Moore County
Board of Commissioners

September 2, 2025 | 10:30 AM
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
County Manager Wayne Vest offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Public Safety Director Bryan Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**
John Misiaszek offered comments.

2. **ADDITIONAL AGENDA**
There were no additional agenda items.

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

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**
Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Picerno, seconded by Commissioner Von Canon, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the following consent items and the budget ordinance amendment, and resolution are hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendices A and B, respectively:

A. Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting Minutes August 19, 2025

B. Administration - County of Moore Budget Ordinance Amendment FY25/26

C. Public Safety - Mutual Aid Agreement between the County of Moore and the US Army Garrison, Fort Bragg

D. Board of Commissioners - Planning Board Item

E. Board of Commissioners - Board of Commissioners Travel Reimbursement

F. Legal - Resolution - Local Act Request for Roads in Seven Lakes Business District

4. **RECOGNITIONS**

A. Board of Commissioners - Chris Lassiter with Major Events and All Hazards Central NC Information Board

Vice Chairman Picerno stated Chris Lassiter was unable to attend today's meeting. Vice Chairman Picerno stated, on behalf of the Moore County Board of Commissioners, he will deliver the Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Lassiter, recognizing him for his time and work on the Major Events and All Hazards Central North Carolina Information Board, and for keeping everyone informed during Tropical Storm Chantel.

Vice Chairman Picerno offered comments and suggested a location in a Moore County facility be sought to house Mr. Lassiter in the future for him to be able to continue his work as a valuable public servant for the citizens of Moore County.

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

A. Planning - Central Pines Rural Planning Organization Presentation

Principal Planner Karyl Fuller with Central Pines Regional Council presented the Central Pines Rural Planning Organization update. This presentation is hereby made a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendix C.

Commissioner Adams asked what the time period would be to submit a list of projects to them. Ms. Fuller stated that the projects have already been submitted, but the Board could swap one of the projects in the four that were initially submitted.

Vice Chairman Picerno offered comments and stated the Board should look at speeding up the process of completing the Land Use Plan by the end of the year.

Chairman Cook offered comments. A citizen contacted him asking why the trees were taken down along a portion of 15/501 North. Ms. Fuller replied that she did not have an answer, but she would contact NCDOT and inquire.

Commissioner Adams thanked Ms. Fuller for her presentation. He said the Board should receive the projects in a timely manner to better assist with prioritization. Ms. Fuller offered comments in reply.

Chairman Cook stated it is essential for the Land Use Plan to be completed as soon as possible.

6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

A. Planning - Call to Public Hearing for a Conventional Rezoning Request: a portion of ParID 20020074 from Rural Agricultural (RA) and Residential and Agricultural-40 (RA-40) to Highway Commercial (B-2) 6620 US 15-501 Hwy

Planning Director Ruth Pedersen presented a request to call a public hearing for a Conventional Rezoning for a 3.59-acre portion of one parcel from Rural Agricultural (RA) and Residential and Agricultural - 40 (RA-40) to Highway

Commercial (B-2) owned by Araya Associates, per Deed Book 6273, Page 545 and further described as Parcel ID 20020074 in Moore County tax records.

The subject property is zoned Rural Agricultural (RA) and Residential and Agricultural - 40 (RA-40). It is adjacent to ParID 00030354, which is also owned by Araya Associates, LLC, and zoned Highway Commercial (B-2). A recombination survey has already been completed, combining the 3.59 acres proposed to be rezoned with the adjacent parcel ParID 00030354. The remaining 1.80 acres of ParID 20020074 will be subdivided off and would remain zoned Residential and Agricultural -40 (RA-40), with the existing residential dwelling, see Exhibit A. The end result, if the rezoning request is approved, would be Highway Commercial (B-2) zoning for the entire parcel. Araya Associates LLC operates a garden center/contractors storage yard on the adjacent parcel and will use this additional 3.59 acres for inventory storage, storage of rock pallets, plant backstock, and staff parking. This will also enable the existing commercial business to become compliant with Unified Development Ordinance requirements for businesses operating within the Highway Corridor Overlay District – Urban Transition -15-501, regarding storage and parking.

The subject property is wooded land with a single-family dwelling existing on-site. Adjacent properties include a single-family dwelling on farmland with cell towers, a commercial property owned by the applicant and used for garden center/contractor storage yard, and other single-family dwellings.

The subject property is on US 15-501 Highway, close to the intersection of Doubs Chapel Road and US 15-501 Highway.

The subject property is located near the city limits of Carthage. The parcel is within the Cape Fear, Little River (Vass) WS-IIIP watershed (average of 2 dwelling units / 1 acre per project OR 20,000 square foot lot excluding street right-of-way). Any non-residential development on this property would be limited to 24% built upon area. The property is also located within a High Quality Watershed, meaning that development covering more than an acre of land would require a Post-Construction Stormwater Management Permit from the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality.

The subject property is located within the Highway Corridor Overlay District – Urban Transition -15-501, and additional development restrictions will apply and be discussed during the commercial application process.

The Planning Board voted 9-0 that the requested Conditional Rezoning was inconsistent with the Moore County Land Use Plan, and they voted 5-4 to recommend denial of this rezoning request.

Discussion followed.

Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Picerno, seconded by Commissioner Von Canon, the Board voted 5-0 to call for a public hearing on September 16, 2025, for a Conventional Rezoning for a 3.59-acre portion of one parcel from Rural Agricultural (RA) and Residential and Agricultural - 40 (RA-40) to Highway Commercial (B-2) owned by Araya Associates, per Deed Book 6273, Page 545 and further described as Parcel ID 20020074 in Moore County tax records.

B. <u>Transportation - Call to Public Hearing for FY 2026-2027 5311 Community Transportation Program Grant Application</u>

Transportation Director Sonia Biggs presented a request to call for a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 5:30 pm, to receive

public comment regarding the submittal of the FY 2026-2027 Community Transportation Program Grant Application for Administrative and Capital costs. Moore County Transportation Services receives the Community Transportation Program Grant each year, which provides funding for Administrative and Capital expenses. The Unified Grant Application was released on April 1, 2025, with the pre-application phase (Phase I). All necessary steps were taken, and MCTS was authorized to proceed to the application phase (Phase II). MCTS plans to apply for the Community Transportation Program grant as detailed below.
The allocated funding for the FY 2026-2027 Administrative portion is $331,611.00. The Administrative portion provides funding for administrative expenses such as salaries and fringe benefits for the administrative staff: Transportation Director (100%), Administrative Officer II (100%), Transportation Office Coordinator (100%), Fleet & Route Coordinator (50%).
The requested funding for the FY2026-2027 Capital portion is $119,815.00. The Capital portion provides funding for large purchases such as vehicles, technology, including computers, software, etc. Anticipated purchases include one (1) Raised Roof Van w/Lift, lettering and logos for new vehicles, and replacement of 5 transportation computers.
The combined funding requests for the Administrative and Capital portions total $451,426.00.
The Administrative grant portion requires a 15% local match of $49,743.00. The Capital grant portion requires a 10% local match of $11,982.00. The combined local share total is $61,725.00. The local share match will be funded through contract revenues.
Upon motion made by Commissioner Ritter, seconded by Commissioner Von Canon, the Board voted 5-0 to call for a public hearing on September 16, 2025, at 5:30 pm, to receive public comment regarding the FY 2026-2027 Community Transportation Program Grant Application.

Chairman Cook requested someone from NCDOT attend the September 16, 2025, Public Hearing that will be held for a Conventional Rezoning for a 3.59-acre portion of one parcel from Rural Agricultural (RA) and Residential and Agricultural - 40 (RA-40) to Highway Commercial (B-2) owned by Araya Associates, to answer any questions that may arise.

7. QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS
There were none.

8. OLD BUSINESS
There was none.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. <u>Administration - Apparatus Purchase for High Falls Fire Department - Brush Truck</u>
Public Safety Director Bryan Phillips presented a request for the approval of the purchase of a new Brush Truck, a Ford F350, for the High Falls Dam Fire Department for the Glendon Substation for $110,114.

He also presented a request for the approval of the Budget Amendment for Option 3 under Financial Impact and authorize the Chairman to sign.
High Falls Fire Department (100% County Funded) has requested to purchase a new Brush Truck for the Glendon Substation, according to the fiscal year 2025-2026 replacement plan adopted by the Fire Commission. The Fire Commission approved this item at their July 10, 2025, meeting. The funding formula cost for a Brush Truck is $132,000. The Brush Truck is a new purchase and will not replace any current vehicle.
The following quotes were received:
Parks Ford – 2025 F350 4x4 SD Crew Cab 8' box $71,751.35
Capital Ford – 2025 Ford F350 XL Crew Cab $80,376.19
Piedmont Trucks – 2026 Ford F350 Crew Cab 4x4 pickup short bed $76,850.50
The add-ons consist of the following:

- Darley Quote for the skid amount of $21,240.00
- Kar-Kraft Quote for the Wench for $3,794
- Fleet Connect Quote less the VP8000 Portable Radio $16,234.09-$4,313.56 = $11,920.53
- Beane Signs for truck signage quote for $1,407.90
- Total Add-ons $38,362.43

Finance Options:

1. Finance with First Bank, amount not to exceed $133,000 at 4.1875% fixed for 5 years OR amount not to exceed $133,000 at 4.29% for 7 years.
2. Finance with Home Trust Bank, amount not to exceed $126,000 at 4.46% for 5 years or amount not to exceed $126,000 at 4.65% for 7 years.
3. Pay from Capital Reserve Fund 258 with no financing, the amount of $110,114.00 to High Falls Fire Department. If approved, the appropriation would be made from CR Fund 258 to Fire Debt Fund 216 (with no financing) and paid to the High Falls Fire Department to purchase the vehicle. The brush truck would be paid from 21656500 56345 HFALL account number in the general ledger.

