Moore County
Board of Commissioners

July 15, 2025 | 5:30 PM
Historic Courthouse
1 Courthouse Square
Carthage, NC 28327

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
Chairman Kurt Cook, Vice Chairman Nick Picerno, Jim Von Canon, John Ritter, and Tom Adams

CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Cook called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION
Reverand Nathan Hinson of Glendon Christian Church offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Chairman Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**
John Misiaszek and Jeff Marcus offered public comments.

2. **ADDITIONAL AGENDA**
Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Picerno, seconded by Commissioner Von Canon, the Board voted 5-0 to add to the agenda under Appointments two position appointments to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

Chairman Cook asked if any commissioner had a conflict of interest concerning agenda items the Board would address in this meeting, and there were none.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**
Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Picerno, seconded by Commissioner Adams, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the following consent items, and the budget amendments and tax release/refunds for June 2025 are hereby made a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendices A and B, respectively.

A. Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting Minutes June 17, 2025

B. Administration - Non-Profit Grant Agreement with Trillium Health Resources for FY 2025-2026

C. Transportation - FY 2025-2026 Contract for Services between Moore County Transportation Services and Monarch

D. Transportation - Monarch FY2026-2027 Memorandum of Understanding

E. Aging - FY26 Home & Community Care Block Grant

F. Public Works - Contract with AEP Pinewild Holding LLC for a Test Well Lot

G. Public Works - Deed of Dedication for Gretchen Pines Phase 5 Subdivision

H. Information Technology - Memorandum of Understanding between Moore County Information Technology and Public Works Departments

I. Information Technology - Termination of Mobile 311 Interlocal Agreement with Southern Pines

J. Information Technology - MCCi, LLC Sole Source for Laserfiche

K. Finance - Budget Amendments

L. Social Services - Memorandum of Understanding between Moore County Social Services and Moore County Transportation

M. Tax - Tax Releases/Refunds for Month of June 2025

N. Information Technology - Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology Agreement (NC GREAT Grant) Amendment 2

4. RECOGNITIONS

A. **Board of Commissioners - Chris Lassiter with Major Events and All Hazards Central NC Information Board**
The Board tabled this item until August 5, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Moore County Board of Commissioners.

5. PRESENTATIONS
There were none.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS
There were none.

7. QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS
There were none.

8. OLD BUSINESS
There was none.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. **<u>Public Works - Replacement of Sanitary Sewer Lift Station 3-3 Contract with Grosvenor Land LLC</u>**.

County Engineer Tom Blue presented a request for the Board to execute the agreement between Grosvenor Land, LLC and Moore County Public Utilities in the amount of $923,330.49 for the replacement of sanitary sewer Lift Station 3-3 located in Pinehurst, NC.

County Engineer presented a second request for the Board to approve the budget amendment for this project.

The original sanitary sewer Lift Station 3-3 was built in 1972 to serve the Pinehurst Unit 3 neighborhood along Gun Club Road. It is an underground pneumatic lift station that has reached the end of its useful life. This lift station, along with five others in the area, has been included in the Capital Improvement Plan for replacement for several years.

A formal bid was held in May and only two bids were received. This was then re-bid, and three bids were received in June 2025. This caused this project to be pushed out into fiscal year 2026, requiring a budget amendment. The lowest responsive bidder was determined to be Grosvenor Land, LLC at the lump sum of $923,330.49.

Commissioner Adams asked if the County maintained spare lift stations to replace those that may fail, and if more catastrophic events happen, would they cause the lift stations currently in use to fail. Mr. Blue stated that they do have spare equipment for various components of the lift stations; however, a lot of them are outdated due to age. Mr. Blue commented that replacing the components with current equipment will make parts more readily available if needed. Mr. Blue also explained the failure process of lift stations that could happen during a catastrophic event. Commissioner Adams and Mr. Blue also discussed inflows and preparedness, and the County Manager, Wayne Vest, and Chairman Cok commented.

