



Moore County Board of Commissioners

January 20, 2026 | 5:30 PM

Historic Courthouse
1 Courthouse Square
Carthage, NC 28327

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Picerno called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

County Manager Wayne Vest offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Assistant County Manager Laura Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

A. Board of Commissioners - Consider Adoption of Revised Rules

The Board considered adopting revised rules for public comment procedures. Chairman Picerno noted that the revised rules would allow the Board to decide when to hold the public comment period during meetings.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Ritter, seconded by Commissioner Adams, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Revised Rules and Procedures for Public Comment. The revised rules are hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendix A.

Upon motion made by Chairman Picerno, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the Board voted 5-0 to hold the public comment at the beginning of this meeting.

B. Board of Commissioners – Public Comment Period

Public comments were offered by John Misiaszek.

2. ADDITIONAL AGENDA

County Manager Vest presented two additional agenda items for the board to consider adding as follows:

1. New Business Item 9D: USGA Agreement related to Airline Minimum Revenue Guarantee

Chairman Picerno moved, seconded by Commissioner Adams, the Board voted 5-0 to add this item to the agenda.

2. New Business Item 9E. Request that Schools use Lapsed Salary from SRO Positions for Union Pines Turf Field

Upon motion made by Chairman Picerno, seconded by Vice Chairman Von Canon, the Board voted 5-0 to add this item to the agenda.

Chairman Picerno asked whether any Commissioner had a conflict of interest regarding agenda items the Board will address at this meeting, and there were none.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Picerno noted the importance of carefully reviewing the meeting minutes included in the consent agenda as they become part of the permanent public record.

Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Von Canon, seconded by Commissioner Ritter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented, and the budget amendments. *The budget amendment and tax releases/refunds are hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendices B and C.*

- A. Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting Minutes, January 6, 2026
- B. Finance - Budget Amendments
- C. Tax - Tax Releases/Refunds for Month of December 2025

4. RECOGNITIONS

- A. Board of Commissioners - Honoring the Lumbee Tribe's Federal Recognition
Commissioner Adams presented a resolution recognizing the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina's achievement of full federal recognition after a 137-year struggle. He highlighted the historic significance of this milestone and acknowledged the role of President Trump, Senator Tillis, and other congressional representatives in supporting the recognition.

Commissioner Adams also presented a commendation recognizing the Lumbee Tribal Chairman John Lowery's leadership and service in pursuit of federal recognition for the Lumbee Tribe, detailing Chairman Lowery's accomplishments, including establishing several tribal departments, securing over \$10 million in federal housing funds, and proposing the largest budget in tribal government history. *The commendation is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendix D.*

Tribal Chairman John Lowery accepted the recognition and expressed gratitude for the Board's acknowledgment. He spoke about the tribe's long struggle for recognition since 1888, noting they had endured through major historical events, including World War I, World War II, the Great Depression, and various conflicts. Chairman Lowery emphasized the importance of political support in achieving this milestone and noted that the tribe currently has about 65,000 members across its four-county territory (Robeson, Scotland, Hoke, and Cumberland), with many residing or working in Moore County.

Chairman Lowery invited the Commissioners to visit Pembroke to tour tribal facilities and UNC Pembroke. He also mentioned his recent appointment as a North Carolina State House Representative.

Upon motion made by Chairman Picerno, seconded by Vice Chairman Von Canon, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Resolution Honoring and Recognizing the Lumbee Tribe for Obtaining Federal Tribal Status.

The resolution is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendix E.

5. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

7. QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS

There were no quasi-judicial hearings.

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Administration - FY 2026-2027 Proposed Budget Adoption Schedule for the County of Moore

County Manager Vest presented a request for approval of the proposed FY 2026-2027 budget calendar for the County of Moore and approve the FY 2026-2027 fiscal year budget schedule for budget adoption as follows:

- Tuesday, May 5, 2026 - School Presentation to the Board of Commissioners G.S. 115C-429; The local Board of Education must submit its entire proposed budget to the Board of County Commissioners by May 15.
- Tuesday, May 19, 2026 - County Board receives the proposed budget by June 1 per G.S. 159-11(b).
- Tuesday, May 19, 2026 - Budget slide presentation of the proposed fiscal year 2026-2027 budget and call to public hearing to be held at the Tuesday, June 2, 2026, regularly scheduled County of Moore meeting.