Vice Chairman Picerno offered comments with his observations of these types of trucks being parked at establishments where they are not being used for emergency reasons. Mr. Phillips stated that it is more cost-effective to take vehicles such as these out on preplanning runs, and/or running errands for the fire department. Eagle Springs Fire Chief and Fire Commission Chair Mike St. Onge offered comments, stating that most fire departments have made these types of vehicles into combination trucks, and he gave several examples. Chief St. Onge also said the firemen on duty may use these trucks on calls, but could stop and get lunch at an establishment.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Vice Chairman Picerno, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the purchase of a new Brush Truck, a Ford F350, for the High Falls Fire Department for the Glendon Substation in the amount of $110,114.

Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Picerno, seconded by Commissioner Adams, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Budget Amendment for Option 3 under Financial Impact and authorize the Chairman to sign and this

document is hereby made a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendix D.

B. <u>Administration - Apparatus Purchase for Eagle Spring Fire - Service Truck</u>
Public Safety Director Bryan Phillips presented a request for approval to purchase a new Service Truck, a 2026 HINO XL7 for Eagle Springs Fire Department for $184,125.00 to replace Service Truck 629, a 2000 GMC Model Isuzu Engine Box Truck with 104,000 miles, which has a blown head gasket and smokes badly to be sold for scrap.
Mr. Phillips also presented a request for the Board to approve the Budget Amendment for option two under Financial Impact and authorize the Chairman to sign.
The Eagle Springs Fire Department (100% County Funded) has requested to purchase a new Service Truck for the fiscal year 2025-2026 based on the replacement plan adopted by the Fire Commission. The Fire Commission approved this item at their July 10, 2025 meeting. The funding formula cost for a Service Truck is $186,000.
The following quotes were received:

1. Quote 1 - $155,675 + $67,866 = $223,541 from Freightliner
2. Quote 2 - $163,483 + $67,866 = $231,349 from International
3. Quote 3 - $116,259 + $67,866 = $184,125 from Vanguard Truck Centers

All quotes above include the additional costs of the Body, Lights, and Signage of $67,866.
Financing Options:

1. Finance with Fidelity Bank for $184,125 at 6.25% for 5 years.
2. Pay from Capital Reserve Fund 258 with no financing the amount of $184,125 to Eagle Springs Fire Department for the purchase of the truck. If approved, the appropriation would be made from Capital Reserve Fund 258 to Fire Debt Fund 216 (with no financing) and paid to Eagle Springs Fire Department to make the purchase. The service vehicle would be paid from the general ledger account number 2165650 56345 EAGSP.

Chief St. Onge offered comments.
Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Picerno, seconded by Commissioner Von Canon, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the purchase of a new Service Truck, a 2026 HINO XL7 for Eagle Springs Fire Department in the amount of $184,125.00 to replace Service Truck 629, a 2000 GMC Model Isuzu Engine Box Truck with 104,000 miles which has a blown head gasket and smokes badly to be sold for scrap.

Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Picerno, seconded by Commissioner Von Canon, the Board approved the Budget Amendment for option two under Financial Impact and authorized the Chairman to sign. This document is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendix E.

C. <u>Administration - Apparatus Purchase Reimbursement for Cypress Pointe Fire</u>
Public Safety Director Bryan Phillips presented a request for approval for the Cypress Pointe Fire Department to refurbish a 1996 Dodge Brush Truck 218 for an approximate total cost not to exceed $22,000 and reimburse Cypress Pointe

76.10% (split amount not to exceed $16,742) once the invoices and proof of payment are received for reimbursement.

Mr. Phillips also presented a request for the Board to approve the Budget Amendment as presented and authorize the Chairman to sign.

On March 13, 2025, the Fire Commission approved a capital purchase request for Cypress Pointe Fire and Rescue to refurbish Brush 218, a 1996 Dodge with 61,713 miles. The cost to refurbish this truck with a new pump and tank, front and rear bumpers, replace the emergency lights, and repaint will be approximately $22,000. The department is requesting that their municipal split (76.1%) be paid to them from capital, and the remaining be paid from the fire department's cash. This truck is currently on the capital replacement plan, but listed with a date of TBD with no replacement date soon. The Public Safety Director and Fire Commission stated that the refurbishment should extend the vehicle's life by 10 years, allowing for a replacement.

Reimburse Cypress Pointe Fire 76.1% (split amount) for costs not to exceed $22,000 to refurbish Brush 218, a 1996 Dodge Truck, once County Staff receive the invoices and proof of payment. The reimbursement would come from the appropriated fund balance remaining in Fund 216 Fire Debt of $30,844 if approved.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Vice Chairman Picerno, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Cypress Pointe Fire Department refurbish a 1996 Dodge Brush Truck 218 for an approximate total cost not to exceed $22,000 and reimburse Cypress Pointe 76.10% (split amount not to exceed $16,742) once the invoices and proof of payment are received for reimbursement by County Staff.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Von Canon, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Budget Amendment and authorize the Chairman to sign, and it is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendix F.

D. <u>Administration - Moore County New Courthouse and Renovation - Change Order #15</u>

Capital Project Manager Richard Smith presented a request for approval of the Settlement Agreement and Release between New Atlantic Contracting Inc., Moseley Architects and the County of Moore and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Mr. Smith also presented a request for the Board to approve Change Order 15 for $406,280.00 between the County of Moore and New Atlantic Contracting, Inc. of Winston-Salem, NC, and authorize the Chairman to sign.

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 $43,094,785. The change order is for an increase of $406,280.00. The new contract sum will be $43,501,065. This Change Order will change the Contract Sum for $406,280.00 to $43,501,065. This additional amount is within the Capital Project Ordinance (Fund 432).

Commissioner Adams asked if this would be the last change order request. Mr. Smith said it would be the last request.

Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Picerno, seconded by Commissioner Ritter, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release between New Atlantic Contracting Inc., Moseley Architects, and the County of Moore and authorize the Chairman to sign upon County Attorney approval.

Vice Chairman Picerno moved, seconded by Commissioner Ritter, that the Board vote 5-0 to approve Change order 15 in the amount of $406,280.00 between the County of Moore and New Atlantic Contracting, Inc. of Winston-Salem, NC.

E. Sheriff - 2025-Ilderton Dodge Contract Amendment

Chief Deputy Sheriff Andy Conway presented a request to amend contract 2025-295 Ilderton to change the description from six (6) 2025 Dodge Durango AWD Pursuit vehicles to one (1) 2025 Dodge Durango AWD and five (5) 2026 Dodge Durango AWD Pursuit vehicles.

In June 2025, the Board of Commissioners approved the purchase of six (6) 2025 Dodge Durango AWD pursuit vehicles from Ilderton Dodge. On July 31, 2025, we were advised by Kim Tuttle, Director of Government Fleet Sales for Ilderton Dodge, that they would not be able to deliver all six of the 2025 Durangos ordered. She advised that they had received one 2025, which we already received, and that they had ordered five 2026 model Durangos to fulfill the order. Director Tuttle also confirmed that the 2026 models are price-protected.

The contract amendment to one (1) 2025 Dodge Durango AWD and five (5) 2026 Dodge Durango AWD Pursuit vehicles will not change the already approved $251,500.00 of the original contract under general ledger account 43712055 55020 (Sheriff Vehicles - Fund 437 Standard Allowance).

Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Picerno, seconded by Commissioner Von Canon, the Board voted 5-0 to approve Contract Amendment No. 1 with Horace G. Ilderton, LLC for the purchase of one (1) 2025 Dodge Durango AWD and five (5) 2026 Dodge Durango AWD Pursuit vehicles with an anticipated delivery date prior to October 31, 2025 and authorize the Chairman to sign. This amendment is hereby made a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendix G.

F. Finance - Sheriff Department Taser Purchase - Sole Source and Resolution

Finance Director Caroline Xiong presented a request to proceed with the adoption of the resolution, which makes certain findings and determinations regarding the contract to finance the tasers and cartridges from Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the Sheriff's Department, and approves the filing of an application with the Local Government and requesting the Local Government Commission to approve the financing.

Ms. Xiong also requested the Board to authorize the County Manager to sign the LGC application, approve the sole source for Axon Enterprise, Inc., and approve the budget amendment as presented.

Axon Enterprise, Inc. has restructured its pricing for tasers and related equipment. While individual purchases remain possible, the cost of buying tasers, pods, or batteries on an à la carte basis has been set significantly higher.