Vice Chairman Picerno requested a chart of the actual inflows the systems received during the five days of the most recent weather event.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Ritter, seconded by Commissioner Von Canon, the Board voted 5-0 to award and approve the agreement with Grosvenor Land, LLC for the replacement of Sewer Lift Station 3-3 in the amount of $923,330.49 and authorize the Chair to sign subject to the approval of the County Attorney and Finance Department and to allow the County Manager to approve and sign any deduct change orders or increases up to $30,000.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Ritter, seconded by Commissioner Von Canon, after Vice Chairman Picerno commented that these funds are from retained earnings and not from rate increases, **the Board voted 5-0 to approve the budget amendment and authorize the Chair to sign.**

B. **<u>Property Management - Service Contract with Judy D. Brooks</u>**

Assistant Property Management Director Steven Perkins presented a request for the Board to approve the contract with Judy D. Brooks Contractors for the removal of shredded yard waste debris from the Yard Waste Treatment and Processing (T&P) Facility at the Moore County Landfill.

The yard waste facility at the Moore County landfill receives on average 1800 tons of leaf, limb, and yard debris per month. This debris is ground down and

stored at the (T&P) facility. After state regulations have been met, the grounded yard debris must be hauled off-site.
The contractor shall receive from the county a sum not to exceed $16.00 per ton or $350,000 per year, whichever is less, as full compensation for the provision of services from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2027. Funds for this service are budgeted in the FY2026 budget under general ledger account Contract Services/Landfill.
Upon motion made by Commissioner Von Canon, seconded by Commissioner Adams, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the contract with Judy D. Brooks Contractors for the services removing ground yard waste materials at the Moore County Landfill and authorize the chairman to sign.

C. **Sheriff - Detention Center Food Services Amendment #4**
Major Bill Flint presented a request on behalf of Sheriff Ronnie Fiels for the Board to approve Aramark Correctional Services, LLC, Contract Amendment 4 for food services at the Moore County Detention Center.
Amendment No. 4 will reflect the increase and price adjustment of the CPI for the fiscal year 2025 – 2026 (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026).
If approved by the Board, the County will not incur any additional costs. The increase was planned and budgeted for in the Food and Provisions account for $389,618.00.
Vice Chairman Picerno asked if the not-to-exceed amount was close to what they had estimated in spending. Major Flint commented that the amount was close to their actual expenditures, except for medical services.
Upon motion made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Von Canon, the Board voted 5-0 to approve Contract Amendment #4 with Aramark Correctional Services, LLC for FY26 to increase the amount not to exceed by $13,538.15 from $376,079.85 to $389,618.00 due to a CPI increase, and authorize the chair to sign.

County Manager Vest congratulated the Sheriff's Department on their most recent jail inspection report. The report was very positive.

D. **Tax - Settlement Reports for 2024-2025**
Tax Administrator Gary Briggs presented a request for the Board to accept the two preliminary settlement reports as required by North Carolina General Statute 105-373 (a)(1) and that the insolvents report be entered into the official minutes indicating persons who listed personal property but owned no real property and whose taxes remain unpaid for 2024-2025. Also request that both lists be charged to the Tax Administrator for collections as delinquent taxes. Request the Board of Commissioners receive and accept 2024-2025 settlement reports for real, personal, and motor vehicle taxes, along with report of 2024-2025 minimal taxes.
North Carolina General Statute 105-373 requires the Tax Collector to provide a settlement report to the Board of Commissioners after July 1 and before being charged with the collections of the current year's taxes.
2024 unpaid real property: $299,591.52 (principal amount)
2024 unpaid personal property: $79,459.18 (principal amount)
The 2024 unpaid personal property list is considered the insolvents report.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Ritter, seconded by Commissioner Von Canon, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the preliminary reports as required by North Carolina General Statute 105-373 and to enter the insolvents list into the official minutes of the Board of Commissioners, to accept the settlement report of current and delinquent real and personal property taxes for 2024-2025, to accept minimal tax bill report for 2024-2025, and by resolution charge the Tax Administrator with the collections of the delinquent real and personal property taxes, and this report will become a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendix C.

E. <u>Tax - Charge of 2025-2026 Tax Levy</u>

Tax Administrator Gary Briggs presented a request for the Board to charge the Tax Administrator with the collection of taxes for the tax levy 2025-2026.

North Carolina General Statute 105-321(b) states that the Board of Commissioners shall adopt and enter into its minutes an order directing the Tax Collector (Tax Administrator) to collect the taxes charged in the tax records and receipts for the current fiscal year.

