24	106,597.76	73.45%
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council	175,909.00	7,571.63	18,826.63	26,398.26	149,510.74	15.01%
Medical Examiner	60,000.00	-	-	-	60,000.00	0.00%
Trail Initiatives	17,000.00	-	-	-	17,000.00	0.00%
Tax Discounts	185,000.00	19,184.64	159,104.47	178,289.11	6,710.89	96.37%
Fonta Flora Match	5,000.00	-	-	-	5,000.00	
State Sales Tax Reimbursement	250,000.00	8,256.50	15,115.71	23,372.21	226,627.79	9.35%
County Sales Tax Reimbursement	100,000.00	3,898.04	6,819.79	10,717.83	89,282.17	10.72%
Other Sales Tax Reimbursement	900.00	28.67	184.01	212.68	687.32	23.63%
Probation Rent	11,640.00	2,048.11	-	2,048.11	9,591.89	17.60%
Spay/Neuter Project	-	-	-	-	-	-100.00%
Lighting Project Maple Leaf	-	-	-	-	-	-100.00%
Economic and Industrial Development	257,296.00	166,333.34	6,316.25	172,649.59	84,646.41	67.10%
Water and Sewer Development	20,000.00	20,000.00	-	20,000.00	-	100.00%
Fire Department Loan Program	-	-	-	-	-	-100.00%
Other Funds and Appropriations					-	
Debt Service Fund	1,270,531.00	1,270,531.00	-	1,270,531.00	-	100.00%
Solid Waste Reserve	8,000.00	-	8,000.00	8,000.00	-	100.00%
County Projects	26,000.00	-	26,000.00	26,000.00	-	100.00%
Transfer Station Project	1,984,748.00	-	1,984,748.00	1,984,748.00	-	100.00%
Revaluation	325,000.00	-	325,000.00	325,000.00	-	100.00%
Enterprise Fund	1,409,295.00	-	1,409,295.00	1,409,295.00	-	100.00%
Total:	70,809,454.00	8,653,109.21	7,746,212.12	16,399,321.33	54,410,132.67	23.16%
Revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	-	(4,408,612.41)	10,206,754.86	5,798,142.45	(5,798,142.45)	

Debt Service Fund
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For the Period Ended August 31, 2025

	2026 Budgeted	Previously Reported	Current Month August	2026 YTD Actual	2026 Budget Balance	Actual to Budget Percent
Revenues:						
Transfer From General Fund	\$ 1,270,531.00	\$ 1,270,531.00	\$ -	\$ 1,270,531.00	\$ -	100.00%
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Expenditures:			-		-	

	2026 Budgeted	Previously Reported	Current Month	2026 YTD Actual	2026 Budget Balance	Actual to Budget Percent
Debt Payments	\$ 1,270,531.00	# \$ 294,210.57	\$ -	\$ 294,210.57	\$ 976,320.43	23.16%
Revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	-	976,320.43	-	976,320.43	(976,320.43)	76.84%

Revaluation Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Period Ended August 31, 2025

	2026 Budgeted	Previously Reported	Current Month August	2026 YTD Actual	2026 Budget Balance	Actual to Budget Percent
Revenues:						
Transfer From General Fund	\$ 325,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 325,000.00	0.00%
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Interest Income	\$ -	\$ 502.68	\$ 1,111.22	\$ 1,613.90	\$ (1,613.90)	100.00%
Expenditures:						
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Contract Services	\$ 325,000.00	\$ 46,279.29	\$ 48,862.27	\$ 95,141.56	\$ 229,858.44	29.27%
Revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	-	(45,776.61)	(47,751.05)	(93,527.66)	420,141.56	70.73%

County Project Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Period Ended August 31, 2025

	2026 Budgeted	Previously Reported	Current Month August	2026 YTD Actual	2026 Budget Balance	Actual to Budget Percent
Revenues:						
Transfer From General Fund	\$ 26,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,000.00	0.00%
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		0.00%
Expenditures:						
			-		-	
July 4th Marion	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00		
July 4th Old Fort	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	100.00%
Champton Rent	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	0.00%
Total:	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	3.85%
Revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	-	(1,000.00)	-	(1,000.00)	1,000.00	

