

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners
Meeting Agenda
August 18, 2026
5:30 P.M.

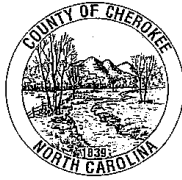
- I. Call to Order by Chairman**
- II. Invocation**
- III. Pledge**
- IV. Ethics Statement** “Members of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners are reminded and advised of their duties under state law and the Cherokee County Code of Ethics Resolution, as such may pertain of their personal actions and actions of the board”.
- V. Modification of Agenda**
- VI. Agenda Adoption**
- VII. Public Comment Period**
- VIII. Budget and Finance**
 - a) Budget Revision for Carry-Forward of FY26 Budgeted Funds
 - b) Budget Revision in the Amount of \$65,630 for Change Order for EMS Station 2 Generator
 - c) Approve Change Order # 2, Budget Revision and Amended Capital Project Ordinance for VA/Sr Center Facility Project
 - d) Budget Revision for Use of Contingency in the Amount of \$1,000 (County’s deductible) for Airport Automated Weather Observation System Repairs (We received insurance proceeds in the amount of \$7,932)
 - e) Budget Revision in the Amount of \$262,531 for Cherokee County Schools Request for Use of Article 40/42 Sales Tax for Various Capital Expenditures
 - f) Budget Revision for Use of Contingency in the Amount of \$13,070 to Cover County’s Share of Increased Cooperative Extension Salaries and Benefits for FY2027 (This is a result of the recent UNC-approved pay increases)
 - g) Budget Revision for Use of Contingency in the Amount of \$3,196 to Provide a Stipend for the Grant Specialist for Assigned Duties as Public Information Officer
 - h) Budget Revision for Use of Contingency in the Amount of \$2,000 to Cover Additional Cost of MDIS Software and Additional PSAware Software for 911 Dispatch
 - i) Sheriff’s Request to Increase Out-of-County Inmate Housing Fees to \$60/day (Effective 8/19)

- j) Sheriff's Request to Increase Out-of-State Civil Process Fee to \$100/per paper (Effective 10/1)

IX. New Business

- a) Invitation to Participate in Regional Opioid Network Project - (1) strengthen recovery-to-work initiatives and (2) provide technical assistance and develop a regional network that seeks to move existing opioid settlement regional strategies forward.
- b) DSS Director Amanda McGee and Dr. Catherine Yost – Report of Recommendations for Child Fatality Prevention
- c) Ellen Stephens – Update on Mountain Folk Center Horse Arena Drainage Project
- d) Sheriff Wood – Request to Reclassify Detectives/Investigators as the Same Pay Grade as Sergeants
- e) Sheriff Wood – Request to Add Extra Duty Vendor App to CCSO Cellphones and Set a Fee for Use of County Vehicle \$50/day
- f) Wolf Creek Fire Department – Request for Rescue Funding in the Amount of \$28,693.12 for Vehicle Extrication Tools for Rescue Truck to be Housed at New Substation
- g) Kevin Carter, Fire Marshal – Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) Recruitment Issues
- h) Cherokee County Transit Agreement with the Division of Employment and Independence for People with Disabilities for Client Services
- i) Approve Additional 30-Day Extension of Peachtree VFD Brasstown Fire District Contract
- j) Board Review of New Fire Contract
- k) Appoint Tim Radford to the Cherokee County Tourism Development Authority
(Recommendation by current TDA members)
- l) Tax Releases, Tax Refund Report and NCVTS Report
- m) Wilderness Lake Rd. Association, inc. – Request for Board to Accept Late Application for Property Tax Exemption or Exclusion
- n) Consideration of Offer to Purchase Tipton Community Center Property
- o) Resolution Authorizing Upset Bid Process for Tipton Community Center Property
- p) Declare EMS Truck Surplus Property and Accept \$30,000 Offer to Purchase by Frazier
- q) Commissioner Ledford - Letters to Phone Carriers and Legislative Representatives
- r) Legislative Goals Discussion

- X. County Manager Items**
- XI. Chairman/Commissioner Items**
- XII. Closed Session** – Pursuant to §143-318.11 (6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee
- XIII. Open Session**
- XIV. Adjourn**



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825-837-5527

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BUDGET REVISION

8/18/2026

(DECREASE)

INCREASE

1010000-39991	Use of Fund Balance	9,278,514.00
1044330-34331	Emergency Mgmt - Grant Revenue	54,772.00
1094130-41900	Professional Services - Audit Fee, CAP, SSA & OP	66,495.00
1094311-45000	Sheriff - Capital Assets (Evidence Rm Purifier)	8,000.00
1094325-45000	Capital Assets > \$5000 (Avtec Radio Consoles & E	85,756.00
1094325-45100	Capital Outlay (North Tac Repeater Site Backup)	15,000.00
1094330-45000	Em Mgmt - Capital Assets (Camper Shell Trk)	3,800.00
1094330-46150	Grant Expenses (NCDPS EOC Grant)	54,772.00
1094330-47250	Timber Funds	57,344.00
1094335-45000	EMS - Capital Assets (Ambulances)	478,083.00
1094335-45050	EMS - Capital Assets (St 2 Interior Items)	12,677.00
1094335-46000	Grant Expenses (Community Paramedicine Grant)	177,706.00
1094950-46000	Coop Ext - Farm Credit (Podcast Equipment)	80.00
1094950-46294	Coop Ext - Bee School Funds	266.00
1094950-46300	Coop Ext - Corngrowers Grant	436.00
1094950-46302	Coop Ext - Marketing	205.00
1094951-43510	MFC - Facility Maintenance (Sale Barn)	14,194.00
1095300-45100	Capital Outlay (Building Reno)	33,479.00
1095300-46030	Adoption Promotion	123,262.00
1095300-46084	Foster Child Assistance Funds	16,540.00
1095911-46342	School Sales Tax Projects	784,661.00
1095921-46348	TCCC Article 46 Sales Tax Funds	260,068.00
1097722-45100	Landfill-Martins Creek Site Upgrade	70,313.00
1098502-46585	Fire Dept Rescue Funds	26,154.00
1098504-46690	Soil & Water Conservation	13,147.00
1099800-40211	Contribution to Capital Projects Fund	6,948,280.00
1099800-40490	Contribution to Airport Improvement Fund	82,568.00

Appropriates budgeted but unexpended funds from FY 2025–2026 for approved grants, restricted funds, and projects to be carried forward into FY 2026–2027.

Chairperson

8/18/2026

Grant Capital Project Ordinance - Amended
For the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Station #2 Project
Cherokee County, North Carolina

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the County of Cherokee County, North Carolina that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following capital project ordinance is hereby adopted:

SECTION 1: The project authorized is the permitting and construction of the Emergency Medical Service Station #2 to be utilized by the Cherokee County EMS located in Andrews, North Carolina.

SECTION 2: The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the capital project within the budget contained herein.

SECTION 3: The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

Construction	\$	1,219,498
Planning/Design		44,700
Contingency		0
Total	\$	<u>1,264,198</u>

SECTION 4: The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete this project:

State Capital and Infrastructure Fund (SCIF) Grant	\$	500,000
Interest Income		3,994
Transfer from General Fund		<u>760,204</u>
Total	\$	<u>1,264,198</u>

SECTION 5: The Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to maintain within the Grant Capital Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of Federal and State regulations.

SECTION 6: The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report, on a quarterly basis, the financial status of each project element in Section 3 and on total revenues received.

SECTION 7: The Budget Officer is directed to include a detailed analysis of past and future costs and revenues related to this capital project in every budget submission made to this Board.

SECTION 8: Copies of this capital project ordinance shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Governing Body, to the Budget Officer, and to the Chief Financial Officer for direction in carrying out this project.

Adopted this 18th day of August, 2026

Chairperson



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BUDGET REVISION

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1099800-48880	Contingency	(52,199.00)
1099800-40211	Contribution to Capital Project Fund	52,199.00

Use of contingency to cover change order for EMS Station 2 capital project (generator).

Chairperson

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PO Box 129
Murphy, NC 28906
(828) 837-2437
(828) 837-3152 Fax

August 13, 2026

Mr. Randy Wiggins
Cherokee County

Re: Cherokee County EMS Station #2 Emergency Generator

Wells & West, Inc. proposes to furnish materials and labor as necessary to install a diesel 60KW emergency generator at the EMS Station #2 site as outlined below:

Scope of work: Provide Generac diesel generator complete with:

- 500 gallon double wall tank fuel tank, 96 hour run time at full load
- Remote annunciator and e-stop
- Level 1 acoustic enclosure
- Battery charger, coolant heater
- 2 year warranty
- Factory start-up and load bank testing

Unload and set in place
Level concrete pad for generator
Conduit and wire from generator to automatic transfer switch
Low voltage cabling to remote annunciator panel and e-stop

Total \$65,630

Notes: Diesel fuel by county
Lead time for Generac +/- 18 weeks
Add \$1,400 to this quote for a Taylor brand generator lead time +/- 30 weeks
Add \$3,000 to this quote for a Rehlko / Kohler generator lead time +/- 20 weeks

Randy, we had also discussed a propane generator, these ended up being slightly more expensive after adding propane tanks and piping. Also the 50kw options are within \$300 of the above prices, as all these manufacturers utilize the same size units for both 50 and 60kw.

We appreciate the opportunity to quote this scope of work. Please feel free to call with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chuck West', is written over a horizontal line.

Chuck West

Grant Capital Project Ordinance - Amended
For the Senior Center / Veterans Services Facility Project
Cherokee County, North Carolina

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the County of Cherokee County, North Carolina that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following capital project ordinance is hereby adopted:

SECTION 1: The project authorized is the permitting and construction of the Senior Center / Veterans Services Facility to be utilized by the Cherokee County Senior Services and Veterans Services Departments located in Murphy, North Carolina.

SECTION 2: The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the capital project within the budget contained herein.

SECTION 3: The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

Construction/Site Work	\$ 9,089,335
Planning/Design/Engineering	819,248
Land	248,183
Contingency	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$ 10,156,766</u>

SECTION 4: The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete this project:

State Capital and Infrastructure Fund (SCIF) Grant	\$ 3,350,000
Interest Income	15,311
Transfer from General Fund	<u>6,791,455</u>
Total	<u>\$ 10,156,766</u>

SECTION 5: The Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to maintain within the Grant Capital Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of Federal and State regulations.

SECTION 6: The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report, on a quarterly basis, the financial status of each project element in Section 3 and on total revenues received.

SECTION 7: The Budget Officer is directed to include a detailed analysis of past and future costs and revenues related to this capital project in every budget submission made to this Board.

SECTION 8: Copies of this capital project ordinance shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Governing Body, to the Budget Officer, and to the Chief Financial Officer for direction in carrying out this project.

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1099800-48880	Contingency	(40,099.00)
1099800-40211	Contribution to Capital Project Fund	40,099.00

Use of contingency to cover change order for Senior Center/VA Building capital project
(retaining wall height & soil and storm drain extension).

Chairperson

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AIA Document G701® – 2017

Change Order

PROJECT: <i>(Name and address)</i> Cherokee Co Senior/VA 228 Hilton St, Murphy, NC 28906	CONTRACT INFORMATION: Contract For: General Construction Date: 7/13/2026	CHANGE ORDER INFORMATION: Change Order Number: 002 Date:
OWNER: <i>(Name and address)</i> Cherokee County 75 Peachtree St Murphy, NC 28906	ARCHITECT: <i>(Name and address)</i> Architecture Unlimited, PLLC. 131 Matthews Station St, Suite 2A Matthews, NC 28105	CONTRACTOR: <i>(Name and address)</i> Place Services, Inc. 126 P Rickman Industrial Drive Canton, GA 30115

THE CONTRACT IS CHANGED AS FOLLOWS:

(Insert a detailed description of the change and, if applicable, attach or reference specific exhibits. Also include agreed upon adjustments attributable to executed Construction Change Directives.)

PCO5 - Level 0 Retaining Wall Revisions - \$11,981.18

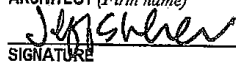
PCO8 - Retaining Wall Soil - \$28,658.03

PCO11 - Storm Drain Extension - \$13,755.72

The original Contract Sum was	\$ 8,761,319.00
The net change by previously authorized Change Orders	\$ 122,923.35
The Contract Sum prior to this Change Order was	\$ 8,884,242.35
The Contract Sum will be increased by this Change Order in the amount of	\$ 54,394.93
The new Contract Sum including this Change Order will be	\$ 8,938,637.28
The Contract Time will be increased by Zero (0) days.	
The new date of Substantial Completion will be	

NOTE: This Change Order does not include adjustments to the Contract Sum or Guaranteed Maximum Price, or the Contract Time, that have been authorized by Construction Change Directive until the cost and time have been agreed upon by both the Owner and Contractor, in which case a Change Order is executed to supersede the Construction Change Directive.

NOT VALID UNTIL SIGNED BY THE ARCHITECT, CONTRACTOR AND OWNER.

Architecture Unlimited, PLLC. ARCHITECT <i>(Firm name)</i>  SIGNATURE	Place Services, Inc. CONTRACTOR <i>(Firm name)</i>  SIGNATURE	Cherokee County OWNER <i>(Firm name)</i> SIGNATURE
Jeff Sherer, Principal Architect PRINTED NAME AND TITLE	Peter Mancinelli, Project Manager PRINTED NAME AND TITLE	Randy Wiggins, County Manager PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
July 13, 2026 DATE	July 14, 2026 DATE	 DATE



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1010000-38581	Insurance Proceeds	7,932.00
1099800-48880	Contingency	(1,000.00)
1094500-43520	Equipment Repairs	8,932.00

Appropriates insurance proceeds and contingency funds to cover the cost of repairs to the Airport Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) following lightning damage.

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1010000-39993	School Designated FB *** (See Balance Below)	262,531.00
1095911-46342	Article 40 42 Sales Tax Expense	262,531.00

*** School Restr'd/Des Article 40/42 Bal (as of 8/10/26)	8,929,135.00
Less: Requested Expenses	(262,531.00)
New School Restricted/Designated Fund Balance	<u>8,666,604.00</u>

Use of Restricted/Designated Article 40/42 School Capital Sales Tax Fund Balance for various capital expenditures (see detail attached).

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Cherokee County Schools

Ms. Angel Owens, Superintendent
2230 Airport Road, Marble, NC 28905
(828) 837-2722, Fax (828) 837-5799
www.cherokee.k12.nc.us

August 6, 2026

Ms. Candy Anderson, Finance Officer
Cherokee County
75 Peachtree Street
Murphy, NC 28906

Re: Use of ½ Cent Sales Tax Funds

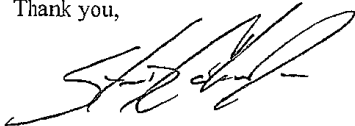
Dear Ms. Anderson,

The Board of Education, at its August 6, 2026 meeting, approved a budget amendment to use ½ cent sales tax funds in the amount of \$262,531 as follows pending approval of the Commissioners:

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|---|-----------|
| 1. Carolina Thomas – (1) Mini Buses @ \$96,747 per bus | \$96,747 |
| 2. Carolina Thomas – (1) 72 passenger @ \$159,925 per bus | \$159,925 |
| 3. BDJ Tech – (25) Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) Units | \$5,859 |

Please add these items to the agenda for consideration of approval at the next Commissioners Meeting.

Thank you,



Steve Coleman
Board Chair
Cherokee County Board of Education

Board of Education

Mr. Steve Coleman, Chair, Mr. Jeff Tatham, Vice Chair, Mr. James Ellis,
Ms. Jeannie Gaddis, Mr. Arnold Mathews, Mr. Jason Murphy, and Ms. Shannon Raper



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1099800-48880	Contingency	(13,070.00)
1094950-41210	Salaries & Wages	8,708.00
1094950-41210	Fringe Benefits	4,362.00

Appropriates contingency funds to cover the County's share of increased Cooperative Extension salaries and benefits for FY2027 resulting from UNC-approved pay increases finalized in August 2026.

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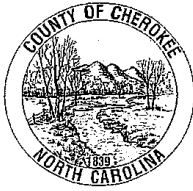
INCREASE

1099800-48880	Contingency	(3,196.00)
1094130-41210	Salaries & Wages	2,600.00
1094130-41810	FICA	199.00
1094130-41820	Retirement	393.00
1094130-41860	Workers Comp Insurance	4.00

Appropriates contingency funds to provide a stipend for the Grant Specialist in recognition of the additional Public Information Officer (PIO) duties assigned to the position.

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1099800-48880	Contingency	(2,000.00)
1094325-43540	Software	2,000.00
2714324-39991	911 Fund - Use of Fund Balance	19,900.00
2794324-43540	911 Fund - Software	19,900.00

Appropriates restricted 911 PSAP funds to cover the additional cost of the MDIS software and contingency additional PSAware software for the 911 Communications Center.

Chairperson

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From: Theresa Creasman <theresa.creasman@cherokeecounty-nc.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2026 3:16 PM
To: Candy R. Anderson <candy.anderson@cherokeecounty-nc.gov>
Cc: Randy Wiggins <randy.wiggins@cherokeecounty-nc.gov>
Subject: RE: Proposal for Temp MDIS

Randy,

Please see the attached and to catch you up. July 1, 2026 Southern Software upgraded the MDIS software which in turn "fixed the glitch" that we've been using more than our 20 total licenses to be logged in at once. CCSO, EMS, EM, APD & MPD all use this software in the field. Ambulances and police cars all have the software on their laptops and investigators have it on their desktops. EM has it on the large screen in the EOC.

Currently the county pays for 10 MDIS licenses, Town of Murphy pays for 5 and Town of Andrews pays for 5. We have a total of 20 licenses for public safety users in the field to be logged in at once.

Neither APD or MPD use more than 5 at once.

Between CCSO and EMS at one given time there are more than 10 licenses being used.

More often than not we can have 30 or more users logged in at once.

EMS has 3 EMS station dayrooms and when Station 2 is back online they will occupy 4 licenses just at the stations.

Each truck has 2 laptops-10 licenses that I have to account for even though typically they only are logged into one per ambulance and the EMS captains vehicle.

EMS alone can occupy 15 licenses at once but usually 9. My budget pays for 10.

CCSO-Deputies typically have 3-4 logged in at once.