Mr. Briggs reminded everyone that there is still a 2% discount if you pay by August 31, 2025. Vice Chairman Picerno said he appreciated this.

Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Picerno, seconded by Commissioner Adams, the Board voted 5-0 to charge the Tax Administrator with the collection of all real, real, personal, public service company, and motor vehicle taxes for 2025-2026 levy year, and with the collections of all delinquent real, personal, public service company, and motor vehicle taxes.

F. <u>Legal - Letter to Congressman Hudson - High Falls Dam</u>

County Attorney Misty Leland presented a request for the Board to approve a letter to Congressman Hudson regarding the removal of High Falls Dam, and the letter is hereby incorporated as a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendix D.

The letter to Congressman Hudson expresses some of the County's biggest concerns regarding the removal of the High Falls Dam. Three of the biggest concerns are that Deep River may serve as a source for future water needs for Moore County citizens, current plans for High Falls Fire Department to use water from the impoundment area to fill trucks, and removal of the impoundment area may adversely impact well-water availability of residents/property owners along the river.

While there are also other concerns, these three are sufficient to warrant Moore County's request for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to <u>deny</u> any permits authorizing the applicant UP Property 2, LLC, and the most recent owner, Colonel Land, LLC (a Delaware Limited Liability Company), to remove the High Falls dam.

Commissioner Von Canon offered comments and provided a brief history of the dam, discussing how the removal would impact wildlife and foraging, as well as concerns about the water supply along the river and the processes involved in the ongoing removal attempt.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Ritter, seconded by Commissioner Von Canon, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the letter to Congressman Hudson and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Vice Chairman Picerno requested documentation of property owners of this property. Commissioner Von Canon offered comment regarding this request.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Von Canon, the Board voted 5-0 to draft a similar letter as stated above and send it to Dan Bishop and authorize the Chairman to sign.

G. **Administration - Moore County New Courthouse and Renovation - Change Order #13 Revised**

Property Management Director Gene Boles presented a request for the Board to review and approve Change Order #13 Revised for the ongoing construction of the renovated court facility.

Mr. Boles also presented a request for the Board to approve the Capital Project Ordinance Revision #18 for the Courthouse and Detention Buildings (Fund 432).

The County of Moore, NC, and New Atlantic Contracting, Inc. entered into a Standard Form of Agreement to construct a new courthouse and renovate the existing courthouse on June 13, 2021, for $41,125,000. The contract sum for changes before this change order is currently $42,785,318. The change order is for an increase of **$107,207**. The new contract sum will be $42,892,525. This additional amount is within the Capital Project Ordinance (Fund 432).

Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Picerno, seconded by Commissioner Von Canon, the Board voted 5-0 to approve Change Order #13 in the amount of $107,207 between the County of Moore, NC, and New Atlantic Contracting, Inc. of Winston-Salem, NC, and request the Chairman to execute the same.

Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Picerno, seconded by Commissioner Von Canon, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Capital Project Ordinance Revision #18 for the Courthouse and Detention Buildings (Fund 432).

H. **Administration - Allocation to Moore County Schools for Artificial Turf Fields at Union Pines and North Moore High Schools**

County Manager Vest presented a request the Board of Commissioners consider a motion to approve the Local Education Bonds 2018- Fund 482 Capital Project Ordinance Revision #32 allocating $1,200,000 in interest earned from the school bonds to Moore County Schools for artificial turf fields at Union Pines and North Moore High School and encourage the Board of Education to submit a grant application to the Moore County Tourism Development Authority (CVB) for a one-time project funding grant for each of these projects and encourage the Tourism Development Authority (CVB) to award matching grant funds upon receipt of the application.

Moore County Schools have had discussions about repairing and replacing the Union Pines High School Athletic Field and the grant application process through the Moore County Tourism Development Agency is open through Friday, September 12, 2025 to fund projects.

