



# THE RANDOLPH RECAP

AUGUST 7TH & 14TH, 2023  
COMMISSIONER MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY

## AGENDA ITEMS:

- Public Comment
- Energizer Recognition
- Strategic Planning Funding Requests
- Purchase of RCSSO Vehicles
- Purchase of Equipment for Special Emergency Response Team
- Medicaid Expansion
- Piedmont Triad Regional Water Authority
- Balfour Human Services Building
- Community Based Golden LEAF Grants Initiatives
- Northeast Randolph County Growth Management Plan



Critical issues facing our community and county government have never been greater as we progress in the 3rd decade of the 21st Century. The Randolph County Board of Commissioners holds regular public meetings on the first Monday of each month, beginning at 6:00 pm, in the 2nd Floor Meeting Room at the Historic Courthouse, 145 Worth Street, Asheboro, N.C. 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 is a new addition to the Randolph County web page. It will provide monthly highlights and summaries from County Commissioner meetings. It will also highlight information on current issues facing the County Commissioners and the Departments and agencies of Randolph County government. The Randolph-Recap will serve as one of the various communication outlets, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and print media, 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.



Hal Johnson  
Randolph County Manager



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## Public Comment

- Carl Hicks, Randolph County resident, thanked the board for approving the use of Opioid Settlement Funds for local programs. **“These resources will help keep some people alive and provide opportunity for freedom.”** Mr. Hicks also asked the board to revisit their decision against using Opioid Settlement Funds for Keaton’s Place
- Tom Morgan, shared concerns about a recent child death occurring in the County. **“I believe it is time to review the local responsible agencies, as other counties have done in tragic events such as this.”** Mr. Morgan also asked the board to reconsider funding for Keaton’s Place.
- Jim Georgevich, resident, shared concerns about a tax bill that he received for a home he says he no longer lives in. **“I have been asked to pay my bill for the year, for a house that does not exist. I think it should be prorated considering I don’t live there, and the house doesn’t exist.”**
- Franklin Suggs, resident, thanked commissioners for allowing a celebration of Juneteenth to be held. Mr. Suggs also questioned why the Confederate statue was still located on the Historic Courthouse lawn. **“Why has it not yet been moved?”**
- Dwain Roberts, resident, congratulated Energizer for 75 years in business in Randolph County. **“I want to thank them so much. They have been good to their employees, Randolph County and Asheboro.”** Mr. Roberts also said that the service held at the Historic Courthouse on June 17th by the Sons of Confederate Veterans was a memorial service, not a celebration.

## Recognition of Energizer

The Board of Commissioners recognized Energizer as a legacy industry in Randolph County for its success, sustainability, and contributions to the community. The company will celebrate 75 years of business in Randolph County and Asheboro with a ribbon-cutting event on August 22nd. **“This company has employed thousands of folks over the years and been a great citizen, not only from a corporate standpoint relative to the business itself. But also, it has gone through evolutions, ups, and downs in the economy, and still stands strong today,”** said Chairman Frye.



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## Purchase of RCSO Vehicles

The Randolph County Sheriff's Office wishes to purchase two vehicles. A bid process was conducted through the NCSA Procurement Program, and Modern Chevrolet has been awarded the bid for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

The County's purchasing policy requires all purchases greater than \$90k to be approved by the Board of Commissioners. The total amount for the vehicles is \$93,498.

Funding for this purchase is included in the 2023-24 Randolph County Sheriff's Office budget.

*Commissioners voted unanimously to allow the Sheriff's Office to purchase two Chevy Silverado's in the amount of \$93,498.*

## Strategic Planning Funding Requests

The 2016 Randolph County Strategic Planning Process was a countywide effort to identify long-term strategic issues impacting the public health, safety, and well-being of Randolph County. At that time, Commissioners approved the yearly payment to Randolph County from Waste Management as a specific revenue source to implement strategic objectives. Since 2017, the Board of Commissioners has used available funds to establish programs and fund proposals supporting the goals of public health, safety, and well-being across the Randolph County community.