CCSO-Investigators and Admin-5-9 users

EM-1

I've requested Southern Software to send an quote for 20 licenses that I believe will allow us the cover the current need. We are currently using 20 additional temp licenses that will expire August 1 just to get us through.

Theresa S. Creasman

Director

Cherokee County E-911 Communications

170 Marks Dr.

Murphy, NC 28906

Office:(828) 835-4965

Fax:(828) 837-4129

<http://www.cherokeecounty-nc.gov/468/E-911-Communications>

From: Janet Benson <jbenson@southernsoftware.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2026 2:20 PM
To: Theresa Creasman <theresa.creasman@cherokeeconomy-nc.gov>
Cc: Steve Libera <slibera@southernsoftware.com>
Subject: Proposal for Temp MDIS

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Hi Theresa,

Per our discussion attached is the proposal for the 20 temp licenses.

To place this order please return the completed proposal by fax or e-mail to (910) 695-0251 or jbenson@southernsoftware.com.

I have also asked Steve to contact you regarding the proposals that will be needed for each agency. Our records show 17 on 911's account; 5 on Murphy PD & 5 on Andrews PD.

Please call or e-mail Steve Libera (828.291.9147 or slibera@southernsoftware.com) with any questions.

Thanks,

Janet Benson | Sales Administrative
Assistant

Toll Free: (800) 842-8190 Ext. 131
Fax: (910) 695-0251

jbenson@southernsoftware.com



SOUTHERN SOFTWARE, INC.
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150 Perry Drive • Southern Pines, NC 28387



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an employee-owned company

Agency: Cherokee County 911, NC

Contact: Theresa Creasman

Date: 7/20/2026

MOBILE DATA INFORMATION SYSTEM (MDIS)	Qty
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MDIS License (without NCIC/State Database Query)	20
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Client software for voiceless dispatch function.

Note: **Does not include NCIC/DCI/AVL Mapping features.**

TOTAL SOFTWARE: \$17,000.00

ASSUMES ASSISTANCE WITH REMOTE INSTALLATION. IF ONSITE INSTALLATION IS NECESSARY THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL CHARGES.

YEARLY SUPPORT

MDIS Support

24/7 SUPPORT

1

YEAR

Total Support: \$2,900.00

TOTAL INVESTMENT (STATE TAX AND SHIPPING NOT INCLUDED)
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\$19,900.00

100% DUE UPON SIGNING PROPOSAL

CUSTOMER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Please sign this document and return it to us by fax or mail. When the document is signed and returned to Southern Software, we will begin processing your order.

Contact for Implementation: _____

Phone: _____

Wireless modems ("Air Cards") are required for each mobile unit.

Agency must configure all networking for mobile and CAD workstations to ping servers before installation begins. Use a static IP for private address.

Secure High Speed Internet Access (VPN, Remote Desktop, etc) to servers for support provided by Agency.

Hardware Specifications are located at www.southernsoftware.com

Proposal of software is valid for (60) days from date of proposal.

Management fees include training, installation, and project management.

Contact information for Public Safety Representative:

Steve Libera

Southern Software

150 Perry Drive

Southern Pines, NC 28387

Business: 800.842.8190

Mobile: 828.291.9147

Fax: 910.695.0251

E-Mail: slibera@southernsoftware.com

From: Becca Scott <becca@southwesterncommission.org>

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2026 2:22 PM

To: Debbie Mauney <dmauney@claync.us>; wcabe@maconnc.org; Randy Wiggins <randy.wiggins@cherokeecounty-nc.gov>; Kevin King - County Manager <kevinking@jacksonnc.org>; Brady Cody <Brady.Cody@grahamcounty.org>; Bryant.Morehead@haywoodcountync.gov; Tommy.Dills@swaincountync.gov

Cc: Russ Harris <russ@southwesterncommission.org>

Subject: Invitation to Participate - Regional Opioid Network Project

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Good Afternoon,

I am writing to share information on a workforce initiative that the Southwestern Commission is partnering on with Kit Roberts and Ariana Williamson, who have been leading Recovery-Friendly Workplace efforts in the larger WNC region. This partnership is seeking funding through Dogwood Health Trust to (1) strengthen recovery-to-work initiatives and (2) provide technical assistance and develop a regional network that seeks to move existing opioid settlement regional strategies forward.

The focus of this effort is to build on the regional opioid planning process by creating a coordinated regional system connecting opioid response, recovery, workforce development, and employers. Our application includes a **\$12,000/year stipend for each County that would like to participate for 2 years (\$24,000 total)**. At this time, our thought is that the County would participate in **quarterly regional meetings with other stakeholders, support the development of a regional recovery network, and engage with local employers who are interested in Recovery-Friendly programs**. We would love to hear your feedback if you feel like something else might be needed in your community, as well.

As a part of the application process, we have been asked to submit an executed MOU from each County that will be participating in this process for the next 2 years. The **draft MOU is attached, along with a one-page summary of the effort**.

Dogwood has asked that we submit these executed MOU's by August 28th-- if that timeline isn't feasible for you, please let us know. And if you'd like to hop on a call to discuss this effort in more detail, we are happy to do so.

Thanks,

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The Southwestern Commission is seeking funding from Dogwood Health Trust to establish a **regional implementation collaborative serving the seven far-western counties of North Carolina**. The request is designed to build the capacity, coordination, and infrastructure needed to move existing opioid settlement strategies from planning into implementation while strengthening recovery-to-work and second-chance employment systems across the region.

What the Funding Will Support

Regional opioid settlement implementation. Funding will provide the staffing, facilitation, and technical assistance counties need to operationalize the Region's opioid settlement strategic plan. The collaborative will help participating counties coordinate stakeholders, implement evidence-based priorities, share effective practices, and more strategically deploy their existing opioid settlement resources.

Recovery-to-work and second-chance employment. The project will expand the region's Recovery Friendly Workplace work by providing training, technical assistance, and employer engagement. Activities will help employers better hire, support, and retain individuals in recovery and justice-involved individuals; reduce workplace stigma; strengthen workforce readiness; and improve connections among employers, workforce programs, recovery services, and community organizations.

Dedicated regional coordination and technical expertise. Contracted consultants will provide project management, strategic facilitation, stakeholder engagement, technical assistance, training and curriculum development, and operational support. The Southwestern Commission will serve as the Hub, providing fiscal management, convening, administration, and overall collaborative oversight.

County participation and collaborative infrastructure. Participating counties will receive dedicated resources to support staff time, implementation readiness, and sustained participation, helping ensure that smaller or lower-capacity counties can participate. Regular steering committee meetings, strategic planning sessions, workgroups, and stakeholder convenings will create a shared structure for regional decision-making and peer learning.

Convenings, training, evaluation, and operating costs. Dogwood funding will cover consultant fees as well as meeting facilitation, stakeholder convenings, training development and delivery, administrative coordination, travel, materials, evaluation, and technology/platform needs required to operate the regional initiative.

Intended Result

The investment will create a **coordinated regional system connecting opioid response, recovery, workforce development, employers, and justice-related services**. Success will include moving county opioid strategies into active implementation, increasing adoption of shared practices, strengthening employer readiness, improving referral pathways between recovery services and employment, and developing a **replicable regional toolkit and collaborative infrastructure that can continue beyond the grant period**. County opioid settlement dollars will complement Dogwood funding by financing downstream implementation of priorities developed through the collaborative.



Region A Collaborative County Participation MOU

R.E.A.L. Impact: Recovery. Employment. Awareness. Leadership

Building Recovery Pathways Through Regional Collaboration

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes a collaborative partnership (the Collaborative) between the Southwestern Commission (the Commission), consultant facilitators, and funded counties within the Commission's seven-county service area to advance regional opioid response, recovery focused workforce development and employer engagement efforts, and center recovery from substance use disorders as an economic driver. Funding is contingent upon grant award from Dogwood Health Trust.

Parties

The Commission will serve as regional convener, fiscal administrator, and reporting and data manager. Using a model of Results Based Accountability™ (RBA), the Commission will maintain overarching goals and key performance indicators for this collaboration.

Consultant facilitators will facilitate collaborative activities, provide technical assistance, execute county-specific site visits, coordinate employer engagement and training, and recruit and secure relevant subject matter experts. Facilitators will manage data collection towards RBA goals.

Funded counties will be represented by a County Lead and a R.E.A.L. Project Lead. County Leads shall represent organizational leadership from entities receiving opioid settlement funds and provide oversight of county participation in the collaborative. Each County Lead shall designate a R.E.A.L. Project Lead to serve as the county's primary liaison and subject matter expert, ensuring alignment between this regional collaborative effort and their county's specific local efforts to support effective partnership, reduce duplication, and promote regional awareness.

Term

January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2028



Funding

Each participating county shall receive **\$12,000 annually for two years (\$24,000 total)** to support participation in regional collaboration activities.

Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to:

1. Strengthen regional collaboration among opioid settlement fund recipients and key implementation partners.
2. Maximize the effectiveness and impact of opioid settlement investments by accelerating implementation of evidence-based opioid settlement strategies.
3. Create sustainable infrastructure for ongoing regional collaboration, shared learning, and collective impact.
4. Reduce duplication of services, planning activities, and administrative efforts through coordinated regional approaches.
5. Advance a recovery-oriented community framework that recognizes recovery from substance use disorder as a workforce and economic development strategy.

Vision

By December 2028, Region A will have a sustainable, county-driven ecosystem that aligns opioid settlement implementation, recovery supports, employer engagement, workforce development, and community collaboration to strengthen recovery outcomes, reduce duplication of effort, and position recovery as a catalyst for economic opportunity across the region.



The Southwestern Commission

As the hub applicant, and to fulfill the commitments listed above, the Commission will:

- Leverage regional partnerships, planning expertise, and convening authority to reduce duplication, strengthen collaboration, drive implementation momentum and success, support long-term sustainability, and advance a coordinated recovery ecosystem across Region A.
- Facilitate all fiscal management, including the disbursement of funds, financial reporting, and related tasks.
- Manage contracts with consultant facilitators to develop the existing scope of work agreement to include additional tasks related to this project as outlined in this MOU.
- Maintain documentation of results, data, and reporting to sustain efforts and develop ongoing momentum.
- Engage NCWorks Career Centers and the Workforce Development Board as vital partners to the Collaborative.

Southwestern Commission

Russ Harris, Executive Director

Date: _____



Contracted Facilitators

As the contracted facilitators, Kit Roberts and Ariana Williamson will do the following:

- Provide regional leadership, technical assistance, coordination support, and subject matter expertise to advance the R.E.A.L. Impact Collaborative.
- Plan and facilitate collaborative activities, convenings, peer learning opportunities, workshops, site visits, employer training opportunities, anti-stigma campaigns, and county engagement efforts that strengthen regional implementation and reduce duplication.
- Cultivate relationships with existing regional coalitions, councils, and initiatives to strengthen alignment, share resources, and drive collaboration across Region A.
- Provide expertise in Recovery Friendly Workplace development, recovery-oriented workforce strategies, employer engagement, stigma reduction, and recovery-supportive community development.
- Connect participating counties to funding opportunities, strategic partnerships, and state, regional, and national networks that support recovery, workforce development, and community well-being and provide grant writing support as needed.
- Support development of long-term strategies that position recovery as an economic driver and strengthen sustainable recovery ecosystems across Region A.

Kit Roberts

Ariana Williamson

Consultant facilitator

Consultant facilitator

Date: _____

Date: _____



Funded County Commitments

All participating counties agree to:

- Designate at least one primary representative in leadership at an entity or organization receiving opioid settlement funding and one additional representative to serve as the county's R.E.A.L Program Lead.
- Attend quarterly collaborative meetings, shared learning activities, and peer exchanges.
- Participate in annual regional strategic planning and outcome reporting activities.
- Engage employer partners who are interested in learning more about recovery friendly practices and policies.
- Identify opportunities for collaboration and innovation in regional strategies, including those identified in the 2024 Region A Opioid Settlements Strategic Plan, such as coordinated transportation, stigma reduction activities, workforce development activities, and treatment expansion.
- Participate in quarterly updates and evaluation activities related to identified strategies funded through this project and opioid settlement fund awards.
- Support development of a regional recovery ecosystem that includes key stakeholders from industry, government, infrastructure (transportation, housing, etc.), health care, etc.
- Share non-confidential data and outcome information necessary for collective impact measurement through the Results Based Accountability™ framework.

Expected Deliverables

- Attend at least 75% of quarterly regional meetings. Annual funding will be remitted with this understanding and the dedicated maintenance of active participation and attendance.
- Participate in the development of a sustainability plan for post-grant collaboration.
- Submit semiannual progress reports due every other quarterly convening which include:
 - Expenditure summaries
 - Participation records
 - Success stories and lessons learned
 - Outcome measures consistent with county-identified opioid settlement plans and the Collaboratives collective Results Based Accountability™ model



Cherokee County – Addendum 1

In addition to the shared deliverables above, Cherokee County will:

- Designate at least one primary representative in leadership at an entity or organization receiving opioid settlement funding and one additional representative to serve as the county's R.E.A.L Program Lead.
- Attend quarterly collaborative meetings, shared learning activities, and peer exchanges.
- Participate in annual regional strategic planning and outcome reporting activities.
- Engage employer partners who are interested in learning more about recovery friendly practices and policies.
- Identify opportunities for collaboration and innovation in regional strategies, including those identified in the 2024 Region A Opioid Settlements Strategic Plan, such as coordinated transportation, stigma reduction activities, workforce development activities, and treatment expansion.
- Participate in quarterly updates and evaluation activities related to identified strategies funded through this project and opioid settlement fund awards.
- Support development of a regional recovery ecosystem that includes key stakeholders from industry, government, infrastructure (transportation, housing, etc.), health care, etc.
- Share non-confidential data and outcome information necessary for collective impact measurement through the Results Based Accountability™ framework.

The engaged party listed below will receive \$12,000 annually pending active participation.

Cherokee County

[Authorized Representative]

Date: _____

CHEROKEE COUNTY CHILD FATALITY PREVENTION TEAM

Report to the Cherokee County Board of County Commissioners

August 18, 2026

North Carolina's Child Fatality Prevention System

A statewide prevention structure with local multidisciplinary review

1991

North Carolina's Child Fatality Prevention System began through state law.

2023
legislation

New legislation changed the system and added funding; most changes took effect July 1, 2025.

Statutory
framework

Article 14 of the North Carolina Juvenile Code (N.C.G.S. 7B-1400–7B-1414), along with N.C.G.S. 143B-150.25, 143B-150.26, and 143B-150.27.

What Is the CFPT Designed to Do?

Study data on child deaths.

Bring representatives from multiple fields together to review deaths and better understand them.

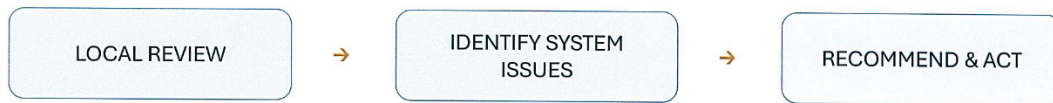
Identify system problems and develop evidence-based prevention strategies.

Make recommendations to prevent child deaths.

Reduce maltreatment and support child well-being.

The focus is learning → prevention → improved child well-being.

From Review to Prevention



Recommendations may address state or local action.

They may include system changes, updates to laws or policies, or new prevention initiatives.

Since 1991, the system has supported prevention efforts, improved services for children, and influenced state laws and funding.

What Deaths Must Local Teams Review?

Local multidisciplinary teams operate in all 100 North Carolina counties

¹
Undetermined causes

²
Unintentional injury

³
Violence

⁴
Motor vehicle incidents

⁵
Certain child maltreatment / CPS-
related deaths

⁶
Sudden unexpected infant deaths

⁷
Suicide

⁸
Deaths not expected in the next six
months

⁹
Additional infant deaths under State
Office criteria

How the Review Process Works

Local Teams may review deaths outside the nine required categories.

Child maltreatment deaths and certain deaths involving child protective services receive “escalated” reviews led locally with support from the State Office of Child Fatality Prevention and local social services agencies.

Teams use a data system to track and review insights and support local and statewide analysis.

Teams report aggregate information to local leaders and the State Office and implement prevention initiatives in their communities.

Local health departments and social services agencies provide support and record-keeping assistance.

Who Sits at the Table?

CFPT is intentionally multidisciplinary

County DSS Director + DSS staff
Law enforcement
District Attorney's Office
Community action agency
School superintendent/designee
DSS Board member
Mental health professional
Guardian ad Litem

Health Department leadership
Local healthcare provider
EMS provider or firefighter
District Court judge
County medical examiner
Child care / Head Start representative
Parent of a child who died before age 18

The structure brings together the systems that touch children and families.

From Statewide Framework to Cherokee County

What did our local reviews identify?

And what prevention actions should Cherokee County prioritize?

Purpose of the Cherokee County Child Fatality Prevention Team

The multidisciplinary review is designed to identify patterns, contributing factors, and opportunities to improve child safety.

Reviews circumstances surrounding child deaths to identify prevention opportunities.

Focuses on systems learning and community prevention — not assigning blame to individuals or agencies.

Develops practical, community-based strategies to reduce the likelihood of similar tragedies.

Promotes collaboration among families, schools, healthcare, law enforcement, behavioral health, DSS, faith communities, local government, and community organizations.

What the Team Reviewed

Child fatalities reviewed from 2020 through 2024

Underage drinking and driving

MOTOR VEHICLE

High-speed and high-risk teen driving behaviors

MOTOR VEHICLE

Sudden unexpected infant death (SUID), SIDS, and deaths from unknown causes

INFANT SAFETY

Childhood cancer and serious medical illness

HEALTH

No firearm-related child fatalities were reviewed in this reporting period; the Team nevertheless recommends proactive firearm-injury prevention.

Four Priority Prevention Recommendations

1

Teen Driver Safety

Prevent impaired, distracted, high-speed, and other high-risk driving.

2

Infant Safe Sleep

Expand consistent safe-sleep education and access to safe sleep equipment.

3

Firearm Safety & Youth Suicide Prevention

Promote secure storage, safety devices, caregiver education, and crisis awareness.

4

Serious Childhood Illness

Improve recognition of warning signs and strengthen family support and coverage awareness.

Priority Actions: Teen Driver Safety & Infant Safe Sleep

1 Teen Driver Safety

Establish a countywide Teen Driver Safety Initiative with schools, law enforcement, EMS, healthcare, faith communities, and youth organizations.