- Tuesday, June 2, 2026 - Budget public hearing at the regularly scheduled Board meeting per G.S. 159-12(b). More public hearings can be held if needed. Before the budget ordinance can be adopted, the board shall hold a public hearing at which time any person who wishes to be heard on the budget may appear.
- Adopt the FY 2026-2027 Proposed Budget at a special called meeting of the Moore County Board of Commissioners prior to July 1, 2026. Per G.S. 159-13; Not earlier than 10 days after the day the budget is presented to the board and not later than July 1, the governing board shall adopt a budget ordinance.
- Work Sessions will be held as requested by the Board at any time during the budget cycle.

It was noted that June 4, 2026, would be the date of the Special Called Meeting following the Public Hearing for consideration of adopting the Budget.

Upon motion made by Chairman Picerno, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the Board voted unanimously to approve the budget schedule, which includes the statutory requirement for the public hearing to be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, and to adopt the County of Moore FY 2026-2027 Budget at a special-called meeting by the Board prior to July 1, 2026.

B. Board of Commissioners - Special Forces Green Beret Memorial Park Letter of Support

County Manager Vest presented for approval a letter supporting the National Special Forces Green Beret Memorial Park, honoring the U.S. Army Special Forces "Green Beret" Soldiers and the legacy of the Special Forces Regiment.

Chairman Picerno emphasized the significance of this project for Moore County and noted that congressmen and senators have been helpful in addressing FAA and airport-related legal issues related to the memorial site. The Chairman stated that the Board would support donating land for a memorial honoring those who have lost their lives protecting the country, provided legal obstacles could be overcome.

Upon motion made by Chairman Picerno, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed letter supporting the National Special Forces Memorial Park, honoring the U.S. Army Special Forces "Green Beret" Soldiers and the legacy of the Special Forces Regiment. *The letter is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendix F.*

C. Board of Commissioners - Dissolution of the Remaining Moore County Task Force Committees

County Manager Vest presented a request to dissolve the remaining Moore County Task Force Committee. He explained that several task force committees had already been dissolved in previous meetings, leaving five remaining: the Budget Task Force, Economic Development Task Force, Homeless and Community Outreach Task Force, Law Enforcement and Veterans Task Force, and Solid Waste Task Force.

Chairman Picerno provided historical context, noting that these two-commissioner committees (termed "task forces") had been in place since 2008. He proposed continuing the practice of having two commissioners work on a subject(s) without the formal "task force" designation to maintain the effectiveness of the committee structures.

Upon motion made by Chairman Picerno, seconded by Vice Chairman Von Canon, the Board voted unanimously to dissolve the Budget Task Force, Economic Development Task Force, Homeless & Community Outreach Task Force, Law Enforcement/Veterans Task Force, and the Solid Waste Task Force, effective upon approval.

D. Additional Agenda Item – USGA Agreement Related to Airline Minimum Revenue Guarantee

County Manager Vest presented a request to authorize the County Manager to sign the USGA Non-Refundable Gift Agreement with the USGA as it relates to the Airline Minimum Revenue Guarantee for commercial air service at the Moore County Airport. He explained that the USGA has committed \$150,000 toward the minimum revenue guarantee to bring commercial service to Moore County Airport. The agreement acknowledges this commitment, and the Board was asked to authorize the County Manager to sign it.

Chairman Picerno emphasized that this agreement would not commit any county taxpayer dollars to this revenue fund, stating that if the service cannot stand on its own without taxpayer subsidization, it should not proceed.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Vice Chairman Von Canon, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the County Manager to sign the agreement with the USGA.

E. Additional Agenda Item – Request that Schools Use Lapsed Salary from SRO positions for Union Pines Turf Field

County Manager Vest presented a request that the Moore County Schools use the lapsed salary from School Resource Officers (SRO's) to complete the payment for the artificial turf at Union Pines High School this year.