Leia Gearhart, Strategic Programs Coordinator, presented a new performance measurement process to Commissioners that will evaluate the effectiveness of funding. The new strategy includes quarterly performance reports and post-funding period impact reporting.

**"When programs are provided special funding from the County, there needs to be a mechanism set in place so that performance measurements of that money, use, and impact on organizations can be defined. The goal is providing those services to the community and ensuring that the money the Board of County Commissioners approve makes those organizations stronger,"** said Hal Johnson, County Manager.

The Randolph County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved funding for the following projects using Strategic Planning funds:

- \$55.4K in funding for Lydia's Place
- \$25K in funding for Our Daily Bread Kitchen, Inc.
- \$30k in funding for Shelter of Hope.
- \$20k in funding for RhinoLeap Productions.
- \$500k in funding for the City of Asheboro.
- \$54,842 in funding for the 100 Man Project.



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## Medicaid Expansion

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services is moving forward with Medicaid expansion and has announced an anticipated start date of October 1, 2023. Medicaid expansion in North Carolina will increase the eligible population to adults aged 19-64, who have incomes up to 138% of the federal poverty level.

In Randolph County, 12-14k citizens will be newly eligible. Twenty-two additional positions will be needed to support the additional workload at \$1.193M. Most positions will be supported at a 75% reimbursement rate. The total cost to the County will be \$219,920.

*Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the budget amendment for Medicaid Expansion in the amount of \$1,193,152.*

## Purchase of Equipment for Special Emergency Response Team

The Randolph County Sheriff's Office wishes to use \$348,775 in law enforcement-restricted funds to purchase Special Emergency Response Team equipment and motorcycles/equipment. A full description of equipment description and costs can be found [HERE](#).

*Commissioners voted unanimously to allow the Sheriff's Office to use Law Enforcement Restricted Funds to purchase equipment for the Special Emergency Response Team in the amount of \$348,775.*

## Piedmont Triad Regional Water Authority

Last year, the County hired the Wooten Company to evaluate water and sewer infrastructure potential and to develop a Master Plan. One project identified in the plan enables the County to sell some of its allocated water from Randleman Lake as a water line from the Piedmont Triad Regional Water Authority (PTRWA) to Asheboro City. The Wooten Company was also selected as the County's on-call engineering firm for water and sewer projects so, a design, bidding, and construction administration proposal was requested. The Wooten company has proposed a contract for the design, bidding, and administration of a water line from PTRWA to Asheboro for \$726,200.

*Commissioners voted unanimously to award a contract to the Wooten Company for the design, bidding, and construction administration of a water line from PTRWA to Asheboro at a cost of \$776,200 and establish the PTRWA Water Connection Capital Project Ordinance.*



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## Balfour Human Services Building

At the June Meeting, Commissioners approved the final design for the renovation of the Balfour Human Services Building and authorized the County to advertise the project for bidding. The low bidder was Garanco with a total cost of \$1,629,300.

*Commissioners voted to award a contract to Garanco with a total cost of \$1,629,300 for renovation of the Human Services building in Archdale.*

## Community Based Golden LEAF Grants Initiatives - (Pre Application Process)

Golden LEAF has invited the Piedmont Triad Prosperity Zone to participate in an \$11M Community-Based Grants initiative. Four projects can be endorsed with requests of up to \$2M, with no single project exceeding \$1.5M. Strategic Program Coordinator Leia Gearhart and Assistant County Manager William Johnson presented the Food, Farm, and Family Agricultural Center to the Board for endorsement. The Cooperative Extension requests \$1.5M in funding to support overall construction costs.

## Northeast Randolph County Growth Management Plan

On August 31st, at 4:00 pm at the Northgate Plaza, the Board of County Commissioners and County Planning Board will join in a working session where a draft document of the County Growth Management plan will be presented. A public hearing will be forthcoming.