Promote parent-teen driving agreements covering seat belts, curfews, passenger limits, and distracted driving.

Conduct seasonal prevention campaigns before prom, graduation, summer vacation, and major holidays.

2 Infant Safe Sleep

"Alone. On Their Back. In a Crib."

Expand safe-sleep education to grandparents, relative caregivers, foster parents, babysitters, and childcare providers.

Increase access to safe-sleep equipment for families in need.

Continue reviewing sleep environments and contributing factors to identify prevention opportunities.

Priority Actions: Firearm Safety & Serious Childhood Illness

3 Firearm Safety & Youth Suicide Prevention

Promote secure firearm storage practices.

Support firearm safety education through community partnerships.

Provide access to safety devices such as gun locks.

Increase awareness of youth suicide prevention and crisis resources.

Encourage parents to discuss firearm safety when children visit other homes.

4 Serious Childhood Illness

Increase awareness of warning signs of childhood cancer and other serious illnesses.

Strengthen support for families through schools, healthcare providers, behavioral health agencies, DSS, faith communities, and community organizations.

Promote Medicaid as an insurance coverage option for families and children.

Cross-Cutting Strategy: Parent & Caregiver Education

Prevention messages are most effective when they reach caregivers repeatedly — across settings and across a child's lifespan.

Safe sleep practices

Child passenger safety

Teen driver safety

Underage alcohol &
substance use
prevention

Firearm safety

Mental health awareness

Suicide prevention

Recognition of serious
childhood illness

A Coordinated Cherokee County Prevention Strategy

The Team respectfully asks community leaders to support a coordinated prevention strategy centered on these five areas.

Teen driver safety and prevention of impaired or high-risk driving.

Infant safe-sleep education and prevention of sleep-related infant deaths.

Firearm safety, secure storage, and youth suicide prevention.

Early recognition and support for serious childhood illness.

Parent and caregiver education across the lifespan.

Every child fatality is an opportunity to learn, strengthen prevention, and improve systems of support for children and families.

Protecting Children Is a Shared Community Responsibility

Families • Schools • Healthcare • Law Enforcement • Behavioral Health • Faith Communities • Local Government
• Community Organizations

Together, we can create safer environments, strengthen protective factors, and reduce preventable child deaths.

Cherokee County Child Fatality Prevention Team

Signed.

CHEROKEE COUNTY CHILD FATALITY PREVENTION TEAM

COMMUNITY PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

Executive Summary

The Cherokee County Child Fatality Prevention Team (CFPT) conducts multidisciplinary reviews of child deaths to identify patterns, contributing factors, and opportunities to improve child safety. The purpose of these reviews is not to assign blame to individuals or agencies, but rather to examine circumstances surrounding fatalities and develop community-based prevention strategies that may reduce the likelihood of similar tragedies in the future.

Through its review of child fatalities occurring from 2020 through 2023, the Cherokee County CFPT has identified several recurring themes, including motor vehicle crashes involving youth, infant deaths, serious childhood illnesses, and other preventable safety risks. These reviews highlight the importance of ongoing community education, collaboration among public agencies, and targeted prevention initiatives designed to address identified risk factors.

The Team further recognizes that firearm-related injuries have become one of the leading causes of death among children and adolescents nationwide. While no single strategy can eliminate these tragedies, evidence-based prevention efforts—including safe firearm storage practices, public awareness campaigns, and caregiver education—can help reduce the risk of unintentional shootings, youth suicide, and unauthorized access to firearms by children.

Based on its findings, the Cherokee County CFPT recommends continued community attention to motor vehicle safety, infant safe sleep practices, firearm safety, youth mental health, substance use prevention, and public education efforts that promote the health, safety, and well-being of children throughout Cherokee County.

Summary of Cases Reviewed

The Team reviewed child deaths involving:

- Underage drinking and driving
- High-speed and high-risk teen driving behaviors
- Infant deaths classified as sudden unexpected infant death (SUID), sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), or deaths from unknown causes
- Childhood cancer and serious medical illness

While no firearm-related child fatalities were reviewed during this reporting period, the Team recognizes the significant impact of firearm injuries on children nationwide and recommends proactive prevention efforts.

Priority Recommendation #1: Teen Driver Safety and Prevention of Impaired or High-Risk Driving

Recommended Actions:

- Establish a Cherokee County Teen Driver Safety Initiative involving schools, law enforcement, EMS, healthcare providers, faith communities, and youth organizations.
- Promote parent-teen driving agreements addressing seat belts, curfews, passenger limits, and distracted driving.
- Conduct seasonal prevention campaigns before prom, graduation, summer vacation, and major holidays.

Priority Recommendation #2: Infant Safe Sleep Education and Prevention of Sleep-Related Infant Deaths

Recommended Actions:

- Promote the message: "Alone. On Their Back. In a Crib."
- Expand safe sleep education to grandparents, relative caregivers, foster parents, babysitters, and childcare providers.
- Increase access to safe sleep equipment for families in need.
- Continue reviewing sleep environments and contributing factors to identify prevention opportunities.

Priority Recommendation #3: Firearm Safety, Secure Storage, and Youth Suicide Prevention

Recommended Actions:

- Promote secure firearm storage practices.
- Support firearm safety education through community partnerships.
- Provide access to firearm safety devices such as gun locks.
- Increase awareness of youth suicide prevention and crisis resources.
- Encourage parents to discuss firearm safety when children visit other homes.

Priority Recommendation #4: Early Recognition and Support for Serious Childhood Illness

Recommended Actions:

- Increase community awareness regarding warning signs of childhood cancer and other serious illnesses.
- Strengthen support systems for families facing serious childhood illness through schools, healthcare providers, behavioral health agencies, DSS, faith communities, and community organizations.
- Promote Medicaid as an Insurance Coverage Option for Families and Children.

Cross-Cutting Recommendation: Parent and Caregiver Education Across the Lifespan

The Team recommends ongoing community education focused on:

- Safe sleep practices
- Child passenger safety
- Teen driver safety
- Underage alcohol and substance use prevention
- Firearm safety
- Mental health awareness
- Suicide prevention
- Recognition of serious childhood illness

Conclusion

The Cherokee County Child Fatality Prevention Team respectfully recommends that Cherokee County prioritize a coordinated child fatality prevention strategy focused on:

1. Teen driver safety and prevention of impaired or high-risk driving.
2. Infant safe sleep education and prevention of sleep-related infant deaths.
3. Firearm safety, secure storage, and youth suicide prevention.
4. Early recognition and support for serious childhood illness.
5. Parent and caregiver education across the lifespan.

While not every child death can be prevented, many risk factors can be reduced through education, awareness, early intervention, and strong community partnerships. The Team believes that every child fatality presents an opportunity to learn, strengthen prevention efforts, and improve systems of support for children and families.

Protecting children is a shared community responsibility. By working together—families, schools, healthcare providers, law enforcement, behavioral health professionals, faith

communities, local government, and community organizations—we can create safer environments, strengthen protective factors, and reduce preventable child deaths.

The Cherokee County Child Fatality Prevention Team remains committed to reviewing child deaths, identifying opportunities for prevention, and promoting evidence-informed strategies that improve the health, safety, and well-being of all children in Cherokee County. The Team respectfully submits these recommendations for consideration and action by community leaders, agencies, organizations, and residents dedicated to ensuring that every child has the opportunity to grow, thrive, and reach their full potential.

Signed:

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STATUS OF IMPROVEMENTS AT THE MOUNTAIN FOLK CENTER

1. BRIEF HISTORY OF CCSC ACTIVITIES AT THE ARENA

CCSC has been holding events at the Mtn. Folk Center since 2014. From the start until 2022, it has spent more than \$37,000 on improvements at the site. This figure does not include countless hours of volunteer work: brush cleanup, fence and water line construction, painting, bleacher work, general arena maintenance. In 2022, a large drain pipe collapsed under the competition arena, making it unusable. In 2025, the county and CCSC agreed to jointly fund construction to re-grade the site and repair the damage. This year, both parties also funded further work on the drainage system at the site. That work was completed in June, and seeding was done in July. Since 2025, CCSC has spent over \$73,000 on the arena project.

2. PROPOSED PATH FORWARD

To get the site useable again, the arena surface must be constructed and arena fencing added. CCSC proposes to provide this work on the arena site beginning immediately. Maintenance of the arena surface is essential for its continued use. CCSC needs a place to securely store a tractor and arena drag, plus other supplies. We would like to remodel the old salt shed so it is waterproof and lockable. Because the arena footing material needs to be watered to reduce dust, we would like to put water tanks adjacent to the arena on a concrete pad. Removal of manure from the arenas and parking areas is needed. If we construct a concrete pad for collection of manure, it can be contained and composted for use in the county. We also need to reconstruct a show office to replace the one that was removed during the 2025 renovations. Finally, the electrical service that was discontinued during construction needs to be restored. We will need service to the salt shed, the arena gate area, the show office, and the arena lights. As we move to getting the arena back in operation, we need to look again at the licensing agreement between CCSC and the county. For example, there is no provision for the operation of non-event practice riding in this agreement.

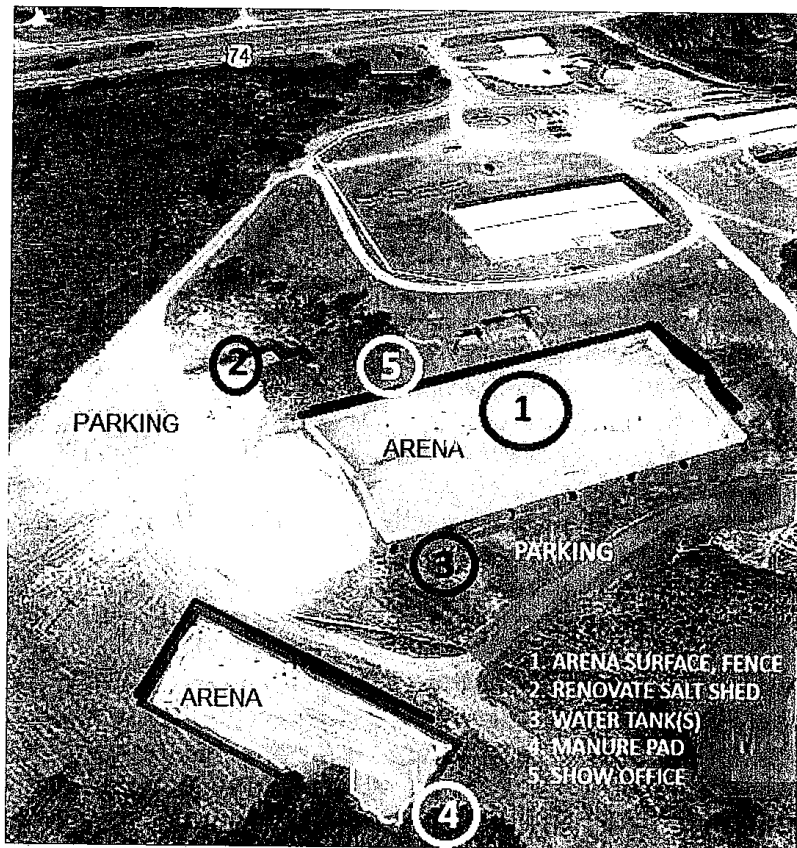
3. BENEFITS TO THE COUNTY

CCSC is only one of four groups in Cherokee County that sponsor livestock events. The Cooperative Extension Service, the High Lonesome Therapeutic Equestrian Center, and the Mountain Youth Livestock Market will have this facility available for their use when it is operational. The horse industry itself is an economic engine in Cherokee County, benefitting many businesses and providing employment.

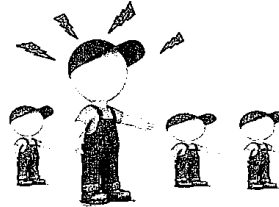
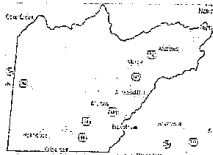
4. LONG TERM PLAN

When the outdoor arena is useable again, we propose to work with Cherokee County to develop a covered arena and stabling. These additions will open the site for use by a broad array of organizations and groups, making Cherokee County able to host regional events that will contribute substantially to the local economy.

LOCATION OF PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS



Horse Industry in Cherokee County, North Carolina



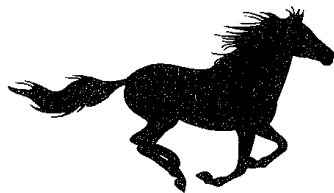
**Total Value Added
to Cherokee
County's Economy:
\$21 million**

**Total
Employment
Impact:
328 Jobs**



**Direct Contribution
to GDP:
\$12 million**

**Direct
Employment
Impact:
237 Jobs**



>1000 horses in the
county



**About 30% of households--- or 3900---have
horse enthusiasts.**

Justifying pay parity between Detectives and Sergeants requires framing the detective role as an autonomous, high-liability position requiring specialized skills, continuous on-call availability, and complex casework that matches the value and stress of first-line supervision.

Argument

- Detectives possess specialized skills and training which are in high demand. In today's time they complete advanced forensics, interview tactics, complex case file and investigative preparation and digital evidence analysis that require continuous specialized training beyond standard patrol duties.
- Impact and liability are similar. Poor investigations expose the County to severe legal liability, civil rights lawsuits, and compromised public safety, mirroring the operational risks carried by supervisors.
- Detectives routinely handle calls 24/7/365 which many times result in disrupted personal time. Violent crime responses historically equal extended callouts that can last for over 24 hours without the predictable shift structure such as what Sergeants have.
- Retention: Low pay incentives drive veteran investigators back to patrol or to other agencies, leading to a loss of experience and knowledge that harms successful case closure.

Structural and Operational Justifications

- While sergeants manage personnel administration, detectives manage high-stress critical incidents independently, often acting and are the Supervisor of each crime scene they respond to regardless of severity. And supervise the Sergeant and any Deputy that is on that scene.
- The market for a Detective is more competitive than it has ever been. In the past to reach the rank of detective one would have to put in a certain number of years at an agency, be in stellar standing and then meet the promotional requirements. The pool has become so sparse due to pay. Many agencies are hiring certified and qualified individuals from other agencies and placing them straight into the Detective Division. Neighboring agencies often pay investigative tracks, significantly higher base wages, and incentives for educational training, making internal parity essential to stop talent drain.

- Detectives: Focus on case resolution, legal file building, and field interviews.
- Sergeants: Focus on personnel management, shift oversight, and shift operations.
- The Overlap: Most agencies classify detectives and sergeants in the same pay grades to recognize field expertise without forcing a move to middle management.
- We currently have 2 Detective positions open while all Sergeants positions are filled.
- Within the field it is well known that a Detective spends more time on tasks and carries a higher, more complex case load than any Certified Deputy.
- Most highly driven individuals on Patrol strive to make Detective, even if they are a Sergeant. This position is viewed as a promotion in law enforcement as far as career progression and status goes.

How Our Neighboring Counties Classify

- Macon, Clay and Graham Counties classify Detectives and Sergeants as the same pay grade.
- Jackson County classifies Detectives the same as Corporals (which we don't have), one pay grade lower than Sergeants.
- Swain County classifies Detectives the same as Lieutenants, which is two pay grades higher than Sergeants.

The Ask

- Reclassify Detectives/Investigators as the same pay grade as Sergeants.
- Place each current Detective/Investigator in the same location in relation to the mid-point that they currently are.

Request to add Extra Duty Vendor app to Sheriff's Office cellphones. And to set fee for use of County Vehicle.

Synopsis:

Historically private entities and contractors request to employ (off duty) Deputy Sheriff's to provide their presence at meetings and events or for traffic safety at road construction sites. This process is almost as old as the Office of Sheriff and occurs statewide.

In the past the customer would contact the Office and make the request. If approved, a supervisor, then had to broadcast the request to Deputies to fill the need. The customer would in turn pay said Deputy and 1099 them at completion of the job.

We are currently negotiating with a company that handles this process from beginning to end alleviating the Sheriff's Office from the labor cost of this scheduling. The customer contacts them (the company). The company then broadcasts the open job to Deputies cellphone where they can accept it.

The company provides workers comp and liability insurance. Unlike the past we have built in a cost for the use of that County Car. Again, it would eliminate our time in labor scheduling and processing payments as the company also directly pays the County the cost for use of the vehicle.

We are proposing a \$30.00 flat rate vehicle use fee per occurrence (job). This is \$5.00 above the regional average.

Access to the phone app eliminates a labor cost that the county has occurred when scheduling these events. With our plan a revenue stream is generated that was never addressed in the past. Vehicle use is limited as the only time a vehicle would be running is during traffic events/safety.

REQUEST FOR RESCUE FUNDING

Before consideration of funding the following questions must be answered and returned to the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management offices.

DATE: 08/03/2026

DEPARTMENT: Wolf Creek Fire Department, Inc.

AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$28,693.12

Is request for full cost of project or as a match to a grant or other funds?

Full cost

If grant match, what grant has been applied for and what is the amount of the grant being applied for?

N/A

If other funds, what is the source and amount of other funds to be used?

N/A

TOTAL COST OF PROJECT: \$28,693.12

PROJECT TO BE FUNDED:

Section I: Project description

- Provide a brief description of proposed project

Our department would like to purchase a Hurst Edraulic Cutter & Spreader (battery powered Jaws of Life vehicle extrication tools) to put on an existing light rescue truck which we intend to house at our substation on the east side of our district which is currently under construction.

- Project cost breakdown by line item (e.g. cost per piece of equipment, training, etc. Make sure total amount matches above amount requested).

1 - Hurst E3 Connect Spreader Package (includes spreader, 2 batteries, & charger): \$14,064.00

1 - Hurst E3 Connect Cutter Package (includes cutter, 2 batteries, & charger): \$12,752.00

Sales Tax: \$1,877.12

Total: \$28,693.12

- Provide the objectives of the project

Our department has been working very hard over the last year obtaining required equipment & training to certify at the Medium Rescue Standard level with the N.C. Association of Rescue & EMS, which we anticipate attaining by the end of September 2026. We currently have a fully stocked rescue truck in service at our main station on the west side of our district. Construction is currently underway on a substation for our department on the east side of our district, with the primary objective being to lower response times and decrease homeowners' fire insurance premiums. The substation project (building, fire engine, & required equipment)

along with the rescue standard project has been a significant financial investment from our regular operating budget. We would like to purchase this set of extrication tools for our light rescue truck, which will be housed at our new substation. This will enable us to respond quickly to all areas within our district in a timely manner, with the necessary tools to perform vehicle extrication. This rescue truck will also be in closer proximity to our neighboring department's districts (Culberson, Hiwassee Dam, Ranger, & Fannin County) in the event we are requested for mutual aid responses for rescue calls.