County Manager Vest explained that in July 2025, the Board allocated \$1.2 million to Moore County Schools for artificial turf at Union Pines High School and North Moore High School (\$600,000 each). In December 2025, the Convention and Visitors Bureau awarded \$120,000 in grant funds to the schools for the Union Pines turf project. The request was for the schools to use approximately \$480,000 in lapsed salaries from vacant School Resource Officer (SRO) positions to complete the payment for the Union Pines turf project.

Chairman Picerno provided context, noting that the Board had previously funded additional SRO positions in every school, yet many remained unfilled. Since these funds were specifically allocated for SROs, the Chairman suggested that if not used for their intended purpose, they should be applied to the turf project.

Chairman Picerno moved, seconded by Vice Chairman Von Canon, the following offered comments:

- Commissioner Adams noted legitimate problems with the current field conditions at Union Pines, including poor drainage and a lack of a proper crown. He also mentioned inadequate locker room facilities and suggested these should be addressed when installing the new field.
- Commissioner Von Canon added that the artificial turf would help address water resource issues, as the school currently lacks sufficient water for maintaining both the main and practice fields.
- Commissioner Cook emphasized that the turf would benefit multiple activities beyond football, including band competitions, soccer, lacrosse, intramural sports, youth organizations, and graduations, potentially bringing additional revenue to Moore County.

After comments, the Board voted unanimously to request that the Moore County Schools use the lapsed salary from School Resource Officers (SROs) to complete the payment for the artificial turf at Union Pines High School this year.

Chairman Picerno noted that this was not his personal initiative but came in response to requests from Union Pines boosters. He also refuted claims that the CVB should not fund the project, noting that events like Unity Fest had previously brought thousands of visitors to local hotels, demonstrating clear tourism benefits.

Vice Chairman Von Canon and Commissioner Ritter offered comments in support of this request.

Chairman Picerno added that if the school board could not locate the lapsed SRO salary funds, he would urge the Board of Commissioners to request a performance audit of the schools by the State Auditor's Office.

10. APPOINTMENTS

A. Board of Commissioners - Appointments to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Upon motion made by Chairman Picerno, seconded by Vice Chairman Von Canon, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Randy Saunders to the Moore County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board with a term expiring January 2029.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Kathy Watkins to the Moore County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board with a term expiring February 2029.

B. Board of Commissioners - Appointment to the Local Emergency Planning Committee

Upon motion made by Commissioner Ritter, seconded by Chairman Picerno, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Jonathan Bym to the

**Moore County Local Emergency Planning Committee for a three-year term
expiring January 2029.**

11. ADDITIONAL AGENDA

There were no additional agenda items.

12. MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager Vest reported that the county was tracking a potential weather event over the upcoming weekend. He noted that they were working with the Public Safety Director Bryan Phillips and anticipated opening a shelter at the Parks and Recreation site late Friday afternoon in preparation for any severe weather. The Chairman emphasized the importance of getting the word out about available shelter, particularly to homeless individuals.

13. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Cook expressed interest in a presentation on School Resource Officers in the coming months to review their plans, training, equipment, and leadership, ensuring they have the resources needed to safeguard children in schools.

Commissioner Adams reflected on the Lumbee Tribe's long struggle for recognition, noting that it had been ongoing longer than the historic courthouse had existed. He expressed pride in the Board's recognition of this achievement.

Vice Chairman Von Canon advised residents about the forecast for snow that weekend, recommending that people prepare early by getting bread, milk, money from ATMs, filling gas tanks, and checking heating systems. He also encouraged residents to look out for neighbors who might lack adequate heat.

Commissioner Ritter expressed appreciation for the opportunity to recognize the Lumbee Tribe and Chairman Lowery. He also noted his support for the Green Beret memorial site project.

Chairman Picerno congratulated staff for their preparation for the work session, which he described as productive in setting goals. He mentioned the importance of maintaining fiscal discipline and pursuing a triple-A rating, which could potentially save millions of dollars in interest if a school bond were pursued.

14. CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion made by Chairman Picerno, seconded by Vice Chairman Von Canon, the Board voted unanimously 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;

and N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee at 6:25pm.