The estimated cost of each artificial turf field is approximately $ 1.2 million. This request is for an allocation of 50% of the cost, or $600,000, for each project, with the balance potentially coming from the Tourism Development Agency's one-time project fund grant for each project, specifically Union Pines HS in this fiscal

year (FY26) and North Moore HS in the next fiscal year (FY27).
These funds will come from the General Obligation Bond interest in Fund 482 per the following:

48218000 36929 2018 Aberdeen GO Bond Interest - Remaining $175,619
48218000 36933 2019 Southern Pines GO Bond Interest - Remaining $870,539
48218000 36936 2019 Pinehurst GO Bond Interest – $153,842 ($680,098 remaining)
Total $1,200,000

Mr. Vest recognized those in attendance who were with the Moore County School Board and thanked them for attending.
Vice Chairman Picerno, Commissioner Von Canon, Commissioner Adams, and Chairman Cook offered comments.

Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Picerno, seconded by Commissioner Von Canon, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Local Education Bonds 2018- Fund 482 Capital Project Ordinance Revision #32 allocating $1,200,000 in interest earned from the school bonds to Moore County Schools for artificial turf fields at Union Pines and North Moore High School and encourage the Board of Education to submit a grant application to the Moore County Tourism Development Authority (CVB) for a one-time project funding grant for each of these projects and encourage the Tourism Development Authority (CVB) to award matching grant funds upon receipt of the application.

10. APPOINTMENTS

A. **Tax - Appointment of Tax Administrator**
Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Picerno, seconded by Commissioner Von Canon, the Board voted 5-0 to adopt the resolution authorizing the appointment of Gary Briggs to serve as Tax Administrator at an annual salary of $140,571.81 for a term of four years to begin July 15, 2025, and expiring July 15, 2029.

B. **Board of Commissioners - Appointment to the Moore County Board of Health**
Upon motion made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Vice Chairman Picerno, the Board voted 5-0 to reappoint David Williams to the Moore County Board of Health for a three-year term commencing August 1, 2025, and expiring July 31, 2028.

C. **Board of Commissioners - Designation of Voting Delegate to NCACC Annual Conference**
Upon motion made by Commissioner Ritter, seconded by Vice Chairman Picerno, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Tom Adams as the duly designated voting delegate for Moore County at the 118th Annual Conference of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners to be held during the Annual Business Session on Saturday, August 23, 2025, at 2:00pm in Pitt County.

D.

<u>Additional Agenda Item – Appointments to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council</u>

Upon motion made by Commissioner Ritter, seconded by Commissioner Von Canon, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Kimberly Davis to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council to fill the District Attorney or Designee vacancy, with a term expiring July 2027.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Ritter, seconded by Commissioner Von Canon, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Jones McCall to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council to fil the Person Under 21 vacancy, with a term expiring July 2027.

11. ADDITIONAL AGENDA

There were no additional items.

12. MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager Vest congratulated the three girls' softball teams (10 and under, 12 and under, and 15 and under teams) who played in the district championships. All three teams qualified for the state tournament, and the 12-and-under teams placed second in the state, which qualified them to participate in the Dixie Youth Softball World Series in Louisiana at the end of the month. Parks and Recreation Director Chris Wiley assisted in obtaining $5,000 to help support this team's trip to Louisiana. This grant will be brought to the Board for approval.

13. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Vice Chairman Picerno offered comments regarding the current municipal taxes and service charges. He feels Moore County should be consistent on what is being charged to each municipality.

Commissioner Adams commended the staff for their promptness and diligence in responding to the Emergency Declaration during Tropical Storm Chantel. He also offered comments regarding the clean-up efforts that will follow the storm.

Commissioner Von Canon gave a history of Lakeview and offered comments. Commissioner Von Canon thanked all of those involved in assisting with the emergencies of Tropical Storm Chantel.

Commissioner Ritter offered comments regarding Tropical Storm Chantal, expressing gratitude that the storm in Moore County caused no harm to anyone. He is grateful for the ongoing preparations in Moore County to handle situations like this.

Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Picerno, seconded by Chairman Cook, the Board voted 5-0 to include the history of Lakeview document that Commissioner Von Cannon read as a part of these minutes, and they are hereby incorporated as an attachment as Appendix E.

County Manager Vest offered comments regarding Crystal Lake Dam and assisting the community in maintaining its functionality, as well as addressing the need for road repairs.

Chairman Cook requested that the three girls' softball teams mentioned earlier be invited and recognized during a Board of Commissioners meeting.
Chairman Cook thanked everyone involved in assisting with Tropical Storm Chantal and being able to issue the Declaration of Emergency promptly.