- What key activities will you undertake with this project

Place a set of battery powered Jaws of Life vehicle extrication tools on a light rescue truck which will be housed at our east side substation. The rescue will be responded to fire and rescue calls in our district as well as to assist neighboring departments and/or communities.

Section II: Project relevance and need

- Demonstrate the need for your project. Describe why it is important to carry out this work.

The Wolf Creek Fire District is the westernmost district in Cherokee County. In the event of the need for rescue services in our district, it could take adjoining departments, which provide rescue services 15-30 minutes or longer to arrive to various areas within our district. Time is of the essence in many instances of rescue, so every minute that goes by can negatively impact an injured person's chance of survival. Our department identified the seriousness of this situation and has been proactive in properly equipping and training to respond more quickly in the event of an emergency rescue incident. Having a second rescue truck with a second set of vehicle extrication tools further decreases our response times and gives us sufficient equipment to perform even the most complicated rescue situations.

- Provide evidence to support the need for this project. (e.g. research evidence/statistics on your population and the issue being addressed).

We have approximately 7 miles of US Highway 64 that runs through our district. As most of you know, this highway has seen a tremendous increase in traffic over the last several years, including a heavy presence of semi-trucks, commercial vehicles, and of course passenger vehicles with residents, tourists, and general travelers. This increase in traffic has resulted in an increase in motor vehicle crashes in our district, as well as adjoining districts over the last several years with vehicle extrication required in many instances to free injured victims. We have also noticed steady growth in the population of full and part-time residents, with many being located on steep, curvy, mountainside roads. We have responded to a number of traffic incidents on these side roads and subdivision roads.

- Describe how your project compliments or adds to other similar activities either within your department or surrounding jurisdictions.

As already mentioned, and described, although we appreciate and welcome assistance from neighboring fire/rescue departments, our goal for our department is to be able to mitigate any rescue/vehicle extrication incident which may occur within our district, while supplementing and supporting our neighboring departments. The purchase of these tools will only enhance and better prepare our department to perform the tasks we are already faced with.

Section III: Expected results

- What are the expected short term (1-2 years) and long term (3+ years) results of this project?

Although expensive, the Hurst branded tools are the leaders in vehicle extrication tools and have a proven track record in their ability to get the job done. These tools regularly hold up and perform consistently for decades, so

we foresee reaping the benefits for many years to come without any additional purchases needed for these types of tools/equipment long term.

Section IV: Sustainability

- What aspects of your project will be self-sustaining? Describe how they will continue without ongoing rescue funding support.

As just mentioned, these tools, once purchased, only require routine annual service and preventive maintenance to perform appropriately and to serve our department, our community, and Cherokee County for many years to come. Over the last 10 years, the battery powered tools have become the new industry standard, replacing the gas-powered hydraulic tools, which were commonplace years ago. Battery powered tools will only require us to keep batteries charged and replaced as needed, versus the gas-powered versions requiring storing, transporting, and refilling the power units with gas, along with the usual complications and repairs needed for small gas engines.

Cherokee County Transit
TRANSPORTATION Agreement

This agreement is entered into _____, and ends June 30, 2027

between

The Division of Employment and Independence for people with Disabilities (**Client**) and Cherokee County
(**Carrier**)

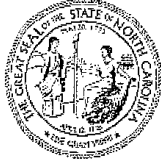
1. The **Carrier** will provide reimbursable trips for clients from the origination to the destination of the requested trip. Transportation is subject to force majeure and is based on availability of vehicles, drivers, and resources. As such, transportation cannot be guaranteed.
2. The **Carrier** will maintain the following:
 - a. A motor vehicle which meets all North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles safety requirements
 - b. Maintain proper liability insurance coverage for individuals who are to be transported
 - c. Submit ridership documentation to the **Client** on a monthly basis
 - d. Expect timely reimbursement from the **Client** for services rendered
3. The **Carrier** reserves the right to refuse transportation of **Client** passengers where Emergency Services are deemed appropriate.
4. The **Client** will supervise the administration of this Contract.
5. The **Client** will reimburse the Carrier at a rate of **\$5.58 per revenue mile**. Revenue mile is calculated by using the mileage the passenger is on the vehicle, split among the passengers on the vehicle at the same time.
6. Should a trip be requested and the individual not ride, without 24 hr. notice, the **Client** will be billed **\$15.00**, per occurrence.
7. Payment for services: **Client** shall pay accruing charges under Paragraphs 5 & 6 herein above on a monthly basis to Cherokee County at 75 Peachtree Street, Murphy, NC 28906 or through wire transfer (and accompanying email notification arranged through the Cherokee County Finance Office. **Client** shall supply the name, address, email address, and phone number of Client's contact person regarding all financial matters regarding this contract. **Client** shall provide to **Carrier** all information required in this paragraph within 30 days of the effective date of this contract.

8. The **Client** agrees to fully indemnify, forever defend and hold harmless Cherokee County against any and all claims, lawsuits, demands or causes of action in law or equity or administrative actions in any and all state or federal court or administrative proceedings for damage or injury of any kind by Cherokee County, its employees, contractors or agents. This cause shall not be voided by termination of this agreement.
9. The **Client** shall provide an appropriate attendant for any passengers that need medical and/or personal care during their transportation at no additional cost from the **Carrier**. The **Client** shall notify the **Carrier** of the need for the attendant when transportation is scheduled. In addition, the **Carrier** reserves the right to insist on a **Client** escort when the **Carrier** deems reasonably necessary and may condition the provision of transportation of **Client** passenger upon the same.
10. ADA Policy Statement- It is the policy of Cherokee County Transit to comply with all the legal requirements of Federal and State laws and regulations as they pertain to individuals with disabilities. The transit system provides quality transportation services without discrimination to all persons including individuals with disabilities. Discrimination on the basis of disability against any person by transit system employees will not be condoned or tolerated.
11. Title VI Nondiscrimination Policy Statement- It is the policy of Cherokee County Transit, as a federal-aid recipient, to ensure that no person shall, on the ground of race, color, national origin, sex, creed (religion), age or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any of our programs and activities, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, and all other related nondiscrimination laws and requirements.
12. Either party may suspend or terminate this agreement at any time for cause, upon 30 days' notice to the other party.
13. This agreement contains the entire understanding to the parties, and it may not be altered, amended or modified except by written statement, executed by each of the parties.

The parties below by signing have executed this agreement.

Client / Authorized Representative	(Printed Name)	Date
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Carrier/ Cherokee County Transportation Director	(Printed Name)	Date
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NC DEPARTMENT OF
**HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
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SERVICES ENROLLMENT AUTHORIZATION

General Information	
Date: 10/21/2025	State ID: 617824
Client: [REDACTED]	DOB: [REDACTED]
Insurance Type: [REDACTED]	
Program: Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) - Planned Services	Office Location: Murphy Vocational Rehabilitation
Created By: Lance, Angela	Assigned Staff: Colbert, Dawn; Lance, Angela
Service Provider Information	
Service Provider: CHEROKEE COUNTY FINANCE OFFICE CHEROKEE COUNTY TRANSIT Physical Address: 75 PEACHTREE ST STE 110, Murphy, NC, 28906 Mailing Address: 75 PEACHTREE ST STE 110, Murphy, NC, 28906 ATT:	Phone #: (828) 837-2467 FEIN/SSN: [REDACTED] Group #: 01 Vendor ID: 2406
Enrollment Information	
Service Name: CHEROKEE COUNTY TRANSIT - Program Service Enrollment ID: 1869903 Funding Stream: Projected Begin Date: [REDACTED] Service Details/Comments: Client transportation to/from work with Cherokee County Transit	Service Code: T13 Agreement #: Program ID: 146 Projected End Date: 1 [REDACTED]
Services Enrollment Cost	
TOTAL Support Costs - Unit Based	\$5600.00
Unit Cost	\$5600.00
# Units	Total Program Cost - Fee Based
Unit Type	0
Comments	Internship Transportation with Cherokee County Transit

TOTAL Support Costs - Unit Based	\$0.00
Unit Cost	\$0.00
# Units	Total Program Costs - Unit Based
Unit Type	2
Comments	Program

Agency Remittance Information	
Mailing Address: 510 US 64 West Murphy, NC 28906 Att: Angela Lance	Phone #: 828-516-6040 Fax #: 828-516-6050

Last Edited By:

Last Edited Date: 10/21/2025

**Total payment for this Service Enrollment Authorization
cannot exceed the TOTAL SERVICE ENROLLMENT AUTHORIZATION COST**

Conditions:

If additional services are needed, a supplemental Services Enrollment Authorization must be issued

Services herein authorized are to be provided in compliance with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. By acceptance of this Services Enrollment Authorization, I the service provider hereby certify that all the above-stated information is true, accurate, and complete. I understand that payment and satisfaction of this claim will be from federal and state funds, and that any claims, and statements, or documents, or concealment of a material fact may be prosecuted under applicable federal and state laws. As applicable, invoices will be graded and paid using the State Medicaid Rate Schedule. I will accept payment by the agency as payment in full for services rendered and specifically agree not to seek further reimbursement from those individuals served under this authorization.

Approved By	Approver Titled	Date Approved
Lance, Angela	Rehabilitation Counselor 1	10/17/2025

NORTH CAROLINA,

FIRE SERVICES CONTRACT

CHEROKEE COUNTY.

THIS CONTRACT (“**Contract**”) is hereby made by and between the COUNTY OF CHEROKEE, (“**County**”) a Body Politic of the State of North Carolina, and _____, (“**FD**”) a North Carolina Nonprofit Corporation, this ____ day of _____, 20____, for the provision of fire protection and other emergency services as more particularly described herein, within the County fire service district of _____ (“**District**”).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. § 69-25.5 and Article 16 of N.C.G.S. § 153A provide in relevant part that counties may provide for fire and rescue protection in a designated service district by contracting with incorporated nonprofit volunteer or municipal fire departments; and

WHEREAS, the service districts of Cherokee County are defined by boundary maps and a resolution approving said maps on file in the Offices of the Cherokee County Fire Marshal; and

WHEREAS, County levies and collects taxes and is responsible for appropriating said taxes for the use and benefit of its citizens in such designated service districts; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. § 159-13(a), provides in relevant part that the county budget ordinance “may be in any form that the board considers most efficient in enabling it to make the fiscal policy decisions embodied therein, but it shall make appropriations by department, function, or project and show revenues by major source;” and

WHEREAS, FD desires to provide primary fire protection for the district(s) identified hereinabove, as such District is established, approved, or modified by the County; and

WHEREAS, FD has secured certain land, buildings, and equipment, for the provision of services in the district; and

WHEREAS, County desires to contract with FD to provide fire and rescue protection and other emergency services to and within such District on an annual basis, and in accordance with the terms of this Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Agreement is to establish the terms and conditions under which the County will contract with FD, to establish standards for FD in providing firefighting and fire prevention services and other emergency services during emergencies and disasters, and to provide for efficient firefighting and emergency services to the persons who live, work and/or are otherwise present in the County.

2. SERVICES FURNISHED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. FD agrees to provide its services throughout the District and elsewhere in accordance with the standards and other requirements in a manner that complies with all applicable law, including by illustration, but not limited to, those applicable rules and regulations of the North Carolina Department of Insurance and the Insurance Services Office, Inc. FD further agrees to provide the services to all persons and property present in its assigned District in accordance with the standards and other requirements set forth in this Agreement in a professional, efficient, and workmanlike manner.

FD agrees to provide the following services upon request, including but not limited to during times of emergencies, subject to the standards set forth in this agreement:

(1) To furnish and provide continuing fire protection service and other emergency services to all residents of the fire district, to all persons present in the district, and to all real and personal property lying within the boundaries of the district and to other areas of the County as may be agreed to in automatic mutual aid agreements with other fire departments within the County.;

(2) To the extent FD chooses to operate an Emergency Medical Responder (“EMR”) program, FD shall adhere to EMS system guidelines established for the operation of EMR programs in Cherokee County and shall adhere to training and continuing education guidelines as recommended by Cherokee County EMS. Upon a change in the level of medical services or any addition to or removal from the FD’s EMR roster, the FD shall update the State OEMS roster and shall immediately provide notice to the EMS Director, and Fire Marshal. FD shall not provide any EMR services it is not properly qualified to perform.

(3) To provide technical rescue services if FD holds a certification through the North Carolina Association of Rescue and Emergency Medical Services or has obtained training on a rescue service discipline. Such services shall be performed inside the scope of practice of the certification(s), or training to the County and within the district and other locations when called to provide those services by the County or another fire department. A change in the level of technical rescue services shall require a 120-day notice to the Emergency Management Director and Fire Marshal.

(4) To provide lifesaving and property protection measures as necessary.

(5) To assist with search and rescue services.

(6) To assist with evacuations when directed by Cherokee County Emergency Management or the Cherokee County Sheriff’s Office .

(7) To respond to motor vehicle accidents.

(8) To clear roads to allow emergency service vehicles to reach their destinations.

(9) FD will respond to emergency calls from the 911 Communications Center, FD Chief or his/her designee, or the County Fire Marshal when and where needed in the district. In addition, FD will respond outside the district to the extent possible, considering the quantity of

calls, and the assignment of available personnel to other emergencies when the call comes, and the equipment available to be used in the response.

3. SERVICES FURNISHED BY THE COUNTY. In accordance with this Agreement, and at the County's sole expense outside the scope contractual funding of FD pursuant to this Agreement, the County agrees to furnish the following services to FD:

- (1) 911 communications and dispatch.
- (2) Fire investigation services when requested by the Incident Commander.
- (3) Emergency scene assistance services in support of FD's efforts.
- (4) Maintenance of the County radio system.
- (5) Assistance to FD with fire prevention and community awareness programs within FD's District.;
- (6) A staffed EMS ambulance with certified Advanced Life Support (ALS) personnel shall be on standby at all structure fires. EMS personnel shall be released by the Incident Commander once conditions presenting an immediate danger to life and health (IDLH) have been mitigated and EMS services are no longer required.
- (7) A staffed EMS ambulance as requested and as available on the scene of any live fire training within the district, provided that FD has given at least thirty (30) days' notice to the CCEMS of such live burn.
- (8) Such additional services and support as may be needed and mutually agreed between the County and FD as circumstances may dictate from time to time.

4. Special Fire District Tax. County shall cause to be assessed or levied a special tax of all real and personal property within the district for the purpose of providing fire and rescue services therein, unless otherwise limited by law and/or a vote of the people; and will collect said tax as a part of the ad valorem taxes of the County.

5. Contract Term. The term of this contract shall be for successive periods of one year each, beginning on and running concurrently with each fiscal year of County occurring after the date first stated hereinabove, unless and until this contract is sooner terminated pursuant to the terms hereof, or the parties otherwise agree in writing.

- a) 90 Day Termination Option: Either party may terminate this contract at any time, for any reason, or for no reason at all, by giving not less than 90 days' written notice thereof to the other party by certified mail.
- b) For Cause Termination: This contract can be terminated by County immediately for cause if FD fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this contract as to the reports or services required of it by any federal, state, or local authority, or materially breaches this contract in such a manner that reasonably endangers the health, safety, and/or welfare of County citizens, provided however, County shall provide FD a reasonable period of time, whenever possible, to remedy any such breach prior to exercising its right to terminate this contract for cause.

6. Annual Budget Procedure. FD shall submit an annual budget proposal to the Fire Marshal and Finance Officer as part of the County budget process each fiscal year.

- a) The budget submitted will be in a format approved by Cherokee County.
- b) County staff will meet with FD to review their annual budget proposal prior to its submission to the County Board of Commissioners for approval. During the County budget process, the County Board of Commissioners shall review each submitted budget and either approve it or request staff to meet with the FD for further discussions/clarifications prior to giving any such approval.
- c) If the parties cannot agree upon an annual budget, either party may terminate this Contract in accordance with such option described above, provided both parties should exhaust all efforts in good faith to successfully resolve any such dispute through negotiation prior to electing to terminate for such reason.

7. Special Fund. A special or separate fund, for each District, shall be maintained by County for all funds collected as a result of the special tax referred to hereinabove.

8. Payment. County shall pay FD the fire taxes collected for the district for each fiscal year FD provides fire and rescue services hereunder, in equal monthly installments. Payments for each fiscal year shall begin with the first payment in August for July's collection and similarly for each ensuing month.

- a) Funds paid to FD by County shall be used for FD operations only: as they relate to emergency services in FD's designated District or other areas of response as dispatched, and shall meet the standards established herein or required by law.
- b) If Fire Marshal certifies to County that FD has failed and/or refuses to provide services contemplated in this contract or if FD is otherwise in material breach hereof, County shall have the right to withhold any and all funds otherwise due hereunder until a resolution thereof is made.

9. Notice of Increased Debt Service. FD shall notify County prior to taking any action which is reasonably foreseeable to lead to an increase in FD's debt service where such increase is reasonably foreseeable to result in FD's requesting an increase in the special tax rate or additional funding from County to pay for such increase, and FD shall provide financial information supporting FD's ability to repay any such increased debt service at County's request. County reserves the right to refuse to increase the amount of special tax dollars payable to FD due to any such action, and/or to refuse to act as a guarantor of such debt service on FD's behalf.

10. Records & Finances. County may inspect all FD books and accounts at any time following a written notice of not less than fourteen (14) days via certified mail to the FD. Such inspection shall include electronic accounting records, bank statements, canceled checks,

investment records, payroll records, invoices, contracts, minutes, and any other financial records related to County funds.

a) FD shall participate in the annual financial reporting and audit process required by the County. FD shall cooperate fully with the certified public accountant and auditing firm approved by the County, including providing timely access to all requested financial records, supporting documentation, and other information necessary to complete the engagement.

