

THE RANDOLPH RECAP

November 4, 2024

Commissioner Meeting Agenda/Summary



The Randolph County Board of Commissioners holds regular public meetings on the first Monday of each month, beginning at 6:00 pm. Traditionally the meetings are held in the Historic Courthouse located at 145 Worth Street in Asheboro, however currently are being held in the lower meeting room in the Randolph County Office Building, 725 McDowell Road, Asheboro, NC. At each meeting, issues impacting our county and citizens are presented and evaluated by the County Commissioners.

Randolph County government is committed to providing citizens with the opportunity to access information and obtain the latest news and public updates regarding the county and its government. The Randolph Recap provides monthly highlights and summaries from the County Commissioners meetings. It also highlights information on current issues facing the County Commissioners and the departments and agencies of Randolph County government. The Randolph Recap serves as one of the various communication outlets, including Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn that will update and communicate with our Randolph County citizens.

We hope the Randolph Recap is helpful to you and would appreciate your input and comments as we move forward.



Zeb Holden
County Manager



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Tax Department Director Debra Hill recognized Mark Frick who retired from Randolph County after 31 years of service. The Board of Commissioners presented him with an engraved desk clock.

The Board of Commissioners awarded a framed Resolution in recognition of Commissioner Maxton McDowell for his dedicated service to Randolph County, which includes his tenure as a commissioner since 2016.

Healthiest Employer in the US - Randolph County Wellness Administrator Sam Varner presented a video which highlighted information that Randolph County Government had recognized as the 17th Healthiest Employer in the US, 2nd in North Carolina and 1st in the Piedmont Triad Region.

Waste Management (WM) Annual Report

Senior Manager Bob Peeler of WM presented the Annual Report to commissioners. The data is for the 2023-2024 fiscal year:

Solid Waste - 627,841 Tons

Recycled Materials - 651.6 Tons

Household Waste - 5,094 Tons

\$15,976,222 has been paid to Randolph County since the original agreement in 2014.

Bob Peeler additionally announced that a payment of \$250,000 was made by WM to Samaritan's Purse for the victims of Helene.

Consider Positions to Provide Law Enforcement Services for the Town of Ramseur

Prior to consideration of the of the request for positions to provide law enforcement services for the Town of Ramseur, Sheriff Greg Seabolt shared information about the efforts that Randolph County Sheriff's Office participated in, predominantly in Mitchell County with disaster relief and staff logging up to 274 working hours.

On behalf of the Randolph County Sheriff's Office, Chief Deputy Col. Aundrea Azelton requested six positions (Deputy Sheriff Sergeant, four Deputy Sheriffs, and a Law Enforcement Clerk IV) to provide law enforcement services to the Town of Ramseur. The total estimated cost for these six new positions in the 2024-2025 fiscal year is \$333,970. An additional \$54,048 is required for operational expenses. The Town of Ramseur has agreed to pay Randolph County a one-time program (start-up) investment fee in the amount of \$89,616 for satellite office modifications, office equipment, and uniforms and equipment for the five new deputy positions to be hired within the 2024-2025 FY. This brings the total cost to \$477,634. These expenses will be fully reimbursed by the Town of Ramseur, and they approved the contract on October 15th. The Commissioners unanimously approved the request and the associated budget amendment.

Consider Approval of Detective Position to Serve as an ATF Task Force Officer

Sheriff Greg Seabolt requested a Detective position to serve as an Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) Task Force Officer. This additional position will collaborate with the Federal Project Safe Neighborhood group to provide intelligence and focused deterrence for violent crimes, specifically targeting firearms-related offenses. The total estimated cost for the Detective position for the 2024-25 fiscal year is \$59,524, with an additional \$17,243 required for uniforms and equipment, bringing the overall total cost to \$76,767, with \$17,000 of overtime reimbursable from ATF. Sheriff Seabolt stated that we needed to be proactive as we have seen the destruction in counties around us with illegal guns. District Attorney Andy Gregson and Jason Walsh with ATF stated that this is a regional problem as they have seen with Project Safe Neighborhood. Asheboro Police Department Chief Robbie Brown stated that they have partnered with ATF and since have seen a decrease in crime numbers. The Commissioners unanimously approved the request and the associated budget amendment.