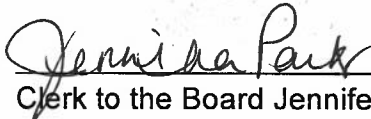
Upon a motion by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Vice Chairman Von Canon, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session and seal the minutes at 8:06pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, upon motion made by Commissioner Ritter, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the January 20, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Moore County Board of Commissioners at 8:07pm.



Chairman Nick Picerno



Clerk to the Board Jennifer Parks



**MOORE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC COMMENT RULES AND
PROCEDURES**

The Moore County Board of Commissioners is committed to providing members of the public an opportunity to offer comments and suggestions for the efficient and effective administration of government of Moore County pursuant to NCGS 153A-52.1. The Public Comment Period is a special time set aside for the purpose of receiving comments and suggestions. All comments and suggestions addressed to the Board during the Public Comment Period shall be subject to the following procedures:

The Public Comment Period will be held during the Board of Commissioner's Regularly Scheduled meetings. The Board will decide the placement of the Public Comment Period on the agenda in its sole discretion. The comment period will be limited to a maximum of thirty minutes.

1. Persons who wish to address the Board during the Public Comment Period will register on a sign-up sheet available on the table outside the entrance door to the Commissioners' Meeting Room indicating contact information and topic. Sign-up sheets will be available beginning 30 minutes before the start of the meeting. No one will be allowed to have his/her name placed on the list by telephone request to County Staff.
2. Each person signed up to speak will have three (3) minutes to make his/her remarks. Each person signed up to speak will only be entitled to the time allotted to each speaker and one additional time period which may be yielded to him/her by another individual who has also signed up to speak on a particular topic.
3. Speakers will be acknowledged by the Board Chairperson in the order in which their names appear on the sign-up sheet. Speakers will address the Board from the lectern at the front of the room and begin their remarks by stating their name and address. Speakers are not allowed to participate in the Public Comment Period unless he/she either resides in Moore County, pays property or sales tax in Moore County, has utilized a service germane to Moore County government, or conducts some business germane to Moore County government. Public comment is not intended to require the Board to answer any impromptu questions. However, Board members may, in their discretion and after being recognized by the Board Chairperson, respond to speakers' comments. Any response by a commissioner to a speaker during the public comment period does not open discussion between the commissioner and speaker. Speakers will address all comments to the Board as a whole and not one individual commissioner. Discussions between speakers and members of the audience will not be allowed.
4. Speakers will be courteous and respectful in their language and presentation and must refrain from personal attacks and the use of profanity. Matters or comments which are harmful, discriminatory or embarrassing to any citizen, official, or employee of Moore County shall not be allowed.
5. Pursuant to NCGS 153A-39 and 153A-52, the Chairperson will provide for the maintenance of order and decorum in the conduct of the Public Comment Period and the entire meeting. Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.7, a person who willfully interrupts, disturbs, or disrupts an official meeting and who, upon being directed to leave the meeting by the presiding officer, willfully refuses to leave the meeting is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.
6. The Chairperson will only acknowledge one speaker at a time. If there are groups of persons supporting or opposing the same positions, the Chairperson may provide for the designation of a spokesperson for the groups of persons.
7. Any applause will be held until the end of the Public Comment Period. Speakers may not engage the audience's participation during the Public Comment Period or during any part the meeting.
8. Speakers who have prepared written remarks or supporting documents are encouraged to leave a copy of such remarks and documents with the Clerk to the Board. Speakers cannot approach the Board of Commissioners or staff unless the Chairperson grants permission.
9. Speakers shall not discuss any of the following: matters that are subject to public hearings; quasi-judicial matters; matters which concern the candidacy of any person seeking public office, including the candidacy of the person addressing the Board; matters regarding closed session and matters that are not germane to or within the jurisdiction of Moore County government.
10. Information sheets outlining the process for the public's participation in Board meetings will also be available in the rear of the Commissioners' Meeting Room.
11. Action on items brought up during the Public Comment Period will be at the discretion of the Board.

Adopted on the 5th day of March 2007 by a 5 to 0 vote of the Moore County Board of Commissioners.

Revised on the 7th day of April 2015.