	2026 Budgeted	Previously Reported	Current Month	2026 YTD Actual	2026 Budget Balance	Actual to Budget Percent
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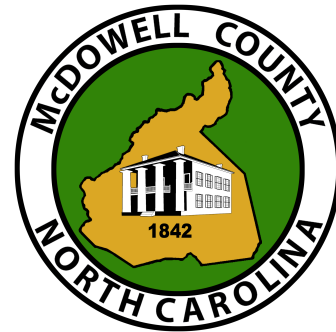
Waste Disposal Enterprise Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances

For the Period Ended August 31, 2025

	2026 Budgeted	Previously Reported	Current Month August	2026 YTD Actual	2026 Budget Balance	Actual to Budget Percent
Revenues:						
Transfer From General Fund	\$ 1,409,295.00		\$ 1,409,295.00	\$ 1,409,295.00	\$ -	100.00%
Tipping Fees	\$ 2,664,000.00	\$ 199,815.16	\$ 198,538.69	\$ 398,353.85	\$ 2,265,646.15	14.95%
Recycling Revenue	\$ 118,000.00	\$ 1,051.20	\$ 3,093.83	\$ 4,145.03	\$ 113,854.97	3.51%
Sale of White Goods	\$ 12,000.00		\$ -		\$ 12,000.00	0.00%
Solid Waste Disposal Tax	\$ 35,000.00		\$ -		\$ 35,000.00	0.00%
Electronic Management	\$ 4,000.00				\$ 4,000.00	0.00%
Recycling Grant	\$ 15,000.00		\$ -		\$ 15,000.00	0.00%
Interest income	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 1,395.36	\$ 4,833.11	\$ 6,228.47	\$ 13,771.53	31.14%
Total:	\$ 4,277,295.00	\$ 202,261.72	\$ 1,615,760.63	\$ 1,818,022.35	\$ 2,459,272.65	42.50%
Expenditures:						
			-		-	
Operating	\$ 1,157,295.00	\$ 46,210.60	\$ 62,789.18	\$ 108,999.78	\$ 1,048,295.22	9.42%
Disposal Expense	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 130,547.52	\$ 144,319.99	\$ 274,867.51	\$ 2,725,132.49	9.16%
Facility Improvement	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 6,752.85	\$ 8,252.85	\$ 31,747.15	0.00%
Tire Disposal	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 8,406.90	\$ 5,787.41	\$ 14,194.31	\$ 65,805.69	17.74%
Total:	\$ 4,277,295.00	\$ 186,665.02	\$ 219,649.43	\$ 406,314.45	\$ 3,870,980.55	9.50%
Revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	-	15,596.70	1,396,111.20	1,411,707.90	(1,411,707.90)	

Memo to: Board of Commissioners
Subject: Administrative Items
Date: October 6, 2025
From: Ashley R. Wooten



Description:

You have several administrative items:

EMS Writeoffs - The Finance Department has asked for the write-off of the non-collectible EMS bills in the attachment that total \$42,652.62.

Nebo Water Leak Waiver - The Water Department has requested a leak waiver in the amount of \$77.94 for a customer who experienced a water line break.

Opioid Resolution - You have previously authorized the expenditure of opioid settlement funds for post overdose response. The authorization needs to go out through 2027.

Parking at DSS Building - We continue to have parking challenges at the DSS parking lot on East Court Street. Some of these challenges can be attributed to the relocation of County vehicles to the lot after losing the lease at the lot on Fort Street. The other issue is that there are just about enough parking spaces for the number of employees who work in the building. The suggestion is to limit the parking lot during business hours to DSS employees and clients. If the situation does not improve as new employees are hired, it may be necessary to move the DSS vehicles offsite again.

Budgetary Impact:

N/A

Requested Action:

Staff requests approval of the administrative items.