Consider Purchase of Law Enforcement Vehicles

Randolph County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Colonel Steven Nunn requested the purchase of eight 2025 Ford Police Interceptors (SUV's) through the North Carolina Statewide Vehicle Contract, which governs procurement for State agencies, community colleges, universities, and select local government entities, ensuring cost-effective and fair acquisition of goods and services. Under the North Carolina Statewide Vehicle Contract, Performance Ford has been awarded the bid (STC 2510A) as the designated supplier. The total cost for the purchase of eight Ford Police Interceptors amounts to \$352,600.40. It is worth noting that the funding for these acquisitions has been included in the Sheriff's Office budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. In accordance with the Randolph County Purchasing Policy, which mandates that purchases exceeding \$90,000 require approval from the Board of Commissioners, the Commissioners unanimously approved the request.



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Consider Use of Law Enforcement Restricted Funds

Lieutenant Colonel Steven Nunn requested to utilize \$238,520 in Randolph County Sheriff's Office law enforcement restricted funds. These funds will be used to purchase three Livescan replacement machines, six LPR cameras, four pole cameras, a super-spectral imaging system, and three StarWitness field interviewers. The Commissioners unanimously approved the request and the associated budget amendment.

Consider Purchase of Two (2) Ambulances

Randolph County Emergency Services Chief Donovan Davis requested approval from the Commissioners to purchase two 2024 Type I Ford F350 4x4 Crestline Ambulances from Spartan Fire and Emergency Apparatus for \$663,432 under the Savvik contract pricing. He did report that there are six outstanding ambulances previously approved and ordered in 2022, 2023, and 2024, that he is still waiting for delivery of. He stated that daily there are 11 Ambulances on road ranging 200-500 miles for 28,000 calls annually. Five of the current ambulances have over 350K miles. He stated that he tries to order two ambulances every year for rotation to the fleet. The Commissioners unanimously approved the request and the associated budget amendment.

Consider Awarding Ogles Creek Pump Station Replacement Construction Contract

Randolph County Infrastructure Coordinator Chris Hildreath, along with Franklinville Mayor AC Hurley, presented the bids acquired for maintenance and repairs to Ogles Creek Pump Station. This was identified as critical need in the County's Water and Sewer Master Plan. Three bids were received ranging from \$2,393,940.00 to the low bid amount of \$1,859,600.00 from Baker Underground, Inc. from Kernersville, NC. The funding for the project comes from ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds. The Commissioners voted unanimously to accept the low bid of \$1,859,600.00 from Baker Underground, Inc., b) authorize the County Manager to execute the construction contract and c) adopt the associated budget amendments bringing the total project budget to \$2,300,000 for Ogles Creek pump station replacement construction.

Consider Awarding Main Pump Force Main & Tube Pump Station

Chris Hildreath also presented two bids received for the Town of Ramseur's main pump station force main and tube pump station replacement project which was identified as a critical need maintenance and repair project in the County's Water and Sewer Master Plan. Two bids were received and opened ranging from \$1,690,550.00 to the low bid amount of \$1,187,900.00 from Terry's Plumbing & Utilities, Inc. from Asheboro, NC. The funding for the project also comes from ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds. The Commissioners voted unanimously to a) accept the low bid of \$1,187,900.00 from Terry's Plumbing & Utilities, Inc., b) authorize the County Manager to execute the construction contract and c) adopt the associated budget amendments bringing the total project budget to \$1,575,000 for Ramseur's main pump station force main and tube pump station replacement project.

Consider Bid for RCC's Emergency Training Center Structures

Randolph Community College requested the County's assistance in bidding out some critical improvements to the Emergency Services Training Center (ESTC). Randolph County Assistant County Manager/Finance Officer Will Massie stated that RCC provided the specifications for new burn and tactical training buildings, which are required to be permitted, but determined that they can be purchased using the sole source exception under NC General Statute 143-129(e)6. Randolph Community College has accepted the bid by Forge Fire & Company in the amount of \$1,048,100 which includes a burn training structure (\$701,300) and tactical training structure (\$346,800). This project is part of RCC's earlier request to make necessary updates to the Emergency Services Training Center. The Commissioners unanimously approved the request.

County Manager's Update

County Manager Zeb Holden complimented County Engineer Paxton Arthurs and Maintenance Director Robert Cross and team on the great work accomplished at the Historic Courthouse and at Board of Elections.

Commissioner's Update

Vice Chairman David Allen commented that he and Chairman Darrell Frye will be serving on NC Association of County Commissioners Legislative Goals Committee coming up this month.

David Allen also brought attention to National Adoption Month recognized each November.

The Randolph County Department of Social Services currently has 145 children in Foster Care. Last year, 72 permanent placements (adoptions) were finalized.

Hope Haywood reminded everyone of Operation Green Light to support our Veterans. During the week leading up to Veterans Day, County buildings have a green light shining on them to show support for veterans, raise awareness of benefits available to them, let them know they are appreciated and supported.



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