If the County determines that requiring a full financial statement audit is not cost-effective or otherwise not in the County's best financial interest for a particular fiscal year, the County may require FD to obtain an agreed-upon procedures engagement or other attest service in lieu of a full audit. Any certified public accountant performing such attest services, and the scope of the agreed-upon procedures, shall be subject to the prior approval of the County.

Failure of the FD to obtain the required audit or attest engagement, or to fully cooperate with the County-approved certified public accountant, shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement and may result in the suspension of County funding until the deficiency has been corrected.

Within 180 days after the close of each fiscal year, FD shall provide the County with its audited financial statements or agreed-upon procedures report, together with any management letter, internal control findings, recommendations, and the FD's written responses thereto.

FD shall retain all financial records, accounting records, bank statements, invoices, payroll records, supporting documentation, grant records, and related documents for a minimum of five (5) years following the close of the fiscal year to which they relate, or longer if required by state or federal law.

County funds received under this Agreement shall be separately identifiable within the FD's accounting records and shall be used solely for purposes authorized under this Agreement.

b) FD agrees to comply with County budgeting procedures and other procedures provided for by state law, to submit budget estimates to County on standard County forms, and to use standard line items for accounting as devised or consented to by the County Chief Financial Officer.

c) FD agrees to file with Fire Marshal a true copy of its Articles of Incorporation, existing Bylaws and any changes made thereto from time to time; further, FD agrees to adopt Bylaws which meet all minimum legal requirements and which Bylaws, in addition thereto, have reasonable provisions enabling citizens of the community to participate in the affairs of the FD in at least an annual meeting, and vesting in a Board of Directors the authority

and responsibility to manage the affairs of the FD to the extent permitted or required by the FD's Bylaws and the North Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act (N.C.G.S. 55A).

d) If FD is dissolved or merged with another FD, then the FD shall either liquidate its assets and pay its debts or arrange that the surviving entity to whom assets may be transferred will complete payment of all its debts and obligations.

e) If FD is dissolved and if Chapter 55A requires that assets remaining after the payment of debts be distributed to other non-profit corporations, the Department will transfer any remaining assets in the following order of priority:

1. To a non-profit entity or government entity providing fire protection within the District served by the FD.

2. If there is not a non-profit entity or government entity as described in the preceding section, then to the County.

f) If FD chooses to sell some of its property which was purchased in whole or in part with funds provided by the County, the FD shall notify all the other fire departments within the County, and the County itself, specifically describing the property, and stating what the FD considers to be the fair market value of the property. The other fire departments and the County shall have thirty (30) business days after notification to purchase the property at the asking price on a first come first serve basis. If neither Cherokee County nor any other fire department within Cherokee County wishes to purchase the property within thirty (30) business days, the FD may offer the property for sale to any purchaser. If the FD receives an offer to purchase which is less than its asking price but which it is willing to accept from outside Cherokee County, the FD must notify Cherokee County and the other fire departments within Cherokee County of the offer and give the County and the other fire departments five (5) business days to match the offer to purchase. If neither Cherokee County nor any fire department within the county matches the offer within the five (5) business days, the FD may accept the offer it has.

11. Insurance. FD shall obtain and keep in force during the term of this contract the following minimum insurance coverage and include the County as an additional insured:

a) Worker's Compensation: Coverage for all paid and volunteer emergency workers for statutory limits in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws.

b) Comprehensive General Liability, Malpractice and Errors and Omissions: Coverage with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$2,000,000 aggregate combined single minimum for bodily injury liability and property damage liability.

c) Business Auto Policy: Coverage with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence combined single limit for bodily injury liability and property damage liability. This shall include owned vehicles, hired and non-owned vehicles and employee non-ownership.

d) Umbrella Liability: Coverage with a minimum limit of \$1,000,000 with underlying coverage of auto liability, general liability, employer liability and \$1,000,000 aggregate.

e) Certificate of Insurance: FD shall furnish the County a certificate of insurance annually.

f) Indemnity Agreement: FD shall indemnify and save harmless County, up to the limits of its liability insurance policies, from any and all liability and expenses, including attorney's fees, court cost, and other cost incurred by County caused by the actions or inactions of FD, its volunteers, agents and/or employees.

12. Incident Reports. FD shall submit a copy of the State Fire Incident Report of all fire responses to the Office of State Fire Marshal on a quarterly time schedule and provide the County Fire Marshal with access to their fire reporting system for purposes of obtaining and reviewing fire reports consistent with N.C.G.S § 58-79-45.

13. Minimum Performance Standards. The parties agree to the following minimal performance standards as part of this contract:

a) **DISPATCHING PROTOCOLS:** FD shall comply with Cherokee County Dispatch or EMS protocols as defined in the communications radio class. The County shall be responsible for maintaining modifications of Dispatch protocols. FD shall not respond directly to calls dispatching other units unless 911-Dispatch has specifically dispatched FD or otherwise approved of its response to the scene.

b) **RESPONSE TIME:** FD shall have the goal of having an average response time (time of dispatch until time of arrival) of fourteen (14) minutes or less for structural fire calls within six-miles of a fire station. The goal for medical first responders should be less than fourteen (14) minutes. The compliance threshold expected under this agreement is for this response time to be achieved in at least eighty percent (80%) of all emergency incidents occurring within the contract service area, measured annually.

c) **MANPOWER (ON SCENE):** FD shall have an adopted standard operating guideline for response. A current, valid copy of FD's guideline will be kept on file with Fire Marshal. FD shall have at least one engine meeting the specifications of 11 NCAC 05A.0905 and respond with at least four firefighters when responding to a structure fire.

d) **TRAINING:** FD shall have the minimum standard training requirements set forth by the State of North Carolina for providing fire and rescue services.

e) **INSURANCE SERVICES OFFICE RATING:** The Department agrees to engage in efforts to maintain or improve its rating (as of the Effective Date of this Agreement) with the North Carolina Department of Insurance and the Insurance Services Office, Inc., ("ISO") throughout the term of this Agreement. The Department agrees that in no event will it have an ISO rating within five (5) road miles of the main station or substation(s) that is worse than its rating at the time of the execution of this Agreement, and nine (9) outside five (5) road miles but within six (6) miles of the main station or substation(s). If any part of the fire district lies further than six (6) road miles from the main station or substation and is classified as a Class 10 rated area, the Department shall endeavor in good faith and with due diligence to work with the County to eliminate such areas. In the event that the

Department's ISO rating is lost solely due to the Department's inability to meet the required ISO standards, or if the Department is placed on probation by the North Carolina Department of Insurance, the Department agrees immediately to undertake and to implement such reasonable actions as may be deemed advisable by the Department and the County to improve its ISO rating to a level reasonably achievable under the circumstances as they exist at that time. The Department shall prepare and submit a plan to obtain its previous ISO rating again within a one (1) year period to the County. The plan shall be submitted to the County Fire Marshal within 30 days of the time when the Department is notified of having an area classified as a Class lower than its previous rating. The plan shall include specific steps to be taken to attain the previous ISO rating, including, without limitation, a project timeline and the projected costs associated with taking the corrective action. The Department shall then implement the plan.

f) PRE-FIRE INCIDENT SURVEYS: FD shall develop pre-fire incident surveys and update them annually for all commercial buildings within the District. Facilities that should be given priority are those buildings displaying NFPA 704 placards, hazardous, institutional and assembly occupancies. FD shall work with local fire code enforcement officials to determine hazards and occupancies. Upon request, the Fire Marshal shall assist FDs in developing pre-fire incident surveys for buildings within the Fire Marshal's fire code enforcement service area.

g) REPORTS: FD shall keep all records on site for at least 3 years. All State and County required reports and rosters shall be submitted by the requested deadline.

h) MEDICAL FIRST RESPONDER:

- i. For emergency medical responses, FD shall respond only with personnel who hold a current North Carolina EMS credential or certification recognized by the North Carolina Office of EMS. Personnel without a current EMS credential shall not provide emergency medical response under this Agreement.
- ii. The County EMS System shall retain sole authority for determining the types of emergency medical incidents to which FD will be dispatched and the level of response required. FD shall respond only to those EMS incidents requested through the Cherokee County Emergency Communications Center in accordance with County EMS response policies, protocols, and dispatch procedures.
- iii. The Department shall maintain adequate personnel, equipment, and training necessary to perform the services required under this Agreement.
- iv. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to require Cherokee County EMS to dispatch the Department to every EMS incident. The County reserves the exclusive authority to determine dispatch criteria, response assignments, and operational policies for all EMS responses.
- v. The EMS Medical Director's authority extends only to individuals who hold a valid EMS credential and are authorized to practice medicine under that credential. Personnel without an EMS credential do not practice under the Medical Director's authority.

- vi. FD shall ensure that medical first responders accurately document patient care activities.

i) COMMUNICATIONS:

- i. CCE-911 manages the Communications Infrastructure and is responsible for adequate performance of the System. The County is not responsible for radio equipment and/or pagers purchased and/or maintained by others including the FD.
- ii. All FD responses should be coordinated under the Incident Command System utilizing unified command.
- iii. All radio communications will be conducted consistent with National Incident Management System (NIMS) standards.
- iv. The Organized Central Dispatch Center will operate utilizing nationally recognized standards as a guide for communicating information to departments.
- v. The FD will keep an up to date roster on file, updated annually, with the 911 Communications Director that includes member name, rank, radio ID number, and cell phone number.)
- vi. The FD will keep an apparatus roster on file with the 911 Director including apparatus number and type.

j) STATES OF EMERGENCY: The County requests the FD to assist with the following services including but not limited to before, during and following times of emergencies/disasters:

- i. Debris Removal;
- ii. Traffic Control;
- iii. Search and Rescue;
- iv. Evacuation;
- v. Medical Services as identified by the County; and
- vi. Other lifesaving and property protection measures as necessary. All operations shall be in accordance with N.C. General Statute 166A.

k) CHEROKEE COUNTY CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION: When the Cherokee County Fire Chief's Association holds a meeting, the FD and the County agree to have a representative present unless there are extenuating circumstances that would prevent someone attending.

l) RESCUE SERVICES: FDs capable of providing additional rescue services at standards defined by the N.C. Association of Rescue and EMS shall notify Fire Marshal of its intent to provide these services within its district. The notification should include a description of the specific category of rescue service to be provided, a justification of need for the rescue service, a statement of compliance with the standard set out by the

N.C. Association of Rescue and EMS for that service, and the proposed implementation date. Fire Marshal will review and submit a plan for rescue services to the County Board of Commissioners for approval. Once approved, the FD will become the primary provider of that rescue service within its District and agrees to provide mutual aid to other departments when requested provided manpower is available.

m) **RESPONSE TO CITIZEN CONCERNS:** When County receives complaints or concerns pertaining to a specific FD, County agrees to forward the same in writing, via e-mail, to the FD's Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief. FD agrees to respond, in writing, within 30 days following the receipt thereof. Responses should include findings of any investigation and operational or administrative actions taken to correct potential concerns. Personnel actions and/or disciplinary actions taken by FD are not required as part of the response.

12. OTHER PROVISIONS.

- A. **Governing Law:** This contract shall be construed under and governed by North Carolina law.
- B. **Interpretation:** The titles/captions/headings of any and all portions of this instrument provided herein are intended for reference purposes only and shall not in any event be deemed to affect the meaning or interpretation of any portion(s) hereof. Any rule of construction against the drafter of a legal instrument in a jurisdiction in which this contract is interpreted or construed shall not be applied against either party to this contract the terms of which are the final result of an arm's length negotiation between the parties hereto.
- C. **Merger:** All agreements between the parties with respect to the foregoing matter are merged within and otherwise superseded by this contract, and there are no other agreements, oral, written, or otherwise with respect thereto between the parties, except this paragraph shall not be construed to supersede any existing and applicable Mutual Aid Agreements.
- D. **Modification:** Any modification of this contract shall be ineffective and void unless reduced to writing and signed by the parties hereto, provided only the County Board of Commissioners or County Manager shall have the authority to modify this contract for County.
- E. **Assignment:** Neither party may assign this contract without the express written consent of the other party thereto.
- F. **Severability:** If any provision, sentence, phrase or word of this contract or the application thereof to any Person or circumstance shall be held invalid, the remainder of this contract, or the application of such provision, sentence, phrase or word to Persons or circumstances, other than those as to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby.

- G. Execution: This contract may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument. The parties hereto may rely upon any electronically transmitted executed copy of this contract in the same manner as an original.
- H. Non-Governmental Agency: The parties agree their relationship shall be strictly contractual in nature and that each party is completely autonomous from the other, and there is no intent, nor shall this contract be construed, to create or vest any County powers, authority, agency, or employment relationship in FD including without limitation, any directors, officers, employees, volunteers, or other personnel of any kind thereof, unless otherwise required by law or expressly stated within this contract.
- I. Third Party Reliance: This contract is not intended to serve for the benefit of any third party. The rights and obligations contained herein belong exclusively to the entities, which are parties hereto, and no third party shall rely upon anything contained herein as a benefit to that third party.
- J. Mediation: The parties hereby acknowledge and agree that any and all controversy, claim, dispute, or conflict whatsoever arising out of or relating to this Contract, or the breach thereof, may first be submitted to a process of dispute resolution called Mediation as defined under the rules and regulations of the North Carolina Alternative Dispute Resolution (“ADR”) Commission. Parties agree to act in good faith in resolving the dispute or conflict in mediation. This provision is not intended to waive the County’s right to resolve any disputes in the General Courts of Justice in North Carolina.
- K. Governmental Immunity: All of County’s duties and obligations required in this Contract are traditional governmental functions. As such, nothing in this Contract is intended to waive County’s governmental immunity or any other affirmative defenses which are otherwise available to it.
- L. Discrimination: In consideration of the signing of this Contract, the parties hereto for themselves, their agents, officials, employees and servants agree not to discriminate in any manner on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, handicap, or sexual orientation with reference to the subject matter of this Contract, no matter how remote. The parties further agree in all respects to conform to the provisions and intent of any applicable Ordinances of Cherokee County. This provision is hereby incorporated into this Contract for the benefit of Cherokee County and its residents, and may be enforced by action for specific performance, injunctive relief, or other remedy as by law provided.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the County has caused this instrument to be executed by the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners and attested by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, and the undersigned Fire Department has caused this instrument to be signed in its name by its Chair of the Board of Directors, attested by its Secretary, and its corporate seal hereto affixed, all by authorization of its Board of Directors duly given.

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CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

BY: _____
Chair of the Board of County Commissioners

Attest:

Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners
(SEAL)

I, the undersigned Notary Public of the County of Cherokee and State of North Carolina, certify that _____ personally came before me this day and acknowledged that s/he is the Chair of the Board of Commissioners of Cherokee County, A Body Politic of the State of North Carolina, and that _____ is the Clerk to such Board of Commissioners, that s/he knows the common seal of said body, that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is said common seal, and the name of the body was subscribed thereto and the same common seal affixed, all by order of the Board of Commissioners of Cherokee County, and that the said instrument is the act and deed of said body.

Witness my hand and Notarial stamp or seal, this _____ day of _____,
20____.

Notary Public

Print or Typed Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

I, the undersigned Notary Public of the County of Cherokee and State of North Carolina, certify that _____ personally came before me this day and acknowledged that s/he is the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of Cherokee County, A Body Politic of the State of North Carolina, and that by authority duly given and as the act of such entity, the foregoing instrument was signed in its name by its Chairman, sealed with its seal, and attested by him/herself as its Clerk.

Witness my hand and Notarial stamp or seal, this _____ day of _____,
20____.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____
Print or Typed Notary Public _____

PRINT LEGAL NAME OF FIRE DEPARTMENT ABOVE

BY: _____
Chairman of the Board of Directors

Attest:

Secretary/Clerk
(SEAL)

I, the undersigned Notary Public of the County of Cherokee and State of North Carolina, certify that _____ personally came before me this day and acknowledged that s/he is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the above stated Fire Department, a North Carolina nonprofit corporation, and that _____ is the Secretary to such corporation, that s/he knows the common seal of said corporation, that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is said common seal, and the name of the corporation was subscribed thereto and the same common seal affixed, all by order of the Board of Directors, and that said instrument is the act and deed of said corporation.

Witness my hand and Notarial stamp or seal, this _____ day of _____,
20____.

Notary Public

Print or Typed Notary Public
My Commission Expires: _____

I, the undersigned Notary Public of the County of Cherokee and State of North Carolina, certify that _____ personally came before me this day and acknowledged that s/he is the Secretary to the above stated Fire Department, a North Carolina nonprofit corporation, and that by authority duly given and as the act of such entity, the foregoing

instrument was signed in its name by its Chairman of the Board of Directors, sealed with its seal, and attested by him/herself as its Secretary.

Witness my hand and Notarial stamp or seal, this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Notary Public

Print or Typed Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

Maria Hass

From: Chad Simons <manager@townofmurphync.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2026 3:34 PM
To: Maria Hass
Cc: Randy Wiggins; Mayor Tim Radford; Casey Kerr (manager@visitccnc.com)
Subject: TDA appointment

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Good afternoon, Maria:

We are still awaiting the final passage of the local bill, but the Town moved forward and voted to nominate Mayor Tim Radford to serve on the TDA Board. It's my understanding that the county needs to vote to approve this at their next regular meeting.

^ you need anything else regarding this action, please let me know.