Accounts that are considered NON-COLLECTIBLE

<u>ACCOUNT#</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON FOR WRITE-OFF</u>
AC157369	\$ 209.78	10 YEAR LAW
AC2009187	\$ 1,150.92	DECEASED
AM156138	\$ 444.35	10 YEAR LAW
AM43909	\$ 420.76	10 YEAR LAW
BH10752	\$ 1,196.62	10 YEAR LAW
BJ91774	\$ 524.92	10 YEAR LAW
BP52363	\$ 82.54	DECEASED
BR157482	\$ 539.51	10 YEAR LAW
CB122010	\$ 376.82	10 YEAR LAW
CB136053	\$ 400.54	10 YEAR LAW
CE135858	\$ 768.10	10 YEAR LAW
CG06215	\$ 89.72	10 YEAR LAW
CH157511	\$ 1,284.69	10 YEAR LAW
CP2305207	\$ 1,300.60	DECEASED
CR2306307	\$ 801.40	DECEASED
CT157332	\$ 773.74	10 YEAR LAW
CW64665	\$ 495.77	10 YEAR LAW
DB1808611	\$ 200.00	DECEASED
DR2108434	\$ 550.00	DECEASED
DT157109	\$ 969.01	10 YEAR LAW
EA157408	\$ 445.51	10 YEAR LAW
EL172414	\$ 1,120.00	DECEASED
EM2009225	\$ 235.36	DECEASED
FH132882	\$ 250.00	10 YEAR LAW
FM157177	\$ 891.20	10 YEAR LAW
FR178003	\$ 4,127.65	DECEASED
GD4282	\$ 134.34	10 YEAR LAW
HM156244	\$ 119.86	DECEASED
HR80094	\$ 864.76	DECEASED
JB157538	\$ 462.05	10 YEAR LAW
JB2203781	\$ 815.56	DECEASED
JC159289	\$ 767.76	DECEASED
JN30626	\$ 288.29	DECEASED
JO132216	\$ 323.33	10 YEAR LAW
JO92146	\$ 617.58	DECEASED
JR145455	\$ 270.00	DECEASED
JS156802	\$ 89.07	10 YEAR LAW
JW146894	\$ 464.15	10 YEAR LAW

KL53416	\$	100.00	10 YEAR LAW
KN122648	\$	379.72	10 YEAR LAW
KP31109	\$	1,114.48	DECEASED
KS06965	\$	79.69	10 YEAR LAW
KS157227	\$	451.64	10 YEAR LAW
LH34957	\$	441.64	10 YEAR LAW
LL150704	\$	397.01	10 YEAR LAW
LP41323	\$	711.46	DECEASED
LR6383	\$	506.42	DECEASED
LW156863	\$	591.13	10 YEAR LAW
MB157298	\$	720.94	10 YEAR LAW
NM80947	\$	205.20	DECEASED
PP1909160	\$	78.23	DECEASED
PS2002980	\$	273.46	DECEASED
RB30557	\$	100.00	10 YEAR LAW
RC164728	\$	799.59	DECEASED
RE40860	\$	418.24	10 YEAR LAW
RM126453	\$	377.64	10 YEAR LAW
RM1801324	\$	1,424.84	DECEASED
RR1801294	\$	1,506.19	DECEASED
RR2202217	\$	1,411.67	DECEASED
SF55168	\$	653.93	DECEASED
SM157362	\$	429.28	10 YEAR LAW
SR2308684	\$	110.50	DECEASED
SV120979	\$	527.43	10 YEAR LAW
TB2402518	\$	348.86	DECEASED
TB75739	\$	412.49	10 YEAR LAW
TC154270	\$	503.69	10 YEAR LAW
TJ03253	\$	617.16	10 YEAR LAW
TP1806657	\$	999.73	DECEASED
TP2302798	\$	135.80	DECEASED
WC2409272	\$	310.25	DECEASED
WL150481	\$	250.00	10 YEAR LAW
WM157353	\$	398.05	10 YEAR LAW

\$ 42,652.62

APPROVED ON THIS DAY _____, OCTOBER 2025

CLERK TO THE BOARD

Nebo Water Adjustments

Date of Adjustment: 9/24/2025

Leak Adjustment

Adjustment Description: Leak

Total \$77.94

Joseph Gibb 289 NC HWY 126

Nebo NC 28761

Account # 1900150.00 98

Date Sent to McDowell County Board of Commissioners: 9/24/2025

Witness

Witness

Leresa McCurvy

Brandon Wilson

Approved on this day _____

Clerk to the board

McDowell County Finance

The accounts listed below are associated with the Nebo Water System. The Finance Department is registering the following adjusted billing.