14. **CLOSED SESSION**
None needed.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, upon motion made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Von Canon, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn the July 15, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Moore County Board of Commissioners at 6:56pm.

Kurt J. Cook
Chairman Kurt J. Cook

Jennifer Parks
Clerk to the Board Jennifer Parks

COUNTY OF MOORE
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Fiscal Year 2025/2026

	Budget Line Item Number		Budgeted Amount	Increase/ (Decrease)	Revised Budget

Public Safety/EMS - Capital Lease Proceeds to Purchase Stretchers

Revenue	20019000 32903	Capital Lease Proceeds	-	795,282	795,282
Expense	20048055 55900	Stretchers	-	795,282	795,282

Approved this 15 day of July, 2025

Kurt Cook
Kurt Cook, Chairman
Moore County Board of Commissioners

Jennifer Parks
Jennifer Parks
Clerk to the Board

COUNTY OF MOORE CORPORATE SEAL NORTH CAROLINA

Fiscal Year 2025/2026

	Budget Line Item Number		Budgeted Amount	Increase/ (Decrease)	Revised Budget
	Veteran Services - NC DMVA Grant Program				
Revenue	10019000 32950	Appropriated Fund Balance	7,695,180	13,289	7,708,469
Expense	10029000 55104	NC DMVA Grant	-	13,289	13,289

Approved this 15 day of July, 2025

Kurt Cook

Kurt Cook, Chairman
Moore County Board of Commissioners

COUNTY OF MOORE CORPORATE SEAL NORTH CAROLINA

Jennifer Parks

Jennifer Parks
Clerk to the Board

Fiscal Year 2025/2026

	Budget Line Item Number		Budgeted Amount	Increase/ (Decrease)	Revised Budget
	Parks and Recreation - Youth Sports Grant				
Revenue	10019000 32950	Appropriated Fund Balance	7,695,180	9,212	7,704,392
Expense	10032500 54962	Youth Sports Grant Expenses	-	9,212	9,212

Approved this 15 day of July, 2025

Kurt Cook

Kurt Cook, Chairman
Moore County Board of Commissioners

Jennifer Parks

Jennifer Parks
Clerk to the Board

COUNTY OF MOORE CORPORATE SEAL NORTH CAROLINA

Fiscal Year 2025/2026

	Budget Line Item Number		Budgeted Amount	Increase/ (Decrease)	Revised Budget
	Aging - Fans Grant				
Revenue	24033024 32613	Fans Grant	15,300	1,000	16,300
Expense	24030024 53921	Fans Grant	15,300	1,000	16,300

Approved this 15 day of July, 2025

Kurt Cook
Kurt Cook, Chairman
Moore County Board of Commissioners

Jennifer Parks
Jennifer Parks
Clerk to the Board

COUNTY OF MOORE CORPORATE SEAL NORTH CAROLINA

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING

(CURRENT) RELEASES AND REFUNDS BY THE

TAX ADMINISTRATOR

WHEREAS, Gary E. Briggs, Moore County Tax Administrator, has certified a list comprised of various county taxes illegally levied and assessed, the amount certified as being in excess of the amount legally due by the taxpayer and therefore should be released or refunded in accordance with General Statute 105-381.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Moore County that the taxpayers shown on said list of releases and refunds submitted by Gary E. Briggs, Tax Administrator, are hereby granted such tax release or refund of the county taxes shown and the County Finance Director is directed to make said refunds.

Adopted this the 15 day of July, 2025.

Kurt Cook

Kurt Cook, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jennifer Parks

Jennifer Parks
Clerk to the Board

COUNTY OF MOORE CORPORATE SEAL NORTH CAROLINA

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING (DELINQUENT) RELEASES AND REFUNDS BY THE TAX ADMINISTRATOR

WHEREAS, Gary E. Briggs, Moore County Tax Administrator, has certified a list comprised of delinquent taxes illegally due by the taxpayer and therefore should be released or refunded in accordance with General Statute 105-381.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Moore County that the taxpayers shown on said list of releases and refunds submitted by Gary E. Briggs, Tax Administrator, are hereby granted such tax release or refund of the county taxes shown and the County Finance Director is directed to make said refunds.