In practice, this makes the five-year agreement the only cost-effective option for agencies wishing to maintain support and this less lethal option.
Under this contractual agreement, all tasers are upgraded to the latest models, with virtually unlimited pods and batteries provided. The contract also includes replacement units as needed, along with multiple training aids and comprehensive training, all of which are included in the price.
The estimated cost over the 60 months is $531,000 before tax and $561,133.16 including tax. Due to the length of the agreement (60 months) and the dollar amount, this agreement is considered a lease contract and requires LGC approval.
Chief Deputy Sheriff Andy Conway offered comments.
Upon motion made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Von Canon, the Board voted 5-0 to proceed with the adoption of the proposed resolution which makes certain findings and determinations regarding the contract to finance the Sheriff's Department tasers and cartridges, and approves the filing of an application with the Local Government and requesting the Local Government Commission to approve the lease contract. The resolution is hereby incorporated as a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendix H.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Ritter, the Board voted 5-0 to authorize the County Manager to sign the LGC application.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Von Canon, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the sole source form for Axon Enterprise, Inc., and this form is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendix I.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Von Canon, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the budget amendment as presented, and it is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendix J.

G. Administration - Dissolution of Water/Sewer Task Force and Land Use Plan/UDO Task Force

County Manager Wayne Vest presented a request for the dissolution of the Moore County Water/Sewer Task Force and the Land Use Plan/Unified Development Ordinance Task Force.
The Board of Commissioners established and appointed Commissioners Cook and Picerno to the Water/Sewer Task Force on January 19, 2023. The Board established and appointed Commissioners Picerno and Ritter to the Land Use Plan/Unified Development Ordinance Task Force on January 24, 2023.
As the County narrows down water source options and nears completion of the Land Use Plan, commissioners have stated their desire to combine the work of these two task forces and receive input from the full Board membership on these items henceforth. Direction to move forward with the official dissolution of these two task forces at the Board's next Regular Meeting was given during a Special Meeting of the Board held on August 20, 2025.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Ritter, seconded by Vice Chairman Picerno, the Board voted 5-0 to dissolve the Water/Sewer Task Force and the Land Use Plan/Unified Development Ordinance Task Force, effective upon approval.

10. APPOINTMENTS

A. Board of Commissioners - Appointment to the Moore County Voluntary Agricultural District Board

Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Picerno, seconded by Commissioner Ritter, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Duane Jackson to the Moore County Voluntary Agricultural District Board with a term expiring August 31, 2028.

Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Picerno, seconded by Commissioner Adams, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Ken Riggsbee to the Moore County Voluntary Agricultural District Board with a term expiring August 31, 2028.

B. Board of Commissioners - Appointment to the Department of Social Services Board of Directors

Vice Chairman Picerno offered comment regarding this appointment and feels it is essential that a commissioner be appointed to this board.

Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Picerno, seconded by Commissioner Von Canon, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Vice Chairman Picerno to the Moore County Department of Social Services Board of Directors with a term effective October 1, 2025, and expiring June 30, 2028.

C. Board of Commissioners - Appointments to the Airport Authority

Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Picerno, seconded by Commissioner Von Canon, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Randy Saunders to the Moore County Airport Authority with a term expiring September 2029.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Chairman Cook, the Board voted 4-1 (with Picerno voting no), to appoint Dr. Michael Jones to the Moore County Airport Authority with a term expiring September 2029.

D. Board of Commissioners - Appointment to the Moore County Planning Board

Upon motion made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Vice Chairman Picerno, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Robert Bortins to the Moore County Planning Board to fill an unexpired term expiring June 2026.

Commissioner Von Canon thanked everyone who has applied for various boards and committees in Moore County. Applicants being mostly overqualified for these positions makes it challenging for the Board to make a choice. He said Moore County is fortunate to have so many qualified and interested individuals willing to serve.

11. ADDITIONAL AGENDA

There were no additional agenda items.

12. **MANAGER'S REPORT**
There was no report.

13. **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Von Canon offered comments and said he feels Moore County is making a lot of headway with items that are being worked on currently. He is proud of the Moore County staff and all their efforts.

Commissioner Adams offered comments regarding the importance of the first responders in Moore County and the support from the Board of Commissioners for them. He is thankful for the first responders' willingness to serve the citizens of Moore County and keep Moore County safe.
Commissioner Adams stated he attended the Change of Command Ceremony for the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg and offered comments about it being an impressive event.

Commissioner Ritter thanked Vice Chairman Picerno for his willingness to serve on the Department of Social Services Board. He feels it is essential for a commissioner to be on this board.
Commissioner Ritter feels blessed to have so many talented people in Moore County. He is thankful there are so many people willing to serve on the boards and committees in Moore County.

Vice Chairman Picerno offered comments and stated he appreciates the firefighters and first responders and their service to Moore County. He said it is the Board's responsibility to ensure that taxpayers' funds are being spent on what they are intended for; justification of county dollars is essential.

Chairman Cook thanked Richard Smith for his work on the courthouse; he has done an outstanding job.
Chairman Cook thanked Gene Boles and his staff for all the work they do as well.
Chairman Cook stated that people should be accountable for what they say and think before speaking.
He offered positive comments and applauded the efforts of the first responders in Moore County.

14. **CLOSED SESSION**
Upon motion made by Chairman Cook, seconded by Commissioner Ritter, the Board voted 5-0 to enter into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged.

Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Picerno, seconded by Commissioner Adams, at 12:38pm, the Board voted 5-0 to come out of closed session and seal the minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Picerno, seconded by Commissioner Von Canon, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn the September 2, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Moore County Board of Commissioners at 12:39pm.

Kurt J Cook

Chairman Kurt J. Cook

Jennifer Parks

Clerk to the Board Jennifer Parks

COUNTY OF MOORE
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BUDGET ORDINANCE

FY 2025/2026

Adopted June 5, 2025
Amended June 17, 2025
Amended August 19, 2025

BUDGET ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND SETTING THE TAX RATE FOR THE COUNTY OF MOORE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026.

WHEREAS Article 3 of Chapter 159 of the North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS) requires local governments in North Carolina to adopt ordinances establishing an annual budget, in accordance with procedures established in said Article 3, and

WHEREAS the Moore County Board of Commissioners, following a public hearing as required by law has considered the proposed annual budget for Moore County for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY OF MOORE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT:

SECTION 1 REVENUES

The following revenues are hereby appropriated for operating the County government for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026:

GENERAL FUND 100 BUDGET SUMMARY

Revenues:	
Property Taxes	$67,821,982
Rental Vehicle Tax	$116,000
Sales Tax (Art 39, 40 and 42)	$29,216,250
Sales Tax (Article 46)	$5,622,750
Medicaid Hold Harmless	$4,652,547
ABC Revenues/Video Franchise Tax	$426,000
Interest income	$6,000,000
Transfer In from Bond Interest	$150,000
Transfer in from Fund 251 CR for Debt Service MCS	$4,000,000
Transfer In from Fund 254 SCC Debt Service	$271,497
Transfer in from Fund 255 Article 46 Capital Projects	$1,254,008
Transfer in from Fund 253 SCC 6% Debt Service	$416,215
Transfer In from Court Fund 432 for Debt Service	$1,936,438
Transfer In from Fund 437 Pandemic Std Allowance	$200,000
Transfer In from Multi-Yr Grants Fund 240-Health	$88,753
Transfer In from Fund 290 Opioid Settlement Funds	$50,000
Appropriate Restricted Fund Balance Permitting	$504,903
Departmental Revenues and Fees	$16,893,526
Child Support Enforcement	$847,950
Social Services	$7,164,188
Public Health	$866,215
Other Grants	$1,493,126
Aging/Senior Center	$1,009,171
Appropriated Fund Balance	$7,695,180

Appropriated Restricted Fund Bal-Tax Reval	$30,300
TOTAL REVENUES	**$158,726,999**

SECTION 2 EXPENDITURES

The following expenditures are appropriated to the General Fund 100 and other funds as described in sections 6 through 18 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026:

Expenditures

General Government

Governing Body $249,841

Commissioner salary for the fiscal year is $15,703 per Commissioner. Travel Reimbursements will be paid pursuant to the IRS reimbursement rates as set forth in the Board of Commissioners Travel Expense or Reimbursement Policy and Procedure.