Name:	Amount:	Reason for Adjustment:	Account #
Joseph Gibbs	\$77.94	LEAK ADJUSTMENT	1900150.00 98
Explanation:	See attached letter from customer		

Nebo Water Staff DRR

Date: 9/24/2025

September 24th, 2025

Board of Commissioners.

I am requesting a wavier due to a leak. I have provided the paperwork for this request.

1900150.00 98
Gibbs, Joseph
Nebo, NC 28761

Thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Gibbs", written in a cursive style.

PAID

Sugar Hill Plumbing

6525 Sugar Hill Road

Marion, NC 28752

Phone: (828) 713-5457

Email: wilsonnicnic32@gmail.com

Bill To: Joe Gibbs
289 126 NC HWY
Nebo, NC

Invoice Number: 00123

Invoice Date: September 23, 2025

Due Date: October 7, 2025

Status: PAID (September 23, 2025)

Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Total
1	Water line repair	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

Subtotal: \$1,000.00

Tax: \$0.00

Total Paid: \$1,000.00

Payment Details:

Payment received in full on September 23, 2025. Thank you for your prompt payment.

Thank you for your business!

Tony G. Brown, Chairman
Lynn Greene, Vice Chair
David Walker, Commissioner
Patrick Ellis, Commissioner
Trisha Garner, Commissioner



Ashley Wooten, County Manager
Madalyn Robinson, Clerk to the Board
Donald Fred Coats, County Attorney

McDowell County

NORTH CAROLINA

McDowell County Board of Commissioners

Addendum

Opioid Settlement Fund – Unspent Funds Extension

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the unspent balance of Narcan community funds (\$36,575.00) Strategy 7 of Exhibit A, and PORT funds (\$10,649.53) Strategy 8 of Exhibit A (total of \$47,224.53), previously authorized on June 12th, 2023, but not expended, is hereby reauthorized for obligation and expenditure, subject to all of the same constraints, definitions, and reporting obligations as the original authorization.

Extension for funds shall begin on July 1, 2024. The time period for obligation and expenditure of such reauthorized funds is extended through June 30th, 2027.

That the County's budget officer/finance director is hereby directed to include this reauthorized amount in the current fiscal year budget ordinance (or settlement project ordinance) so that the funds may lawfully be obligated and expended.

That this Addendum shall be submitted in the next Local Spending Authorization Report (or amendment filing) to NC-CORE / NC DOJ as required by MOA rules.

That all other terms of the original Resolution remain in full force and effect, except as expressly modified herein.

Adopted this the _____ day of _____, 2025.

_____	_____ DATE
Chair, Board of Commissioners	

_____	_____ DATE
Attest, Clerk to the Board	

_____	_____ DATE
Finance Officer	

_____	_____ DATE
McDowell Emergency Services	

**DSS
EMPLOYEES
AND CLIENTS
ONLY**

**MONDAY-FRIDAY
7:30 AM - 5:00 PM**

BY ORDER OF THE MCDOWELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REFUNDS

10/13/2025

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DISCOVERIES

10/13/25

[illegible]

BY ORDER OF THE MCDOWELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS											
RELEASES OVER \$100											PAGE 1 10/13/2025
NAME	BILL#	VALUATION	COUNTY TAX	CITY TAX	TAG FEE	FIRE	FRC	RESCUE	PENALTY	RELEASE	COMMENTS
SPENCERS HARDWARE OLD FORT LLC	2025-40061	\$19,840.00	\$112.59			\$15.87	\$3.97	\$2.08		\$134.52	SOME ASSETS WERE LISTED BY THE ACCOUNTANT FOR BPP THAT HAD ALREADY BEEN ADDED TO REAL PROPERTY, WE ARE RELEASING THAT AMOUNT ONLY FROM BPP, IT IS BEING BILLED ON PARCEL 0659-07-59-3200
										\$0.00	
										\$0.00	
										\$0.00	
										\$0.00	
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			\$112.59			\$15.87	\$3.97	\$2.08		\$134.52	