Adopted this the 15 day of July, 2025.

Kurt Cook

Kurt Cook, Chairman

ATTEST:

COUNTY OF MOORE CORPORATE SEAL NORTH CAROLINA

Jennifer Parks

Jennifer Parks
Clerk to the Board

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Moore County Tax Administrator has provided in his annual settlement preliminary reports containing the list of the names of persons owning real property whose taxes for 2024 remain unpaid and a list of persons owing taxes but listed no real property whose taxes remain unpaid; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 105-373(a)(2) states that the governing body of the taxing unit shall enter upon its minutes the names of persons owing taxes but listed no real property whose taxes remain unpaid and whom it finds to be insolvent; and

WHEREAS, a diligent effort has been made to collect these taxes out of the personal property of the taxpayers concerned; and

WHEREAS, other means open to the collector have been used for collection of such taxes; and

WHEREAS, where applicable, collection outside the taxing unit has been attempted; and

WHEREAS, all information has been provided concerning those taxpayers as may be of interest to or required by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the allowance of insolvents does not extinguish the claim for taxes; and

WHEREAS, the collector will continue to pursue collections of such taxes until the ten-year statute of limitations expires; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners by resolution should accept the lists as presented and declares that no one on the preliminary report of persons owing taxes but listed no real property should be determined insolvent; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the list of persons owing taxes but listed no real property whose taxes remain unpaid along with the list of unpaid 2024 real property taxes be charged to the Tax Administrator for collections as delinquent taxes.

Adopted this the 15th day of July, 2025.

Kurt Cook

Kurt Cook, Chairman
Moore County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Jennifer Parks

Jennifer Parks
Clerk to the Board

COUNTY OF MOORE CORPORATE SEAL NORTH CAROLINA

REPORT OF DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

TO: Moore County Board of Commissioners

The undersigned tax collector respectfully reports that certain personal property taxes levied for the year 2024, remain uncollected, such uncollected taxes are being set out below. Said taxes are not liens upon real estate. The undersigned tax collector has made diligent efforts to collect said taxes by use of remedies against personal property as provided by law but has been unable to locate sufficient property belonging to delinquent taxpayers out of which the taxes might be collected. In every instance in which the tax collector has been able to discover through diligent inquiry the existence of property belonging to delinquent taxpayers within other taxing units in North Carolina, the undersigned has proceeded under the provisions of G. S. 105-364.

Per Attached Printout (Principal Amount) $79,459.18

The undersigned requests that the above-listed taxes be charged to the Tax Administrator as delinquent taxes upon annual settlement.

This 15th day of July, 2025.

Gary E. Briggs

Gary E. Briggs
Tax Administrator

Sworn and subscribed to before me,
this the 15th day of July, 2025.

Jennifer Parks

Jennifer Parks
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

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APPENDIX D

JENNIFER PARKS
CLERK

COUNTY OF MOORE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

P.O. BOX 905 / ONE COURTHOUSE SQUARE
CARTHAGE, NC 28327
TELEPHONE: 910.947.6403

June 18, 2025

Congressman Richard Hudson
c/o Georgia Lozier
340 Commerce Ave
Suite 16
Southern Pines, NC 28387

Dear Congressman Hudson:

Please accept this correspondence relaying a few of Moore County's concerns regarding the removal of the High Falls dam. Some of the County's biggest concerns are that Deep River may serve as a source for future water needs for Moore County citizens, current plans for High Falls Fire Department to use water from the impoundment area to fill trucks, and removal of the impoundment area may adversely impact well-water availability of residents/property owners along the river. While there are other concerns, these three are sufficient to warrant Moore County's request for Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to **deny** any permits authorizing the applicant UP Property 2, LLC, and the most recent owner, Colonel Land, LLC (a Delaware Limited Liability Company), to remove the High Falls dam.

As Moore County has explored future water sources, Deep River has been considered a viable option offering raw water intake in at least two locations, one location being near the existing High Falls dam. At present, one of the main concerns with Deep River as an option, the inter-basin transfer rules, is being addressed in Senate Bill 605. Whether Deep River becomes the top option for Moore County's next water source phase or whether Deep River is an option for future phases and future generations, it remains an important option and removal of the dam may negatively impact Deep River's viability for serving Moore County citizens.