Thank you,

Chad Simons
Town Manager
Town of Murphy
828-837-2510, ext. 4

**CHEROKEE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR
REQUESTS FOR RELEASE**

7/14/2026-8/11/2026 ALREADY RELEASED				
Taxpayer Name	Year	Bill#	Tax Amt	Reason
PEAK LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT LLC	2024	26998	55.65	PER SECRETARY OF STATE, THE BUSINESS WAS DISSOLVED IN APRIL OF 2023
SPACIOUS 3/3 CABIN	2025	40916	61.89	THE SAME RENTAL PROPERTY HAS BEEN DOUBLED BILLED. OTHER ACCT # IS 90000036595
WILSON, MATTHEW CHRISTOPHER	2025	40748	84.33	2004 SEA PRO BOAT AND 2023 HARRIS PONTON 21' WERE REMOVED FROM CHEROKEE COUNTY PRIOR TO 2025
JAN'S NEEDFUL THINGS	2025	8649	27.37	PER JAN DOCKERY, THE BUSINESS CLOSED THE END OF 2024
HOMES VANCE RICHARD	2025	28338	47.53	TRAILER IS REGISTERED IN GA.
GRASSHOPPERS LAWN CARE	2023	13071	36.52	PER KEVIN CARTER THE BUSINESS CLOSED IN 2021
GRASSHOPPERS LAWN CARE	2024	13339	36.52	PER KEVIN CARTER THE BUSINESS CLOSED IN 2021
TOTAL FINANCE RELEASES			349.81	

7/14/26- 8/11/26 NEEING APPROVAL				
BARNHART CRANE AND RIGGING CO	2026	41272	2018.50	THE 2026 BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY LISTING FORM WAS RECEIVED AFTER THE TAX BILLS WERE CREATED. CREATED NEW DISCOVERY BILL FOR THE CORRECT AMOUNT LISTED.
TOTAL BOARD RELEASES			2368.31	

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PARAMETERS SELECTED FOR ACTIVITY REFUND REPORT:

TRANSACTION DATE RANGE: 07/13/2026 12:00:00 AM - 08/11/2026 12:00:00 AM

PAYMENT DATE RANGE:

USER/OPERATOR:

TAX DISTRICT(S):

BILL YEAR RANGE:

BILL# RANGE:

BILL TYPE: Both

SORT BY: Name

RELEASE NUMBER ONLY: No

PAYMENT TYPE: .Card - CCard,Cash - Cash,Check -
Check,EFT - Electronic Funds Transfer,MOrder - Money
Order,Paymentus - Paymentus,UNKNOWN - .Web - Web

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JONES DAVID MICHAEL & W/ JONES TRACY ANN 299 REAVIS MOUNTAIN PKWY BALL GROUND, GA 30107-2897		PD BY COWAN AND COWAN REFUND RECIPIENT:			
220000079779 ALLEN DAVID WAYNE 1450 GLENWOOD DRIVE BEDFORD, VA 24523	2026-684	RP: 457600780340000 Check	530.47	TAMMY	8/11/2026 12:00:00 AM
		PD BY COWAN AND COWAN REFUND RECIPIENT:			
63671 ALLEN WILLIAM M & W/ ALLEN SUSAN D 105 CEDAR MTN MURPHY, NC 28906-7182	2026-820	RP: 451300509017000 Check	113.01	DELENNIA	8/11/2026 12:01:00 AM
		CHELSEA RODRIGUEZ TRUST CK # 15316 REFUND RECIPIENT:			
63671 ALLEN WILLIAM M & W/ ALLEN SUSAN D 305 CEDAR MTN MURPHY, NC 28906-7182	2026-820	RP: 451300509017000 Check	5.98	DELENNIA	8/11/2026 12:00:00 AM
		CHELSEA RODRIGUEZ CK # 2436 REFUND RECIPIENT:			
64942 ANDERSON JOHNATHAN SCOTT 2501 MOCCASIN CREEK RD MURPHY, NC 28906-2234	2025-41049	PERSONAL PROPERTY Check	120.77	ALYSSA	8/4/2026 1:03:02 PM
		BA UCB CK 8001793 REFUND RECIPIENT:			
56897 BATEMAN ELDREDGE MATTHEW & W/ BATEMAN TERESA REID 225 FISHER ST ANDREWS, NC 28901-8601	2026-2264	RP: 555611754360000 Check	17.44	DELENNIA	8/11/2026 12:00:00 AM
		THE KANIA LAW FIRM TRUST CK 5294 REFUND RECIPIENT:			

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MURPHY, NC 28906-2182		BA UCB CK 8001768 REFUND RECIPIENT:				
54700	2025-37415	RP: 554400799685000	Check	593.11	DELENNIA	8/9/2026 4:50:54 PM
CONLEY RAMONA SUE 99% INT KIMSEY ANGELA M 1% JT W/ROS 209 OLD HIGHWAY 64 W						
HAYESVILLE, NC 28904-7217		BANK ATTACH SSILICON VALLEY BANK REFUND RECIPIENT:				
440044085005	2026-8209	RP: 5500003026976000	Check	78.16	DELENNIA	8/11/2026 12:08:00 AM
CURTIN ANITA S						
1358 FLOYD STALCUP RD						
MURPHY, NC 28906		REFUND RECIPIENT:				
770002150	2025-9412	RP: 455407680002000	Check	62.78	DELENNIA	8/11/2026 12:01:00 AM
JAMEROW HANS G & W/ DAMEROW MARGARETTE I C/O STEVE DAMEROW 95128 SUMMER KING UNIT 204 FERN BCH, FL 32034-5956		CHEROKEE CO REFUND CK REFUND RECIPIENT:				
66303	2026-6912	RP: 457010457121000	Check	177.40	ALYSSA	8/11/2026 12:00:00 AM
DECKER ZELDA K 99% INT DECKER TRAVIS JASON 1% JTW/ROS 417 WELLS RD						
MARBLE, NC 28905-8393		REFUND RECIPIENT:				
55254	2025-9226	RP: 556800170924000	Check	196.40	DELENNIA	8/11/2026 12:00:00 AM
DI STEFANO MICHAEL						
PO BOX 1381						
ANDREWS, NC 28901		REFUND RECIPIENT:				
35405	2026-10139	RP: 458400412284000	Check	33.79	ALYSSA	8/11/2026 12:01:00 AM
DUNBAR DAVID M						

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GIBSON BREEZE GIBSON BRET 778 TEXANA RD					
MURPHY, NC 28906-9556		CHEROKEE COUNTY PAYROLL DED REFUND RECIPIENT:			
56126 GLENN CHRISTOPHER 175 PRESTON OAKS DR	2026-13191	RP: 452000605237000	34.32	TAMMY	8/11/2026 12:01:00 AM
JOHNS CREEK, GA 30022-7889		PD BY ATTORNEY CHELSEA R REFUND RECIPIENT:			
770080095784 GODFREY DICK R & W/ GODFREY TAMMY L 1 BOX 650	2026-13227	RP: 552503005611000	17.59	TAMMY	8/11/2026 12:11:00 AM
MARBLE, NC 28905		CHEROKEE COUNTY PAYROLL DED REFUND RECIPIENT:			
770080095784 GODFREY DICK R & W/ GODFREY TAMMY L PO BOX 650	2026-13227	RP: 552503005611000	60.00	TAMMY	8/11/2026 12:12:00 AM
MARBLE, NC 28905		CHEROKEE COUNTY PAYROLL DED REFUND RECIPIENT:			
202350063100 GRAHAM WALTER BRYANT GRAHAM ANNA NIXON 5 FICKLING CT	2023-500631	PERSONAL PROPERTY	68.54	ALYSSA	7/27/2026 4:30:56 PM
BLUFFTON, SC 29909-4436		BA TRUIST CK 765855 REFUND RECIPIENT: ANNA GRAHAM			

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MURPHY, NC 28906-4914		CHEROKEE CO PAYROLL DED REFUND RECIPIENT:					
62252	2026-16873	PERSONAL PROPERTY	Check	20.00	TAMMY	8/11/2026	12:01:00 AM
HOWARD DOUGLAS STACY							
124 TABBY LN							
MURPHY, NC 28906-4914		CHEROKEE COUNTY PAYROLL DED REFUND RECIPIENT:					
550050104714	2026-16904	RP: 456100275507001	Check	20.00	TAMMY	8/11/2026	12:14:00 AM
HOWARD SHIRLEY							
% STACY HOWARD							
124 TABBY LN							
MURPHY, NC 28906-4914		CHEROKEE COUNTY PAYROLL DED REFUND RECIPIENT:					
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HOWARD SHIRLEY							
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124 TABBY LN							
MURPHY, NC 28906-4914		CHEROKEE COUNTY PAYROLL DED REFUND RECIPIENT:					
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HOWARD SHIRLEY							
% STACY HOWARD							
124 TABBY LN							
MURPHY, NC 28906-4914		CHEROKEE COUNTY PAYROLL DED REFUND RECIPIENT:					
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HOWARD SHIRLEY							
% STACY HOWARD							
124 TABBY LN							
MURPHY, NC 28906-4914		CHEROKEE COUNTY PAYROLL DED REFUND RECIPIENT:					
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JACKSON MARK S & W/ JACKSON PHOEBE SAMUELS 343 BOB BRANCH RD					
ANDREWS, NC 28901-8022					
REFUND RECIPIENT:					
53084	2026-17759	RP: 555619703232000	Check	5.00	TAMMY 8/11/2026 12:15:00 AM
JACKSON MARK S & W/ JACKSON PHOEBE SAMUELS 343 BOB BRANCH RD					
ANDREWS, NC 28901-8022					
REFUND RECIPIENT:					
53084	2026-17759	RP: 555619703232000	Check	42.00	DELENNIA 8/11/2026 12:16:00 AM
JACKSON MARK S & W/ JACKSON PHOEBE SAMUELS BOB BRANCH RD					
ANDREWS, NC 28901-8022					
REFUND RECIPIENT:					
53084	2026-17759	RP: 555619703232000	Check	50.00	ALYSSA 8/11/2026 12:17:00 AM
JACKSON MARK S & W/ JACKSON PHOEBE SAMUELS 343 BOB BRANCH RD					
ANDREWS, NC 28901-8022					
REFUND RECIPIENT:					
49698	2026-17763	RP: 555620715796000	Check	69.99	TAMMY 8/11/2026 12:04:00 AM
JACKSON MARK STEVEN & W/ JACKSON PHOEBE SAMUELS 343 BOB BRANCH RD					
ANDREWS, NC 28901-8022					
REFUND RECIPIENT:					

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MURPHY, NC 28906-3847		BA SECUR CK 195493 REFUND RECIPIENT:				
45275 KOZAR AUBREY L & W/ KOZAR SANDRA B 706 HUGHES RD	2026-20035	RP: 448902966725000	Check	18 75	TAMMY	8/11/2026 12:10:00 AM
MURPHY, NC 28906-2189		REFUND RECIPIENT:				
45275 KOZAR AUBREY L & W/ KOZAR SANDRA B 706 HUGHES RD	2026-20035	RP: 448902966725000	Check	200 00	ALYSSA	8/11/2026 12:13:00 AM
MURPHY, NC 28906-2189		REFUND RECIPIENT:				
75 KOZAR AUBREY L & W/ KOZAR SANDRA B 706 HUGHES RD	2026-20035	RP: 448902966725000	Check	200 00	DELEENNA	8/11/2026 12:11:00 AM
MURPHY, NC 28906-2189		REFUND RECIPIENT:				
45275 KOZAR AUBREY L & W/ KOZAR SANDRA B 706 HUGHES RD	2026-20035	RP: 448902966725000	Check	200 00	TAMMY	8/11/2026 12:12:00 AM
MURPHY, NC 28906-2189		REFUND RECIPIENT:				
440045105175 LAROSA ALFRED J 386 CHARLES TAYLOR RD	2026-20814	RP: 552203341409000	Check	784 10	DELEENNA	8/11/2026 12:00:00 AM
MURPHY, NC 28906-3965		REFUND RECIPIENT:				
62483 LEE MONICA MICK	2026-21014	RP: 540900102018000	Check	258 33	DELEENNA	8/11/2026 12:00:00 AM

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MAFFETT WILLIAM E JR (D) & W/ MAFFETT CATHERINE W 128 OAK BEND LN MURPHY, NC 28906					
REFUND RECIPIENT:					
58730 MAFFETT WILLIAM E JR (D) & W/ MAFFETT CATHERINE W 128 OAK BEND LN MURPHY, NC 28906	2026-22115	RP: 454002763462000 Check	100.00	TAMMY	8/11/2026 12:06:00 AM
REFUND RECIPIENT:					
58730 MAFFETT WILLIAM E JR (D) & W/ MAFFETT CATHERINE W OAK BEND LN MURPHY, NC 28906	2026-22115	RP: 454002763462000 Check	100.00	TAMMY	8/11/2026 12:09:00 AM
REFUND RECIPIENT:					
58730 MAFFETT WILLIAM E JR (D) & W/ MAFFETT CATHERINE W 128 OAK BEND LN MURPHY, NC 28906	2026-22115	RP: 454002763462000 Check	100.00	DELENN	8/11/2026 12:07:00 AM
REFUND RECIPIENT:					
56040 MCHAN CHARLES W TRUSTEE PO BOX 463 MURPHY, NC 28906-0463	2026-23537	RP: 458111572457000 Check	21.63	ALYSSA	8/11/2026 12:00:00 AM
PAID BY ATTNY CHARLES MCHAN TRUST CK 20192 REFUND RECIPIENT:					

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60796	2025-8831	RP: 459200377300000	322.60	ALYSSA	8/7/2026 3:29:45 PM
MORROW LOGAN K TRAMMELL SCOTT ERIC 4925 APPALACHIAN HWY		Check			
BLUE RIDGE, GA 30513-4256		BA TRUIST CK 766615			
		REFUND RECIPIENT: LOGAN K MORROW SCOTT ERIC TRAMMELL			
90000036819	2024-24756	PERSONAL PROPERTY	80.79	DELENNNA	8/3/2026 4:33:03 PM
MOUNTAIN VIEW LAUNDROMAT WILLIAM HALL 186 SMITH KNOB RD		Check			
ANDREWS, NC 28901-7422		BANK ATTACH WILLIAM HALL AT PNC			
		REFUND RECIPIENT: WILLIAM HALL 186 SMITH KNOB RD ANDREWS NC 28901			
33509	2025-12968	RP: 459316316305000	37.58	TAMMY	7/14/2026 4:18:59 PM
OLIVER VIRGINIA		Check			
PO BOX 454					
MURPHY, NC 28906		GARNISHMENT TRIBAL CASINO			
		REFUND RECIPIENT:			
39358	2026-25961	RP: 458300951783000	33.99	ALYSSA	8/11/2026 12:00:00 AM
PALMER WOODROW W JR & W/ PALMER MARGARET B 48 OKATIE LANDING RD		Check			
OKATIE, SC 29909-5112		PAID BY COWAN & COWAN TRUST CK 30850			
		REFUND RECIPIENT:			
90000036539	2020-25704	PERSONAL PROPERTY	10.00	TAMMY	7/13/2026 4:23:41 PM
PAPAW'S CREATIONS & NONNA'S TREASURE LLC C/O TIM & JOANNE INMAN 2070 W US HIGHWAY 64 MURPHY, NC 28906-3801		Check			
		BANK ATTACH FIRST CITIZENS			
		REFUND RECIPIENT:			
60262	2026-28227	RP: 454200298082000	24.92	TAMMY	8/11/2026 12:22:00 AM
		Check			

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62218 POSEY RENTALS LLC	2026-28317	RP: 451000029429000	Check	5.58	TAMMY	8/11/2026 12:01:00 AM
5530 W US 64 HWY						
MURPHY, NC 28906-8164		PD BY COWAN AND COWAN REFUND RECIPIENT:				
38742 PURSEL LISA LOUISE	2026-28726	RP: 446900569546000	Check	85.00	ALYSSA	8/11/2026 12:12:00 AM
125 SAPPHIRE RDG						
MURPHY, NC 28906-4912		REFUND RECIPIENT:				
38742 PURSEL LISA LOUISE	2026-28726	RP: 446900569546000	Check	29.26	ALYSSA	8/11/2026 12:11:00 AM
J SAPPHIRE RDG						
MURPHY, NC 28906-4812		REFUND RECIPIENT:				
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125 SAPPHIRE RDG						
MURPHY, NC 28906-4912		REFUND RECIPIENT:				
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4362 NW 92ND TER						
CORAL SPRINGS, FL 33065		BANK ATTACHED WELLS FARGO REFUND RECIPIENT:				
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MARBLE, NC 28905-0685					
was doubled billed can only refund for the last 5 years					
REFUND RECIPIENT: YVONNE PLOTT					
278 FERGUSON RD					
MURPHY NC 28906					
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PO BOX 685					
MARBLE, NC 28905-0685					
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MURPHY, NC 28906-1021					
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RUMORS CLOTHING INC					
C/O HEATHER MARIE POSEY					
5540 HWY 64 W					
MURPHY, NC 28906					
BA SECU CK 195433					
REFUND RECIPIENT:					
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SAPP RICHARD H					
TRIPP CLARA B					
8955 48TH STREET					
LIVE OAK, FL 32060					
REFUND RECIPIENT:					
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SAVUGOT JASON PAUL					
PO BOX 799					
MURPHY, NC 28906-0799					
BANK ATTACH NANTAHALA					

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65146 TOWNSON MICHAEL & W/ TRACY TOWNSON HAILEY ROLLINS KEITH JT W/ROS 1967 SUNNY POINT RD MURPHY, NC 28906-7395	2026-36074	RP: 454300304980000	Check	757.14	DELENNIA	8/11/2026	12:01:00 AM
		COWAN & COWAN TRUSST CK 34977 2027 TAXES LOT 28 THE SPRINGS REFUND RECIPIENT:					
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		PAID BY STEPHANIE SEGARRA REFUND RECIPIENT:					
60731 WALMART STORES, INC #01-0515 AL-MART PROPERTY TAX DEPT US HWY 19 MURPHY, NC 28906	2025-9589	RP: 550303317736001	Check	873.72	DELENNIA	8/3/2026	4:47:09 PM
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58188 WHITE GARLAND RAY (D) PO BOX 595 ANDREWS, NC 28901-0595	2026-38222	PERSONAL PROPERTY	Check	62.76	DELENNIA	8/11/2026	12:00:00 AM
		CHEROKEE COUNTY REFUND CK # 264231 REFUND RECIPIENT:					
9056 WHITING C TIMOTHY & W/ WHITING MARGO G 12335 SE 74TH TER BELLEVUE, FL 34420-4627	2026-38350	RP: 455409264269000	Check	19.20	TAMMY	8/11/2026	12:01:00 AM
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VOIDED REFUND AMOUNTS OF REFUNDS NOT IN 7/13/2026 - 8/11/2026

NAME	BILL NUMBER	AMOUNT	OPER	PAYMENT TYPE	DATE	TIME	REFUND DATE
TOTAL VOID REFUNDS:							