BY ORDER OF THE MCDOWELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS											
RELEASES UNDER \$100											PAGE 1 OF 1 10/13/2025
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GARY'S SURPLUS LLC ASHWORTH RD SURPLUS	2024-12239	\$6,328.00	\$35.91			\$5.38	\$1.27	\$0.66	\$ 4.33	\$47.55	PER NC SEC OF STATE, THIS BUSINESS WAS DISSOLVED 12/31/23, DELETED ALL ASSETS FOR 2026 AND RELEASING ALL BILLS AFTER 2023.
GARY'S SURPLUS LLC ASHWORTH RD SURPLUS	2025-12405	\$6,328.00	\$35.91			\$5.38	\$1.27	\$0.66	\$ 4.33	\$47.55	PER NC SEC OF STATE, THIS BUSINESS WAS DISSOLVED 12/31/23, DELETED ALL ASSETS FOR 2026 AND RELEASING ALL BILLS AFTER 2023.
RYNE SHERIDAN WALL	2024-35131	\$4,600.00	\$26.11			\$5.06	\$0.92	\$0.48		\$32.57	COLLECTIONS WAS READY TO GARNISH MR WALL, BUT HE REPORTED THAT HE SOLD HIS CAMPER 2 YEARS AGO, PER STARS, HE DOES NOT OWN ANY CAMPERS, AND HE WAS NOT ON THE CPG LISTING FOR HAPPY PAPPY'S FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS.
RYNE SHERIDAN WALL	2025-35635	\$4,232.00	\$24.02			\$4.66	\$0.85	\$0.44	\$3.00	\$32.97	COLLECTIONS WAS READY TO GARNISH MR WALL, BUT HE REPORTED THAT HE SOLD HIS CAMPER 2 YEARS AGO, PER STARS, HE DOES NOT OWN ANY CAMPERS, AND HE WAS NOT ON THE CPG LISTING FOR HAPPY PAPPY'S FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS.
MARY JEAN THOMAS MARRIED NAME SILVERS	2025-34135	\$1,500.00	\$8.51				\$0.30	\$0.16	\$0.09	\$9.87	MARY JEAN THOMAS (SILVERS), CAME TO THE INFORMATION WINDOW TO REPORT THAT SHE SOLD THE SWMH IN 2023, SHE DID NOT TURN IN ANY LISTING FORMS, BUT DID PROVIDE A BILL OF SALE AS PROOF AT THE WINDOW, SENT TO THE CITY TO RELEASE THE FIRE TAX.
COLEMAN JACOB RIDDLE	2025-39038	\$7,380.00	\$41.88			\$5.17	\$1.48	\$0.77	\$ 4.94	\$54.24	RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM MR RIDDLE AFTER HE RECEIVED HIS 2025 TAX BILL, HE REPORTED THAT HE SOLD THE BOAT AND BOAT TRL IN AUG OF 2024, VERIFIED PER NC WILDLIFE AND WILL RELEASE THE 2025 TAX BILL.
BRIAN C SCEARSE	2025-39284	\$5,000.00	\$28.38			\$3.50	\$1.00	\$0.53	\$3.34	\$36.75	MR SCEARSE DID NOT TURN IN HIS 2025 LISTING FORM AND WAITED UNTIL 9-2-25 TO REPORT THAT HE SOLD THE CAMPER IN 2023, PROVIDED A BILL OF SALE FROM A DEALERSHIP AS PROOF OF SALE

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North Carolina Vehicle Tax System