Administration	$1,122,066
Veteran's Treatment Court	$228,913
Human Resources	$718,461
Finance	$998,559
County Attorney	$1,330,395
Tax	$3,234,821
Board of Elections	$1,201,145
Register of Deeds	$2,648,503
Information Technology/GIS	$3,370,745
Property Management	$8,687,150
TOTAL	$23,790,599

Public Safety

Sheriff	$13,564,820
Sheriff-Detention Center	$8,465,873
Sheriff-Animal Center	$1,241,126
Day Reporting Center	$126,513
Youth Services/JCPC	$128,015
Emergency Management/E-911/Fire Marshal	$2,559,563
TOTAL	$26,085,910

Environmental and Community Development

Solid Waste	$8,851,010
Planning and Community Development	$974,947
Planning Code Enforcement	$1,711,903
Cooperative Extension Service	$378,785
Soil and Water Conservation Service	$241,703
TOTAL	$12,158,348

Human Services

Child Support Enforcement	$1,019,352

Veterans Services	$556,540
Aging/Senior Center	$2,071,025
Social Services	$12,401,696
Public Health	$5,427,312
TOTAL	$21,475,925

Cultural Development

Library	$1,003,519
Parks and Recreation	$1,075,725
TOTAL	$2,079,244

Education

Public School Current Expense	$39,500,018
Public School Capital	$800,000
Public Schools Debt Service-Principal	$10,920,084
Public School Debt Service-Interest	$3,974,420
Community College Current Expense	$5,807,294
Community College Debt Service-Principal	$1,980,915
Community College Debt Service-Interest	$578,856
TOTAL	$63,561,587

Non-Departmental	$4,292,373
TOTAL	$4,292,373

Transfers

Transfer to CR Fire Service Fund 258	$0.00
Transfer to CR for Solid Waste Fund 257	$0.00
TOTAL	$0.00

Debt Service – County P&I (excluding Education)	$5,283,013
TOTAL	$5,283,013
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**$158,726,999**

SECTION 3 AD VALOREM TAX LEVY

A. There is hereby levied for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, an ad valorem tax on all property having a situs in Moore County as listed for taxes as of January 1, 2025, at a rate of twenty-nine and one-half ($.295) cents per $100 dollars of assessed value of such property, pursuant to and in accordance with the Machinery Act, Chapter 105 of the NC General Statutes, and other applicable laws.

B. There is hereby levied for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, a unified fire tax rate on all property having a situs in the Moore County Fire Protection Service District at a rate of eight and three-fourths ($.0875) cents per $100 dollars of assessed value of such property in Moore County which is attached to and made a part of this ordinance.

C. There is hereby levied for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, an Emergency Medical Service Advanced Life Support Tax on all property within such emergency service district, as listed for property taxes as of January 1, 2025, at a rate of three and three-fourths ($.0375) cents per $100 dollars of assessed value of such property, pursuant to and in accordance with the Machinery Act found in Chapter 105 of the North Carolina General Statutes and other applicable laws. Such tax can be used solely for the purpose of providing Emergency Medical Services.

D. Tax revaluation was last calculated during the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget which reflected the results of the 2023 County-wide revaluation. As required by North Carolina General Statutes, the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate has been calculated and determined to be $0.3512 cents per $100 dollars of assessed valuation for County General Fund 100, $0.0290 for EMS Advanced Life Support Fund 200 and $0.0871 for the Rural Fire Protection Fund 215.

SECTION 4 LEVY OF OTHER TAXES

There is hereby levied, all County Rental Vehicle Taxes as authorized by the NCGS, and other such taxes, as provided in the ordinances and resolutions duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners.

SECTION 5 AUTHORIZED TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS, CONTRACTING LIMITATION, AND OTHER MATTERS:

A. **AUTHORIZED TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS**

The Budget is adopted at the Fund level and the County Manager or Assistant County Manager(s), or his/her designee is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations between all County Funds under the conditions listed below:

1. The County Manager, Assistant County Manager(s), or his/her designee may transfer amounts by budget transfer between departments within a fund without limitation, but they shall be reported to the Board of Commissioners by the Finance Office.
2. The County Manager, Assistant County Manager(s), or his/her designee may transfer amounts by budget amendment between funds and these budget amendments must be reported and approved by the Board of Commissioners in an itemized report.
3. The Finance Director or the Assistant Finance Director can approve budget transfers up to and including $10,000 within the same fund.
4. The Board of Commissioners will make the original year end assignments to the General Fund balances. The Board of Commissioners can delegate and authorize the County Manager/Budget Officer to make changes to the General Fund balance assignments before the year end audit is finalized.

B. CONTRACTING LIMITATION

1. Any appropriations for land and new buildings included in this ordinance may be obligated only after approval of the Board of Commissioners.

2. The County Manager, Assistant County Manager(s), or his/her designee is authorized to obligate through the necessary agreements, contracts, grant agreements, purchase orders or other such documents, funds included in this budget ordinance <u>up to and including $100,000</u> for the following purposes:

   a. Initiate grant agreements to public and non-profit agencies,
   b. Leases of routine business equipment,
   c. Financing Agreements for purchases not including land or buildings:
   d. Consultant, professional, and/or maintenance service agreements,
   e. Purchase of apparatus, supplies, construction, repair work, and materials including where formal bids are required by state law or county policies as long as the Board of Commissioners makes the bid award as required by law;
   f. Agreements for the acceptance of State and Federal grant funds.

3. The County Manager, Assistant County Manager(s), or his/her designee is authorized to obligate funds through the necessary agreements, contracts, grant agreements, purchase orders or other such documents, included in this budget ordinance at any amount so long as the Board of Commissioners approves/authorizes by majority vote the County Manager, Assistant County Manager(s), or his/her designee signing said document.

4. The Finance Director, Assistant Finance Director, or his/her designee is authorized to accept and obligate funds through grant agreements included in this budget ordinance at any amount so long as the Board of Commissioners approves/authorizes by majority vote the Finance Director, Assistant Finance Director, or his/her designee signing said document.

5. During a State of Emergency situation, the County Manager, Assistant County Manager(s), or his/her designee is authorized to obligate funds through the necessary agreements, contracts, grant agreements, purchase orders, listed in item 2e and 2f above, or other such documents, included in this budget ordinance at any amount as designated in the State of Emergency Declaration.

6. The Sheriff or Chief Deputy is hereby authorized to execute necessary agreements within the Sheriff's Office Operational Fund including Detention and Animal Services up to and including $100,000 with the exception of the ABC Law Enforcement Revenue Contract which may be approved for any amount in accordance with State law and County policies. Any amount above $100,000 must have the approval of the Board of Commissioners unless the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Sheriff or Chief Deputy to approve the necessary agreements.

7. The Health Director is hereby authorized to execute necessary agreements within the Health Operational Fund <u>up to and including $50,000</u> in accordance with State law and County policies. The Health Director is to notify the County Manager and

Assistant County Manager(s) or his/her designee and provide a copy of any such agreements authorized in this paragraph no later than the next workday. The County Manager can sign up to and including $100,000 for Health. Any amount above $100,000 must have the approval of the Board of Commissioners unless the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Health Director to approve the necessary agreements.

8. Department Directors are hereby authorized to execute contracts up to $30,000 for their respective departments only.

9. For federal procurement, in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.320(a)(1)(iv) and the applicable provisions of North Carolina law, the County of Moore hereby self-certifies the following micro-purchase thresholds, each of which is a "higher threshold consistent with State law" under 2 C.F.R. § 200.320(a)(1)(iv)(C):

   a. $30,000, for the purchase of "apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment"; and

   b. $30,000, for the purchase of "construction or repair work"; and

   c. $50,000, for the purchase of services not subject to competitive bidding under North Carolina law; and

   d. $50,000, for the purchase of services subject to the qualifications-based selection process in the Mini-Brooks Act; provided that such threshold shall apply to a contract only if the Unit has exercised an exemption to the Mini-Brooks Act, in writing, for a particular project pursuant to G.S. 143-64.32. If the exemption is not authorized, the micro-purchase threshold shall be $10,000.00.

C. **OTHER MATTERS**

1. All fees, commissions, and sums paid to or collected by any County official, officer, or agent for any service performed by said official, officer or agent in his/her official capacity shall inure to the benefit of the County and are considered County funds.

2. Pre-Audit Requirements – Pursuant to Chapter 159 of the NC General Statutes the Finance Director (Caroline Xiong) is hereby designated as a Deputy Finance Director for the purposes of pre-audit functions. Other individuals designated for Pre-Audit Requirements as Deputy Finance Director(s) for the purposes of pre-audit functions include two additional individuals: Chris Morgan, Assistant Finance Director and Terra Vuncannon, Purchasing Manager.

3. In accordance with Article V of the North Carolina Constitution, the County Manager and Assistant County Manager(s) shall require the following prior to releasing public funds to other governmental agencies or private groups:

   a. The activity to be funded is for a public purpose.
   b. The activity to be funded is one the County is authorized to undertake or for which the County has specific statutory authorization to fund.

c. Through appropriate means, the County maintains some degree of control over the funds provided through this ordinance to a governmental agency or private group.

4. The County Manager, Assistant County Manager(s), or his/her designee is authorized to disburse the Moore County Fire Protection Service District tax revenues up to and including the amount approved in this ordinance by the Board of Commissioners. The balance in this fund, if any, will be held by the County as an apparatus and building reserve for future purchases for the Rural Fire Protection Service Districts upon approval of the Fire Commission and Board of Commissioners.

SECTION 6 ENTERPRISE FUNDS

The following funds are designated as Enterprise Funds and are to be accounted for as such:

Water Pollution Control Plant Fund 600	$7,519,485
Public Utilities Fund 610	$17,689,265

Note: The East Moore Water District Fund 620 will be accounted for in a separate Budget Ordinance approved by the East Moore Water District Board.