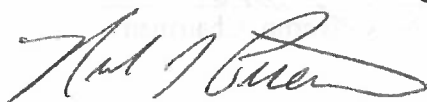
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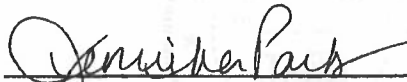
Fiscal Year 2025/2026

	Budget Line Item Number		Budgeted Amount	Increase/ (Decrease)	Revised Budget
Finance - Appropriated Fund Balance and Transfer from General Fund					
Revenue	10019000 32950	Appropriated Fund Balance	10,612,141	8,175,219	18,787,360
		Transfer to Capital Reserve - For			
Expense	10036056 59800	Debt	-	2,000,000	2,000,000
		Transfer to Capital Reserve - For			
Expense	10036056 59909	Governmental Projects	-	5,684,706	5,684,706
		Transfer to Capital Reserve - For			
Expense	10036056 59954	Capital Projects SCC	-	490,513	490,513
Revenue	25119056 32955	Transfer from General Fund	16,000,000	2,000,000	18,000,000
Expense	25152156 59924	Available to be Transferred	-	2,000,000	2,000,000
Revenue	25019056 32955	Transfer from General Fund	72,607,435	5,684,706	78,292,141
Expense	25052056 59914	Available to be Transferred	43,281,126	5,684,706	48,965,832
Revenue	25319056 32955	Transfer from General Fund	2,878,796	490,513	3,369,309
Expense	25352356 59924	Available to be Transferred	-	490,513	490,513

Approved this 20 day of January, 2026



Nick Picerno, Chairman
Moore County Board of Commissioners



Jennifer Parks
Clerk to the Board

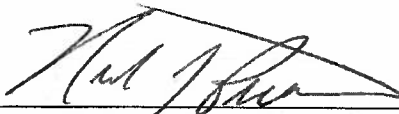


**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING
(CURRENT) RELEASES AND REFUNDS BY THE
TAX ADMINISTRATOR**

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.

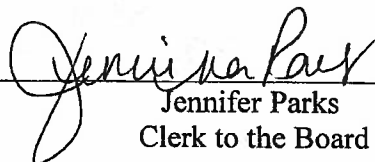
BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Moore County that the taxpayers shown on said list of releases and refunds submitted by Gary E. Briggs, Tax Administrator, are hereby granted such tax release or refund of the county taxes shown and the County Finance Director is directed to make said refunds.

Adopted this the 20 day of January, 2026.



Nick Picerno, Chairman

ATTEST:



Jennifer Parks
Clerk to the Board

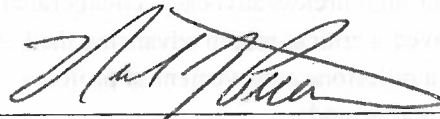


**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING
(DELINQUENT) RELEASES AND REFUNDS BY THE
TAX ADMINISTRATOR**

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.

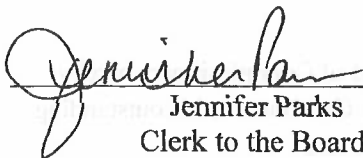
BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Moore County that the taxpayers shown on said list of releases and refunds submitted by Gary E. Briggs, Tax Administrator, are hereby granted such tax release or refund of the county taxes shown and the County Finance Director is directed to make said refunds.

Adopted this the 20 day of January, 2026.



Nick Picerno, Chairman

ATTEST:



Jennifer Parks
Clerk to the Board



JENNIFER PARKS
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A COMMENDATION BY THE MOORE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN RECOGNITION OF THE LUMBEE TRIBAL CHAIRMAN JOHN LOWERY'S DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AND UNWAVERING SERVICE IN THE PURSUIT OF FEDERAL RECOGNITION FOR THE LUMBEE TRIBE

WHEREAS, the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina has a proud history rooted in resilience, cultural strength, steadfast advocacy for recognition and self-determination; and

WHEREAS, Chairman John Lowery, of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, has provided exemplary leadership, vision, and dedication in service to the Lumbee people, guiding the tribe through a historic period of progress and achievement; and