Moore County contracts with several rural fire departments to provide valuable fire protection services throughout the unincorporated areas of the County. High Falls Fire Department, along with County officials, has been working with a local property owner to secure access to the current impoundment area above the dam to withdraw water for the fire trucks. Removal of the dam will most certainly eliminate this option, negating all the efforts that have previously gone into working with the property owner and developing plans for installing the necessary road and other needed infrastructure.

Water availability is vital to property owners in-and-around the area of the dam. Availability may be either accessing water in the current impoundment, getting water from existing wells, and/or getting water from future well sites to support growth. Moore County officials, as well as citizens in the area, share the concern that removing the dam, eliminating the current impoundment water, thereby lowering the water level will negatively impact the availability of water; potentially negatively impacting existing wells and making developing future wells exponentially more difficult and costly. More analysis, to include a cost-benefit-analysis, is necessary to determine if-and-to-what-degree removal of the dam will have on of water availability.

Moore County appreciates your serious consideration of these concerns, and we are happy to schedule a meeting to discuss these concerns along with others. As we work with our citizens to protect community assets, we look forward to discussing the next steps that are to be taken.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

Kurt Cook

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Kurt Cook, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

1769 Duncan Blue and his family migrated from Scotland with a land grant from King George 3rd of England.

They settle near the Little River at the current site of the Town of Lakeview.

Duncan built his house in the middle of what is now the Lakeview Cemetery. During the Revolutionary War the Scots sided with the King while the rest of Moore was for independence causing a large rift in the County.

Duncan's daughter who past during the war was buried in the families yard as it was do risky to travel to the historic Scottish graveyard near Carthage.

The Blue's family established their roots in Moore County throughout the 1880's.

Most the families in the immediate vicinity were related to Duncan Blue through birth or marriage. Some of the related families were McKeithans, McNeills, Blacks, Pattersons, McDonalds, Fergunsons, Smiths, and Keiths.

In the 1830's , he constructed an earthen Dam across Shaddock's Creek to form a mill pond that would eventually become Crystal Lake.

The Grist Mill gave the settlement its first identity.

The 20th century brought new life to Crystal Lake. Two business men were searching for an area to build a winter resort to attract northerners.

They were looking for an area that had a stream that could be dammed for a lake. They also wanted plenty of shade trees, land for truck crops, and rustic town sites. Holleman speculated the land could be bought for as little as a dollar fifty an acre. Lakeview had its own U.S. post office in 1903. In 1904, classes were being held in the Lakeview school.

In 1907 alone, total business for the Lakeview company exceeded $120,000. In 1908, the community opened Lakeview Light Company, and houses were wired, street lights were erected, and an electric sign proclaiming "Lakeview" was illuminated on the pavilion to alert rail passengers of this new town.

As residential building continued the town supplied water to all the homes on the hill. In 1911, the Loch Crystal Grand Hotel was opened. It was four stories, held one hundred guests, had steam heat, electric lights, and telephone service along with a private bathroom. A train depot was established in Lakeview and horse and buggies picked up passengers that not only visited Lakeview hotel, but others in Jackson Springs, and Pine Bluff.

The present concrete Dam was completed in 1913. In the 1920's, Lakeview changed its image from just a winter resort to one of the premiere summer resorts in North Carolina. Crystal Lake was famous because the water was so clear you could see all the way to the bottom. There were boat rentals, bath houses, mineral springs, fishing, outdoor pavillions for dancing, etc. Excursion trains regularly ran from Raleigh and Hamlet bringing pick-nickers. July 4th and labor day celebrations attracted visitors from across the county and the state.

The local community came together and purchased the lake for $30,000 in 1985 as the current owner could not maintain.

Since that time, Crystal Lake Support with the help of citizens of Moore County have raised over $1.5 million dollars to keep this historic landmark open and available to all for boating, fishing, and pick-nicking without ever receiving any government assistance.

Lakeview and Crystal Lake are currently on the National Historic Registry. During its existence it has created commerce, power, entertainment, and up until a few years ago, was a reservoir and the primary source of drinking water for Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

During the 2008 drought, Lakeview was ordered by the Federal Government to keep its gates open even as people in Lakeview struggled for water because this water kept Fort Bragg functioning.