SECTION 7 INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS

The following funds are designated as Internal Service Funds, and will be accounted for as such:

Self-Insurance/Risk Management Fund 810	$13,651,884

SECTION 8 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Annual Special Revenue Funds:

A. **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES / ALS FUND**

Emergency Medical Services Fund 200	$14,615,897

B. **EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM FUND**

Emergency Telephone System Fund 210	$194,715

C. **TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FUND**

Transportation Services Fund 230	$2,560,005

D. **SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FUND**

Soil & Water Conservation District Fund 220	$23,753

E. **FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE DISTRICT FUND** - The County accounts for the collection and distribution of property taxes on the assessed valuation of taxable property, as listed for taxes as of January 1, 2025, for special districts as listed attached hereto and made a part of this ordinance. The tax rate and appropriations shown on the Fire Protection Service District have been determined by the Fire Commission in conjunction with the various fire department representatives, and the County as necessary for the operation of their fire departments for FY 2026.

Fire Protection Service District Fund 215 Operations	$6,890,993
Fire Debt Service Fund 216 Capital	$939,776

F. **SOCIAL SERVICES CHARITABLE FUND**

The Social Services Charitable Fund accounts for funds donated to the department for specific needs.

Social Services Charitable Fund 280	$15,000

G. **SOCIAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE**

The Social Services Representative Payee Fund accounts for funds belonging to individuals who are unable to maintain those funds themselves.

Social Services Representative Payee Fund 281	$420,000

H. **OPIOID SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**

Opioid Special Revenue Fund 290	$342,171

I. **MULTI-YEAR SPECIAL REVENUE GRANTS FUND**

Multi –Year Grant Fund 240

J. **MULTI-YEAR CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS**

To track Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. These funds expire December 31, 2026.

- Multi-Year Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSLFRF) 241 $19,594,757

<u>SECTION 9 COMPONENT UNIT FUNDS</u>

The County maintains funds for the Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Moore County Airport Authority, as component units, and shall incorporate the budgets as adopted by the respective boards into the County Accounting records.

Convention and Visitors Bureau Fund 260	$4,602,035
Airport Authority Fund 640 The Airport also has a Capital Project Fund 461	$5,605,095

SECTION 10 TRUST and CUSTODIAL FUNDS

The County maintains various trust funds. Trust and Custodial Funds are identified as:

A. Sheriff Department Trust Funds-This department must maintain certain funds for daily operation. The following funds are authorized:

1. Sheriff's Department-Civil Fund-accounts for funds used in the legal aspects of docketing and collection of judgments. (Fund 730)

2. Sheriff's Department Inmate Trust Fund-accounts for commissary and inmate services. (Fund 730)

3. Special Tax District Municipal Funds-account for the collection and disbursement for special taxing districts and municipalities. (Fund 700, 710)

NCGS requires individuals who sign checks in Trust and Custodial Funds to be designated Special Deputy Finance Officer for this purpose only. On a monthly basis, each Special Deputy Finance Officer listed below will provide the County Finance Officer with a copy of the reconciled bank statement and a statement of receipts and disbursements. The following individuals are hereby authorized:

Ronnie Fields – Sheriff
Andy Conway – Chief Deputy
Eric Galloway - Major
Adam Goins – Captain
William Flint - Major
Lindsey Bufmeyer – PS Admin Services Officer II

SECTION 11A CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGETS

The County uses Capital Project Fund budgets and has incorporated these budgets into the financial and accounting systems. Capital Project Funds are used to account for capital projects that span fiscal years and/or may take more than one fiscal year to complete. The following categories of projects are accounted for in such manner:

MCPU ARP Capital Project (Linden Rd Wells/Water and Sewer Lines)– Fund 412
WPCP Capital Project – Fund 602
Pandemic Recovery Capital Projects – Fund 437
Vass Phase II Sewer System Improvements Capital Project – Fund 411

Seven Lakes Sewer Capital Project – Fund 413
Emergency Communication Narrow Banding Project – Fund 431
New Courthouse Building Capital Project – Fund 432
Parks and Recreation Capital Project – Fund 433
Solid Waste Improvement Capital Project – Fund 435
2013 Water Sources Project – Fund 447
Airport County Capital Projects – Fund 450
School and College Capital Projects – Fund 470, 480, 481, 482, 483 and 490

SECTION 11B CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

The County will maintain nine (9) Capital Reserve Funds as multi-year Capital Project Funds for the purpose of paying for future non-enterprise fund governmental projects, future non-enterprise fund debt service, future enterprise fund capital projects, future school and college projects as listed below:

1. Capital Reserve for Governmental Projects (Fund 250)
2. Capital Reserve for Debt – Consolidated with General Fund (Fund 251)
3. Capital Reserve for Enterprise – Consists of 3 separate capital reserve enterprise fund transfers from Water Pollution Control Plant, Public Utilities and East Moore Water Districts funds into this Capital Reserve for Enterprise Projects. (Fund 252)
4. Capital Reserve for Capital Projects for Sandhills Community College (Fund 253)
5. Capital Reserve for Debt Service for Sandhills Community College (Fund 254)
6. Capital Reserve for Capital Construction Projects for Moore County Schools (Fund 255)
7. Capital Reserve for Debt Service for Moore County Schools (Fund 256)
8. Capital Reserve for Solid Waste (Fund 257)
9. Capital Reserve for Fire Protection Services (Fund 258)

SECTION 12 TEN YEAR CAPITAL PROJECT PLAN

The County Manager has prepared a ten-year capital forecast. It is included as a part of the budget document for planning purposes only. The ten-year capital plan does not authorize the expenditure of funds.

SECTION 13 MOORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Moore County School Board may not adjust the County appropriation in any manner without prior approval of the Board of Commissioners in accordance with NCGS 159-13.

SECTION 14 SANDHILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The County has provided funding to the Community College for Current Expense expenditures in accordance with NCGS 115D-55. The Community College may not adjust County appropriations in any manner without the prior approval of the Board of Commissioners.

SECTION 15 DUAL SIGNATURES ON CHECKS AND ELECTRONIC AND FACSIMILE SIGNATURES

The County will use dual signatures on checks and drafts made on County funds in accordance with NCGS 159-25(b). The signatures of the County Manager or Assistant County Manager(s) and the Finance Director or the Deputy or Assistant Finance Director, following proof of warrant, are the authorized signatures of Moore County.

Pursuant to NCGS 159-28.1, the County authorizes the use of electronic signatures, facsimile signature machines, signature stamps, or similar devices in signing checks and drafts and in signing the pre-audit certificate on contracts or purchase orders. The Finance Officer or his/her designee will be responsible for the custody of their electronic signature, facsimile machines, stamps, plates, and other devices.

Pursuant to NCGS 66-58.4, the County is authorized to use and accept electronic signatures in the execution of contracts. Any individual authorized to execute contracts on behalf of the County is authorized to do so using an electronic signature. All electronic signatures must be in compliance with NCGS 66-58.5.

SECTION 16 FINANCIAL REPORTING

The Finance Director, Assistant Finance Director or designee, will submit a monthly financial report for the County Manager, Assistant County Manager(s) and the Board of Commissioners and, from time to time, other reports as required by the County Manager, Assistant County Manager(s) and/or the Board of Commissioners.

SECTION 17 RESERVES FOR ENCUMBRANCES

The reserves for encumbrances on June 30, 2025; and carry over appropriations representing prior commitments as of that date shall be re-appropriated pursuant to NCGS 159-13 to the departments within the various funds unless excluded by the County Manager or Assistant County Manager(s). Expenditures against these encumbrances may be made during fiscal year 2025-2026 as the previous commitments are satisfied.

SECTION 18 FEE SCHEDULE

The Annual Fee Schedule, which is attached to this ordinance, sets all fees authorized to be charged by the County for County goods, services or other functions provided by County personnel, equipment, including consultation and other such activities; and is hereby approved.

SECTION 19 INVALID OR UNCONSTITUTIONAL PORTIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE

Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of said ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 20 EFFECTIVE DATE

That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect on July 1, 2025.

Adopted the 5th day of June 2025 and amended the 17th day of June,,2025, and amended the 19th day of August, 2025 effective July 1, 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

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RESOLUTION BY THE MOORE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PASS A LOCAL ACT AUTHROZING MOORE COUNTY TO BRING THE ROADS IN THE SEVEN LAKES BUSINESS DISTRICT UP TO NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STANDARDS IN CONJUCTION WITH A MAJOR SEWER PROJECT WHEREIN SEWER WILL BE RUN FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE SEVEN LAKES BUSINESS DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Seven Lakes is located within the unincorporated area of Moore County, North Carolina. The roads in Seven Lakes Business District are owned by Village Roads Association, Inc. and are in very poor condition and do not meet the standard specifications for roads set forth by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) in order for NCDOT to accept ownership of the roads. The Village Roads Association, Inc. will donate the roads to the County to bring the roads up to NCDOT standards if the General Assembly authorizes the County to appropriate County funds for that purpose. Once the roads are up to NCDOT standards, the County will request NCDOT to take over the roads for continued upkeep and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the local businesses within the Seven Lakes Business District do not have the financial capacity to upgrade the roads to NCDOT standards. Not only are the roads in poor condition within the Seven Lakes Business District, but some areas also routinely flood due to heavy rainfall and cause safety hazards and business property damage; and

WHEREAS, recently, the State appropriated $15 million (minus $225,000 for administrative cost to the State = $14,775,000) to the County for a major Sewer Project where new sewer lines, pump stations, and stormwater will be installed in the Seven Lakes area for first time including the Seven Lakes Business District. The State funding is being administered by the NC Division of Water Infrastructure, project SRP-W-134-0132. The County will also provide funding for the Project.