WHEREAS, through tireless advocacy, collaboration, and unwavering commitment, Chairman John Lowery has played a critical role in advancing the Lumbee Tribe's pursuit of federal recognition, culminating in a milestone achievement of profound significance in obtaining federal recognition of Lumbee Tribal status; and

WHEREAS, Chairman John Lowery reflects integrity, perseverance, and respect for the Lumbee Tribe's heritage while promoting opportunity, unity, and progress for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Chairman John Lowery's efforts have strengthened relationships with local, state, and federal partners and have elevated awareness of the Lumbee Tribe's contributions to North Carolina and to the United States of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Moore County Board of Commissioners hereby formally commends John Lowery, Chairman of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, for his outstanding leadership, steadfast advocacy, and dedicated service to the Lumbee people; and

BE IT FURTHER COMMENDED, that the Moore County Board of Commissioners expresses its sincere appreciation and congratulations for his instrumental role in achieving federal recognition for the Lumbee Tribe and for his continued commitment to advancing welfare, culture, and sovereignty of the tribe; and

BE IT FURTHER COMMENDED, that this commendation be entered into the official records of Moore County and presented as a lasting expression of respect and gratitude.

Presented this 20th day of January 2026.

Nick Picerno, Chairman
Moore County Board of Commissioners

Jim Von Canon, Vice Chairman
Moore County Board of Commissioners

Tom Adams
Moore County Board of Commissioners

Kurt Cook
Moore County Board of Commissioners

John Ritter
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RESOLUTION BY THE MOORE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE LUMBEE TRIBE FOR OBTAINING FEDERAL TRIBAL STATUS

WHEREAS, the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina is the largest native American tribe east of the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, the Lumbee Tribe has been an integral part of the history, culture, and heritage of North Carolina for centuries; and

WHEREAS, many Lumbee descendants reside in Moore County and surrounding counties and have demonstrated extraordinary perseverance, resilience, and leadership while maintaining their cultural identity, traditions, and contributions to their communities and to the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Lumbee Tribe has been recognized by the State of North Carolina since 1885 and have been seeking federal Tribal Status for over 137 years; and

WHEREAS, the achievement of federal recognition for the Lumbee Tribe represents a historic milestone, affirming their sovereignty and establishing a formal government-to-government relationship with the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Moore County Board of Commissioners formally honors, acknowledges, and commends the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina for this historic achievement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Moore County Board of Commissioners honors, recognizes, and congratulates the Lumbee Tribe for the long-lasting historical significance of obtaining tribal status and affirms its respect for the tribe's history, culture, and continued contributions to the County of Moore and surrounding counties, the State of North Carolina, and to the United States of America; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be entered into the official records of the County of Moore and that a commemorative plaque be dedicated to the Lumbee Tribe.

Adopted, this the 20th day of January 2026 by the Moore County Board of Commissioners.

Nick Picerno, Chairman
Moore County Board of Commissioners

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January 20, 2026

Lieutenant Colonel Kirk Windmueller, USA, Retired.
President & Chairman of the Board
The National Special Forces
Green Beret Memorial Foundation
106 Oakridge Avenue, P.O. Box 53185
Fayetteville, North Carolina 28308

Dear Lieutenant Colonel Kirk Windmueller, USA, Retired,

The Moore County Board of Commissioners proudly supports National Special Forces Green Beret Memorial Park, honoring the U.S. Army Special Forces "Green Beret" Soldiers and the legacy of the Special Forces Regiment.

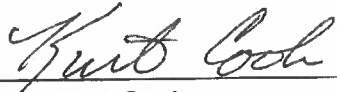
The Moore County Board of Commissioners supports the decision to locate the National Special Forces Green Beret Memorial Park in Moore County. The Memorial Park will stand as a shining, enduring tribute, unique in the world, to honor our Green Beret Soldiers of every era and their families, and will be a premier tourist destination to all Americans and visitors from around the world.

We look forward to this monumental project coming to fruition in Moore County, North Carolina.

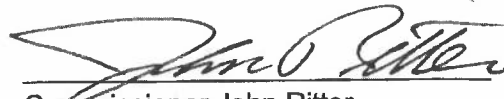
Best Regards,

Chairman Nick Picerno

Vice Chairman Jim Von Canon

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