Pending Refund Report

Payee Name	Primary Owner	Address 1	Address 2	Address 3	Refund Description	Refund Reason	Create Date	Tax Jurisdiction	Levy Type	Change	Interest Change	Total Change
ALEXANDER, AUDREIA HEATHER COLLIER	ALEXANDER, AUDREIA HEATHER COLLIER	285 BURLESON RD		MARION, NC 28752	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0072408970-2024-2024-0000-00	Vehicle Sold	9/19/2025	C ADVL	TAX	(\$98.89)	\$0.00	(\$98.89)
								FR30ADVL	TAX	(\$20.29)	\$0.00	(\$20.29)
								FRC ADVL	TAX	(\$3.48)	\$0.00	(\$3.48)
								RS01ADVL	TAX	(\$1.83)	\$0.00	(\$1.83)
											Refund	\$124.49
BANNER, MICHAEL EUGENE	BANNER, MICHAEL EUGENE	108 TIMBER RD		MARION, NC 28752	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0047230087-2024-2024-0000-00	Vehicle Sold	9/24/2025	C ADVL	TAX	(\$100.10)	\$0.00	(\$100.10)
								FR30ADVL	TAX	(\$20.53)	\$0.00	(\$20.53)
								FRC ADVL	TAX	(\$3.52)	\$0.00	(\$3.52)
								RS01ADVL	TAX	(\$1.85)	\$0.00	(\$1.85)
											Refund	\$126.00
BLAKE, WARREN SCOTT	BLAKE, WARREN SCOTT	153 HAPPY PL		MARION, NC 28752	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0084663185-2024-2024-0000-00	Vehicle Sold	9/23/2025	C ADVL	TAX	(\$32.16)	\$0.00	(\$32.16)
								FR30ADVL	TAX	(\$6.59)	\$0.00	(\$6.59)
								FRC ADVL	TAX	(\$1.13)	\$0.00	(\$1.13)
								RS01ADVL	TAX	(\$0.59)	\$0.00	(\$0.59)
											Refund	\$40.47
BUCKNER, PAUL EDWARD	BUCKNER, PAUL EDWARD	40 PADGETT DR	APT 11	MARION, NC 28752	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0077157874-2024-2024-0000-00	Vehicle Sold	9/26/2025	C ADVL	TAX	(\$103.90)	\$0.00	(\$103.90)
								FRC ADVL	TAX	(\$3.66)	\$0.00	(\$3.66)
								FR08ADVL	TAX	(\$20.14)	\$0.00	(\$20.14)
								RS01ADVL	TAX	(\$1.92)	\$0.00	(\$1.92)
											Refund	\$129.62
					Refund Generated			C ADVL	TAX	(\$32.29)	\$0.00	(\$32.29)