WHEREAS, the ideal time to upgrade the roads in the Seven Lakes Business District to meet NCDOT standards will occur during the County's construction of the Sewer Project impacting the same roads in the Seven Lakes Business District.

WHEREAS, the County requests the General Assembly to include in the local act the authority to create a road district, similar to sewer districts, enabling the County to recoup the cost for the upgraded roads within the Seven Lakes Business District over a period of time.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Moore County Board of Commissioners requests the North Carolina General Assembly to grant Moore County a local act authorizing Moore County to bring the roads in Seven Lakes Business District up to North Carolina Department of Transportation standards in order for the North Carolina Department of Transportation to assume ownership of the roads for continued upkeep and maintenance.

Adopted this 19th day of August 2025.

Kurt Cook

Kurt Cook, Chairman
Moore County Board of Commissioners

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Clerk to the Board

APPENDIX C

Central Pines RPO -- Introduction

Karyl Fuller
Central Pines RPO Director
Principal Planner, CPRC

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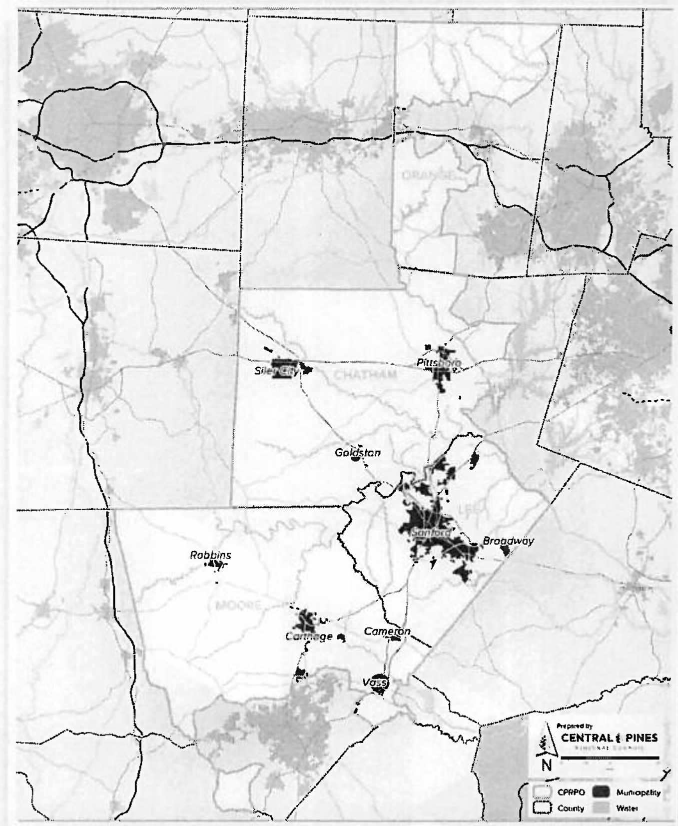
CPRPO- Central Pines Rural (Transportation) Planning Organization

The Central Pines Rural Planning Organization (CPRPO) is a voluntary association of local governments in Chatham, Lee, Moore, and Orange Counties that plans rural transportation systems and advises the NCDOT on rural transportation policy. CPRPO is administered by the Central Pines Regional Council.

Current member governments are:

- Chatham County
  - Goldston
  - Pittsboro
  - Siler City
- Lee County
  - Broadway
  - Sanford
- Moore County
  - Cameron
  - Carthage
  - Robbins
  - Vass
- Orange County



CPRPO

- Formed in 2003
- Created under State Law (N.C.G.S. 136-211)
- Serves Lee County and the non-MPO areas of Chatham, Moore and Orange Counties
- Governed by two committees:
  - Technical Coordinating Committee (local/state staff) – 14+ members currently; each county and town, 3 NCDOT reps, 1 CPRC rep
  - Transportation Advisory Committee (elected officials) – 8 members currently; each county; one town rep from each county; and 1 NCDOT Board of Transportation rep
- Committees meet every other month (TCC in AM, TAC in PM same day)
- CPRC serves as staff to CPRPO and administers program

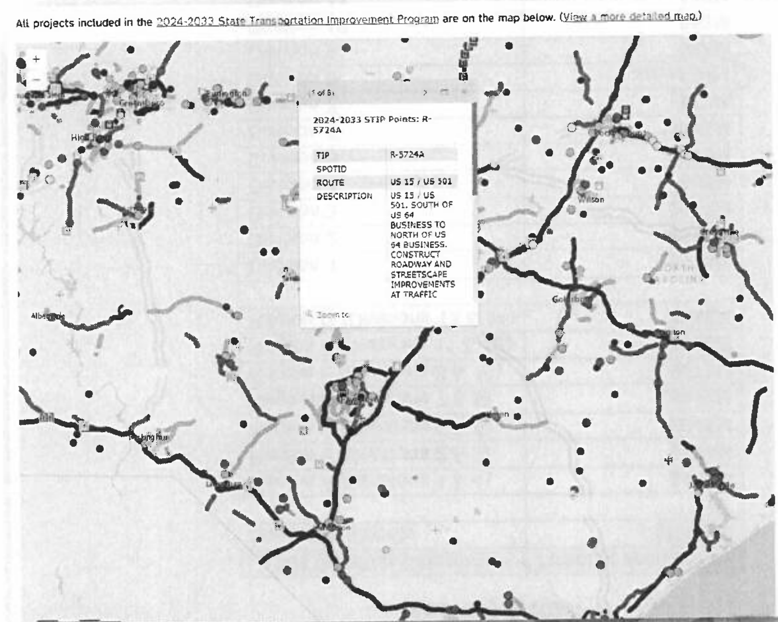
- Current Chairs:
  - Technical Coordinating Committee – Nish Trivedi, Orange County
  - Transportation Advisory Committee – Kirk Smith, Lee County

Recent RPO-Related Work

- **Prioritization 8.0**
  - Project Solicitation, Prioritization, SPOT Online Entry, and Data Review
- Communication
  - Produce Newsletter (5-6 times a year)
  - Serve as a representative on various NCDOT and local committees
  - Work with other RPOs to support rural transportation planning as part of NCARPO
  - Work with local jurisdictions and NCDOT to develop long-range plans, and review planned projects
  - Serve as a point of contact for transportation related information
- Administrative
  - Updating Public Involvement Plan
  - Maintaining CPRPO's website (www.centralpinesrpo.org)
  - Organizing Board meetings for TCC and TAC every other month

State Transportation Improvement Program

- Typically, NCDOT develops a 10-year Statewide Transportation Improvement Program every two years.
- Currently, we are operating under 2024-2033 STIP. See here for the full document and here for a map showing all of the projects.



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Prioritization 8.0—Current Status & Next Steps

- Submitting new projects now. SPOT Scores will be released in late Spring 2026
- For Regional and Division projects, besides the SPOT score, there is the opportunity for the RPO to put local input points on local priorities
  - Regional Local Input Points will be assigned in Summer 2026
  - Division points will be assigned in Fall 2026

Draft 2028-2037 STIP Estimated Funding Availability for Selecting Projects from Prioritization 8.0
As of July 9, 2025

STI Funding Category	Funding Availability
Statewide Mobility	$1,665M
Region A (Divisions 1 & 4)	$145M
Region B (Divisions 2 & 3)	$104M
Region C (Divisions 5 & 6)	$646M
Region D (Divisions 7 & 9)	$319M
Region E (Divisions 8 & 10)	$277M
Region F (Divisions 11 & 12)	$366M
Region G (Divisions 13 & 14)	$186M
Division 1	$198M
Division 2	$152M
Division 3	$112M
Division 4	$35M
Division 5	$73M
Division 6	$242M
Division 7	$77M
Division 8	$54M
Division 9	$68M
Division 10	$53M
Division 11	$43M
Division 12	$69M
Division 13	$132M
Division 14	$235M