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BLACKWELL, KENNETH LEE		101 CANEY CREEK RD	MURPHY, NC 28906	250389110	IC ADVL	TAX	(\$46.36)	\$0.00	(\$46.36)
					FR50ADVL	TAX	(\$3.57)	\$0.00	(\$3.57)
						Refund			\$49.93
BRICKEY, SHEILA EILEEN		73 LUNSFORD WHP DR	ANDREWS, NC 28901	250883276	IC ADVL	TAX	(\$12.20)	\$0.00	(\$12.20)
					CI01ADVL	TAX	(\$10.40)	\$0.00	(\$10.40)
						Refund			\$22.60
CLAYTON, DAVID LEE	CLAYTON, JANICE BRYANT	1111 TARHEEL WEST DR	MURPHY, NC 28906	250728104	IC ADVL	TAX	(\$24.68)	\$0.00	(\$24.68)
					FR44ADVL	TAX	(\$4.01)	\$0.00	(\$4.01)
						Refund			\$28.69
DOCKERY, GREGORY SCOTT	DOCKERY, ANGELA ROACH	345 MOORE RD	MURPHY, NC 28906	250728476	IC ADVL	TAX	(\$27.45)	(\$1.36)	(\$28.81)
					FR45ADVL	TAX	(\$4.05)	(\$0.21)	(\$4.26)
						Refund			\$33.07
ELLIS, JACKIE		PO BOX 653	ANDREWS, NC 28901	251194578	IC ADVL	TAX	(\$240.95)	\$0.00	(\$240.95)
					FR80ADVL	TAX	(\$48.98)	\$0.00	(\$48.98)
						Refund			\$289.93
FITZGERALD, DAVID GERARD	FITZGERALD, KRISTINE SUE	245 LAKEVIEW LN	MURPHY, NC 28906	251717002	IC ADVL	TAX	(\$9.39)	\$0.00	(\$9.39)
					FR56ADVL	TAX	(\$0.75)	\$0.00	(\$0.75)
						Refund			\$10.14
FOWLER, JEFFREY KEITH		54 GOLDEN POND	MARBLE, NC 28905	251122750	IC ADVL	TAX	(\$68.68)	(\$3.43)	(\$72.11)
					FR80ADVL	TAX	(\$6.08)	(\$0.31)	(\$6.39)
						Refund			\$78.50
GAITHER, KRISTIN HYDE		72 BLUEBERRY HL	MURPHY, NC 28906	251899400	IC ADVL	TAX	(\$7.88)	\$0.00	(\$7.88)
					FR46ADVL	TAX	(\$0.44)	\$0.00	(\$0.44)
						Refund			\$8.32
GREIFZU, ROLAND JAMES JR	GREIFZU, PATRICIA ANDREA	169 BAREFOOT LN	MURPHY, NC 28906	250728048	IC ADVL	TAX	(\$15.75)	\$0.00	(\$15.75)
					FR47ADVL	TAX	(\$1.55)	\$0.00	(\$1.55)
						Refund			\$17.30
JAMES, GARY ROONEY		PO BOX 7	ANDREWS, NC 28901	250728426	IC ADVL	TAX	(\$2.75)	\$0.00	(\$2.75)
					CI01ADVL	TAX	(\$2.34)	\$0.00	(\$2.34)
						Refund			\$5.09
JOLLEY, PARKER REID		442 GLEN STALCUP RD	MURPHY, NC 28906	125858435	IC ADVL	TAX	(\$6.31)	\$0.00	(\$6.31)
						Refund			\$6.31
JONES, GLENDA PATTERSON		136 BEECHWOOD ACRES DR	MURPHY, NC 28906	251122164	IC ADVL	TAX	(\$124.81)	\$0.00	(\$124.81)
					FR44ADVL	TAX	(\$20.25)	\$0.00	(\$20.25)
						Refund			\$145.06
JONES, TERRY LYNN		136 BEECHWOOD ACRES DR	MURPHY, NC 28906	251122166	IC ADVL	TAX	(\$142.81)	\$0.00	(\$142.81)
					FR44ADVL	TAX	(\$23.17)	\$0.00	(\$23.17)
						Refund			\$165.98
LANCE, KENNETH PAUL		70 LANCE RD	MURPHY, NC 28906	250737320	IC ADVL	TAX	(\$78.08)	\$0.00	(\$78.08)
					FR56ADVL	TAX	(\$6.27)	\$0.00	(\$6.27)
						Refund			\$84.35



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LAUBER, FRANK DEVIN	JACOBSON, JODIE ANN	444 PINEDALE LN	ANDREWS, NC 28901	251884136	C ADVL	TAX	(\$54.39)	\$0.00	(\$54.39)
					FR80ADVL	TAX	(\$4.82)	\$0.00	(\$4.82)
					Refund		\$59.21		
LEDFORD, LARRY ERIC		PO BOX 458	MURPHY, NC 28906	251260938	C ADVL	TAX	(\$90.58)	\$0.00	(\$90.58)
					FR44ADVL	TAX	(\$14.70)	\$0.00	(\$14.70)
					Refund		\$105.28		
LUCKSAVAGE, JANELLE TERESA		2845 BLAIRSVILLE HWY	MURPHY, NC 28906	251508180	C ADVL	TAX	(\$52.66)	\$0.00	(\$52.66)
					FR56ADVL	TAX	(\$4.23)	\$0.00	(\$4.23)
					Refund		\$56.89		
OBORNE, MICHAEL DAVID		PO BOX 148	MARBLE, NC 28905	250882910	C ADVL	TAX	(\$16.27)	\$0.00	(\$16.27)
					FR80ADVL	TAX	(\$1.44)	\$0.00	(\$1.44)
					Refund		\$17.71		
PAYNE, REBECCA FAYE		3444 CANEY CREEK ROAD	MURPHY, NC 28906	251334602	C ADVL	TAX	(\$17.20)	\$0.00	(\$17.20)
					FR44ADVL	TAX	(\$2.79)	\$0.00	(\$2.79)
					Refund		\$19.99		
PENDERGRASS, JULIE ANN		2591 AIRPORT RD	MARBLE, NC 28905	252160080	C ADVL	TAX	(\$71.95)	\$0.00	(\$71.95)
					FR80ADVL	TAX	(\$6.37)	\$0.00	(\$6.37)
					Refund		\$78.32		
RABOLD, JEFFREY LYNN	RABOLD, OLGA FIRST	3402 BEARTOOTH PASS	SEBRING, FL 33872	250737672	C ADVL	TAX	(\$170.88)	\$0.00	(\$170.88)
					FR50ADVL	TAX	(\$13.17)	\$0.00	(\$13.17)
					Refund		\$184.05		
RAMEY, JAMES EDWIN JR		150 JAYCEES TRAIL	BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30512	251494800	C ADVL	TAX	(\$45.09)	\$0.00	(\$45.09)
					FR70ADVL	TAX	(\$7.02)	\$0.00	(\$7.02)
					Refund		\$52.11		
RITZ, SANDRA JEAN		PO BOX 622	MURPHY, NC 28906	250816052	C ADVL	TAX	(\$10.78)	\$0.00	(\$10.78)
					CI02ADVL	TAX	(\$7.42)	\$0.00	(\$7.42)
					Refund		\$18.20		
SHAFFER, HOMER ALBERT JR		349 BOBCAT LN	MURPHY, NC 28906	251194974	C ADVL	TAX	(\$65.07)	\$0.00	(\$65.07)
					FR56ADVL	TAX	(\$5.22)	\$0.00	(\$5.22)
					Refund		\$70.29		
STALCUP, MATTHEW ISAIAH		17846 JOE BROWN HIGHWAY	MURPHY, NC 28906	250532762	C ADVL	TAX	(\$22.92)	(\$1.14)	(\$24.06)
					FR20ADVL	TAX	(\$1.42)	(\$0.07)	(\$1.49)
					Refund		\$25.55		
TATHAM, RICHARD FRANKLIN		69 CONNAHETA AVE	ANDREWS, NC 28901	251650406	C ADVL	TAX	(\$6.43)	\$0.00	(\$6.43)
					CI01ADVL	TAX	(\$5.48)	\$0.00	(\$5.48)
					Refund		\$11.91		
TATHAM, RICHARD FRANKLIN		69 CONNAHETA AVE	ANDREWS, NC 28901	251984864	C ADVL	TAX	(\$2.26)	\$0.00	(\$2.26)
					CI01ADVL	TAX	(\$1.93)	\$0.00	(\$1.93)
					Refund		\$4.19		



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THOMAS, DAVID JOHN		295 HILLTOP LN	MURPHY, NC 28906	251494794	C ADVL	TAX	(\$100.96)	\$0.00	(\$100.96)							
							(\$7.77)	\$0.00	(\$7.77)							
WEST, AUDRYN GRACE	WEST, STEVEN LYNN	24 SNEED RD	MURPHY, NC 28906	251122670	C ADVL	TAX	(\$80.93)	\$0.00	(\$80.93)							
							(\$6.23)	\$0.00	(\$6.23)							
WORDEN, JOHN JACOB		259 ROCKRIDGE RD	MURPHY, NC 28906	250951258	C ADVL	TAX	(\$15.80)	\$0.00	(\$15.80)							
							(\$0.88)	\$0.00	(\$0.88)							
														Refund		\$87.16
														Refund		\$16.68
														Refund Total		\$1861.54

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APPLICATION FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION OR EXCLUSION

County: Cherokee Municipality: _____ Application for Tax Year: 2026

Full Name of Owner(s): Wilderness Lake RD association INC

Trade Name of Business: Same

Mailing Address of Owner: 5530 W US 64 HWY MURPHY NC 28906

Phone: 828 837-7322 Cell: 828 361-1548 Email: joan.posey08@gmail.com

List the property identification numbers and addresses/locations for the properties included in this application. (Attach list if needed.)

Property ID #: 452500252826 Address/Location: Well LOT 1 Wilderness Lake EST.

Property ID #: 452500069153 000 Address/Location: Well LOT 2 Wilderness Lake EST.

Property ID #: 452500161379000 Address/Location: Common area Wilderness Lake EST.

Non-Deferment Exemptions and Exclusions: Select or annotate the exemption or exclusion for which this application is made. These exemptions or exclusions do not result in the creation of deferred taxes. However, taxes for prior years of exemption or exclusion may be recoverable if it is later determined that the property did not qualify for exemption or exclusion for those prior years.

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| ☐ G.S. 105-275(8) Pollution abatement/recycling | ☐ G.S. 105-278.5 Religious educational assemblies |
| ☐ G.S. 105-275(17) Veterans organizations | ☐ G.S. 105-278.6 Home for the aged, sick, or infirm |
| ☐ G.S. 105-275(18),(19) Lodges, fraternal & civic purposes | ☐ G.S. 105-278.6 Low- or moderate-income housing |
| ☐ G.S. 105-275(20) Goodwill Industries | ☐ G.S. 105-278.6 YMCA, SPCA, VFD, orphanage |
| ☐ G.S. 105-275(45) Solar energy electric system | ☐ G.S. 105-278.6A CCRC-Attach Form AV-11 |
| ☐ G.S. 105-275(46) Charter school property | ☐ G.S. 105-278.7 Other charitable, educational, etc. |
| ☐ G.S. 105-277.13 Brownfields-Attach brownfields agreement | ☐ G.S. 105-278.8 Charitable hospital purposes |
| ☐ G.S. 105-278.3 Religious purposes | ☐ G.S. 131A-21 Medical Care Commission bonds |
| ☐ G.S. 105-278.4 Educational purposes (institutional) | ☒ Other: <u>H.O.A.</u> |

Tax Deferment Programs: Select the tax deferment program for which this application is made. ** These programs will result in the creation of deferred taxes that will become immediately due and payable, with interest, when the property loses eligibility. The number of years for which deferred taxes will become due and payable varies by program. Read the applicable statutes carefully. **

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| ☐ G.S. 105-275(12) Nonprofit corporation or association organized to receive and administer lands for conservation purposes |
| ☐ G.S. 105-275(29a) Historic district property held as a future site of a historic structure |
| ☐ G.S. 105-277.14 Working waterfront property |
| ☐ G.S. 105-277.15A Site infrastructure land |
| ☐ G.S. 105-278 Historic property-Attach copy of the local ordinance designating property as historic property or landmark. |
| ☐ G.S. 105-278.6(e) Nonprofit property held as a future site of low- or moderate-income housing |

Describe the property: 2 well lots, 1 common area for Home + LOT owners

Describe how you are using the property: (If another organization is using the property, give their name, how they are using the property, and any income you receive from their use)

Affirmation: I, the undersigned, declare under penalties of law that this application and any attachments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have read the applicable exemption or exclusion statute. I fully understand that an ineligible transfer of the property or failure to meet the qualifications will result in the loss of eligibility. If applying for a tax deferment program, I fully understand that loss of eligibility will result in removal from the program and the immediate billing of deferred taxes.

Signature(s) of Owner(s): Joan L Posey Title: Treasurer Date: 2-18-26

All tenants of a tenancy in common must sign. Title: _____ Date: _____

DO NOT submit this application to the NC Department of Revenue. Submit to the county assessor where the property is located.

OFFICE USE ONLY: [] APPROVED [] DENIED BY: _____ REASON FOR DENIAL: _____

From: Ann Sanburg <asanburg@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2026 8:14 PM
To: Randy Wiggins <randy.wiggins@cherokeeecounty-nc.gov>
Cc: Ann Sanburg <asanburg@outlook.com>
Subject: Fw: Sanburg bid to Purchase 120 Topton Community Center Road

Subject: Formal Bid to Purchase 120 Topton Community Center Road, Andrews, NC

Dear Cherokee County officials,

Our names are Ann and Carl Sanburg, and we own adjoining property at 121 Topton Community Center Road in Andrews, North Carolina.

We are writing to submit a formal bid to purchase the property located at 120 Topton Community Center Road, commonly known as the Topton Community Center.

This parcel is part of the Nelson Family heir property, which the county acquired in the early 1970s to be used for the good of the community. The building was constructed in 1978 and is now approximately 50 years old. In recent years, it has been unused, and only very infrequently used for voting.

The structure and grounds appear to have significant deterioration, including mold and mildew, asbestos concerns, septic infiltration, dead and fallen trees, and access issues. These conditions indicate that the property requires substantial remediation and investment.

As adjoining property owners and descendants of the family who originally provided this land, we are interested in preserving our heir-property family property and ensuring it continues to serve a meaningful purpose.

We hereby submit a formal purchase offer of \$50,000 in cash, with the ability to close within 30 days.

*Sincerely,
Ann and Carl Sanburg
148 Hidden Pastures Dr
Cramerton, NC 28032*

§ 160A-269. Negotiated offer, advertisement, and upset bids.

A city may receive, solicit, or negotiate an offer to purchase property and advertise it for upset bids. When an offer is made and the council proposes to accept it, the council shall require the offeror to deposit five percent (5%) of his bid with the city clerk, and shall publish a notice of the offer. The notice shall contain a general description of the property, the amount and terms of the offer, and a notice that within 10 days any person may raise the bid by not less than ten percent (10%) of the first one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and five percent (5%) of the remainder. When a bid is raised, the bidder shall deposit with the city clerk five percent (5%) of the increased bid, and the clerk shall readvertise the offer at the increased bid. This procedure shall be repeated until no further qualifying upset bids are received, at which time the council may accept the offer and sell the property to the highest bidder. The council may at any time reject any and all offers. (1971, c. 698, s. 1; 1979, 2nd Sess., c. 1247, s. 25.)

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Appraisal Card

CHEROKEE COUNTY

8/5/2026 11:38:10 AM

COUNTY OF CHEROKEE TOPTON COMMUNITY CENTER
120 TOPTON COMMUNITY CENTER RD
4596

Return/Appeal Notes: Parcel: 5597-00-03-9981-000
PLAT: / UNIQ ID 54774

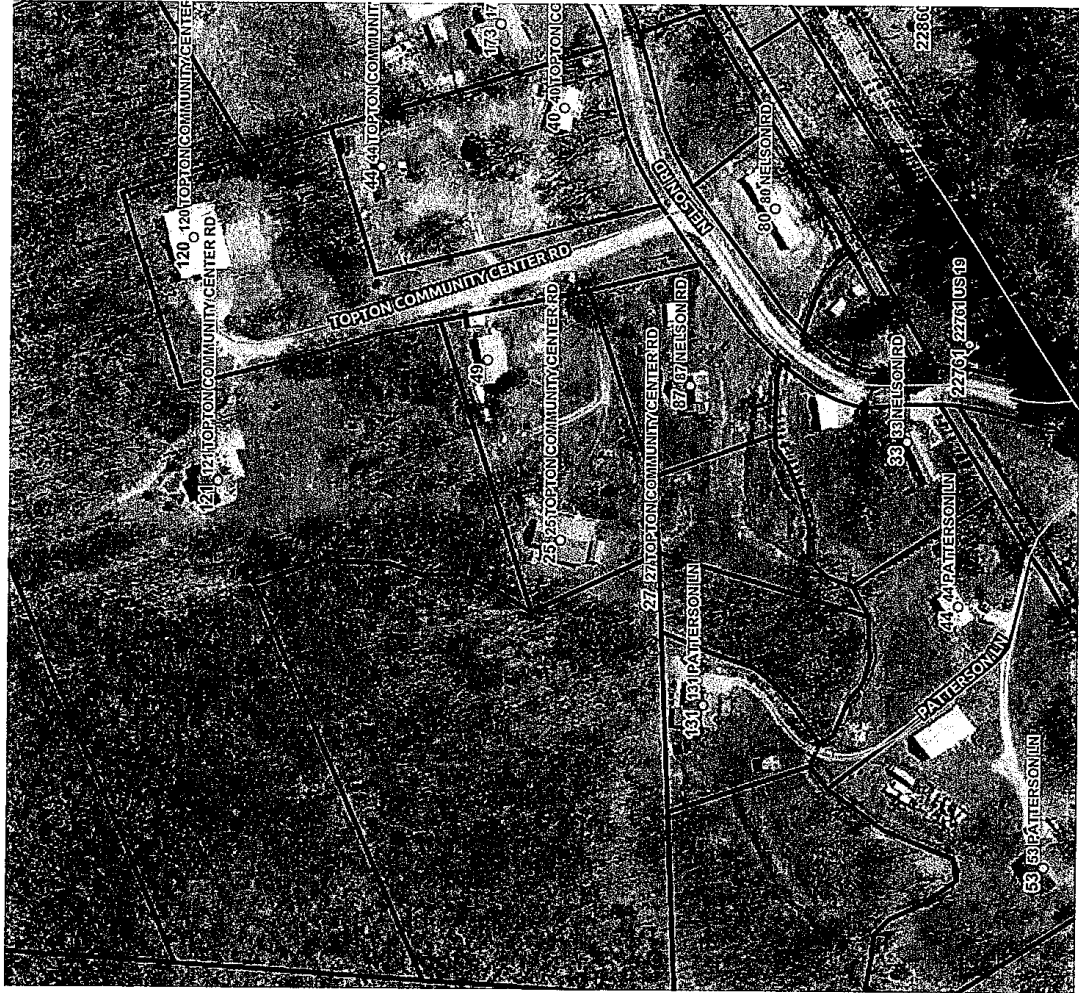
COUNTY TAX (100), FIRE DIST 80 VALLEYTOWN FD (100)
TOPTON COMM CENTER
Appraised by 88 on 06/20/2019 77006 VALLEYTOWN RURAL EAST

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SRC= AT- LAST ACTION 20200106

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Resolution Authorizing Upset Bid Process

WHEREAS, Cherokee County owns certain property, [**Tipton Community Center, Cherokee County, NC containing 2.00 acres, more or less**]; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 160A-269 permits the County to sell property by upset bid, after receiving an offer for the property; and

WHEREAS, the County has received an offer to purchase the property described above, in the amount of **\$50,000.00, submitted August 4, 2026, by Carl and Ann Sanburg**; and

WHEREAS, Carl and Ann Sanburg will pay the required five percent (5%) deposit on their offer;

THEREFORE, THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLVES THAT:

1. The Board of Commissioners authorizes sale of the property described above through the upset bid procedure of North Carolina General Statute § 160A-269.
2. The county clerk shall cause a notice of the proposed sale to be published. The notice shall describe the property and the amount of the offer and shall state the terms under which the offer may be upset.
3. Persons wishing to upset the offer that has been received shall submit a sealed bid with their offer to the office of the County Manager within 10 days after the notice of sale is published. At the conclusion of the 10-day period, the county clerk shall open the bids, if any, and the highest such bid will become the new offer. If there is more than one bid in the highest amount, the first such bid received will become the new offer.
4. If a higher qualifying bid is received, the county clerk shall cause a new notice of upset bid to be published and shall continue to do so until a 10-day period has passed without any qualifying upset bid having been received. At that time, the amount of the final high bid shall be reported to the Board of Commissioners.
5. A qualifying higher bid is one that raises the existing offer by not less than ten percent (10%) of the first \$1,000.00 of that offer and five percent (5%) of the remainder of that offer.
6. A qualifying higher bid must also be accompanied by a deposit in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid; the deposit may be made in cash, cashier's check, or certified check. The county will return the deposit on any bid not accepted and will return the deposit on an offer subject to upset if a qualifying higher bid is received. The county

will return the deposit of the final high bidder at closing.