ELKINS, KENNY WAYNE	ELKINS, KENNY WAYNE	200 FAIRFIELD LN	MARION, NC 28752	Refund Generated due to adjustment on Bill #0087116543-2025- 2025-0000-00	Adjustment	9/5/2025	FRC ADVL	TAX	(\$1.14)	\$0.00	(\$1.14)
							FR08ADVL	TAX	(\$6.26)	\$0.00	(\$6.26)
							RS01ADVL	TAX	(\$0.59)	\$0.00	(\$0.59)
										Refund	\$40.28
ELKINS, KENNY WAYNE	ELKINS, KENNY WAYNE	200 FAIRFIELD LN	MARION, NC 28752	Refund Generated due to adjustment on Bill #0087116503-2025- 2025-0000-00	Adjustment	9/5/2025	C ADVL	TAX	(\$49.14)	\$0.00	(\$49.14)
							FRC ADVL	TAX	(\$1.73)	\$0.00	(\$1.73)
							FR08ADVL	TAX	(\$9.52)	\$0.00	(\$9.52)
							RS01ADVL	TAX	(\$0.91)	\$0.00	(\$0.91)
										Refund	\$61.30
FRAZIER, RALPH BERL	FRAZIER, RALPH BERL	153 TINA STREET	MARION, NC 28752	Refund Generated due to adjustment on Bill #0087298699-2025- 2025-0000-00	Adjustment	9/19/2025	C ADVL	TAX	(\$22.95)	\$0.00	(\$22.95)
							FR30ADVL	TAX	(\$4.71)	\$0.00	(\$4.71)
							FRC ADVL	TAX	(\$0.81)	\$0.00	(\$0.81)
							RS01ADVL	TAX	(\$0.43)	\$0.00	(\$0.43)
										Refund	\$28.90
HUTCHINS, JAMES MONROE	HUTCHINS, JAMES MONROE	213 WALKER DR	OLD FORT, NC 28762	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0086598860- 2025-2025-0000-00	Vehicle Sold	9/29/2025	C ADVL	TAX	(\$148.97)	\$0.00	(\$148.97)
							FR02ADVL	TAX	(\$21.00)	\$0.00	(\$21.00)
							FRC ADVL	TAX	(\$5.25)	\$0.00	(\$5.25)
							RS01ADVL	TAX	(\$2.76)	\$0.00	(\$2.76)
										Refund	\$177.98
MURILLO SANCHEZ, MARIA DEL ROSARIO	MURILLO SANCHEZ, MARIA DEL ROSARIO	373 WALNUT GROVE DR	NEBO, NC 28761	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0077322056- 2024-2024-0000-00	Vehicle Sold	9/19/2025	C ADVL	TAX	(\$10.22)	\$0.00	(\$10.22)
							FR03ADVL	TAX	(\$1.08)	\$0.00	(\$1.08)
							FRC ADVL	TAX	(\$0.36)	\$0.00	(\$0.36)
							RS01ADVL	TAX	(\$0.19)	\$0.00	(\$0.19)
										Refund	\$11.85
RECOVERY VENTURES CORP	RECOVERY VENTURES CORP	PO BOX 452	BLACK MOUNTAIN, NC 28711	Refund Generated due to adjustment on Bill #0087308981-2025- 2025-0000-00	Exempt Property	9/23/2025	C ADVL	TAX	(\$14.58)	\$0.00	(\$14.58)
							FR02ADVL	TAX	(\$2.06)	\$0.00	(\$2.06)
							FRC ADVL	TAX	(\$0.51)	\$0.00	(\$0.51)
							RS01ADVL	TAX	(\$0.27)	\$0.00	(\$0.27)
										Refund	\$17.42
ROCHESTER, RANDALL WADE	ROCHESTER, RANDALL WADE	118 VIOLET LN	OLD FORT, NC 28762	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0077879308- 2024-2024-0000-00	Vehicle Sold	9/4/2025	C ADVL	TAX	(\$11.76)	\$0.00	(\$11.76)
							FR02ADVL	TAX	(\$1.66)	\$0.00	(\$1.66)
							FRC ADVL	TAX	(\$0.41)	\$0.00	(\$0.41)
							RS01ADVL	TAX	(\$0.22)	\$0.00	(\$0.22)
										Refund	\$14.05

SHELTON, DANIEL SPENCER	SHELTON, DANIEL SPENCER	48 GREEN STREET LOOP		MARION, NC 28752	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0074552253- 2024-2024-0000-00	Vehicle Sold	9/30/2025	C ADVL	TAX	(\$68.26)	\$0.00	(\$68.26)
								FR30ADVL	TAX	(\$14.00)	\$0.00	(\$14.00)
								FRC ADVL	TAX	(\$2.41)	\$0.00	(\$2.41)
								RS01ADVL	TAX	(\$1.26)	\$0.00	(\$1.26)
											Refund	\$85.93
STEPHENSON, JERALD DEWEY	STEPHENSON, JERALD DEWEY	424 S WASHINGTON ST		EL DORADO, KS 67042	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0083746943- 2024-2024-0000-00	Vehicle Sold	9/19/2025	C ADVL	TAX	(\$24.10)	\$0.00	(\$24.10)
								CI02ADVL	TAX	(\$17.84)	\$0.00	(\$17.84)
								CI02ADVL	VEHICLE FEE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
								FRC ADVL	TAX	(\$0.85)	\$0.00	(\$0.85)
								FR22ADVL	TAX	(\$3.39)	\$0.00	(\$3.39)
								RS01ADVL	TAX	(\$0.44)	\$0.00	(\$0.44)
											Refund	\$46.62
STOCKTON, ANNA SMITH	STOCKTON, ANNA SMITH	85 STOCKTON DR		MARION, NC 28752	Refund Generated due to proration on Bill #0019064469- 2024-2024-0000-00	Vehicle Sold	9/23/2025	C ADVL	TAX	(\$13.62)	\$0.00	(\$13.62)
								FRC ADVL	TAX	(\$0.48)	\$0.00	(\$0.48)
								FR10ADVL	TAX	(\$2.64)	\$0.00	(\$2.64)
								RS01ADVL	TAX	(\$0.25)	\$0.00	(\$0.25)
											Refund	\$16.99
											Refund Total	\$921.90