Active Projects - CPRPO

Moore County - Central Pines RPO - Active Projects - Division 8--August 2025								
Contract # or WBS # or TIP #	Route	Description	Let Date	Completion Date	Contractor	Project Admin.	Project Cost	Notes
R-5726 C204949	NC 211	Widen to Multilanes from SR 1241 to NC 73 in West End	11/19/2024	4/9/2028	ST Wooten Corp	James Dietrich (910) 944-2344	$42,688,044	Project 10% complete
BP8.R021.3 DH00577	SR 1124 (Derby Road)	Replace Bridge No. 26 over Drowning Creek	3/25/2025	5/14/2026	Dellinger	James Dietrich (910) 944-2344	$1,311,690	Project 19% complete
15BPR.130.3 C204455	US 1 and SR 1621	Preserve Bridges 7 & 477 on US 1 and Bridge 49 on SR 1621 over Deep R.	6/18/2024	11/15/2025	FREYSSINET Inc.	Jeremy Phillips (919) 776-9623	$6,392,193	Project 52% complete
BP8.R004.1 DH00557	SR 1658 (Wadsworth Rd)	Replace Bridge #47 over Big Governors Creek	5/28/2024	8/20/2025	Fred Smith Co.	James Dietrich (910) 944-2344	$1,313,131	Project 95% complete

Upcoming Projects – CPRPO

Moore County - Central Pines RPO - Upcoming Projects - Planning & Design, R/W, or not started - Division 8–August 2025								
Contract # or WBS # or TIP #	Route	Description	Let Date	Completion Date	Contractor	Project Admin.	Funds Needed	Notes
R-5927	US 15-501	Widen to Multi-lanes from the Pinehurst Traffic Circle to NC 73 Realign McCaskill Rd with NC 73	5/20/2031	TBD	TBD	Morgan DeWit (910) 773-8037	$53,300,000	Right of Way 8/2027 Coordinated with U-5976
R-5929	NC 24-27 & US 15-501 SR 1006	Improve intersection in Carthage and adjacent intersections	6/19/2029	TBD	TBD	Jeff Stroder (910) 773-8034	$5,360,000	Right of Way 2/2027
U-3628	NC 24-27 in Carthage	Widen to three lanes from west of NC 22 (McNeill St) to US 15/501	9/16/2025	TBD	TBD	Michael Ricketts (910) 773-8033	$9,175,000	Right of Way in progress
BP8.R022.1 PE	SR 2018	Replace Bridge #198 over Crains Creek	7/28/2026	TBD	TBD	Tim Welch (910) 773-8032	TBD	State Funded Bridge Program
BP8.R024	SR 1947 Cypress Church Rd	Replace Bridge No. 6 over Beaver Creek	8/26/2025	TBD	TBD	Tim Welch (910) 773-8032	TBD	State Funded Bridge Program

Moore County Projects Being Submitted into Prioritization 8.0 – Highway

SPOT ID	Mode	TIP	Project Category	Route / Facility / Project Name	From Street	To / Cross Street	Description	Specific Improvement Type	Cost to NCDOT	County(ies)	Draft Slate
H192608	Highway		Regional Impact	US 15, US 501	NC 73	NC 24, NC 27	Widen to multilanes	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	$ 166,440,000	Moore	H7
NEW	Highway		Division Needs	SR 1209 (Murdocksville Road)	NC 211	NC 73	3-lane and Modernize SR 1209 (Murdocksville Road). 3-lane from NC 211 to Centennial Blvd. Modernize from Centennial Blvd to NC 73. Include pedestrian accommodations between NC 211 and Centennial Boulevard.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	$ 32,000,000	Moore	H8
H185158	Highway			Carthage By-way	Near Needmore Rd (SR 1647)	Near Priest Hill Rd (SR 1653)	Construct a By-pass to the North of Carthage, per 2019 CTP			Moore	H9
H150159	Highway		Statewide Mobility	US 15, US 501	NC 22 (South McNeill St)	N/A	Convert at-grade intersection to roundabout	10 - Improve Intersection	$ 4,580,000	Moore	H13

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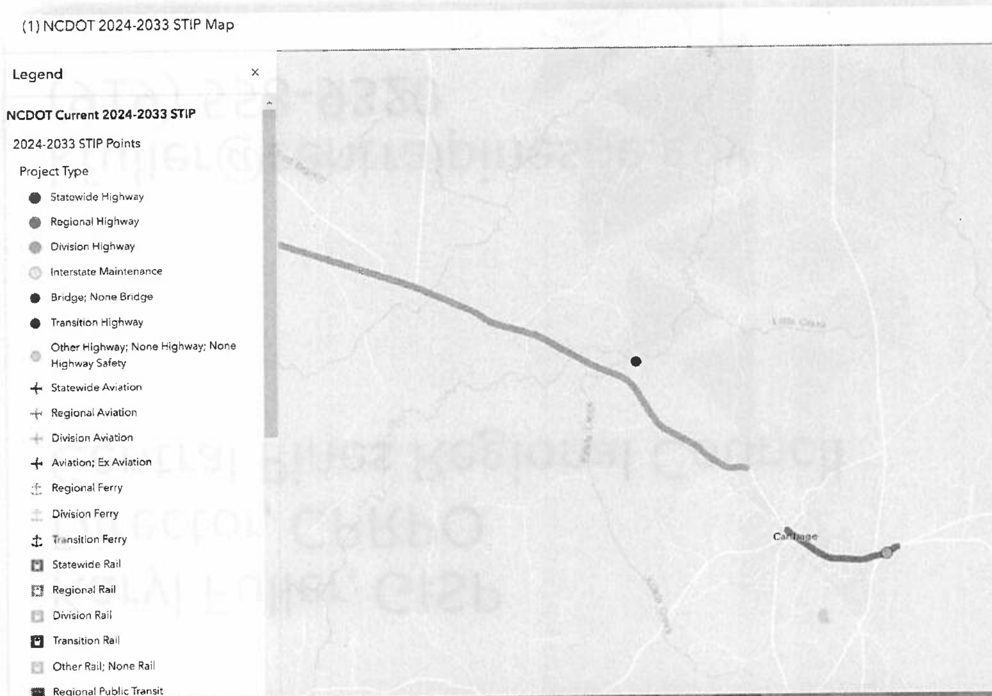
Moore County Projects Submitted into Prioritization 8.0—Rail

SPOT ID	Mode	TIP	Project Category	Route / Facility / Project Name	From Street	To / Cross Street	Description	Specific Improvement Type	Cost to NCDOT	County(ies)	Draft Slate
R231339	Rail		Regional Impact	NCRR/CSX S Line, NCRR/NS NC Line, & CSX S Line (Raleigh to Southern Pines Passenger Service)	Raleigh to Southern Pines	N/A	Upgrade rail infrastructure to support new intercity passenger service from Raleigh to Southern Pines on the NCRR NC Line and CSX S Line. The project includes necessary infrastructure, stations, and passenger equipment to begin service with three roundtrips per day.	5 - Passenger rail service (line)	$ 417,376,000	Lee, Wake, Moore, Chatham	R3
R231329	Rail		Regional Impact	NCRR/CSX S Line, NCRR/NS NC Line, & CSX S Line (Raleigh to Hamlet Passenger Service)	Raleigh to Hamlet	N/A	Upgrade rail infrastructure to support new intercity passenger service from Raleigh to Hamlet on the NCRR NC Line and CSX S Line. Project includes necessary infrastructure, stations, and passenger equipment to begin service with three roundtrips per day.	5 - Passenger rail service (line)	$ 516,151,000	Moore, Richmond, Lee, Wake, Chatham	R4
R230605	Rail		Regional Impact	CSX S Line	Southern Pines to Hamlet	N/A	Upgrade rail infrastructure to support new intercity passenger service from Southern Pines to Hamlet on the CSX S Line. Project includes necessary infrastructure, stations, and passenger equipment to begin service with three roundtrips per day. This project also includes a maintenance facility at one endpoint.	5 - Passenger rail service (line)	$ 131,506,000	Richmond, Moore	R5

Websites/Maps of Interest

- NCDOT's Engagement Hub—NCDOT has been using this website for its outreach and listening efforts for projects
- NCDOT.gov—NCDOT's main website. Home page contains state-wide and local news
- DriveNC.gov—Information on crashes, cameras, construction and other incidents.
- Average Annual Daily Traffic Map—Displays most recent traffic counts on NCDOT maintained roads
- NCDOT Maintained Roads Map — Displays the roads that NCDOT maintains
- CPRPO's website — Information for the Central Pines RPO including agendas, minutes, news, presentations and Prioritization-related information



Questions?

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Fiscal Year 2025/2026

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

Fire Capital - Fund 216 - Transfer from Capital Reserve Fire Districts

Revenue	21619056 32943	Transfer from Capital Reserve Fire Debt	320,056	110,114	430,170
Expense	21656500 56345 HFALL	Fire Debt Principal	141,161	110,114	251,275
Expense	25856656 59914	Available to be Transferred		(110,114)	(110,114)
Expense	25856656 59806	Transfer to Fire PSD Debt Fund		110,114	110,114

Approved this 2 day of September, 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

Fire Capital - Fund 216 - Transfer from Capital Reserve Fire Debt

Revenue	21619056 32943	Transfer from Capital Reserve Fire Debt	320,056	184,125	504,181
Expense	21656500 56345 EAGSP	Fire Debt Principal	75,360	184,125	259,485
Expense	25856656 59914	Available to be Transferred		(184,125)	(184,125)
Expense	25856656 59806	Transfer to Fire PSD Debt Fund		184,125	184,125

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Kurt Cook, Chairman
Moore County Board of Commissioners

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COUNTY OF MOORE CORPORATE SEAL NORTH CAROLINA

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Fiscal Year 2025/2026

Budget Line Item Number			Budgeted Amount	Increase/ (Decrease)	Revised Budget
Fire Capital - Fund 216 - Appropriated Fund Balance					
Revenue	21619000 32950	Appropriated Fund Balance	-	16,742	16,742
Expense	21656500 56345 CYPNT	Fire Debt Principal	57,414	16,742	74,156

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Moore County Board of Commissioners

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COUNTY OF MOORE CORPORATE SEAL NORTH CAROLINA

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MOORE

AMENDMENT NO. 1

This Amendment No. 1 (this "Amendment") is made this 2nd day of September 2025, between the County of Moore (the "County"), and Horace G. Ilderton, LLC (the "Contractor").

