



THE RANDOLPH RECAP

OCTOBER 2, 2023

COMMISSIONER MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY

AGENDA ITEMS:

- Public Comment
- Waste Management Annual Report
- Public Health Fee Changes
- County Infrastructure Coordinator
- 2024 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Schedule
- Annual Special Joint Meeting with Randolph County Board of Education



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

- Tim Saunders, Randolph County citizen, thanked the Board of Elections staff and pole workers for the work they do. Saunders said that people should consider becoming pole workers. **“I’d like to encourage anyone out there to come and take advantage of this opportunity. Even if you only do it one time.”**
- Sean Walker, Randolph County citizen, shared concerns about costs associated with the COVID-19 vaccine. **“I think we should hear more of an explanation before there is a decision made on this.”**
- Brantley Craft, Randolph County Economic Development Center, thanked commissioners for their support of Manufacturing Day. The EDC will celebrate an extended recognition of local industry, designating the entire month of October as Industry Appreciation Month in Randolph County. **“We celebrate Randolph County Industry because of the positive impact it has on our community.”**

Waste Management Annual Report

Bob Peeler, Waste Management Inc., presented the company’s annual report at the October Commissioners meeting. Since 2014, Waste Management has given the County nearly \$14M and paid approximately \$7M in taxes. The yearly payments from Waste Management are funneled into the County’s Strategic Planning Grants fund and then distributed throughout the community to support projects deemed appropriate by commissioners that align with goals incorporated within the County’s strategic plan.

“We truly appreciate our nearly decade-long partnership with Randolph County, it is not all about funds, but I think what we have been able to give back to the County is important,” said Peeler.

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the Waste Management Franchise Agreement Ordinance Amendment.



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Public Health Fee Changes

Randolph County Public Health requested approval of two changes to the “Environmental Health Services” fee schedule. These fee changes are related to recently adopted legislation.

The department also requested approval of additional clinic vaccines fees. The proposed fees are for COVID-19 vaccine. Until recently, local health departments were provided COVID-19 vaccines at no cost. Thus, no vaccine or administrative fees were charged. The department will now begin assessing both an administration and vaccine fee. Updated fees will take effect on October 1, 2023.

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the Public Health fee changes as presented.

County Infrastructure Coordinator

Hal Johnson, County Manager, presented the need for a new position of County Infrastructure Coordinator.

In December 2022, the Randolph County Water and Sewer plan was completed. The plan showed extensive utility needs in the eastern and northeastern portions of the County. Also, it highlighted improvements to the provision of water and sewer infrastructure within the Seagrove-Ulah Water District. The recently passed North Carolina state budget contains \$85M in support for Randolph County water/sewer projects and an additional \$2.45M to support capital projects. These funds are in addition to federal ARPA funding previously allocated to the County.

This increased funding will result in tremendous opportunities for infrastructure improvement within the County. While the County Engineer and Assistant Manager currently work to provide coordination of infrastructure projects, there is an immediate need for additional support. To address this need, The County is looking to add a new position titled County Infrastructure Coordinator, responsible for the technical work overseeing, coordinating, and managing water and sewer construction projects in the County.

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the addition of a County Infrastructure Coordinator to the Classification Plan.

Adopt 2024 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Schedule

Commissioners voted unanimously to adopt the resolution for the 2024 Commissioners Meeting Schedule.

Set Annual Special Joint Meeting with Randolph County School Board of Education

Commissioners voted unanimously to set the annual Joint Meeting with the Randolph County Board of Education for January 8, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Meeting Room.