

THE RANDOLPH RECAP

April 2024

Commissioner Meeting Agenda/Summary



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 lower meeting room in the Randolph County Office Building, 725 McDowell Road, 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, X, 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.

Will Massie
Interim County Manager



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- Ramseur Water & Sewer
- Soil & Water Position
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Ms. Tracie Murphy, Social Services Director and representatives from Randolph County Department of Social Services, Emmy's House, Randolph County Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Office were present to bring awareness to April being National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Statistics shared included 1,310 child abuse cases and 57 defendants charged in 2023. The key is to be unified to protect our children. According to District Attorney Andy Gregson, if a citizen is aware of a child abuse situation and does not report it, that citizen could be charged as a felon. Chairman Darrell Frye presented the Proclamation proclaiming April 2024 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Board approved it unanimously in the Consent Agenda.

Volunteers Needed

Commissioner Hope Haywood brought attention to the reappointment of Christine Caviness to the Randolph County Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee and to the Randolph County Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee. She encouraged more people to get involved to be a volunteer on these committees and other volunteer opportunities.

Ramseur Water & Sewer

Mr. John Grey, Principal of The Wooten Co. shared a request for additional funding for water and sewer updates for Town of Ramseur to improve water quality. Vice-chair David Allen commented that the County needs the cooperation from the Town of Ramseur to be able to move this project forward. County Commissioners approved to move forward with the request at \$2,162,500 to use for updating the Town of Ramseur water and sewer system.

Soil & Water Position

Chairman Craig Frazier gave a summary of past projects of the Randolph County Soil & Water Conservation District. Chairman Frazier discussed the importance of soil and water education, and stated that they are working with NC Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts to promote regional assistance. The Association has offered recurring \$25,000 to partially fund a new County position to focus on regional education. County Commissioners approved the new position at Soil & Water Conservation with \$25,000 of funding provided by the NC Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts.



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Dr. Shah Ardalán, President of Randolph Community College on behalf of staff and Board of Trustee Members, presented a request for facility construction and renovation. Dr. Shah specifically requested funding to renovate facilities to make them more innovative for future students of RCC. These projects were more fully presented to the Commissioners at the January 2024 meeting. The total requested to renovate/construct these facilities is \$8.52M. Interim County Manager Will Massie reported that there is \$3.47M left in the RCC Capital Project Fund, and the rest of the funds requested for these projects could be funded with the anticipated Article 46 Sales Taxes from Fiscal Year 2024-2025 at the approximate amount of \$5.04M. County Commissioners approved to move forward with the request at \$8.52M to use for RCC's construction and renovations.

Randolph County School System

Dr. Stephen Gainey, Superintendent of Randolph County School System on behalf of staff and Board of Education Members, presented a Growth Plan to be able to serve the projected student growth in the next 5 years. The Phase 1 includes two replacement schools: Liberty Elementary and Randleman High, renovate Eastern Randolph High, Trinity High and Southwestern Randolph High and demolish Braxton Craven. County Commissioners approved the Randolph County School System to move forward with identifying land for the new schools as presented.

Historic Landmark Designation

Chairman Mac Whatley of Historic Landmark Preservation Commission presented to the County Commissioners a request to adopt an Ordinance designating the Dr. Charles H. Phillip's House as a Local Historic Landmark. Mr. Whatley shared the history of the home building originally in 1783. County Commissioners approved to designate the Dr. Charles H. Phillip's House as a Local Historic Landmark. Chairman Frye congratulated the owners who were in the audience.

Unified Development Ordinance Updates

Ms. Tonya Caddle, Planning & Zoning Director, shared with the County Commissioners the Legislative Updates affecting the Randolph County Unified Development Ordinance. Following a public hearing, County Commissioners approved the changes to the Randolph County Unified Development Ordinance.



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