7. The terms of the final sale are that

- the Board of Commissioners must approve the final high offer before the sale is closed, which it will do within 30 days after the final upset bid period has passed, and
- the buyer must pay with cash at the time of closing.

8. The county reserves the right to withdraw the property from sale at any time before the final high bid is accepted and the right to reject at any time all bids.

9. If no qualifying upset bid is received after the initial public notice, the offer set forth above is hereby accepted. The appropriate county officials are authorized to execute the instruments necessary to convey the property to Carl and Ann Sanburg.

Adopted the 18th day of August 2026.

Chairman

ATTEST:

Clerk to the Board

From: Jessica Mariano
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 1:59 PM
To: Randy Wiggins <randy.wiggins@cherokeecounty-nc.gov>
Subject: RE: update

Randy-

Below is the offer from the used Frazer dealer. He is interested in purchasing the truck sight unseen and said he could pick it up as soon as he is able to arrange transportation. The truck has approximately 102,000 miles on it.

He also said he can pay however we prefer and is willing to wire the funds today if we would like to proceed that way.

We will also need to make sure the agreement specifies that they are responsible for removing our company name and any identifying decals from the truck.

Please let me know how you would like me to proceed.

Unit: X-1405
Chassis: 2022 Chevrolet 3500
VIN: 1GB3YSEYXNF234607
Purchase Price: \$30,000

Ambulance Depot will handle the transportation of the unit.

Sam Haj
Director
Ambulance Depot Inc.
3722 Ocee St.
Houston, TX 77063
(832) 277-6262



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75 Peachtree Street
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August 18, 2026

Frontier Communications
1919 McKinney Avenue
Dallas, TX 75201

Re: Inquiry Regarding Copper-Based Landline Service, Retirement Plans, and Replacement Options

Dear Frontier Representative:

The Cherokee County, N.C. Board of Commissioners is gathering information regarding the status of copper-based landline services, including Plain Old Telephone Service, Centrex, TDM-based services, alarm lines, elevator phones, fax lines, and other specialty or critical circuits that may serve county facilities, residents, local businesses, and public safety partners.

We respectfully request written information regarding Frontier's plans for copper facility retirement, service discontinuance, service grandfathering, or migration to replacement technologies in our county and surrounding service areas.

Please provide responses to the following questions:

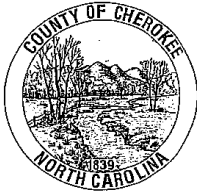
1. Does Frontier currently plan to retire copper facilities, discontinue copper-based services, or grandfather any legacy landline services in our county or surrounding exchanges?
2. If so, what wire centers, exchanges, communities, or customer classes may be affected, and what are the anticipated timelines?
3. Have any locations in our county or nearby service areas already experienced discontinuance, retirement, or grandfathering of copper-based service?
4. What notice will be provided to residential, business, governmental, and public safety customers before any retirement or discontinuance occurs?

5. What replacement services will be offered, including fiber, VoIP, wireless, or other alternatives, and what limitations should customers understand regarding backup power, outages, alarm compatibility, fax capability, and 911 access?
6. What migration support is available for local governments and customers with fire alarms, security alarms, elevator phones, medical monitoring devices, fax lines, and other specialized services?
7. Who should serve as the primary Frontier contact for county coordination regarding critical lines and transition planning?

We appreciate your assistance and request a written response at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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North Carolina Department of Information Technology
P.O. Box 17209
Raleigh, NC 27619-7209

Re: Inquiry Regarding TDM Sunset, Copper-Based Service Migration, and Local Government Assistance

Dear NCDIT Representative:

The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners is requesting information and assistance regarding the sunset of TDM and copper-based telephony services, including any impacts to local government services, public sector accounts, emergency-use lines, alarms, elevator phones, fax lines, and other specialty circuits.

We understand that NCDIT has been working with public sector customers and AT&T to retire legacy TDM technology and migrate affected services to IP-based or other replacement solutions. We are seeking guidance to confirm our county's exposure, identify available support, and coordinate next steps.

Please provide information on the following:

1. Does NCDIT have an inventory or list of county or local government TDM, POTS, Centrex, or copper-based lines that remain unresolved or require migration?
2. What steps should local governments take to verify whether public sector lines were purchased through an NCDIT contract or are otherwise affected by the TDM sunset?
3. What assistance is available for local governments transitioning voice, alarm, elevator, fax, emergency-use, or specialty lines to replacement services?

4. What replacement options, state convenience contracts, managed VoIP services, procurement vehicles, or interim solutions may be available?
5. Are there specific considerations for fire alarms, elevator alerts, emergency-use lines, and other systems requiring compliance review or coordination with vendors or authorities having jurisdiction?
6. What timelines, tariff-rate impacts, service deadlines, or provider coordination steps should counties be aware of?
7. Who should serve as the NCDIT point of contact for our county's transition planning and service inventory review?

We appreciate NCDIT's assistance and request any guidance, forms, service desk links, or contacts that may help us complete this review.

Sincerely,

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North Carolina Emergency Management
4236 Mail Service Center
Raleigh NC 27699-4236

Re: Inquiry Regarding Emergency Management Impacts of Copper Landline Retirement

Dear North Carolina Emergency Management:

The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners is evaluating the potential emergency management impacts of copper landline retirement and the transition of legacy telephone services to modern technologies. We are particularly concerned about continuity of communications during disasters, severe weather, extended power outages, and other emergency conditions.

Copper-based landline service has historically supported some critical communications, including alarms, elevator phones, fax lines, backup voice service, medical monitoring devices, and other specialty lines. As replacement technologies may depend on commercial power, broadband connectivity, cellular coverage, customer-premises equipment, or battery backup, we are seeking emergency management guidance for county planning.

Please provide guidance on the following:

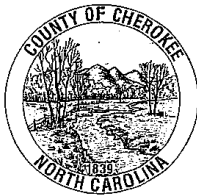
1. What emergency planning considerations should counties evaluate as copper landline services are retired or replaced?
2. How should counties assess the effect of VoIP, fiber, wireless, or other replacement services during power outages, internet outages, cellular congestion, or severe weather events?
3. Are there recommended mitigation strategies for residents, vulnerable populations, public facilities, and critical infrastructure that depend on voice service, alarms, medical monitoring, or emergency notification systems?

4. Should county emergency operations plans, continuity plans, hazard mitigation plans, or public information materials be updated to address landline transition risks?
5. Are there state-level resources, planning templates, grant opportunities, or technical contacts available to assist counties with communications resiliency planning?
6. How should local governments coordinate with service providers, the PSAP, NCDIT, and state emergency management when provider notices or service transitions affect emergency communications?

We appreciate any recommendations that will help us protect public safety and maintain resilient communications for our community.

Sincerely,

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North Carolina 911 Board
N.C. Department of Information Technology
P.O. Box 17209
Raleigh, NC 27619-7209

Re: Inquiry Regarding Copper Landline Retirement and Continuity of 911 Access

Dear North Carolina 911 Board:

The Cherokee County, NC Board of Commissioners is seeking guidance regarding the public safety implications of copper landline retirement and migration from legacy telephone services to IP-based, fiber, wireless, VoIP, or other replacement technologies.

We understand that North Carolina has modernized its 911 network through Next Generation 911 and that PSAPs across the state are connected to a more resilient ESInet-based system. As copper-based services are retired, we want to ensure residents, county facilities, public safety partners, and critical-service users continue to have reliable access to 911 and emergency communications.

We respectfully request guidance on the following:

1. What issues should counties evaluate to ensure continuity of 911 access when copper landline services are retired or replaced?
2. How should local governments coordinate with the PSAP, service providers, and state partners when residents or county facilities transition from copper-based voice service to VoIP, wireless, fiber, or other technologies?
3. Are there recommended public messaging points regarding 911 access, location accuracy, backup power, and calling limitations during power or internet outages?

4. What considerations apply to alarm systems, elevator emergency phones, medical monitoring devices, and other systems that may indirectly depend on telephone service to reach emergency responders?
5. Are there board policies, technical guidance documents, regional contacts, or training resources available to assist counties with this transition?
6. Should counties report or track any provider notices, service disruptions, or customer complaints that may affect 911 access or emergency communications?

We appreciate your guidance and any recommended contacts who can assist our county and PSAP partners.

Sincerely,

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AT&T
208 S. Akard Street
Dallas, TX 75202

Re: Inquiry Regarding AT&T TDM/Copper-Based Service Retirement and Public Sector Transition Planning

Dear AT&T Representative:

The Cherokee County, NC Board of Commissioners is requesting written information regarding AT&T's retirement of TDM and copper-based telephony services, including any service grandfathering, discontinuance, or migration activities that may affect public sector customers, county facilities, residents, businesses, emergency services, and other critical users in our area.

We are aware that North Carolina public sector customers have been encouraged to transition from legacy TDM copper-based services to modern alternatives and that unresolved services may be subject to tariff rates or other service changes. To support responsible local planning, we request clarification regarding AT&T's plans, timelines, replacement options, and coordination process.

Please provide responses to the following questions:

1. Which AT&T copper, TDM, POTS, Centrex, or related services in our county or service area are currently discontinued, grandfathered, pending retirement, or subject to tariff-rate changes?
2. What specific wire centers, exchanges, customer locations, or public sector accounts may be affected?
3. What are the planned timelines for additional copper or TDM service retirement, discontinuance, or migration activities in North Carolina and our local service area?

4. What written notices have been or will be provided to county government, residential, business, and public safety customers?
5. What replacement services are available for ordinary voice lines and for critical or specialty lines, including fire alarms, security alarms, elevator phones, fax machines, medical monitoring devices, and emergency-use lines?
6. What backup power requirements, outage limitations, 911 considerations, alarm compatibility requirements, or equipment upgrades should customers be aware of before migration?
7. What AT&T contacts or project teams should coordinate directly with the county, NCDIT, emergency management, and public safety agencies?

We appreciate your timely assistance as we evaluate impacts and develop a coordinated transition plan.

Sincerely,

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North Carolina Utilities Commission
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-4300

Re: Inquiry Regarding Telecommunications Service Discontinuance and Copper Landline Retirement in North Carolina

Dear Commissioners:

The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests information regarding the process for discontinuance or reduction of telecommunications services in North Carolina, including any current or anticipated actions related to the retirement of copper landline facilities, Plain Old Telephone Service, Centrex, TDM-based services, and other legacy telecommunications services.

We are particularly concerned about the effect of any service transition on residents, local businesses, county facilities, public safety communications, 911 access, fire and security alarm systems, elevator phones, fax lines, medical monitoring devices, and other critical systems that may still rely on copper-based service.

We respectfully request assistance with the following questions:

1. What petitions, notices, dockets, or filings are currently pending or recently approved that may affect copper-based landline services in our county or surrounding service areas?
2. What notice requirements apply to local exchange companies or competing local providers seeking to discontinue or reduce telecommunications service in North Carolina?
3. How can counties determine whether specific wire centers, exchanges, or customer locations are included in proposed retirements or service reductions?
4. What customer migration information must providers submit, including replacement service options and proposed timelines?

5. What role may county government, emergency management, public safety agencies, or affected customers play in responding to proposed discontinuance or reduction actions?

6. Are there state-level resources or contacts available to assist local governments in identifying and protecting critical lines used for public safety, alarms, elevators, medical monitoring, and emergency communications?

We would appreciate any applicable guidance, docket references, filing instructions, or staff contacts who may assist us with this inquiry.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

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Federal Communications Commission
Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau
45 L Street NE
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Inquiry Regarding Copper Landline Retirement, Service Discontinuance, and Public Safety Considerations

Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners, we are requesting guidance regarding the retirement of copper-based landline facilities and any related discontinuance, reduction, or impairment of telecommunications or interconnected VoIP services that may affect our residents, businesses, local government operations, emergency communications, and public safety systems.

We understand that carriers must provide written notice to customers before planned discontinuance, reduction, or impairment of service and that certain discontinuance applications are filed with the Federal Communications Commission. Because copper retirement and service discontinuance may affect 911 access, alarm systems, elevator phones, fax lines, medical monitoring devices, and other specialized services, we are seeking clarification that will help us plan responsibly and communicate accurately with the public.

Specifically, we request information on the following:

1. What current federal notice requirements apply when a carrier retires copper facilities or discontinues, reduces, or impairs telecommunications or interconnected VoIP service?
2. How can local governments monitor FCC filings, public notices, or dockets that may affect specific wire centers, communities, or service areas in North Carolina?

3. What information should affected customers expect to receive from providers regarding replacement services, customer migration, backup power, and service limitations?
4. What federal guidance is available regarding continuity of 911 access, alarm communications, elevator emergency phones, medical monitoring devices, fax lines, and other critical or specialized lines?
5. Is there a recommended process for local governments to submit comments, objections, or public safety concerns if a proposed discontinuance may adversely affect residents or essential services?

We would appreciate any written guidance, links to applicable rules, or staff contacts who can assist us in understanding the current federal process and available consumer protections.

Thank you for your assistance.

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CHEROKEE COUNTY 26-27 LEGISLATIVE GOALS

1) Seek legislation to allow for a ballot referendum for counties to levy an additional quarter (1/4) cent sales tax dedicated solely to school capital needs

As school needs grow and needs for county services continue to grow, county budgets are tight, and relationships between Boards of Commissioners and Boards of Education have become strained. Having this additional revenue stream would allow county boards of commissioners to meet more school needs, while retaining its current Article 46 sales tax to help address county services needs and help reduce or hold the line on property tax rates.

2) Seek legislation to restore Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Weatherization funding to rural counties

Community Action Agencies administer most (17 CAAs) of these programs. Four Square Community Action is one of the CAAs that serves Cherokee, Clay, Graham, and Swain counties. Cherokee County was cut by 38 housing units, decreasing funding from \$880,080 to \$357,370 in the budget that covers July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025. This is a decrease of 59.4% from the previous budget for Cherokee County.

Four Square Community Action serves the neediest clients in our four-county region and this has a serious impact on our community, and this reduction in funding does not just impact Four Square and Western NC. Community Action Agencies administer weatherization assistance programs across all one hundred North Carolina Counties. The counties hardest hit are the rural impoverished areas of the state. Weatherization (WAP) is a vital link in the housing continuum in rural counties and keeps low-income families housed during a challenging housing market.

3) Seek legislation to allow counties to charge for actual cost of an employee's time when the extent of a public record request is so large that it requires exhaustive research and interrupts the employee's normal daily job responsibilities.

4) Support legislation to increase the number of state funded county Veteran Services Officers to at least one per county, or to cost-share with counties to cover one local Veteran Services Officer.

5) Seek legislation to add additional language to NCGS §14-269.4 as (4e): "Any public employee who possesses a valid concealed handgun permit and whose public office is housed in a building housing a court of the General Court of Justice, other than a courtroom itself."

Justification for #7: More court facilities and government buildings are becoming targets of terroristic acts. Lawful carry in court facilities and government buildings should not be limited to specific public employees. If a district attorney, judge, or magistrate can lawfully carry in a courthouse, then a public employee who possesses a

valid concealed handgun permit and whose public office/workplace is in the courthouse, should also be allowed to carry in the courthouse.

There are multiple county and state offices housed in Cherokee County's courthouse.

Due to the layout of the historic courthouse, there are many areas of ingress once inside the courthouse, but limited areas of egress, meaning, should terrorists enter the building, most employees are sitting ducks. Courthouse employees who possess valid concealed handgun permits should have the same rights as all other persons exempted in §14-269.4.

6) Oppose House Bill 893: Private Commercial Building Inspection

This bill would reduce inspection revenues to counties and could create competition for local governments after they have expended resources for employee training and certification.