WHEREAS, the County and Contractor previously entered into an Agreement dated June 17, 2025, which was for the purpose of purchasing six (6) 2025 Dodge Durango Pursuit vehicles (the "Original Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the County and Contractor now desire to amend the Original Agreement by changing the vehicle specifications from six (6) 2025 Dodge Durango Pursuit 5.7L V8 Hemi MDS 8-spd Auto 850RE to one (1) 2025 Dodge Durango Pursuit AWD vehicle and five (5) 2026 Dodge Durango Pursuit AWD vehicles. The total contract price will remain the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements made herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. Attachment 1, Vehicle Specifications will be amended to read:

Description	Qty.	Unit Price	Total
2025 Dodge Durango Pursuit AWD 5.7L V8 Hemi MDS 8-spd Auto 850RE	1	$41,980.00	$41,980.00
2026 Dodge Durango Pursuit AWD 5.7L V8 Hemi MDS 8-spd Auto 850RE	5	$41,980.00	$209,900.00
Discount	1	-$380.00	-$380.00
		Total	$251,500.00

2. Except as provided for by this Amendment No. 1, the Original Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

The parties have expressed their agreement to these terms by causing this Amendment No. 1 to be executed by their duly authorized officers or agents as of the date first written above.

COUNTY OF MOORE

Signed by:
Kurt Cook
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Kurt Cook, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Signed by:
Jennifer Parks
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Jennifer Parks
Clerk to the Board

HORACE G. ILDERTON, LLC.

Signed by:
Catherine I Martin
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Catherine Martin
Vice President Mobility & Government Fleet

****Signatures continue on the following page****

PREAUDIT CERTIFICATE

This instrument has been preaudited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

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Caroline Xiong

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Finance Officer

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROPOSAL FROM AXON ENTERPRISE, INC., APPROVAL TO MOVE FORWARD WITH FINANCING THE PURCHASE OF TASERS WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INC., AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A FINANCING AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED BY NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE 160A-20

WHEREAS, the County of Moore, North Carolina (the "County") has determined to enter into an energy weapon agreement for the purchase of certain tasers; and

WHEREAS, the County received a sole source proposal for the financing of the purchase of tasers, and the Finance Director now recommends the Board of County Commissioners approve the proposal submitted by Axon Enterprise, Inc. The County will enter into an agreement for the financing of the tasers with Axon Enterprise, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 160A-20 of the North Carolina General Statutes, as amended, the County is authorized to finance the purchase of tasers by an energy weapon agreement that creates a security interest in the property financed to secure repayment of the financing; and

WHEREAS, the County of Moore, North Carolina desires to finance one-hundred twenty (120) Axon Taser 10 via an energy weapon agreement of $561,133.16 (including sales tax) over a period of 5 years at an interest rate of 0% (the "Project") to better serve the citizens of Moore County; and

WHEREAS, findings of fact by this governing body must be presented to enable the North Carolina Local Government Commission to make its findings of fact set forth in North Carolina General Statute 159, Article 8, Section 151 prior to approval of the proposed contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commissioners of the County of Moore, as follows:

1. The County hereby authorizes the Finance Director and County Manager to proceed with financing to finance the tasers through from Axon Enterprise, Inc. in accordance with the proposal dated September 2, 2025 (the "Axon Enterprise, Inc. Proposal") upon approval by the County Attorney, which provides the following: the amount financed shall not exceed $561,133.16, payable as follows: $561,133.16 (including sales tax) to be financed, with a term of 60 months from closing, and shall bear interest at an annual rate (in the absence of default or change in tax status) not to exceed 0%.

2. The County hereby authorizes the Finance Director and the County Manager (the "Authorized Officers"), or any one of them, to execute and deliver a purchase financing agreement consistent with the Axon Enterprise, Inc. Proposal (the "Financing Agreement"), and execute such certificates and documents and to take all such further action as they may consider necessary or desirable, to carry out the financing of the tasers as contemplated by the Axon Enterprise, Inc. Proposal and this resolution.

3. The County covenants that, to the extent permitted by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, it will comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") as required so that the interest on the County's obligations under the Financing Agreement will not be included in the gross income for federal income tax purposes of the registered owners of the interest payment obligations.

4. No deficiency judgment may be rendered against the County in any action for breach of a contractual obligation under the Financing Agreement, and the taxing power of the County is not and may not be pledged directly or indirectly to secure any moneys due under the Financing Agreement, the security interest in the tasers provided under the Financing Agreement being the sole security for the County's obligations thereunder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Moore County, North Carolina, meeting in regular session on the 2nd day of September 2025, make the following findings of fact:

1. The proposed contract is necessary or expedient to provide critical and essential equipment for protection services provided by Moore County Sheriff's Department personnel.
2. The proposed contract is preferable to a bond issue for the same purpose due to the timing and urgency of replacing the current tasers that have reached their end of life. It is critical to replace the old equipment for the safety of the County's residents.
3. The cost of financing under the proposed contract is less than the cost of issuing general obligation bonds. The proposed purchase financing arrangement enables the County to expedite the purchase of the tasers and pay off the debt with low termination fees.
4. The sums to fall due under the contract are adequate and not excessive for the proposed purpose because the costs are consistent with projects similar in scope for purchasing tasers.
5. The County of Moore's debt management procedures and policies are good because they are consistent with NC General Statutes and have been vetted by the County's auditors annually.
6. The increase in taxes necessary to meet the sums to fall due under the proposed contract will be $0.0 cents per $100 valuation and will be funded by the current Property Tax.
7. The County of Moore is not in default in any of its debt service obligations.
8. The attorney for the County of Moore has rendered an opinion that the proposed Project is authorized by law and is a purpose for which public funds may be expended pursuant to the Constitution and laws of North Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Manager and the Finance Director are hereby authorized to act on behalf of the County of Moore in filing an application with the North Carolina Local Government Commission for approval of the Project and the proposed financing contract and other actions not inconsistent with this resolution.

This resolution is effective upon its adoption this, 2nd day of September, 2025.

The motion to adopt this resolution was made by Commissioner Tom Adams, seconded by Commissioner Jim Von Canon and passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Chairman Kurt J. Cook

ATTEST:

[Clerk/Secretary]

This is to certify that this is a true and accurate copy of Resolution No.__________ Adopted by the Moore County Board of Commissioners on the 2nd day of September, 2025.

[Clerk/Secretary]

9-2-25

Date

APPENDIX I

Sole Source Justification Form

(For items equal to or greater than $30,000.00)

Vendor:	7039 - AXON ENTERPRISE, INC.
Item:	AXON TASER 10 - 120 TASERS AND ALL ACCESSORIES 5-YEAR CONTRACT
Estimated expenditure for the Above Item:	531000

CHECK ALL ENTRIES BELOW THAT APPLY TO THE PRPOSED PURCHASE. ATTACH A MEMO CONTAINING JUSTIFICATION AND SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION.

Memo Attachment

Sole Source Letter - CEW 2024.pdf

Steps

- 1. Sole source is for the original manufacturer or provider, there are no area distributors.
- 2. The parts/equipment are not interchnageable with similar parts of another manufacturer.
- 3. This is the only known item or service that will meet the specialized needs of this department or perform the intended function.

The undersigned requests that competitive procurement be waived and that the vendor identified as the supplier of the material or service described in this sole source justification be authorized as a sole source for the material or service.

Form Preparer Email:	bleonard@moorecountync.gov
Form Preparer Name:	Billy Leonard
Form Preparer Signature:	Billy Leonard
Date Form Submitted:	08/28/2025
Department	Sheriff
Department Head's Email:	jconway@moorecountync.gov

Kurt J Cook

Fiscal Year 2025/2026

	Budget Line Item Number		Budgeted Amount	Increase/ (Decrease)	Revised Budget
	Finance/Sheriff - Tasers				
Revenue	10019000 32908	Vendor Financing Proceeds	-	531,000	531,000
Expense	10019555 55042	Tasers	-	531,000	531,000
Expense	10037040 57664	Vendor Financing Principal	-	106,200	106,200
Expense	10019505 52602	Operating Equipment	263,219	(106,200)	157,019

Approved this 2 day of September, 2025

Kurt Cook

Kurt Cook, Chairman
Moore County Board of Commissioners

COUNTY OF MOORE CORPORATE SEAL NORTH CAROLINA

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